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Sutton County 4-H Civic Center Dedication



The Sutton County 4-H Civic Center Ribbon Cutting

March 20, 1999 was the day of the dedication of the new Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Many people have worked hard and waited a long time for this day. There were people representing all areas of town including City Officials, County Officials, both banks, the Sutton County Senior Center and businesses all over. The Old Tyme Country Band entertained guests as they wandered around getting their first look at all that is to be offered

in the new center that was brightly decorated in a Mexico theme. Those attending were served a fajita lunch, catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

The traditional ribbon cutting was done by Miss Sutton County Jamie Teasley, who was joined by the Building Committee members, as well as Texas Representative, Bob Turner.

The Master of Ceremonies, Committee Chairman Glen Fisher,

welcomed everyone by joking that the committee "could have finished sooner but they got along so well they decided to delay it." Fisher then introduced 4-H President Brady Lock who introduced Ashley Bible with the American Flag and Brandon West with the 4-H flag. Jaly Mabry led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H motto.

Kelly Thorp took the stand to recognize special guests in attendance and was followed by Preston Faris who gave some special thank s to several people who played key roles in the building of the center.

U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla, next to take the stand, stated that the citizens of Sonora should be proud of what they have accomplished - TOGETHER. Bonilla then said with a smile "if you had waited for the government to build this for you, it would have never gotten done."

Bonilla stressed how projects like this were important to our future, providing a place for our 4-H program which was such an asset for children today.

Preston Faris followed Bonilla's speech with a presentation

of the lighting available in the building, as well as a detailed account of rental details.

Bob Brockman, District 5 Chairman, Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assoc. then introduced Texas Representative Bob Turner.

Turner also expressed how impressed he was with what we had done as a community, with no state or federal money to help. He stated that this was "a good example of a community that can pull its own boots on." Turner also stressed how he feels that 4-H is special because it creates roots for future generations.

Diana Condra then presented the "grumpy old man" Glen Fisher, with a gift of gratitude for all time and effort he had put in to making this dream a reality.

The final item on the agenda was Miss Sutton County drawing the names of the winners of the T.V. and VCR that were being raffled off. Bill Stewart won the television and Leslie Thorp won the VCR.

Everyone who was fortunate to attend this would event will have to agree that it was worth the wait.



Sonora's Future Scientists

The following students (pictured above) placed in the Sonora Science fair and will attend the San Angelo Science Fair on Wednesday, March 24th.

Botany

1. Josh Everett
2. Carmelo Gomez
3. Karina Hernandez
4. Marybel DeLuna

Chemistry

1. Courtney Caruthers
2. Amy Giterrez
3. Stephanie Perez
4. Amanda Samaniego
5. Kelly Kearny
6. Cady Taylor

Medicine/Health

1. Landon Brockman
2. Wilson Wallace
3. Thomas Bloodworth
4. Albert Borrego
5. Ashley Parker
6. Jed Leal

Physics

1. Clayton Hicks
2. Dustin Rawls
3. Whitney Miller
4. Erika McClintock
5. Jesse Solis

Earth/Space Science

1. Amanda Sanchez

Biochemistry

1. Stetson Perez
2. Tabitha Oralle
3. Karla Dominguez
4. David Adkins

Microbiology

1. Suzanna Street
2. Zed Snodgrass

Engineering

1. Michelle Weingart
2. Wylie Wagoner
3. Heath Prather
4. Jared Parks
5. Claire Healy
6. David Cook

Behavioral/Social Science

1. Justin Odom
2. Shannon Vick
3. Morgan Hobbs
4. Chelsea Seaton
5. Megan Fitzgerald

Environmental Science

1. Tom Valliant
2. Elizabeth Elliott
3. Seth Prather
4. Marilyn Holman
5. Shane Benson

Zoology

1. Joseph Ainsworth
2. Allison Higdon
3. Vicky Vera
4. Kate Higdon

Sonora Merchants Association Preparing for Easter Bunny's Arrival



The Sonora Merchants Association is currently making plans for their annual community Easter Egg hunt and scavenger hunt. The hunt will be held on Saturday April 3, on the courthouse lawn. The Easter Egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, so it is advised to arrive a little early in order to register before the hunt begins. The scavenger hunt, which is reserved for children in 4th through 8th grades, will begin shortly after the egg hunt begins. Registration for both the egg and scavenger hunts will be at the courthouse. Everyone who registers will be eligible for the drawing for a 3-foot party sub, compliments of Sonora Sub-Way.

The Easter Egg hunt will be organized in the same manner, that they have been in the past, with four different age divisions. Each

age division will have a grand prize for the lucky hunter who finds the prize egg. The different age divisions will be divided as follows:

- 2 years and under
- 3 and 4 years
- Kindergarten and 1st grades
- 2nd and 3rd grades

The scavenger hunt will once again be conducted for all children in the 4th through eighth grades. The grand prize for the scavenger hunt will be a mountain bike, donated by Dr. Pepper and Town & Country Food Stores.

The community Easter Egg hunt has grown to become one of the more popular community events in Sonora, and everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the festivities.



Hand & Foot was one of the many games enjoyed at the Hospital Auxiliary's game night.

Hospital Auxiliary Game Night

The 1999 Hospital Auxiliary Game Night was much better attended than previous years. This is one of the Auxiliary's largest fund raisers, held each year to raise money for anything that is needed at the hospital. A light dinner was provided in part by the Sutton County Steakhouse and in part by individuals. "Celebrity" waiters for the

evening were Jim Stevens, Mike Hale and Jamie Parker, who served tea to the attendees.

Linda Love reported that the event was looking to raise almost \$2,000.

Games that were played included Bridge, Hand & Foot, "42" and Chicken Foot.

For more pictures of the Game Night fun see page 8.

School Board Votes on 1999-2000 School Year Calendar

The S.I.S.D. School Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order and Dr. William Harlan gave the invocation. The first order of business was the cafeteria report given by Tina Weaver. She reported that they had an ice machine go down this month, which cost about \$1800 to repair, but luckily they had received some money from the state, based on the number of children in our lunch program. With this money, Weaver reported a loss of \$21,224 for the school year. That amount was about average compared to other schools that she had contacted in the area. Weaver went on to report that one cafeteria employee had resigned this month and they were not planning to replace her with a full time employee at this time, thus saving money for the cafeteria. With only two months left, Weaver expressed her hope that they could finish out the year without much more loss. The report was concluded by stating that the opening of the Santa Fe Express had affected the number of meals eaten in the cafeteria, but that if it weren't for the broken ice machine and some other costly mechanical repairs the cafeteria would have broke even.

Next on the agenda was an energy report presented by WTU representatives Sharon Tinsley and Jeff Cowgill. Cowgill explained how he and Dr. Harlan had begun researching the electricity problems at the High School a few months back, with the primary concern of giving the best service at the best rates. A "demand" meter was put on the high school to measure kilowatt usage. It was found that by using this type of meter it would save the high school about \$5,000. The board was questioning whether or not the S.I.S.D. could receive a refund since this type of meter was not in place before. Cowgill informed the board that this was not feasible since there was no negligence on WTU's part because there was no way to know that this type of meter would have been better without this type of research and that it would not necessarily have been the best answer several months back. It all depends on how kilowatt usage changes. The hotter summers, summer school classes, etc. were the cause for some of the change in usage. Cowgill went on to explain that this type of meter would not be best for the other school buildings. Cowgill assured the board that from here on out they would be aware if

any type of usage changes took place. A rather intense discussion then took place between board member Clifton and Cowgill on whether or not everything that could be done, had been, and whether this account had been handled correctly. It was decided that a letter from the top authority of WTU be written to the S.I.S.D. justifying their actions as responsible and accurate.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Rex Ann Friess was next on the agenda and reported that 96% of taxes had been collected and this was the same as this time last year. Friess went on to discuss the 20% Homestead exemption that was granted in 1995. She informed the board that about \$7 million lost because of this and if they came to crunching figures this was an area that could be reviewed.

The minutes from the Feb. 8 meeting and the payment of \$312,750.39 in bills were approved. A budget amendment regarding the allotment of some federal money was discussed and approved.

The audit firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant & Featherston was approved for the audit year ending 8/31/99, followed

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Are You Ready to Spend an Evening with the Stars?

Imagine being in the same room with such celebrities as Dolly Parton, Andy Rooney, Oprah Winfrey and even the King himself, Elvis. If you have always dreamed of meeting these people, you are going to get your chance sooner than you ever thought. These are just a few of the celebrities planning to attend the 1999 Chamber Banquet.

The Banquet is scheduled for April 22, at the Community Center. Tables can now be purchased from the Chamber Office or from Linda Love, banquet committee chairperson, for \$150 per table. Each table will seat 10 people so your company will be able to buy a table and be assured of having seats together. If you buy a table, your company will

also be able to decorate the table and be entered in the table-decorating contest. The winning company in the table-decorating contest will receive a catered coffee break at their office, complete with coffee, donuts, pastries and all the trimmings.

Individual tickets will go on sale in the near future and will be sold for \$15 per ticket. Individual tickets will be sold at the Chamber Office or can be purchased from any of the Chamber Directors.

Along with lots of fun, the Chamber Banquet is designed to be a way to say thank you to all of our dedicated chamber members and volunteers who support us every year. If it were not for you, the membership, several of the things we do would not be possible.

City Council Awards Roofing Repair Bid

Submitted

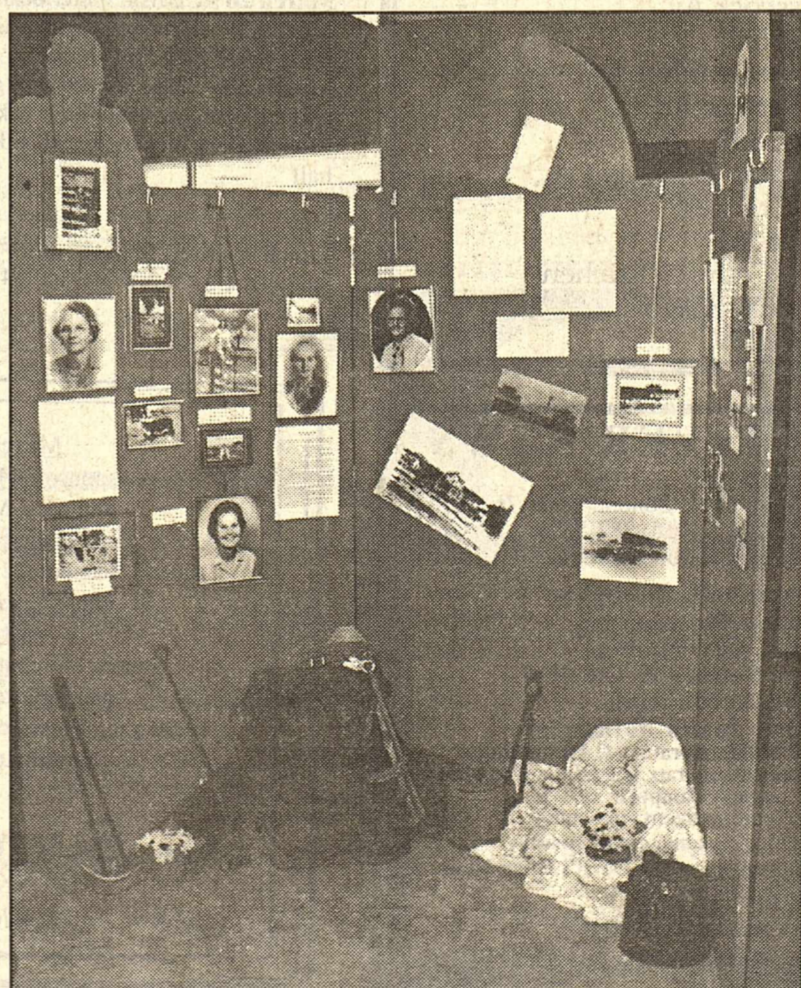
On March 16, 1999, the City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall with the following to wit: JoAnn Hernandez-Mayor, James Blackman-Councilmember, Butch Campbell-Councilmember, Kyle Donaldson-Councilmember, Fred Perez-Councilmember, Brent Gesch-City Manager, Beth Wallace-City Attorney and Becky Covington-City Secretary. Others attending were Chris Croy, Don Sessom, Jim Garrett, Ann Kay, Vivian Miers, James McLaughlin, Juanita Mesa, Jack Rice, Phil McCormick, Anita Hudson and Sue Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Judge Sessom delivered the invocation, followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance."

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 16, 1999 as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donaldson and the votes carried.

The monthly tax collection report showed 87.6% of current taxes collected through February.

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The Ranch Women Exhibit opened March 21, 1999 at The Bank & Trust. For more pictures of the reception see page 9.

Obituary

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman,
Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves,
Pastor
201 N Water
387-2466

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E 2nd St.
387-5366

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E Mulberry
387-2616

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Sessom
511 Cornell
387-5215

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Monty Price
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SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Justine Weatherby Fields

Justine Weatherby Fields, 87, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in a local nursing home. She had been a resident of Sonora since 1932.

Justine was born February 19, 1912, in San Angelo to Robert W. Weatherby and Lena Tripp Weatherby. In 1932, Justine married W. J. "Bill" Fields Jr., who was a member of a prominent pioneer ranching family in Sutton County. He preceded her in death in 1961.

Justine was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church and served on the Altar Guild for many years.

She was the last living, founding member of the Fling Ding Club. Justine and other members of the Fields family were honored by the Texas Department of Agriculture when they were inducted into the Family Land Heritage Program in

1986. She is survived by her children, Fred Earwood Fields of Austin and Mary Francine Hardeman of Sonora; and four granddaughters, Michelle Hutcheson, Millicent Jackson and Ann Jene Bunyard, all of Austin, and Bevin Bunyard of San Antonio; and she was blessed with four great-grandchildren before her death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank Dr. Charles Pajestka and the nurses and staff of Hudspeth Nursing Home. A special thanks to Alda Duran.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Memorial Fund or the Sutton County Library.

Carolina Estrada

Carolina Flores Estrada, 79, died Sunday, March 21, 1999, at her residence.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at St. Paschal Catholic Church with burial in Sterling City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Ross Funeral Home.

