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## Tri-County Tourism Coalition to Host Group Tour Market Workshop

Owners and managers from area restaurants, motels, retail merchants, and tourism-based attractions will benefit from attending a special workshop on the group tour market to be held on March 14, 2001 from 1:00 until 5:00 P.M. at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora. The workshop is sponsored by the Tri-County Tourism Coal-

ition, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University. The workshop is part of a larger project to expand tourism in the area.

The program will feature Charlie McIlvain with Idle Time Tours from Ft. Worth. Charlie is a tour operator and a recognized leader in the Texas tourism industry and the

National Tour Association. The workshop will focus on what the communities, businesses and attractions in the Sonora, Ozona, and Eldorado area can do to target group tours as a tourism market segment. The workshop will address the question...are group tours viable and valuable for the tri-county area?

The workshop will help businesses in the region become more aware of the requirements for accommodating the bus tour market in the tri-county region. For more information on the coalition or about the Tour Operator workshop, please contact the Chambers of Commerce in Eldorado, Ozona, or Sonora.

## City Council Election Notice

Sonora City Council has adopted an order calling for the General Municipal Election to be held on May 5, 2001. The purpose of the election will be to elect a Council Member from Ward 1 and a Council Member from Ward 2.

Candidate filing period began on February 20, 2001 and will continue through March 21, 2001 in the office of City Secretary.

To seek a place on the ballot for a candidate for City Council, a person must be a registered voter and must reside on election day in the ward from which the person may be elected.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate may contact the City Secretary's Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Troopers Confiscate Load of Marijuana

At approximately 8:35 p.m. on March 1, 2001, State Trooper Norbert Ortiz stopped a '96 Dodge pickup with Mexico license plates with no license plate light. The truck was traveling North bound on Hwy. 277, 4 miles South of Sonora. After stopping, the vehicle accelerated for approximately 1/2 mile, where it then came to a stop on the East side barrow ditch.

Three hispanic male occupants exited the vehicle and proceeded over a fence, into a private pasture.

Ortiz located approximately 311 pounds of marijuana in the bed of the pickup.

The possible suspects have been identified by items left in the vehicle as Carlos Murillo, Jorge Salgado and a third unidentified suspect. The suspects remain at large.

Trpr. Ortiz was assisted in the ground search by Sutton County S.O., Sonora P.D., U.S. Border Patrol, Concho Valley Multi-Agency Drug Task Force with canine, U.S. Customs, San Angelo who provided 1 blackhawk helicopter and 1 fixed wing aircraft, Kimble County S.O., Sgt. Carl Mayfield, Trpr. Kevin Wright and Ben English of Ozona, and Trpr. Cody Cory of Sonora.



The drugs confiscated by Trpr. Ortiz carry a Texas street value of about \$248,800.

## Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Spring Community Education Program

### Fit for Life - An educational program devoted to healthy exercise

Mr. Darin Waldon Licensed Physical Therapist with West Texas Rehabilitation Center will present FIT FOR LIFE, an educational program devoted to healthy exercise. With spring arriving and the evenings getting longer it is a good time to resume a healthy exercise regimen. The program is designed for all ages. Please join Mr. Waldon for a 20-minute presentation to learn the safe way to exercise. The program will be held on Monday, March 12, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby area of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home facility. The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host a recruiting luncheon immediately following the program. Ms. Vallree Draper, Auxiliary President and Mr. Keith L. Butler, Administrator will offer a short



luncheon program. A door prize drawing will be held following the luncheon. The program and luncheon is free but seating is limited, so please RSVP by calling 387-2521 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. by Saturday, March 10, 2001.

## Comptroller Rylander Kicks Off Fifth Annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest

(Austin)--Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has invited Texas elementary school and middle/junior high school students to send her a drawing depicting "What I Want to Be After College" for a chance to win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships sponsored by Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp. and Fannie Mae.

"Today I am kicking off the fifth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest," Comptroller Rylander said. "This annual competition attracts thousands of entries from children all over Texas. Six lucky kids will win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships that will guarantee that their tuition and required fees will be fully paid when they are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas

students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The grand-prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand-prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group.

