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Jesse Lashbrook, aid to Congressman Mike Conaway, presents District Judge Brock Jones with a certificate of appreciation during a retirement reception held for Judge Jones. Photo by Kel Thomas

District Judge Brock Jones Steps Down After 20 Year Career on the Bench

by Kel Thomas

After twenty two years and eight months of public service, Judge Brock Jones will formally retire from the 112th District bench December 31.

A reception honoring the career of Judge Jones was held in the courtroom of Sutton County Court-house Friday, December 8, 2006 in which city and county officials presented Judge Jones with gifts and words of appreciation and fond memories.

Judge Jones and his wife Camille, will continue living on the family ranch south of Ozona.

When asked about the Judge's most memorable aspect of over twenty-two years of service, the Judge replied "the people I work with district-wide. The support from the county employees and elected officials were phenomenal throughout my years as District Judge."

Judge Jones will continue to work as Senior Judge as the need arises, but looks forward to his retirement years ahead. He plans to make full use of the fishing tackle presented to him by County Attorney David Wallace.

Texas A&M Honors West Texas Men with Regents Fellow Service Awards

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COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M University System's board of regents honored two West Texas men with Regents Fellow Service Awards this week in College Station.

The two are Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, long-time superintendent of the Sonora Research Station and Billy Kniffen, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Menard County.

This award is presented each year by the regents to honor professionals from the system's eight agricultural and engineering agencies.

Taylor serves as project leader for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's research program on sustainable management of Edwards Plateau rangelands. Taylor's research emphasizes the innovative management of rangeland vegetation using a combination of fire and livestock, according to Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo.

"Butch is very effective in his work with individual producers, producer organizations, Extension and other agency personnel," Walker said.

"One of his major accomplishments stemming from this cooperation is the development of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association. Through his research and interactions with landowners, he realized that managing cedar with prescribed fire required more skill, manpower and equipment

than most individual ranchers had. This realization led him to form the cooperative known as the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association. The association enables ranchers to share equipment and expertise to safely and effectively use fire as a rangeland improvement tool."

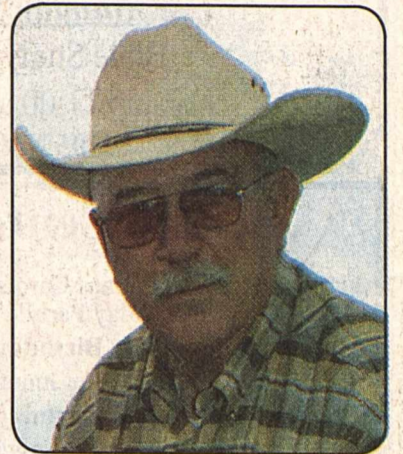
Walker said the cooperative now has 350 active members who have conducted 100 burns on 100,000 acres since 1997. The association's success made it a model for the development of 10 other associations in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota and Arkansas.

Kniffen has served as an Extension agent in five counties representing diverse geographical areas of the state.

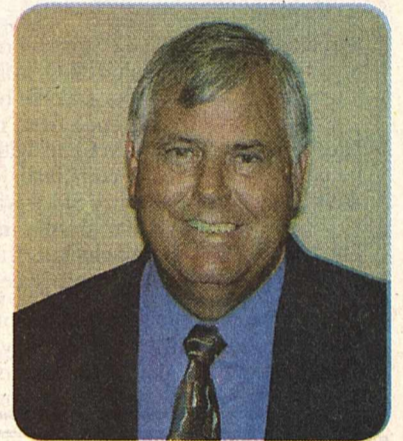
Scott Durham, district Extension administrator at San Angelo, said Kniffen is best known for his educational efforts in restoring degraded rangelands and developing water harvesting techniques for rangeland managers and homeowners.

"While an agent in Hays County, Billy helped establish a water conservation district on the Edwards Aquifer, one of the most important and sensitive water resources in Texas," Durham said. "The popularity of rainwater harvesting brought about by Kniffen's educational efforts resulted in property tax incentives for Hays County residents who installed home rainwater harvesting systems. The Texas legislature has now removed all state sales taxes for materials used to build rainwater harvesting systems."

"Most recently, Kniffen has been recognized as a state and



Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, long-time superintendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora.



Billy Kniffen, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Menard County

national authority on water harvesting. He has authored and co-authored a number of water harvesting publications used in Texas and has been a speaker at state and national conferences on water conservation and water harvesting," Durham said.

Sonora Teen Loses Life in Early Morning Car Crash

An early morning car crash north of Eldorado on Hwy 277 took the life of Amanda Marie Castilleja, age 17 of Sonora. The wreck occurred Monday, December 11, 2006 as she was enroute to San Angelo where she was a student.

Details are sketchy, but what

is known, the wreck occurred when a southbound second vehicle experienced a blow-out, lost control and overturned, directly in the path of Ms. Castilleja's oncoming automobile, approximately four miles north of Eldorado.

Ms. Castilleja leaves behind a

small daughter, Felicity Galindo, as well as her parents; Armando and Connie Castilleja; three brothers, Armando, Andres and Angel; and a sister, Sulema.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in Sonora.

Sonora Fire Department Celebrates



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Chief Rick Cearley presents Wayne Tyler with the Fireman of the Year plaque. Photo by Kel Thomas

By Jacqui Thomas, SVFD reporter

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas party was well-attended not only by firefighters and their families, but by City and County officials, law enforcement, and other invited guests and their children. The Fire Department also invites Santa Claus, and he arrived as expected with gifts and good wishes for all present.

Chief Rick Cearley filled the time after dinner and before Santa's arrival with the formal announcement of the Department's officers for 2007. Years of service to the Department were also recognized and individuals receiving plaques were:

Carl Teaff, for thirty-five years; Rick Cearley, twenty years; Wayford Tyler and Wayne Tyler, each fifteen years; Carl Johnson and Jesse Paredes, ten years; and Donny Yochem Jr. and Jacqui Thomas, five years.

Then followed the much-awaited disclosure of the name of the individual chosen to be Fireman of the Year, Wayne Tyler. He is recognized by his fellow firefighters for his outstanding service to the Department and to the community.

Wayne started his informal firefighting career as a child on a bicycle, chasing down the sirens of the fire trucks. Wayne's formal service as a firefighter began in Alpine, when he was in col-

lege there. When he returned to Sonora he immediately filled out an application and was accepted as a Sonora volunteer fireman. Wayne has attended firefighting schools from El Paso to College Station, and he has served as a Captain in the Sonora department for three years.

As a member of the Department, Wayne has participated in the Christmas in April program, fire prevention programs in the schools, and parking cars at home games. In the larger community, Wayne has just completed a four-year term as President of the Hill Country Firemen's Association.

1966 Sonora Broncos Class 1A State Champions

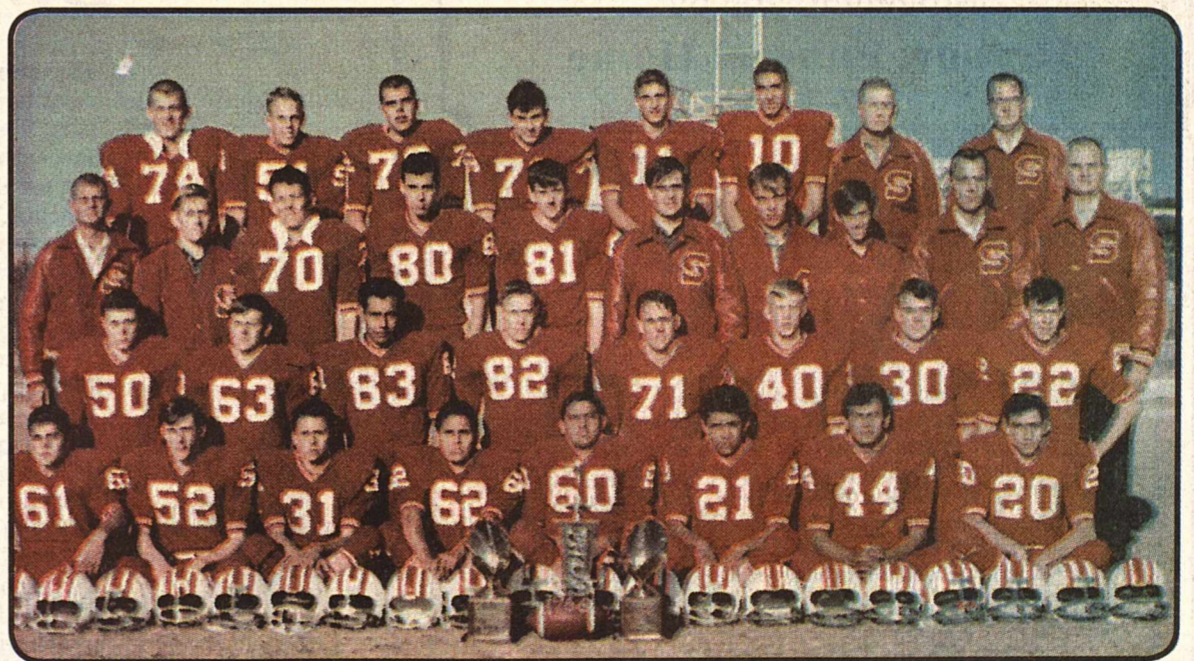
By Ray Glasscock

Forty years ago, Jerry Hopkins had a dream. He dared to set high goals for his Broncos, and because of that courage, Sonora has become a football town where excellent football is

expected and experienced year after year.