She was born November 18, 1919, in Big Spring and had been a resident of Sterling City for 50 years. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include five sons, Pedro Estrada of San Angelo,

Enrique Estrada of Sterling City, Edward Estrada of San Antonio, Felipe Estrada and Ramon Estrada, both of Sonora; six daughters, Cruz Salazar and Lupe Castillo, both of Big Spring, Rosa E. Montez and Alicia E. Moreno, both of San Antonio, and Adela E. DeHoyos and Theresa Sanchez, both of Sterling City; a brother, Johnny Flores of Big Spring; three sisters, Erlinda Lujan and Maria Marin, both of Big Spring, and Matilda Reyes of San Marcos; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the people who visited, sent flowers, prayers and gifts for Robert Luna during his open heart surgery.

Sincerely,
From all the Luna Family

Schleicher County Volunteer E.M.S. would like to thank Travis Osborne, Martha Santellano, the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department for their assistance with the recent motor vehicle accident which took place in Schleicher County. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Schleicher County Volunteer Emergency Medical Service

The family and friends of Molly "Nana" Crenwelge Hite want to give their heartfelt thanks to all the past and present staff at the nursing home, Dr. Calderon along with the hospital staff, and the E.M.T. personnel and Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary.

A special thanks to Pat and Butch Campbell and Pat and Dorothy Jungk for their love and support through the years.

Ruby Lee Beckham, Donny and Kim Yocham and Family, Dennis Jolly, Kenneth and Alissa Jolly and Family

Elementary News

Sonora Elementary Parent Surveys were distributed on Monday. If you have not already returned the completed survey, please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to school by Monday. We appreciate your input and ideas as we make plans for school improvement and the 1999-2000 school year. Thanks for your help!

Sonora Elementary is accepting nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program for grades 1-5. All students are eligible for the nomination for this program. Students may be nominated by parents/guardians, teachers, themselves, or other school personnel. Nominations from parents must be received by March 26. Nomination information was distributed with the Schedule of Events last week. If you have questions, please call the school office.

Congratulations to the following classes who were the winners of the Class Attendance Contest for the 4th Six Weeks:

- Kinder- Mrs. Burnham's Class- 96.4%
- 1st Grade- Mrs. Jones Class- 97.0%
- 2nd Grade- Mrs. York's Class- 96.5%
- 3rd Grade- Mrs. Bloodworth's Class- 98.5%
- 4th Grade- Mrs. Cole's Class- 96.5%
- 5th Grade- Mrs. Herring's Class- 97.1%

Little Dribblers Award
Ceremonies to be held on
Friday, March 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

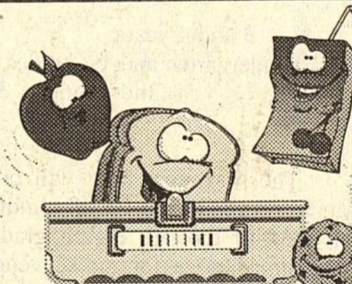
Senior Center News

March 26 - Birthday Party for March Babies! After lunch
March 28 - Palm Sunday
March 29 - Bingo!

Senior Center Menu

March 26 - Catfish, butter beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peach cobbler
March 29 - Beef liver with onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple juice, pecan pie
March 30 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, tomato slices, orange juice, heavenly hash cake
March 31 - Chicken breast with gravy, baked potato, okra, roll, peach half

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for all others.



School
Lunch Menu
March 29 - April 2

Breakfast

Mon.- Cheese toast, juice, fruit
Tues.- Pigs in a blanket, juice, fruit
Wed.- Sweet rolls, fruit, juice
Thurs.- Scrambled eggs, ham, toast, juice
Fri.- No School- Happy Easter!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

Lunch

Mon.- BBQ on a bun, pickles, onions, toss salad, beans, cookies
Tues.- Breaded chicken, rice & broccoli casserole, biscuits, fruit
Wed.- Beef & cheese nachos, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, hot sauce, cake
Thurs.- Baked Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding
Fri.- No School - Happy Easter!

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March 27
P.T.A. sponsored Family Portraits -
Saturday, March 27th
March 31
Lenten Luncheon 12:00 Noon hosted by
St. John's Episcopal Church
April 3
Sonora Merchants Association
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. (Please come 15 min. early)
Courthouse Lawn

The Community Calendar

SUTTON COUNTY
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Calendar

April 4
Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
at The Depot
April 19
Elementary P.T.A. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Singing Program by PK-2nd Graders
April 16
A.C.S. Fundraiser - Night Golf Scramble
sponsored by The Outlaw Gang

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Ask the Historical Society



Hattie B. Cusenbary's 6th grade class in Sonora - 1918. Can you identify any of these students?

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have any information on W. A. and Ada Stewart?

A. On March 1, 1890, before the Devil's River News existed, Miss Euphemia Stewart, daughter of W. A. and Ada Stewart, that was born on December 5, 1882, was the 9th person to die during a siege of La Grippe and measles. It was said that Mr. Stewart never got over the death of his daughter.

Devil's River News
November 8, 1890 - Stewart & Clark, contractors, builders and windmill fitters, all orders will receive personal attention. Sonora, Texas

November 15, 1890 - W. A. Stewart, of the firm of Stewart & Clark, left last Friday for Fort Worth, where he will buy a large and well-assorted stock of pumps, windmills, tanks, etc. Competitors will find it hard catch up once they get started.

December 27, 1890 - Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart entertained a few friends at dinner Christmas day, in a right royal manner. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Callahan, Misses Dee Drake, Annie and Ollie Gurley, Albert Costley, Raymond Callahan, Bailey Poor and Mike Murphy.

Note: on December 27, 1890, Mr. W. A. Stewart was fined for firing a gun in a public place.

January 24, 1891 - Jno. F. Steagall bought of W. A. Stewart, this week, 1600 stock sheep at \$2.00 per head, which increases his flock of breeding ewes to 3500 head.

January 31, 1891 - Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are now occupying their new home, the Birtrong residence.

February 14, 1891 - Edward M. Day died at Bartlett, Texas, on

Friday Feb. 6th, of inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Day was a half brother to Mrs. W. A. Stewart and H. B. Pool of Sonora. Mrs Stewart accompanied by her sister Miss Buena Day, of Bartlett, arrived in Sonora Thursday.

March 28, 1891 - W. H. Cusenbary, popular young druggist, married Miss Annie Gurley, at the school house Wednesday night. After the ceremony the party, with a few friends were driven to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart and a regal supper right royally disposed of. They then returned to the school house where a reception and dance were held for a few hours. E. S. Briant was best man.

April 4, 1891- Mrs. W. A. Stewart will open a millinery shop on Main St. near the News office, and will carry a complete line of goods.

July 18, 1891 - County Judge Dunagan, appointed the following World's Fair committee for Sutton Co.: Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Miss May Callahan, Messrs. L. N. Halbert, J. A. Hagerlund, D. J. Dunagan, W. B. Silliman and Mike Murphy.

Note: 1895 from Sheriff's finance, No. 101 fined for firing a gun in public place, intoxication.

June 20, 1896-Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart held a Leap Year party at their residence with the following in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cusenbary, Misses Jessie and Lillian Ruberth, Ollie Gurley, Mona Rountree, Florence Felton and Messrs. C. J. Nichols, Es. S. Briant, Felix Vander Stucken, T. D. Newell, D. H. Burroughs and Steve Murphy.

April 15, 1899 - Died in Sonora, on Wednesday, April 12, 1899, W. A. Stewart, aged 35 years. The funeral took place in Sonora Cemetery Thursday and was attended by a large number of citizens and friends. Deceased was one of the Pioneers of

Sonora and in 1892 was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of precinct No. 1 and being re-elected successively each election since then and he held that office at the time of his death. Deceased leaves a wife and son to mourn his untimely end. The death was ruled a suicide. (Records show he was born May 11, 1852 in Missouri)

Mr. W. A. Stewart had an office in the Sutton Co. Courthouse, upstairs, in the northwest corner. According to the coronor's report Stewart was found there lying on his back with a six shooter tightly clutched in his right hand and a bullet hole ranging from the mouth back through the back of the brain. He had left the following note: "This is hard for me to write and I can't help if I can't see any future in this world for me. I have no pleasure at home nor anywhere else so I will kill myself and then soon be forgotten."

Now I would ask one favor and that is I want to be buried by my little girl Euphemia Stewart and I want to be buried cheap as pasable I don't care how cheap. Good bye W. A. Stewart."

It was said that his blood stains showed on the floor in the courthouse for many years until sanding of the floor eliminated them.

Mrs. Stewart buried Mr. Stewart in the farthest corner of their family plot from Euphemia that she could.

Ada Stewart kept the Stewart House and ran it as a boarding house. She married Fred Koenig and the marriage was annulled and dissolved Nov. 6, 1903.

Devil's River News, January 6, 1912 Mrs. Ada Stewart former resident of Sonora, late of Bell Co., appointed Matron of Texas School for Blind. (Records show she never

served as Matron at this facility as claimed in this article. We do know from family records that she worked as housekeeper for Judge Tayloe in San Antonio.)

San Antonio Express, January 8, 1939

Mrs. Ada Stewart, 77, died at the Chandler Home late Saturday night after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon with Rev. Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. A native Texan and a resident of San Antonio for 20 years, Mrs. Stewart is survived by two brothers, W. M. Pool of Lubbock and A. R. Pool of Muleshoe, and a sister, Mrs. R. C. Ellison of Granger. (No mention is made of place of burial and there is no marker in the cemetery here for her.)

I never could find anything that said what W. A. Stewart and Ada Stewart had named their son and did not have time to check the census records that he should be listed on. He is not mentioned by name in the obituary and is not on her obituary. Possibly he died before her but there are no graves marked in the Stewart plot except those of Euphemia and W. A. Stewart. This is all the information we have on file except for a few other social events they attended and several school functions attended by Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart was related to the Gurley, Briant, Pool, Tayloe and several other families in Sonora.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 you may e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net, drop them off at the Devil's River News office on Main St., or call me at 915-387-2855.

OOPS!!!!
We got a little anxious about the American Cancer Society's 1999 Relay For Life. It is May 14 -15, not March as we printed last week!! Sorry for the mistake, but we still hope to see you there!!!
"A Team Event To Fight Cancer" Join the Fun!

Brown. Thanks to my helpers: Lesa, Amelia and Lilia and to all who donate things for our crafts. Everyone had a good time. Come by Center and check out baskets!

Open House-Civic Center: Seniors who went and enjoyed meal and music were Pablo Favela, Lupe Chavez, Jacinto Garza, Kathleen Moore, Linda Cumpian, Maria Leija, Candi Guerra, Santos Brown, Rosalia Chavez, Lucy Ramos helpers were Lilia Flores Lesa and Amelia. Thanks again.

The 18th Annual Texas Joint Conference on Aging will be April 25-28, 1999 in Fort Worth, Texas. Hopefully, I will be able to attend like before and Olivia Longoria will be going also. The Joint Conference provides an opportunity to network with other agencies and get feed back on how they work with the difference is and similarities of other organizations, There is a good variety of workshops.

Bye til next time and thanks again to all of you who do so much for our Senior Center and our Senior Citizens!
 Juanita Mesa

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Senior Center News

CEAP-Energy Assistance Program with Janet and Dolores from San Angelo-they will be here on Tuesday, April 13th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call and sign up now!

Remember Daylight Savings Time begins April 4th. Don't forget to move your clock forward one hour! We will be closed for "Good Friday" on April 2nd. Easter Party and Bingo will be on Thursday, April 1st after lunch. Everyone welcome. We will have "Easter goodies" for Bingo prizes!

We will have a Video and Seminar on "Diabetes" thanks to Senior Network, Inc. Very good information and brochure about what to do if you are a diabetic and how to take care of yourself. Take control and feel better. This will be held after lunch on Thursday, April 15th.

Blood pressure and sugar blood checks with Maria and Noemi (TDHS) on Wednesday, April 14th from 11-1 p.m.

Birthday Party for April will be on Friday 30th! April babies are:

Glen Krieg, Francisco Bianueba, Jack Kerbow, Jose Sentena, Charlotte Wilson, Espy Samaniego, Leonor Reyna, Nadine Porter, Joe Garcia, Oscar Galindo, Santos Brown, Aurora Cardenas, Ancieto Ramos, Eloisa Gamez, Gilberto Lumbrellas, Elizabeth Sanchez- if you are not on our Birthday list, please call and let us know. Come and enjoy a piece of cake with us! Happy Birthday to our Van Driver-Lilia C. Flores on April 5th.

I would like to thank all who donate Bingo prizes for our Senior Citizens. Thanks to JoAnn Palmer, Eloida Galindo, Mrs. Flores Family, Marie Aldwell, Elsa Trevino, Pattie Prather, Laura West and my staff for the great prizes.

We had a really good turn out for our Easter Crafts! We made beautiful Easter baskets out of cans. Those who stayed for crafts were: Rosa Galindo, Candi Guerra, Aurora Cardenas, Euloja Flores, Ofilia Torres, Emma Harris, Kathleen Moore, Ellen Depugh, Linda Cumpian, Maria Leija, Odell Flores, Lala Morales, and Santos

Easter Extravaganza

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NEW releases for this week are:

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- WCW Halloween
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March 30
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Juan Guera
Traci Lopez
Roy Luna
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Kelsey Favila
Lizette Lira
Simon Murillo
Michael David Sanchez

Math & Science Team Competes in San Antonio

Members of the Sonora High School Math and Science Team traveled to the University of Texas in San Antonio to compete on Saturday, March 20, in the TMSA State Meet. Events participated in were as follows: NS - Number sense, M - Math, C - Calculator, S - Science. Participating at the meet were: Juniors, Wes Baumgardner - NS, M; Russ Dempsey - NS, C, M, S; Sloan Holley - S; Alan Nicholas - M, S and Isaac Ramos - NS, M. Sophomores participating were Cody Ainsworth - NS, C, M, S; Joe Flores - C, M, S and Cameron Sims - NS, C, M, S.

Flores - C, M, S and Cameron Sims - NS, C, M, S.

Students competed against the top students in the entire state in their grade level & classification. Scholarships totaling \$10,500 were awarded to Seniors at this meet. Congratulations to all that participated.

The team will participate in the U.I.L. District meet in Science on Thursday, March 25th and all other academic U.I.L. categories on Saturday, March 27th in Eldorado.