This year, a third grand prize, the four-year Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) Scholarship, will be awarded to an elementary or middle/junior high school student whose contest entry depicts a career in a technical or scientific field. To be eligible for the Intel scholarship, contestants must mark a box on the contest entry form to indicate that

See Poster Contest page 6

## Stars Shine At Blue and Gold Banquet



5th Grade Webelos: (Back) Juan Dominguez, Colton Moore, Matt Mabry, Jacob Cooper. (Front) Sean McKnight and Jose Lugo.

by Tibba Edmondson

The stars were shining at the Blue and Gold Banquet which was held on Monday, February 26, 2001.

The Sutton County 4-H Civic Center was adorned with many stars, not only in decorations, but with scouts that were shining with anticipation of receiving their advancements, discovering the Popcorn Top Salesmen, and the 5th Grade Webelos promoting to the rank of Boy Scout.

Reverend Lewis Allen, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, began the evening by leading the Invocation. Approximately 160 guests enjoyed a wonderful spaghetti meal which was prepared by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Following the meal, the 4th Grade Webelos "Dragon Patrol"

held the opening flag ceremony. The Webelos recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto.

4th Grade Webelos Co-Leader, Patsy Samaniego, recognized the volunteer leaders and the committee members of Pack 19: Tiger Cubs - Lauri Smith, Wolf Cubs - Erica Morriss, Maribel Perez, Kevin Snyder; Bear Cubs - Jan Stephens, Sharon Creek; 4th Grade Webelos - Tibba Edmondson, Patsy Samaniego, Christie Talley; 5th Grade Webelos - Christie Talley, Becca Love; Committee members; Cubmaster - Tim Talley, Treasurer - Tibba Edmondson, Secretary - Jan Stephens.

There were several Eagle Scouts in attendance that were acknowledged during the banquet, along with many Boy Scouts and their leaders.

Recognition was given to those that helped the Cub Scouts in any way over the last year. Those receiving certificates were: Jody Luttrell, Brad Black, James Edmondson, Ronda Hall, Johnny and Beth Snyder, Paul Stephens, Sonora Wool & Mohair, Reggie Williams, Chris Croy, Mary Humphrey, First United Methodist

See Blue and Gold page 7

## Quarterly Trash Clean-Up Schedule

Duncan Disposal of San Angelo will conduct the quarterly trash clean up for the city of Sonora during the month of March. The city has been divided into four sections and each section will be serviced on Fridays. The dates and the areas serviced are as follows:

### On March 16, 2001

Inside the perimeter area created by Crockett Avenue on the Northeast, U.S. 277 the Southeast and the city limits on the Northwest and Southwest.

### On March 23, 2001

Inside the perimeter area created by East 2nd street, the Southeast fence of the Sutton County yard, Hilltop Street and Loop 467 on the South and Southwest.

### On March 30, 2001

Inside the perimeter area created by U.S. 277 (Del Rio Highway) on the North and West, Loop 467 on the North and Northeast and city limits on the South.

### On April 6, 2001

Inside two separate perimeter areas: one created by the Loma Alta and Sinaloa area. The second perimeter is created by Crockett Avenue on the South, East 2nd and the Southeast fence of the Sutton County yard on the South-southeast.

