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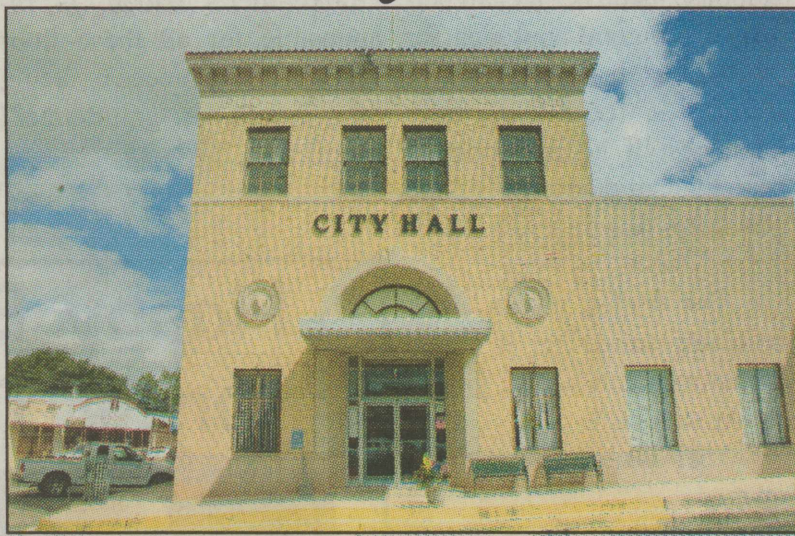
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City Council Discusses Mayoral Position



By Ben D. Taylor

Sonora City Council members met for a special session on January 5th 2009 to discuss filling the vacant mayoral position. Council members present were Thomas Adkins and Jana Dover (ward 2), and Butch Campbell and Smith

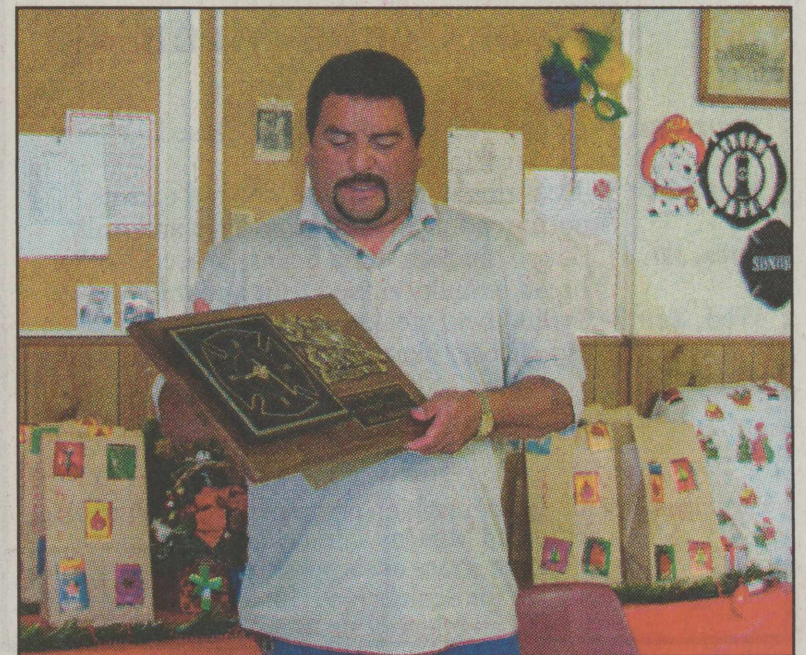
Neal (ward 1). Also present were City Secretary Patty Prather, City Attorney Beth Wallace, and City Manager Dean Carrell.

Thomas Adkins opened the discussion by calling for any suggestions from council

members regarding ideas of people that might be interested in serving as Mayor. He commented that he would be willing to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, but would not be willing to give up his seat on the council to serve as Mayor after May (when the general election for new mayor will be held). After a short discussion the council members decided to table the matter until the next regular meeting on January 20th.

The meeting concluded with comments from community members regarding the direction the police department is taking, specifically the recent re-assignment of Mike House to Patrolman. The meeting was adjourned after all comments were heard.

Sanchez Named Firefighter of the Year



By Jacqui Thomas, SVFD Reporter

In December, members of Sonora's Volunteer Fire Department elect officers for the next year. They also choose a Firefighter of the Year. Nominations for this honor are based on an individual's service, knowledge, trustworthiness, and continued contributions to the Department and the community.

This year Sonora's Firefighter of the Year is Mike Sanchez.

In the time Mike has been a Sonora firefighter, he has been an invaluable member of the Department. He currently serves as Second Assistant Chief, a position he held in 2008 and was re-elected to for 2009.

Other officers for 2009 are Chief: Rick Cearley; 1st Assistant Chief: Charlie Alewine; Captain: Ruben Samaniego; 1st and 2nd Lieutenants: Carl Johnson and Billy Lippman; President: Patrick Campbell; Vice President: Don Reese; Secretary: Alta Alewine; Treasurer: Kyle Donaldson; and Reporter: Jacqui Thomas. The Fire Department's Chaplain continues to be Don Longoria, and Fire Mothers are Jean Humphries and Trevlyn Strong.



From Eaton Hill: Hark the Meadowlark

By Delyse Jaeger

Sonora lies in one of the few areas in Texas where both Eastern and Western meadowlarks are found. The two are so similar they are best distinguished by their song, with the eastern being simple while the western song is more complex.

Meadowlarks are actually not larks at all, but belong to the blackbird family. Interestingly, Audubon "neglected" to recognize the two as different species until 1844, leading to the Western meadowlark being named *Sturnella "neglecta"*.

Meadowlarks are ground nesters, and weave a waterproof grass roof overhead for protection. The males are often seen singing from a fence post. Hit the trails - but stay on them - for larks' sake!

January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected Board of Education plays in our communities. Sonora ISD is joining with other districts throughout the state to thank board members for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our public schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local

citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children," said Don Gibson, Sonora ISD Superintendent.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their work reflects a year round commitment," Gibson said. "Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on

excellence for their district programs, their teachers, and, most importantly, their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education," he said.

