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## Poll Produces Information For Databases

The Sonora Industrial Development Corp. and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce recently conducted a Sales Tax & Shoppers Poll.

This poll was created to inform the San Angelo City Council, GTE and Public Utility Commission of the importance of toll free calling between Sonora and San Angelo.

About 2 years ago there was a chance for Sonora to apply for Extended Area Calling. The committee that was assigned this task has been working diligently on this project. After many meetings, and phone line survey's on KLST Television we are gaining ground in our favor.

The poll information will also be used for future databases and will answer other questions about Sonora's economy. We will use this information to assist in Sonora's efforts for the Ports to Plains Project, identifying future services for Sonora's growth, industrial prospect information and to give us a base line for the amount of primary and tax dollars that are being spent in Tom Green

County.

The larger the number of returned completed polls received, the stronger our database information. We are asking the public to take 5 minutes and fill out a poll and return them to the drop boxes or the addresses listed on the poll sheet.

Copies of the poll form are located at the Post Office, City Hall, Sutton County Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, Sutton County Steakhouse, The Chamber of Commerce Office and the Sonora Industrial Development Office.

We wish to have the results compiled and published in the next few weeks. The last day to complete the poll will be 12:00 noon on May 12, 2000.

Once this information is completed and the database results finished, it will be published in the Devil's River News for the general public to review.

Your participation is needed and greatly appreciated.



Iris Garza, Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District Mngr.; Tom Payton, USDA Natural resources Conservation Service; Ann Kay, Main Street Mngr.; Jim Garrett, Director for Concho Valley RC&D; Tony Resendez, Concho Valley RC&D Coordinator

## Local Groups Receive Donated Computer Equipment

Government agencies are uniting together to donate used computers to over 100 different communities and organizations throughout the state of Texas in order for them to achieve a higher standard of living for their residents.

City of Sonora's Main Street Project and Edwards-Plateau S.W.C.D. received donated computers on Monday, May 1, 2000. This initiative is part of Vice President Al Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government, Hassle-Free Community Initiative.

The Statewide program will provide computer hardware to various non-profit and community based organizations especially in rural Texas. Jim Garrett, Director of Concho Valley RC&D Council presented computers to the groups at the Sonora City Hall.

The Hassle-Free Community Initiative is a way for government agencies to improve the accessibility of various services for customers. This type of partnering reflects the new focus in cooperation between various government agencies, Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils and local non-profit groups in their areas.

Often rural areas are not able to

take full advantage of government benefits because they lack the basic infrastructure to receive these services. Rural areas throughout the state now will be able to acquire information about educational programs, governmental services, and ultimately achieve a higher standard of living.

The statewide computer initiative is a result of partnership efforts between Health and Human Services - Health Care Finance Agency and Indian Health Service, Small Business Administration - Office of Advocacy, General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service, 22 RC&D Councils in Texas, and Vice President Al Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government Hassle-Free Communities.

This is an initial donation to the various non-profit and community based organizations. It is anticipated that additional computer or other equipment will be available in the future. Interested groups and organizations should contact their local office of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or the RC&D office, which serves their community.

## School Board Hires Principals

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a special called meeting on Monday, April 24, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.

After the meeting was called to order the Board went into closed session according to its rights under the provision of Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and that no action would take place in closed session.

At 8:09 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session and a motion was made to hire Brant Myers as High School Principal and Kevin Allen as Junior High Principal with each to receive a 2 year contract. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was also made to employ Tracey Myers and Karen Allen as teachers with Sonora ISD.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Chamber of Commerce Presents Hospitality Program

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce along with the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be presenting "Soaring with Sonora Hospitality". The program is designed to teach retail shops, restaurants, and businesses that deal with customers on a regular basis, the importance of Texas Hospitality.

The program will be on Monday May 15, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm, at the First National Bank annex building. There is no admission charge and the program is open to all businesses and employees in Sonora. If you are interested in attending, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

## 4-H Horse Project Meeting

If you are not receiving a 4-H newsletter, we need a current enrollment form. The computer program that is used to print mailing labels will generate a label for current enrollment only.

Parents and 4-Hers met Tuesday, April 18 to organize the summer series for the 4-H Horse Project. The playdays are open to area-wide 4-Hers. Dates for these playdays are June 8, 15, 29 and July 13 and 20. Participants should be at the county arena by 6:00 p.m. to register for a 6:30 p.m. start. Event order will be showmanship at halter, lead-line western pleasure, Pre-Jr., Jr. & Sr. western pleasure, lead-line barrels, Pre-Jr., Jr. & Sr. barrels, lead-line ribbon pulling, Pre-Jr Ribbon Pulling, Jr. & Sr. Goat Tying, and Jr. & Sr. Poles.

Age divisions are Pre-Jr (8 & under, Jr (9-13) and Sr (14-19). June 1 will be the date used to determine

age divisions. There is no age requirement for lead-line participants who are led through the patterns by an adult.

Please note the following. All horses brought to the arena must have a current coggins report. Please have this done before the first playday. Proof of a negative coggins will be required for each entry.

A one time fee of \$20 will be assessed on all Pre-Jr., Jr. and Sr. entries. Lead-line entries will pay one time fee of \$5. Participants must attend 3 of the 5 playdays to receive a series award. An average of 3 contestants will be necessary for a high-point buckle to be given in an age division with few entries. Awards will be presented on the date of the last playday.

Copies of the 2000 4-H Horse Show Rule Book are available at the

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## Turnover Sends Family of Four to Hudspeth



Sutton County Emergency Crews were called out to the 413 mile marker on the morning of Friday, April 28th to respond to a one vehicle rollover. A family of four, including two small children were taken to Hudspeth Hospital after this 18 wheel truck they were riding in turned over.



The "City People" were one of the lucky winners at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet that won a catered coffee break, for having the best table. The group performed the opening song of S-O-N-O-R-A in true Village People form!! Singers were: Laura West, Jacob West, JoAnn Hernandez, Katrina Hernandez, Lesa Galindo and Lilia Flores. Dancers were: Juanita Mesa, Belia Solis, Jim Garrett, Chris Croy, Patti Prather, Ann Kay and Mike House. The Production Crew was: Becky Covington, Brent Gesch, Gloria Noriega and Sue Moore. The band was: George Hernandez, Manuel Campos, Chris Green and Russell Green.

## Project Graduation 2000

This year's Project Graduation will be held May 26, 2000 following graduation from 10:30 p.m. till around 5:00 a.m. at Sonora High School. Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol & drug-free party for all Sonora High School juniors and seniors.

Students "lock-in" at the high

## Texas Department of Human Services 1999 Annual Report

The state spent a total of \$1,280,733 last year for major welfare programs in Sutton County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$277,397 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$33,590. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of

school for an evening of games, music, food, drawings, an auction, and lots of fun! There will be a DJ to entertain all night and a store where the students can purchase prizes with the Project Graduation '00 money they win playing games. Gift certificates and money will be given

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potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$667,153 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$292,226 for Medicaid related services and \$10,367 for non-Medicaid related services.

## Relay For Life 2000

by Storie Sharp

In the final week before the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2000 we would like to honor many of the survivors that will be taking that first lap that kicks off the annual fund raising event held at Bronco Stadium. This first lap is dedicated to those that have fought, or are fighting, the disease of Cancer. It is because of these people, and all those that we may not be aware of, that the people involved in the Relay for Life work so hard every year. Having a good time while raising money for research, patient services, and more is the goal for the volunteers. Sutton County Survivors include: Ann Feagin, Dorothy Baker, Joyce Chalk, Irene Friess, Joy Galbreath, Roberta James, Vicenta Lopez, Linda Love, Gloria Miears, Chris Neal, Wanda Neville, Jean Redman, Peggy Sharp, Enrique Sanchez, Elvie Turney, W. B. McMillan, Jack Johnson, Debbie Reinhardt, Lawrence Finklea, Peggy Hillard, Olivia Hernandez, Kathy Hawkeness, Jeanette Turner, Margarita Duran, Esperanza Arrendondo, Veva Vargas, Louise Barlemann, Pete Samaniego, Espy Samaniego, Olga Dominguez, Beverly Wilson, MayDell Moore, Betty Stephen, Frank Davis, Maria Carrasco, Jeryl Fields, Lalo Gonzales, Margarito Gamez, Terry Beebe, Mary Chavez, Oscar Ovalle, Cindy Batchelor, Ben Epps, Vanessa Perez, JoAnn Bowen. These may not be all the survivors, and if we left you out we apologize

and encourage you to come to the Relay for Life 2000 and celebrate your courage and strength with everyone!

This year's event will kick off at 6:00 p.m. and the fun continues on through-out the entire night.

Many types of food will be available from the teams that are participating, including spaghetti, sausage on a stick, nachos, brisket, Bar-B-Q sandwiches, hot dogs, chinese food, frito pies, chicken strips, sweets, candy, sno-cones and more!

There will be all kinds of fun for the kids, including hair coloring and braiding, tatoos, face painting, water guns, water balloons, glow necklaces, glowing teeth, and carnival type games.

The luminaria ceremony begins around 10:00 p.m. A beautiful time to reflect and remember.

The team contests begin at midnight with a Jalapeno Eating Contest to get everyone jumping. Contests that will follow are the "Pizza Toss", Limbo, Hoola Hoop contest, dance contest, sack races, a karaoke contest, the baseball toss, tug of war, the "Martianmellow Toss", an obstacle course race, and a sand dig. Other games that will go on all through the night are soccer, volleyball, a freethrow competition and more!

So pack your sleeping bag, grab your tent and head out to Bronco Stadium this Friday. If you've never attended the Relay for Life, 2000 is the time to start!

## Veteran of the Week



Lewin Earnest "Pete" Skains, Fireman second class, AS, F2c was born in Throckmorton, TX on June 5, 1909. Skains married Pauline Moeplin and was raising two sons in Sonora when he was drafted into the United States Navy.