See Division Map page 7

## Bronco Basketball All-District



### Lady Broncos Basketball All District

First Team - Heather Felts

2nd Team - Japha Word, Morgan Hobbs, and Tamika Marshall

Honorable Mention - Kasey Miller and Monica Lira

### Bronco All District

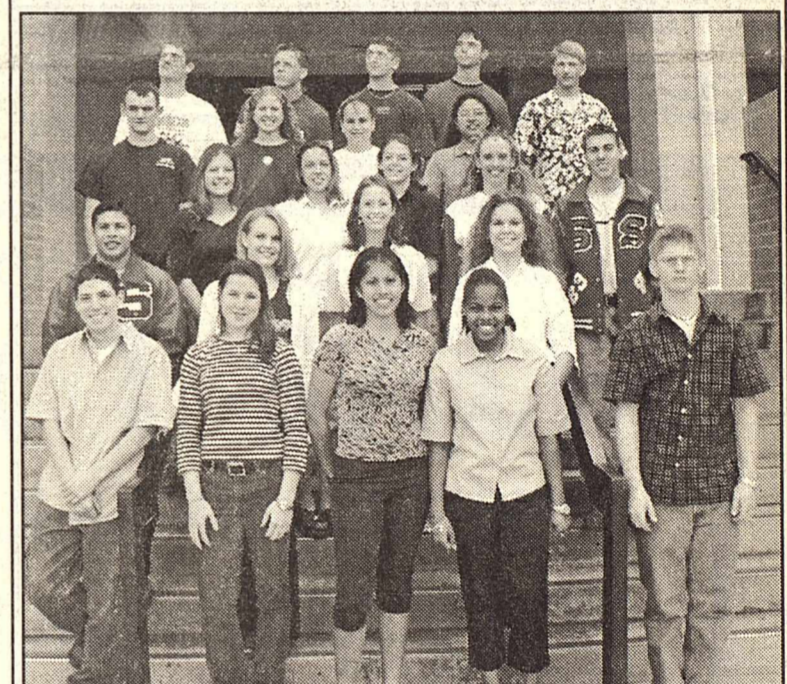
Newcomer of the Year - Ryan Hardgrave

1st Team - Bryce Williams, Riley Crain

2nd Team - Matt Torres, Cameron Sims

Honorable Mention - Crispin Lira, Ed Mayfield and Chance Dillard

## Bronco Basketball Academic All-District



### Lady Bronco Academic All District

Heather Felts, Japha Word, Stephanie Hard, Lindsey Bowers, Carolyn Mendez, Kacci Lewellen, Amy Gann, Kasey Miller, Desiree Gonzales, Ashley Parker, Koda Armke, Morgan Hobbs and Tamika Marshall

### Bronco Academic All District

Bryce Williams, Justin Routh, Matt Torres, Pokey Samaniego, Crispin Lira, Cameron Sims, Ryan Hardgrave, Riley Crain, Sean Fields, and Ed Mayfield.

## Loma Alta - Construction Off to Explosive Start

"The reconstruction of US 277 (The Loma Alta project) is well underway," reports TxDOT Del Rio Area Engineer Robert C. Parker, P.E.

As soon as clearing operations began in September, Mr. Daniel Cantu, TxDOT Laredo District inspector in charge of the project, discovered burned rock middens throughout the project area. Middens are old campsites used by native Indians for cooking and tool making.

The discovery was relayed to Austin who then performed the appropriate archeological recovery work.

"The contractor, Allen Keller Company, was able to continue operations with little interference," Parker continued "Soon after, however, the area received approximately 20 inches of rain over a five to six week period. Inevitably, delays due to the weather were incurred. Since then, the contractor has done an excellent job in getting the project back on schedule. The work is approximately 35 percent complete

and is progressing nicely," he concluded.

The \$8.2 million contract was awarded to Keller in March 2000 for the widening and reconstruction of an eight mile stretch of U.S. 277 in Val Verde County northeast of Del Rio. However, due to right-of-way, environmental, and construction other issues, the project was postponed.

Overall, the work includes; grading, base, structures, surfacing, and the addition of shoulders north of Loma Alta. The entire project was allotted 186 working days.

Although U.S. 277 is closed, limited access has been granted to abutting property owners. Also, the Loma Alta grocery store remains open for business as usual.

The alternate route around the construction site has been designated. The 41-mile detour includes U.S. 377 in Del Rio to State Highway 55 in Rocksprings and back to U.S. 277.

Safety lighting and flashing

See Loma Alta page 7

## 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

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

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

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Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.  
306 W. 4th St.  
387-5713

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

**NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER**  
Jerry & Joy Wood  
205 E. Main  
387-8241

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387-2616

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Randy Greenwood  
Pastor  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

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O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Seigler  
511 Cornell  
387-5207

**SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER**  
Sonora Stock Pens  
Sunday 6:00 p.m.

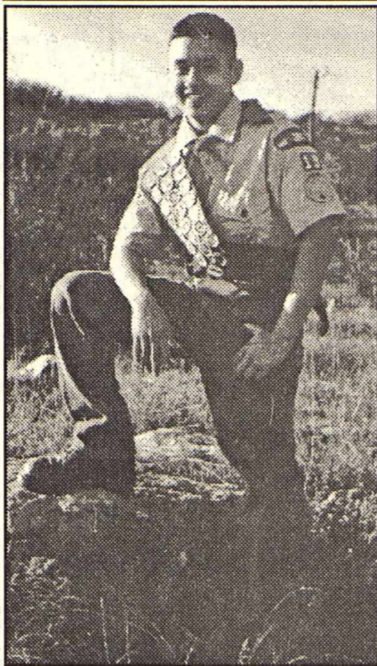
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387-2266

### Card of Thanks

The family of Sandy Beebe would like to take the opportunity to thank the people of Sonora for all your thoughts, prayers and support in our time of need. Special thanks to Bruce Kerbow, Lewis Allen, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, Church of Christ, and all the people who cared for her throughout her illness. We can never express how much all of you in Sonora have touched our lives and helped us out over the years.

Thank you,  
Sandy Beebe's Family



I would like to begin by thanking my family and friends for making my Eagle Scout ceremony possible. Thank you to my parents for keeping me in scouting even when I felt tired and wanted to quit. Also thanks to everyone for attending my Eagle Scout Ceremony. Last but not least I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth for helping me in all my years and setting up the ceremony for Joseph and I. And to Mr. Allen, Father Bill, Ronda and Mr. Hall, Beth Wallace, Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos, and all the scouts for participating.

Thank you very much,  
Stevie Hernandez

I would like to thank all of the Cub Scout leaders and parents of Pack 19 for helping me put together the 2001 Blue and Gold Banquet. A special thank you to everyone who made donations or helped in any way to make the evening enjoyable for all the scouts and their families.

Thanks again,  
Tibba Edmondson  
4th Grade Webelos Leader

A special thank you to Tammy and Eddie Favila for coaching us during Little Dribblers. We learned a lot and had fun too!  
Your "Angels"

### Obituaries

#### Sandra "Sandy" Lea Beebe

Sandra Beebe, 41, died Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at Hill Country Care Center in Junction, Texas. The funeral was held on Friday, March 2, 2001 at the Methodist Church in Sonora, Texas followed by graveside services at the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home and officiated by Lewis Allen.

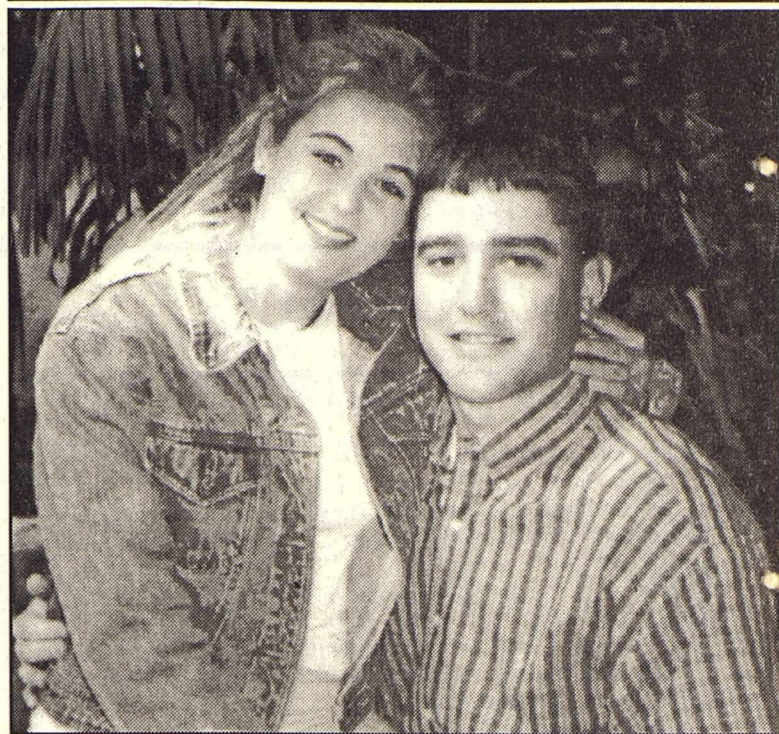
Sandy was born on August 8, 1959 in Junction, Texas. She graduated from Junction High School in 1977 and in 1978 moved to Sonora, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Terry Lee Beebe. She is survived by her three daughters Amber Harris and husband Michael Harris of Sonora, Dawn Rodgers and husband of Kerrville and Erica

Braly and husband Chris Braly of Bryan. Five grandchildren Cassandra, Kimberly and Amy Harris; Chasady and Christian Braly. Parents Billy and Sissie Broyles of Junction, Texas. Two brothers Royce Broyles of Junction, and Ward Broyles and wife Donna Broyles Coppell. 2 nephews Alex and Austin Broyles.

