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EMS EXPO Returns To Sonora

by Storie Sharp

The Concho Valley EMS EXPO 2001 will be held in Sonora for the second consecutive year. The EXPO will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2001 at the Sutton County Civic Center.

The EMS EXPO is sponsored by the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council and is co-chaired by Pat Campbell and Keith Butler. The Advisory Council represents a 14 county area.

Each year the seminar is held for EMS providers, educators, nurses and physicians. Continuing Education Units are earned for attending.

Last year there were approximately 300 attendees and this year is looking to be near the same. These people travel from Crane, Midland, Rankin, Sterling City, Fredericksburg, Del Rio, Abilene and more.

Lunch and exhibits are provided

for those that visit, as well as sessions by Scott Bolleter, Flight Paramedic and Training Coordinator for San Antonio AirLife; Brian Wilson, director of Education for Texas Tech University Health Science Center El Paso; Preston Love, a Flight Nurse/paramedic with San Antonio AirLife and David Phillip, the EMS manager for the City of Beaumont.

In addition to the training seminars there will be vendors on site to offer any medical supplies that might be needed in the medical field. Vendors attending include EMS USA, Laerdal Medical, Physico Control, San Antonio Ambulance Sales, San Antonio Equipment Repair, Whelen, Texas State Technical College, Bound Tree ALS Medical and many others.

Having the EMS EXPO return to Sonora is an honor and Sutton County looks forward to making all the visitors welcome.

Beware Of Phone Scam

Sutton County is just one of many counties across the state that have been victimized by a telephone scam involving international long distance charges.

Most of the calls have involved an unknown Hispanic male who places collect calls to the victims. The caller reportedly identifies himself as "Jose" and claims to be an acquaintance or a relative of the person on the phone. Once the collect phone call is accepted, the caller makes idle conversation and attempts to keep the victim on the line as long as possible, all the while piling up huge long distance charges.

Another way the scam is being implemented is that the caller tells the victims that they have won a prize and that he needs to deliver a package. The caller then keeps the victim on the line by asking for detailed directions. Some victims have been told that they have a package from a loved one, using the family's name, at the bus station.

The public is cautioned to be very careful when accepting collect calls and encouraged NOT to accept any calls from someone you don't know. Be very wary of an operator asking you to accept an international collect call. If you accept the call you will be billed a minimum of \$50.00.

Glenna Friedrich of the Better Business Bureau in San Angelo has been talking with the Attorney General's office and is trying to help people get reimbursed for the calls.

If you have accepted one of the collect calls it will probably show as a billing from ZPDI out of San Antonio. Make a photo copy of your bill, circle the bogus charge and mail the copy of the bill and a letter explaining what happened to the Better Business Bureau, P.O. Box 3366, San Angelo, TX 76902. Friedrich will forward all the letters to the Attorney General's office, who will try to get the money back.

Thank you to the Eldorado Success for their assistance in obtaining this information.

Local Artists To Participate In Stribling Art Extravaganza

Barbara Earwood, Frances Ross and Ken and Mary Rowland of Sonora will be among 96 artists and artisans participating in the Stribling Art Extravaganza February 23-25 at the Commissary and Quartermaster buildings at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

For the second year, Beverly and Ben Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which showcases the artistic talent of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Assisting with a portion of the event cost is PaineWebber.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood - all of which will be for sale.

Hours are 1-7 p.m. Friday, February 23; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, February 24 and 1-4 p.m., Sunday, February 25. Admission is free.

"We're very pleased with the response from local and area artists which virtually has doubled from last year," said WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland. "We're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the tremendous amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide an avenue of support for West Texas Rehab Center."

More event information is available by calling the Center at 223-6300.

City of Sonora Announces 'Spring Clean-up'

The City announces that "spring clean-up" will begin with the enforcement of laws on "junked vehicles" within the city limits. State law defines a "junked vehicle" as a vehicle that:

1. Has an expired license plate or no valid motor vehicle inspection certificate;
2. Is wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 30 consecutive days, if on private property.

Any vehicle that meets the above definition that is located in a place where it is visible from a public place or public right-of-way is deemed a public nuisance. Any person maintaining a nuisance can be fined up to \$200.00 per day.

Exceptions to this law include vehicles that are completely enclosed in a building in a lawful

manner and not visible from the street or other public or private property; or vehicles that are stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed vehicle dealer or junkyard, or that are antique or special interest vehicles stored by a collector and screened from ordinary public view.

Police officers will begin a video camera inventory of all junked vehicles located within the city. Owners of the property on which the vehicle is located and/or vehicle owners will then receive a courtesy notice from the police chief stating that the vehicle must be removed within ten days.

Owners of junked vehicles may contact local wrecker services and request that junked vehicles be removed. The wrecker service may agree to accept title of the vehicle

for salvage or the scrap metal as payment for towing. Owners should communicate with the wrecker service to make arrangements for this. If the vehicle is allowed to be sold for scrap metal, there is usually no charge for this.

Anyone having a junked vehicle must make arrangements to remove the vehicle. If no action is taken by the owner, city officials will begin the enforcement process. The property and/or vehicle owner may then be convicted of maintaining a public nuisance. If found guilty, the vehicle may be removed by city officials at the owner's expense, along with a fine of up to \$200.00 per day.

Keep our community clean and safe and clean up the junked vehicles. For further information, contact the Sonora Police Department.

Senior Center Support Group Formed in Sonora

submitted

Since the Committee on Aging no longer supports the Senior Center, a new committee was organized on January 30, 2001. The committee will be named "The Senior Center Support Group". The main goal and objective will be to cooperate with the Senior Center Director as well as City and County officials by providing support and information concerning the needs of the Senior Center.

Present members are: Lou Ann King, President; Gayle Cade, Vice President; Maura Weingart, Treasurer; Pauline Ringold, Secretary; Lura Sawyer, Mary Lou Gilley, Marie Aldwell, Olivia Longoria, Jean Redman, Vicenta Lopez. The committee welcomes your input and support. Any donations intended for the Senior Center may be sent to "The Senior Center Support Group", Box 266, Sonora, Texas 76950.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Announces Director Nominations

by Storie Sharp

At the February meeting of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Ginger Norton of KDCD (CD Country and The Mix 106 gave a presentation to Chamber members. Norton was offering businesses and organizations the opportunity to advertise to a wide range of listeners in the Concho Valley area. She encouraged the group that they could help to get the word out about what Sutton County has to offer and bring in new visitors to the community.

The Chamber of Commerce Board then held its regular meeting, reporting that the next "Business After Hours" will be hosted by the Bank & Trust and Louis Dreyfus. Conjunco Accordionist, Mingo Saldavar will be performing at the gathering. The Sonora Main Street program is hosting Saldavar's week long visit.

The Chamber of Commerce Banquet Committee reported that plans are moving right along for the annual event and a fun evening is planned. They reported that the winners of each award needs to be chosen before any more planning can be done. So once again, Chamber members are encouraged to fill out their ballots and return them to the Chamber office as soon as possible.

Chamber President, Linda Love reported that the two businesses that had been drawn to advertise on the new billboard East of Junction are Multi-Chem and Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

Chamber of Commerce director, Justin McGeath reported that the relocating of the Chamber office to the current SIDC building have been delayed until further notice.

McGeath gave a Leadership Program report, informing everyone that the committee will be going to Fredericksburg to attend one of their Leadership Programs. This will be a good way to learn about starting up such a program in Sonora.

Tommy Arnwine reported that there are two important Ports-to-Plains meetings being held this week in Big Spring and Del Rio. Arnwine expressed his concern that these are very important meetings and as many members as possible need to attend.

The Tri-County Bus Tour is scheduled for Wednesday, February

21, 2001. The tour will travel to Christoval, Eldorado, the X Bar Ranch, Ozona, The Caverns of Sonora, and the T' Saucer Ranch in Sonora. The program is designed so that people from each area can see what neighboring counties have to offer for tourism.