Skains completed boot training in San Diego California in 1944 and completed an overseas tour in Guam. He served his tour of duty with the Sea-B's and on the Fire Brigade, returning home in 1946.

"Pete" and Pauline raised three sons in Sonora, Pete Skains, now in Carlsbad, TX, Jack Skains, Campwood, TX, and Buck Skains, Sonora, TX. Lewin "Pete" Skains died in 1978.



## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. T. Wayne Price Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry &amp; Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p> <p><b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018</p> <p><b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Monty Price Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>
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### Card of Thanks

The family of Justin Caleb Browne would like to thank everyone for all of their love, support, and prayers. We want to express how grateful we are for all the beautiful flowers, plants, cards, and memorials that were sent to the church and to our home. We could not have made it through the past two weeks without all the wonderful friends that have been here for us. We will never be able to express how grateful we are to all of you. Justin was our beautiful, precious, child who touched so many lives, and we thank you all for showing us how special he was to you.

Thank you,  
The Stuart & Browne Family  
Justin Browne Scholarship Memorials can be sent to  
Box 1476, Ozona, Texas 76943

A special thanks to Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Healy, and Mrs. Hirt for a really fun trip to Sea World. We had a fantastic time! We appreciate the bravery you showed taking all the 3rd graders to San Antonio. Also, thanks to Coach Sessom and Reggie Williams for a safe bus trip!

The Sonora Middle School and the sixth grade teachers would like to thank the Sawyer Ranch and all the people who helped make the field day at the Sawyer Ranch a great success. We enjoyed learning about the relationship between the land and the water and learning that there is a limited source of both and that we had better take care of it. Thanks again for a great day!



**Davis - James**

Lillie Y. Davis of Duncanville, Texas and Jimmy L. James, Jr. of Amarillo, TX were married April 29, 2000, at The Episcopal Church of Good Shepherd in Cedar Hill, TX with the Rev. Canon Gregg L. Riley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jetty Davis of Duncanville, TX and Birl V. Davis of Irving, TX. She is the granddaughter of Madge Davis, of Sonora. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Farber of Spearman, TX and Jimmy L. James, Sr., of Amarillo, TX.

Matron of Honor was sister of the bride Claire Baxter of Vancourt, TX Scripture Reader was Cyndi Davis of San Marcos, TX. Soloist was Bonnie Lou Campbell of Sonora, TX. and Book Attendant was Kerri Smith of Dallas, TX. Hostesses were Kendra Lansdell of Oklahoma City, OK, and Cammie Heflin of Dallas, TX.

The bride wore a gown of white satin traditionally styled with lavish details on the ballgown silhouette. Appliques of delicate Alecon lace encrusted with bridal pearls enhanced the off the shoulder neckline. The Basque bodice attached to the graceful cathedral train completed the gown.

The best man was Gary Prince of Arlington, TX. Candlelighter was Mark Baxter of Vancourt, TX. Ushers were Bryan Davis of San Marcos, TX. and Jason Taylor of Amarillo, TX.

The bride is a 1989 of Duncanville High School and received a degree in 1993 from Texas Tech University and is currently employed by Rocky Mountain Clothing Company as a sales representative for Oklahoma and North Texas.

The bridegroom is a 1988 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, TX. and is currently employed by Terri Clark Entertainment in Nashville, TN.

The reception was held at the City Club on the 69th floor of the Bank of America Building in downtown Dallas.

After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, the couple will reside in Oklahoma City, OK.

### Obituaries

#### Reverend Canon Henry Clay Tompkins Puckett

The Reverend Canon Henry Clay Tompkins Puckett, 86, died April 21, 2000 in Houston, Texas. Born in Biltmore, N.C., he was reared in Houston and San Antonio. Following Journalism School at the University of Texas he edited and published a newspaper in West Texas. During World War II he served as an officer in The Third Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, USMCR. He sold the newspaper in 1955 and entered The Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. Following graduation he served Episcopal churches as rector in Corpus Christi, McAllen and St. Mark's in Houston. In 1972 he was appointed Canon to The Ordinary by the Rt. Rev. J. Milton Richardson and upon Bishop Richardson's death, was reappointed by The Rt. Rev. Maurice M. Benitez. In the Diocese of West Texas Canon Puckett served on The Standing Committee, as Deputy to General Convention, Executive Council, and chairman of The Research and Planning Commission. During his ministry in The Diocese of Texas he was President of The Standing Committee, Deputy to General Convention, and a trustee of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, St. James House, St. Stephens School, the Bishop Quinn Foundation and Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, from which he received an honorary doctorate in 1986. He was also an Examining Chaplain and a member of The Commission on Ministry. After his retirement in 1986 he became Diocesan Liaison for St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and assistant to John A. Burdine, M.D., Chief Executive Officer. In 1999 St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital named Canon Puckett Board Member Emeritus. Canon Puckett is survived by his wife, the former Mary Jack King; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Jackie) Johnson of Longmont, CO. and Mrs. Mark W. (Rebecca) Hunter of Houston; a son, The Very Reverend David F. K. Puckett, Dean of The Cathedral Church of St. John, Albuquerque, N.M.; four grandsons, three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. A sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Troell of San Antonio also survive him. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2000 at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave, with the Rt. Rev. Claude E. Payne, Bishop of Texas officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, or to Christ Church Cathedral.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed their time and money to our Barbecue Supper. Thanks to all who promoted, sold tickets, made desserts and potato salad, served food, helped with the clean-up, and donated very generously toward our fundraiser. A special thanks to Curtis Lipham, Marty Lipham, and Kirk Joy for their cooking expertise!!

Thank You, Sonora!!  
Caleb Taylor and Jared Percifull

## Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

### Birth Announcements

Matthew and Marlyn Young are the proud parents of a little boy.

Kenley Jay Young was born on April 4, 2000, weighing 7lbs. 13 ozs. and 21" long.

He was born in San Angelo, Texas, at the Shannon Women's and Children's Clinic. He is the first grandchild for Jim and Ann Kay, of Sonora; Texas, and Dana and Gert Young of Abilene, Texas. Kenley is also the first great-grandchild for Frances Besselle of Austin, Texas, and Dutchie Young of Abilene, Texas. All his aunts and uncles welcome him to the family.

### Elementary Lunch Menu

**School Lunch Menu**  
May 8 - 12

**Breakfast**

*Mon.* - No School!  
*Tues.* - Cheese toast, tator tots, juice or fruit.  
*Wed.* - Muffins, juice, fruit.  
*Thurs.* - Biscuits, eggs & ham, juice or fruit.  
*Fri.* - Egg & potato burrito, juice or fruit.  
**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**

*Mon.* - No School!  
*Tues.* - Macaroni & beef, mixed vegetables, cornbread, apple crisp.  
*Wed.* - Cheese enchiladas, beans, Spanish rice, salsa, tossed salad, jello.  
*Thurs.* - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, green beans, mixed vegetables, fruit.  
*Fri.* - Hamburger / Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, dessert.

## Dining Out Directory

La Mexicana  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

Los Jarritos  
605 S. Crockett  
387-2838

Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe  
207 Glasscock Ave  
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833

Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
903 N. Crockett Ave.  
387-2169

### Senior Center News

May 5 - "Cinco De Mayo" Come eat with us!  
May 8 - Bingo!  
May 9 - CEAP Energy Assist. program from San Angelo! 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
May 10 - Spring Fling at San Angelo! If you would like to go - sign in NOW!  
May 11 - Crafts...Anyone!

### Senior Center Menu

May 5 - Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, Spanish rice, fruit salad, milk.  
May 8 - Roast chicken, egg noodles, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler.  
May 9 - Pork chops with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, corn bread, pineapple waldorf.  
May 10 - Chicken / rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake.  
May 11 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, French fries, steamed carrots, fresh apple, milk.  
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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## Community Calendar

**May 5 & 6**  
A.C.S. Relay for Life  
6:00 p.m. Bronco Stadium

**May 5 & 8 & 17**  
School Holidays

**May 9**  
F.F.A. Banquet  
4-H Civic Center • 7:30 p.m.

**May 26**  
S.H.S. Graduation Ceremonies  
Bronco Stadium 8:30 p.m.

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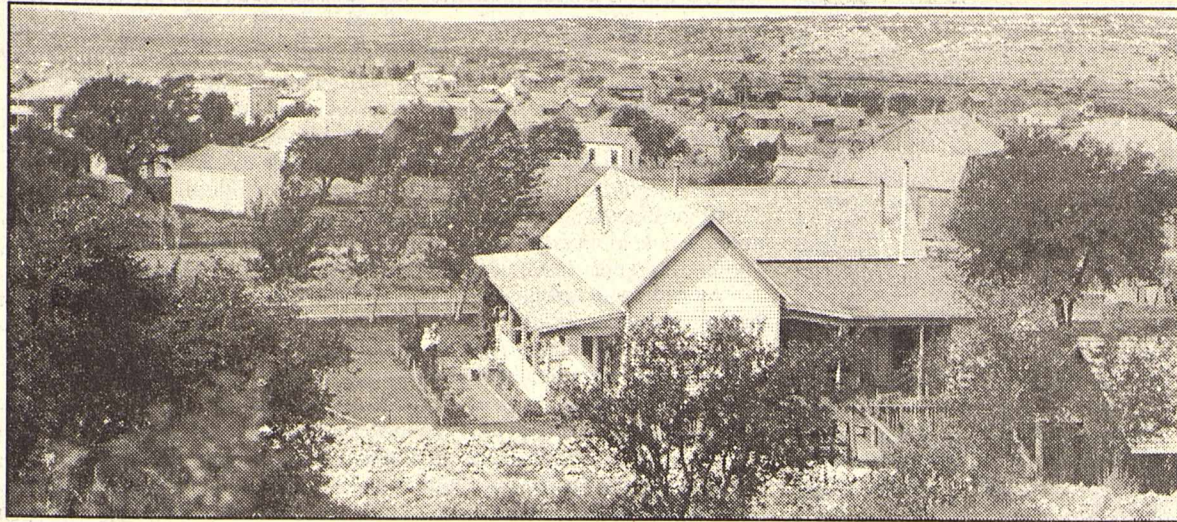
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Ask the Historical Society