Sandy was a member of the Church of Christ. She was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all the family would like for memorials to go to the Terry Beebe Scholarship Fund. You can get in touch with Faye Deel or Karen Fincher at Louis Dreyfus. Memorials may be sent to the MS Society, 1031 Andrews Hwy. Suite 201, Midland, Texas 79701.

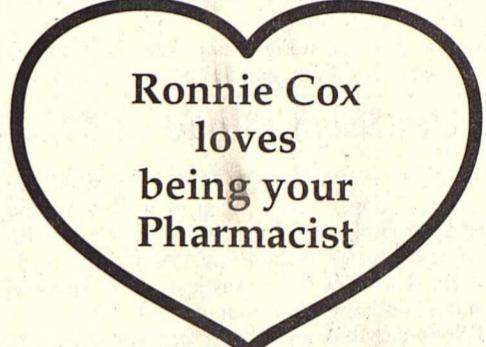
### Engagement



#### Burge - Barker

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Burge along with Mr. and Mrs. John Barker are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kristi Burge and Caleb Barker. The wedding is planned for May 19, 2001.

Kristi is a candidate for May graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in early childhood education. Caleb is also a candidate for May graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in Horticulture.



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### Be Prepared for Severe Weather

Each spring, Texas experiences numerous outbreaks of severe weather. Many of these outbreaks are deadly. Over the past few years, the National Weather Service's capability to warn people of impending hazardous weather has improved dramatically through the use of state of the art Doppler weather radar. But early warnings are useless unless people know how to react to impending severe weather.

**Tornado Safety before the storm...** Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, and when outdoors. Have frequent drills. Listen to radio and television for information. If a Warning is issued or threatening weather approaches... in a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement. If there is no basement, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Stay away from windows. Get out of automobiles. If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch. Abandon mobile homes.

**Tornado Safety in Schools develop...** A severe weather action plan and have frequent drills. Each school should be inspected and shelter areas designated by a registered engineer or architect. Basements offer the best protection. Schools without basements should use interior rooms and hallways on the lowest floor and away from windows. Monitor weather information from NOAA Weather Radio and local radio/television. Make special provisions for those in portable class rooms. Lunches or assemblies in large rooms should be delayed if severe weather is anticipated. Gymnasiums, cafeterias, and auditoriums offer no protection from tornado-strength winds. Move students quickly into interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor. Have them assume the tornado protection position - kneeling on the floor with arms and hands protecting the head.

**Flash Flood Safety...** Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way. One cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds and when fast moving water impacts a surface, it strikes with incredible force. Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. The depth of water is not always obvious. The road bed may be washed out under the water, and you could be stranded or trapped. Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.

**Thunderstorm Safety before the storm...** Watch for signs of approaching storms. If a storm is approaching, keep a NOAA Weather Radio or AM/FM radio with you. Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent. When thunderstorms approach... If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately! Move to a sturdy building or car. If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hard-top automobile and keep the windows up.

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## Dining Out Directory

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240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401  
Los Jarritos  
605 S. Crockett  
387-2838

Pizza Hut  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540  
Rosie's Cafe  
207 Glasscock Ave  
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833  
Stagecoach Grill & Cantina  
407 South Crockett  
387-0623

Taqueria El Torito  
210 S. Hwy 277  
387-9307  
Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

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

### Lunch Menu

#### Senior Center News

- Mar. 12 - Bingo!
- Mar. 13 - Volunteer to deliver meals! Call 387-5657
- Mar. 14 - Work on crafts - St. Patrick.
- Mar. 15 - Blood Pressure and sugar checks with TDHS... 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16 - Birthday Party for March!