The nomination committee reported that Keith Butler, Sue Moore, Brant Myers and Mickey Schaefer have been nominated for election to the board of directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

A discussion was held regarding the upcoming City Council meeting and the possibility of splitting the Hotel/Motel taxes. It was agreed that the Chamber would meet with the Sonora Main Street Board of Directors at their next meeting to discuss this issue further before going to the City Council. City Manager, Brent Gesch explained that the topic had been brought up at the last meeting because of increased revenue being shown, due to the new motel. He felt that it was the Council's job to review the handling of this money and to decide what split is best for the public.

More discussion will take place regarding this issue at the Main Street Directors meeting on Thursday and at the City Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 20th.

The Chamber board voted to help with the upcoming EMS EXPO event to be held at the Civic Center on February 17. They will donate cookies and goody bags to be distributed at the EXPO, which primarily consists of out of town visitors.

Chamber of Commerce Assistant Director, Ladonna Wardlaw, reported that there were four new Chamber members this month, Magnum Guide Service, Fields Ranch, Thompson Ranch and Bill Savell.

Chamber Vice President, Pam Haynes ended the meeting by informing those present that the Goat Roping Association has approached the Goat Cook-Off committee and requested that a Goat Roping be held at the same time. The committee agreed that this was a good idea since it will bring in many more visitors to Sutton County during the June Goat Cook-Off and Team Roping.

Hobbs Gains Third Chair In Concert Band

On Wednesday, February 7, Morgan Hobbs traveled to San Antonio to participate in the State Honor Band. This is a four day event which involves students from all over the state. The students who are selected to go to state are divided into two bands: a symphonic band and a concert band. On Wednesday, Morgan and 243 other students tried out for their chair positions in the two bands, and Morgan placed as third chair in the concert band. On Thursday and Friday the students practiced roughly eight hours each day, and then on Saturday they practiced for about two hours. On Saturday afternoon, the two bands presented an excellent concert. Morgan's band played eight selections, including *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Dinosaurs*, *French Impressions*, *Hill Country Holiday*, *Honey Boys on Parade*, *Japanese Tune*, *Konigsmarsch*, and *Shenandoah*. The band was rehearsed and conducted by Bobby Francis, the Director of Bands from Texas Christian University in Fort



Morgan Hobbs represented Sonora at State Honor Band competition.

Worth. Earning a position in the State Honor Band requires talent, hard work, and dedication on the part of the student, and the Mighty Bronco Band is very proud to have one of their own, Morgan Hobbs, showcased among the best band students in the state.

School Board Approves New Playground Equipment

by Storie Sharp

Paul Curtis with the Texas Association of School Boards began the regular February meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. School Board by presenting the Board with a plaque recognizing all that they do for the District.

County Tax Assessor, Rex Ann Friess, reported that 95% of the 2000 tax levy had been collected, which is 5% more than last year at this time. She also reported that the taxes not collected in 1999, due to the bankruptcy claim, may be collected soon.

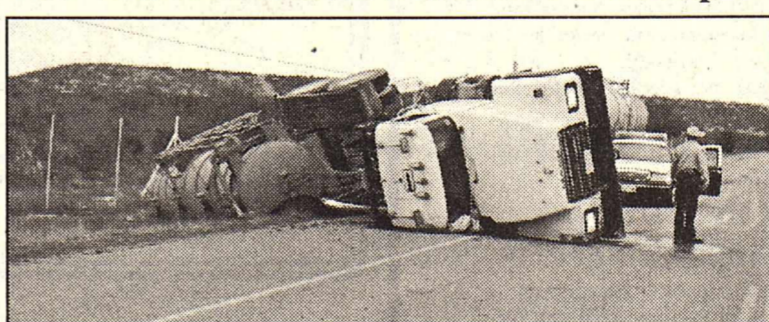
Technology Director, Craig Hudson reported that the equipment to begin the connectivity for the Primary School building had arrived and the wiring would begin this week. He informed the Board that most of the cost would be paid out of budgeted funds and that some parts were being borrowed from the Del Rio Consolidated I.S.D. This loan will help save money until grants can be obtained or more

money is budgeted. Hudson told that the requested district wide phone systems are being researched further to decide which method is most feasible for the district.

Danny Hardin explained to the Board that the Boiler in the Field House had failed to pass the last required inspection, and would have to be replaced. He explained that the cost to replace the existing boiler with one of compatible size would run about \$16,500 in parts alone. He then presented the Board with an alternative replacement, tankless electric water heaters. It would take 11 of the units to handle the field house with a cost of around \$11,700. He advised that fuel savings alone on these tankless units would cover the cost in a few years. Installation would also run less since the units are placed on top of the building, not inside the walls. The Board voted unanimously to replace the old boiler with the Rin-

See School Board page 5

One Vehicle Roll Over Sends One to Hudspeth



The driver of this Niblett's Oilfield Service truck, Climente Aguilar of Eldorado, was taken to Hudspeth Memorial Hospital with a laceration to the back of the head on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001. DPS Officer Donald Van Zandt reported that it appeared that the driver took the curve too fast and ran off the road. While trying to return to the road he over-corrected and lost control of the truck and turned it over, sliding about 300 ft. before stopping.

Commissioners Concerned About Civic Center Clean-Up

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners were in agreement at the February 12th meeting, that some changes will have to take place as to how the Civic Center is cleaned after a rental. It has been reported that this million dollar facility is aging rapidly and if some changes are not made, it will continue to deteriorate.

The policy in place currently allows renters to choose either to clean the site after their event or to pay to have a cleaning crew come in. The problem is that renters are not cleaning satisfactorily and then when they are asked to return to do so, as the contract states, they are being rude and abusive.

Several remedies were discussed, including charging a cleaning fee to everyone and having a designated crew to clean, raise the rental fees to accommodate for the damages, or to make the Civic Center a bigger responsibility for the maintenance people.

County Judge, Carla Garner requested that each of the Commissioners go to the Center and speak with Janalyn Jones and see for themselves what is going on. Then, at the next meeting they can decide what further measures need to be taken.

Justice of the Peace, Adelia Alvarez reported that 784 criminal cases had been filed in January, collecting \$78,436.45. \$38,562.29 of those collections go to the County.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher reported that there were 42 inmates in January, giving the County a daily average of 9.9. The Sheriff's Office received 1300 calls last month and \$4,086.36 fees were generated.

EMS Coordinator, Pat Campbell reported 32 runs in January, with \$8,031.75 billed out. \$4,312.83 had been collected. Campbell also reported that an ambulance had been damaged in a minor accident.

Oscar Jimenez, with the Road and Bridge Department informed the Court that they were currently working on Cauthorn Rd. and should be finished in about one month. He advised that they had done some cleaning on the road because they plan to lane the road in about a year.

Oscar then showed the court a diagram that had been prepared, showing how the parking lot around the Civic Center could be striped off for parking. This would include enforcing a "No Parking" zone along the fence that surrounds the slab area. Judge Garner reiterated the fact that this would have to be enforced to insure that the emergency vehicles could get through the area. This would mean anyone parked in the "No Parking" zone would be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

It was agreed to look into the cost of doing the job.

It was reported that 94% of current taxes had been collected and that the taxes that had not been paid from last year's bankruptcy case

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
404 E Oak
387-2951

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Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
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306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

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509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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229 W. Plum
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JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
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Church News

**A HEART FOR JESUS
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SUNDAY-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27**

Sun. Feb. 25
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 26
6:00 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Service

Tue. Feb. 27
7:00 p.m. Service
Refreshments Following
Child care provided for all services

Obituaries

Mary Ellen Mauldin

Mary Ellen Mauldin, 89, of Sonora, Texas passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2001, in San Angelo, Texas. Graveside services were held Friday, February 9, 2001 in Rest Haven Cemetery, Menard, Texas with Roy Lambeth officiating. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home. Mary Ellen Mauldin was born December 12, 1911 in Menard, Texas, to Traugott and Mary Ellen (Bellah) Heiman. She was married to Bruce Luedecke. She was a rancher and a member of The Church of Christ. She is preceded in death by her daughter Shirley Stevens and husband Bruce Luedecke. Mary Ellen is survived by her grandson Roy Stevens, Jr. of Pierre, South Dakota, granddaughter Treka Vickers and husband Terry of Sonora, Texas, great-granddaughter Victoria Vickers, also of Sonora, Texas.