The men and women serving Sonora ISD are: Tryon Fields, President; Scott Jacoby, President Pro Tempore; Tammy Favila, Secretary; and Jesse Bustamante, Barbara Jennings, Mallory Rousselot, and Tommy Van Winkle, members.

The Bank and Trust Expands to Bryan/College Station

Submitted

Two families with a long history of serving their communities in the banking industry have joined forces to create an exciting new partnership.

The Bank & Trust has partnered with the Bryan family of Bryan, Texas and former management team of the First National Bank of Bryan to create a new banking franchise to serve the Brazos Valley. The Bank & Trust is headed by S.W. (Bill) Cauthorn, who serves as Chairman, and his son, Sid, who is the President and CEO. Bill and Sid are both graduates of Texas A&M University and Bill is past President of the Texas A&M 12th Man Foundation Board of Directors.

"Bryan/College Station is the next great metropolitan area of Texas. We've long had a strong interest in that market, but we knew it would take the right people at the right time to be successful. We know these are the right people and now is the right time. This is a great team of bankers and the opportunity to partner with the Bryan family is a great opportunity," states Bill Cauthorn. The entire former executive management group of First National - Tim Bryan, Ivan Olson, Jerry Fox and Mike Holmgren - has joined The Bank & Trust as have other key officers, including Nora Thompson, Joe Salvato, Cal McNeil, Jan Dozier and Brian Bowers. In total 21 former employees of First National

Bank will comprise the initial staff.

"The Bryan Family and the First National team are excited to be partnering with the The Bank & Trust and the Cauthorns to develop a new banking franchise in the Brazos Valley. Supporting the community, local decision making, unparalleled customer service and competitive products are all hallmarks of community banking and that's precisely what we intend to provide. We are excited by this great opportunity," states Tim Bryan, who will serve as CEO of the new enterprise. "After many years of trying to somehow join forces with the Cauthorns, it's great to be finally teaming up with them."

The Bank & Trust will initially open a commercial banking facility in the Galleria Village in Bryan, and plans to open at least three additional locations throughout the community, with the first opening planned for early in the first quarter of 2009.

Founded in 1910, The Bank & Trust has grown into a \$320 million community bank. In addition to their home office in Del Rio, The Bank & Trust has locations in Brackettville, Sonora and San Angelo, Texas. As of September 30, 2008, it had a total risk based capital ratio of over 16.5%, significantly better than the 10% threshold above which industry regulations consider a bank to be well capitalized.

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 Center Closed for Holiday
Mon. Jan 5- Happy Birthday Eulojia Samaniego, Bingo
Tues. Jan 6- Exercise w/video
Wed. Jan 7- Trax Van to San Angelo call 387-2509

Senior Center Menu
Thur. Jan 1- Happy New Year! Center Closed
Fri. Jan 2- Center Closed
Mon. Jan 5- Beef tips w/gravy, rice, cooked carrots, cornbread, fruit cup, lemon pie and milk
Tues. Jan 6- Baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky mixed fruit and milk
Wed. Jan 7- Grilled beef steak w/gravy, macaroni and cheese, okra, rolls, apple crisp and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
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Clockwork for the New Year...

By Don Newberry

The old clock was leaning a little, dispirited at the very least. As the new year approached, chiming was low on her priority list. Her thoughts, whirlwinds of anxieties carried over from a pock-marked 2008, included the possibility of allowing 2009 to tiptoe in without bell-ringing accompaniment. Muddled of mind, she even wondered if her pendulum might be on its last "pendul."

Beads of sweat broke out on her face. She winced at the thought of "tick" (or maybe "tock") fever. Worse than that, she was afraid that something could be seriously wrong with her ticker. Horrors were magnified by memories of too many mice running up and down for too many years.

Fearing the worst, she went to see the clock doctor....

She was an emotional mess, near unto "unsprung" status. The clock confessed that the thought of ticking every single second in the new year seemed daunting. "It's tough duty, doctor," she blubbered. "Last year, I ticked 60 times every minute, 3,600 times every hour and 86,400 times every 24 hours." She grew

animated as her computations continued. "That's 584,800 ticks a week, 2,592,000 ticks a month and 31,114,000 ticks for the year."

He asked her how she had managed in previous years. Her simple answer: "One tick at a time."

Smiling, the clock doctor's response made her feel all better. "It's a good approach for 2009 as well, just one tick at a time." It would likely have been best if he had stopped with that solid advice. But the physician was on a roll....

The doctor, also a clock collector, asked her if others sometimes call her "a grandfather's clock."

"All the time," she answered.

He explained that at 5'10", she is two inches shy of minimum height for a grandfather's clock. Further, if she were a foot shorter, she'd be a granddaughter's clock....

The clock was ready to throw up her hands, rattled at the prospect of a gender identity crisis. She felt deluged by information overload. Learning that she technically is a grandmother's clock really "ticked" her off.

Good Trade

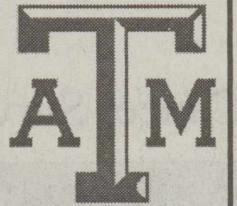
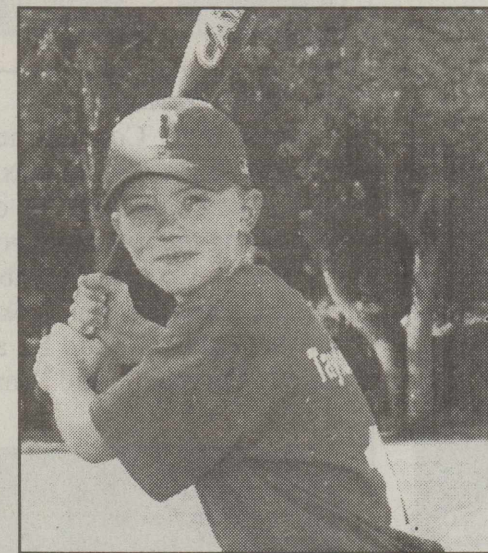
"Actually, these timepieces date back to 1670," the doctor said. "At the time, they were called 'longcase clocks.' Free-standing and weight-driven, they ranged from two to eight feet in height."