It all began after a loss to Coahoma in the regionals ended Sonora's 1965 season at 11 wins and one loss. "At the next coaches' meeting, Jerry said we

undersold ourselves, and we would never do that again," recalled Bob Snodgrass. "Jerry started talking that next spring, promoting a state championship team. I thought we were still a young team, but he made the



kids believe in themselves and he sold the townspeople."

The 1966 season started out with back to back 12 - 6 victories over Mason and Ballinger, both 2A (current 3A) schools. From that point on, the Broncos breezed past their district opponents with ease. The first three playoff games were easy as they beat Wink 47 to 14, Seagraves 36 to 0, and White Deer 35 to 14.

After the victory over White

Deer, Sonora and Forney were going to meet in Austin for the semi-final game. Both Forney and Sonora were undefeated. While Sonora's win loss record looked good to the state wide football experts, it paled in comparison to the Forney Jackrabbits. Forney had scored 582 points while giving up only 36 points a game. They had scored 78 points in their biggest win, and each team that had scored against them had only scored six

points. Forney had shutoff seven opponents. They were averaging 44.8 points on offense with allowing only 2.76 points of defense. Sonora had scored 416 points and given up 115 for an offensive average of 34.6 points per game and a defensive average of 9.6 points per game.

Sonora was led by three outstanding individual players in senior quarterback Laney Cook, sophomore running back, Ed Lee Renfro, and junior receiver Noe

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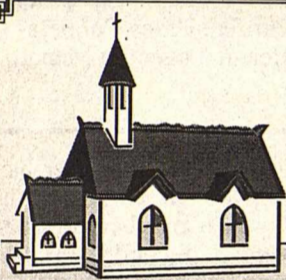
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Dec. 15-** Christmas Carols with Charlotte & Oscar! Birthday Party!
- Mon. Dec. 18-** Happy Birthday Kikio Mendez!
Bingo after lunch!
- Tue. Dec. 19 -** Happy Birthday Teresa Vasquez!
- Wed. Dec. 20-** Van to San Angelo, Medicals come first!
- Thur. Dec. 21-** Do Well-Be Well (Diabetes) @ 11:00 a.m. with Kelly! Nutrition Education.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Dec. 15** - Fried Catfish, corn with tomato casserole, seasoned spinach, Jell-O with fruit and milk.
- Mon. Dec. 18** -Hamburger on a bun with onions, tomato, lettuce, oven french fries, milk, carrot salad and mixed fruit.
- Tue. Dec. 19** -Chicken Strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, juice, milk and peach cobbler.
- Wed. Dec. 20** -Salisbury Steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, broccoli with cheese, roll, milk and Jell-O with fruit.
- Thur. Dec. 21** - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini squash with tomatoes, roll, juice, milk and apple cobbler.

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)



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387-2616 | First Baptist Church
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387-2951 |
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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.
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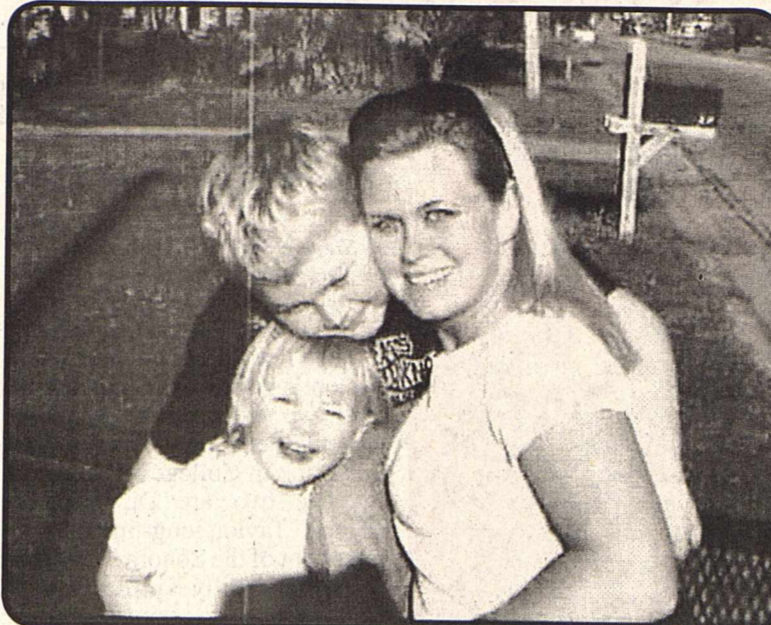
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Letter to the Editor

I asked many of you to pray for a 3 year old little girl named Emma Grace Neyhart who was in a tragic accident on Thanksgiving Day on the Cochrane-Africatown Bridge in Mobile, Alabama and left seriously injured and in a coma at USA Children's and Women's Hospital with severe injury and trauma to her brain among other injuries, like a broken foot and severe lacerations to the side of her face and eye. Emma's brother, Cameron Rust and her mother, Harmony Rust, were also injured in the accident.



Emma, Cameron and Harmony

Her father is stationed with my daughter in the USCG in Mobile, Alabama.

Emma has finally come out of the coma, is speaking with a little difficulty, watching her cartoons and eating soft foods. She even finally got the chocolate milk she asked for when she first woke up. Half the tubes have been removed, but many monitors remain. Emma has been moved out of ICU into a room by herself as she has pneumonia. Emma has severe injuries to her face which will require further surgery and no one knows yet if she will have sight in one eye but all things are on hold until the pneumonia is resolved. The Regions Bank at Mobile Alabama has set up a special fund for the family "The Emma Grace Neyhart and Family Care Fund" as there are many expenses coming up that are not covered by insurance. Emma's mom will be out of work for a while with a compound fracture of the femur and her brother also has a compound fracture of the femur and is experiencing horrible nightmares since the accident.

I ask you to continue praying for the family and to donate if you can. This is truly a family that needs help monetarily as well as spiritually.

Thank You,
Jo-Ann E. Palmer



On her recent visit to Austin, Rosa Elena Sanchez got an opportunity to see what the Patriot Guard Riders are all about.

Above, she is pictured with her son Juan Carlos Gonzales and other members of the Austin Area PGR while on a "mission" in Pflugerville.

PGR members attend funerals for our fallen service men

and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation, by honoring them and paying their final respects.

In the event war protesters are present, the Patriot Guard Riders shield the grieving family members with flags and motorcycles.

For more information on the PGR, go to www.patriotguard.org.

Happy

Birthday

December 14
 Billie Renfro, Michelle rushing, Randy Mabry, Lisa Price, Tim Roberts, Shelby Randolph

December 15
 Dawn Cahill, Krysta Brooks, Dustin Neff, Chris Neal, Sean Matchus, Edward James Antunez

December 16
 Jane Archer, Bo Jimenez-Mejia, Mary Gonzalez, Bobby Morgan, Bobby Taylor, Shannon Rushing

December 17
 Olinda Jimenez, Candise Martin, Israel Leija, Donna Seymour, Israel C. Leija

December 18
 Fernie Emiliano, Donny Yocham, Sr., Yesenira Gandar, Hoot Hearn

December 19
 Noni Gonzalez, Rex Ann Friess, Colton Moore, Teresa Vasquez, Ooye Hernandez

December 20
 Amelia Butler, Dave Love, Tom Wilson, Swade Draper, Daniel Gutierrez, Tommy Amwine, Andi Allen, Eddie Hernandez, Mike Badeaux, Jamie Hernandez, Landon Castro, Jo Ellen Neal,

Obituary

Amanda Marie Castilleja

Amanda Marie Castilleja, 17, of Sonora passed away Monday December 11, 2006 from injuries received in an early morning traffic accident north of Eldorado.

Survivors include parents Armando and Connie Castilleja of Sonora; daughter Felicity Elena Galindo of Sonora; brothers Armando Castilleja Jr. of Sonora, Andres Castilleja of San Angelo and Angel Castilleja of Sweetwater; and sister Sulema Castilleja of Sonora.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 13, 2006 in St. Ann's Catholic Church, with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

"A Mother Remains"

In Loving Memory of Amanda Castilleja

As a tear runs down the cheeks
 Of those who loved you so dear
 They remember the smile on your face
 And can hear the sound of your laughter so clear.
 As hearts break for a life lost too soon
 And the silence is broken by the sounds of sobs and sorrow
 Confusion surrounds the ones who love you so much
 As they wonder, "What will become of tomorrow?"
 Questions run rampant
 Through the minds of many
 They're all looking for answers
 There just doesn't seem to be any.
 An infant left behind
 Who'll not have memories of her mother
 Yet this fragile little infant
 Will be the source of strength for so many others.
 And as this child
 continues to grow
 In all she says and does
 You'll see a light glow.
 For within this child
 There is a familiar spirit
 Those who knew Amanda
 Will surely feel it.
 So cry your tears
 And share your pain
 But just know, in the heart of this child
 A mother remains.
 All my love and prayers to the Castilleja Family.
 Kelly Aguero 12-11-06

Thank You

There have been so many people that have taught and guided me in training that I couldn't name them all, so here are a few: From Sonora, Carl Teaff, Kyle Donaldson, Tim Thorp and Rick Cearley. From Alpine, Paul Leoffler and Ernie Reecing.