Lunch Menus

**School Lunch Menu
Feb. 19 - Feb. 23**

Breakfast
Mon. - Pancakes (2), ham slice, assorted juice.
Tues. - Biscuit with gravy, sausage patty, assorted juice.
Wed. - Scrambled egg, toast, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.
Fri. - Pigs in a blanket, fruit, assorted juice.
Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Chili cheese dog, tator tots, peaches, oatmeal cookie.
Tues. - Chicken pot pie, seasoned rice, mixed fruit, biscuits.
Wed. - Chili & beans, fried okra, jello with fruit, cornbread.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, hot roll.
Fri. - Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, spice bar.

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Senior Center News

- Feb. 15 - Senior Connections with Area Agency on Aging at noon.
- Feb. 16 - Valentine Party. Announce winners on Senior Sweethearts.
- Feb. 19 - Closed for President's Day!
- Feb. 20 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia NOW! 387-3941
- Feb. 22 - Sugar/Blood Pressure checks with TDHS..11:00 a.m.

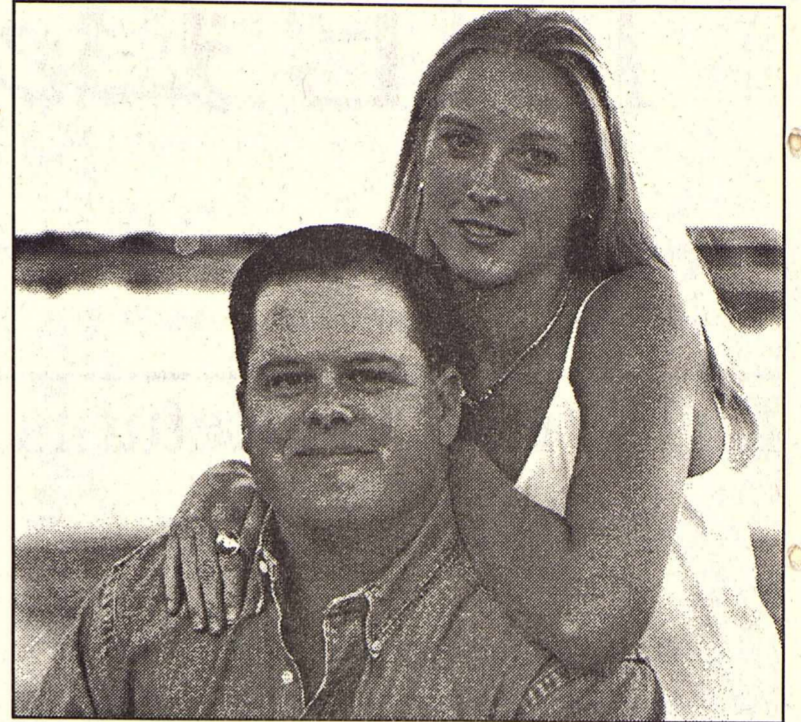
Senior Menu

- Feb. 19 - Center closed for President's Day!
- Feb. 20 - Salisbury steak with gravy, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches.
- Feb. 21 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookies.
- Feb. 22 - Fried catfish with tartar sauce, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding with raisins.
- Feb. 23 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, carrot cake.

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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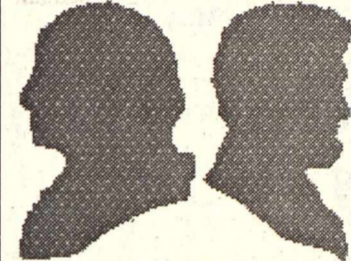
Engagement



Frye - Skelton

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frye of Sonora announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Lynn Frye to Curtis Wayne Skelton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Skelton, Sr. of Gouldbusk. Grandparents of the bride are Bonnie Garmon of Sonora and Isabel Frye of Anson and the late Bill Garmon and the late Harry Frye. Grandparents of the groom are LaJuan Farley of Conroe and the late Wayne Farley and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Pete Skelton of Gouldbusk. Michelle will graduate from Texas Tech University in August 2001 with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Agricultural Education. Curt holds a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Agricultural Education and will graduate from Texas Tech University in August 2001 with a M.S. in Education. Curt is currently working on an assistantship with the Lubbock Co. extension service. The wedding is planned for May 19, 2001 at the Leaday Baptist Church near Lake O.H. Ivie, where the late Jack Skelton, great-grandfather of the groom preached for 40 years.

Facts For Presidents' Day, February 19



Courtesy of Weekly Reader.
About George Washington...
George Washington, the first U.S. President, is often called the "father of our country."
Washington was born on February 22, 1732. He spent most of his childhood at a family farm in Virginia. Washington started school when he was about 7, studying math, reading, history, and geography. When he was 15 years old, Washington got his first job surveying land. He was a good farmer and spent most of his life running his family's farm. Washington became the first President of the United States in 1789. He was elected twice. At the time of his first election, the United States had only 11 states. By the time he retired, the new country had 16 states. Washington married Martha Custis, a widow with two children. George Washington died in 1799. He is buried at his home in Mount Vernon, VA.
About Abraham Lincoln...
Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809 in Kentucky. Lincoln went to school for less than a year. He taught himself to read and write. Lincoln loved to read and would walk miles to borrow a book. Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States. He was first elected president in 1860 and was reelected in 1864. One month after Lincoln was inaugurated president, a war began in our country. Many Americans died during the four-year civil war. President Lincoln worked hard to keep a divided United States together during that war. In 1865, while Lincoln was watching a play in Washington, D. C., John Wilkes Booth shot him to death. Abraham Lincoln is buried in Springfield, IL.

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387-3401

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387-2838

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401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taqueria El Torito
210 S. Hwy 277
387-9307

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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Community

- Feb. 19 P.T.A. Meeting 6:00 p.m. Elementary Auditorium
- Feb. 20 Tri-County Discovery Tour Contact Chamber of Commerce 387-2880
- Feb. 20 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

- Feb. 24 Sonora Community Arts & Theater Presents Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) & Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo Sonora High School Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26 Commissioners Court 9:00 a.m. Sutton County Annex
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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. When I was little my parents took me to see President Eisenhower in San Angelo but I can't remember the year, can you help me?

A. President Eisenhower, Secretary of Interior Fred Seaton and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson arrived at Goodfellow Air Force Base and departed from the silver Constellation plane, the Columbine III, at 9:02 p.m. on January 13, 1957. After spending some time wading through the crowd, shaking hands and speaking with people, the President was taken to V.I.P. quarters on the base. The President stopped in San Angelo as part of a tour of south western states that were having the worst drought in 100 years. On the 14th he took a 22 mile tour of drought stricken farms and range south of Goodfellow. He then met with civic and agricultural leaders before leaving for Woodward, Oklahoma, the second stop on his tour. Many West Texans had served under President Eisenhower during WWII and around 10,000 people turned out to greet the popular man.

Q. When did Thorp start the laundry?

A. Devil's River News, Friday, June 27, 1947 The opening of one of the most needed businesses in Sonora, a local steam laundry, seemed assured by fall when plans were announced this week by Thomas B. Thorp and C. Clemens to open a modern steam laundry in Sonora.

To be equipped with brand new machinery shipped here direct from the factory, the laundry will occupy a new Quonset-type building 40x80 feet.