An overview of Sonora with the Vander Stucken home in the foreground.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary  
 Q. Where was Charcoal City?  
 A. What we call cedar is actually a juniper, *Juniperus ashei* to be correct. While this plant is considered a pest and can actually thrive on heat and drought and grow into breaks with interlocking branches that are so thick to the ground that nothing, not even grass, can survive, the plant has some use. It is used for fence posts, fencing, large pieces can be split into shingles or turned into beautiful works of art. But it is a very difficult tree to eradicate.  
 When you burn juniper it turns into a white ash unless you arrange the cedar logs into large close packed mounds, cover them with cedar bark and dirt to keep most of the air out and smolder them for four or five days. The end result of this process is charcoal. In the old days it

was packed into tow sacks and taken into towns to sell.  
 Now this charcoal was not used on the barbecue as we do today. The main use of this charcoal was to filter water. As many of you know, in some places in West Texas the water tastes horrible. The people would boil the water for ten minutes to kill germs and then pour it through the charcoal very slowly to make it smell and taste good. Charcoal is still used today in water filters. This and its ability to heat flat irons with a slow, smokeless, even heat, keep an even fire in the blacksmiths forge, and heat a tinsmiths soldering iron, were the main uses of charcoal. It was also mixed with honey and fed to people with stomach trouble and mixed into chicken feed to supposedly keep the chickens healthy.

From about 1880 to 1919 a stretch along the Guadalupe River was known as Charcoal City. Now there wasn't really a city, just a sparsely settled area with people who engaged in cutting down cedar/juniper and turning it into charcoal. The charcoal was then hauled to San Antonio and sold.  
 The people that processed the cedar/juniper were called "charcoal burners." Most of them came from the Ozarks and Tennessee and liked the isolated form of life. They preferred working for themselves at their own pace. Most of them were tough, soft spoken people with large families. As we developed new technologies for processing water, heating irons and forges, the charcoal burners switched to cutting cedar to clear people's land and were called "cedar choppers". In return for cutting and clearing they were given the trees they cut to make into cedar posts which they sold at market.

These men didn't have bulldozers to knock down the cedar or chain saws to cut it up. They had axes, rakes and shovels and good old muscle power. They cut and shaped the posts by hand and loaded them into wagons pulled by mules for the long trips to market. They didn't have the interstate to get them to San Antonio in a day. They would make a long trip, taking several weeks to haul their produce to market in San Antonio, from this area. If they were lucky the rancher would buy the posts and hire them to dig post holes and run wire fencing. This would insure a long period of employment and a chance for the children to attend local schools.

Q. Did Indians really use sign language like they show in the movies?  
 A. Many of the Indian tribes spoke different languages and couldn't communicate with each other except in a simple universal sign language they had developed over the years. It was usually used in trading or identifying what tribe a person was from and where they

were going. The mountain men and soldier at forts even picked up some of the basics of the sign language and used it in trading, to get directions, and in scouting for renegades.

Q. Were there any Indians and buffalo in Sutton County?

A. Yes there were. There are caves in Sutton County that clearly showed that Indians had used them and arrowheads and other items have been found around the county over the years. These caves were quite dangerous and the entrances have been closed off to keep anyone from being hurt. Buffalo migrated south into Sutton County and there are many reports that they were here in the earliest days of the white man exploring the area. This area didn't look like it does today. Cedar and mesquite had not taken over the range, it was covered in buffalo grass belly deep on a horse and dotted with live oaks. If you look at old pictures of this valley and the hills beyond in the early days you don't see any cedar, just grass on the hills.

Q. When did World War I start and end?

A. Technically it started in the summer of 1914 when Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

On Nov 9, 1918 Berlin announced that the "Kaiser and King has decided to renounce the throne." On Nov 10, 1918 the Kaiser fled to Holland and the German princes and rulers abdicated leaving a provisional government in charge of Germany. On November 11, 1918 Germany accepted Foch's peace terms and the war stopped. December 13, 1918 President Wilson arrived in France for the Peace Conference in Paris.

Some of you have been asking for a fishing story so here is a very old one I found: The Silver Hook - Doctor Franklin, observing one day a young fellow, who he knew to be a blacksmith, sitting on the wharf bobbing for little mudcats and eels, called to him: "Ah! Tom, what a pity it is you cannot fish with a silver hook." The young man replied, "He was not able to fish with a silver hook." Some days after this the doctor saw Tom out at the wharf again with his long pole. "What, Tom!" cried the doctor, have you got the silver hook yet?" "I am hardly able to fish with an iron one said the blacksmith." "Poh! Poh!" replied the doctor, "go home to your anvil and you will make silver enough in one day to buy more and better fish than you can catch in a month."

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society", P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.net.

Lions Club Honors Ruth Espy



Justin McGeath, Ruth Espy, Brent Gesch, Beto Duran and Chris Croy

At their weekly luncheon held on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, the Downtown Lions Club honored Mrs. Ruth Espy with a plaque to show their appreciation for the many years of support she has given the organization. Mrs. Espy stated that she is thankful to give of herself to an organization that gives so much.

Census Staff Hits the Streets

Census workers are hitting the streets with their official badge that says "Census Enumerators" on it and a black bag emblazoned with a Census 2000 label. The badge features the blue seal of the Department of Commerce on the front. "The United States Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census" is printed in red above the seal.

There is no photo on the badge, but the person's signature will be on the back. Upon request, the Census worker will also present a picture identification card, such as a driver's license that bears his or her signature. People can compare the signatures to verify identity. If they have reservations, they may ask the Census worker for the local Census Office number.

Census takers have strict orders never to ask to enter a home. They will stand in the door way and ask their questions. Census workers will never ask for a social security or credit card number.

Bill Cosgrove, Local Census Manager, North Office advises, "people should hold on to their questionnaire if they still have it, until they get visited by a Census worker. To save time, they may have the questionnaire filled out and ready for the Census worker who will review it for completeness."

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## F.Y.I.

The 12th annual Sonora FFA Awards Ceremony and Reception will be Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Commons Area.

**Soccer Clinic** to be held June 7th & 8th from 7-9 p.m. Participants should be between the ages of 4-11. The cost will be approximately \$20.00 dependent upon the number of participants. ASU Women's Coach Tom Brown will conduct the clinic. Cost of the clinic will include Coach Brown's fees and a t-shirt for each participant. Deadline to sign up will be Friday, May 19th. If interested please contact Bonnie Lou at 387-3174 or Paul at 387-5402.

**A Golf Scramble to benefit the Germany Trip for Jared Percifull and Caleb Taylor** will be May 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sonora Golf Club. Sign up by 5:00 p.m. \$10.00 entry fee, \$5.00 goes to the trip, \$5.00 goes to the Scramble pot.

**The Senior Center Van** is going to San Angelo on Wed. May 10th instead of the regular trip, in order to take more seniors to enjoy Spring Fling.

## Main Street Traffic

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Hunt held on Main Street was a great success! There were visitors from all over Texas on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn and downtown Main Street. Sonora Main Street Advisory Board was working hard to register all the children, Moms, Dads, and Grandparents. Sonora Merchants Association and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce assisted the Easter Bunny by hiding eggs all around the courthouse area. Mr. E. Bunny showed up just in time to make sure everything was done right and to take pictures with all the children. As the egg hunt started the clues were given to begin the treasure hunt among the historical buildings on Main Street for the older youth. The treasure hunters were working for a chance to win golden dollars, five dollar bills and a bicycle.

A head count turned up 76 out-of-town visitors and 278 Sonora folks that registered for prizes.

Sonora Main Street Program would like to express their appreciation to everyone that made this hunt such a great time!

The Public is cordially invited to attend a ceremony in honor of our Veterans on May 29, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Courthouse lawn, downtown Main Street. The Honor Guard Ceremony will be conducted by Goodfellow Air Force Base from San Angelo, Texas. The exhibit will open after the ceremony.

**We Need Artists!** Sonora Main Street Program would like to help display your art for sale or show. The Community Artist Show grand opening will be May 29, 2000, after the Honor Guard Memorial Day Celebration, on the Courthouse Lawn. If you need more information, call Vivian Mears at KHOS, 387-3553, Ann Kay at the Main Street Office, 387-2248, or Mary Lou Gilly, 387-2217.

Do you think your mother should be mother of the year? If so, why? Dairy Queen of Sonora, The Merchants Association and the Sonora Main Street Program are sponsoring a "Mother of the Year 2000" contest in honor of Mother's Day. Students from Kindergarten to 5th grade are being encouraged to express their feelings about why their mom should be mother of the year, with either a short paragraph or a picture. The students will be receiving forms in their classes at school. All entries will be judged on May 10th by the Merchants Association and the Sonora Main Street Advisory Board. The winning mom will be announced on May 12, 2000 at the Dairy Queen in Sonora. The mother will receive one combo meal per month for one full year!

Participants are asked to return their story or picture to one of the participating merchants listed below by Wednesday, May 10, 2000, where it will be displayed and judged.

The merchants are: Dairy Queen of Sonora, Devil's River News, image apparel, Main Street Realty, Busy Bee Dept. Store, B & C Dept. Store, City Hall, Business Basics, Westerner Drug, Main Street Mercantile, O' Sonora Trading Co., Alco, U.S. Post Office, Rafter W Feed, True Value, WTU, First National Bank, Sonora Main Street Office, KHOS, The Video Store, and Radical Rays.