I would also like to thank my mom and dad. They showed me what volunteering was all about as I grew up.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my fellow firefighters for voting me Firefighter of the Year. This is something I am very proud of and will always remember.

Thanks and God bless you, and as I like to say:
 "Hope I don't see you later"
 Wayne Tyler

Purchasing on Installments

About this time of year the lines get longer. As the day grows nearer the lines get longer and the shopping more hectic. One store where I shop has a special line if you are buying something on time or in installments. You see great relief when they have gotten the particular gift they want for their loved one. That reminds me of a very special gift God sent for us many years ago. It may not be what some want but it is what we all need. Our relationship to God had been broken or severed because of sin and disobedience, (Romans 3:23) but that special gift could and would restore that relationship, (1 John 4:9&10). It was the special gift of Jesus Christ. His birth which we will celebrate in a few days was the first installment. His life of perfect obedience to God and man was the second, (Luke 2:52). His suffering and death on the cross was the third installment, (Romans 5:8). Finally his resurrection from the grave was the last installment, (Luke 24:6&7). Today he is sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, (Mark 15:62, and Matthew 28:5-7). We will either accept or reject that wonderful gift and it will determine if we spend eternity with God or eternity separated from Him. It will also determine if our future will be wonderful or sorrowful. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Place	Date/Time
City Council	City Hall	12/19/06 @ 4:00
County Commissioners	Sutton County Annex	2nd and 4th Mon. @ 9:00 a.m.
SIDC	SIDC Office	1/9/07 @ 11:30
Sutton Co. Underground Water District	Soil Conservation Office	2nd. Tue. each mo. @ 9:00 a.m.
Keep Sonora Beautiful Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Offices Chamber Offices	1/08/06 @ noon 12/14/06 @ noon
Sonora School Board Dairy Queen Quorum	School Administration Dairy Queen	1/15/06 @ 5:30 Daily @ 3:00



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Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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



loon with a picture of a soldier in it a couple inches over her head in the right corner. It was simply entitled "thinking of you." It was one of the most popular cards of the WWI era. Soldiers loved to get this card from their wives and girlfriends.

People still send postcards when they travel but no where near the extent they did from 1900 to 1919. Now we e-mail photos taken on vacation and send e-mails describing our trips on our lap top computer. Many hotels supply computer terminals or people have laptops that connect to satellite service. The pretty old postcards are quickly disappearing and so is our beautiful hand written script. I even got a thank you for a wedding gift by e-mail the other day. I guess that has become the "thing to do" now when writing thank you notes. I looked at it and sighed and said boy do I miss the good old days. Some of our Christmas cards come as e-mailed cards or letters. I much prefer the old ones that we used to hang on a string so everyone could enjoy them. That sheet of paper you print out from the computer just doesn't hang right and it takes a lot of ink if you want to enjoy the photo more than a minute.

We have gone from phonographs to tape cassettes to CD players and they have shrunk from 4 feet to about 6 inches in size. At the same time televisions have gone from a tiny 8 inch screen to some that take up a whole wall. I remember squinting to see the tiny screen on the very first TV's made in the 1940's. Now I couldn't fit the latest models in my house.

Fashions change every year. One change that I dearly love is women wearing pants. No more freezing cold legs when icy cold fronts sweep down from Canada. I sincerely hope that hobbled skirts never come back in style, they made walking fast and getting in and out any type of vehicle almost impossible. And speaking of fashions, I saw something on TV called Victoria's Secret new fashions. Quite frankly, the League of Decency would never have allowed that show to be on television in the old days. If Jane Russell was modeling underwear she did it with a sweater on and you didn't see the underwear on her body. Ladies did not prance around in their underwear. Our teenagers

copy what they see top models and movie stars doing and frankly, I don't think this kind of show is teaching them the right lessons. They grow up quick enough now without throwing half naked women in their faces.

In the old days a lady was considered risqué if she didn't wear a good stiff iron or whale bone corset, not that I am recommending going back to those body deforming torture chambers. In the 1940's through 1950's you had to wear a girdle and bra. Then came the age of the hippie, and liberated women and bra burning was in and the girdle disappeared. In 1900 a woman was considered bold if she lifted her skirt high enough to let someone see her ankle as she went down stairs. I've seen some young girls at football games walking down the bleachers in skirts so short you see their underwear, if they are wearing them. That is a little too short.

Kissing in public was considered a breach of conduct. Boy I'd like to have a few of those strict old ladies from the 1890's see some of the kids at the high school between classes. They look like they are glued together. Emily Post wrote a book of etiquette and it was strictly followed by many families. Girls did not call boys on the telephone, you waited for the boy to call you, such behavior was considered un-lady like. We were taught to dress attractively to attract the boys and that they were much more curious about wrapped torso's than unwrapped ones. They married the girls so they could unwrap the package. Makeup was not allowed until you were in high school and then very sparingly. Oh yes things have changed greatly.

Children were taught to give of themselves to others. They were involved in community activities and helped elderly people care for their yards, etc. without asking for money. They did it out of the goodness of their heart. Somehow we are changing from a loving and giving society to a "gimme" society. In many families both parents have to work as they can't survive on our minimum wage that has not kept up with inflation. This leaves the children without supervision and with the computer and TV sets to turn to for entertainment. Many of the shows children are watching were in-

tended for adults and without supervision they are learning a lot more than their parents think about life.

Oh for the good old days when all you had to worry about was the young gentleman who took your daughter out might stop the horses and steal a kiss. But progress is here and it isn't going away so we had better adjust our way of thinking and try to keep up with all the new problems it is causing. I noticed that cell phones are now coming with a locator on them so that parents can tell where their children are when they go out for the evening. That is a lot easier than hooking up old Dobbin and riding around town looking for them. Computers and televisions have a lock or block that can be put on them to keep children out of adult programming.

I think everyone needs to go to a new web site called zabasearch.com and see all your private info that is being put on line. I found dates of birth, social security numbers and private information being given out at this site. You really need to check it out and send them a e-mail at info@zabasearch.com requesting that they remove you and all your family and your private info from their site or you will file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office. Giving out some ones social security number and date of birth, parents names etc. can be very dangerous. It helps criminals access your accounts and this firm has it all on there if they were able to get it from public records. Protect yourself and make them remove your information.

We will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, and January 1 for the holidays. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year or whatever holiday you celebrate this time of year. If you have any questions concerning local history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net. You may call our offices, located at 307 Oak Street on the days we are open, Tues, Thurs. and Sat. Mornings from 8-12, telephone no. 325-387-5084 with your questions or to rent the Old Depot or stop by the office and use Ancestry.com or our archives.



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Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

Our homes have always been a source of shame for us. This is why we locked ourselves behind those doors and refused to let anyone into our homes and our lives. We were fearful that someone would find out our dirty little secret. We felt that we were the only ones in the whole wide world who lived this way. I wrote Sink Reflections for you.

This book is dedicated to YOU, who have suffered in silence, thinking that you were the only one in the world who lived in CHAOS! Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome.

We no longer have to suffer with our shame. FLYing gives you the tools to deal with your home and yourself. You see you never dreamed that the state of your home was a symptom of your problem and not the problem itself. You have said it thousands of times, "If only I could get the house clean; everything would be OK." That is not how it works.

As children we were taught by our parents that if you can't do it right don't do it at all. It was a lesson we took to heart. We were also taught by example that cleaning took a huge block of time. I don't know many people who have hours to devote to their homes. We all have busy schedules and just want our homes to magically clean themselves. We all know how to clean; after all we are perfectionist; our biggest problem is doing something when we have the chance.

For years in our stinking thinking we cleaned for company. That would only last a few hours because the clean would start to disintegrate around us: All because we didn't have routines

to help us keep it up. Routines are not the straight jackets. With them we can be even more spontaneous than before because now we can open our doors and not hide. Before in our CHAOS; we had to have lots of notice to get ready for company. It would take days or weeks to get it together and an all night cramming session the day before the company arrived. We looked and felt awful because we were not taking care of ourselves.

Did you know that your family deserves to be treated like company and you do too? The secret to keeping your home in this comfort zone is to pick up after yourself. I asked my clerk one time about this. Since she is Born Organized I interviewed her about how to keep it together. She chuckled at me and said it is really quite simple, Marla. All you have to do is pick up after yourself. That was a light bulb moment for me. If I get it out, I put it away. Wow it is that simple after all.

Half the battle of having a home ready for company all the time is to have your favorite dumping grounds (hot spots) clear. Your home can have dust everywhere and floors that need doing, but if your hot spots are extinguished, then your home looks clean because the clutter isn't in your face. We don't allow our homes get more 15 minutes worth of messy. We could have a party tonight if we wanted; fling open our doors and let our friends into our homes and lives.

Could you do this without a panic? It is so peaceful to know that your home is ready and your bathroom is presentable. I want for you what I have and this peace came from building my routines one habit at a time.

Are you ready to FLY by eliminating the CHAOS in your life?

TTU Lifelong Learning Offers European Film

FREDERICKSBURG – Texas Tech University Lifelong Learning Community presents Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) from 2-5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, as part of the International Film Series and Discussion Group. Please note that this film is being shown on a different day than originally published. The film will be shown in Suite C, 102 E. San Antonio St. next to the Texas Tech University offices in Fredericksburg. Admission to the film and the discussion is free, although reservations are recommended to assure seating.