Bronco Baseball Brings Home Second

Submitted
The varsity baseball Broncos competed in the 8th Annual Alpine Fightin' Buck Baseball Tournament on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. The Broncos drew the Fightin' Buck junior varsity in the first round at 3:30 on Thursday. Homer Lozano was the starter for the Broncos, and pitched 4 innings on his 50-pitch limit, before yielding to Bryce Williams for an inning, in the game shortened by the 10-run rule. Lozano struck out 4 and hit a batter in his one-hit effort, and Williams walked a batter and struck out a batter, while also allowing only one hit. Offensively, Bryce Williams led the offensive charge by the Broncos with 3-hit, 2 of them doubles and 3 RBIs. Tanner Fields and Greg Hughes also had two hits. Lupe Ramon and Edgar Gonzalez had 3 RBIs. The Broncos won the game 13-0 with a 12-hit offensive attack.

The victory over the Buck JV won the Broncos the right to play the Crane Golden Cranes in the 2nd round. The Golden Cranes had defeated the Broncos in the championship game of the 1998 Fightin' Buck Tournament. Friday was a different story for the Broncos, though. After errors and a couple of Golden Crane hits in the first half of the 1st inning notched the Cranes a run, the Broncos came storming back with four runs. Tanner Fields started the rally by reaching base on a hit by pitch. He stole second base then was moved to third when Ubaldo

Vaquera grounded out to short. A passed ball by the Crane catcher tied the game as Fields scored, then Lupe Ramon reached, also being hit by the pitch. David Mayer reached on a Crane error, and Greg Hughes and Edgar Gonzalez walked to score Ramon. Javier Gaytan then hit into a fielder's choice which retired Mayer at the plate and sophomore, Matt Torres plated Hughes and Gonzalez with a key 2-out double to left-center, putting the Broncos up to stay by a 4-1 score at the end of one inning. While two more Bronco errors in the top of the 2nd combined with a couple of hits gave the Golden Cranes two runs, the Broncos again came charging back in the bottom of the bottom half of the inning. Fields led off the inning with a double to right field, and was knocked in by Vaquera's single. Vaquera was then caught stealing, followed by a Ramon single. Ramon was out on a Mayer grounder to short, and Mayer eventually scored following a single by Hughes, and a hit by pitch by Gonzalez and an RBI walk to Gaytan. The Broncos scored once more in the bottom of the 4th when Lupe Ramon led off with a triple and scored on David Mayer's ground out to shortstop. David Mayer moved his record to 3-1, allowing 3 unearned runs to the Cranes, striking out 5, walking 2, and allowing only 4 hits in 5 innings of work. In the 7-4 Bronco victory, Nick Lozano pitched an inning for

the save. The host Alpine Bucks defeated Ozona 14-4 and Presidio 16-0 to advance to the Championship against the Broncos. Edgar Gonzalez, the Bronco starter got off to a rocky start, with a hit batsman, two walks, and two balks in the first inning as the Bucks jumped out to a 4-0 lead. The Broncos were unable to score in the bottom half of the inning, but another walk, a home run and a double by the Bucks put them up 7-0 at the end of two innings. In the bottom of the 2nd Greg Hughes led off with a double and Javier Gaytan drove him home with a single before the rally was cut short by a Buck triple play. Gonzalez held the Bucks at bay in the top of the 3rd and in the bottom of the inning the Bronco bats came alive as they rallied back into the game. Jerrad Solis walked to lead off and Tanner Fields singled to right center. Lupe Ramon drove home Solis, then David Mayer singled up the middle to score both Fields and Ramon, Greg Hughes then drove Mayer home with a single to right center, Matt Torres reached on an error by the Alpine second baseman, and Hughes stole home on the double steal. Javier Gaytan doubled and was stranded at second, but not before the score was cut to 7-6 in the Bucks favor. Nick Lozano came on in relief of Gonzalez in the top of the 4th, and after he retired Justin Yarborough, the Bucks leadoff hitter. The

Broncos made errors on the next 4 batters, followed by two Alpine singles that plated 4 unearned runs. At the end of 3 and 1/2, the score stood with Alpine 11-6 in the lead.

The Broncos were quiet in the bottom half of the inning and after the Bucks made it 12-6 in the top of the 5th, Sonora went back to work, as Anthony Sanchez doubled to the deepest part of the ballpark, plating Matt Torres and Javier Gaytan. The Bucks again took advantage of some shoddy defense by the Broncos to add seven unearned runs in the top of the 6th aided by two Bronco errors, a wild pitch, and a passed ball. The 19-8 lead was too much to overcome, although the Broncos added three runs in the bottom of the sixth on a two RBI double by David Mayer that scored Fields and Ramon and an RBI single by Greg Hughes that scored Mayer. The game ended in favor of the Bucks 19-11, and the Broncos finished the tournament as the second place team.

"We had a good non-district schedule and we came out with a lot of experience against some very good teams," said Coach Savell. "We are ready for district, but to reach the goals we have for this team, we are going to have to be more consistent on defense. We have hit the ball well, and our pitchers have performed well, but we have to make the routine plays advance deep into the playoffs."

Come Celebrate Holy Week & Easter at Saint Ann's Catholic Church

Sat. March 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Mass - Blessing of the Palms
Sun. March 28 - 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Mass - Palm Sunday Blessing of the Palms
Mon. March 29 - 8:30 a.m. - Mass
Tues. March 30 - 7:00 p.m. - Mass
Wed. March 31 - 8:30 a.m. - Mass
6:00 p.m. - Penitential Service for Junior High School Students
7:00 p.m. - Penitential Service for Senior High School Students
April 1, Holy Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Confessions
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - After Mass Adoration until Midnight

S.H.S. Tennis

Submitted
The S.H.S. Tennis team was on the road again last weekend. They traveled to Reagan County to attend the Invitational Tournament. Sonora swept the tournament taking 1st place with 52 points. The closest team behind had 28 points, taking 2nd. There were 21 teams who attended the tournament. Playing for Sonora was: girls singles, Johanna Wade and Katy Cariens; girls doubles, Kristen Hardgrave

and Lindsey Bowers, Ashley Brockman and Lizzie Chavez; boys singles, Dustin Dillard and Clint Bowers; boys doubles, Matt Routh and Brad Mogford and Reece Simpler and Bryce Williams.


Both girls singles players did extremely well. Johanna Wade won her first two rounds, to play in the quarter-finals. She was upset by Martinez from Ozona, who took 2nd place. Katy Cariens advanced through her rounds, making it to the finals. She also played Martinez, defeating her to take 1st place. In girls doubles, Kristen Hardgrave and Lindsey Bowers won their first round, but lost in the second round to a team from Crane. Ashley Brockman and Lizzie Chavez won

their first four rounds, to play a team from Reagan County in the finals. Brockman and Chavez received 1st place.

Dustin Dillard and Clint Bowers both played well, but had tough draws. Dillard advanced to the quarter-finals, but was beaten by a player from Forsan. Bowers was upset in his first round, won his second, but was defeated in the third round. The doubles team of Matt Routh and Brad Mogford lost their first round, but came back to win consolation. Reece Simpler and Bryce Williams won their first 4 rounds also, playing Rainey and Bailey from Irion County in the finals. Simpler and Williams also took first place.

Also traveling with the team were, Japha Word and Cassi Cole, girls doubles; Bryce Williams and Chance Dillard, boys singles. Word and Cole played hard, advancing easily to the quarter finals. The girls were beaten that round. Williams had a tough draw, having to play Dustin Dillard in his second round. Williams was defeated. Chance Dillard lost his first round, won his second, but was beaten in the third round.

The Reagan County Invitational Tournament was a success for the S.H.S. Tennis team. Congratulations to the team for receiving 1st place!



St. John's Episcopal Church

Holy Week Schedule

March 28, SUNDAY OF THE PASSION - Procession from the Parish Hall to the Church 10:00 a.m.
St. James', Ft. McKavett
4:00 p.m. PALM SUNDAY Service

March 29, MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.

March 30, TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.

March 31, WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
Noon, Lenten Lunch sponsored by St. John's
6:00 p.m. Eucharist and Healing Service
Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

April 1, MAUNDY THURSDAY
Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 6:00 p.m.

April 2, GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross and Solemn Vigil
12:00 noon 'til 3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from reserved sacrament

April 3, HOLY SATURDAY
Service of prayer and meditation 10:30 a.m.

SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR

April 4, EASTER - HE IS RISEN!
Sunrise Service at the Depot 7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Easter Party
10:00 a.m. Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Easter Eucharist
Ft. James', Ft. McKavett
4:00 p.m. Easter Eucharist

You are invited to any or all of these services!
Make a commitment to your Lord this week!

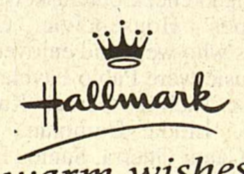
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Junior High Tennis Tournament

Submitted
Sonora Middle School Tennis Tournament
March 20, 1999

7th grade:
boys singles:
Garza-Ozono-1st, Gray-Ozono-2nd, Gore-Big Lake-3rd, Carmelo Gomez- Sonora-4th place, Villareal- Big Lake-Consolation.

girls singles:
Gardiner- Eldorado-1st, Leal-Eldorado-2nd, Ridgeway- Big Lake-3rd, Thompson- Big Lake-4th, Evangelina Martinez-Sonora-Consolation.

boys doubles:
Brown and Ramirez-Big Lake-1st, Najerra and Ybarra- Big Lake-2nd, Chavez and Arispe- Eldorado-3rd, Wiley and Humphrey- Ozona-Consolation. Joseph Ainsworth and Peter Duran made a good showing

for Sonora.

girls double:
Kayla Canon and Laura Word played great! They have a lot of potential. They received 1st place. Gesch and Bangeman- Ozona-2nd, Ragsdale and Homer- Eldorado-3rd and Elizabeth Elliott and Dainah Hernandez-4th place. William and Garza- Ozona-Consolation.

8th grade:
girls singles:
Necessary - Ozona - 1st
Bangeman - Ozona - 2nd,
Jackson - Big Lake-3rd, Lively- Eldorado-Consolation.

boys singles:
Faught- Ozona-1st, Aguilar- Big Lake-2nd, Phillips- Eldorado-3rd, Justin Sims-4th place and Reyes-Big Lake-Consolation.

girls doubles:
Brown and Wanorek-

Eldorado-1st, Snelson and Sawyer-Eldorado-2nd, Bullard and Wilson-Ozono- 3rd, Contreras and Morgan-Big Lake- Consolation. Morgan Hobbs and Claire Healy made a good showing. It was their first time to play together.

boys doubles:
Vickers and Ogle- Ozona-1st, Landon Brockman and Seth Prather - Sonora - 2nd place. Score of championship match: 6-3- tie breaker at 7-5. Both played an excellent and exciting game. Guadarama and Moon- Big Lake-3rd and Marmalejo and Sanchez-Ozono-Consolation.

Overall the 7th grade results:
Big Lake-1st, Ozona-2nd, Eldorado-3rd and Sonora-4th.
The eighth grade results:
Ozono-1st, Eldorado/Big Lake-2nd and Sonora-3rd.

District 2-2A Sonora Boys All District

Submitted
Tri MVP - Anthony Luna.
Newcomer of the Year - Isaac Ramos.
All District 1st Team - Anthony Renfro and David Mayer.
All District 2nd Team - Russell Dempsey.
All District Honorable Mention - Ernie Perez and Riley Crain.
Academic All District - Anthony Renfro, David Mayer, Bryce Williams, Russell Dempsey, Isaac Ramos, Ernie Perez and James Elliott.
All West Texas - Anthony Luna.



Luncheon & Spring Style Show

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The Texas Workforce Center for the Concho Valley is currently recruiting applicants for its JTPA summer youth program. Interested youth may contact the Texas Workforce Center at 915-942-9167 or the Sonora High School Admin. Office

Sonora Schools P.T.A. Portraits will be taken Saturday, March 27th at the Elementary School Auditorium.

The Library is having a Spring Cleaning Book Sale. The sale will be through April & May. If you have any books to donate, bring them to the Library. Please come out and

support our book sale.

The Sonora Outlaw Gang will be hosting a 6 person night golf scramble on April 16, 1999, starting at 5:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person - All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

The Thunderbird Transit welcomes you to catch a ride when you need transportation. Thunderbird offers student and senior citizens rates. Our vans are equipped to assist the physically challenged and offer priority seating for Medicaid clients at no cost. For further information or reservations, please call your local Thunderbird office in Sonora 387-2509.

Order Seed Now! February thru April is the optimum time to seed rangeland

with native grass seed or to establish a low maintenance lawn of buffalograss. You can order from the Edwards Plateau SWCD by calling 915/387-2730 or by coming by our office at 301 S. Crockett in Sonora.

The First United Methodist Church of Sonora holds a Prayer & Praise Service every Wednesday evening. These "come as you are" Wednesday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Come join us at the corner of Oak and Water streets.

All Ladies in the community are invited to attend a Bible Study beginning Wed., January 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Free childcare is available. The study will be "Lord, Only You Can Change Me" by Kay Arthur. This is a light Bible study open to all ladies with any or no Bible knowledge. The study will be held weekly - come prepared for fellowship, new friends and learning more about God. For more information call Linda Savell at 387-2592.



Track



7th Grade Girls

Submitted
The 7th grade girls traveled to Ozona Friday, March 20 to compete in the Ozona Cub Relays. The girls came home with a first place trophy for the second week in a row.

Long Jump
Kelly Kearney, Ruby Galindo and Elizabeth Elliott-3rd place.

Running High Jump
Elizabeth Elliott- 3rd place and Danielle Dobbs-4th place.

2400 Meter Run
Laura Word-1st place, Susanna Street-4th and Amelia Moreno.

400 Meter Relay
April Flores, Tamika Marshall, Brea Hughes and Jessica Martin-5th place.

800 Meter Dash
Cady Taylor-5th place, Danielle Dobbs-6th place and Treva Smart.

100 Meter Hurdles
Ruby Galindo-1st place, Perla Perez-2nd place, Paola Garcia-3rd place.

100 Meter Dash
Kelly Kearney-2nd place, Jessica Martin-3rd place and Tamika Marshall-4th place.

800 Relay
Kelly Kearney, Perla Perez, Ruby Galindo, Elizabeth Elliott- 1st place.

400 Meter Dash
Treva Smart- 4th place, Danielle Galindo and Evangelina Martinez.

300 Meter Hurdles
Perla Perez-1st place and Paola Garcia-2nd place.

200 Meter Dash
Elizabeth Elliott-1st place, Brea Hughes-2nd place and Jessica Martin-6th place.

1600 Meter Run
Laura Word-1st place, Nicky Samaniego-3rd place and Cady Taylor-6th place.

1600 Meter Relay
Kelly Kearney, Ruby Galindo, Brea Hughes and Elizabeth Elliott-1st place.

Shot Put
Dainah Hernandez-3rd place, Tamika Marshall-4th place and Kate Higdon.