Supervising the new plant will be J. T. Rutledge of Ozona, who has had thirty years of experience in the steam laundry business. The new laundry will employ 13 persons including the owners. Both Thorp and Clemens are veterans of WWII. Thorp was born and raised in Sonora while Clemens' home is in St. Jo, Missouri. He moved here following his discharge from the Army Air Force and is employed by Sonora Wool and Mohair.

In the same issue we found that the Sonora Bronco baseball team won 8-3 over Lowake.

Jim Bob Altizer of Del Rio, cousin of C. W. Taylor of Sonora, was one of the winners at the School Boys Roping Meet at Hallettsville. Altizer won a saddle in the calf breakaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Alexander announce the birth of a son, Jimmy Edward, Thursday, June 19, in Sonora, the baby weighed 7 and 3/4th pounds and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew announce the birth of a son, Andrew Foley, Tuesday in San Angelo. The baby weighed 4 pounds and 3 ounces.

E. F. VanderStucken Co. Inc. listed the following prices: Admiration Coffee, 3 lb jar \$1.22; Kenny's Sauerkraut, No. 2 1/2 can 10 cents; Sacramento Asparagus Tips, 10 1/2 oz can 29 cents; Carnation Milk, small can, 6 cents; Gerbers Baby

Food, 3 cans for 20 cents; Grandpa's Pine Tar Soap 8 cents a bar; Crystal White Soap 10 cents a bar; Bab-O, 2 cans for 25 cents; fresh tomatoes 12 cents a pound; carrots 4 cents a bunch, pineapples 33 cents apiece, Armour's Wieners 35 cents a pound; Wilson's Corn King Bacon 64 cents a pound.

Q. In 1965 a plane crashed near Baker Road, can you tell me anything about it?

A. Devil's River News, Thursday, March 4, 1965 The wreckage of a twin-engine Beechcraft plane and its six passengers, all dead, were found about one mile off US 290 some 20 miles east of Sonora Wednesday shortly before noon.

Subject of a widespread search from El Paso to Victoria the plane was spotted by Herman E. Moore, sheriff, who was flying the area with Stanley Mayfield. The plane was en route from Portland, Oregon to Victoria. All occupants were from Oregon. The plane departed from El Paso Sunday.

Discovery of the wreck, which did not burn, came after W. A. Wright reported to Omer Grelle, city marshal, that he had seen a low, fast-flying plane cross the highway and dip out of sight near the Baker Road Sunday night. Wright said that he slowed down and watched for an explosion, but dismissed the idea of a crash when he saw and heard nothing.

Mrs. Sterling Baker said that she and her husband heard a swoosh and a pop shortly after, but that she heard no plane motor. Their house is near the place where the plane went down.

Plotches of snow that had fallen Tuesday night and all but melted by noon Wednesday mingled in the debris of the broken plane and bodies. Looking east one saw a furrow, shaved trees, papers, clothing, bits of plane, bodies and engine pieces. A generator was found several hundred yards from impact, a propeller still connected to the engine several yards back. The tail section rested in a tree, flannel pajamas waving from a nearby branch. The crash happened on the Albert Schultz ranch.

Those killed were believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Shelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nichols, Walter Fuller and E. F. Niemela. Shelley, a former military pilot, was believed to have piloted the plane. His flight log showed he was 61.

The picture with this article was given to me recently for our archives. No one knew for sure who she is. It was taken in San Antonio at Powell Studio. The lady isn't a real tall woman because there is a huge hem in the skirt. There is a rosette on the overskirt and a smaller matching one on the edge of the sleeve. The lace is machine made and the pearls are roughly shapen fresh water pearls. The photo has been touched up a lot. The nose highlighted to make it appear longer and slimmer, shadows removed from the chin area to soften the jaw line. The under dress has been altered quite a bit. Seams in the dress suggest it was once gathered with a bustle but made over to the style of the day. Sashes with long flowing panels down the back were popular styles as they hid the efforts of the ladies to make over their clothes. The wrinkles suggest the dress was packed and brought to the photo studio but the clothing could be something that was kept on hand



Do you know who this woman is?

to take formal photographs.

If anyone knows who the lady is please give me call. This photo is another example of why we should always note who is in a photo somewhere on the frame or with special pens on the reverse side in a small corner. If possible put the date of the photo and age of the subject. Some people we know have inherited beautiful albums over 100 years old and have no idea what the names are of the people in them. If only someone had taken the time to write the names under the pictures.

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 them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at home at 915-387-2855 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I am in and out on Wednesday and the weekends Rick has off and can usually be found at the rock house right next to the Miers Home Museum. This building is the future home of the Sutton County Historical Society offices and archival storage area. If you see the van out front, we are there. Anyone with a hammer and pry bar in hand is welcome to come on in and help tear off paneling and plasterboard. We can always use

people to pull nails out of boards we will recycle to help offset building costs or to help bag up plasterboard.

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FUMC Plans Spring Revival

The congregation of First United Methodist Church of Sonora is planning a revival for the entire community. We are excited about the outstanding preaching and dynamic music planned for each day of the revival.

There are three days of activities planned. On Sunday, Feb. 25th, there will be the regular worship service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Rev. John Reynolds (Sr. Pastor, Sierra Vista UMC, San Angelo) will be delivering the message. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Monday's activities will begin with a barbeque supper at 6:00 p.m. Families are asked to bring a salad or dessert. At 7:00 p.m. Rev. Carl Rohlfs (Sr. Pastor, First UMC, San Angelo) will be preaching.

Our closing service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday with Rev. Victoria Bailey speaking. Rev. Bailey is the pastor from FUMC of Sterling City.

Music at each service will be provided by Jack and Marymichael Rogers. The Rogers have shared their inspiring music ministry all around the country, and twice abroad. Child care will be available during all services.

Please join us on February 25, 26, and 27 for "A Heart For Jesus" Spring Revival!! First United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Oak and Water. If you have any questions, please call 387-2466.

HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE HEARING

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed hotel/motel occupancy tax budget on February 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora Texas.

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to five statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; and (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums.

All citizens, organizations or businesses are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments on possible uses of approximately \$115,000.00 of hotel occupancy revenue expected by the city during 2001.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Advances

These students competed in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition at the District Level in Eldorado on Saturday, Feb. 10th. The group will proceed to the next level in Wall on Feb. 25, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.



Front (L-R) 12 Year Old Division: Russell Cathey, Eldorado (15 shots) and Megan McDaniel, Ozona (11 shots); 11 Year Old Division: Austin Riley Sanchez, Sonora (15 shots) and Amika Gonzalez, Eldorado (14 shots); 10 Year Old Division: Rance Cathey, Eldorado (17 shots) and Chelsey Hill, Eldorado (9 shots). Back (L-R) 14 Year Old Division: Ruben Talamantez, Ozona (20 shots) and Britany Ramos, Ozona (16 shots); 13 Year Old Division: Dereck Wiley, Ozona (14 shots) and Adriana Castillo, Sonora (15 shots).

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please allow us to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the success of the local telethon phone bank operated on January 13 in conjunction with West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 31st annual telethon.

Special thanks to the following:

- * The Bank & Trust for the use of phones
- * Rosa Hernandez for coordinating the local phone bank
- * All who helped staff the phone bank
- * All who made a donation

Because of friends like you, the telethon raised more than \$1,120,000 - which will be used to help Rehab provide top-quality rehabilitation care to every child and adult who enters our doors seeking help in overcoming a disabling illness or injury.

On January 13, YOU definitely made a difference to Rehab, and we sincerely thank you!