Joyeux Noel is an Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee for Best foreign-language film. It tells the true-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by Scottish, French and German troops in the trenches of World War I. Enemies leave their weapons behind for one night together in brotherhood ad forget about the brutalities of war. It is presented in English, German and French with English sub-titles and will be followed by discussion followed by holiday refreshments.

For registration or for more information call Wanda Merchant at (830) 990-2717.

Christmas is not in tinsel and lights and outward show.
The secret lies in an inner glow.
It's lighting a fire inside the heart.
Good will and joy a vital part.
It's glorious dream in the soul of man.
--Wilfred A. Peterson (The Art of Living)

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Chamber Chatter

Put Your Money Where Your Home Is!

By Becky Covington

Spending your retail dollars locally, keeps dollars in your community to build roads, schools and community facilities, it's just good business. We want to remind local consumers that the small businessman is, above all else, a valuable local employer, a local taxpayer as well as a good neighbor. Make a difference in your community and support owned locally businesses for all your shopping needs not only during the Christmas holidays, but also throughout the whole year as well. Why should you shop local? Because local businesses use far more of the goods and services provided by other local businesses, so the effect of your purchases are magnified. When you spend your money at big-box stores your money is sent to corporate headquarters, wherever that may be. Independently owned small businesses have more character, offer a variety of products, and can cater to more niche markets. Big-box store want homogenous shoppers—not shoppers who have individual needs and interests. Don't be forced into a mold by big corporations—be an individual and shop locally.

Last month one of our members came by my office and asked if he could pay his Chamber dues to me. He said that he knew he could have mailed his check but he wanted to tell me thank you and let me know what a benefit it is to have a business listing on the Sonora Chamber web site. As you may know, the greatest feature is that it can bring customers to you from almost anywhere. There are other advertising opportunities on the Chamber site that can highlight your business to those who visit the Chamber site looking for other information about our County. The Community calendar also gets a lot of activity that can attract visitors to our County as does the membership directory. Please take the opportunity to visit the Chamber web site and verify that all of the information regarding your business is correct. If your information needs to be updated or changed in anyway please call the Chamber office at 387-2880 or email: soncoc@sonoratrax.net.

On the first Thursday of each month, Pedro Ramirez with the Small Business Development Center will be in Sonora to offer assistance to small businesses. Their services include, confidential counseling with a Business Advisor at no cost to the client, such as business planning, cash flow projections, financing and loan packaging, human resources, marketing & advertising, retailing, strategic planning and more. Too busy to see him? Mr. Ramirez will come to your place of business. Just call the Chamber office and make an appointment.

Welcome New Member!

Please join us in welcoming our new Chamber member by patronizing her businesses. A Chamber membership reflects their integrity as a responsible business owner and demonstrates their commitment to the community. Nan's Place, a hair studio, owned by Nancy Pope, located at 206 Main Street.



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A Fort Concho Christmas



Fort Concho re-enactors standing left to right are: Cecil Conner, Donleta Conner with Dustin Huntley, Kevin Bower, Chap Traylor, Joleta Traylor, Gaylon Harrison; seated are: Emily Newton and Monica Traylor.
Photos courtesy of Chap Traylor



Sonora students enjoying the Fort Concho Christmas festivities.

By Chap Traylor

Sonora High School and Jr. High students travelled to San Angelo for Christmas at Fort Concho. The sixth grade students and teachers took in the sights

They were able to see what life was like for people during the period of time that Fort Concho was a military outpost. There were re-enactors representing the Indian War and Civil War eras. They saw infantry, cavalry, and artillery units demonstrating their duties. There were Indian re-enactors showing their way of life and civilian re-enactors ranging from frontiersmen to cowboys and chuckwagons.

High School students, Emily Newton and Monica Traylor, were participating as re-enactors. As members of the Order of the Confederate Rose, they erected their tent and made

camp between the Sons of Confederate Veterans and a group of frontiersmen and trappers. They were the buffer between the military and civilian re-enactors, and received many compliments, which would have been bestowed by the gentlemen and those less than, of the time.

Monica and Emily demonstrated Christmas Traditions of the mid 1800s. They decorated a Christmas tree with period decorations. They popped popcorn over an open fire and made strings of it to hang on their tree. They wrapped dried fruit in scraps of cloth which were also tied to the tree for opening Christmas Morning. They hung their new wool stockings in the hope that Santa might fill it with fresh fruit Christmas Night. They demonstrated and discussed these traditions with the visitors to the fort.

Christmas gift suggestions from Oren Arnold: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

Red Cross Urges Families to Take Precautions Against Home Fires

As with most fires that occur during cooler weather and the holiday season, home heating devices are often the cause. Families attempting to stay warm during chilly nights will leave space heaters running without working smoke detectors in the home. The Hill Country Chapter urges families to take extreme precautions when heating their homes.

Give space heaters S-P-A-C-E. On average, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the United States occur during the winter months.

Keep portable heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn, including furniture, bedding, clothing, pets and people.

Do not leave space heaters on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep.

Install smoke alarms and test at least once a month.

Have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it.

Have your chimney inspected by a professional before the start of heating season and cleaned if necessary.

Use a sturdy fireplace screen when burning fires.

Burn only wood, never burn paper or pine boughs which can float out of the chimney and ignite your roof or the roof of a neighboring home.

If using a log in your fireplace such as Dura-Flame, burn only one log at a time. Burning more than one can emit too much heat and start a fire.

Candles are responsible for more than 100 fire fatalities each year in America with December as the leading month for home candle fires. The Red Cross offers these candle safety tips:

Secure candles in a sturdy holder on a flat surface that won't tip over, make sure the holder is big enough to collect the dripping wax.

Keep lit candles well away from Christmas trees and other decorations and don't place candles in windows where blinds or curtains can close over them.

Do not leave a burning candle unattended.

Place all candles out of reach of children and in a position where pets are unable to knock them over.

Keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

Christmas trees are directly responsible for around 40 fatalities every year. Follow these safety tips while decorating for the holidays:

If using a live Christmas tree, keep it watered daily.

Never put a lit candle on a Christmas tree.

Make sure your tree is far away from any source of ignition, such as a space heater or candle.

When putting holiday lights on the tree, follow the instructions recommended by UL Laboratories. Overloaded circuits are the cause of many home fires during the holiday season.

The early warning signal of a smoke detector can save lives. The Red Cross recommends you replace the batteries at least once a year. Make a fire escape plan for your family and have a meeting place outside your home.

The Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross extends to all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

A Kerr County Christmas

Kerr County Christmas Market will be held at the County Courthouse on Saturday, December 16 from 9-4. This is the place to find original handcrafted holiday gifts for everyone on your list in a festive outdoor setting. Unique one-of-a-kind items made right here in the Hill country can be found. More than 90 artists and crafters will display their creations which include everything from custom made furniture, lamps and home décor items to clothing, jewelry and accessories for men, women and children. Original oil and watercolor paintings, framed and matted prints, photographs and sculptures are offered for sale. The Kerrville Porcelain Art Guild will be selling hand painted Christmas ornaments. Entertainment will be provided from 11:30 to 2 by one of Kerrville's premier musicians, Mike Kas-

berg and his Sax Quartet.

The benefit fundraiser for K'Star Youth and Family Services will conclude with a drawing for the ten prize winners at 1pm. However, the one dollar tickets will be available until just prior the drawing. "Market Days has also proven a wonderful venue to raise funds for our programs through the sales of our cookbooks and hand knitted baby items."

Food and drink will be available including fajitas from Conchita's on Main. They will also have their delicious homemade tamales on sale by the dozen. You can also munch of kettle corn, funnel cakes and fresh roasted pecans and almonds as you explore the marketplace.

For additional information call 830-792-4655 or go to www.kerrmarketcdays.org.

Dr. William Wilson opens Sonora practice Jan. 2

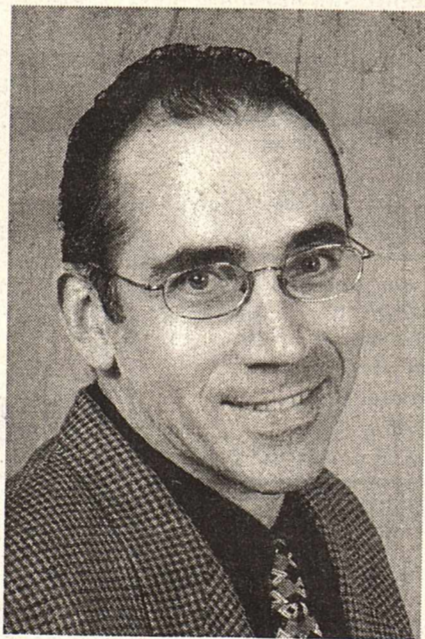
William Wilson, M.D. will open a private practice in the Sonora Medical Clinic on Jan. 2, 2007.

Dr. Wilson is board certified in family practice medicine. He treats men and women of all ages and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance plans.

A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.

Dr. Wilson met his wife, Diana, while doing medical missionary work in Columbia. Dr. Wilson grew up in Honduras, where his parents served as missionaries. He is fluent in Spanish.

"Sonora is a perfect fit for Diana and me," Dr. Wilson says. "My parents live in Carrizo Springs, so we will be closer to them. Sonora is the right size for the kind of medicine I want to practice. You get to know your patients. You treat neighbors, not strangers on an assembly line."