Discus Throw
Dainah Hernandez-1st place, Brea Hughes-5th place and Tamika Marshall-6th place.

Triple Jump
Cady Taylor-5th place. Congratulations to all the seventh grade track girls. Also a special thanks to Amy Vandivere, Karina Hernandez, Megan Fitzgerald, Evangelina Martinez and Kate Higdon for recording the results.

8th Grade Girls

Submitted
The Lady Colts competed well at the Ozona Cub Relays. The girls scored 88 points and had only three first place finishes. Morgan Hobbs took 1st in the 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles and the relay team of Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Amanda Sanchez and Morgan Hobbs brought home a first place in the mile relay.

Long Jump
Mayra Martinez

Running High Jump
Morgan Hobbs-2nd place and Shannon Vick-5th place.

2400 Meter Run
Virgilia Rojo-4th place.

400 Meter Relay

Amanda Sanchez, Katrina Hernandez, Crystal Galindo and Mayra Martinez-5th place.

100 Meter Hurdles
Morgan Hobbs-1st place.

100 Meter Dash
Mayra Martinez-5th place, Crystal Galindo and Katrina Hernandez.

400 Meter Dash
Ashley Parker-2nd place and Shannon Vick-5th place.

300 Meter Hurdles
Morgan Hobbs-1st place.

200 Meter Dash
Ashley Parker-3rd place, Amanda Sanchez and Katrina Hernandez.

1600 Meter Run

Virgilia Rojo-4th place.

1600 Meter Relay
Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Amanda Sanchez and Morgan Hobbs-1st place.

Shot Put
Leandra Perez-6th place, Shannon Vick and Crystal Galindo.

Discus Throw
Morgan Hobbs-2nd place, Leandra Perez and Ashley Parker.

Triple Jump
Amanda Sanchez. A special thanks to Amy Gutierrez, Claire Healy, Kara Hard and Rhonda Moore for their help recording results. Congratulations 8th Grade Girls.

Sonora Colts - Boys

Submitted
Results from Ozona Relays 1999
7th grade Boys: 60 points
March 19, 1999

2400 Meter Run
Carmelo Gomez-2nd place.

400 Meter Relay
Chris Martin, Peter Duran, Carmelo Gomez and Wilson Wallace-4th place.

100 Meter Dash
Chris Martin-3rd place.

1600 Meter Run
Trapper Valliant-4th place.

1600 Meter Relay
Trapper Valliant, Carmelo Gomez, Wilson Wallace and Peter Duran-4th place.

Long Jump
Chris Martin-4th place.

Shot Put
Trapper Valliant-3rd place.

Discus
Scottie Moore-2nd place and Trapper Valliant-3rd place.

Pole Vault
Wilson Wallace-5th place.

8th Grade Boys: Runner Up- 162 1/2 points

2400 Meter Run
Seth Prather-6th place.

400 Meter Relay
Dustin Martin, Ervay Torres, Tom Bloodworth and Juan Rodriguez-2nd place.

800 Meter Run
Louis Segura-1st place (2:24)

110 Hurdles
Landon Brockman-1st place (19.23) and Josh Hopkins-4th place.

100 Meter Dash
Tom Bloodworth-2nd place.

400 Meter Dash
Eloy Torres-2nd place and Josh Everett-6th place.

300 Hurdles
Tom Bloodworth-3rd place and Landon Brockman-4th place.

200 Dash
Juan Rodriguez-1st place

(25.38) and Eloy Torres-2nd place.

1600 Meter Run
Shane Benson-6th place.

1600 Meter Relay
Eloy Torres, Ervay Torres, Louis Segura and Juan Rodriguez-1st place (4:05).

Long Jump
Juan Rodriguez-1st place- 17'3 1/2".

Triple Jump
Juan Rodriguez-3rd place and Caleb Gulley-6th place.

High Jump
Douglas Yocham-2nd place and Landon Brockman-6th place.

Shot Put
Israel Arevalo-2nd place and Tom Bloodworth-5th place.

Discus
Jerad Parks-3rd place.

Pole Vault
Josh Hopkins-1st place- 10'0" and Douglas Yocham-6th place.

Lady Broncos

Submitted
The Sonora Varsity Girls Track Team competed at the Ozona Relays this past weekend placing 3rd overall.

In field events the Lady Broncos placed 2nd in high jump with Morgan Hobbs clearing a personal best of 5 feet. Kasey Miller placed 5th in high jump with a jump of 4'8". In the discus, Daisha Henson placed 5th a throw of 80 feet. Daisy Mireles placed 4th, and Amy Gann placed 5th in the triple jump, with jumps of 32'2 and 31'8, respectively. Kara Eaton placed 5th in long jump with a jump of 15'5.

Running events for the Lady

Broncos progressed this week as times improved. The warm weather made some difference. But, the girls are getting in better shape every week. In the 3200 Meter Run, Shalayne Hobbs placed 2nd behind Ozona's state qualifier. Hobbs ran a 13:01.9. Mirabel Capuchina placed 6th overall. Kara Eaton placed 5th in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 13.7. Eaton pulled up in the race with a strained quad. The 400 Meter Relay team of Lorena Lopez, Heather Lawson, Sarah Ball, and Kara Eaton placed 4th in the Lady Bronco's first sprint relay attempt of the season. They ran a 53.9. In the 800 Meter Dash, freshman, Amy

Gann placed 2nd with a time of 2:35.7. Lorena Lopez, Sarah Ball, Kasey Miller, and Daisy Mireles combined for a time of 1:55.5 to place 6th in the 800 Meter Relay. Shalayne Hobbs ran a 5:54.19, placing 2nd behind Ozona's state qualifier in the 1600 Meter Run. The surprises of the day was the Mile Relay team of Sarah Ball, Kasey Miller, Amy Gann, and Daisy Mireles. Over ten seconds was cut off the relay time this week. The girls ran a 4:29.8, placing 6th overall. Cutting so much time off the mile relay proves to the team that every week the Lady Broncos are becoming a district contender.

Bronco Tracksters Record Personal Best and Win At Ozona Lion Relays

Submitted
What a difference a week makes, the Bronco Tracksters got back on pace and placed first in the Ozona Invitational. The team had an overall great showing after facing a few different opponents. The Broncos along with the old AAA competitors from Crane scored identical scores of 121 points to tie for the title.

The Broncos were led in the field events by shot putter Andy Sanchez who threw a personal best this year of 53'3/4" to win the event. Along with Sanchez, Riley Crain jumped a personal best with a 41'9" in the triple jump to place first in his specialty event. Shane Mathews also jumped a personal best this year of 6'0" in the High Jump to tie for the second place. In the discus, Joe Galindo continue to score points with a throw of 120'0" and placed fourth. Joe was accompanied by freshman Stetson Hall who threw a 117' to place fifth. In the Pole Vault, Chong Hernandez

vaulted to a fifth place finish with a 10'0" jump.

In the running events, the Broncos started with a bang as Zacharias Rojo ran a blazing 10:55:00 to win the 3200 meter run. Rojo continues to improve his time as he cut about twenty-eight seconds off his personal best time. Curtis Sanders running the 3200 meter race for the first time ran a 11:09 to place third for the team. Also running a personal best was the 400 Meter Relay Team of Anthony Renfro, Tom Jacoby, Graham Bloodworth, and James Elliott who ran a time of 44.20 to place first. Placing first also in the 300 meter hurdles was Riley Crain who ran a 41.66 to give him his personal best this year. Rounding the first place finishes was freshman James Elliott who ran a 22.85 giving James also a personal best this year.

Placing in second place was Zane Smart who ran a 2:04 in the 800 meter run. Running in second

place was Curtis Sanders who ran a 5:02 in the 1600 meter run. In third place was Riley Crain who ran a 16.12 in the 110 meter hurdles. Running in fourth place for the Broncos was Graham Bloodworth in the 100 meter dash who ran a 11.44 in that event. Also placing fourth was Roy Luna who ran a 5:06 in the 1600 meter run to score points for his team. The 1600 meter relay team of Bloodworth, Jacoby, Anthony Renfro, and Zane Smart ran a 3:38:54 to also finish fourth. Finishing off the scoring was Bill Renfro who placed fifth in the 400 meter dash and Jason Moore who ran a 2:13:00 to finish in sixth place.

Sonora has many reasons to be proud of all of the young competitor who continue to improve. This meet was a total team effort by those who competed, scored one point, or who scored twenty. Continue to work hard and improve on your competitiveness. Good luck at the San Angelo Relays.

Lady Bronco Golf Takes Second

Submitted
Thursday, March 18, the Lady Bronco golf team played in Iraan. A cold front dropping an inch of rain the night before and leaving behind 25 mph winds and gusting out of the west gave the girls a challenge. Wind suits, ear muffs, and gloves were pulled out of their bags. The first nine holes proved to be the hardest since all of the S.H.S. girls never have played Iraan. After grilled hamburgers were served on

the turn and the gloves, wind suits, and ear muffs were put away, the girls set to conquer the wind and the back nine.

Marisha Henson improved her score on the back nine by 5 strokes, Kim Bustamante by 3, and Daisha Henson by 2. Daisha placed second medalists with a score of 88. Kim finished with a 93 putting her in fourth. Marisha had a 97 to finish 6th. Genny Cramer finished with a 116 and Ashley Vickers had a 134.

Team total of 394 put the Lady Broncos in second behind McCamey with a 383. Ten teams competed and a total of 51 girls.

Marisha and Daisha Henson played together in a two man low-ball competition. They won the third place medal with a score of 86. Kim Bustamante and Genny Cramer came in fourth with a 93.

Good job Lady Broncos! Next play will be in Fredericksburg on March 30.

Bronco Golf Improves Score

Playing in the tow-day Ft. Stockton tournament March 19th and 20th, the varsity boys' golf team improved its scores significantly over last week's, finishing 11th out of 21 teams. Mild temperatures and light winds made all the difference, after the chilly conditions both days last weekend in San Angelo.

Tommy Gutierrez led the team on Friday with 81, followed by Ryan Hardgrave 84, Cole Cearley

85, Jared Percifull 87 and Jason West 92, for a team score of 337 (four lowest scores are counted). Saturday's low score was Ryan Hardgrave 75, followed by Tommy gutierrez 81, Cole Cearley 83, Jason West 89 and Jared Percifull 90, for a team score of 328 and a tournament total of 665. The tournament was won by Andrews with score of 606, out-distancing 2nd place finisher

Lake View by 14 strokes over two days.

The team travels to Iraan this Thursday, March 25th. On Saturday, our team plays host to the competition on our own beautiful golf course. The boys are looking forward to an exciting tournament, remembering last year's first place finish, which saw them advance to district play. Good luck, Broncos!!

T-BALL, LITTLE LEAGUE & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
Pick up forms March 26th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School Gym.
\$25.00 per child.
All major league players must bring original birth certificate
For more information call Clay Hicks at 387-3286 or Mike Krieg at 387-5700.
Anyone interested in coaching can pick up a coaching form at the Devil's River News office during regular business hours.

1999 Sonora Bronco Track Schedule

Junior High Track
March 26 - Sonora ISD
April 2 - Open

Boys & Girls
March 26-27 - Boys - San Angelo
March 26-27 - Girls - Abilene
April 1- Sonora ISD (boys & girls)

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1999 Sonora Golf Schedule

Girls
March 30 - Fredericksburg
April 8 - District Round Bentwood (San Angelo)

Boys
March 25 - Iraan
March 27 - Sonora

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1999 Sonora Tennis Schedule

Jr. High Team
April 3 - Eldorado
April 17 - Ozona (District)

High School Team
March 26 - 27 Sonora - Eldorado
April 2 - 3 - Mason

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SONORA BRONCOS 1999 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

JUNIOR VARSITY
Fri. Mar. 26 - Miles - Location Miles - 5:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 29 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
Sat. April 3 - Brackettville - Location Brackettville - 12:00 p.m.
Tues. April 6 - Menard Varsity - Location Bronco Field - 4:30 p.m.
Mon. April 12 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.
Mon. April 19 - Junction - Location Junction - 6:00 p.m.

VARSITY
Fri. Mar. 26 - Reagan Co. - Location Bronco Field - 6:00 p.m.
Tues. March 30 - Eldorado - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
Thurs. April 1 - Ozona - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., April 6 - Junction - Location Junction - 5:00 p.m.
Fri. April 9 - Wall - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.
Tues. April 13 - Reagan County - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.
Tues. April 20 - Eldorado - Location Eldorado - 5:00 p.m.

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49th Annual Easter Pageant in Junction

Saturday, April 3

Beginning at dark below the cross on Lover's Leap.
A spectacular community presentation of the last days
of Jesus Christ. Pageant viewed by thousands each year.
No admission.
COME JOIN US!



49th Annual Easter Pageant Starts At Dark Saturday

Submitted
The 49th Annual Easter Pageant will begin at dark April 3 in the natural amphitheater below the cross on Lover's Leap in Junction.

Sponsored by the Men's Bible Class, the pageant features more than 100 amateur performers who pantomime the story of the last week of Christ's life on earth, climaxing with the resurrection and ascension. Narrators and background music enhance the 13-act pageant, which is performed on 14 stages of varying levels. The production lasts

about three hours.

In 1950, the Easter Pageant had a cast of 20 re-enacting the life of Christ on a small concrete platform. Since that time, the cast of volunteers has grown, and the stage now covers the side of the mountain and includes nine levels, several miles of electric cables and a sound booth where readers and sound effects personnel work to coordinate the works and music with stage action.

All participants, from Sharon Sissel, who directs the drama, to stage hands and wardrobe mistresses, are volunteers.

The pageant annually attracts several thousands spectators from throughout the United States, as well as some from foreign countries.

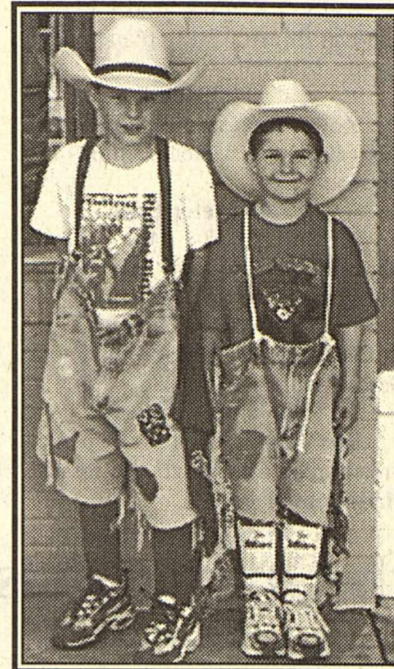
Most watch from cars parked under the direction of Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts, who also distribute free programs. Local Scouts have been providing this service since the pageant began.

