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January Acknowledges Importance of School Board

The members of the school board volunteer their time each month to make public education in Sonora the best that it can be. They are President Tom Payton, Vice President Tryon Fields, Secretary Scott Jacoby, Dayton Armke, sse Bustamante, Tammy Favila and Sam David Hernandez. Board members develop policies and a budget for the local school district, oversee school facilities and set school district tax rates.

Currently, the most pressing issue facing the school board is the selection of a new superintendent. The budgeting process starts in the spring semester, which is also a big task.

"It's difficult to try to balance the needs of the school children along with the needs of the taxpayers," President Tom Payton said. "We want a budget that everyone can be satisfied with."

One school board member is elected from each precinct, and three are from the community at large. A term

on the board is three years, and each year two or three new members are elected.

"I like being involved in community affairs," Payton said. "I always wanted to be involved with the school and I thought this was one way to do it. I believe in community service."

"A Blast • From the Past"

A tradition unique to Sonora will take place this weekend at the Sonora Wool & Mohair Co. The annual Fling Ding Club dance.

The Fling Ding Club started back in 1939 when a group of couples decided to have a dance and invited some friends. The original founders of the Fling Ding Dance Wub included Sam and Dixie Allison, John and Winnie Fields, Bill and Justine Fields, Bustie and Pauline Halbert, Sam Karnes, Alice Karnes, Raymond Barker, Willie Miers and Louie Trainer. The first guest list included 1,000 couples.

The beginning of the Fling Ding was based on the spirit of hospitality. That spirit is enjoyed each year as guests from all over the Southwest and beyond, gather at the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse to new old acquaintances and dance

and the night away. During the early days of World War II the Fling Ding Club disbanded because the big-name bands were hard to find; but it was reinstituted in 1954 with 55 members. Membership to the club is now restricted to 135. There is a long waiting list of people who would like to join. Each member pays an annual fee which is used to pay for the band and miscellaneous party expenses. The Club makes no solicitation for funds. Each member is allowed to invite six couples in addition to himself. The owners and operators of the community-owned wool and mohair warehouse also add to the list of guests. The only requirements to attend this dance are---being invited, and bringing your own bottle of

Some of the big-name bands who have entertained the Fling Ding Club in the past include Blue Baron, Henry King, Jimmy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Clyde McCoy, Ray Price, Gene Watson, Dave Alexander, Hank Thompson, and Asleep at the Wheel, just to name a few.

This year the Fling Ding Club hosts "A Blast from the Past".

Sutton County participated in the

Hill Country District Junior Live-

sock Show in Kerrville this past

week. Most of the show is open to

30 counties which make up the

Edwards Plateau region of the state.

The Texas Open Angora Goat Show

wood 9th & 11th, Landon Brock-

man 15th and Laura Martin 30th;

Brockman 5th, Emily Earwood 9th,

Hunter Jennings 11th, Cash Jen-

nings 14th & 19th, Meredith Ear-

wood 8th and Shane Benson 10th.

Registered Yearling Buck-Landon

however is open to all of Texas.

4-H and FFA members from



Guests will enjoy the entertainment of Corky Robinson and The Keynotes.

For those that don't want to dance in the main dance area, piano music is provided each year in the bar area. Ms. Olive Hays entertained guests with her "rinky-tink"

Ms. Willena Holden of Ozona took over the piano playing in 1987. Ms. Holden says she loves to play for the Fling Ding and looks forward to it each year. Even the loss of her equipment to a fire couldn't keep her away. She just borrowed a piano and kept on playing.

For over 27 years the decorations were done each year by Mrs. Maxine Browne, who would work toward the big event all year. Browne once commented that she was "so full of ideas" that she would get stuck with a lot of work, but she loved every bit of it. The large murals that cover the walls are painted on the floor and then put up the night before the big dance

This year's decorations will take guests back in time to include past themes of The Roaring 20's, Things that Fly, Shaggin' on the Boulevard, In the Pink, Up, Up and Away and many more. A lot of thought and effort is put into the decorations for the Fling Ding each

Hats off to the decoration committees for all their hard work. This year the committee is headed by Wendy Morrow and Barbara Webb. These ladies and their committee put in countless hours to transform the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse into an enchanting ballroom.

The Fling Ding will forever be a one-of-a-kind, unique to Sonora,

Local Youth Excel at District Livestock Show

Doe placings were Registered Doe

Kids-Emily Earwood 1st & 3rd,

Meredith Earwood 5th and 15th,

Landon Brockman 11th and 16th,

Cash Jennings 31st & 39th, and

Hunter Jennings 36th and 37th;

Registered Yearling Doe-Emily Ear-

wood 1st & 4th, Shane Benson 7th

& 8th, Meredith Earwood 17th &

Commissioners Court Taking Insurance Bids

by Storie Sharp

At the January 22 meeting of the Commissioner's Court a discussion was held on the possible marking of the parking lot at the Sutton County Park area. Commissioner Mike Villanueva reported that he had heard several complaints regarding the parking during events, such as Sutton County Days. He wanted the court to look at having parking places painted on the lot, so as to cut down on the congestion. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of such action, it was decided that Oscar Jimenez of the Road & Bridge Department would look into the matter further. It was also discussed that signs be put up declaring certain areas near the fence at the slab as "Tow Away" zones. This would help to ensure a safe passage for Emergency vehicles to use if necessary. Oscar reported that he had posted several signs around the rodeo arena and the baseball park area, designating it a "One way", but no one had heeded them. The court decided to look into the "Tow Away" zone signs with the hopes that this would encourage people to follow the directions.

County Judge, Carla Garner read a Resolution of Appreciation commending Bill Keel for his years of service for the citizens of Sutton County. The Court approved the Resolution to be presented to Keel.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher, requested that he be allowed to purchase one set of regular license plates that did not read "Texas Exempt", to be used on an unmarked vehicle. The car will be used in investigations where anonymity is important. After discussing the need for such vehicle a motion was made to allow Fincher to get the regular plates. Votes were cast with 3 in favor and 1 against.

Carla Garner then addressed the court regarding insurance bids. The court agreed that they would like to look at all options available, so as to choose the best insurance for the employees at the best cost for the county. The Court approved the advertising for insurance bids.

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place yearling doe was named the

Champion Registered Doe, the

Reserve Grand Champion regis-

tered goat and the Reserve Grand

Champion Goat of the Show. Lan-

don's second place aged commer-

cial doe was named the Reserve

Champion Commercial Goat of the

show. There were 35 commercial

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Allen Receives Highest Honor At Annual Scout Banquet

On Saturday, January 13, 2001, the Permian Basin District of Boy Scouts held its annual banquet in Junction, TX and bestowed its highest honor on Sonora's Scoutmaster Lewis Allen. The award was made even more special because Lewis Allen received it in Junction, where he had been a graduate of Junction High School and received his Eagle Scout rank as a member of the Junction Boy Scout Troop.

Rev. Allen has been in Sonora since 1990 as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Upon his move to Sonora, he became scout leader within one week. Before Rev. Allen was Scoutmaster, from 1983 until 1991, there were no local boys earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Since 1991, Rev. Allen has led 24 young men to Eagle Scout rank, with 8 more about to complete the final requirements and earn their Eagle in 2001. In 1998, he received the District's Scoutmaster of the Year award.

The rank of Eagle Scout is earned by only 1% of all boys joining Scouts and is quite a difficult accomplishment. To earn this rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, serve in a position of leadership in his troop, complete service hours in the community and have a required number of nights camping. Finally, the young man must completely plan and undertake a leadership service project.