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SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 15,986,370	\$ -	\$ 974,526	\$ 16,960,896
5800	State Program Revenues	939,102	-	167,804	1,106,906
5900	Federal Program Revenues	21,651	265,104	635,243	921,998
5020	Total Revenues	16,947,123	265,104	1,777,573	18,989,800
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	5,063,354	234,308	400,340	5,698,002
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	126,510	10,326	34,948	171,784
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	30,987	14,957	51,504	97,448
0021	Instructional Leadership	60,674	5,513	-	66,187
0023	School Leadership	308,653	-	1,564	310,217
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	340,096	-	14,873	354,969
0033	Health Services	51,085	-	507	51,592
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	180,489	-	49,790	230,279
0035	Food Services	8,989	-	333,663	342,652
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	406,421	-	42,002	448,423
0041	General Administration	550,773	-	1,500	552,273
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,127,365	-	5,647	1,133,012
0053	Data Processing Services	252,590	-	29,868	282,458
Debt Service:					
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	649,921	-	625,000	1,274,921
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	32,011	-	179,613	211,624
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	486	486
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,354,052	-	58	1,354,110
Intergovernmental:					
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	6,374,447	-	-	6,374,447
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	30,249	30,249
6030	Total Expenditures	16,918,417	265,104	1,801,612	18,985,133
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	28,706	-	(24,039)	4,667
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7913	Capital Leases	289,446	-	-	289,446
7915	Transfers In	-	-	21,038	21,038
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(21,038)	-	-	(21,038)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	268,408	-	21,038	289,446
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	297,114	-	(3,001)	294,113
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	10,126,980	-	114,949	10,241,929
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(61,746)	-	15,239	(46,507)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 10,362,348	\$ -	\$ 127,187	\$ 10,489,535

7th Grade Boys Basketball

Submitted by Anita Hudson

The 7th grade boys' basketball team fell short to Brady on Monday, December 4th here in Sonora. The final score was Brady 40-Sonora 21.

Scoring for the colts were: Word Hudson-8, Clayton Parks-4, Mathew Young-3, Cadesman Pope-2, Zachery Leonard-2, Braxton Snyder-1 and Ricky Samaniego-1. The 7th grade Boys B team also lost to Brady that same night.

On Monday, December 11th, the 7th grade Boys B team started off the evening with a big win outscoring Blanco's B team with a score of 26-8. Zach Badeaux led the colts scoring in the double digits. Congratulations B Team!!! The 7th grade A team fell short to Blanco by a score of 28-15. Scoring for the colts were: Word Hudson-4, Braxton Snyder-3, Mathew Young-2, Milton Black-2, Davis Virgin-2, Clayton Parks-1 and Kyle Patlan-1.

The next game will be in Junction after the Christmas Holidays.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Submitted by Larry Jennings and Jennifer Lilly

Monday, December 11 in Blanco, the 7th grade girls final score was Sonora - 28 Blanco - 15. Sonora scorers were: Liz Chavaria - 8 pts. Hunter Jennings - 7 pts. Sarah Carrillo - 6 pts. Evelyn Solis - 6 pts. and Delilah Aguero - 1 pt.

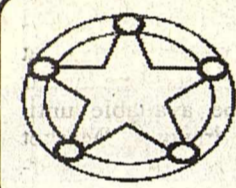
In 8th grade action, the A team is 4-1 and getting better with every game! I'm looking forward to seeing what they can do after the break! We have two tournaments coming up in January: Wall January 11-13 and Llano on January 20th.

The A Team won 36-12. Morgan Smith had 12 pts., Maci Zuniga with 8 pts., Kash McGee also with 8 pts., Kallie Humphrey had 6 pts. and Chelsey Lou Campbell scored 2 pts.

The B Team also won 10-7 with Valeria Buitron 6 pts. and Ashley Perez's 4 pts. enough for the win.

Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JVG	VG
Dec 14, 16	Eldorado JV Tournament	Eldorado	TBA	
Dec 28-30	Big Lake Varsity Tournament	Big Lake		TBA
Jan 2	TBA			
Jan 5	Blanco*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 6	Comfort*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 12	Junction*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	6:30
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	6:30
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	6:30
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	6:30
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	6:30



Lady Bronco Schedule
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Football DVD's

I would like to finish all football DVD's before Christmas. I need to know if anyone wants a complete game DVD of the Blanco, Comfort, and Ozona games. I also need to know if I still owe anyone a DVD from the first eight games.

I am going to make a highlight DVD with photos and music for each football team. They will all cost \$25 as it takes as long to make the 7th grade as it does the varsity. A CD of the original high resolution photos of the games will cost \$5.

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Game Warden Field Notes

He said he had gotten lost and then took his medication which made him sleepy. He failed to wake up from all the noise made during the search.

Close call leaves only a finger hurt

A Tom Green County game warden investigated a hunting accident Nov. 24. The grandson had been handling the victim's shotgun before placing it back into the case without checking the safety. The grandfather picked up the gun case to inspect the weapon, but the case was unzipped. The shotgun fell out and the butt of the weapon struck the bed of the truck. The gun fired, hitting the grandfather in the right hand, doing extensive damage to the right index finger.

Don't blame it on the 5-year-old

In late November, while patrolling the Alabama Creek WMA, a Trinity County game warden came across a man and his 5-year-old son with a five-point buck. The man stated his son had killed the deer earlier that day. Upon checking their hunting licenses, he noticed the father had used all of his tags and showed to have killed a buck in Alabama Creek. Upon turning them loose, two other men came out of the forest and stated they had heard the adult male shoot and saw him drag the deer out. The warden caught up with the hunter who confessed to killing the deer. Cases are pending.

A team-effort rescue

On the night of Nov. 1, Calhoun County's game warden received a call from the sheriff's office concerning five overdue boaters who had launched from the Port Lavaca City Harbor. Port Lavaca Fire Department and Coast Guard assisted in the search. The capsized boaters were pulled from the water and returned to shore. One subject was hospitalized with hypothermia.

Don't forget to get a receipt

Inspections on Falcon Lake Oct. 28 turned up a boat with no serial number on the motor. Under questioning, the operator stated he had purchased the motor for \$1,800 cash at a local shop and was not given a bill of sale or certificate of title for the motor. The boat, trailer and motor were seized pending further investigation by TPWD Marine Theft Investigators.

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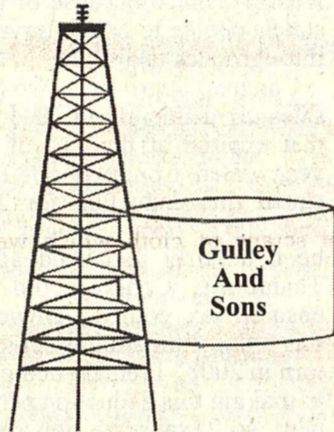
Hunter sleeps while everyone searches for him

On November 27, a Fannin County game warden was notified by Fannin County Sheriff's Department of a lost hunter on the Caddo National Grasslands. The hunter, a 76-year-old diabetic with a heart condition, was late returning to camp. Scent dogs were used all night to locate the man, but he didn't turn up. When daylight approached, searchers expected the worst and horses were brought in to begin canvassing the area for a body. At 10:30 a.m., however, the elderly hunter walked back into camp.

Sonora Broncos Basketball Schedule

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Dec 14, 16	Eldorado JV Tournament	Eldorado	TBA	
Dec 18	Christoval	Away	5:00	8:00
Dec 28-30	Big Lake Varsity Tournament	Big Lake		TBA
Jan 2	Ozona	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 5	Reagan County	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan 9	TBA			
Jan 12	TBA			
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	8:00
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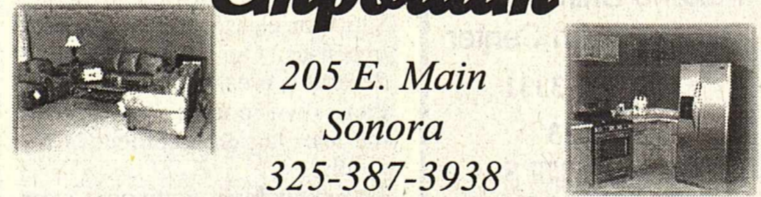


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Sonora Colts Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
01/04	Junction	Home	Away
01/11	Comfort	Home	Away
01/11, 12, 13	Wall Tournament		
01/18	Mason	Away	Home
01/20	Llano Tournament		
01/25	Brady	Home	Away
02/01	Blanco	Home	Away
02/08	Comfort	Home	Home

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Strong Performance by Sonora Elementary In UIL District Meet

By Elizabeth Black
In a crowded auditorium, Monday December 11th, Louise Dermody, Sonora Elementary Principal, announced with pride that Sonora Elementary pulled out a First Place Championship in the UIL District meet hosted here on November 13th. The point tally reflected the stiff competition and the strong performance by Sonora's second through fifth grade participants. The final scores were: Sonora -331.5 points, Blanco - 322.5 points, Brady -274 points, Mason - 212 points and Junction with 62 points.