## Youth Group Will Perform at First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, May 7, First United Methodist Church of Sonora will be hosting a presentation of the *True Love Waits* musical and drama. The performance will be presented by the youth group of San Angelo's Glen Meadows Baptist Church. The group is appropriately named, the L.O.U.D. Singers and Drama Team. L.O.U.D. is an acronym for Loving Others Unconditionally Daily, and the group consists of some 40 students from ages 12 to 18. They have performed this particular presentation at several churches and events surrounding San Angelo.

"We are extremely excited to be coming to Sonora this weekend. The students in the performance love to have the opportunity to minister in this way. We have seen over 300 young people make commitments to stay sexually pure until marriage as a result of this program,

and that makes all the time and effort spent well worth it." Kevin D. Kirkland, Youth Minister, Glen Meadows Baptist Church.

*True Love Waits* is an international campaign designed to challenge students to remain sexually abstinent until marriage.

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The program calls for students to sign a card with the commitment above on it, and tracks those results all across the country. You can find out more about the *True Love Waits* program at [www.truelove-waits.com](http://www.truelove-waits.com).

## Donations Make Scholarship Tournament Successful

On April 29th the Third Annual Scholarship Tournament was held at the Sonora Golf Club to raise funds for college scholarships to deserving Sonora High School seniors. Eight teams participated in the 18 hole scramble and then enjoyed a hamburger supper.

The winning team was Virgil Burge, Jed Davenport, Brandon West, Johnny Doan, and Jeff Doan with a round of 56. They were awarded the traveling trophy donated by Ken Nelson. The second place team was Clyde Dukes, Thomas Hanson, Ed Price, Gary Hardgrave and Ryan Hardgrave.

The Scholarship Committee would like to express their appreciation to the following people for

their generous donations which was approximately \$2000.00: Oasis Pipeline Co., Baker Petrolite Chemicals, Sonora Chemical Co., PG&E Gas Transmission, Wanda Neville, Casparis Wireline, Barton Ranch Co., Brian Rhodes, Johnny Jones, Gary Hardgrave, Becky York, Clyde Dukes, Thomas Hanson, Ed Price, Willie Gutierrez, Juan Gutierrez, Joe Casillas, Larry Hernandez, Brad Hull, Joe David West, Hoot Hearn, Jerry Northcott, Balch Ranch Co., Bobby Taylor, Gayle Smart, and Randy Sparks.

A special thank you to Becky York and Clyde Dukes for all their help in keeping the scholarship program going and to Rick Cearley for cooking the burgers.

The Cross Roads, Manuel Camps, Chris Green, George Hernandez and Russell Green will be appearing on Star Search 2000 on May 7, 2000 in Abilene, TX at the Carion Hotel Ballroom. They will be competing with same age group bands. If you want to go and support, tickets are \$10.00 each.

The Cross Roads will also be playing from 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Relay for Life 2000.

## Happy Birthday

**May 4**  
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**May 9**  
Robert Duran, Ross Sanchez, Joel Arnwine

**May 10**  
Alma Love, Chelsea Garcia, Alex Gonzales Jr., Kimberly Gonzales, Minnie Gonzales, Tammy Rae Ramirez

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Extension Office, anyone wanting more information concerning event patterns and rules can contact the office or pick up a rule book.

A clinic is tentatively being organized for a date prior to the first playday. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Fran Pennington at 387-5189 (image) or 387-3201.

The date for the spring activities, including Officer Election for 2001, the Spring Dance and Volunteer Training to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2000. There is no school on Friday, and that is the weekend of the Relay for Life.

Officer elections will begin at the 4-H Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. There are only three returned applications for office. If you are interested please complete and return your application by the deadline of May 1. If you have lost your application form and need another you may stop by the office and get one. Immediately following the elections a short educational program is tentatively planned to be presented by one of the state 4-H specialists on volunteer opportunities. As soon as the educational program is complete the dance will begin, which should be about 7:45 p.m. If the specialist is unable to attend then the dance could begin somewhat earlier. If he does come then volunteers and parents will be able to visit informally with the specialist after the formal presentation, while the members are dancing. The evenings activities will conclude at 10:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a guest.

A training for Record Books will be held for members, leaders, and parents on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. The training will cover preparation of the overall 4-H record which will qualify 4-Hers for competition at the district level and will qualify them for local year pins and local project area award medals when turned in with the application form. The meeting will last about 1 1/2 hours for the first activity.

## Police Reports

**April 24** - Aggravated Assault - Officer was dispatched to Hudspeth Hospital in reference to an assault. Upon arrival victim advised that a known person to him had assaulted him. Charges are pending.

**April 25** - Criminal Mischief - Officer was dispatched to Alco Dept. store to meet with a complainant who advised that someone unknown to her had broke out the right side window of her 1993 Plymouth Van while parked in the parking lot. Investigation continues.

**April 26** - Truancy - Officer was contacted by Sonora Intermediate School Principal that a student was not attending school and charges of Truancy would be filed. Report was forwarded to the County Attorney and charges are pending.

**April 28** - Threats - Officer was dispatched to the Police Dept. to meet with a complainant who advised that a known person to him had made a threat to him. No charges were filed.

**April 29** - Driving While Intoxicated - Officer was on a routine traffic stop, which led to the arrest of Samuel Romo of Sonora for Driving While Intoxicated.

**April 30** - Possession of Marijuana - Officer was on a routine traffic stop, which led to the arrest of Kris Campbell of Houston, Texas, for Possession of Marijuana.

**April 30** - Public Intoxication - Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Glasscock in reference to a possible disturbance. After further investigation Ezequiel Lara Reyes, Jr. was arrested for Public Intoxication.

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# Broncos Bound For State



## Lady Broncos Fighting To The End

The Sonora Lady Broncos traveled to Abilene last Friday to compete in the Region 1 track meet. Some of the Lady Broncos did not fare as well as we had hoped, but we all learned from the experience.

Sophomore, Shalayne Hobbs, however, is going to represent Region 1 in the 1600m run at the State track meet. She ran to a first place finish with a time of 5:44.19. Shalayne went to State last year in the 3200m Run. So this state competition will not be a new experience for her. She finished 3rd in the 3200m Run at Region this year with a 12:18.10, which is her best time of the year.

Morgan Hobbs, a freshman this year, competed in the High Jump at

the Region 1 meet. Morgan cleared 5', which is 6 inches shy of her personal best this year. But, the higher level of competition was an experience for her, and she will definitely be back next year.

Senior Kim Marshall earned her regional birth in the shot put. Kim threw 29'8", which is almost 4 feet short of her best throw, and would not place in the Regional meet.

The 800m Relay team of seniors, Sarah Ball, Kara Eaton, and sophomores, Amy Gann and Kasey Miller, ran a time of 1:49, to go on to the finals. A bad handoff prevented the team from running their best times. They did, however, make it to the finals. In the finals, it was the same fateful handoff that disquali-

fied the girls. They would not finish the race.

So, the Sonora Lady Broncos can chalk this year off as a learning experience for the younger athletes, and hard lessons learned for the seniors. The seniors this year did set a precedent, however, for the younger girls. The team placed second at nearly every meet, won the Iraan Cactus Relays, and placed second at District behind Wall. Also, Shalayne Hobbs will go to State for the second consecutive year, but in another event. The Sonora Lady Broncos are on the right road, and we have the senior leaders to thank. Good luck to those graduation seniors! We love you.

## Sonora H.S. Golfers Going to State

Submitted  
Lightning DOES strike twice, at least for the Sonora High School boys' varsity golf team, as they've again earned the right to compete in the Class 2-A State Golf Tournament in Austin on May 8th and 9th. The regional qualifying tournament took place on April 26th and 27th, in Baird at the Shady Oaks Country Club Golf Course. This is the same course where last year's regional tournament was held, when Sonora tied for first place with Post. Sixteen teams, two from each district, were entered. At the end of the second day of play this year, Sonora ranked first, followed by a surging Ozona team in second place. Team standings were as follows: 1st- Sonora 302-298-600, 2nd- Ozona 316-287-603, 3rd- Canadian #1 310-304-614, 4th- Post 312-309-621, 5th- Albany 313-314-627. Reagan Co. placed 14th with 345-331-676.

Individually, Sonora's golfers scored as follows: Ryan Hardgrave 73-72-145, Tommy Gutierrez 72-75-147, Cole Cearley 78-71-149, Ryan Cramer 83-80-163, and Dustin Martin 79-86-165. Ryan Hardgrave's score of 145 tied him for second place medalist, with Marcus Lopez of Post. Jacob West was entered as



an individual medalist in the regional tournament.

Dustin Martin, the only freshman on the team, said he was really excited at the prospect of going to State his first year on varsity. Ryan Cramer felt this would be a nice way to finish out his senior year for SHS. Third-year varsity player Ryan Hardgrave, a junior, said he felt confident about the team's playing well at State.

Coach Thomas Hanson commented that the team played very steady at regional, and hopefully will get to Austin and have two

more good days and come away with first place.

The team will leave Sonora on Sunday for the trip to Austin and a practice round at Lions Municipal Golf Course. Perhaps they will feel a bit more at ease this year, having played at State last year when they finished second. But for every one of these players, only the best is good enough. They will put everything they have into this tournament and hopefully, will bring home the championship trophy for Sonora High. Good Luck, Broncos!

## Bronco Track Claims Regional Title

The last year Sonora claimed a Regional Title in track was the year of 1973. The 2000 track team scored 10 points in the Field Events and scored 42 points in the Running Events. The team was able to edge our Panhandle and McCamey, which tied for second place with 42 points.

In the Field Events, the Broncos were led by Riley Crain, Andy Sanchez and Stetson Hall. Riley jumped 43'07 1/2" in the Triple Jump to place fourth and score four points. Andy Sanchez had a throw of 52-08 1/4 in the Shot Put to place

fourth, and also scored four points for the team. Stetson Hall placed fifth in the Discus with a throw of 139-08 and scored two points.