The Board of Directors and Staff
West Texas Rehabilitation Center

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February 15
Cody Barber, Katelyn Ronspiez

February 16
Jack Turney, Israel Arevalo, Juan E. Mireles, Shea Holmes, Jovita Munoz, Daniel Ward, Jerry Wallace, Jacquelyn Castillo, Johnny Arispe, Karen Fincher

February 17
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February 18
Andres Arevalo, Danny Chatwell, Antonia Castro, Chance Dillard, Eddie Virgen, Taylor Lopez, Kent McAnally, Zadrian McGee

February 19
Curtis E. Lipham, Queena Mendez

February 20
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Kraus Arrives For Duty

Army Spec. Rachelle Kraus has arrived for duty at Camp Eagle, Wonju, South Korea.

Kraus is a helicopter armament/electrical systems repairer assigned to Delta Company, 52nd Aviation.

She is the daughter of Lynne Davis of E. Logan, Round Rock, Texas and Samuel D. Caldwell Sr. of Sonora, Texas.

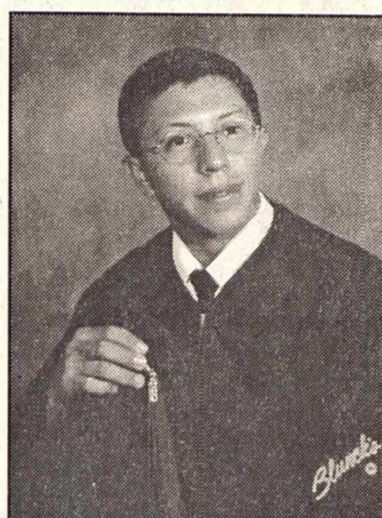
Sonora Toastmasters Grand Opening

Sonora, TX - On Thursday, February 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Sonora Bank and Trust Boardroom, District Officers of Toastmasters International will present a Demonstration Meeting for the Community.

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For more information about Toastmasters International, Call Kirk Johnson 830/298-7824, 800/9WE-SPEAK or look at TI home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Gutierrez Makes Dean's List at U.T.



William Gutierrez, who graduated as valedictorian from Sonora High School and is now a student at the University of Texas at Austin, has been selected for the Dean's list for the fall semester. William was selected for obtaining a GPA of 4.0. He is a freshman majoring in Engineering. William is the son of Rosa and Willie Gutierrez.

F.Y.I.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments and the Sutton County Senior Center present "Senior Connections". This is an opportunity for you to learn more about current services and resources available for older individuals and to talk to professionals in the field of aging. Stop by the Sutton County Senior Center at 102 S. Wilson on Thursday, February 15, 2001 for "lunch and conversations" from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. For more information call Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free Internet Business Operations seminar for individuals or small businesses who may be considering doing business on the internet. The seminar will be conducted on Tuesday, March 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at ASU in the Rassman Building Conference Room. Reservations are requested. To reserve a space or for more information, please call ASU at 942-2098.

It's Shamrock Time Again! Help send a child to MDA Summer Camp by purchasing a small piece of green for just a buck. You'll be helping those affected by muscle wasting diseases. Local participating locations are Rosie's Cafe, Bank & Trust, Shots and Los Jarritos Restaurant. Shamrock sales begin February 12th and end March 17th. For more information call MDA-Midland 570-4970.

Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will meet the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in supporting our local hospital, please come join us.

The ACS Relay for Life has been re-scheduled for May 4 - 5, 2001 from 6 p.m. - 9 a.m. For more information contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

The Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom & Mop Sale will be Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Mops, brooms, push brooms, brushes, dish towels, dust pans and much more will be available.

Attention All Basketball Lovers! The Texas Professional Basketball 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.

The Sonora Elementary PTA will be holding a talent show for Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th grade students along with their February meeting on February 19. The PTA encourages any students in these grades wanting to share their talents to sign up and participate.

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

The Sonora Community Arts & Theater (SCAT) presents Kimberly Snauffer (Harp) and Marc Garvin (Guitar) Duo. February 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. A reception to meet the artists will follow the presentation. Tickets are on sale now at Tedford Jewelry, First National Bank, and The Bank & Trust.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesdays, 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.

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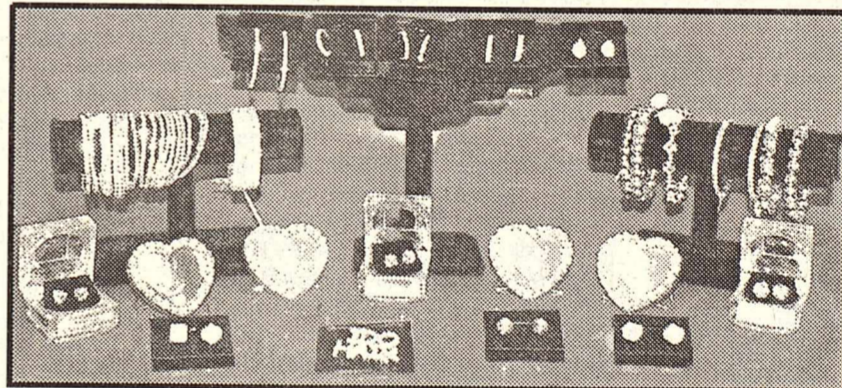
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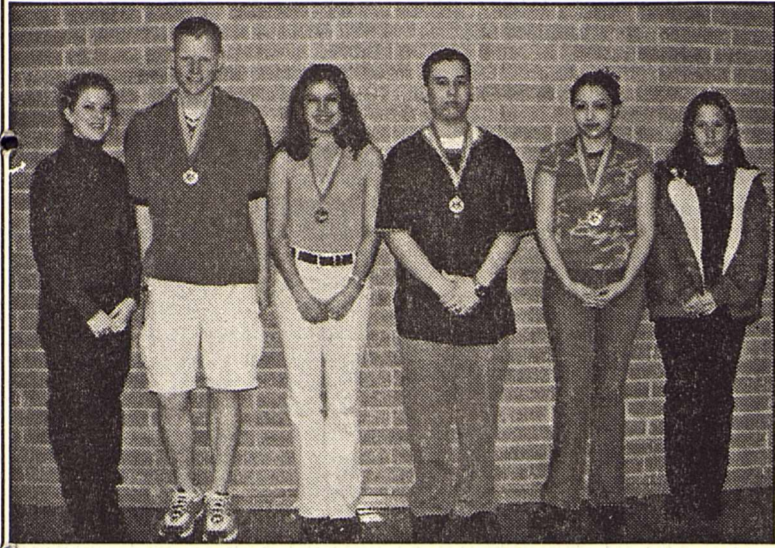
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Sonora Journalism Students Win At Home



L-R: Andi Allen, Walker Thompson, Leslie Gamez, Carroll McAfee, Katrina Hernandez and Susanna Street.

Sonora hosted their annual U.I.L. Speech and Drama Meet on February 9 - 10, 2001.

Andi Allen took first place in Editorial Writing, Headline Writing and News Writing.

In Feature Writing, Carroll McAfee placed first and Walker Thompson placed third.

In Headline Writing, Carroll McAfee placed second, Walker Thompson, third and Leslie Gamez sixth.

Leslie Gamez placed second in News Writing. Katrina Hernandez was third and Susanna Street placed fifth.

This was an outstanding meet for the students. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

2000-2001 Lady Bronco Basketball Report

Future Lady Broncos jumped off to a good start with the JV "A" having a season record of 9-10 and a district record of 4-6. Total individual points scored for the team were Elizabeth Elliott-98, Paola Garcia-88, Cady Taylor-51, Tamika Marshall-51, Desiree Gonzales-49, Brea Hughes-48, Laura Word-47, Kara Hard-43, Leandra Perez-32, Mayra Martinez-29, Ashley Parker-25, Shannon Vick-20, Brittany Longoria-13, Stephanie Reddin-7, Katrina Hernandez-4 and Amanda

Sanchez-4. The JV "B" had a season record of 4-6 and a district record of 3-3. Scoring for the team were Savannah Hedgecock-44, Melissa Longoria-39, Susanna Street-33, Dianah Hernandez-11, Ruby Galindo-10, Megan Berry-9, Isabel Ibarra-9, Nicky Samaniego-9, Denevra Gloria-6, Danielle Galindo-4, Megan Fitzgerald-2, Evangelina Martinez-2, Carolyn Mendez-2, and Tiffany Henry. Clyde Dukes is the coach for the Lady Broncos.