There are no reserve parking areas, but spectators are welcome to park their cars early, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Free coffee will be served by

the Junction Volunteer Fire Department. The local EMS will operate a concession stand with food and soft drinks. Many spectators come early and picnic on the grounds.

There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings are gratefully accepted. Boy Scouts will take up a collection from those who wish to contribute during an intermission.

These funds are used to add or to replace equipment needed to produce the pageant.



John Duke and Word Hudson were chosen out of 20 kids that tried out at the JC Penny parking lot to participate in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo as Muttin' Fighters. The actual rodeo Bullfighters chose the boys to work in the arena as "sheepfighters", just like the bullfighters/rodeo clowns do in the bullriding! Is this a future career prospect?! Does Mom REALLY want it to be!!?

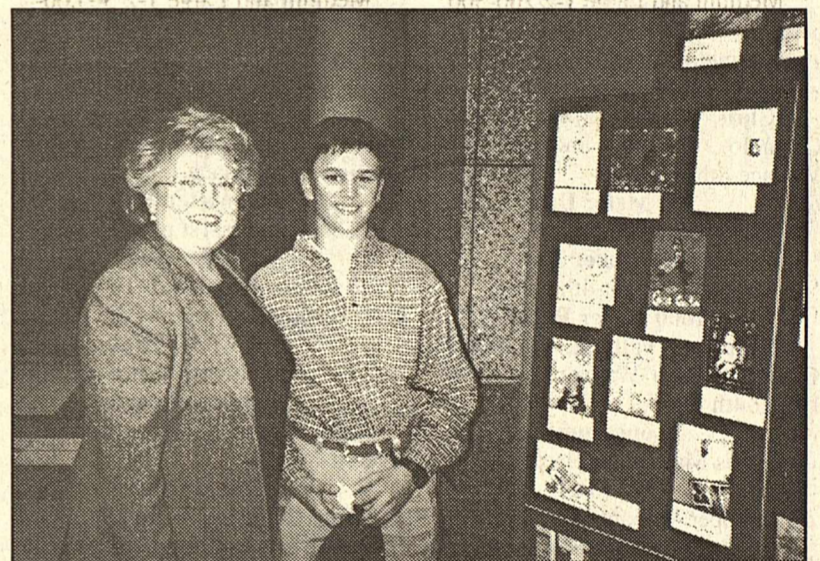
Laramie Hall's Poster Entered in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest

Submitted
On Monday, March 15, 1999 Laramie Hall of Sonora Middle School was notified that a picture he had drawn in Julie Martin's 6th grade Art class and had been entered in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster contest and was among the top 250 posters. There were over 14,000 entries. The top posters were put on display in the State Capitol in Austin March 15-19. On Friday Laramie, his mother and Nell Wallace took a trip to Austin to view the display. Laramie personally got to meet

Carole Rylander, the State Comptroller, and Aaron Demeter, the manager of the Texas Tomorrow Fund. They are the sponsors for this contest. After visiting for a while Aaron took Laramie, Ronda and Nell on a private tour of the Capitol.

Mr. Demeter also advised Laramie that Red Stegal may want to use his picture for his Western Heritage Promotion Poster.

The top four winners received a full 4 year college scholarship. Laramie was not one of the top four.



State Comptroller, Carole Rylander admires Laramie Hall's Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster.

The Classroom Discipline Act

Senator Whitmire has met with teachers and teacher organizations from around Texas and learned that there is a lack of teacher authority to discipline a student verbally or by use of other non-corporal punishment without removing the student from the confines of the classroom learning environment. If a student is unruly, teachers usually send that child to the principal's office for fear that their classroom reprimands will result in their own reprimand by school administrators.

To fill this gap in maintaining public school classroom decorum, Senator Whitmire has filed SB 1213 to allow teachers to utilize non-corporal punishment against any student who disrupts the learning environment of their classroom. Under Senator Whitmire's Classroom Discipline Act, teachers would be able to punish an unruly student through use of:

- ** verbal reprimands;
- ** physical isolation within the teacher's classroom;
- ** withholding one or more classroom privileges;
- ** physically harmless props; and
- ** any disciplinary measure that does not rise to the level of corporal punishment.

Also under SB 1213, a teacher still has the right to send any student to the principal's office for disciplinary reasons as is currently allowed by the Texas Education Code. Plus, if teachers do use one of the non-corporal punishment measures in this bill, they would be held harmless from being disciplined by any state or local school official so that these teachers can have the freedom and right to maintain the positive educational environment that local taxpayers expect from their school classrooms.

RadioShack/Tandy Scholars Announces 1999 Prize Recipients

Submitted
Tandy Corporation / Radio Shack is proud to announce the 1999 Prize Recipients. A total of \$350,000 in awards and scholarships is presented to teachers and students who have achieved excellence in the areas of mathematics, science and computer science. This year, 42,000 certificates of recognition will be sent to bright academicians across the nation.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary,

RadioShack/Tandy Scholars has awarded \$3.5 million and 350,000 certificates of academic excellence. The program is open to all accredited high schools. Prize recipients were selected by a panel of distinguished educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

Dustin Dillard of Sonora High School received a certificate of academic excellence.

Little Dribblers Hoopin' It Up

Submitted
Dixie Chicks vs. Shooting Stars

3-1-99:
Dixie Chicks:
Heather Hughes-2, Allyse Edmondson-2, Jena Teasley-4 and Katrina Ramos-2.

Shooting Stars:
Kayla Fields-10, Gabriella Alvites-2 and Jonell Casparis-2.

Dixie Chicks vs. Comets

3-15-99:
Dixie Chicks:
Allyse Edmondson-12, Jena Teasley-2, Jennifer Gonzales-2 and Katrina Ramos-4.

Comets:
Brandy Neff-2, Bo Amber Gentry-8 and Meghan Krieg-5.

Raptors vs. Blue Devils

Raptors:
Austin Wagoner-8, Steven Barthelmy-4 and Hilton Bloodworth-6.

Blue Devils:
Brandon Munn-1, Tyler Talley-2, Andrew Barthelmy-2, Cullen Parker-4, Roland Solis-6 and Mason Martinez-2.

Twisters vs. Lil' Broncos

Twisters:
Debra Martinez-12 and Kayla McBride-4.

Lil' Broncos:
Kaleena Samaniego-4, Felicia Castillo-2, Brooke Northcott-6 and Danielle Fox-1.

Royals vs. Lazars

Royals:
Courtney Caruthers-2 and Hillary Rushing-2.

Lazars:
Tara Green-4, Desirae Morriss-Bolt-2, Angela Gonzalez-2 and Adrian Castillo-4.

Sixers vs. Stallions

Sixers:
Eric Welch-4, Dustin Duhon-3 and Caleb Ramos-16.

Stallions:
Marc Hernandez-6, Travis Valliant-4, Morgan Martinez-8 and Ryan Martinez-4.

Dixie Chicks vs. Comets

Dixie:
Dixie:

Allyse Edmondson-12, Jennifer Gonzales-2, Jena Teasley-2 and Katrina Ramos-4.

Comets:
Bo Amber Gentry-8, Megan Krieg-5 and Brandy Neff-2.

Shooting Stars vs. Jewels

Shooting Stars:
Kayla Fields-14, Gaby Alvites-6 and Lucy Hernandez-2.

Jewels:
Delma Tovar-2, Bianca Sepeda-6 and Stacy Sanchez-2.

3-16-99:

Toon Squad vs. Twisters

Toon Squad:
Deidra Warden-2, Kathy Ibarra-2, Dee McGee-1, Cerissa Hedgecock-2 and Amanda Word-8.

Twisters:
Alyssa Ibarra-2, Debra Martinez-14 and Kayla McBride-1.

Tar Heels vs. Blue Devils

Tar Heels:
Anthony Longoria-8, Dustin Creek-4, Jacob Adams-2 and Adam Hopper-2.

Blue Devils:
Tyler Talley-2, Brandon Munn-3, Cullen Parker-2, Andrew Barthelmy-2 and Roland Solis-8.

Raptors vs. Rockets

Raptors:
Clayton Hicks-4, Austin Wagoner-7 and Hilton Bloodworth-3.

Rockets:
Cameron Cox-2, Clint Cearley-7, Embry Smith-8 and Steven Duhon-9.

Slammers vs. Dixie Chicks

Slammers:
Madeline Higdon-4, Kimble Luna-2 and Daisy Perez-2.

Dixie Chicks:
Allyse Edmondson-2, Jena Teasley-4 and Heather Hughes-2.

Rockets vs. Sixers

Rockets:
Robert Guerra-3, Cody Perez-2, Danny Trevino-4, Evan Gully-4, Austin Sanchez-4.

Sixers:
Dustin Duhon-4, Eric Welch-8 and Caleb Ramos-18.

Police Reports

3-16-99: **Theft of Service-** Officer received a call in reference to a theft of service at T&C #2. Description of vehicle was a green Chevrolet Suburban last seen traveling northwest on Crockett Street. Clerk advised unknown person had pumped \$8.00 worth of fuel and drove off. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative.

3-17-99: **Speeding-** Officer was on routine patrol when he observed a dark colored car approaching from the east toward the intersection of 1st Street and Crockett Street. Vehicle was clocked at a high rate of speed. Officer stopped vehicle and made contact with driver. Driver was given a citation for speeding in a school zone. Subject refused to pay fine and was arrested and taken to Sutton County Jail.

3-17-99: **Found Property-** A wallet was found at the IGA Village Market. Officer inventoried property and placed wallet in safe keeping. Owner claimed wallet and wallet was returned.

3-17-99: **Theft of Service-** Officer received a call from T&C #2 in reference to a theft of service. Clerk advised a blue Ford pickup last seen traveling south on Hwy. 277. Clerk stated that the driver was a white male and he had received 8 gallons of fuel. Clerk advised that a

guy had come in the store and bought a few items, but left without paying for the fuel. Attempt to locate vehicle was negative.

3-18-99: **Fugitive from Justice-** Officer was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle swerve on to the improved shoulder. Officer stopped vehicle and made contact with driver, a wanted check was revealed. Subject was handcuffed and transported to Sutton County Jail.

3-20-99: **Assault-** Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Railroad Street in reference to an assault. Officer met with victim. The victim advised that he had been assaulted at his residence. Victim was taken to Hudspheth Hospital for treatment.

3-21-99: **Burglary-** Officer was dispatched to J&V Trailer Park in reference to a theft. Complainant advised unknown person had entered their home, taking a stereo and a phone. Investigation still pending.

3-22-99: **Theft of Service-** Officer was dispatched to T&C #2 in reference to theft of service. Clerk advised that the vehicle was a blue Honda. Suspect had pumped \$15.00 worth of fuel and drove off. Officer made contact with vehicle and were brought back before the judge.

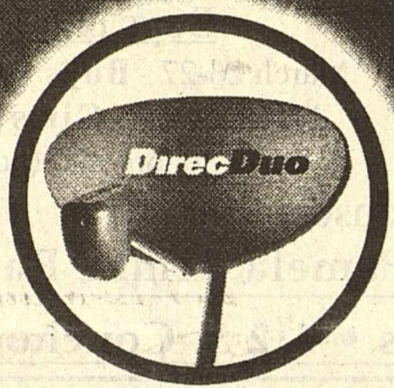
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Bonilla Loses Patience With USDA



U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) blasted bureaucrats at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for "inexcusable" delays in getting disaster relief to farmers and ranchers.

Last year, the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, on which Bonilla sits, provided the USDA with nearly six billion dollars for disaster relief for livestock and crop producers who were hit with devastating weather events last year, including droughts and floods. Nearly four and a half months later, not one penny of that disaster aid money has made its way out of Washington.

"This is absolutely ridiculous," Bonilla said. "For over four months farmers and ranchers have been waiting for the USDA to get off its duff and distribute the disaster relief money. What have they been doing at the USDA for the past four months? Our producers have not yet seen one thin dime. Obviously the USDA is not focusing on the needs of our farmers and ranchers."

At a recent agriculture hearing on Capitol Hill, Bonilla directly

addressed Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman and asked what the hold up was in distributing the disaster relief money. Glickman replied that the USDA is working on it.

But even after four months of working on it, the USDA still does not have any plans to immediately distribute any relief money. According to the USDA, livestock producers will have to wait until April for their checks, and crop producers won't see any money until May.

"Some farmers and ranchers in my congressional district can't make it until April or May," Bonilla said. "They need this money now. Ranchers have cattle to feed and loans to pay. Many farmers have been counting on this money to help buy seed and supplies for the planting season. They can't get the money in the middle of the planting season and still get the crop in the ground."

"Instead of concentrating on the immediate needs of farmers and ranchers, the USDA has been focusing on global climate change initiatives and land grabs. Unfortunately our farmers and ranchers are having to pay the price for the USDA's failure," said Bonilla.

Producers Livestock Auction Co.

3/18/99		Percent Lean
Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers weak. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher, bulls 1.00 higher. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average to plain. Supply included 65 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings.	Breakers 1000-1500 lb	75-80% 34.00-37.50.
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 96.00-109.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-97.00, few 99.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-87.00, few 88.00-94.00; 600-700 lb 73.75-78.00.	Boners 850-1300 lb	80-85% 32.50-39.00.
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 100.00-107.00; 300-400 lb 83.00-96.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-77.50; 600-700 lb 62.00-73.00; 700-800 lb 60.00-68.50.	Boners Hi-Yld 1000-1400 lb	80-85% 39.00-45.50.
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 81.00-91.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-83.50; 500-600 lb 70.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-75.00; 700-800 lb 61.00-66.50.	Lean 850-1000 lb	85-90% 28.00-33.00.
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 80.00-90.00; 300-400 lb 71.00-81.00; 400-500 lb 65.00-75.00; 500-700 lb 60.00-70.00; 700-800 lb 55.00-60.00.	750-850 lb	26.00-28.00.
Slaughter Cows:	Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2100 lb 43.00-49.00; hi-dressing 50.00-50.50; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 38.00-43.00.	
	Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.	
	Medium and Large 1-2 505.00-550.00, set 620.00. Medium 1-2 380.00-480.00.	
	Cow/ Calf Pairs: All sold by the pair:	
	Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 595.00-640.00.	
	Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 480.00-595.00.	
	Stocker and Feeder Cows:	
	Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 700-1000 lb 51.00-57.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1100 lb 44.00-50.00 cwt; (middle age) 750-1100 lb 34.00-39.00 cwt; (aged) 750-1000 lb 33.00-35.50 cwt.	