The Running Events were led by the 400-Meter Relay team, who came home with the only first place. The team of Bill Renfro, Juan Rodriguez, Graham Bloodworth and James Elliott ran a blazing time of 42.77 to win the event. James Elliott ran a personal best 49.08 in the 400 Meter Dash and will represent the Broncos at State. In the 3200 Meter Run, Zacarias ran an excellent time of 9:58.19 to place second and will also represent Sonora in Austin.

Riley Crain ran a time of 15.15 in the 110 High Hurdles, to place fifth and score another two points for the team. Zacarias Rojo ran a time of 4:43.56 to place fifth in the 1600 Meter Run. The 1600 Meter Relay team of Rodriguez, Bloodworth, Elliott and Crain placed sixth in the final event to score two points for the team.

The team had an overall success at the Regional Meet. The young men of Sonora represented our school and community with great pride and with a lot of enthusiasm. Good luck at State!

## Mogford and Simpler Advance to Regionals

On March 24th and 25th, the S.H.S. Tennis Team attended the Big Lake Tennis Tournament. The doubles team of Japha Word and Johnna Wade received 4th place after losing to Eldorado. The doubles team of Justin Routh and Chance Dillard received consolation.

On April 5th and 6th, the tennis teams attended the District Meets. On Wednesday April 5th, the Varsity team went to Big Spring.

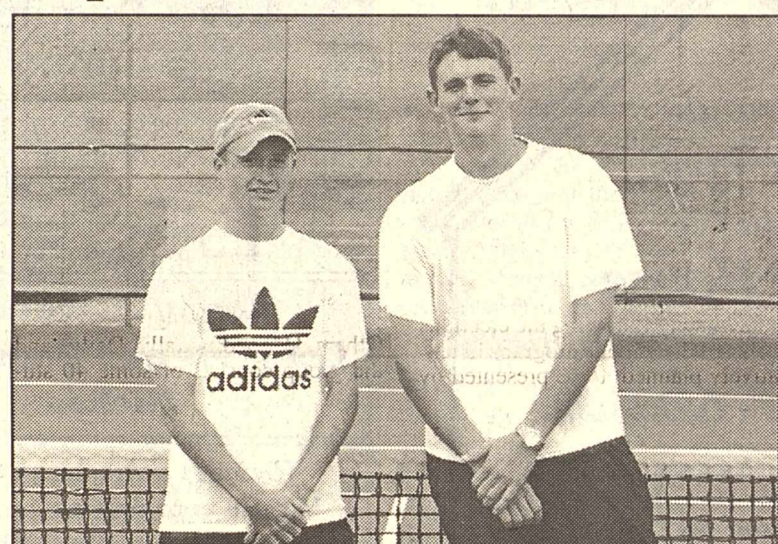
In Varsity girls singles, Claire Healy played Fishback from Forsan, and lost 2-6, 2-3. Heather Felts played Dunham from Wall, and won 6-2, 6-2. Felts then advanced to the second round and played Goble from Ozona and lost 1-6, 2-6.

In Varsity Boys Singles, Walker Thompson played Green from Eldorado and won 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. He then played Faught from Ozona and lost 6-7, 2-6. David Benson also played singles and he played Leal from Eldorado, and lost 0-6, 1-6.

In Varsity Girls Doubles, Japha Word and Johnna Wade got a bye their first round, advancing them to the second round. They played two girls from Forsan and won 6-3, 6-3. This win advanced them to the semi-finals, playing the number one seeds from Eldorado. They lost 4-6, 2-6 and this put them playing for third place. They played Tate and Batten from Wall and lost 4-6, 7-6, and 0-6.

Cassi Cole and Allison Benson also played doubles. They won their first round match 6-0, 6-4, and it advanced them to the second round. They lost their second round match 4-6, 4-6 to Tate and Batten from Wall.

In Varsity Boys Doubles, Reece Simpler and Brad Mogford



got a bye their first round, and won their second round match 7-5, 6-1 against Graman and Smith from Junction. This win put them in the semi-finals, and they beat Gonzales and Phillips from Eldorado, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0. They then played in the finals against Albers and Faught from Ozona, and won 7-6, 7-6.

They then advanced to the Regional Tennis tournament in Abilene on April 26th and 27th. Justin Routh and Chance Dillard also played doubles, and they won their first match 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 against Forsan. They then moved on to the second round, and played Ballew and Jones from Eldorado. Although they lost 2-6, 2-3, they played a very hard match.

The J.V. team traveled to Forsan to play their District Tennis on April 5th. In J.V. Boys Singles, Tyler Seaton got a bye his first round and played Mackie from Junction. Seaton won 6-3, 6-1, and advanced to the semi-finals. He played Gibson from Forsan and won 7-5, 6-3. He then played Andrew

from Eldorado and won 1st place 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

In J.V. Girls Singles, Amy Gutierrez, played Bolt from Junction and lost 2-6, 6-2, 2-6.

In J.V. Boys Doubles, Seth Prather and Landon Brockman got a bye their first round and played Conner and Box from Wall their second round. Prather and Brockman won 6-1, 6-1. They played Butler and Boling from Junction and lost 0-6, 3-6. This put them

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## Bronco Baseball Playoff Bound

by Tryon Fields

Last week the Broncos finished up play in district 2-2A by defeating the Junction Eagles. With this win, coupled with Eldorado's win over Ozona, the Broncos ended the District season with a record of 6 and 2 and a second place finish in district 2-2A.

On Tuesday, the Broncos traveled to Junction to play the Eagles. For four innings, it was a pitchers duel between, Jared Solis of Sonora and Jimmy Taylor of Junction.

However, in the fifth, the Bronco bats came alive. The Eagles took a 2 to 0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning. In the top of the fifth, the Broncos used 4 singles and 2 walks to push 4 runs across the plate. With 2 outs, Crispin Lira got things going with the Broncos first hit of the game. He was followed by Bryce Williams, and Jared Solis who both singled. Walks issued to Edgar Gonzalez and Byron Williams set the stage for Sean Fields; who singled, to drive in the Broncos third and fourth runs of the inning.

The Broncos defense behind Solis kept the Eagles in check in the bottom of the fifth. In the top of the sixth, the Bronco bats picked up where they left off in the fifth and broke the game wide open. Thirteen Broncos came to the plate in the sixth; scoring 8 runs on 3 hits and a homerun. The 8 Bronco runs were obtained on singles by Matt Torres, Jared Solis, Russell Dempsey, and Crispin Lira; with Jason Surber adding a 2 run homerun to open the inning. In the bottom of the sixth;

the Eagles, managed to score 3 runs to cut the margin. 12 - 5. The Bronco half of the seventh, was more of the same; as the Broncos added 7 more runs on 7 hits, as 11 Broncos came to bat in the seventh. Singles by Torres, Cameron Sims, Solis, Gonzalez, Fields, and Ubaldo Vaquera; as well as a double by Jerad Solis kept the heat on for the Broncos. In the bottom of the seventh; Edgar Gonzalez finished the game on the mound for the Broncos, as he closed out the Eagles by striking out two of the four batters and gaining the save. 19 to 5.

The Eagles used five different pitchers during the course of the game; with Jimmy Taylor getting the loss. The Eagle pitching staff gave up 19 runs on 16 hits, issuing 9 walks and hitting 1 batsman. Jared Solis gained the win for the Broncos pitching for 5 innings; giving up 5 runs on 4 hits. Solis also had 4 strike outs while walking 10 Eagles. Edgar Gonzales came on in the sixth inning and gained the save while facing 9 batters; giving up 1 hit and striking out 5 of the Junction players.

	Runs	Hits	Errors	LOB
Sonora	19	16	2	10
Junction	5	5	6	12

On Friday, the Broncos played a post season warm-up game against the District 1-1A Champions, Reagan County Owls. The Broncos

scored 12 runs on 8 hits to gain their fourteenth win of the season. The Broncos outscored the Owls by ten runs: 1 - 11.

The Broncos were led on offense by Matt Torres who went 3 for 3 on the night with an RBI and a stolen base. Bryce Williams and Jared Solis each had a homerun; with Williams having 3 RBI's and a stolen base also. Defensively, the Broncos played a very good game behind the starting pitcher Chong Hernandez. Hernandez pitched for 5 innings giving up 1 run on 3 hits.

Hernandez struck out 5 Owls while walking 3. Reagan County's Scott Jenkins received the loss pitching for 3 innings; giving up 9 runs on 6 hits. Jenkins struck out 2 Broncos and walked 3.

	Runs	Hits	Errors	LOB
Reagan Co.	1	3	5	6
Sonora	11	8	1	6

The Broncos will play Van Horn in the first round of the playoffs this weekend. The game or games will be played at Kokernott Field in Alpine. The playoffs will be brought to you live over KHOS 92.1 and KYXX 94.3; so be sure to tune in for game times and the broadcasts.