Rev. Allen has been a source of support for boys in Sonora while serving as their Scoutmaster. He has inspired many to stay in Scouts and work through the ranks. He has served as a strong role model and



Wilson Wallace, Lewis Allen and Stevie Hernandez were recognized at the Annual Boy Scout Banquet in Junction, TX.

father figure to the boys. They have always known they could count on his sense of fairness and his patience. In addition, he is a great outdoorsman, teaching young Scouts the joy of the outdoors and providing them basic cooking and, camping skills, along with a love of the outdoors. Last, but not least, he has fun with his boys, whether it be canoe races or nighttime games of Capture the Flag.

We are fortunate to have such a Scout leader to work with our boys and proud that the Award of Merit has recognized our local Scoutmaster Lewis Allen. Also attending the banquet from Sonora were Cindi Allen, Stevie Hernandez, Beth Wallace and Wilson Wallace.

Along with Rev. Allen, recent Eagle Scouts from Sonora were also recognized. These boys had their Eagle Board of Review conducted by Permian Basin District leaders and the committee was impressed with their Eagle projects. They were invited to present their projects at the banquet. These boys were Joseph Ainsworth, Stevie Hernandez, and Wilson Wallace. Joseph was unable to attend due to a tennis tournament, but Stevie and Wilson addressed the group, explaining their Eagle projects and also taking the opportunity to recognize the role that Lewis Allen had played in their attaining this badge.

Relay Readies To "Shoot Out" Cancer

by Storie Sharp

Planning is underway for the 2001 Relay for Life. The all-night walk-a-thon held at Bronco Stadium to raise money for the American Cancer Society is scheduled for May 11-12, 2001.

This year's theme will be a "Shoot Out at the Bronco Corral" Each team will be encouraged to bust out their western gear and help build an old west town. Some activities already on the list of events for the night will be Water gun shootouts, Wild Stick-Horse races, Cow Patty tossing and much more.

The annual event has increased in size each year since it's beginning in Sonora, with the amount of money raised for Cancer research also increasing each year.

The 2000 Relay For Life raised more money than past years and sold more luminarias than ever before. Luminarias are purchased each year in honor of or in memory of someone who has fought the battle of Cancer. A beautiful lighting ceremony takes place just after



dark, where participants can walk the track and remember loved ones. The annual Night Golf tournament held each year to raise money

for the Relay event is scheduled for April 27, 2000. For more information or to sign up your team call Shanna Petty

at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-

Let's make 2001 bigger and better and do our part to "Shoot

James Blackman Appointed Mayor Pro-Tem

On the 16th day of January, 2001 the city council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session with the following present JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, James Blackman, Councilmember, Virgil Polocek, Councilmember, Gloria Lopez, Councilmember, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Elizabeth Wallace, City Attorney, Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Tony Lane, James McLaughlin, Ann Kay, Justin McGeath, Rick Taylor, Phil Sagebiel, and Sue Moore.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez to approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting held on December 19, 2000. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Phil Sagebiel, Certified Public

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Bronco Basketball Bouncing **Back And Forth**

The Varsity Bronco Basketball team competed against the Mason Punchers on January 12th. The Punchers had home court advantage and defeated the Broncos by two points, with a final score of Mason 44, Sonora 42. Matt Torres led the scoring for the Bronco team, with 11 pts. Ryan Hardgrave and Chance Dillard each scored 7 pts., Riley Crain had 5, Bryce Williams and Cameron Sims each had 4 pts. and Justin Routh and Crispin Lira had 2

The Broncos fared better against Wall on the 16th, defeating the Hawks 55 to 47. Lead scorer for the Broncos was Riley Crain, with 18 pts. Crispin Lira followed with 7 pts. and Bryce Williams, Matt Torres, Cameron Sims and Ryan Hardgrave all scored 6 pts. Chance Dillard scored 5 and Ed Mayfield scored 1.

The Broncos had a close game against Eldorado on the 19th. The Eagles pulled out the win, defeating the Broncos 65 to 62. Matt Torres once again led the scoring with 16 pts. Chance Dillard scored 10, Riley Crain 9, Bryce Williams 8. Cameron Sims and Ryan Hardgrave and Ed Mayfield 6 each and Crispin Lira had 1 point.

RRC Advises Texas Propane License Holders of New NFPA Rules

(Austin) - The Railroad Commission of Texas today advised the state's propane dealers, retailers, and wholesalers that new National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) rules are set to go into effect on Feb. 1. The Commission formally adopted NFPA 58 rules earlier this month in a move to bring the state's Liquefied Petroleum-gas (LP-gas) safety rules in line with national standards.

While NFPA 58 rules and current state rules are similar in many respects, propane license holders should become familiar with differences in the areas of distance requirements, bulk storage, vehicles, cylinder filling, nameplates, and administration.

Some examples of NFPA 58 safety rule changes include:

- 1π -inch or larger liquid and vapor openings in stationary storage containers at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons must be equipped with pneumatically operated internal valves. Containers at existing applicable facilities will have five years to install the valves.

- Pneumatically operated emergency shut off valves (ESVs) must be installed at new facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons. Cable-operated ESVs may remain in LP-gas service unless the valve is replaced, at which time a pneumatic ESV will have to be installed.

- Vertical bulkheads will continue to be required for stationary facilities with a water capacity over 4,000 gallons. Horizontal bulkhead may remain in LP-gas service unless the bulkhead is replaced at which time a vertical bulkhead must be installed

- Stainless steel flexible connectors - inch or over must be installed at new facilities. Existing rubber flexible connectors will have to be replaced with stainless steel connectors by February 1, 2003.

In addition to safety rule changes, all propane licensees in Texas will be required to take continuing education courses as part of their ongoing safety training. The first phase of continuing education will cover certain holders of management-level and employee-level certificates in the areas of delivery truck, service and installation, cylinder filling, and motor/mobile fuel dispenser operations.

Continuing education requirements are set to go into effect March 1. Regulation of propane, compressed natural gas, and liquefied

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19th; Registered Aged Doe-Landon Highest places were Emily Earwood with the Reserve Grand Brockman 4th & 11th, Emily Earwood 7th & 16th, and Meredith Ear-Champion Angora Goat of the Texas Open Show and Landon Brockman with the Reserve Champion Commercial Goat of the Texas Open Goat Show. Class placing for the extremely competitive Angora Goat show are as follows: Commercial Doe Kid-Laura Martin 2nd & 3rd, Landon Brockman 8th and Shane Benson 9th; Commercial Yearling Doe-Landon Brockman 1st and Shane Benson 5th; Commercial Aged Doe-Landon Brockman 2nd & 4th, Shane Benson 7th. The placings in the registered show were: Registered Buck Kid-Emily Earwood 4th & 13th, Meredith Ear-



wood 16th; Registered Aged Buck- Emily Earwood (left) showed the Reserve Grand Champion Goat of the Emily Earwood 4th, Meredith Ear- Show and Landon Brockman (right) showed the Reserve Champion Commercial Goat of the Show.

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Cards of Thanks

The Sonora Broncos would like to thank the entire community of Sonora for the tremendous support you showed during our run to the Class AA State Championship. The support shown during the games, pep rallies, and post-season parade was overwhelming. It was truly a community effort and we couldn't have done it without you!!! Thanks Again!!!