Extended Forecast

3/24 thru 3/28

Wednesday Night - Increasing clouds with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 45 to 50.
Thursday - Mostly cloudy and cooler with a 20 percent chance of light rain. High around 65.
Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Lows in the 40s.
Friday - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 60s.
Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows 50-55. Highs in the 60s.
Sunday - Mostly cloudy and cooler. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 50s.

Rig Locations as of March 19, 1999

Crockett County
 New Union Oil/Midland; 12,000', Wayne West Ranch A-#9, Patterson Drilling.
 New Pogo Producing; 8,300', Ranch Hand 55-#1, Key Energy.
 New Texaco E&P/Denver; 8,200', Scheuber-Wilkins #28, Cleere Drilling.
 New J. Cleo Thompson; 8,000', Vaughan 82-#1, Patterson Drilling.
 New Altura Energy; 6,500', Hallie Black 9-#3, Cleere Drilling.

Sutton County
 New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8,500', Richardson 139-#5, Patterson Drilling.
 Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 6,800', Sawyer 112-#15, Patterson Drilling.

Edwards County
 Tesoro Petroleum; 10,100', Earwood A-#4, Cleere Drilling.

Terrell County
 Mobil E&P Midland; 15,000', Goode Estate C-Unit #8H, Tmbr/Sharp Drilling.
 Conoco/Midland; 12,000', Culbertson 18-#2, Tmbr/Sharp.
 For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785

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House Ag Committee Approves Turner's Trespass Bill

Submitted Legislation by State Representative Bob Turner, D-Voss, to give rural property owners swifter enforcement against trespassers got unanimous approval by the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock this week. The legislation is aimed at preventing nuisance trespass where people sightseeing, hunting, or camping enter someone else's property without permission.

"With the growing interests of urbanites to drive through the county or float down the river has come an influx of people who don't seem to respect private property rights," Turner continued. "While we appreciate their patronage of our small towns, some need to learn that crossing a fence to pick wild flowers, take pictures or gather firewood is trespass. I hope H. B. 436 will provide us with the means of getting that point across."

Under current law, trespass without a firearm is a Class B Misdemeanor which requires the case to be tried in the county court

and the defendant must be present. The County must often invest much time and money into such cases, sometimes bringing the accused trespassers, often a tourist or traveler, from a distant location and assigning him or her a court-appointed attorney. Because of the time and costs associated with these cases, many end up being dismissed, or the law enforcement officer allows the person to leave the property with a warning.

To make enforcement of trespass more practical, H. B. 436 makes trespassing on "agricultural land" a Class C misdemeanor offense that is punishable by a fine up to \$500. If necessary, this offense could then be tried in a justice of the peace court. The real result of this change would allow a county to fine a trespasser without requiring a trial, similar to receiving a traffic ticket. Rural law enforcement officials feel this would help them deter trespassers on agricultural lands and increase enforcement.

Could Spring Bring Another Screwworm Scare?

Submitted April showers bring May flowers...but there's also the possibility that warm weather could mean screwworm infestation! The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are alerting producers and practitioners to be vigilant for the flesh-eating maggots as spring rolls in.

Unlike typical fly larvae, or maggots, screwworm fly larvae gouge into fresh flesh, damaging livestock and leaving the animals susceptible to secondary infections. Screwworms have been officially eradicated, but one larvae was detected in Edwards County in the fall, causing animal health officials to be on the alert for other possible cases.

More than 2,500 screwworm submission kits have been distributed to practitioners, feed stores, and county extension agents, and additional kits are available by calling TAHC area offices, the Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242, or the USDA at 512-916-5555. The Area 6 office in Lampasas may be reached at 1-800-658-6642.

Kits consist of a cardboard tube containing a test tube filled with a holding solution and small plastic bags for maggot collection. If a collection kit is not available, the maggots, or larvae, can be placed in alcohol in a glass jar, medicine bottle or film canister. Mail the container to: USDA-APHIS-VS, Screwworm Lab, Moore Air Base Bldg., 6402, Box 970, Mission, TX 78573-0970, 956-580-7360.

Why the Alert?
 On October 31, 1998, a sharp-eyed rancher in Edwards County, in southwest Texas, submitted nine larvae he removed from a wound on an Angora goat. One of the larvae was

identified as that of a screwworm by the National Veterinary Service Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.

Despite checking more than 40,000 head of livestock and dogs, and getting the word out to ranchers, hunters and anyone handling livestock, no other larvae were found before cold weather hit.

"Although cold weather will kill exposed larvae, some could have burrowed underground," said Dr. Gary Svetlik of the USDA's Veterinary Services in Texas. "If there were more larvae, and they overwintered underground, we could see an emergence of the pest this spring."

During the fall, the primary surveillance area was centered on Edward County and the surrounding area, including Kimble, Sutton, Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Real and Kerr Counties. However, this spring, ranchers and practitioners throughout the state should be on the alert. TAHC and USDA staff are still unsure about how the larvae may have entered the U.S.

"We want submissions of maggots," said Dr. Svetlik. "If we identify another screwworm larvae, we must act quickly to eliminate the chance of the screwworm becoming re-established."

"The USDA's Emergency Services is prepared to make sterile screwworm fly drops in affected areas, if needed," said Dr. Beals. TAHC executive director. He explained that sterile screwworms would mate but produce no offspring, thus eradicating the pest.

"Anyone handling livestock, wildlife or pets should check the animals closely. If larvae or maggots are found in wounds, submit them to the screwworm lab or call us if assistance is needed," said Dr. Beals.

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3/23/99 Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 4.00-6.00 higher. Slaughter lambs fully steady. Slaughter ewes 1.00-2.00 higher. Stocker Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish kids 4.00 higher, small kids mostly steady. All other classes slaughter Spanish 6.00-10.00 higher. Stocker Angora nannies 8.00-12.00 higher. Slaughter Angora kids and yearlings steady. All other classes slaughter Angora 10.00-15.00 higher. Supply included around 6 percent sheep including near 200 lambs.
Stock and Feeder Sheep:
 Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 65-110 lb old crop lambs 72.00-82.00; 45-95 lb springer lambs 85.00-94.00, few to 109.00 CWT.
Slaughter Sheep:
 Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 140 lbs 64.50 CWT.
 Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 33.00-40.00; Good 2-3 43.00-49.00; Bucks 37.00-44.00 CWT.
Stock and Feeder Goats:
 Spanish Goats: Nannies 27.00-39.00 per head. Half Boer kids 65.00-75.00 per head. Angora Goats: 55-65 lb nannies

51.00-66.00 CWT.
Slaughter Goats:
 Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 74.00-92.00; 35-65 lbs 80.00-93.00, few to 98.00; Good 65.00-72.00.
 Nannies: 70-140 lb fat nannies 56.00-71.00, thin nannies 40.00-50.00.
 Muttons and Billies: 70-115 lb muttons 66.00-89.00; 75-180 lb billies 68.00-89.00 CWT.
 Angora Goats: 75-120 lb fat muttons and billies 58.00-70.00; 70-105 lb fat nannies 55.00-67.00; 40-50 lb kids 71.00-79.00, few new crop kids 87.00-91.00; 45-90 lb yearlings 65.00-73.00; thin nannies and muttons 30.00-45.00 CWT.
 Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USDA

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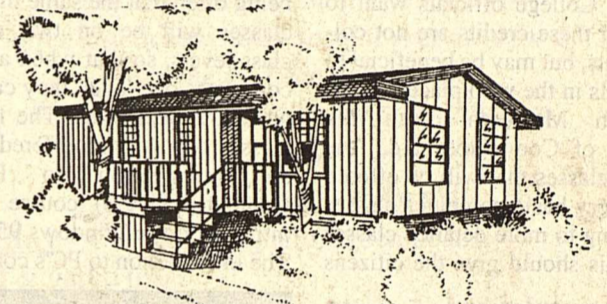
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School Board from page 1

by the ESC XV Trustee Election.

Sonora Middle School Principal Donna Hill explained which text books they had chosen to adopt for the 1999-2000 school year.

Dr. Harlan presented the board with a possible calendar for the 1999-2000 school year. He informed the members that all schools had put their input in on this project. After several revisions, taking into account test times for TAAS, staff development days, waiver days, the balancing of semesters for the high school, etc., they had come up with this calendar being presented. There were many questions concerning the calendar and why it had been done the way it was being presented. After much discussion on this subject a vote was taken with 5 in favor, 1 opposed and one absent.

Dr. Harlan reported that the schools were down another 10 stu-

dents; 6 at the high school, 3 at the middle school and 1 at the elementary school, bringing enrollment to 968 students. This is a loss of 56 since May of '98, 17 of those in the last two months. Dr. Harlan said this reduction was partly due to the problems in the gas industry and people moving. This is not good for the S.I.S.D. because each student lost is about \$2000 lost. He went on to report that he had spent some time with lawyers in Austin regarding the roofing insurance problems. They are working on drafting a demand letter to the insurance company to try and get some money for the damage that occurred during the last big hail storm. Dr. Harlan concluded his report by informing the board of a grant he had learned about that was available to put solar panels up at the schools. Not only would these save some money on electric bills, but would also provide a great learning experience for

the students.

There were no comments from visitors.

Board member Tom Clifton informed everyone that he had judged at the Sonora Speech Meet and he wanted to commend Mr. Eoff and Miss Keel on a job well done! Clifton went on to comment that he wouldn't be on the board next year but that Sonora, not unlike any other town, had a lot of tough decisions to make about our schools and people need to be informed about what is actually going on with everything from number of aides, to coaches, to rental concerns. Clifton encouraged the media, newspaper and radio, to work with the schools to help educate everyone on all these issues. Having no further comments, the board went into closed session.

The board reconvened to discuss job cuts that were decided on.

Computer Classes Coming to Sonora

In a joint effort between the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the Sonora Independent School District, the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation and Howard College, we are proud to announce that continuing education computer courses will be offered to the citizens of Sonora over the next two months. The classes that will be offered will be continuing education credit courses. This means that if the student completes the course, they will receive continuing education credits, and will go on file with Howard College. College officials want to stress that these credits are not college credits, but may be beneficial to individuals in the workplace.

Justin McGeath, with the Chamber of Commerce said, "the first few classes that will be offered will be very basic computer classes progressing to more detailed classes later. This should give the citizens

of Sonora an opportunity to gain valuable skills that are becoming more and more important in today's workplace."

The classes will begin on Monday April 12, and will take place at the Sonora High School. The courses will cost \$24 per class, and each class will consist of 12 hours of classroom instruction. The courses will be held each Monday night from 6:00-9:00 PM for four weeks.

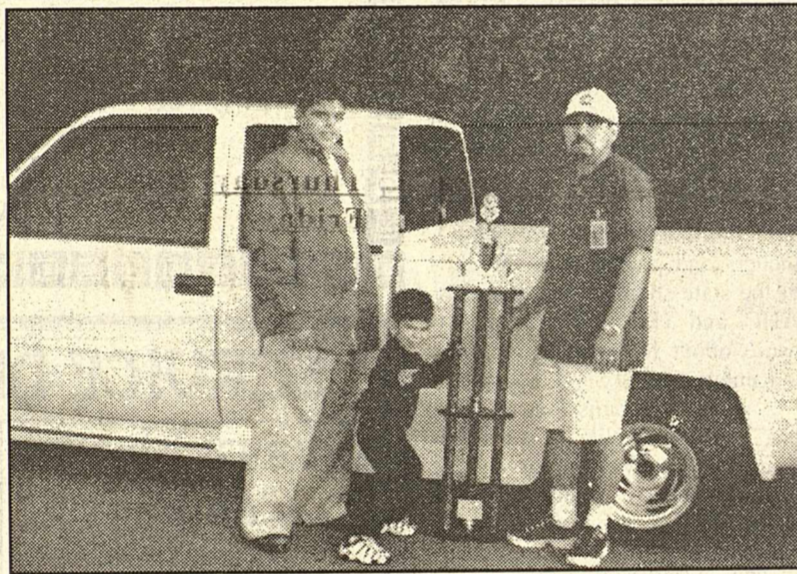
The plan for these courses will be to have two different classes being offered at the same time. The classes will be on two different class levels, so that when a student completes one level, they can move on to the next class. The first two classes that will be offered will be an introduction to Personal Computers (PC's) course and an introduction to Windows 95 course. The introduction to PC's course will

be a very basic introduction to computers and how to operate them. The introduction to Windows 95 course is the next step above the introduction to PC's course, and will cover the use of Microsoft Windows 95. At the end of the first four week session, those students in the introduction to PC's class will then take the Windows 95 course, and the students in the windows 95 course will move on to the next course level and the process will continue in that fashion.

These courses are open to anyone in the community who is interested in learning. Due to the limited number of computers and teachers, the classes will be offered on first come first served basis. If you would like to sign up for these courses, or if you have any questions about them please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Congratulations to Sonora's Lino Villanueva for winning first place at the Spring Break South Padre Island Car Show.

He competed in the Sound Off competition where he placed in the 151-300 Outlaw SPL (Sound Pressure Level). Sound system was an Eclipse Stereo, SDP signal processor and Rockford Fosgate speakers and amps, bought at US Tech in San Angelo. Villanueva installed the equipment himself. He plans to attend competitions in Del Rio and Dallas.



John Galvan, Lino IV, & Lino Villanueva

City Council from page 1

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to award the bid for repair/replace roofs on city buildings to Elliott Roofing for a total cost of \$28,885.25. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donaldson and the votes carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve a bid for a sewer jet cleaning machine from SCRECO for \$23,550.98. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perez and the votes carried.

Mayor Hernandez opened bids for the purchase of 3.25 acres of land and a residence located at 514 North Service Road. A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to accept the high bid of \$52,541.00 and the Earnest Money Contract and authorized the City Attorney to complete the paperwork. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and the votes carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donaldson to approve a request from Sonora Merchants Association to close Water Street, directly in front of the courthouse, on Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campbell and the vote carried.