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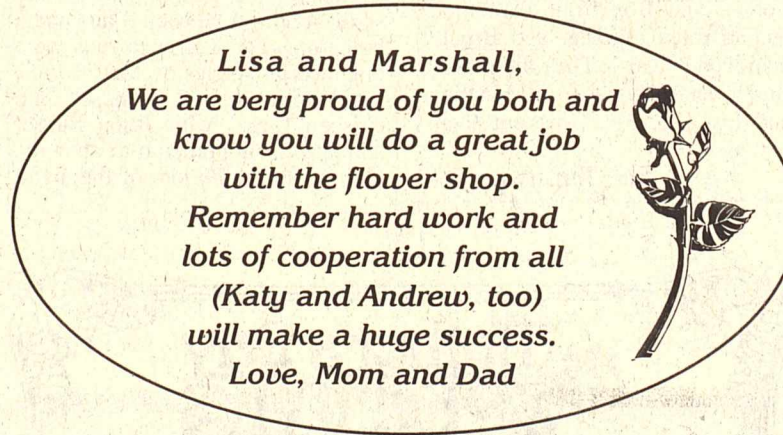
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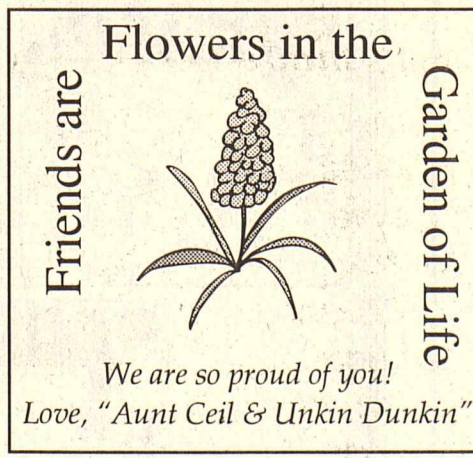
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Lisa.  
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## Sutton County EMS Holds Extrication Day

On Saturday, April 29, 2000, the EMT Students from the Sutton County EMS/EMT Class attended extrication day. The day started off with classroom activities and then off to the field for a day in the heat. The students were divided into groups and given different scenarios with injured patients in wrecked vehicles. The students used the skills and extrication techniques that they have learned in the 125 hours of classroom training over a five-month period.

After a lunch break the students responded to a controlled accident scene with nine injured patients. Leslie Thorp, Carla Garner, and Alta Alewine did an excellent job on the moulage (make-up) to resemble actual injuries. As the instructors served as evaluators, the students were on their own as to the treatment and removal of the "patients" from the accident scene using the techniques and skills learned in this course. After the exercise was completed, everyone returned to the EMS Training Facility for critiques. The students did an excellent job during this exercise even though it was a stressful afternoon.

This has been one of the largest classes held by Sutton County EMS. There were twenty students attending from Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona. The class was made even better by the enthusiasm and participation of all involved. The instructors for the course were Patrick



Students practice treating mock wreck victims

Campbell, EMT-P, Coordinator, Carla Garner, EMT-I, Keith Butler, EMT-P, Tim Thorp, EMT-P, Pascal Allison, EMT-P, Tonya Brown, EMT-I, Monica McGee, EMT-I, Jody Luttrell, EMT-I, Echi Samaniego, EMT-P, Karen Frasier, EMT-P, and Leslie Thorp, EMT-I. The students are scheduled for their EMT Certification exam in San Angelo on May 30th.

A big THANK YOU to the following for making the Sutton County EMS Extrication Day a huge success: Black's Wrecker Service, Thorp's Laun-Dry, Alta



Alewine, Kesha Frasier, Bennie Frasier, Ty Love, Shane Love, Rebecca Love, Christie Blackman, Billy Lippman, "Skeeter" Johnson and the Devil's River News.

## Order of Omega Selects Fraternity Members for Induction

Six Angelo State University fraternity members have been selected for induction into the Order of Omega, a national Greek honor society recognizing academic achievement among active members of a social fraternity or sorority.

The 2000 honorees are: Clint Wayne Cockrell of Seymour and Christopher K. Kemp of Snyder, both of Phi Kappa Alpha; Joshua L. Leyva of San Angelo and Donny Smith of San Saba, both of Lambda Chi Alpha; and Christopher Neal of Sonora and Robert Sugg of Gatesville, both of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

To qualify for membership in the Order of Omega, students must be an active member of a social fraternity or sorority that is recognized by the National Interfraternity Conference or National Panhellenic Conference. Additionally, students must have earned a minimum of 60 hours of college credit and have maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Christopher Neal is the son of Smith and Jo Ellen Neal of Sonora.

## Project Graduation from page 1

away all during the night. There will also be drawings held at the end of the night for some of the most valuable prizes such as computers, televisions, VCR's, dorm refrigerators, etc.

The community of Sonora has shown tremendous support for this project in the past, and it looks like Project Graduation 2000 will be a great success. It takes a great deal of time, effort, money prizes and hard work to make Project Graduation a success. All contributions, whether large or small are greatly appreciated. If you have not been contacted by a Project Graduation committee member and would like to donate money, please send checks to Project Graduation, c/o Kari Bowers, 701 Water St., Sonora, TX 76950. If you would like to donate a prize, you may do so by taking it by The Devil's River News Office, 228 East Main Street, Sonora, TX.

If you, or an organization that you belong to would like to join in the fun, or if you would like more information about donations, helping with a game, please contact Kari Bowers @ 387-2429 after 5:30 p.m.

## Tennis from page 5

playing for third place. They played Conner and Martinez from Wall and won 6-0, 6-2. Shane Benson and Eddie Wallace also played doubles and got a bye their first round and played Simmons and Martinez from Wall. The lost 4-6, 2-6.

In J. V. Girls Doubles, Tori Valiant and Margie Becknell played Lopez and Sutton from Forsan and lost 3-6, 2-6.

On April 26th and 27th, Reece Simpler and Brad Mogford competed in the Regional Tennis Tournament in Abilene. They went into this tournament seeded 1st. They won their first round against Plains 6-3, 6-2. They were then defeated in the second round by Reagan County 3-6, 2-6.

## HCFA Pro Rodeo to honor Mothers and former Directors

This year's PRCA Twist-Off Pro Rodeo 2000 is set for May 12, 13, and 14 at the Hill Country Fair Association Arena in Junction. This year mothers will be honored with free admittance to the Sunday Matinee performance at 2 p.m. with a ticket from a previous night performance. Mothers could also be the recipients of a rose or one of the Wrangler gift certificates, to be given away.

The HCFA will pay tribute to the former directors for the hard work and the many improvements that have been made to the arena for the crowds' enjoyment and the participants' safety.

Plan to bring Mom to Friday or Saturday night's performances starting at 7:30 p.m. and see the cowboys, cowgirls and fast horses in the variety of rodeo events including saddle bronc, bareback and bull riding. If you need to let go of the adrenaline build-up from the rodeo, plan to attend the dance under the stars with Los Chavalozz (with Eddie Cardenas as DJ at the break) at 9 p.m. on Friday night and Kelly Pearson on Saturday night.

Slack performances (presenting contestants that enter the rodeo who will not fit into performances already filled to limits) will be Friday morning at 9 a.m. Entrance is free.

Come and enjoy the show. We'll be looking forward to seeing you there!

## Everybody Is Trying To "Dunk" Cancer



Sharon Tinsley of WTU took a turn in the Dunking Booth on Thursday to raise money for the WTU Relay for Life team (above) and the Pals team (below) held a Slam Dunk contest at the High School to raise money for their Relay team. Winners of the competition received homemade cakes. Both teams will be participating for Most Money Raised, Most Spirited and Most Laps at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on May 5!



## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



The tradition continues. Sonora's graduating seniors make their gift selections at Tedford's.

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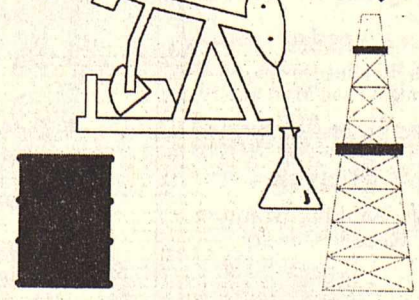


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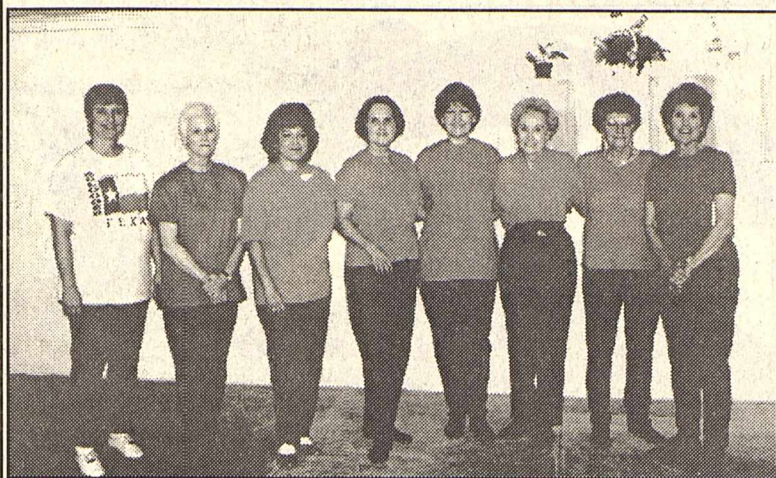
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## Devil's River Dancers Graduate



Carolyn McMeans (Instructor), Liz Hemphill, Victoria Richardson, Joan Cusenbary (Club Coordinator), Debbie Thompson (Sec./Treas.), Marie Aldwell, Jane Alexander, and Gail Cade (President) had their Clogging Class Graduation on Thursday, April 27th. The ladies began the classes in February and are now forming a Clogging Club called the "Devil's River Dancers". They will be performing during Sutton County Days and are available to perform for other events. New classes will begin on May 11, 2000. For more information contact Carolyn McMeans at 387-9315.

## Yearbook Sales Begin at SHS

It is time once again for yearbook sales to begin. In order to purchase your copy, bring \$30 to the Journalism Office in the High School. You can also send your payment to: S.H.S Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950.

At the end of this school year, the books will increase in price. So, order yours today before the end of the 99-00 school year. If you have any questions, you can call Kristin Keel at the High School at 387-6533 ext. 315.

Several middle school and elementary parents have not picked up their yearbook from last year. If you have paid for a 98-99 yearbook and have not received it, please come by the High School to pick it up.

## Important for Parents To Vote in School Board Elections

Editorial  
By: Norma Ebbitt  
There are two topics on which the majority of Texans have little disagreement: the importance of a quality education and the impact family time has on the development of children. Yet, knowing the importance of education for our young, voter turnout for the one election that controls policy in local school districts is embarrassingly low across the state. As a parent, who didn't place much importance on school board elections, after becoming active this year, I have learned that school district elections are critical to the educational quality of our schools and should be given the time and energy they deserve by me and parents across the state.