Dermody was quick to recognize the UIL coaches and all the staff and faculty who worked so hard to pull off the event last month. She especially thanked Lisa Herring the UIL Coordinator for her tremendous dedication and turned the microphone over to Herring. With no further ado, Herring highlighted each event, handing out medals and certificates. Placements were as follows:

2nd grade - Creative Writing
1st Place- Kristy Sanchez,
6th Place- Holly Sparks

2nd grade - Story Telling
2nd Place - Tate Shannon,
4th Place - Sky Jennings,
6th Place - Dalton Morriss

3rd grade - Ready Writing
2nd Place - Sydney Burnham,
4th Place - Darby Ramsdell

3rd grade - Spelling

1st Place-Darby Ramsdell,
3rd Place - Sydney Burnham,
4th Place - Jillian Buitron

3rd grade - Story Telling
1st Place - Darby Ramsdell

4th grade - Art
2nd Place - Lisette Ortiz,
5th Place - Selena Trevino,
Best Alternate-
Madison Wolfe

4th grade - Number Sense
1st Place - Nelson Black,
3rd Place - Alexa Sykes,
4th Place - Jonathan Salazar,

Best Alternate -
Hunter Hughes

4th grade - Oral Reading
5th Place - Kaitlyn Gibbens,
6th Place - Lillian Kent

4th grade - Ready Writing
1st Place - Kaitlyn Gibbens,
Best Alternate -
Alexa Sykes

This was the first time that Sonora ISD hosted the UIL District meet. Because of the recent redistricting, Sonora was unable to face the usual competitors of Eldorado, Ozona and Wall Districts. However, Sonora set a high standard for her new challengers, of which Blanco appeared to be the strongest. Dermody was pleased with the large number of students who tried out and practiced for the competition. While forty-six children participated in this year's events, she anticipates that number will grow in the coming years as the number of events increase with each grade.

Tax Equality for Texas

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
The holiday shopping season is upon us, and over the next few weeks, Texans will spend millions of dollars purchasing gifts for friends and loved ones. Added to each purchase price is a sales tax, which is higher in Texas than most other states. In the past, these purchases were essentially taxed twice, first by the federal government on the earnings used to make the purchase, and then by the state on the purchase itself. However, a bill passed by Congress in the last days of our December session allows Texans to deduct the sales tax from their federal income taxes.

Extending the state sales tax deduction was one of my top legislative priorities this fall. The Texas Comptroller's Office reported that the sales tax deduction saves a family of four \$310 a year, or a total of about \$1 billion each year for the state's residents who itemize deductions.

Maintaining this deduction is an issue of fairness. Taxpayers in Texas, Alaska, Florida, Washington, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wyoming were set to be penalized had this deduction not been reinstated. In states where revenue is collected

through state income taxes, residents have long been allowed to deduct state income taxes on their federal tax returns. From 1986-2004, the residents of states without a state income tax were penalized because of their state's choice to collect revenue through sales taxes.

Congress approved a two-year sales tax deduction in 2004, but that expired at the end of last year. Had Congress not reinstated this deduction for 2006 and 2007, Texans would have been unfairly penalized again. Thankfully, Congress did and ensured tax equity. However, this unfair limitation is set to return in 2008. I remain dedicated to making this deduction permanent, so Texans are not treated like second-class citizens in regards to paying taxes.

The tax extenders package included several other measures that benefit our state's students, citizens and businesses. Among them is a deduction for college tuition and fees. This saves families thousands of dollars and allows a greater number of students to attend college each year. It allows those who earn up to \$65,000 (or \$130,000 for a married couple) to take an educational deduction worth up to \$4,000. Families with higher incomes (up to \$80,000 for an individual or \$160,000 for a couple) may qualify for a deduction worth up to \$2,000.

Another important part of this bill benefits classroom teachers, who will be allowed to deduct \$250 for classroom supplies and expenses. Our teachers certainly deserve a break for reaching into their own pockets to improve the learning environment of our children.

Low tax rates continue to stimulate our economy and create jobs. The economy has grown for 20 consecutive quarters. In the past year, almost 2 million jobs have been created, and the unemployment rate is 4.4 percent, which is lower than the average rate of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.

I firmly believe that taxpayers know better than the government how to spend their money, and I will continue to support pro-growth policies, because our nation benefits when taxpayers are allowed to keep more of what they earn.

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City Police Dispatcher Report

Arrest(s):

December 7, 2006
• 8:15 PM: Jacob Russell Cooper, 18, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.

December 9, 2006
• 4:00 PM: Francisco Borrego Galvan, 37, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a City of Sonora Municipal Court Warrant for Assault.

Incident(s):

December 4, 2006
• 2:33 PM: Caller reported a nuisance dog. Officer responded.

December 5, 2006
• 8:17 AM: Caller reported an injured deer. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 8:19 AM: Caller reported a dog on highway. Animal Control Officer notified.
• 8:38 AM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
• 10:29 AM: Caller reported a dead deer on highway. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 1:44 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
• 2:03 PM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 9:50 PM: Caller reported a mobile home on fire at the Stadium Trailer Park. Officer responded.

December 6, 2006
• 7:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 7:50 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 11:46 AM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.
• 2:15 PM: Caller reported a cat in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
• 6:15 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
• 6:40 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

December 7, 2006
• 4:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 4:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 5:50 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
• 6:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 7:45 PM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.
• 9:05 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
• 9:15 PM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.
• 9:30 PM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.

December 8, 2006
• 2:43 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Deputy and Officer responded.
• 3:11 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 4:05 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 1:00 PM: Caller reported a one-vehicle accident in the 500 block of Santa Clara.

December 9, 2006
• 12:50 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

December 10, 2006
• 11:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 1:30 PM: Caller reported a dog on highway. Officer responded.
• 6:35 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
• 10:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
• 11:30 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Education tops governor's goals for 80th Legislature

By Ed Sterling
AUSTIN - Aides for Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick - addressed a small group of newspaper editorial writers and publishers in a small forum Dec. 7 in Austin. The three took turns talking about their bosses' goals for the upcoming legislative session, which begins Jan. 9.

Kathy Walt, Perry's special assistant for communications, said the governor is pleased that the outgoing 79th Texas Legislature's handling of school finance and property tax reform takes those issues off the back of the incoming 80th Legislature.

Education continues to be Perry's highest priority, so he'll be working with the Legislature to increase higher education accessibility and affordability, Walt said.

Other Perry priorities:

- Increase border security and reduce crime.
- Simplify the state's spending limit formula, which presently is tied to growth in citizens' personal income. Perry believes the formula should be based on population growth, instead, Walt said.
- Require state agencies to post detailed budgets online.
- Amend the state constitution so that surplus tax dollars would be returned to taxpayers.
- Require the state comptroller to publish the methodology for making revenue estimates.
- Require universities and other state-supported institutions of higher learning to publish detailed cost breakdowns for instruction and maintenance and operations.

• Deliver on promise of property tax cuts.

• Solicit more citizen input on ways to accomplish property tax appraisal reform.

Dewhurst to hit child predators

Rich Parsons of Lt. Gov. Dewhurst's office said his boss is calling the next session "the children's session" because of plans to lower the boom on adults who commit sexual offenses against children by passing tougher laws.

Dewhurst wants to pass a Texas version of "Jessica's Law" - a Florida law that increased penalties against sex offenders whose victims are children.

Dewhurst is proposing that a first-time offender convicted of a sexual assault against a child under age 14 would get a 25-year sentence and lifetime monitoring after release. A second-time offender would be subject to the death penalty.

Parsons said the 200,000 teachers and 300,000 support personnel in Texas' public school system would be subject to background checks under Dewhurst's child-protection agenda.

Teacher union releases report
The American Federation of Teachers released a report titled "Building Minds, Minding Buildings - Turning Crumbling Schools into Environments for Learning."

The Texas Federation of Teachers endorsed the report. Findings assert that such conditions as mold, high temperatures, overcrowding, poor air quality and vermin infestation in too many public schools must be addressed immediately as a top educational priority.

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Comparing Forage Quality

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton Co. Extension Agent

Now that the growing season is over, land managers assess their range condition and what it offers for livestock or wildlife. They can evaluate the body condition of livestock to determine supplemental feeding. However, it is important to consider the forage quality in your pastures.

Grasses usually mature more rapidly than do shrubs, so they tend to lose certain nutrients faster. Grasses lose about 75% of their protein while shrubs only lose 40% of their protein during the period from early growth to seed formulation. Shrubs more often maintain their peak values throughout the growing season although reductions in protein and phosphorus and increases in lignin occur, but the protein level of shrubs are higher than in grasses.

Browse plants are generally deep-rooted and tend to store food reserves in the stem rather than in the roots. They do not decrease in protein, vitamin A and carbohydrates during dry periods or during the winter as much as grasses do. Woody plants transform sugar to starch in the summer and fall and change it back in winter. This probably makes little difference in nutritional value but it

might have an effect on palatability. Browse species are relatively low in energy because of their high lignin content in comparison to their cellulose content.

Gross energy and digestible energy are not good indicators of the true energy values of shrubs, because many of them contain high levels of essential oils, resins and waxes. These materials cause high energy levels but are not available for livestock metabolism. Shrubs are higher in phosphorus than grasses. Browse species decrease only slightly in carotene because of the high carotene content of bark on young twigs, while grasses lose their carotene very rapidly. Generally shrubs are higher in protein, phosphorus, carotene and ash than grasses, and forbs are intermediate.

There are large variations in forage value within a species and between species, but there are some general similarities among plant groups or classes. Most forage plants are high in nutrients during early growth. However, as they mature they lose nutrients markedly. Some plant species mature rapidly and as a result decrease substantially in nutritional value; other species mature rather slowly and consequently remain high in nutrients over an extended period. As growth stages advance, the nutritional differences among forage classes become more evident.