Upon recommendation, a motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to appoint Roy Jean Johnson to the Sonora Main Street Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perez and the vote carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to table the approval of an Ordinance to close the alley in the Block 29A and the extension of Cactus Street requested by Sonora Wool Warehouse and Mohair Company, pending receipt of signed release form and grant of easement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donaldson and the votes carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to proclaim March 21, 1999 as a day of prayer for rain in all of our churches during the Sunday services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and the vote carried.

Discussion was held concerning television transmission quality and the numerous complaints that the city receives from citizens about

their service. It was explained that the local franchise only sets out regulations governing the use of public right-of-way in the city and all other powers are set out by the Federal Communications Service. The city attorney advised that citizens could file a formal complaint on a specific FCC form and these forms could be made available to citizens at city hall. In view of the foregoing, a motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to authorize the City Attorney to get the complaint forms from the FCC and file a complaint on behalf of the city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and the vote carried.

An interlocal agreement with the Prosecuting Attorney of the 112th Judicial District concerning the disposition of forfeited property was reviewed. A concern of the council was the significance of having the Chief of Police signature on the agreement, since no other interlocal agreements allow it. A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve the interlocal agreement with the District Attorney with the exception of deleting the Chief of Police signature on the agreement and adding another page with a statement of understanding to be signed by the Chief of Police. Councilmember Donaldson made a second to the motion and the votes carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to appoint the following for the General Election to be held on May 2, 1999:

Ward 1- Karen Fincher-Presiding Judge and Rosemary Perez- Alternate Judge.

Ward 2- Mauri Sanchez-Presiding Judge and Sandi Espinosa- Alternate Judge. The early voting ballot board be the presiding judge and clerks from Ward 1; and three clerks (including alternate judges) be hired for each ward. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and the vote carried.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, advised that she had two non-jury cases set for trial.

Judge Sessom reported business as usual.

Jim Garrett, Public Works Director, advised repairing all the alleys, working on the swimming pool, working the airport during Tony's vacation, mapping all the water/sewer lines, and assisting the engineer regarding the utility line

extension and replacement of sewer line.

Chris Croy, Chief of Police, advised the DA had given the department a camera that has been installed in Bryn Humphreys police car and placed a dubbing machine in the building. He advised that he will present a budget of \$10,000.00 at the next month meeting for the forfeited property account. Chief Croy reported on the capture of the murderer from San Angelo. Also, he advised that he had sent letters to junked vehicle owners and all illegal dumping of trash have been compiled with. Croy reported that he would be advertising for a part-time/temporary animal control officer, due to Daniel being off duty.

James McLaughlin, Public Utilities, reported repairing water leaks, replacing 40 feet of waterline, and TNRCC inspected the portion of the landfill that is closed.

Sue Moore, Public Housing, reported accepting appointments and doing re-exams.

Juanita Mesa, Senior Center, reported serving 1800 meals, and 500 van trips in February. She announced that the birthday party would be March 26 and she would be taking the seniors to the community center dedication on March 20.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, advised that the customer count was down about 40 customers from the last six months and it was too early to tell if revenue was dropping off due to the stressed economy. She reported that the council would be receiving the monthly financial report from the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation with their other financial reports. Also, she reminded the council of the Highway Coalition Meeting scheduled for March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

At 3:34 p.m. the city council convened into executive session.

At 4:00 p.m. the council reconvened into regular session and Councilmember Campbell made a motion to not purchase any real estate due to the economic situation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blackman and the vote carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Donaldson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Perez, Mayor Hernandez closed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Auxiliary Game Night - Fun For All



Rev. Ted Harris led one of the "42" games.



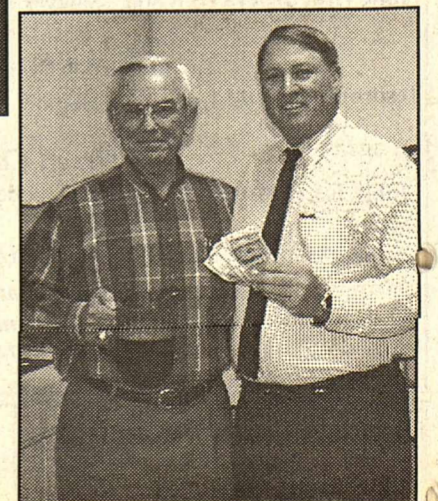
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Ranch Women Stories Continue to Pour In

"A Special Woman"

The daughter of early day Sutton County ranchers, Hattie Beatrice Cusenbary Epps was born April 12, 1894 on the twenty six section ranch south of Sonora where she grew up.

After attending Sonora schools for 11 years, Hattie B. entered Belmont College for Women in Nashville, Tennessee. Hattie B. came home to Sutton County to help operate the ranch in the years when her brothers were away at college.

Annie Dickinson Cusenbary, Hattie B.'s mother, was born in Falls County, Texas. Her parents were William Kyle Dickinson, and Anna Petrie Dickinson, who had come from Virginia before 1864. They later moved to Bell County so that their daughter Annie could attend Salado College. By 1890, the family had moved west to Runnels County.

Daniel Benjamin (D.B.) Cusenbary, Hattie B.'s father, came to Sonora from Kentucky by way of Coleman and Runnels counties, where he met his future wife, D.B.

Cusenbary was a well-known and respected rancher in the West Texas area.

Hattie B. loved adventure and excitement. Some of her fondest memories were family trips to numerous states, to Alaska, to the American and Canadian "Rockies", camping in great parks and staying in the magnificent hotels built by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Hattie B. recalled the thrill of seeing Halley's Comet in 1910, which some feared meant the end of the world. A secret wish of Hattie B.'s was that she could have been a civil engineer-designing and building bridges across wide rivers and carving high-ways through great mountain chains. Loving the outdoors as she did, it is not surprising that Hattie B. Cusenbary was a Charter member of the National Geographic Society. In 1924, Hattie B. Cusenbary was one of the first and youngest "Guardians" of the "Camp Fire Girls" organization. An excellent horse-woman, Hattie B. thought nothing of riding 20 miles into Sonora.

As a 92 year member of the Methodist Church in Sonora, Hattie B.'s Christian faith was a basic part of her life. An accomplished musician,

Hattie B. often served as pianist and organist for church services.

Although serving in many capacities and active in many departments, such as the Woman's Missionary Society and United Methodist Women, it was Hattie B.'s love and knowledge of the Bible that made her an outstanding Sunday School teacher for over 15 years.

All of these talents, her love of learning and teaching, plus her ability to organize stood Miss Cusenbary in good stead when at the age of 36, she became the wife of a Methodist minister, Rev. Clif M. Epps. They were married in the living room of the Cusenbary ranch home that Hattie B. designed and built with her mother, Annie Cusenbary, after the death of her father D.B. Cusenbary in 1918.

As a minister's wife, Hattie B. moved many times over the years. She took her responsibilities very seriously and helped to further her husband's ministry. She always however, took care to manage her portion of the Sutton County ranch as efficiently as possible- a major problem during the drought years of the Fifties.

In 1936, a son Benjamin Rector Epps was born to Reverend and Mrs. Clif M. Epps- a miracle according to Hattie B.

After Rev. Epps suffered a stroke in 1948, Mrs. Epps took care of her husband for nine years until his death in 1957 at a time when their son Ben was in the United States Navy. Mrs. Epps then returned to Sonora and built a home in town where she resided for almost 30 years until her death in 1986. Ben Epps still operates his mother's portion of the original Cusenbary ranch.

From her parents, Hattie B. had internalized at an early age the concept of "To those to whom much is given, much is required." She deeply believed in service not only to the community but service to the world as well. Active in the Sonora Woman's Club and Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary, Hattie B. contributed generously to Methodist missions at home and abroad, to numerous educational institutions, and to the National Republican Party.

Texas has had many such women-quiet, forceful, and courageous. Hattie B. Cusenbary Epps was one of these special women.



Hattie B.

Annie Dickinson Cusenbary

When Annie Dickinson married D.B. Cusenbary in January 1893, it required three days for them to make their bridal journey from old Runnels, the first county seat of Runnels County, to the Cusenbary ranch, on the line of Sutton and Edwards counties.

They traveled by buggy and stopped first in San Angelo where they were given a reception. The next day they proceeded to Eldorado. Mrs. Cusenbary says that Mr. Cusenbary rose early the next morning and rushed out and bought a bunch of steers before they left for Sonora, such was his enterprising nature. When they reached Sonora, a dinner was given in their honor, and the next day, they drove to the ranch.

Three years before Annie Dickinson married she moved from Bell County to Runnels County. She had been educated in historic old Salado College, whose ruins stand on the hillside by the present highway which runs through the little village of Salado. Those were quiet, comfortable, cultured days in Bell County, and to her the new West was a distant country. Mr. Cusenbary had come from Kentucky out to Coleman County a few years before, and had met Miss Dickinson in the neighboring county. When he settled on his twenty six section ranch in Sutton County, he was happily located and there he lived until he died in 1918.

When the bride finally reached the ranch, her frankness rose above the romantic atmosphere of the situation and she said to her husband, "How did you locate here--did you come as far as your horses could go--and then stop?"

When Mrs. Cusenbary arrived at the new home she was greeted by the Irish cook who had been keeping house for Mr. Cusenbary during his bachelor days. To make things festive for the bride in the midst of winter was a real problem for the cook, but his Irish heritage kept him from failing to do something. On each side of the clock on the shelf he placed glass bottles with a rooster feathers in them. In the yard where there was much sachista grass, he had tied the flowing spikes down into heads that were round like cabbages. It was with mixed emotions of amusement, of appreciation of his efforts, and the stamp of approval, because it was her home, that the new homemaker viewed the handiwork of the cook. In addition to these gestures there was enough food prepared for a barbecue.

The little house had three rooms papered inside and the first thing that happened after Mrs. Cusenbary came was that the back porch was boxed up and the bath tub that was a wedding gift was installed. This was probably the

first bath tub on a ranch in Sutton County.

The first house was the scene of many happy memories, for there her three children were babies, Hattie B., Rector and Ben. She told me how happy she was when her first child was a girl for her first thought was that now she would be less lonely.

There were times when the three babies, who were fifteen months apart in age presented some real confusion, especially late in the afternoon when they were all tired and sleepy and hungry at the same time. Young homemakers of that day had to be resourceful. One afternoon, Felix Vanderstucken and another man from Sonora came to see the Cusenbarys before Mr. Cusenbary came in from the pasture. It was time to prepare supper and also the children's bed time. Mrs. Cusenbary had more than one person could do, so she put Hattie B. and Rex in the porch swing and said to Mr. Vanderstucken, "Now will you please just keep this thing moving." Such management cleared the atmosphere, supper was cooked, and I have a notion that Mr. Vanderstucken was entertained.

Some months after the Cusenbarys were married, Mr. Cusenbary had to be away on business for a while. During his absence he arranged for a carpenter to remodel the house according to his wife's wishes. When Mr. Cusenbary returned he said he had to walk around the house three times to find the door.

Another incident of which Mrs. Cusenbary tells is the first time that one of the Mexican shepherders brought his flock up to the house after she came to the ranch. The herder had not been told of the new Sonora. When she walked out to see the large bunch of sheep and saw the herder, and he saw her, she said she never had decided which of the two was the most frightened. As time went by, the children were old enough to go to school, so in 1903 Mrs. Cusenbary moved to Sonora. The children all finished high school and all went to college. Travel and schooling were two fundamentals in the Cusenbary scheme of affairs. Even when the children were little, their parents traveled with them. Once there was a man over in McCulloch county who heard Mr. Cusenbary's name mentioned in a conversation and he said-- "Oh, that's that fellow over in Sutton County that is such a crank on educating his children." Mrs. Cusenbary and her children went on many interesting trips, to the West coast, to Mexico City, and to the Eastern and Southern states. In the summer of 1929, she and Hattie B. went back to Virginia to visit the childhood home of her father. She saw the house in which he was born, and her greatest wish was that she



could bring the beautiful old mantel board, before which he had stood many times, back to Texas.

In 1915, the locating committee for the newly created ranch experiment substation of the Texas A. & M. College visited the Cusenbary ranch. This station had been provided by an appropriation from the Legislature in 1915, because a group of enterprising ranch men wanted some investigational work done on the breeding and mohair production of Angora goats in that country. After seeing the ranch, some seven sections were purchased from Mr. Cusenbary for the site of the station. That was the beginning of contacts between practical ranch men and representatives of the experiment station staff who were trained in the science of animal husbandry. It is an unsettled question as to who learned the most from each other.

The station is a center information for ranchmen's problems, and after many years of pioneering in that field, with tenacious efforts to win the confidence of the ranch men by meeting their needs, it has reached a place where it receives merited loyalty from them. The Ranch Station, as it is called, is definitely a matter of pride with the citizens of all of that area.

In January 1918, Mr. Cusenbary died, and both boys were away, Ben in college and Rector at work. Mrs. Cusenbary and Hattie B. moved back to the ranch and ran it until the boys came home. Since that time, the ranch has been divided, the boys are both married and live on their parts of it. Hattie B. has married Rev. C.M. Epps, a

Methodist minister, and Mrs. Cusenbary lives in the spacious home which is the first brick house that was built in Sutton County.

A flowering willow tree, forty years old, and a leaning mesquite that the children used as a hobby horse, stand in the yard of the new house. Beautiful shrubs are the foundation plantings and there is a smooth lawn with a fountain, but the willow and mesquite are Mrs. Cusenbary's real treasures.

The distinction of being the senior member of the Sonora Methodist Church belongs to Mrs. Cusenbary, as she placed her letter there in 1893, the year she came to Sutton County.

A gracious woman she is, with dignity, a cultured voice, a keen sense of humor, a devotion to her children and grandchildren, and to the memory of her husband. A great concrete arched gateway with the inscription "D.B. Cusenbary Ranch" guards the entrance to the trap in which the house is located. This is her memorial to the tall man who selected the place that has been her home for forty-three years.

It was not a pretty place to her when she first came there, but vast and barren and lonely. Now the hills and vastness of it are beautiful to her, for through the years of building a civilization there, the richness of her life and experience have made it her country to which she has given two tall sons and a serene, stately daughter. Yet, she smiles modestly and says to me, "There is really no story to write about me."

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Last Chance For Mrs. Sonora

Submitted The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a last call for Sonora to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas 1999. Unless someone steps forward within the next two weeks, it appears the area will go unrepresented.

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant is a statewide event that honors the state's loveliest married women and sends a Texas representative to the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant

which will take place in Hawaii in the Fall. According to Tana Herrington, Director, "We have had a number of inquiries from women in the area, but as of today, none has followed through." There is still time for a contestant to step forward, but she will have to act quickly. Says Herrington, "I must have the completed applications in hand by April 20, 1999." Contestants will have a few more weeks to prepare as the pageant will take place June 4-6, 1999, at the

Marriott Greenspoint Hotel in Houston.