School board candidates are willing to volunteer virtually countless hours of their time each week, toward the betterment of our schools and our children. Yet, many of us find it difficult to learn the various positions candidates have on important issues and to take the five or so minutes it takes to vote.

Each candidate has unique views on key issues and it is more important now than ever to learn the

beliefs of each candidate. I urge all parents to join me this year as I let my voice be heard at the polls.

The Scripps-Howard Texas Poll, conducted the summer of 1999, showed that 77 percent of Texans favor a late-August or early-September school start date. Poll results were reinforced by parents across the state as they volunteered to work on calendar committees, addressed school board members and circulated petitions requesting a later school start date. This work by parents was not done in vain. Due to their efforts, many school districts will be enjoying a later school start date this August. School board members listened to parents' concerns and understood their desire for a more traditional school year. They also understood the early-August school start date was detrimental to teachers wanting to maximize continuing education possibilities during the summer months.

Sadly, many school board members and school administrators were simply not interested in the desires of the community - some seemed to forget they are "elected" officials. Maybe they don't feel they are accountable because voter turnout is so dismal and parental involvement is lacking. Or maybe, they simply need to be replaced by those willing to do what is best for Texas families and students.

As a parent volunteer for Texans for a Traditional School

Year, I know first hand the organization received hundreds of calls from frustrated parents. These were parents who took the time to get involved and found their school board member had a closed ear to their frustrations or simply ignored their calls all together. The questions were all the same, "How can I get my school board member to call me back or to discuss this issue with me?" The solution is very simple, yet the opportunity to impact change only comes around every few years; Make your voice heard during the school board election.

There is no doubt in my mind that the time and effort I put into becoming an educated voter will be worthwhile throughout the next few years. You may consider doing what I have done. Begin by calling and asking each candidates' position on issues important to you - i.e. school calendars, social policy, discipline, teacher pay and budget. Next review voting records of those seeking re-election - does the voting record reflect the stance the school board member communicated to you? Finally, let the candidates know what issues you feel are important and that you will be watching their vote next time around.

The larger the voter turnout for school board elections, the greater impact we will have as parents on new policies and procedures.

## Texas Lutheran University recognizes Local Scholarship Recipient

Seguin-Texas Lutheran University is pleased to recognize Jeff McCam, who is a recipient of an academic scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

McCam, a resident of Sonora, is the recipient of the Fredlin and Marie Schroeder Scholarship. McCam is a junior business major at TLU.

Texas Lutheran University, offering degrees in 27 academic dis-

ciplines and 10 pre-professional programs, has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the third best regional liberal arts university in the Western United States. The magazine also named TLU one of the "best values" in that same group of institutions. An exclusively undergraduate private liberal arts university, TLU is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## EMS Runs for April

4-1-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-2-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-3-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-4-00 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-5-00 - Medical - IH-10 Service Road to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-5-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-7-00 - Accident - Sawyer Road to Hwy 277 South to meet AirMed 1. Unit 100  
4-9-00 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-10-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-11-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-12-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 102  
4-13-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-13-00 - Accident - Crockett Street Patient refused Service. Unit 100  
4-15-00 - Accident - IH-10 390 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - 2 Patients. Unit 100  
4-16-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-17-00 - Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home. Unit 102  
4-19-00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-20-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Assist AirMed 1. Unit 100  
4-20-00 - Medical - San Angelo

Community Hospital to Hudspeth Nursing Home. Unit 102  
4-21-00 - Accident - IH-10 433 MM to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-22-00 - Accident - Concho & Wardlaw to Hudspeth Hospital-3 Patients. Unit 100  
4-23-00 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-23-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital. Unit 101  
4-24-00 - Accident - Bond Road 20 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-24-00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-24-00 - Accident - Hwy 277 South 28 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-24-00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 100  
4-24-00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-25-00 - Medical - Wilson Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-25-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101  
4-26-00 - Accident - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-27-00 - Medical - Poplar Street to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-27-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Poplar Street. Unit 101  
4-28-00 - Accident - IH-10 413 MM to Hudspeth Hospital. 4 Patients. Units 100 and 101  
4-28-00 - Accident - IH-10 435 MM to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-28-00 - Accident - IH-10 435 MM - Cancelled enroute. Unit 101  
4-28-00 - Medical - Sonora Drive to Hudspeth Hospital. Unit 100  
4-30-00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center. Unit 101

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- ◆ Bareback Riding ◆
- ◆ Bull Riding ◆
- ◆ Barrel Racing ◆
- ◆ Dancing ◆
- ◆ Rodeo Clowns ◆
- ◆ Bicycle Giveaway ◆
- ◆ Coloring Contest ◆

SLACK - Friday - 9 a.m.

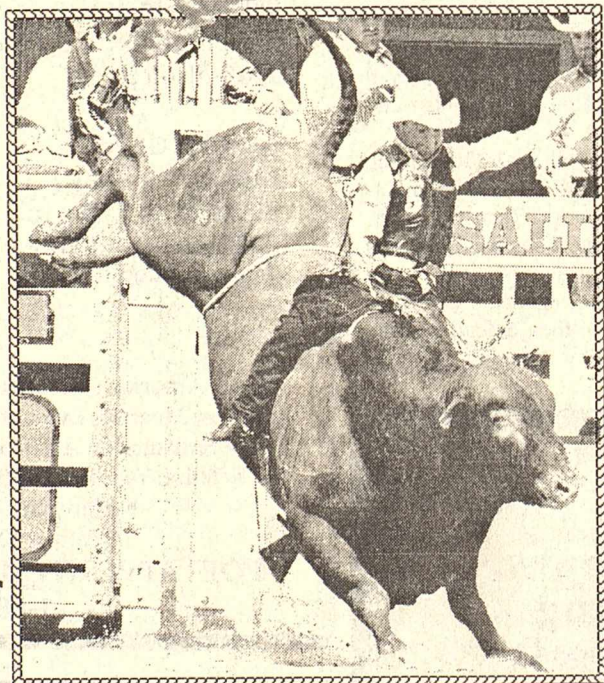
RODEO - Friday - 7:30 p.m.

Dance - 9 p.m.  
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Eddie Cardenas, break DJ

RODEO - Saturday - 7:30 p.m.

Dance - 9 p.m.  
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RODEO - Sunday - 2 p.m.



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## Conservation Easements

Part III-Long Term Implications

By J. Zane Walley

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Private ownership advocates, alert to regulatory takings, appear lulled and beguiled by a modern ritual of property hara-kiri\* known as a conservation easement. This fresh destruction of the fundamental stick in our bundle of real property rights is, like hara-kiri, self-inflicted. Willingly, voluntarily and deliberately, landowners -- large in numbers and small in holdings -- are signing away the basic stick that is owner choice of land use and disposition.

Dr. Floy Lilley University of Texas at Austin, Texas

\*Hara-kiri: Ritual suicide formerly practiced by Japanese samurai.

"A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and another party that restricts the development of a tract of land. If permanent, held by a qualified easement holder and for valid conservation purposes, the conservation easement is recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the landowner may qualify for certain tax incentives.

A conservation easement restricts development of the land. Ownership of land includes a number of legally recognized rights, including the rights to subdivide, sell, farm, cut timber and build. The heart of a conservation easement is the landowner's voluntary agreement to give up one or more of these rights in order to protect a resource or conservation value."

Georgia Environmental Policy Institute

Conservation easements, (CEs) should properly be termed "restrictive covenants" or "land in servitude" because they have little resemblance to the common easements with which most landowners are familiar, such as those for public utilities. The CE expression seems to be one that was invented by the land trust industry to soften the significance of asking a landowner to surrender the most valuable segment of their property rights, the development potential.

Call it what you may; CEs are forever. A property owner must grant restrictive covenants in perpetuity to a federal agency or federally recognized land trust to obtain any federal tax benefits. Landowners who agree to such a contract not only sign away their rights to change the use of the land, but also give away the rights of any future owner. Consequently, the long-term implications are simply forever.

Research on the behalf of the reader is necessary to determine precisely how CEs apply in their respective states. The rules and regulations regarding CEs vary slightly from state to state. Some states such as Wyoming, have adopted codes that provide some protection for CE encumbered landowners. New York and Georgia created bodies of law that diminish the rights of property owners laboring under restrictive covenants.

In general, most states have simply elected to use the Uniform Conservation Easement Act, (UCEA) a document that was created by the National Conference of Commissioners On Uniform State Laws. UCEA was reviewed and approved by several law schools and received a final stamp of approval from Glenn T. Tiedt, U.S. Department Of The Interior.

Several restrictions placed on private property by the covenants are common to all states. One of those states that, "All owners, (the Grantors) of the lands that are encumbered by a CE must forever continue to execute the contractual conservation practices to the satisfaction of the organization holding the CE, (The Grantees) or they can be sued under a legal standard known as "third-party right of enforcement."

Commonly, CE contracts give Grantees unbounded power in suing Grantors. A sample clause illustrating this is: "Grantee shall be entitled to recover damages for violation of the terms of this easement or injury to any conservation values protected by this easement, including, without limitation, damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values. Without limiting Grantor's liability therefore, Grantee, in its sole discretion, may apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the property."

A clause like this is alarming, but potential Grantors should be acutely aware that CEs may be, and frequently are, transferred to federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wild Service, or federally recognized land trusts like The Nature Conservancy or the Sierra Club.

As environmental codes become more severe, so do the regulations influencing lands that are encumbered by CEs. But in addition to regulatory agencies demanding that a land owner comply, CE lands are subjected to third party scrutiny.