Schenkel and Hall Rope For Sonora

Thomas Schenkel and Stetson Hall participated in the Ozona High School rodeo on Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11, 2001. Schenkel was 5th in Saturday's Calf Roping, with a time of 11.3 seconds. Thomas also placed 5th in the Team Roping, with roping partner, G.L. Bunger of Ozona. The team roped their steer in 14.2 seconds.

Stetson Hall also placed in the Team Roping, with a time of 21 seconds flat. Hall and partner, Tim Abbott of San Angelo, were 8th in Saturday's performance.

On Sunday, Schenkel roped his calf in 10.2 seconds, to win the Calf Roping.

Hall and Abbott roped their steer in 8.7 seconds on Sunday, leaving them in 6th place for the day.

Crowned as the 2000-2001 Region II Queen was Shanna Gibson of Iraan and Courtney Carr of San Angelo was named 1st runner up.

The next two rodeos will be held in Fort Stockton on March 3rd and 4th.

Varsity Broncos Defeat The Eagles

The Sonora Broncos played Eldorado on February 6, 2001 in Sonora. The Broncos won with a score of 75-68. Lead scorers were Ryan Hardgrave-19, Riley Crain-14, Matt Torres-12, Bryce Williams-11, Chance Dillard-10, Cameron Sims-6 and Crispin Lira-3. Rebounding for the Broncos were Riley Crain with 10, Ryan Hardgrave-9 and Chance Dillard with 8.

The Varsity team travelled to

Junction on February 9 to defeat the Eagles 76-55. Scoring for the Broncos were Bryce Williams with 31 points, Justin Routh-10, Cameron Sims-8, Riley Crain-6, Chance Dillard-5, Crispin Lira-4, Sean Fields and Ed Mayfield, 3 points, and Daniel Ward, Nick Lozano, and Pokey Samaniego, each with 2 points. Chance Dillard had a total of 11 rebounds and Riley Crain followed with 9 rebounds.

JV Broncos End Season With Wins

Sonora JV "A" hosted the Mason JV Punchers on January 29, 2001. The Broncos defeated Mason with a score of 58-31. The leading scorers for Sonora were Justin Sims and Reyes Garcia both with 11 points, Caleb Gulley-10, Dustin Martin-9, Tom Valliant-8 and Scottie Moore with 4 points.

The Bronco JV "A" team travelled to Wall on February 2 and beat the Wall Hawks 59-52. High scorers for the Broncos were Dustin Martin-13 points, Emmanuel Lopez-11, Scottie Moore and Justin Sims, each with 9 points and Reyes Garcia with 4 points.

The Sonora JV "B" team travelled to Ozona on February 5, 2001. The Lions defeated the Broncos 43-27. Scoring for the Broncos were Chris Martin-10, Stevie Hernandez-9, Wylie Wagoner-4, Joe Oliden-2, Jorge Guerra-2.

The Bronco JV "A" team defeated the Eldorado Eagles on February 6 in Sonora with a score of 39-37. Scoring for Sonora were Emmanuel Lopez, Caleb Gulley, and Dustin Martin, each with 7 points, Scottie Moore and Tom Valliant had 6 points each.

Both these teams are coached by Bruce Hirt.

Earwood Victorious In San Antonio



Emily Earwood displays her prizes from the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Several local youth attended the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 6, 2001. The results of the Junior Show are:

Angora Goats

Buck Kid: Meredith Earwood-3rd, Emily Earwood-4th & 9th

Yearling Buck: Emily Earwood-2nd & 4th

Aged Buck: Chance Armke-1st

Doe Kid: Meredith Earwood-4th & 5th, Emily Earwood-6th, Landon Brockman-11th, Chance Armke-16th

Yearling Doe: Emily Earwood-4th & 6th, Shane Benson-7th & 9th

Aged Doe: Emily Earwood-7th, Landon Brockman-8th

Exhibitors Flock: Emily Ear-

wood-1st

Reserve Champion Buck: Emily Earwood

Premere Exhibitor of Jr. Show: Emily Earwood

Results of the Open Show Division are:

Yearling Buck: Emily Earwood-2nd & 3rd

Aged Buck: Chance Armke-3rd, Emily Earwood-4th

Doe Kid: Emily Earwood-2nd, Meredith Earwood-3rd & 10th

Yearling Doe: Emily Earwood-3rd & 5th

Aged Doe: Emily Earwood-2nd

Also participating were Hunter and Cash Jennings.

School Board from page 1

nai Tankless Water Heaters.

Hardin then reported that the fire alarm system in the Elementary School buildings have to be replaced. Due to the concrete walls in the buildings the current alarms are not reaching everyone in the buildings, thus creating a dangerous situation. The only downfall to making the necessary repairs is that there would be no system in the Primary building during the maintenance. He suggested they try to do the repairs during Spring Break. The cost to make the repairs is approximately \$2590 for parts and installation and \$2700 for conduit wiring and labor. The expected time for installation is about one week for each building. The Board approved the presented bids to replace the fire alarms and authorized the repairs to begin.

Diane Jacoby explained a budget amendment shifting funds for the wireless system to the general maintenance fund.

Board member Tryon Field made an amendment to the earlier approval of the water heaters to include a \$3500 cap on installation.

Primary School Principal, Louise Dermody reported that the Curriculum Reports were being reinstated and that she would be the first to report. She gave a presentation and showed a video of the guided reading program that is implemented for the Pre-K - 2nd grades. Dermody explained that the program focuses on developmental reading and helps to place the child on the correct reading level.

Sonora Middle School Principal, John Berry presented the District Report Card, which compares test scores by state, district, hispanic, white, male and female by grade level. He advised that the school district deserves a pat on the back for improving from an "acceptable" rating to a "recognized" rating overall, with the High School receiving an "exemplary" level.

Principal Dermody presented a bid from Gametime of \$30,000, to replace the playground equipment in the Pre-K yard. Dermody explained that the Gametime representative had worked with the Pre-K teacher to ensure that the new equipment would help enhance motor skills. The price quoted includes installation and a soft surfacing material. This would not include the timbers needed to surround the perimeter of the area. The new equipment is ADA accessible

and could be moved at a later date if necessary. The Board awarded the bid to Gametime for the new playground equipment.

It was announced that it is time to begin budget discussions and that the principals will be requested to begin turning in their proposed budget requests.

Board Training Hours were reported: Dayton Armke, Jessie Bustamante and Tryon Fields each had 3 hours. Tammy Favila and Tom Jacoby both had 27 hours and Tom Payton had 25.

The School Trustee Election was set for May 5th, with Pct. 2 and Pct. 4 trustee positions up for re-election.

Donna Hill reported that enrollment was up 5 from January. As of Feb. 8, 2001 enrollment was High School - 263, Middle School - 215, Intermediate School - 218 and Primary School - 242.

Hill informed all present that Sgt. Davis would be giving an abstinence seminar again this year for all grade levels. The presentation will be given to the community on March 8 and to each grade level on March 9. Each seminar is age appropriate about sex abuse, abuse, etc. Sgt. Davis is highly publicized and is extremely knowledgeable with the law. The school will be looking for donations to cover the costs of these educational seminars.

Hill expressed her concern that it is time to really start thinking and working on what is going to be done with the Elementary facilities. A Facilities committee has worked many hours to prioritize what has to be fixed to be ADA acceptable and what needs to be fixed to make a better learning environment. It is imperative that the community be involved in any discussions and decisions regarding this issue, since it is going to be, at the least, a \$4,000,000 project. An initial report has been compiled on the conditions at the Elementary school and the public is strongly encouraged to review this report, available at the Administration Building.