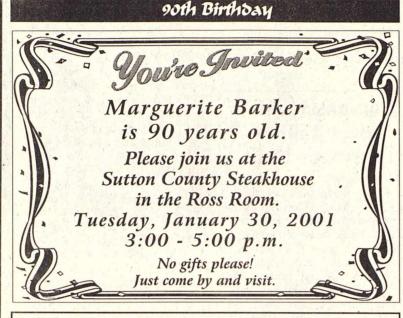
Sincerely, Coach Herring and the Sonora Broncos

We would like to express our gratitude for all the cards, plants and especially the prayers offered for our family. We want to thank everyone that supported us during the loss of our son-in-law, Shannon Alston. Thank you and God bless,

Don and Carol Sessom

We would like to thank you with all our hearts for the many visits, orayers, cards, Elizabeth's original poem, the delicious meal at the Steakhouse, the beautiful singing, gifts, food at home, memorials, telephone calls, flowers and plants, the eulogy by Don Jones, and numerous ways you helped us. You truly are the most loved and appreciated people in the world. Kerbow Funeral Home has the sweetest people anywhere. Thank you Devil's River News.

We love you, Hilda'and Eddy Smith



Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Lunch Menus

School Lunch Menu Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 Breakfast

Mon. - Pancakes, fruit or juice. Tues. - Scrambled eggs, toast, assorted juice. Wed.- Cinnamon roll, fruit, assorted juice. Thurs. - 2 Waffles, syrup, fruit or juice.

Fri. - Potato and egg burrito, assorted juice. Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch Mon. - Pizza, vegetable salad, corn on cob, oatmeal cookie. Tues. - Chili & beans, fried okra, jello with fruit, cornbread.

Wed.- Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot roll. Thurs. - Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, fried okra, fruit, Texas

Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, sugar

Senior Center News

Jan. 26 -Party for January Babies! Jan. 29 - Bingo! Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day!

Senior Menu

Jan. 25 - Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, orange juice, apple crisp.

Jan. 26 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, crackers, tossed salad, fruit cup.

Jan. 29 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, cornbread, citrus, Jah. 30 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, carrot raisin

salad, jello with fruit. Jan. 31 - Beef tips, rice, carrots, cornbread, fruit cup with

strawberries & bananas, lemon pie.

Feb. 1 - Fried fish, butter beans, cornbread, coleslaw, peach cobbler.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Obituary

Elizabeth Cranford Mayfield

Elizabeth Cranford Mayfield, 81, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2001 at her home in Sonora.

Services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2001 at St. John's Episcopal Church with burial at Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. The Reverend Ted Harris officiated and arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Elizabeth was born January 31, 1919 in Miles to John and Molly Cranford and grew up and attended school in Miles and San Angelo where her dad was a pharmacist. She graduated college at Howard Payne University in 1941 and taught 3rd grade at Elliott School in

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James Ury Cranford.

She is survived by a daughter,

Gerry I. Ingham, a son, Stanley B. (Seco) Mayfield II; 5 grandchildren, Ben B. Ingham IIII and wife, Sherry, and Zena Louise Moore, all of Sonora, Angela Norris and husband, Josh of Normangee, Cara Mayfield, and Ed Mayfield of Sonora; 4 greatgrandchildren, James Colton Moore, Steely Jadeanne Ingham, Stella Jen Ingham all of Sonora, and Skyler Bray Norris of Normangee.

Pallbearers were Buck, Bert, and Lee Bloodworth, Johnny Fields, Reed Jennings, Rocky Jones, John Isaacks and Jim Isaacks.

The family wishes to express their Special Thanks to her caregivers, Elida Noriega, Juanita Duran, Cruz Herrera and Maggie Noriega, and especially Aneida Talamantez and for many tireless hours of love and attention.



Hope Lutheran Church, 419 E. 2nd, observed "The Sanctity of Human Life" on Sunday, January 21st, 2001. The 40 crosses are in memory of the 40 Million babies aborted since January 22, 1973.

God's Gift Of Children

"Behold, children are an inheritance from the LORD" - (Psalm 127:3)

As you may know, 2001 has been designated as 'The Year of The Child'. A few years ago the United Nations conducted research to identify the most significant and enduring satisfaction in life. After studying many societies, from the most primitive to the most advanced, the evidence revealed that the greatest satisfaction came from traditional family life. God created the family, ordained marriage, and has graciously shared with us the gift of procreation. Each and every Child is a miraculous masterpiece of God's work, as David writes in Psalm 139: "You created my inner being and wove me together in my mother's womb. I thank You for how marvelously and wonderfully I am made. What You do is wonderful, and I'm fully aware of

it."(Ver. 13-14) In the New Testament the Greek word 'Brephos' is used for both adolescents and the unborn. As the Gospel's testify, Jesus loved children - and at Christmas we celebrate the fact that God Himself came to earth as a Child, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin named Mary. In 1537 Dr. Martin Luther King wrote: 'Why do you not daily learn the article of divine creation by looking at your children and offspring who stand before you? Here you may behold the providence of God, who created them out of nothing. But we pass by these gifts..... Sadly, over 40 Million of these Gifts have been Passed By in the last 28 years through Abortion - since the Supreme Court ruling on January 22, 1973 in the 'Roe vs Wade' case.

Of course, just because something happens to be 'legal' doesn't make it Moral, Ethical, or Right. The crisis of an unplanned pregnancy presents a traumatic situation, especially for an unwed mother, her family, and her boyfriend. And in a society that is slow to make commitments, looks for instant solutions to problems, and upholds 'A Woman's Right To Choose'

Abortion appears to be a 'Quick Fix'. However, that is not true, Instead, it lays a crushing burden of guilt on the conscience - when the mother realizes that she has chosen death for her unborn Child. And this feeling doesn't just fade away, but is ongoing - because God, in His Word, calls this action Sin. Living in a state of unrepentance is a very serious situation, where people begin to wonder if there is any hope at all.

The Good News is that there IS Hope for those who feel guilt and sorrow. That Hope is in Jesus Christ, God's eternal and only-begotten Son who alone can give divine healing through the forgiveness He won on Calvary's Cross. While His Church is to boldly speak the "Truth" of God's Law, it is to do so in "Love" - as St. Paul says in Ephesians 4:16. Christians can offer Understanding, because "ALL have sinned" (Romans 3:23). They can offer Comfort to those who have had an abortion, because the Grace and Love of God are stronger than any human weakness - and "the blood of Jesus, His Son, washes us clean from every sin" (1 John 1:7). And they can offer those dealing with a crisis pregnancy Encouragement - to make God-pleasing choices, such as raising the Child themselves - or planning for adoption to a married couple who will love and care for that child as their very own.

As you know, our society today lives with a Double Standard - where there is a movement to end the Death Penalty for criminals who murder others, and where we continue to end the life of an unborn Child every 22 seconds. And it is indeed a strange logic that would have us kill an innocent unborn baby for the crime of his father. As Christians, may we pray to God more diligently and speak the "truth in love" more boldly for His GIFT OF CHILDREN - that 2001 may truly be 'The Year of The Child'.

Rev. Charles Huffman, Pastor Hope Lutheran Church, Sonora,

Community

January 27 BSA Pinewood Derby 9:00 a.m. Sonora Civic Center Jan. 27 Fling Ding Feb. 20 Tri-County Discovery Tour Contact Chamber of Commerce

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

Feb. 24

Sonora Community Arts & Theater Presents Kimberly Snaufer (Harp) & Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo Sonora High School Auditorium • 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church Basement

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y Io Ann E Palmer Secretary

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. When was the old Hunt

house built?