A clause that clearly denotes the sweeping authority of the Grantee to

sue the landowner is: "If, at any time, there occurs, or has occurred, a release in, on, or about the property of any substance now or hereafter defined, listed, or otherwise classified pursuant to any federal, state, or local law, regulation, or requirement as hazardous, toxic, polluting, or otherwise contaminating to the air, water, or soil, or in any way harmful or threatening to human health or the environment."

A hypothetical, but likely situation under this clause would occur as follows:

A landowner signs a CE with a small local land trust. That land trust then sells or conveys the easement to a large environmental group such as The Nature Conservancy. Then, in a new regulation, the EPA elevates water quality standards. The landowner must comply with the regulation not only by force of federal law, but also under the pressure of a lawsuit brought by the land trust holding the CE. Since the agreement spells out that the owner is responsible for damages, merely defending such a legal action, much less paying damages, could well bankrupt any owner.

Severe restrictions and predictable financial repercussions critically damage the value of property burdened with a CE and vastly diminish the pool of potential buyers.

Gina Brosig, of the American Farm Bureau Federation sums up the long term implications, "By encumbering the property through such a mechanism, property owners have denied all future owners the right to decide how they wish to use the land. By entering a conservation easement, the private property owner has set the stage for the government to eventually take full possession of the land.

In the next column, Ill "follow the money" and explain how land trusts are funded and stand to reap huge profits from investing in conservation easements.

To contact the author with your opinions on CEs, email [frc@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:frc@pvtnetworks.net) or write, J. Zane Walley, P. O.161, Lincoln, NM 88338. Please visit the Paragon Foundation Website at <http://www.paragonpowerhouse.org>. To receive the free monthly Paragon Foundation Newsletter call toll free 1-877-847-3443.

## Missile Defense

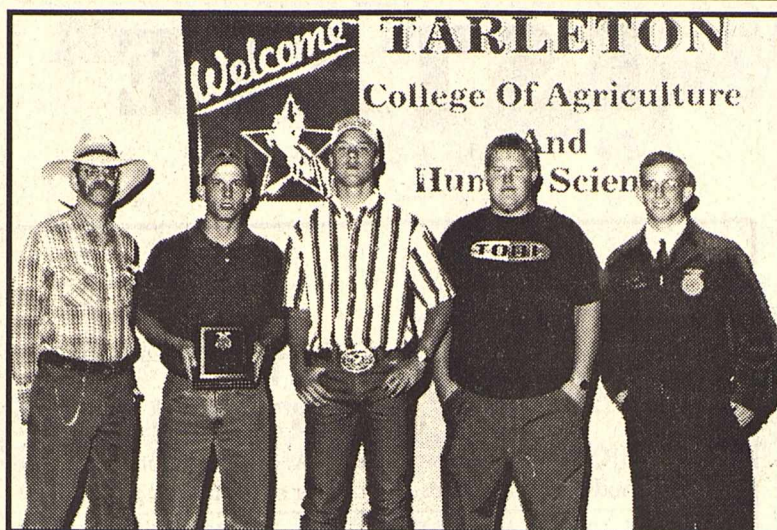


by U.S. Congressman, Henry Bonilla - Thirty eight years ago this year, 12 year old Tami Gold remembers standing in her school bathroom, putting on makeup, when an announcement was made over the loudspeaker. Students were told that there was an emergency, and that they had to get back to their home rooms right away. There, trembling teachers told them that the Soviet Union had put missiles in Cuba pointed at the United States, there was a national alert, and America might soon be at war. Years later, Tami described the fear she and her young classmates felt, "It was chilling, it was scary, it was really nauseating....Some people cried, that there was this kind of state of alarm in the country that was pretty staggering."

Millions of Americans like Tami have memories that are equally vivid. Memories that include bomb shelters in their basements, and kindergartners crouched under their desks, in drills held to teach them what to do if their was a nuclear attack.

Today, our children do not have to grow up with the burden of those memories. The Soviet Union has collapsed, and all they hear of Cuba on the nightly news is connected

## AGRIBUSINESS



AREA II -- These students from Sonora High School placed fourth in the Area II Range and Pasture judging competition held recently at Tarleton State University. Members of the team included Jason West (eighth high individual), Chance Armke, Caleb Taylor and Jacob West (ninth high individual). Tarleton's College of Agriculture and Technology played host to the Area FFA Career Development Event for Areas II, IV, V, and VIII. The top five teams at Area advance to the state meet. At far right is Tarleton faculty member Dr. Randy Rossiere who served as contest director. (Tarleton News Service)

## Junction Livestock Auction

Monday - 05/01/00  
 Sheep and Goats: 5,706 Week Ago: No Sale Year Ago: 2,865  
 Compared to two weeks ago: Feeder lambs 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter lambs 1.00-3.00 higher. Stock and feeder goats steady. Slaughter goats 3.00-5.00 higher. Trade active. Demand good. Supply included 12 percent sheep including near 300 lambs.  
 Stock and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: New crop 40-60 lbs 95.00-100.50.  
 Stock Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: Yearling and 2 year old 95-150 lbs 52.00-58.00, pkg fancy 99 lbs 64.00; Pairs: 40.00 per head.  
 Slaughter Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: Old crop 90-120 lbs 85.00-95.00; New crop 85-120 lbs 98.00-107.00.  
 Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3: 90-140 lbs 37.00-46.00.  
 Bucks: 170-200 lbs 36.00-45.00.  
 Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: Kids: 20-35 lbs 70.00-80.00, few 16.00-21.00 per head; Young nannies: 50-110 lbs 50.00-60.00, two pkgs fancy 50-55 lbs 73.00-76.00.  
 Angora Goats: Kids: Unshorn 40-50 lbs 90.00-95.00; Nannies: Yearling and 2 year old unshorn 50-65 lbs 60.00-66.00, pkg unshorn 53 lbs 33.50 per head.  
 Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats: Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 35-65 lbs 88.00-97.00; 65-100 lbs 90.00-97.00, pkg fancy 100 lbs 109.00.  
 Nannies: 50-120 lbs 48.00-58.00.  
 Billies: 85-170 lbs 60.00-70.00.  
 Boer and Boer Cross: 55-65 lbs 100.00-103.00; Nannies: pkg fancy 90 lbs 59.50.  
 Angora Goats: Kids: Choice and Prime: 40-60 lbs 90.00-95.00; Nannies: 60-100 lbs 45.00-53.00; Muttons: 75-150 lbs 48.00-53.50.  
 Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market

## Jordan Cattle Auction

Special Replacement Cow & Heifer Sale  
 April 29, 2000 in San Saba, Texas  
 Numerous out of state buyers along with buyers from North, Northeast and Central Texas competed for new ownership of a fine group of young replacement cow calf pairs. There were perhaps more cattle that went into the state of Oklahoma than any replacement sale we have ever held. One truck load went to Kansas and three truckloads into Arkansas. Thanks to all our local area customers that purchased cattle in hopes of rain in the near future. The market on the young pairs was very firm on a strong trend. Some bred cows and heifers also sold in good demand. The few open heifers that sold continue to be in line with the strong feeder heifer market with few exceptions. Topping the sale was a group of eleven second calf Brangus pairs that were bred back as 3 in 1 that sold for \$1190.00.  
 Representative Sales  
 Tejon-Longcope Ranch  
 66 Pairs @ 1056.00  
 636 Pairs @ 928.36  
 444 Pairs @ 842.83  
 25 Fall calving Brangus type cows @ 746.60  
 25 Charolais bulls @ 1464.00  
 6 Brangus bulls @ 1142.00  
 Billy Hicks Ranch  
 35 Angus pairs @ 960.00  
 15 Angus pairs @ 900.00  
 8 Angus pairs @ 950.00  
 Gunter Brothers  
 8 LB Brangus heifers @ 730.00  
 12 MB Brangus heifers @ 760.00  
 Gaylon Jones  
 6 young Brangus pairs @ 880.00  
 2 young pairs @ 950.00  
 Paul Schwartz  
 32 pair solid mouth Brangus & Bwf @ 800.00  
 Donald Kothmann  
 5 pair Charolais cross @ 760.00

## Free Seminar To Be Held in Brady

A free Rural Development & Financing seminar will be held on May 10th at the Brady Middle School Cafeteria on HWY 190 from 5pm to 8pm. Small businesses, Agribusinesses, Producers, Manufacturers, Farmers and Ranchers are encouraged to attend. Topics covered include federal and state assistance programs, business planning, financing and marketing.

Lenders will be available to discuss your needs. The seminar is presented by the US Small Business Administration, TX Department of Agriculture, the McCulloch County TX Agricultural Extension Service and the ASU Small Business Development Center. For more information or to register call (915) 597-1295 by May 5th.

## Rig Locations as of April 28, 2000

**Crockett County**  
 New Union Pacific Res; 9500', Henderson P1-#5, Patterson Drilling.  
 WTG Exploration; 9000', University 30-35 #1, Cleere Drilling.  
 Pogo Producing Co.; 8500', Ranch Hand 8- #1, Tmbr/Sharp Drilling.

**Edwards County**  
 EEX E & P Company; 10100', Earwood A-#7, Cleere Drilling.

**Sutton County**  
 New Louis Dreyfus; 8450', Mayer 4-#3, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Louis Dreyfus; 8250', Edwin S. Hill-Mayer Jr. AA-#3, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Burlington Res/Mid; 6745', Deberry A-#54, Cleere Drilling.  
 New Louis Dreyfus; 5600', Pfluger 105-#17, Patterson Drilling.

**Terrell County**  
 Conoco/Midland; 11900', Culbertson #1603, Nabors Drilling.  
 Jack N. Blair; 12000', Huckaby Ranch #1, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.  
 Athanor Texas; 9000', Mitchell 2-#8, Cleere Drilling.

**Val Verde County**  
 New J. Cleo Thompson; 12500', B E Wilson #1, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Phillips Pet/Odessa; 10250', Cauthorn D- #8, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Tema Oil & Gas; 6000', Meadows #1174, Cleere Drilling.

For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785



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