The Buck That Bill Boultinghouse Couldn't Kill

By Ray Glasscock

I know many people in Sonora have never met Bill Boultinghouse. Bill was my father's best friend, and he currently lives in San Antonio. Bill was a Master Sergeant in the Air Force, and he was the best shot on the Lackland Air Force Base shooting team. He came to Sonora to go hunting, and my father would also tease him when he would kill a deer. As my father would walk out to see what Bill had killed, he would always say, "Did you gut shoot another old doe?"

One day in 1964, my father told Bill and I to get in the pickup, and he would drive us around to see if we could find a big buck for Bill to shoot. We were driving in the pasture Wagon Bed when Daddy suddenly stopped the truck. "Shoot him," he cried. Bill and I looked and looked but we couldn't see anything. Finally, Daddy got in the back of the truck with us and pointed out the biggest buck either of us had ever seen standing in a thicket about 300 yards away.

I had never seen Bill so excited. Bill loaded his own ammo and he laid his 300 H&H Magnum (Mangle'um as Daddy called it) across the roof of the truck for a rest. KaBlam. The deer never flinched. KaBlam. Didn't even blink an eye. KaBlam. At this point, Daddy couldn't help himself, and he started laughing so hard that tears were rolling down his cheek. Bill knew he had been had. We got out of the pickup and walked across the canyon to see the buck that wouldn't die. Daddy had set up a stuffed trophy deer head from South Texas. It had fourteen points with a 20 inch spread. Bill had shot a three inch group right in the deer's wooden neck.

Lawmaker Discusses Make-up of 2007 Farm Bill

The ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee told Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers and ranchers that he expects the 2007 Farm Bill to be much like the 2002 Farm Bill with two exceptions: the addition of an aggressive energy program to produce bio-fuels and a permanent crop disaster relief program.

U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., at the invitation of Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas, toured the area recently and spoke to growers and commodity groups.

Peterson is poised to become secretary of the powerful Agriculture Committee now that the Democrats have regained the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives after the Nov. 7 election.

At a town hall meeting at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Weslaco, Peterson said renewable energy produced from crops was the most exciting development in agriculture in his lifetime.

In his home state of Minnesota, 19 farmer-owned co-op plants are producing ethanol from corn and soybeans and making "obscene" profits, he said. Profits from one plant paid for its construction in one year.

In addition to being profitable for growers, Peterson said producing fuels from crops will help wean the U.S. from foreign oil.

The 16-year veteran of the House said the immediate focus is to pass a disaster bill for growers throughout the country suffering from drought and other weather-related maladies. Disaster bill opponents have been "softening up" recently, he said, and he expected a bill to pass after the November elections.

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Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies -.30-.40
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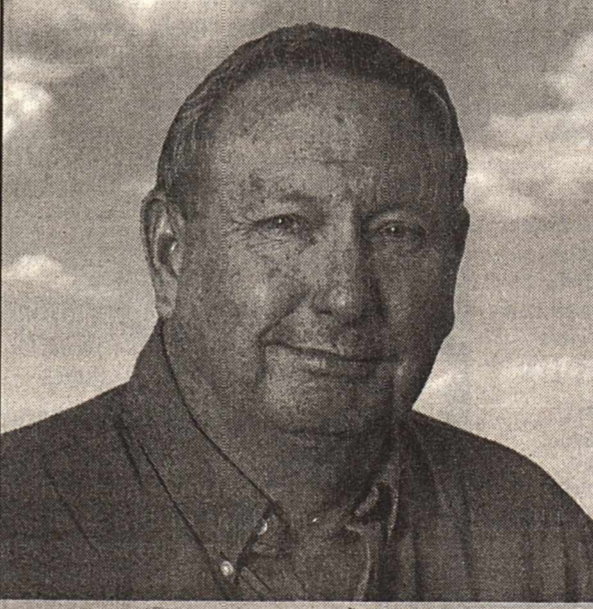
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Chavez. Before the Forney game, Cook had completed 67 of 140 passes for 1,388 yards and 19 touchdowns. He also rushed for 271 yards. Cook also led the Broncos in interceptions from his safety position. Chavez had caught 47 passes for 993 yards and 12 touchdowns. Sophomore Renfro had scored 233 points in his two years on varsity. In 1966, he had carried 118 times for 1,392 yards for a fantastic average of 11.5 yards per carry. He had caught 15 passes for 321 yards. Five of his touchdowns had covered more than 80 yards.

Forney was led by senior fullback, Larry Bush who had rushed for 1,755 yards on 272 carries and had scored 168 points. Forney had been in the playoffs six times in the last eight years and had compiled a record of 77 wins and 15 losses. Forney had a massive weight advantage over the Broncos at almost every position and they

held a big advantage at depth. Sonora had nine players who played both ways while Forney only had two. Forney started 13 seniors while Sonora had four seniors: tackle Wade Stokes, guard Brent Johnson, center Bert Bloodworth, and quarterback Cook.

I rode to Austin with my sister and her husband. It was incredibly cold and windy. We got lost, and I was terrified that we were going to miss the game. Luckily, we found the stadium about five minutes before kickoff. I sprinted to the stadium just in time to see the kickoff. (To this day, I get nervous thinking I am going to miss the opening kickoff of any Bronco game.) They kicked the ball to Ed Lee and he came straight up the field until near the 25 yard line where he cut to his left and almost got outside. They tackled him near the fifty. Forney held and the Broncos punted. Forney fumbled on their first offensive play

Forty Years Ago

of the game, and Sonora recovered at the Forney 23 yard line. Cook converted two third down situations with passes of ten and six yards to Chavez to reach the one yard line. Cook scored on the quarterback keeper. After Cook kicked the PAT, Forney was behind for the first time all year and had given up more than points in a game than they had in the previous 13 games.

Forney retaliated by marching 54 yards in eight plays. It appeared that Sonora was going to stop them on downs, but Forney scored on a half back pass on fourth down from the six yard line. Larry Bush, their 190 pound fullback, had carried the ball five times for 36 yards on that drive. The score was tied at seven with 3:11 left in the first quarter.

Cook directed the Broncos 12 plays to retake the lead with 10:19 left in the first half. On fourth and ten, Cook hit Nino Perez for a first down at the two yard line. Renfro scored on the next play. Forney's next score came on after a 49 yard return of a Cook interception set up a short score by Bush. The score was tied at 14 with 1:01 left in the second half.

However, Sonora barely escaped the first half with tie. Cook threw an interception giving Forney another chance to score. Tom Trainer, who was not a starter, saved the tie. Coach Snodgrass told me that Trainer entered the game in the secondary and lined up on the wrong side of the formation. Trainer was completely out of position from where he was supposed to be, but he was in the right place at the right time as he intercepted a Forney pass and stopped the Jackrabbits from taking a seven point lead.

During halftime in the locker room, Brent Johnson commented that "at least, we are tied at the half." Bert Bloodworth jumped on him and all of this teammates that "we are going to win this game!" As you will see as you read on, that Brent definitely listened to Bert.

Forney took the second half kickoff and easily marched down the field for a touchdown. Larry Bush got the score on a 38 yard run. Sonora responded with a eight play drive as Renfro scored on the counter play from 20 yards out. Either the holder mis-handled the PAT snap or Hopkins called a fake, but either way, Cook's pass for two points failed and Sonora trailed 21 to 20.

Once again, Bush led the Jackrabbits to a 64 yard touchdown drive as he scored from the two yard line upping the lead to 28 to 20.

Sonora responded with a six play drive. Renfro started to his right on the counter play. Brent Johnson sprung him with an outstanding block. Renfro ran straight at a defender who fell to his knees as he missed the tackle. Renfro outraced the Forney secondary for a 68 yard touchdown. Randy Gillit had the opportunity to talk to the Forney defender about 20 yards later. He said that Renfro looked him straight in the eye and then he was gone. "I knew I had him, and he just disappeared. I heard him laughing as he went by," said the Forney player. (This made me feel better as I had heard him laughing as he ran pass me as we played football in Ed Lee's front yard as kids.) The relief of Ed Lee's touchdown was short-lived as the two point conversion failed, and Forney still had the lead at 28 to 26.

After neither team could stop the other in the third quar-

ter, both defenses stepped up in the fourth quarter. The Jackrabbits' chance of a state championship would come to an end as they threw an interception to Cook and fumbled twice.

With less than five minutes to play, the Bronco defense stopped a third down play and the Jackrabbits were going to punt. I couldn't believe my eyes as Coach Hopkins didn't have Renfro back to field the punt. On the sidelines, Hopkins decided to go all out and try to get the punt blocked. He sent the 6'1" tall Tom Trainer into the game. Bert Bloodworth remembers that they were yelling at Wade Stokes to get out of the huddle when they saw Trainer running on to the field. Trainer blew through the line and blocked the punt. Brent Johnson fell on the ball and the Broncos took over with 4:39 left to play.

Coach Hopkins had put in the shotgun formation for this game only as he was afraid his offensive line couldn't stop the larger Jackrabbits. It was not like the shotgun formation one sees today. Cook lined up as if he were going to punt. All during the game, Bloodworth deep snapped the ball with perfection. The Broncos planned on trying to get within field goal range. Cook took the deep snap and it appeared that the offensive line just couldn't stop the onrushing defensive linemen. Cook tossed a perfect screen pass to Mike Gosney who gained about 20 yards to the 27 yard line. When they huddled up, Cook said, "I'm going for it." He came under center, dropped back, and threw a perfect pass to Chavez. Chavez made a diving catch in the end zone to take the lead. After Cook's PAT, the Broncos led 33 to 28.