A. On March 17, 1897
Theodore Savell married Alma
Miers. Theodore, at that time, was
one of the owners of the Sonora-San
Angelo Mail and Express Line and
was carefully and wisely investing
his money for the future in several
different enterprises in Sutton Coun-

In the March 15, 1919 Devil's River News it is reported that Theo Savell closed the contract with W. P. Caldwell of Sonora, Wednesday for the building of a two story, 12 room house to cost about \$8,000. The house will be erected on the Savell property on Concho Avenue and the work is to begin at once. It will be finished inside with Cornell board. Contractor Caldwell says it will be the most handsome home in Sonora. In an August 9, 1919 edition we find that the Theo Savell residence will be finished about September 1st. There has been delay in getting moldings. This handsome home on the corner of Concho and Oak cost \$10,000 without the lot. The March 27, 1920 issue stated that the handsome new home of Theo Savell is being very materially improved by the addition of a neat iron fence, cement walks and driveways. Trees have been planted and grass and flowers will soon add to the attractiveness of this modern home.

Theodore and Alma Savell had two children, Miers who married Bernice Stokes and Velma who married Bryan Hunt. Miers and Bernice Savell had two children Vicki Jo and Billy Bryan. Bryan and Velma Hunt had two children Nancy and James. Nancy married James L. Powell of Fort McKavett.

The house has had a few owners and renters over the years. It has been rocked, bricked, gutted and changed but still holds the same basic shape. Several beautiful houses such as the Lowrey and Allison house, had the top floors removed and were turned into ranch style homes or were made to imitate the great Frank Lloyd Wrights' style of building. Many other wooden houses had their porches and gingerbread moldings removed and were rocked from the 30's to the 50's. They barely resemble the graceful homes they once were. The Hunt house, even with the addition of brick, still retains the graceful beauty that was first put into it by W. P. Caldwell, the contractor who built it in 1919. If anyone has any photographs of the house, inside and out, over the years we would appreciate your sharing them with us for our building file.

With all the changes being made in buildings lately, I think it is very important that we document

what the homes of Sutton County have looked like through the years. The best place to start is with your own home. Go through photographs you have taken over the years and start a property scrapbook. Note all the changes that have or haven't been made over the years to the interior and exterior of the building or if a whole new building has been built. Include garages, carports, rooms added on and, if it is old enough, when indoor plumbing and wiring were added to the house. What a wonderful addition that would be to your personal files as well as the Sutton County Historical Society new archival storage room. Do not write on photographs, the ink will eat through them with the years. Mount the photos with archival safe materials.

Historical Society

Q. Do colored pictures last as long as black and white?

A. Most of the manufacturers I have spoken with say no. Colored pictures tend to fade just as black and white do over the years. The main difference is that colored pictures derive their sharpness from the different colors, so as they fade, they distort more. Black and white photos are so sharp to begin with that you keep most of the basic shape. They are also much, much easier to restore. I have found that many of my own color photos from years ago have faded or changed color. I also noted that some black and white pictures my parents had taken have very little fading or when copied could be darkened easily. Another problem I found in our semi-arid climate is cracking and separating of Polaroid pictures and old instant Kodak camera pictures. Colored photographs are very beautiful but if you want them to last for generations they will have to be stored in temperature and humidity controlled rooms and in acid free albums. More than one person in this area have gone to remove a picture from an album and found that it has become glued to the plastic page of the album. So go through those old albums, check on your photos and move them into good acid free storage albums before they are destroyed. They may cost a little more but are well worth it in the

Just because a picture is torn or scratched doesn't mean you have to throw it out. Many pictures can be restored by scanning them on a computer and using the computer technology to repair them. If you have a special picture that has become torn or cracked you might want to consider doing this. I would also have a negative made of the repaired photo. I have not heard yet how long a computer generated photo will hold up.

Theodore Savell and Alma Miers on their wedding day

Theodore Savell and Alma Miers on their wedding day on March 17, 1897.

Q. I found an old notation that said my house was built by McClelland and Scott, who were they?

A. J. T. McClelland and K. V. Scott were contractors and builders in Sonora. They built homes, did painting and paper hanging and remodeled homes here over the years. I found several of the advertisements in the 1919 and 1920 papers. The November 1, 1919 Devil's River News had the following article regarding J. T. McClelland: J. T. McClelland the builder has been putting in his extra time and has a most conveniently designed seven room bungalow ready for the finishing on his lot on Oak Street. This is the fifth house Mr. McClelland has built for himself and has the advantage of much experience with plans of others.

Q. Will you publish old articles on weddings in your column?

A. I will but you have to give me a couple of weeks notice. If the article is way too long I might have to edit it but will be glad to run a 25 year or more old wedding with

GIRL SCOUTS

proper notice. I have seen some beautiful pictures of brides, in papers from about 1930 on, that we can scan and use with the article. If someone has lost their articles on their wedding or engagement we can look them up for you. The same goes for old family reunions and the pictures that go with them. Try to have the date of the reunion or year, I have searched for months trying to find several now. We request a small fee for this type of service.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail me at schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. If I am not here there is a good chance I am up supervising the gutting of the building we are going to turn into the new offices and archival storage area of the Sutton County Historical Society. So if our van is parked up near the museum you will find me in the old rock house next door.





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Summer Camp Counselors Needed

(San Angelo, TX) -- The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking camp counselors for their local camp for children with muscle diseases. MDA is especially in need of male counselors to assist with the camping program. The MDA camp will be held at Ceta Canyon Camp near Happy, Texas, June 3-8, 2001.

At the MDA camp, counselors work one on one with campers to provide care, supervision, attention and friendship to children with limited mobility. Young men and women willing to spend a week at camp are needed to fill counselor positions for the camp. The volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and will be trained before camp.

As a summer camp counselor, young people are given the opportunity to perform a valuable community service, develop a greater understanding of individuals with disabilities and enjoy a very special week of summer camp.

Donations of supplies are also needed for MDA's summer camp. Arts & crafts items, carnival prizes and awards, life jackets, sporting equipment, snacks, medical supplies, and walkie talkies are among the donations being sought to help provide a memorable camp experience to approximately 60 youngsters.

MDA supports a nationwide network of summer camps offering a wide range of activities designed for youngsters who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs. Since 1955, MDA's extensive camp program has built bridges and knocked down barriers, fostering a sense of self-worth in young people with disabilities. For youngsters with neuromuscular disease, MDA camp is a magical place. At the more than 90 camp sessions nationwide, barriers simply do not exist. Skills are developed and taught for year-round use and a child with a disability can just

be a child among friends.

MDA camp programs, although

structured, are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere that gives campers an unmatched opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, share interests, and build self-confidence. Activities range from outdoor sports such as swimming and boating to less physically demanding programs like arts & crafts and talent shows.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association serves many individuals and their families in the Concho Valley area. The summer camp program is part of MDA's comprehensive patient and community services, which includes clinics, equipment, and support groups as well as research and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

For more information on becoming a summer camp counselor or to donate supplies for camp, please call (915)658-5184.