He said that the well-known song written in 1876, My Grandfather's Clock, is responsible for all these floor model timepieces being tagged with the "grandfather" moniker....

A traveling saleswoman is driving toward home in Arizona when she sees an Indian woman hitchhiking. She stops the car and the Indian woman gets in. After a bit of small talk, the Indian woman notices a brown bag on the front seat. "What's in the bag?", she asks. "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband".

The Indian woman is silent for a while, then nods and says, "you made a good trade".

Happy Birthday Drew Taylor!!!!



On January 15th, 2009 Charles Andrew Taylor IV (Drew) turns 10 Years Old. The only way that day could be better for the Taylor family is if we all found out that Yoda was an Aggie!!

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January 12
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January 13
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January 14
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Cancer Survivor Glenda Barton



By Dani Dillard

In 2008 alone, The American Cancer Society predicted 11,070 new cases of invasive cervical cancer in the United States. Out of these women, about 3,870 will not be able to beat the disease and will not make it past the first year.

To be a cancer survivor is an accomplishment. It takes a lot of fight to overcome such an invasive illness. Sonora's own Glenda Barton is a local cancer survivor and this is her

story. Glenda refers to herself as, "one of the lucky ones."

In 1980, while going in for a routine Pap test Glenda's doctor found an abnormality and within weeks she underwent surgery to remove the cancer found in her cervix. Cervical cancer begins in the lining of your cervix. Being a slow growing cancer it will first start as pre-cancerous cells and if not detected it will then become cancer. Cervical can-

cer can take several years to form but in some cases it can move faster; this is called dysplasia.

Going into her annual appointment it never crossed Glenda's mind that she would be diagnosed with cancer. "My mom was a nurse," Glenda said, "she made sure all the medical stuff was taken care of." Studies show that the annual Pap smear is the best way to detect cancer early when it is most treatable. Doctors recommend that no later than age 21, all women should receive a regular annual Pap test or every 2 years using the newer liquid based test.

The doctors gave Glenda a good bill of health after the surgery. Glenda did not have to undergo radiation or Chemo. She moved to Sonora in 1984 and met James Barton. They married in January of 1989. That March, Glenda lost her mother, 54, to breast cancer. Then the next June, complications came back up with her cervix and after discussing with her husband; they decided to have a full hysterectomy. "You can't guarantee 100% it won't come back." Glenda says, "You need to take care of yourself, you need to make a choice."

Glenda has now been cancer free for 19 years. She strongly believes in preventative care and making annual doctors visits. She and James just enjoyed Thanksgiving with his children and their 7 grandchildren. Glenda is going on 29 years of teaching now and still enjoys playing 42 with her friends, reading and watching movies. When asked what advice she had to give other women she said, "Go and get a pap smear every year. Just because you feel good doesn't mean there aren't problems."

For more information on cancer you can visit www.relayforlife.org or www.cancer.org.

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Arrest(s): January 4, 2008

- Rodolfo Guerra Ramos Jr., 46, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Criminal Trespass.
- Clayton Shane Love, 19, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Disorderly Conduct-Fighting and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.
- Roy Noriega Luna, 28, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Disorderly Conduct-Fighting.

Incidents: December 29, 2008

- 9:35 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 10:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:52 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 11:05 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:10 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

December 30, 2008

- 5:00 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 6:05 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

- 7:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:16 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

December 31, 2008

- 11:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

January 1, 2008

- 1:05 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 1:25 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 3:24 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
- 7:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:00 PM: Caller reported fireworks. Officer responded.

January 2, 2008

- 1:50 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.
- 2:20 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 4:30 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
- 6:20 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 9:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

January 3, 2008

- 10:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

January 4, 2008

- 12:55 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 9:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 10:00 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
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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 youth 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.

Depot is now ready for rent!

For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The Sutton County Historical Society needs volunteers in assisting the The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum greeting visitors at the gift shop. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call Rex Ann Friess @ 226-2122 if you are interested.

Survivors & Caregiver Registration: Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veterans name to be engraved on the wall-Include the name of the veteran, branch of service, submitted by, mailing address. Veterans must be a residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall.

Registration for Spring GED Classes will be held Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Classes are from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Monday & Tuesday nights at the Vocational Building. FMI call 325-387-3726.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST 1978

MARCH 15, 1978



By Don Holdridge

A boom is in full swing in Sonora and Sutton County. The sudden interest in gas exploration has pushed ranching to the back of many people's minds.

But the main industries of raising cattle, sheep and goats, wool and mohair began back in the 1870's when the first herders began grazing their flocks of sheep in the "Devil's River Country" as it was known then.

Long after the gas has played out and the companies have moved on, ranching will continue to give Sonora a stable economy base.

Early settlers describe the country as open grassland with occasional live oak clumps or scattered large live oak trees.

Small shinoak, kidneyweed, redbud, bush honeysuckle and other palatable shrubs were found on rough hillsides and in the small canyons.

Stirrup-high grass covered the hills - sideoats grama, feathery bluestem, Texas wintergrass, curly mesquite and others. Flowering herbs such as engelmann daisy, bush sunflower, gaillardis, bluebonnet and others were abundant.

Deer, turkey and quail were numerous. Antelope were found in the open country, and lobo, timber wolves and coyotes were common.

Prior to about 1890 the area was open rangeland, and was grazed principally by drifting herds of cattle and sheep.

Only four water wells had been drilled by 1887, and domestic livestock was concentrated near the few permanent water holes.

Most of the land was home-

steaded and fenced with barbed wire by 1900. Sheep were drifted in under herd from the east and were able to obtain sufficient water from succulent vegetation during the periods of good rainfall, and were moved back to permanent water during periods of drought.