On the next series, they fumbled on third down and Brent Johnson recovered. Cook called 48 sweep and the great offensive line opened a hole for Renfro. The Jackrabbit safety had the angle and caught Renfro at the three yard line. Three plays later, Gosney scored the insurance touchdown. Cook missed the PAT, but it didn't matter as the Broncos won 39 to 28.

Cook completed 17 of 31 passes for 175 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for a touchdown. Chavez, who was described by the Dallas Morning News as a tiny 140 receiver, caught nine passes for 113 yards and one touchdown. Renfro carried the ball 10 for 156 yards and three touchdowns.

I ran into Royce Miears and he told me that while the Forney boys were much bigger that they began to tire by the fourth quarter. Monty Dillard said he was blocking a 240 pound player. He also said he finished the game with four broken toes. I called Ed Lee and asked him what he remembered about the game. He said there were two reasons why the Broncos won that night. "Our offensive line played great. Laney had time to pass and they got me past the line of scrimmage. We practiced the counter play so many times that we had the timing down perfectly." He credits Coach Hopkins with getting his team in such great condition. "He ran his to death in practice. All of us. We ran forties, hundreds, and bleachers."

There have been many incredible Bronco games since, but this one will always be the greatest to me.



Managing Diabetes With Medications

By: Kelly L. Thorp, MS
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Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

Diabetes affects different people in different ways. Some people with type 2 diabetes never have to take medications to help control the disease; others do. Even though you may take excellent care of yourself and work closely with your health care provider to control your diabetes, you may still need to take medications. Diabetes is caused when the body either doesn't manufacture enough insulin or the insulin it does manufacture doesn't work right. When either of these things happen, the body can't get sugar from the blood into cells. To help control diabetes, you must control blood glucose (sugar) levels by:

- Following a meal plan prescribed by your doctor or dietitian;
- Exercising at least 30 minutes each day, at least three or four times a week;
- Taking prescribed medications (if any);
- Checking blood glucose levels on a regular basis.

Because type 2 diabetes is a progressive disease, your health care provider may want to adjust your treatment from time to time. That decision will be based on:

- Blood glucose levels that you measure before meals and at bedtime;
- Hemoglobin testing your doctor conducts every three months. Sometimes - even if you have been following your treatment plan closely and carefully - medication must be added. That does not mean you have done something wrong. These prescribed medications are just another tool for you to use in living healthfully with diabetes. Your doctor might prescribe diabetes pills to stimulate your body to make more insulin, lower the amount of sugar made by your liver or make your body more sensitive to the insulin it already makes. Or your doctor might put you on insulin injections. Insulin cannot be taken in pill form because it would be destroyed by the acids in your stomach. Since every person with diabetes is different, no one medicine works best for everybody. That's why you and your doctor must work together to determine which medicine in which dosage is best for you. If you and your doctor decide to include medication in your treatment, other sources of information might prove helpful too. Your pharmacist can answer any questions you might have about your medication. Some people like to get a copy of Physicians' Desk Reference, while others prefer something smaller, such as nurses' drug handbooks. Information is also available on the Internet, but make sure it's from a reliable source, such as the Web site of the American Diabetes Association or other well-known health organization. But no matter where you turn for answers to questions on your medication, some information is always necessary: When and how often do you take the medicine; does it need to be taken at the same time every day; what happens if you forget a dose; what are the possible side effects; and what steps are taken if side effects develop? Also, tell your doctor if you drink alcohol, since alcohol can produce

very low blood glucose levels when taking diabetes medicines. If you choose to drink alcohol when taking diabetes medicines, make sure you eat before doing so. Avoid mixed drinks containing sugar. One of the more common side effects of insulin - and sometimes of diabetic pills - is hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar (below 60 mg/dL). Hypoglycemia can happen at any time, but it's more common at night and during or after exercise. Common symptoms of hypoglycemia are: anxiousness or anger, sweating, shakiness, dizziness or confusion, decreased coordination, decreased ability to think, impatience, distorted vision and hunger. If you feel any of these symptoms, stop what you are doing immediately! And then eat or drink something that contains real sugar, such as a small box of raisins, five to seven pieces of hard candy or a cup of skim milk. Hypoglycemia can be dangerous if you are driving, so be sure to eat your regular meal before getting behind the wheel. Make sure your blood glucose level is at least 80 mg/dL be. Treat hypoglycemia quickly and work to avoid it as much as possible. And be sure to make a note of each time you experience hypoglycemia so you can consult with your doctor about ways to control it. Hyperglycemia is high blood glucose; if this condition occurs after treating hypoglycemia, it is known as "rebound hyperglycemia."

But one form of hyperglycemia - acute hyperglycemia, or very high blood glucose - is extremely dangerous and can be deadly. Acute hyperglycemia is usually caused by illness or undiagnosed diabetes. People who manage their diabetes with diet and exercise only and people who have a hard time walking or moving have an increased risk of developing this condition. Very high blood glucose levels are higher than 600 mg/dL. Symptoms include: dry, parched mouth; extreme thirst that may disappear; sleepiness or confusion; warm, dry skin with no sweating; and blood glucose that is more than 350 mg/dL. If you experience any of these symptoms, have someone take you to the hospital immediately. People with diabetes, like everybody everywhere, occasionally have sick days. Since your body considers illness as a stressor, blood sugar levels rise when you are sick. To take better care of yourself during these times:

- Always take your normal dose of insulin or pills, even if you aren't eating normally.
- Check your blood sugar levels every three to four hours.
- Eat sick-day foods - such as soup, rice or frozen fruit bars - if you are sick to your stomach.
- Drink a lot of caffeine-free liquids.
- If you have taken your diabetes medicine and you are vomiting, drink non-diet liquids to prevent hypoglycemia.
- Use sick-day medicines that have been approved by your doctor. Call your doctor if you:
- Have been sick for a day or two with no improvement;
- Have vomiting or diarrhea for more than six hours;
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Texas legislators urged to hold off on immigration debate

Business coalition says Congress needs to fix the problem through comprehensive immigration reform.

AUSTIN (Dec. 11, 2006) – Undocumented immigrants are changing the face of Texas and state legislators appear eager to respond to the challenges they present. But at a recent conference jointly sponsored by the Texas Association of Business (TAB) and Texas Employers for Immigration Reform (TEIR), lawmakers were told, "Don't rush to legislate."

The conference held Dec. 7 in downtown Austin covered the past and future of federal immigration policy, the economic effects of immigrants in the workforce, and whether Texas lawmakers should respond both to the needs of the foreign-born population and problems associated with unauthorized immigrant presence.

So far, close to a dozen immigration bills have been pre-filed by legislators on issues including benefits, education, employment and identification.

"A growing, prosperous Texas economy needs a growing population. Immigrants fill an enormous gap, to the tune of \$17.7 billion in state gross product, by serving in jobs that many citizens simply don't want to take or perform," said TAB President Bill Hammond. "Any immigration solution that ignores the needs of our economy will only delay reform and promote further illegal immigration, not end it."

Legislators heard from state Reps. Leo Berman, R-Tyler; and Rick Noriega, D-Houston; Tamar Jacoby, senior fellow at the New York-based Manhattan Policy Institute; Dan Stein, executive director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR); and Craig Regelbrugge, senior director of government relations for the American Nursery and Landscape Association.

Across the nation, 12 million undocumented workers fill critical jobs that would go empty or disappear because of the shortage of domestic workers.

"If the lack of workers is not addressed through comprehensive immigration reform, businesses will be forced to close their doors or move their operations," Hammond said.

"We can't just put walls around a broken system with state mandates and hope for the best – it is the Congress that needs to fix the system and it must do so on multiple fronts," Hammond said. "That means comprehensive reform that deals with local, state and national challenges and it must include a temporary guest worker program combined with clear, sensible workplace enforcement."

F.Y.I.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is an educational program for people with type 2 diabetes sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Sutton County Senior Center. Classes began October 19 and will be held on Thursdays at the Senior Center from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657. Transportation is available for senior citizens who qualify. The cost of the class is free.

USDA-NRCS offices in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties are accepting applications now through December 15, 2006 to be considered for 2007 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). If you wish to apply, please check with your Farm Services Agency (FSA) to make sure your farm records are current, then go by the NRCS office in the county where your property lies.

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Program and an Emergency Medical Technician – Completer Program beginning January 8th.

The program will be held on Monday's and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include one Saturday session each month until April 18th. Cost of the program is \$125.00 which includes tuition and books.

For more information or registration, please contact the Sutton County EMS at 387-5132.

4-H Club meeting December 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Food baskets will be assembled during the meeting. Drop-off canned food at the extension office or that afternoon at the Methodist Church.

Please join the 4th Annual Jingle Bell Parade in downtown Roosevelt, Texas on Saturday, December 23, 2006. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the festivities. Put jingle bells on your horse, bike, tractor, truck or on yourself and line up at the Roosevelt Community Center at 2:30 pm. The parade begins at 3:00 and Santa will listen to the children's wish lists at Simon Brothers Mercantile immediately afterward. For more information please call 325/446-8032.

Attention Market Lamb Exhibitors: Shearing date has been set for Wednesday December 27 at 8:00 a.m.

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