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From, Grandma Mary Mom, and Family



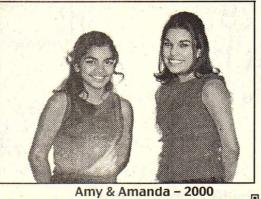
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We are very proud to show Ivona's Hand-Blown Eggs at our Gallery right here in Sonora! Each egg sells for \$8.00 and Ivona looks forward to "Sharing" her talent with her new Texas friends. Stop by SonoraArt.com

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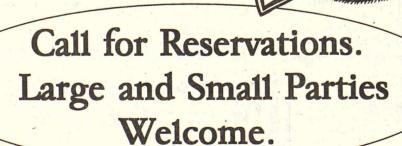
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Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 27, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Cars HAVE to be registered by 8:30 a.m. The track will be set up for practice runs at the Boy Scout Hut on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and Thursday, Jan. 25 from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

The Sonora Tennis Team will be babysitting for the Fling Ding from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Prices will range per family starting at \$25.00. Call 387-3216 or 387-5240 for reservations.

Sonora Middle School Campus Site Base Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Middle School Computer Lab, Room #203.

Last Day to Order State Champion Shirts & Caps will be Tuesday, January 30. Turn your order in to your school campus office or drop it off at the high school office.

The Recycling Center has been moved to 302 Tom Green Ave., peside the City Little League Field. The center takes oil, oil filters and

Attention All Basketball Lovers! The Texas Professional Basketbal League has come to the Hill Country. For information about tryouts please call Sonny Rowe at (915)446-4951 or Ernest Adams at (915)446-8646. Serious inquiries only. Particularly looking for tall centers and forwards. If no answer call cell number (830)739-9699 or work number (915)446-3102.

Applications are now being evaluated from the Ten Star All - Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys. iges 8-19 and girls, ages 10-19, can apply. Players are selected by invi-tation only. Camp locations in Texas include Commerce, TX and Ft. Worth, TX. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form cal 704)568-6801.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a ree seminar on how to obtain financing for your business. Shaking the Money Tree will cover the search for financing for a new business as well as for business expansion. The seminar will be conducted on Thursday, February 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at ASU in the Rassman Building Conference Room. Reservations are requested. To register or for more information, call 942-2098.

Piano lessons - trying to put ogether a Wednesday class. If interested call 387-5788

The Sonora Community Arts & Theater (SCAT) presents Kimberly Snaufer (Harp) and Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo, February 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. A recepion to meet the artists will follow the presentation. Tickets will go on

A representative of the San Ange-Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesdays, January 30, February 27, and March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. You do not have to wait until the representative's visit to handle Social Security matters. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free 1-800-772-1213 Mon. - Fri., 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can also call the San Angelo office at 915-949-4608 Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Bronco's state winning game or any Varsity or J.V game tape, please call Kristin Keel at the High School. Each tape is only \$6. All proceeds benefit the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The class is also selling highlight tapes of the 2000 season for only \$15.00. The highlight tapes are edited to the latest music and have the best plays of the season.

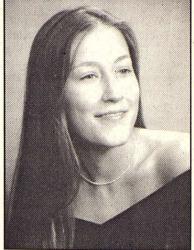
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Payton Named "Distinguished Student" At Texas A&M

Erin Payton, daughter of Tom and Pam Payton, received news that she has earned the right to be designated "Distinguished Student" at Texas A & M University. The faculty of the College of Geosciences bestowed this designation upon her. Erin is a junior, majoring in geology and a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School. Erin has also been selected for the Dean's List for the semester. This list is for students who have obtained a GPR of 3.75 or above for the semester.

The "Distinguished Student" and "Dean's List" designation are granted for those who have achieved exceptional scholastic achievement.



Erin Payton

Sonora Students Graduate From ASU

Three Sonora students at Angelo State University were among 321 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement at the university. Serina Torres Arispe received a Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, with a major in Psychology. Jesse Crain received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Psychology, and Gloria Elaine Ortiz received a Bachelor of

Texas Tech Awards Burge Manire-Roch Scholarship

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$315,729 to 437 scholarship recipients for the 2000-2001 academic year. Awards ranged from \$300 to \$2000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies; marriage & family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing, textiles & merchandising; interior design, restaurant, hotel & institutional management; food

Science, with a major in Math & Science.

nutrition/dietetics; environmental design & consumer economics; and family & consumer sciences educa-

Kristi Burge of Sonora was awarded the Manire-Roch Scholarship, she is the daughter of Virgil &

Area prospective students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean at the above address. Applications are due & February 1, 2001.

Speech Meet Looking For Volunteers

On February 9th and 10th the Sonora High School Speech and Drama Department will host the 55th Annual Speech and Academic Practice Meet. This tournament requires a lot of assistance from the community to be the successful competition that it is currently known for.

This year's contest will be under the direction of Mr. Cody S. Eoff, Theatre Arts teacher at the high school. Preparation has been underway since before Thanksgiving, but due to the fact that there are many things to be done, help from the community is being requested. The main thing needed for the tournament will be judges in the speaking events. Anyone can qualify to judge these events and a workshop is being planned prior to the tournament to answer any questions and clarify the rules in each contest. A judge's packet will also be made available to be a source of reference in all speaking events.

However, we also need other helpers in the roles of: contest managers, timekeepers, hospitality workers, information workers and registration workers. We are strongly encouraging anyone who feels that they will be able to help in any way during the tournament to contact the office of Speech and Drama at 387-6533 ext. 313.

One Hospitalized In DWI Accident

January 18 - Disorderly Conduct - Officer was dispatched to the 1400 block of Glasscock Ave. in reference to a 911 call, which led to the arrest of Skyla Vickers of Sonora, TX for Disorderly Conduct.

January 19 - Fugitive From Justice - A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of Franklin Carl Carter for Parole Violation out of Santa Fe,

January 19 - Driving While License Suspended - a strafic stop led to the arrest of two, Carlos Valentin Mejia of San Angelo, TX for Driving While License Suspended, and Jesse Dario Vargas of San Angelo, TX for Providing/Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. A total of four citations were issued for Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

January 20 - Possession of Marijuana - A traffic stop led to the arrest of William S. Pettus of San Francisco, CA for Possession of Marijuana, under two ounces.

January 20 - Driving While Intoxicated - A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of Tracy Eugene Hibler of Fort Worth, TX for Driving While Intoxicated. Subject was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

January 21 - Driving While Intoxicated/Accident - Officer was on routine patrol near the Holiday Host, when he observed a vehicle in a barrow ditch. Upon investigation it was revealed that this vehicle had been involved in a one-vehicle rollover. Driver, Demetrio Castro, Jr., was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. A passenger in the vehicle was transported to Hudspeth Hospital.

January 21 - Missing Juvenile -Officer was dispatched to the 1100 block of Orient St. in reference to a Missing Juvenile. Complainant advised that her daughter had returned home from a dance and then left in the middle of the night. Officers were notified that the juvenile returned home safely at 8:00 a.m. A report was forwarded to the Juvenile Officer.

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January 27 Michele Cramer, Bob Mooney, Freddy Mireles, Jr., Sierra Samaniego,

Adrianne San Miguel, Shannon Vick, Hunter Lawson, Timothy Young January 28 Adrian Herrera, Amy Gutierrez, Jessica Martin

January 29 Armando Sanchez, Anthony Brown, Brittany Hernandez, Nilda Hernan-

dez, Nick Lozano, Maria R. Sanchez, Jody Luttrell January 30 Veronica Velez, Mandy Fierro, De Voe Smith, Lewis Allen, Jeremy Surber.