Most of the early settlers plowed out a small valley field to produce some hay for horses.

"Wolf proof" net wire fences were introduced shortly after 1900—along with improved water wells, and livestock numbers increased phenomenally.

Small "traps" were fenced originally to hold livestock during inclement weather or when herders were not available. The concentrated livestock fared so well on the small lush pastures that the entire ranches were quickly fenced, the coyotes killed out and livestock numbers soared.

Soon Sutton County had adopted the slogan, "Capital of the Stockman's Paradise".

Only a short time passed before Nature began to rebel against man's mismanagement.

With the heavy year-long grazing pressures, plus commercial hunting, wildlife decreased rapidly. Antelope disappeared, and deer numbers dwindled drastically.

Internal parasites, particulary stomach worms, increased relentlessly to plague the sheep industry.

A two year drought in 1917-1918 killed many of the weakened grasses and opened the virgin soil to the invasion of poisonous bitterweed and unpalatable brush.

A vicious cycle was started. Herds of sheep and team pulled freight wagons travelling from the bitterweed infested play lakes northeast of Sonora left a few bitterweed seeds around each camp on their way to the wool market and banking center at Kerrville.

The pretty yellow flowered plants produced abundant seed which were tracked by sheep into the high bed grounds. There they produced new seeds, which rain washed down the hillsides to the streams.

Heavy stocking was continued following the 1917-28 drought, and in 1925 bitterweed was found to be the poisonous weed responsible for heavy sheep losses.

Stocking rates were reduced from the 100-125 animal units per section, but grazing pressures continued to exceed the lowered production of a declining, range.

Another drought struck in 1933-34, and severe damage was done to the overworked rangeland.

With most grass competition removed, the return of rain in 1935 boasted the spread of bitterweed until it blanketed the area.

Most ranchers were forced to sell their sheep and turn to less susceptible cattle and goats.

Moisture and soil losses from naked hillsides were severe, and many raw gullies were cut in the deeper soils of the valleys.

Liveoak, cedar, mesquite and prickly pear—less palatable than the succulent grasses and forbs—took advantage of the sparse ground cover and began to spread rapidly.

Seed that had been gradually scattered for years by birds, livestock and water, sprouted and thrived as the grass cover was weakened and killed.

The worst drought occurred

in the 1950's and further infestation of mesquite and other nonpalatable plants deteriorated the rangelands even more.

Only years of planned conservation have brought the rangeland up to their present quality, and much of the damage from poor management will never be undone.

FREE GRASS PERIOD
Sutton County and the Edwards Plateau served as an Indian hunting ground until 1877. Since the plateau had little water except during the rainy and fall seasons, the Indians used it only for hunting and not for an abode.

Troop from nearby Fort Concho and Fort McKavett had already succeeded in driving out the Indians before white men began to readily settle the area.

In the absence of strong, if any, statutory law, a set of common sense rules were understood among the early grazers.

These rules were known as the law of the range, and according to them, first comers had first rights.

One book by Youngblood traces their standards in the following excerpt:

"The 'drifters' began to drift about with their flocks and sooner or later they bumped into each other. Then arose agreement as to each one's rights and duties. Each man agreed that the other was entitled to a sufficient amount of range to maintain his breeding stock and its increase up to the proper marketing age. The agreements regarding such matters as the partition of the range and the use of the water became property rights and were frequently bought and sold as land is sold today. Once a man's range rights were determined, they were respected by all. The owners of those rights felt that they had priority claims in any disposition of the lands which they occupied."

"To the pioneers free grass was an essential element in the law of the range. It meant that no rental should be paid for grazing rights. It did not

mean free grass in the sense of common property, that is, grass which any one had a right to use at will along with all of his neighbors. It meant that the grass was to be free to the first comer who secured his range by getting there first. This is quite a different idea of free grass from that entertained at one time by our New England colonists with reference to their 'commons'. On these commons every citizen had a right to graze his livestock. The result was the ever grazing of the commons, just as the western ranges were overstocked when people who did not respect the law of the range came in."

In most new ranges the order of entry has been cattle and then sheep. But this was not so in Sutton County.

The dryness of the Edwards Plateau is the chief explanation for this. The fact that sheep can subsist on the water in grasses and weeds longer than cattle, pushed sheep men to the area as an emergency grazing range when the pastures around rivers to the north and east became overcrowded.

According to old timers a sheep man residing farther east, Hamilton, San Saba or Williamson counties for example, would start with one or more bands of 1,500 each.

The "Drafter" would hold his flocks on the grazing lands along any one of the streams to the east until after shearing time and the rains had fallen on the Plateau.

He would then follow the succulent grasses and weeds until he had wandered about and returned to the starting point or another place where the sheep might be sheared or marketed.

The length of time the herd could feed on the range varied with the succulence of the grass. If the grass dried up and no water was available, the sheep had to move on or die.

The first important change in this cycle occurred in the late 1880's with the beginning of water well drilling. Henceforth any section containing a

well was either leased with the right of purchases or bought outright from the government. The wells were often held in partnerships.

Under this new system the "rustler" (flick master) stayed at the well, while a Mexican herder took the flock out two or three miles to graze.

This method was doomed to failure. Bringing the herd into water ever two or three days wore out the range close to the well.

The sheep did well in wet years, but losses were heavy in dry seasons.

The lambs were stunted because the strong sheep stayed in front and the poor and young fell behind and eventually starved for lack of grazing.

When wells were first drilled in the area many ranchers believed cattle could not live on well water. They felt running water an essential element of successful cattle raising.

It is no wonder sheep preceded cattle into the region, what with this misconception and the fact that the first wells drilled were of limited capacity.

The importation of cattle into the area might have been delayed until a much later date had it not been for a dramatic price rise of livestock in the 1880's. This was due to the heavy demand for Texas cattle in the northern markets.

The opening of the western grazing grounds from Texas to Canada created a great demand for Texas cattle for the purpose of stocking the northern range.