According to Herrington, Mrs. Texas contestants do not necessarily fit any particular mold. "Our participants represent an incredible variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and personal interest." The competition includes evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions. Married women interested are urged to contact Tana Herrington at (602)563-4216.

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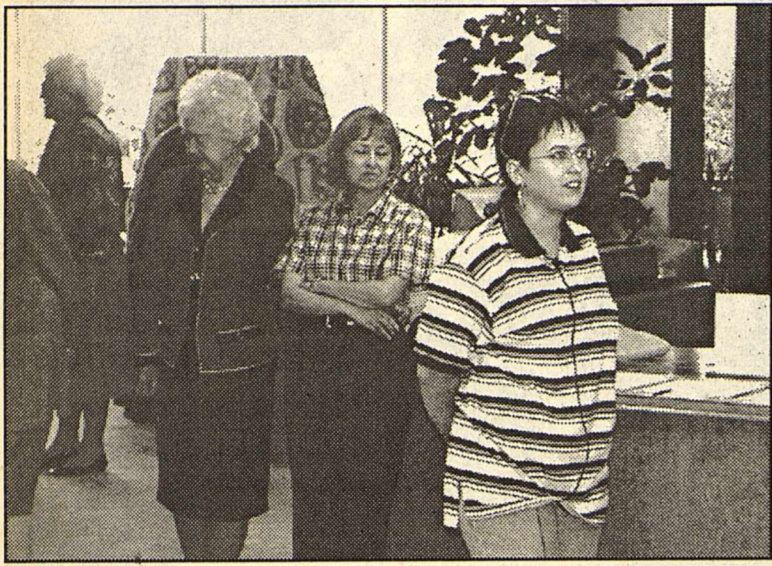
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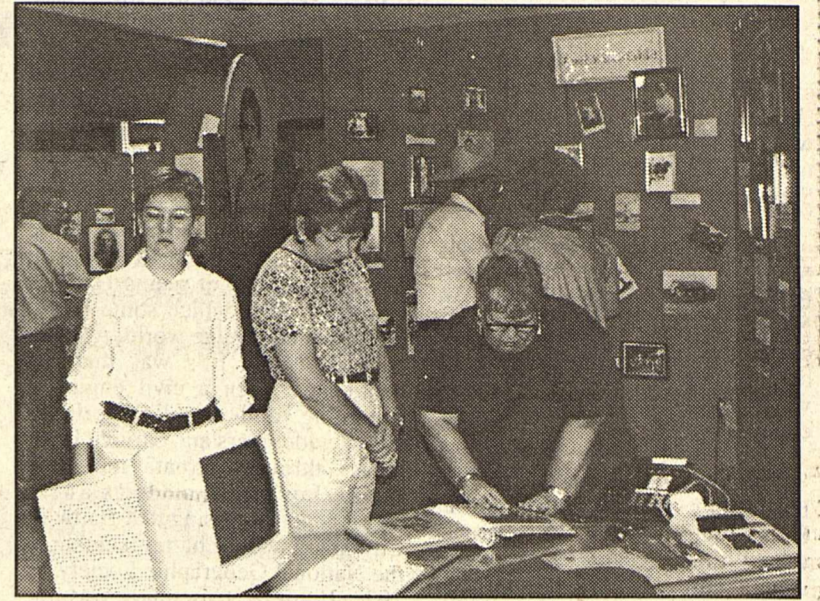
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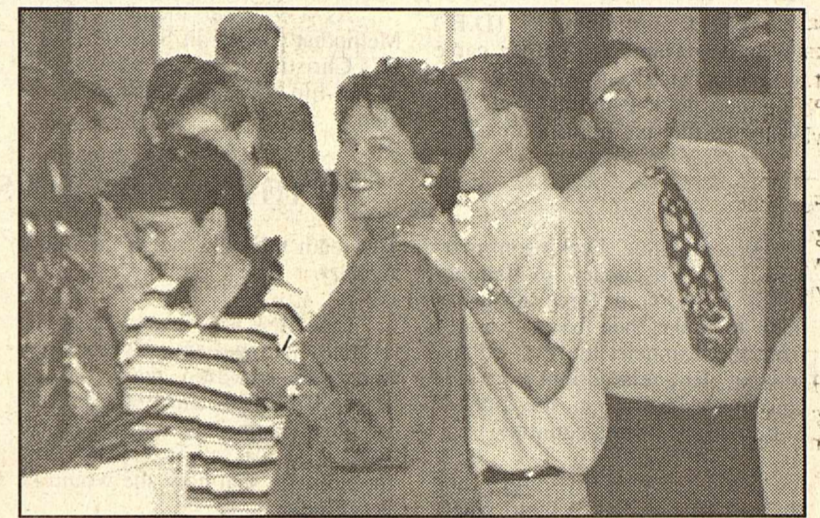
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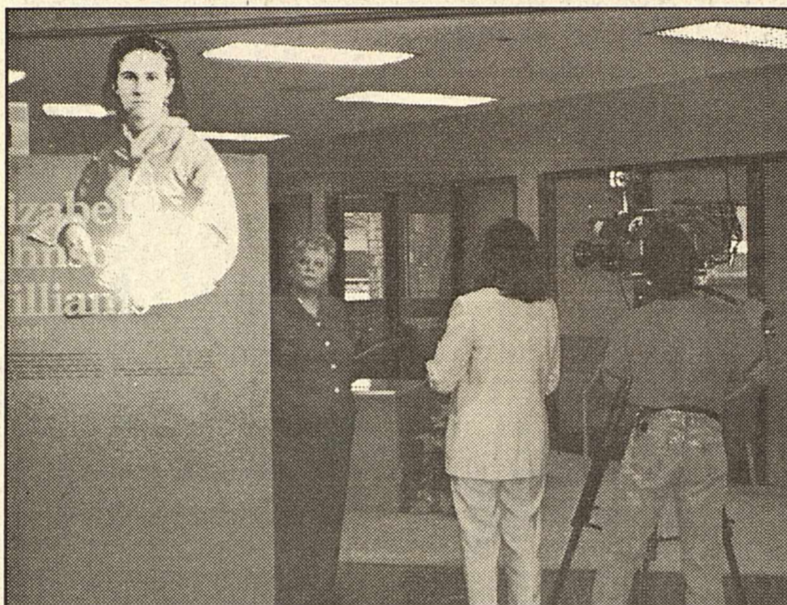
John, Linda and Allie admire a ranch woman's quilt



Three Generations learn about other ranch women in the area. Kathleen Moore, Darla and Thia McKissack



Randeef Fawcett marks her ranch on the map.



Main Street Coordinator, Ann Kay, is interviewed by KLST of San Angelo.

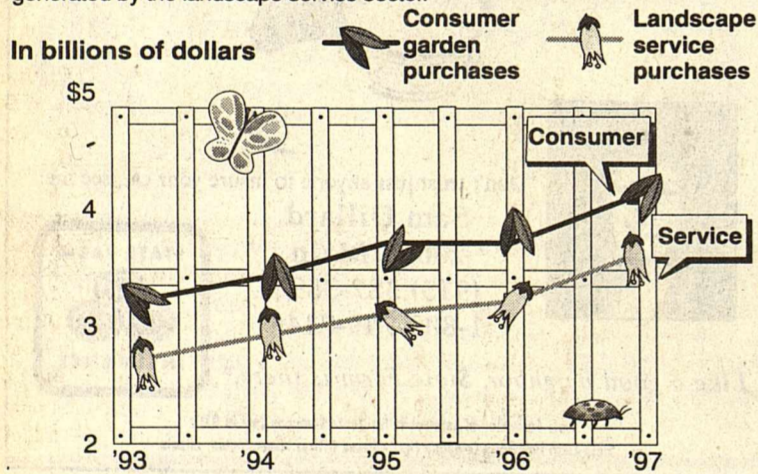


Vivian Miers conducts a live interview with Jodie Finklea for KHOS.

Keeping an eye on Texas

How do Texans' gardens grow?

Texans love their gardens so much that green industry sales exceeded \$7.7 billion in 1997. About 55 percent of sales are through retail marketing channels by do-it-yourself gardeners. The remaining 45 percent are generated by the landscape service sector.

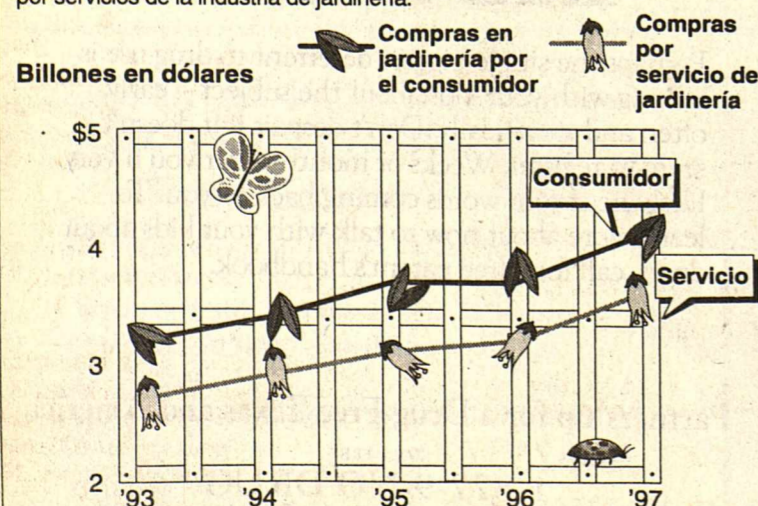


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Echándole el ojo a Texas

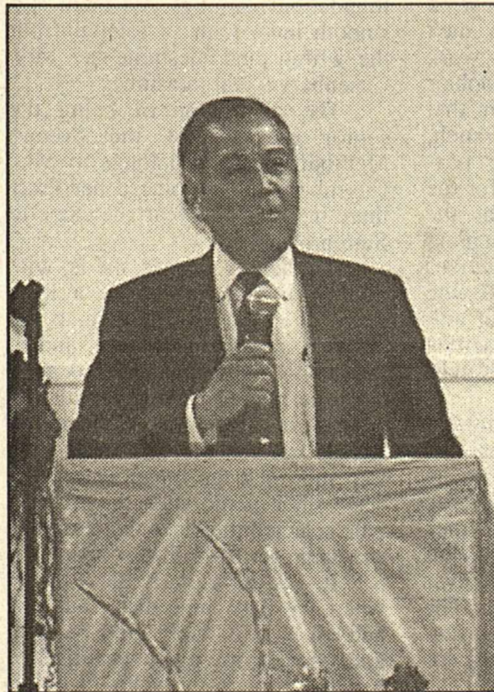
¿Como retoñan los jardines de los Tejanos?

Tanta atención ponen los Tejanos hacia sus jardines que las ventas de flores y mantenimiento para el cultivo del jardín aumentaron \$7.7 billones. De estas ventas, 55 por ciento vienen de compras por gente que trabaja en su propio jardín. El resto que es 45 por ciento son hechos por servicios de la industria de jardinería.

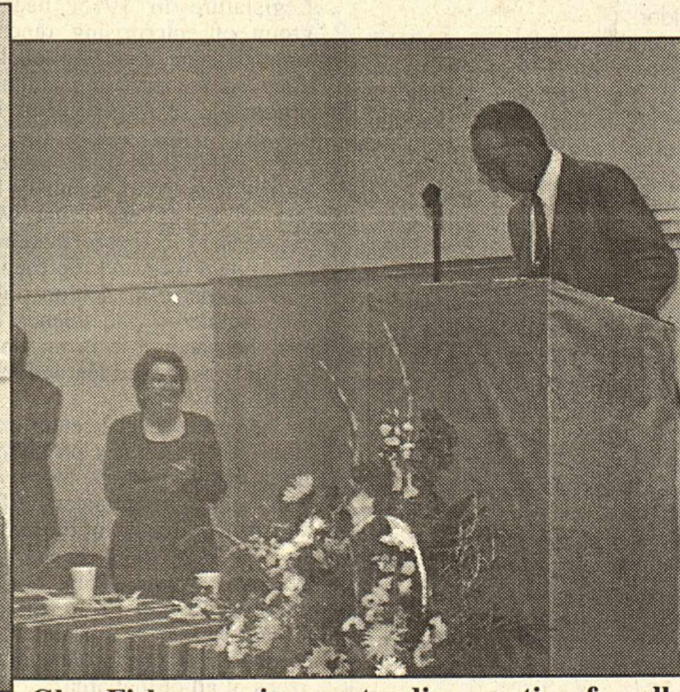


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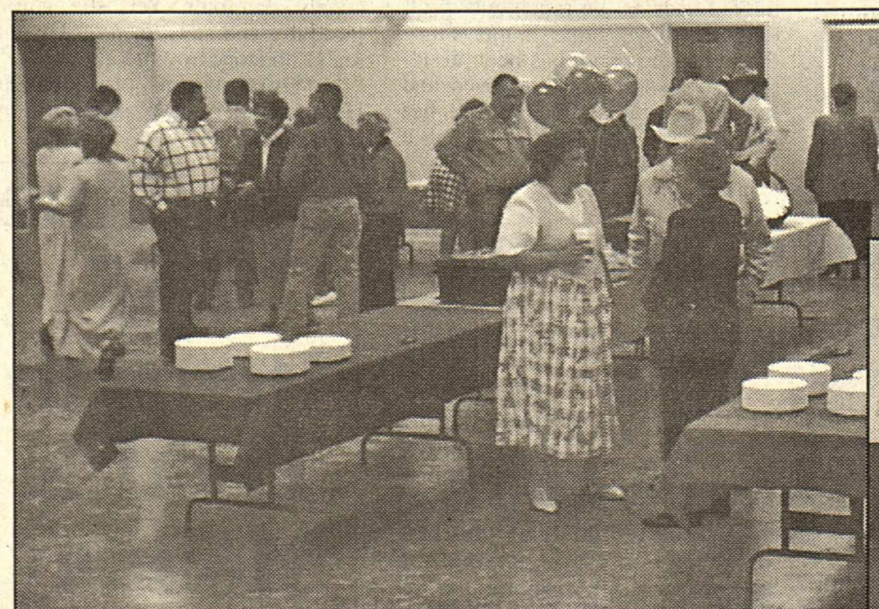
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