Noah Moore January 31

Oscar Jimenez, Gloria Miears

ady Broncos Take Hard Hits

by Heather Felts

On Tuesday, January 16, the Lady Broncos hosted the Wall Hawks in the Bronco Gym. This as a big game for the girls and they knew it wasn't going to be easy. Wall is a very quick team that wins games by running the floor. The Lady Broncos knew they would have to slow the tempo down in order to stay with the Lady Hawks. That is exactly what they

Never letting the Hawks run away, they stayed within 6 points until the end of the game. The first quarter was 6-10 Hawks, the second quarter was 20-26 Hawks and the third quarter was 28-31, Hawks.

The Ladies never let the game slip away, until the end. Everyone thought that the Lady Broncos were going to pull through, but they fell short in the end.

It was said that it was one of the best games the girls have played this

The final score was 38-50 in favor of the Lady Hawks.

The Lady Broncos will meet up with Wall again, and next time they will be ready for the win.

Game balls went to Heather lelts for scoring, (9) and Kasey Miller for rebounding (11).

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Heather Felts - 9, Morgan Hobbs - 7, Japha Word and Tamika Marshall - 5, Heather Lawson and Monica Lira - 4, and Koda Armke and Kasey Miller - 2.

On Friday, January 19 the Lady Broncos traveled to Eldorado where they faced the Eldorado Eagles on their home turf. This was a very important game for both teams. If the Lady Broncos won this game, they would be in second place, but

a winning streak, defeating

On January 8, 2001 the JV "B"

Grape Creek, Mason, Reagan Co.

team hosted Grape Creek, winning

the game 73-24. The top scorers for

the game included Tom Valliant with

15 pts., Emmanuel Lopez with 10,

Chris Martin and Douglas Yocham

both with 9 and Tan Cade and Jorge

"A" team traveled to Mason to take

on the Punchers. The Broncos were

victorious 51-38. Leading the scor-

ing against Mason were Caleb Gul-

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have a very slippery situation. You'll

have a lot less traction or "grip" and

"Wet ice." Very cold snow or ice can

be slick and hard to drive on. But

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because it may offer the least trac-

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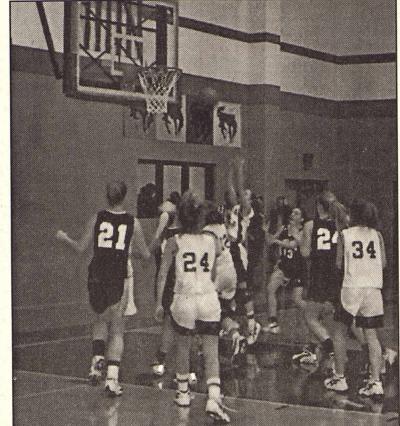
Broncos

The J.V. Bronco boys have been each. Emmanuel Lopez had 7,

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Wet Roads Result In Poor Driving



The Lady Broncos hosted the Junction Eagles on Tuesday, January 23, 2001. See game results next issue.

if they lost there would be a three way tie between Sonora, Eldorado, and Mason.

Unfortunately, that's the way it turned out. The Lady Broncos fought a hard and long game. After being down at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Broncos came back and took control of the game.

Then Eldorado hit three 3 pointers in a minute or less, making it a 1 point game.

Eldorado won by 2, with the

Justin Sims 6 and Douglas Yocham

Big Lake on the 15th and defeated

Reagan Co. 53-44. Reyes Garcia

scored a whopping 20 pts. Stevie

Hernandez had 13 pts., Chris Martin

- 7, Lionel Cervantez - 6, Joe Oliden

ed Wall, 55 to 36. The top scorers

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Lopez and Dustin Martin - 11 pts.

each, Douglas Yocham - 8 pts., Tom

Valliant - 7 pts. and Justin Sims - 4

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The J.V. "B" team traveled to

and Tom Valliant each had 5 pts.

final score being 47-49:

This was a hard loss for the Ladies to swallow, but the two teams will meet again.

Game balls went to Heather Felts for scoring (19) and Morgan Hobbs received the Hustle ball.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Heather Felts - 19, Morgan Hobbs - 11, Japha Word - 6, Heather Lawson and Kara Hard - 3, and Kasey Miller and Tamika Mar-

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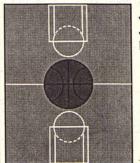
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Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule



Varsity Schedule * District Games Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • 6: 30 p.m. - There Jan. 30 - Mason • 6:30 p.m. - Here Feb. 2 - Wall • 6:30 p.m. - There

JVA Schedule

Jan. 26 - Grape Creek • 5:00 p.m. - There Jan. 30 - Mason - 5:00 p.m. - Here Feb. 2 - Wall • 5:00 p.m. - There

JVB Schedule Feb. 1 - Big Lake • 7:30 p.m. - Home

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the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), an updated publication for scholastic year 2001-2002 is available to help students understand the financial aid process, show them the essential "Steps to Success" in receiving scholarship aid, and identify sources that can help them receive

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would on dry pavement. Without

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Accountant, reviewed the management letter concerning areas of deficiencies in the operation of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Also, Rick Taylor, Manager of SIDC, presented a letter outlining the corrective actions that were taken by the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. The council asked that in the future the minutes of the SIDC Board Meeting be placed in the council's monthly agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman to direct Beth Wallace, City Attorney, to amend the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Bylaws and establish the same policies that coincide with city laws and also, authorize the City Attorney to attend all their board meetings. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Councilmember Polocek made a motion to approve the request from Sonora Industrial Development Corporation to amend the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget to include additional funds in the following accounts:

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\$2,643.00, Rent - \$2,400.00, Office Maintenance - \$1,434.00. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion and all members voted in favor.

Councilmember Polocek made a motion to call a public hearing on February 20 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending \$1,442.00 in closing cost and \$1,228.95 in interim loan interest of the seller, of which is Section 4B sales tax, relevant to the purchase of the Eaton Hill property. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Blackman made a motion to accept the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation quarterly financial report as presented. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion. Motion carried

The Council voted in favor to allow Beth Wallace, City Attorney, to request a state or county official to obtain an Attorney, General's opinion concerning expending Section 4B sales tax in the development of Eaton Hill property.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, reported that she received her annual twelve hours of prosecutor's training. Also, she advised that Judge Sessom and Laura West, Clerk, are attending Court training this week to get their hours.

A motion was made by Councilmember Polocek to start a cam-

paign and enforcement of junked vehicles in the city. Councilmember Lopez made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

The Sutton County Appraisal District monthly tax collection report was presented for review. The report showed \$177,041.90 of taxes collected to date.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Financial Statement of Hotel/Motel Tax expended. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion. Motion carried.

The Chamber of Commerce presented a proposed budget for the use of hotel/motel tax for next fiscal year. Discussion was held in regards to splitting the funds equally between the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Program. Currently the Chamber receives 4% and the Main Street Program receives 3% of the total 7% collected by the motels. Councilmember Blackman made a motion to call a public hearing on February 20, 2001 to hear comments on the proposed uses of the hotel/motel tax. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion and the fol-

lowing votes were cast:

The fire department quarterly activity report was approved. The report showed the following: Total Alarms – 22, Structure Fires – 6, Grass Fires – 3, Vehicle Fires – 4, Rescues – 6, Trash Fires – 1, False Alarms – 2, Total Man Hours – 486, County Man Hours – 80.5, County

Fires – 12, City Man Hours – 405.5 and City Fires - 10.