The extension of the Texas & Pacific Railroad from Fort Worth to El Paso in the early 80's precipitated a period of wild speculation in the livestock. It was at this time that large northern syndicates started buying large ranches in the area as speculative investments.

Ranchers soon discovered cattle did as well on well water as river water, and as more wells were drilled and storage facilities built, the range was stocked with cattle along with sheep and goats.

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Show Season Starts

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Well, it's that time of year when our youth get busy exhibiting the livestock they've been developing. It means having to gentle animals, halter-break them, weigh, exercise, doctor, and all the work necessary to prepare animals for the show ring. Even though we have our Sutton County Livestock Show this week (January 9th), our exhibitors have already gotten started.

Six Sutton County kids participated at the Sandhills Stock Show with their goat projects. Bailey Joe Pennington, Gunter Pennington, Ethan Morriss, Stephani Morriss, Dustin Neff, and Skyler Norris represented Sutton County. All competed well and several were selected for showmanship. Bailey Joe Pennington placed 3rd, 5th, and 8th with his goats, while Ethan Morriss had a 9th place. Skyler Norris also had a 7th place animal. Congratulations to all these kids.

Our Sutton County show activities begin this Thursday with weigh-in (4 p.m. -7p.m.). Shows start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Market lambs kick it off and will be followed by the meat goats. Next in the order will be Angora goats and swine. The cattle show will feature a steer and heifer

class and will conclude the day's activities. For any interested, we will offer a "Pee Wee Class" for any first or second-grader who wants to try their hand at showing. They will be able to borrow a goat and will have an older youth to assist them. Call the Extension Office at 387-3101 for more details or to sign your youth up for the Pee Wee show.

So, make plans to attend the Sutton County Livestock Show this Friday. The buyer appreciation supper is at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening and the auction begins at 6:45.

Participating in stock shows can help youngsters develop self-confidence through competition. They are given the opportunity to learn patience, commitment, and work ethic, but can also learn to overcome obstacles and to deal with disappointment. Livestock exhibition is an excellent opportunity for family involvement in competitive events which reinforce time and resource management skills. We encourage families new to the program to seek help from their County Extension Agent. We are happy to assist you and help make livestock exhibition a pleasant learning experience.

Managing Feral Hogs is Not A One Shot Endeavor

AMARILLO – More than 2 million feral hogs roam Texas. Managing them will take more than just a few hunters, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"From 1993-2003, the damage from feral hogs that was reported to AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services increased an average of 105 percent per year," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife management specialist in Canyon. "The price tag for that damage now is conservatively estimated to be about \$52 million per year."

Feral hogs are not a native to Texas, Cearley said. In fact, neither are domestic swine. Feral hogs are simply domestic hogs gone wild.

With the potential for a female to have two litters a year and each litter having sometimes as many as 13 young, it doesn't take long for them to overrun an area, he said. Under ideal conditions, the population can double in as little as four months.

Feral hogs are now found in more than 40 states. Swine were first brought to North America in the mid-1500s by the Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto, Cearley said.

"They seem to move from one water source to another," he said. "They are starting to move into areas we haven't seen them before. They are secretive, so you are not as likely to see them until the damage gets severe."

The key to managing their numbers is to catch them when they first come into a region, Cearley said. Hunting is a fairly effective way to lower the population, but will not be the solution.

The home range for a feral hog is 2 to 3 square miles for sows and 20 to 30 square miles for the boars, he said. Feral hogs generally move in family groups called sounders, including grandmothers, mothers and pigs. The males are generally excluded from the group and live a more solitary life.

"Perceptions differ about feral hogs," Cearley said. "Some people see them as a source of economic gain by way of paying hunters, others as a loss and liability. It is that tension between these two groups of people that causes problems getting control of them."

An increasing interest in feral hog hunting leases and guided hunts might be a silver lining to the problem, but it certainly won't solve the entire problem, Cearley said. They offer landowners, however, a way to recoup some of the money lost to the damage they do.

Also, feral hogs can be sold live to the meat trade. Texas Animal Health Commission rules and regulations must be followed regarding their movement and sale, he said.

Along with those two positives, Cearley said it could be argued that as they root up the ground, they cause weeds to grow back where grasses were, and that is a benefit to game birds.

However, they are better known for their predation on young animals, whether wildlife or even sheep, goats and sometimes calves, he said. They also carry diseases such as pseudorabies and brucellosis.

The signs that feral hogs are in the area include damage to trees or utility poles, hair left on fences where hogs pass through, wallows and rooting areas where they forage for grubs and other insects, Cearley said.

The feral hogs will damage water gaps, tear up net wire, wallow out springs and damage spillways, he said. They leave behind damage in many crops, including corn, sorghum and especially to wheat and peanuts.

Wildlife impacts include predation on the young, the consumption of all the eggs of ground nesting birds they can find, and the tendency to dominate feeders and consume much of the feed targeted for other wildlife, Cearley said.

Welded wire hog panels on t-posts are good for protecting feeders, he said.

Some other methods of control or capture are:
-- Snares, which can be used for individual animals that might be sold for meat.

-- Baited traps with "rooter"-type entry gates, which allow multiple catches at a time.

-- Aerial hunting. AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services can remove hundreds of hogs in a day using this method.

For more in-depth information on feral hogs and tips to help landowners get a handle on their populations, Cearly suggested the following Web sites: <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu> or <http://wildlife.tamu.edu>.

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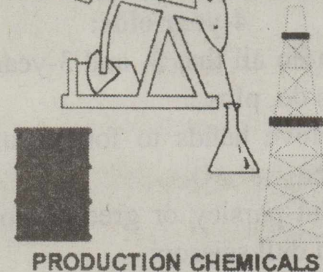
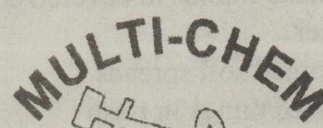
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Submitted By:
Kelly L. Thorp, MS
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If you're caught between finding time to prepare meals and spending quality time with your children, try cooking with them. Here are suggestions for cooking with kids from "Kids in the Kitchen" in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Tips for Using the Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children.