After meeting in Executive Session regarding annual evaluation of Campus Principals, Athletic Directors and Special Education Directors it was announced that all current contracts for present administrators would be renewed.

The Board will hold a special meeting on February 21, 2001.

Deadline for Print is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

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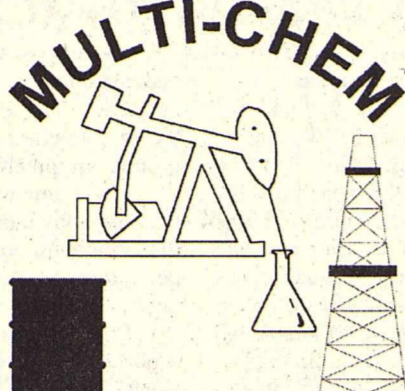
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Police Reports

February 5, 2001 - Theft - Officer was dispatched to the Best Western Motel in reference to a theft. Complainant advised two subjects had been staying in the RV Park and had left the park without paying for the bill of a two-month stay. Charges are pending.

February 6, 2001 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to a disturbance at the Sonora Sage Apartments, which led to the arrest of two local residents for Assault. Alfredo Vallejo Tijernia, Jr. and Elsa Vasquez were both charged with Assault and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail. Elsa Vasquez was also wanted out of Deaf Smith County, Hereford, Texas for Fraud-Insufficient Check.

February 7, 2001 - Disorderly Conduct - Officer was dispatched to

the Town & Country #97 in reference to a male subject trying to get into the customer's vehicles. Upon arrival officer contacted suspect. Suspect was asked several times to stay out of the vehicles but refused. Carl Frank Lisotta of Beaumont, Texas was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

February 9, 2001 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of W. Oak to speak to a complainant. Complainant advised that she had been assaulted by her brother and wished to file charges. Report was filed and forwarded.

February 10, 2001 - Burglary - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of Sawyer Drive in reference to a possible burglary. Complainants advised that someone unknown to them had entered their residence without their consent and had taken television equipment.

January 2001 Ambulance Calls

- 1/2/2001 Accident - IH-10 400MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/2/2001 Accident - IH-10 400MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #101
- 1/2/2001 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101
- 1/3/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #102
- 1/5/2001 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #102
- 1/5/2001 Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/7/2001 Accident - Plum Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/7/2001 Accident - Main Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/7/2001 Medical - Ben Juarez to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/7/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Ben Juarez, Unit #101
- 1/7/2001 Accident - IH-10 383MM Cancelled enroute, Unit #100
- 1/9/2001 Medical - Hwy 277 S. 11 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/10/2001 Medical - Concho Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/10/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #101
- 1/12/2001 Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/13/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #102
- 1/14/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #102
- 1/15/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/16/2001 Medical - Hwy 277 North Cancelled enroute, Unit #100
- 1/17/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101
- 1/17/2001 Accident - IH-10 North Service Road Patient refused Service, Unit #100
- 1/18/2001 Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/18/2001 Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #101
- 1/18/2001 Medical - Poplar Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/21/2001 Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit #101
- 1/21/2001 Accident - Loop 467 to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/22/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit #101
- 1/22/2001 Accident - IH-10 428MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100
- 1/24/2001 Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical, Unit #101
- 1/29/2001 Medical - Ben Juarez to SCCI, San Angelo, Unit #102
- 1/31/2001 Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit #100

Government Help Is Available To Help Pay Energy Bills

Is your heating bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills". The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

"The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it", says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help For Energy Bills Dept GHEB-0205, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

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News From the Neighbors

Eldorado - The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Eldorado Woolen Mill will be Saturday, February 24, 2001 at 407 South Main (next to the Woolen Mill). If it is raining the festivities will be moved to the Memorial Building behind the Schleicher County Courthouse.

The celebration kicks off at 9:30 a.m. with a parade, followed by the Texas Fiber Style Show. Dress shops from around the region will be displaying clothing and wares made from Cotton, Wool, Mohair and Leather.

There will be many political dignitaries speaking before a bar-b-que lunch is served. Lunch tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 853-2541.

An auction and a silent auction will follow lunch to raise money for the "Raise the Roof Fund".

"Raise the Roof Fund" is a pro-

ject of the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, a non-profit organization, to raise money for the much needed new roof of the Woolen Mill.

At 3:00 p.m. the Way Off Broadway Players will present "The Star Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon. The play will be held in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater at 113 SW Main. For ticket information call 853-2062 weekdays or 853-3411 weekends. Advance purchase is recommended with limited seating available.

The X Bar Ranch will host dinner and entertainment at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available by calling 853-2688 or 888-853-2688.

All tickets can be purchased through the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109.

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may be collected within 30 days.

The Commissioners discussed the problem of County Roads, like Cusenbary Rd. and Baker Rd., are being destroyed quickly by heavy truck traffic and what could possibly be done to preserve these roads. Judge Garner said that she would contact some of the companies that frequent the roads to see if they could help with repair costs. Sheriff Fincher also agreed that he would have his department patrol the roads more frequently to ensure that proper speeds were being followed. It was also suggested that truck weights be checked more often to ensure that the trucks traveling these roads were in accordance with weight requirements.

Commissioner Mike Villanueva submitted a letter to be added to the minutes, expressing his concern for the liability of non-County employees riding in County vehicles. He pointed out that presently there is a bill being addressed regarding the issue.

The Commissioners agreed to make the County Choice Silver Program available to retired County employees. This is a type of supplemental insurance that the retiree can purchase. There would be no cost to the County for making this available.

It was announced that the maintenance person at the jail had resigned and permission was granted to advertise for someone to fill the position.

Bobby Zesch was made the Agent of Record for insurance bids. This entitles Zesch to be the sole agent working on obtaining and presenting insurance bids for the County.

After meeting in Executive session to discuss wage and hours of the EMS personnel, the Court reconvened and announced that they would stay with the current policy regarding the EMS Coordinators salary and pay for hours on calls.

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 New Prize Operating; 15400' Phillip Arledge - #7, Nabors Drilling.
 New Ricks Exploration; 10000' Miller-Hoover Unit - B - #506, Cleere Drilling.
 New Tema Oil & Gas Co.; 6250' Daniel-State - 2 - #10, Key Energy.
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 New Marshall & Winston; 8200' Holmon-Fagan #1901, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde County
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USDA Livestock Assistance Program Sign-Up Begins

The Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the 2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP), announced Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Assistance Program will provide partial reimbursement to eligible producers for grazing losses suffered during the 2000 drought. As with the previous Livestock Assistance Program funds are limited nationwide, therefore a national factor will be applied to ensure equitable distribution of benefits to all producers.

To File an Application, interested persons will need:

- * to please call our office for an appointment, sign up will be by appointment only.
- * exact number of livestock by type and weight between May 1, 2000 and November 30, 2000.
- * date(s) of livestock number changes such as sales or purchases.
- * other information such as dates offspring were weaned or livestock sent to feedlot.
- * estimated percent of loss on your grazing.

Benefits will be paid on the lesser of the feed value of available grazing or the feed value required for eligible livestock. Each individual application will be computed, and then factored according to the national factor. A \$40,000 payment limitation applies to each "person" and this limit will be applied prior to factoring. Small grain grazing or hay intended for harvest will not be included on application. Hay or feed receipts will not be required, you do not need to have purchased feed to earn benefits.

More information may be obtained through the Sutton County Office at 301 SE Crockett, Sonora, Texas or call 915-387-3111 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Texas Farm and Ranch Financial Situation to be Assessed

Texas farmers and ranchers have faced considerable financial adversity in the past few years, and there remains great uncertainty about the ability of many to remain in business. Four major droughts compounded by lower prices and higher input costs have turned the financial screws down on many farmers and ranchers. But what types of farms and ranches have been affected, and how badly have they been hit? The 2000 Agricultural Resource Management Study (ARMS) conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will give Texas farmers and ranchers an opportunity to answer that question later this month.