The Council also approved the quarterly investment report, given by Becky Covington, City Secretary. She advised that interest rans had increased a point from this time last year. She advised that one of the certificate of deposits was deposited into the general fund to help pay for the police department building.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blackman, seconded by Councilmember Polocek, to approve a Letter of Agreement with the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission representing the city's commitment to participate as a graduate Main Street City for 2001. Motion car-

A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez to appoint Jim Stephen to serve as Councilmember in Ward 1, due to the resignation of Kyle Donaldson. Councilmember Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to appoint James Blackman to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Polocek made a second to the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The council reviewed the Public Housing Authority monthly activity report. No comments were made and the meeting was then adjourned.

Dewhurst Announces Elimination Or Reduction Of Fees On State Loans For Texas Veterans

AUSTIN-Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB), today announced the elimination or reduction of fees charged for various state veterans loans and services. Dewhurst said the goal is to make VLB loan programs less expensive for Texas veterans.

"We're always looking for ways to help our Texas veterans save their hard-earned money," Dewhurst said, "Our restructuring of VLB fees ensures each veteran will pay less when he or she applies and also over the life of the loan. It's one more reason to look at our home, land and home improvement loans."

Dewhurst said the fee change that affects the greatest number of veterans is elimination of a \$25 fee for determining each applicant's eligibility for VLB programs. Dewhurst said similar "qualification" fees are unusual in private industry and are not assessed in federal veterans programs.

"The abolition of this fee will benefit all participating Texas veterans," Dewhurst said. "Veterans should not have to pay to find out if they are eligible for VLB pro-

Dewhurst said a \$375 administrative fee charged for VLB land contracts was also eliminated. Dewhurst said that because most veterans amortized the fee over a 30-year period, the VLB's costs for collecting the small monthly payments exceeded the amount collect-

"Eliminating a fee that costs more to administer than it earns is a win-win for Texas veterans and taxpayers," Dewhurst said.

In addition, Dewhurst said, several discretionary fees assessed for VLB home loans of \$45,000 or less and VLB home improvement loans of \$25,000 or less were abolished. Dewhurst said the fees brought in very little revenue while adding cost and inconvenience for veterans taking out home improvement and small home loans.

"Many of my fellow veterans live on fixed incomes and had to watch every penny while serving their nation," Dewhurst said. "Any-thing I can do to help them is an thonor and a pleasure."

Dewhurst said the restructuring of VLB fees is one of many improvements in VLB programs since he took office two years ago.

Dewhurst has substantially lowered interest rates on all VLB home loans and more than tripled the old maximum home loan ceiling of \$45,000, to \$150,000. Dewhurst also initiated programs to lower rates on VLB home loans for Texas veterans with service-connected disabilities and veterans who agree to become or remain teachers.

Dewhurst urges Texas veterans to call (800) 252-VETS for VLB loan details and eligibility requirements. Detailed information is also available at the Texas General Land Office Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us.

Ozona Hires New Chamber Director

Board members of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce have hired Shanon Biggerstaff as the Executive Director. Formerly with the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Shanon begins her new responsibilities in Ozona on January 22nd. She will oversee all aspects of the Chamber operations including tourism, economic development and member services.

As a military dependent, Shanon was born in Edinburg, Scotland. She lived in San Angelo 18 years and has been in Ozona for the past two years.

Shanon has worked as the Convention/Tour Coordinator i the Tourism Division at the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce for the past ten years. Her responsibilities included servicing conventions and event planning, motor coach tour marketing and servicing, staff to committee responsible for developing tourism related products or services, spoke to local businesses about tourism programs and services and administered all activities of an 85 member volunteer ambassadors group. Prior to the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce she served as the Director of Sales and Marketing for the San Angelo Holiday Inn Convention Center Hotel where she was responsible for all hotel marketing, sales and public relation activities. She also brings to Ozona an additional five years of marketing, merchandising and public relations experience while working for a national convenience store chain in both San Angelo and San Antonio.

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The section brings a variety of issues involving taxpayer rights issues into one convenient place.

The Taxpayer Rights Corner

includes topics ranging from basic taxpayer information to detailed steps on how to get help from the IRS. Among the areas highlighted on the web page:

"Know Your Rights" spells out basic taxpayer rights.

The notice section gives quick links to understanding IRS notices.

For examination and collection issues, the Taxpayer Rights Corner connects to publications detailing step-by-step IRS processes.

If taxpayers have a disagreement with the IRS, information is available in the Appeal Rights section. Taxpayers with difficulty solving their problems through normal IRS channels can contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

The site also has information on questions involving legal representation and confidentiality privileges. The page can be accessed at www.irs.gov/ind_info/txpyr_rights/index.html

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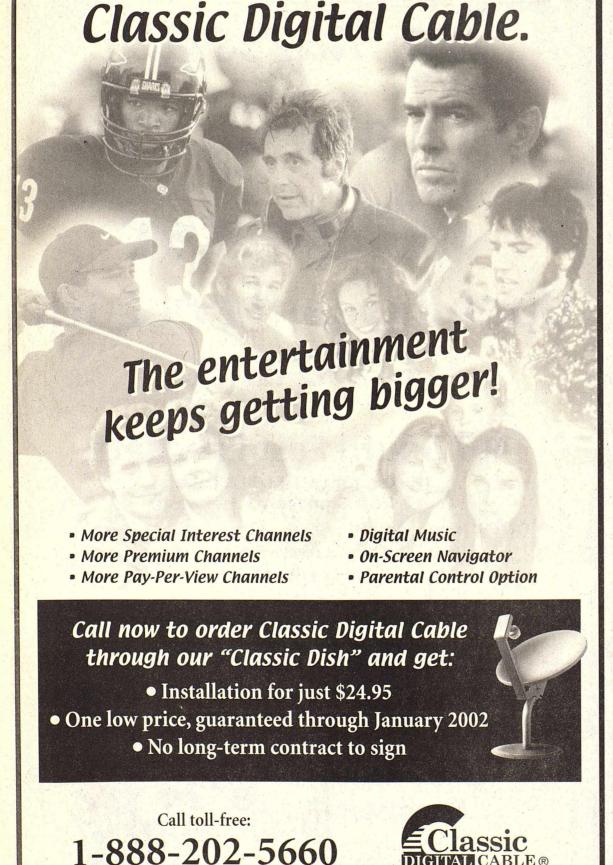
There are approximately 3,000 licensed propane dealers, retailers, and wholesalers in Texas.

The Railroad Commission is also responsible for LP-gas training in Texas. Since Sept. 1, 1997, the Commission has trained more than 6,900 LP-gas company managers, employees, and fleet customers on topics related to LP-gas safety and compliance with applicable standards and rules.

For more information regarding NFPA rule changes, propane license holders can contact Byron Caffey in the Railroad Commission of Texas' LP-Gas section at (512)

For more information regarding the new continuing education requirements, contact Thomas Petru in the Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED at 1-800-64-CLEAR [1-800-642-5327] or (512) 463-6930.

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goats exhibited in the show and 154 registered goats exhibited. Emily Earwood also placed third in the Premier Exhibitor Competition.

In the market lamb division of he show, William Renfro exhibited a 2nd place crossbred lamb, a 3rd place crossbred lamb, a 10th place finewool lamb and an 11th place finewool lamb. Other lamb exhibitors competing in the show which had over 600 entries were Brea Hughes and Brandon West. In

the steer show Brea Hughes exhibited a 3rd place British Breed steer and a 9th place European Breed

Steely Ingham lead the meat goat placings with a third place. Others who exhibited were Hilton Bloodworth, Colyer Dermody, John Duke Hudson, Word Hudson, Jalys Mabry, Laura Martin, Colton Moore, Bailey Joe Pennington, Cadesman Pope, Brandon West and Kaija Valkonen. There were 524

meat goats exhibited in the show which was divided into nine weight classes. Exact results were not available at the time of this article, but Preston Faris indicated that he believed Colton Moore, Bailey Joe Pennington, John Duke Hudson, and Brandon West also placed goats among the top 15 ribbon winners in some of the weight classes.