Children enjoy helping in the kitchen and often are more willing to eat foods they help prepare. Involve your child in planning and preparing some meals and snacks for the family.

When your child is helping you with food preparation, don't forget cleanliness. Wash hands using soap and warm running water before and after handling food or utensils to prepare food.

It is important that you give kitchen tasks appropriate for your child's age. Be patient as your child gains new skills at different ages.

Meal Preparation Activities for Young Children: Children have to be shown and taught how to do these activities. Each child has his or her own pace for learning, so give it time and the skills will come. Expect a

few spills. It's a small price to pay for helping your children become comfortable around food.

2-year-olds:

- * Bring ingredients from one place to another
- * Wipe table tops
- * Tear lettuce or greens
- * Break cauliflower
- * Snap green beans
- * Play with utensils

3-year-olds:

- Can do what 2-year-olds do, plus...
- * Wrap potatoes in foil for baking
- * Knead and shape yeast dough
- * Pour liquids
- * Mix ingredients
- * Shake liquids in covered container
- * Spread soft spreads
- * Place things in trash

4-year olds:

- Can do all that 2- and 3-years-olds do, plus...
 - * Move hands to form round shape
 - * Cut parsley or green onions with dull scissors
 - * Mash bananas using fork
 - * Set table
- Source: Alice Henneman, MS, RD, UNL Extension in Lancaster County

"A three-year-old child is a being who gets almost as much fun out of a fifty-six dollar set of swings as it does out of finding a small green worm."

-Bill Vaughn

Employee of the Month



L to R Shanna Petty, Chamber of Commerce President, David Ruth - Big Lake Store Manager, Supervisor - David Vasquez Award recipient - Rosalba Gloria, Store Manager; Johnny Acuff

Rosalba Gloria is the December winner of the Sonora Customer Service Employee of the Month incentive program. Gloria is employed by Town & Country Village Market as a cashier. Secret shoppers shared glowing reports of Rosalba's initiative, good nature, problem solving and willingness to go the extra mile in providing excellent customer service to patrons of T&C Village Market grocery. In recognition of her contribution to Sonora, Gloria received a \$100.00 gift card, and will be eligible for the Customer Service Employee of the Year award to be announced at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held in April. Congratulations Rosalba!

The customer service incentive program is sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sonora Economic Development Corporation. Individuals are nominated for providing exceptional customer service and showing in depth knowledge of the community. Professional training will be offered throughout the year, and community information is available at any time. Contact either office to learn more about the incentive program and customer service/hospitality training classes.

Main Street Traffic

By Ann Kay

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are working on the up coming events for our community. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Main Street Center will be having their annual conference in Chicago, Illinois this year in the spring. You ask me how this affects us. Our city will be recognized as an Outstanding Main Street City and we have been recognized as an outstanding city since 1999 to 2008. Main Street Cities are in all 51 states of the United States of America and some of our tourists will stop to visit and see other Main Street Programs.

Texas Historical Commission (THC) is pleased to bring the American Association for State and Local History's (AASLH) Historic House Museum Issues and Operations Workshop in Austin, Feb. 19-20. Developed and presented in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), the workshop is aimed at preparing new and mid-career staff

and volunteers to handle the opportunities and challenges unique to historic house museums. Over two days, we'll explore management, collection and interpretation issues unique to house museums. Topics include developing interpretive plans and exercises designed to make tours more exciting; fundraising and membership development; care of exercises designed to make tours more exciting; fundraising and membership development; care of landscapes and buildings; and overall strategic planning that can help your house museum thrive. The event will be held at the historic French Legation Museum in downtown Austin, Feb. 19-20. Instruction lasts from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Directions and parking information are available at www.frenchlegationmuseum.org/hoursandlocation.htm. The cost for the workshop is \$250. AASLH members and \$315 nonmembers; with a \$20 discount if fee is received by January 19. If you need any more information

please contact the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program office at 325-387-2248.

Texas Pecos Trail will have a board of directors planning session this month. We welcome the directors to our town and we are so happy to have them meet here in Sonora. The Texas Pecos Trail will be meeting at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office in historical downtown.

The directors of the Texas Pecos Trail Board come from the 22 counties on the trail. We also have staff from Austin THC. We welcome you to town.

I would like to express our sincere congratulations to our Dairy Queen Manager, Teresa James and her staff because this store has broken a record and became a million dollar store this last month. Great job. We are proud of you and your staff.

End of Year Notes

By Tumbleweed Smith

I had a friend who died at an early age. He had an extraordinary sense of humor and was always in a good mood. He was quick witted and jokes just rolled off his tongue one after another.

His obituary in the newspaper was completely false. It stated that he had been a professional football player, even though he had never attended a single NFL game. It was full of accomplishments he had never accomplished. I say right on, Danny. Good for you. You left us with a good feeling. You made us laugh instead of cry at your passing.

We send and receive end of the year notes along with Christmas cards. One friend never fails to tell us about all his triumphs. It really amounts to a page and a half of brags. Maybe next year I'll send one out full of facetious, made-up, completely false statements. Here is the start of my next year's end of the year letter (I'll probably add to it during the year):

"2009 was the year when I did some exciting things. I presented a case before the Supreme Court and won. I addressed the United Nations, the American Bar Association, OPEC and the World Bank. I vacationed in Dubai and Mala Mala.

"For diversions, I swam the entire length of the Amazon River and ran the 100 mile Himalayan Marathon. I followed Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic in the plane I made in my garage. I skied at Telluride and survived an avalanche.

I bungee-jumped from the Auckland Tower in New Zealand.

"I traded my 1935 Auburn Model 851 Boattail Speedster for a 1930 Duesenberg Town Car.

"I won an Oscar, an Emmy, a Grammy, a Tony and earned the title of Most Valuable Player in the National Football League. I produced three movies and made THE POLAR EXPRESS into a Broadway musical.