This study will provide a current check-up on the vital statistics describing the economic condition of Texas production agriculture. The ARMS database is used by members of the agricultural community and their legislators when making decisions that impact the future of U.S. farmers and ranchers.

"A reliable, accurate description of the current economic health of Texas farms and ranches is crucial," said State Statistician Robin Roark, "especially when policymakers, farm organizations, analysts, local USDA agents, news media, farm suppliers, lenders, and others make decisions that affect growers."

These data have been widely used as a tool for analyzing the impact of the droughts on Texas agriculture. They are also used when policymakers determine federal assistance. In 2000, U.S. farmers and ranchers received over 23 billion in direct government payments, 3 billion more than in 1999 and nearly 15 billion more than the average annual amount since during 1995-1998. Congress will continue to analyze the results of this study carefully as they begin work on the new Farm Bill.

Results from these surveys will also be used by farm and ranch operators, farm organizations, commodity groups, lenders, university researchers, the news media, local USDA agencies, farm suppliers, and others to compute prices paid, evaluate the economic health of America's

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Crockett Co. 4-H To Sponsor Appreciation Dinner Honoring Congressman Bonilla

The Crockett County 4-H Club is sponsoring an appreciation luncheon for Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX) at the Convention Center in Ozona on Tuesday, February 20th. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon and end at 1:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the luncheon; however, the 4-H Club requests that those who plan to attend RSVP by calling (915) 392-3731 or (800) 715-8882 by February 16th.

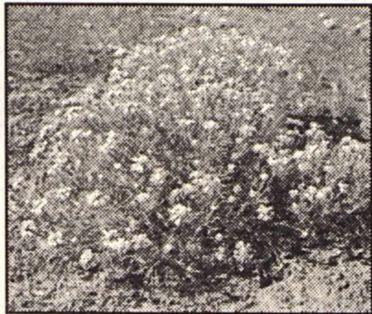
Congressman Bonilla is being honored for the assistance he has given the citizens of Crockett County. Most of the Congressman's district is agriculture or agri-business related, and he has a keen awareness of the industry's needs. Bonilla was recently selected as Chairman of the influential Agriculture Appropriations Sub-committee.

In working for the agricultural industry, Congressman Bonilla helped create a three-year phase-out instead of a one-year end to the wool and mohair incentive program. He was also instrumental in establishing the mohair loan program which was so beneficial to producers, and he also worked to provide a 40 cent per pound emergency payment for wool and mohair producers hurt by the long-term drought and disastrously low market prices.

"This is an invitation to the general public or anyone involved in agriculture to come out and help us show our appreciation to Congressman Bonilla for all his efforts in our behalf," stated Donnie Laughlin, general manager of Wool Growers Central Storage Co. and one of the event organizers.

**POISONOUS PLANTS
Bitterweed**

by Erika Straka, Ph.D.
 How many of you have seen that dark green weed waiting to burst into a pretty yellow bloom flowering in the pastures. Well I'm sure those of you involved in the ranching business just frowned at my use of the term pretty, as you would at any complimentary term used to describe bitterweed.



Bitterweed, or Hymenoxys odorata, is a poisonous plant native to this region which is responsible for a large number of sheep poisonings every year. It blooms in the late winter and early spring following adequate moisture for seed germination. Sheep are most susceptible at this time of year because other, more preferred plants are still dormant. Bitterweed is an invader plant which will move in rapidly and colonize any area which has been overgrazed. Given the drought conditions this last summer, overgrazing may have been a problem for many, and combined with the wet winter we've had, bitterweed should be out in full "glory" (frown) this spring.

So what does bitterweed do to an animal? Sheep are the most susceptible animals because sheep will eat bitterweed whereas cattle and goats will prefer grass and browse if it is available. Bitterweed contains a chemical called hymenoxon, a sesquiterpene lactone, which, if absorbed from the digestive tract, will bind to proteins in the body. Proteins are present in all body tissues so this means that hymenoxon is widely distributed and binds to and disrupts normal function in many organs. One noticeable effect of hymenoxon is its effect on an animal's appetite. Hymenoxon will alter the brain's appetite control center, making the sheep think it is full, resulting in the characteristic anorexia seen in bitterweed intoxicated sheep. Hymenoxon will also interfere with an animal's ability to control swallowing and regurgitation reflexes. This causes a green froth and slobbering-like appearance at an animal's mouth, usually the first indicator of exposure. Other signs of intoxication are rumen stasis (the "shutdown" of the sheep's forestomach) and overall depression.

What can you do to prevent intoxications before they happen? Foremost is by proper pasture management and prevention of overgrazing. Bitterweed, as an invader, is a poor competitor and can be replaced by better plant species if given a chance. Even those with the best pasture management around, however, may still find some bitterweed in the pastures. This is not a problem if other plants are available, but as I mentioned before, most right now are still dormant leaving bitterweed one of the few green things around.

Providing supplemental feed will help keep animals from becoming hungry enough to eat bitterweed, but can become expensive.

What about putting something special in the feed to help protect the sheep?

Well, since hymenoxon binds to proteins, diets high in proteins can help bind up some of the hymenoxon, leaving less to exert its toxic effect on proteins in body tissue. Feeding protein supplements with Santoquin, an antioxidant, can also

be effective in preventing toxicosis if animals consume enough. The problem with Santoquin however is that it reduces the palatability of the supplement and sheep won't usually eat enough to do any good.

Recently there has been a lot of interest in activated charcoal as a preventive agent AND a treatment. Activated charcoal has been around for a long time and a lot of you probably have it in your medicine cabinet to give to children if they accidentally ingest a poison. What does activated charcoal do? The poison will bind up or adsorb to the charcoal in the digestive tract. This prevents the absorption of the poison, and it eventually passes on through the digestive tract and out of the animal in the feces. Does activated charcoal work with bitterweed? Yes. A research team led by Dr. Cody Scott of Angelo State University has done a lot of work in this area. They have shown that activated charcoal does prevent intoxication in animals that are consuming bitterweed, and are currently looking at ways to mix activated charcoal into a feed or a mineral supplement.

What about animals found in the pasture already down from consuming bitterweed? Removing them from the pasture is important to prevent them from ingesting a higher "dose" of hymenoxon. Recently, a few ranchers in Sutton and Crockett Counties have reported treatment with an activated charcoal paste, administered in a simple drench-like form, may save animals, presumably by preventing further absorption of hymenoxon from the gut. In this case, catching them early will be important, as activated charcoal can only keep what is in the gut from being absorbed but cannot pull already absorbed hymenoxon out of the tissues. Treatment of pastures with chemical weed control agents may also help kill bitterweed for the time being, but the soil contains enough seeds to provide a ready supply for the next bloom when conditions are right.

To sum things up, this is the time of year we are going to see problems with bitterweed because it is green and other plant species are dormant.

Providing an adequate diet through feeding or decreasing stocking rates will help, as sheep will be less inclined to consume the bitterweed if they aren't hungry. Using activated charcoal to prevent intoxications holds a lot of promise if a practical way to get it in feed and or mineral blocks can be developed. And last, treatment of already intoxicated animals with an activated charcoal paste appears to successfully prevent death losses if administered soon enough.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS
 The city council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds related to the purchase of the Eaton Hill Project.
 \$1,442.00 in closing costs
 \$1,228.95 in interim loan interest of the seller.
 The hearing will be held on February 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.
 All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Highway Improvement Contracts.
 Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. District: SAN ANGELO. Contract 0069-04-036 for TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED) in STERLING County, etc. will be opened on March 07, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO:2726
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Construction Division
 200 E. Riverside Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78704
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 District office (s)

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT DISTRICT ENGINEER
 4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
 San Angelo, Texas 76904
 Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or

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Help Wanted: Taco Grill is now hiring full/parttime waitresses. Experience preferred, but will train. Apply in person at 232 Hwy. 277 North. For more information call 387-9127.

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