Faris also stated that he and Mr. Kissire were extremely proud of the overall showing of the Sutton County group.

USFWS Decides Not To List Swift Fox as Threatened

AMARILLO, Texas -- The swift fox will no longer be a candidate for federal threatened or endangered species status, thanks in part to the work of a multi-state team of biologists and landowners, including private land conservation efforts in Texas.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided to remove the swift fox from the list of candidates that could be listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. After years of study by state and federal biologists and universities, the USFWS has concluded that although swift fox numbers have declined, viable populations occur on about 40 percent of the animal's historic range. Research has also shown the swift fox can adapt to a wider range of habitat types than previously believed and is more tol-erant of modified land uses.

"I commend the efforts led by the states to address the status of the swift fox," said Ralph Morgenweck, director of the USFWS mountainprairie region. "Neither the Service nor the states want to see species placed on the endangered list, as each new listing represents a wildlife conservation failure. The challenge now is to continue working together, get ahead of the curve, identify species in trouble, to put ecosystems in working order before the situation leads to an endangered species listing.'

Scientists and others involved with the Swift Fox Conservation Committee intend to continue prairie conservation efforts that will enefit the swift fox. For the past six years, this team has worked within the swift fox's historic range in 10 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Alberta. Similar interstate groups are focused on the lesser prairie chicken and black-tailed prairie dog, two other species of concern that are native to the shortgrass prairie

The goal for these conservation efforts is to protect what remains of the vast prairies that once covered central North America and to restore prairie habitat whenever possible, as this helps not only rare species but large numbers of other

"We are bound by agreement of the Swift Fox Conservation Committee to keep working to conserve the species," said Dr. Robert Sullivan, TPW biologist in Canyon. "If we don't, we'll eventually be right back to square one. We have to follow through on the plan, and we're really only half way there. This effort will make sure the species isn't jeopardized in the future."

Since 1997, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the USFWS and private landowners have contributed more than \$140,000 for seven Panhandle region projects to conserve native wildlife and habitat. Landowners

ante up cash and in-kind contributions to fund a percentage of the projects and in return receive larger sums as grants. Through the TPW Landowner !- Incentive -- Program (LIP) and the USFWS Partners for Wildlife Program, the grants encourage ranchers to undertake native prairie and wetlands restoration such as rotational and cellular cattle grazing regimes, research and monitoring and other action on their land to aid the swift fox, lesser prairie chicken, black-tailed prairie dog, and other shortgrass prairie wildlife. To receive LIP grants, landowners voluntarily sign contracts in which they commit to take specific conservation actions on

Rare species and habitat conservation in Texas can only succeed with cooperation from private landowners because 97 percent of our state is privately owned," said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. "The rural landowners of Texas have the habitat, and most of them are good stewards of natural resources. Our job is to assist with practical and financially viable options for them to conserve resources in their care.

their property.

At the Arrington Ranch in Hemphill County, Mike Arrington and his father George are working to enhance about 1,200 acres of prairie on their 5,400-acre ranch. Their \$57,807 conservation project is funded mainly by TPW and USFWS, but the Arringtons are also putting in several thousand dollars worth of cash and labor. They are restoring and enhancing upland prairie springs and riparian (wet) zones such as cottonwood bottoms along the Washita River. They are also removing undesirable exotic plant species such as salt cedar and

Russian olive from river bottom-

lands. The main family businesses are cattle and oil and gas, but they have a significant nature tourism operation involving hunting and birdwatching. By restoring native prairie, they are helping many species, including the swift fox.

"We're trying to increase our wildlife," said Mike Arrington, whose family has owned the land for five generations. "Our prairie chicken numbers are not as high as in the past. I talked to Texas Parks and Wildlife, and they said if we added some water and cross fencing and rotated our cattle, we could increase nesting area for the prairie chicken and increase bird numbers. We think there are people who would want to come stay in our bedand-breakfast and see the birds do their mating dance. So we're doing it for tourism, and also because we want the native animals that are here

to remain here." At the Shaller Ranch in Donley County, Ted Shaller is doing similar prairie restoration work on about 3,000 acres, distributing water and rotating cattle grazing in ways that improve his cattle operation efficiency and help the lesser prairie chicken and its prairie habitat. By moving cattle around to allow sections of ranch grass to rest and recover, the native grasses grow better for cattle, retain more rainwater and provide taller cover for prairie chickens.

For information on landowner assistance in the Panhandle region, landowners may contact the TPW Wildlife Division regional office in Canyon at (806) 655-3782. For information on LIP grants, free technical guidance and other programs, landowners anywhere in Texas may phone TPW at (800) 791-1112, then selecting the "wildlife" option and then "wildlife information.

AGRIBUSINESS

Turner Joint-Authors State Agriculture Bill

AUSTIN, Representative Bob Turner (D-Voss) filed legislation on Monday as a joint-author calling for a statewide agricultural policy for Texas. The measure, House Bill (HB) 499, is based on the findings of an interim study conducted by the Joint Interim Committee on Agricultural Policy during the past year and a half.

"Even during these difficult times, Texas farmers and ranchers continue to provide an invaluable service, all the while knowing that they might receive very little reward," Turner said. "Since we cannot realistically expect those sacrifices to always continue, it's imperative that we have in place a policy that will insure that our state's agricultural industry is supported."

The committee, of which Rep. Turner is a member, was charged to develop a sound agricultural policy for Texas in the 21st Century by comprehensively studying the condition of the state's agriculture, current programs in support of agriculture, its role in preserving the industry and to address sixteen different areas affecting the industry. Other members included Sens. Haywood (R-

TEXAS--State Wichita Falls), Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria), Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) and Reps. David Swinford (R-Dumas), Jim McReynolds (D-Lufkin) and Robby Cook (D-Eagle

The sixteen areas dealt within the bill are as follows: water availability issues, transportation issues, state regulatory issues, state tax policy, the availability of capital, including state loans and grants, the promotion of Texas agriculture products, eradication or control of injurious pests and diseases, research and education efforts, promotion of efficient utilization of soil and water resources, rural economic and infrastructure development, preservation of farmland, food safety, efforts to participate in the formulation of federal programs and policies, promotion of rural fire service and the promotion of value-added agricultural enterpris-

"In addition to being a major component of our state's annual economy, with an annual economic impact of \$80-billion," Turner said, "agriculture is a major part of our heritage and provides a livelihood for many Texas families.'

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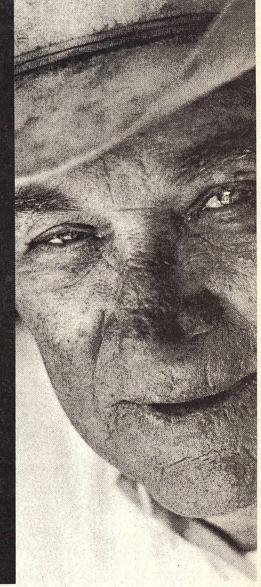
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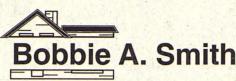
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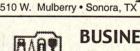
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