"I made 40 billion dollars with annuities. Some of the money went to founding a zoo in Antarctica, creating a chair in philanthropy at the University of Texas and a perpetual cup of coffee for the best storyteller at small cafes all across Texas. I funded a new national park in North Dakota and an orphanage in Darfur. I started work on building vacation homes in Hawaii and Maine. I bought Walmart, Neiman-Marcus and Macy's. I am working on a potent medicine that is a sure cure for AIDS and cancer.

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Experienced Vacuum & Winch Truck Drivers Needed! B & K Trucking- Sonora yard, must have CDL, Tank Endorsement and Hazmat End. a plus! Must pass pre-employment drug screen and background check. Call (325) 206-0444.

Help Wanted: Maintenance person needed at Days Inn. Full-time, vacation, travel discounts. Apply in person at 1312 N. Service Road.

Help Wanted: Clerks position at Everett's Pharmacy, apply in person at 417 Hwy 277 North.

LVN/Medial Assistant needed in family practice office. Resume required. Call 325-387-6557 or come by 301-A Hudspeth Avenue.

Misc.

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Mobile Home Lots for Lease. All city utilities. Bronco Mobile Home Estates 830-313-1060.

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For Sale: 4500 Acres 10 miles south of Sonora. Paved access. PRICED TO SELL. Please call Brian 325-374-2597.

161 Ac. Schleicher Co. Close to Eldorado, TX. - Small 2BR/1B Cabin. Surface tank, high fence, Oak, Cedar & Mesquite. Good cover of native grass & forbs. Call Rick at Lee, Lee & Puckitt Assoc. Inc. 325-655-6989 or 325-226-9247. www.lptexasranchland.com

Reward

Reward- Lost, Marquis Diamond w/baggett's engagement ring. Lost 12-30-08 at T & C Grocery. If found please call 325-206-0264 or 325-206-0982.

For Sale

For Sale: 17x76 Mobile Home, no credit check, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$32,500. Owner Financing with \$5,000 down. 830-313-1060 or 325-387-2934.

For Sale

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.

Owner In Jail- Make up back payments. We also have zero down home packages if you own your own land. 1-800-934-9644 LUV Homes RBI 03190

For Sale: Echo Tree Trimmer \$450.00 call 325-387-2507.

For Sale: 2007 Bank Repo, 3/2 Doublewide, mint condition, EZ financing. Clayton Homes 210-677-6100.

Rubber Tire Front End Loader, Fiat Alis FR-12, \$15,000. Adams Maintainer, runs & operates good, \$9,500. Cat Track Loader, rebuilt engine, \$12,000. Rock crusher Kue-Ken Jawcrusher, mounted on skid w/ 4x8 shaker screen & conveyors, \$12,500. Call 830-370-7204.

For Sale: 1991 Isuzu Amigo (pink) good condition, \$2500, FMI call 325-277-1834 or 325-450-3747.

For Sale: Polaris 600, 4x4, heavy suspension kit, gun rack, very low hours and miles. For more information call 325-277-1834 or 325-226-5605.

For Sale: 2003 Kawaski KFX 50, child's 4-wheeler, very good condition, \$850.00. FMI call 325-206-1620.

Public Notices

Public Notice

Frontier Mini storages located on Hwy. 277 S., in Sonora Texas; Sutton County will be holding a public sale on **January 14, 2009 starting @ 10:30 a.m.** (No early birds) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's first and last warning of notice to "intent to sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from the sale at any time. The following tenants are at least 1 month delinquent as of December 15, 2008: **Gilbert Lumbreras, Jesus Capuchina, Joe Esquivel, Lisa Otwell, Patty Torres, Sylvia Luna, and Unknown renter in #40.** If you feel there is a mistake, please call this office asap. This is not a garage sale. We will accept cash only to the highest bidder. Each unit will be sold as a whole unit and buyer is responsible to remove all debris and trash after sale. Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to the office @ 325-387-2104 during business hours only.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT

DRAFT PERMIT NO.: O3050 APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Enterprise Products Operating, LLC, P.O. Box 4324, Houston, Texas 77210, a Natural Gas Transmission facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial Issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3050, Application No. 12057 to authorize operation of the Sonora Compressor Station. The area addressed by the application is located at 19 miles south of Sonora on Highway 277 Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on June 3, 2008.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The TCEQ Executive Director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; and the San Angelo Regional Office, 622 South Oakes Street Suite K, San Angelo, Texas 76903-7035; and the Sutton County Library, 306 East Mulberry Street, Sonora, Texas 76950-2603. At the TCEQ Central and Regional Offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512) 239-1540.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.

Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit. A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide

instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of Public Assistance at MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1 800 687 4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Enterprise Products Operating, LLC by calling Mr. Ray Terrazas at (713) 803-8279.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Highmount Exploration & Production Texas LLC, 14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Oklahoma City, OK. 73134, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil & gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn & Ellenburger zones of the Stewart lease, well #3 SWD. The proposed injection well is located 26 miles SE of Sonora, Texas in the Sawyer (Canyon) Field in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5300'-7000' (Strawn & Ellenburger zones).

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

PUBLIC HEARING

Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
Tuesday, January 26, 2009
9:30 a.m.
Sutton County UWCD Office
301 S. Crockett Avenue
Sonora, TX 76950

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will hold a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 26, 2009, to receive public comments on a draft 5-year Management Plan (2009-2014). Copies of the draft Management Plan may be obtained by contacting the District office at 325/387-2369.

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Purpose: To receive public testimony on proposed domestic water well application by Olin Seaton located on 4.841 acres in G.W. Stephenson Survey 2, Abstract Number 1543, G.C. & S.F. R.R. Co. The proposed well is categorized as a permitted well which does not meet spacing requirements as per District Rules. The Board of Directors may consider an exception to the spacing requirements for a permitted well after all landowners and well owners within one-half mile of the proposed well site are notified and a public hearing is held. All interested parties are invited.

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25 Acres-Sutton Co.	\$2750/Acre	New Listing
50 Acres-Sutton Co.	\$2500/Acre	New Listing
80.383 Ac. w/home-Schleicher Co.	\$130,000	Contract Pending
88.036 Acres - Schleicher Co.	\$125,000	
83.875 Acres - Schleicher Co.	\$115,000	
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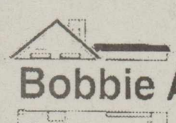
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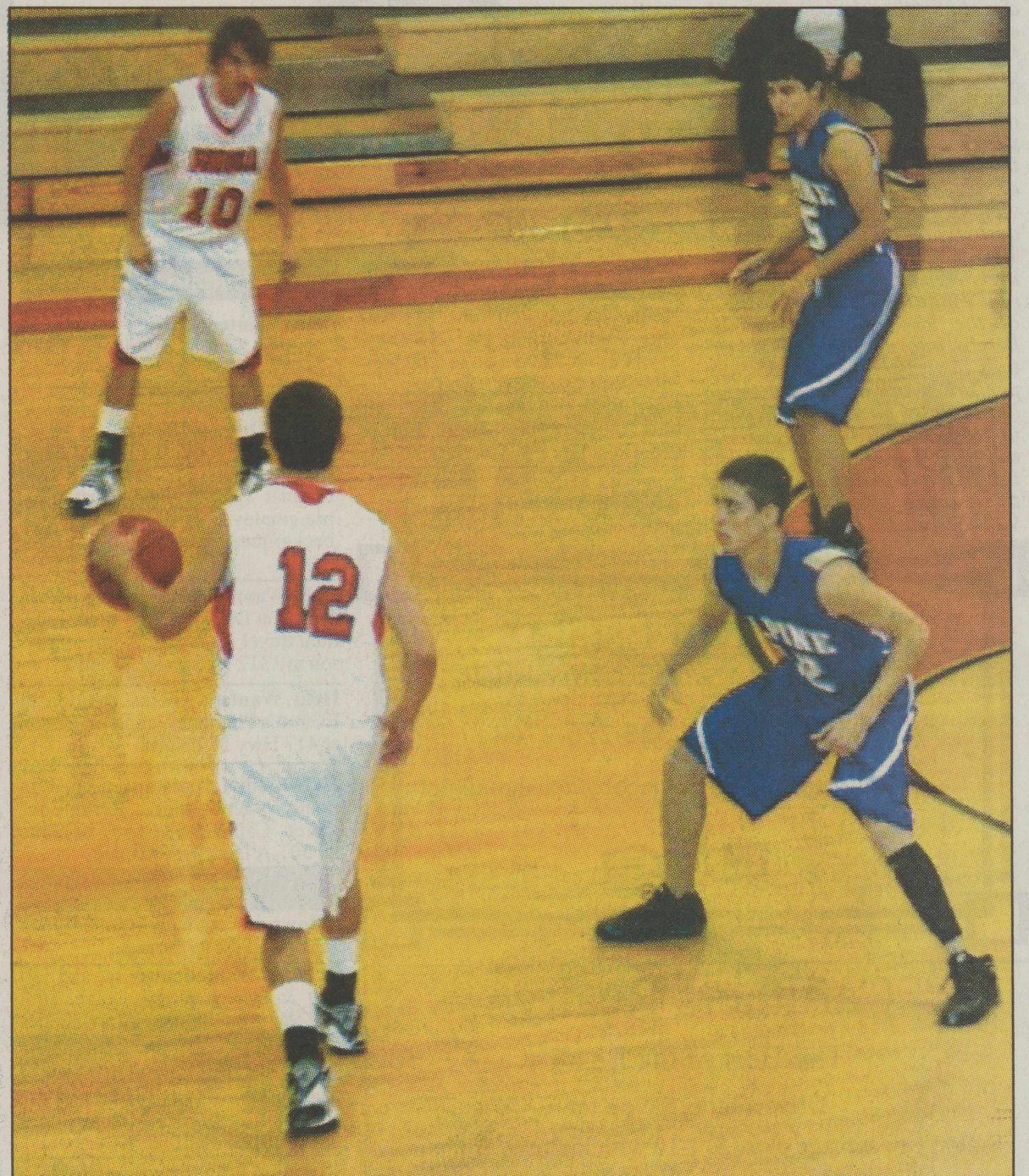
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#20 Jessica Snyder, #40 Mariah Dunn



#44 Kash McGee, #10 Karina Trevino,
#20 Chelsea Lou Campbell, #54 Leandra Castaneda

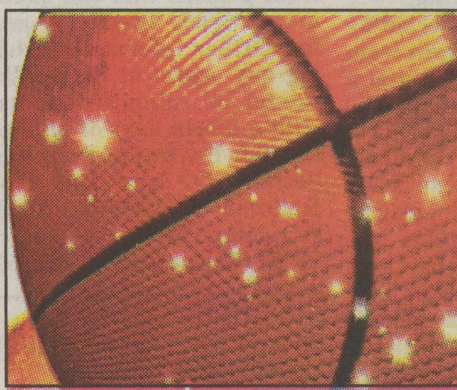


#12 Ethan Morriss, # 10 Ausitn Hampton



#2 Dustin Neff, #12 Ethan Morriss

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best. Never let
it rest. Until
your good is
better and
your better is
best.
-- Tim Duncan



An outside shot from #10 Ausitn Hampton, #2 Dustin Neff



Bronco Varsity Tip Off Against Alpine
#10 Dustin Hampton, # 34 Cash Jennings

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Construction Foreman

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Construction Foreman

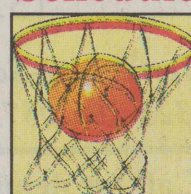
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Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
1/9	*Presidio	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/13	*Ozona	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/16	Open			
1/20	*Crane	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/23	*Kermit	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/27	*Reagan County	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/30	*Alpine	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
2/3	*Ozona	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

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Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
1/9	*Presidio	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/13	*Ozona	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/16	Open			
1/20	*Crane	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/23	*Kermit	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/27	*Reagan County	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/30	*Alpine	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
2/3	*Ozona	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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