#### Senior Menu

- Mar. 12 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, roll, sliced tomato, pineapple rings.
- Mar. 13 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, roll, green salad, cherry cobbler.
- Mar. 14 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.
- Mar. 15 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, jello with fruit.
- Mar. 16 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, rolls, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.

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

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### Community

- March 8**  
Taking Care of Children Workshop  
6:00 - 10:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center  
(Adult Version)
- March 14**  
Lenten luncheon hosted by  
St. Ann's Catholic Church  
12:00 Noon at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall
- March 12-16**  
SISD Spring Break
- March 13**  
Lion's Club Broom and Mop Sale

The Community Calendar

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### Calendar

- March 15**  
Ram Test Field Day/Sale  
(FMI call TX A & M Experiment Station 915-387-3168)
- March 24**  
Star Party at Ft. McKavett
- March 27**  
Chamber After Hours at The Bank and Trust  
**AI-Anon Meeting**  
Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month  
Starting Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m.  
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**Historical Society**

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary  
I would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who showed up for the work day on March 3, at the future site of the offices and archival storage vault of the Sutton County Historical Society. The following pulled up old carpeting, tore out walls, took out doors, cleared the yard of trash and worked very, very hard: Lloyd Schwertner, John Berry and his daughters, Isael Perez, Ben Solis, Eddie Sawyer, L. "Cedarberry" Baker, Manuel "Crazy Walls" Paredes, Karen Voight and daughter and Richard "Rick" Palmer. We couldn't have gotten as far as we have without all your help! Thank you all very, very much.

It will probably take one more volunteer day to finish tearing the addition off the house. The roof has to come down and plywood and 2x6 floors need to be torn up. The storage shed next to the building has to come down too. Lumber will be recycled into foundation forms giving us a huge cost savings, which we need to cover the flooring damage we found. If you could volunteer some time, please call me at 387-2855 so we can set up another work day on the 17th. I'm not asking for your money, just for one day of volunteer service to help preserve the history of Sutton County.

Special thanks to Eddie Sawyer for the delicious Pizza lunch and to Coca-Cola of San Angelo for all the soft drinks. We have enough soda left to serve volunteers on the 17th.

Q. Do you have anything in your files on the death of D. McCausland in 1954?

A. Devil's River News, April 16, 1954: Funeral services for Douglas McCausland, 34, brother of Mrs. Rex Merriman of Sonora were held in the Owens-Brumley Funeral Home in Wichita Falls April 5 at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Rosemont Cemetery. McCausland died in Gadsden, Alabama March 31. He is survived by his father, J. C. McCausland of Wichita Falls, and four sisters, Mrs. C. E. Betts of Corpus Christi, Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Mrs. Day Gully, Jr. of Wichita Falls, Mrs. C. L. Bass of Gasland, Alabama and Mrs. Rex Merriman of Sonora.

In the same issue we find that the Sonora Baseball Club defeated the Miles Giants 6-3 at the Sonora field. Jack Henderson limited Miles to three base raps, two of which were by Jansa. Henderson struck out 14. Sonora socked 12 base hits, Oliver Wuest poled three in five, John Bell slammed two safeties in three official trips. Dick Pipes hit

safely twice, in four times at bat. Jack Henderson also thumped two base blows in four times up.

After six months in Japan with Marine Aircraft Group II, Marine T-Sgt. Edgar J. Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Odom of Sonora, has been transferred to Korea for duty as chief clerk of Marine Aircraft Group 33, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Lt. Col. Savell Lea Sharp was in Sonora this week visiting relatives before going to Japan for a tour of duty with the Far East Air Command.

Word was received this week that Charlie Covey, son of Mrs. Annie Covey, was made a corporal in the armed forces. Covey is stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Leo Bishop, a former Texas Ranger, has been temporarily hired by the city and county to act as a deputy sheriff here. Bishop served in the Texas Ranger force for twelve years in the Marfa and Alpine area. He resigned to go into the ranching business in Edwards Co.

Enchiladas, tacos, tamales, rice and beans. Phone Mrs. Adolph Ortiz at 25071, or come by across the street from Liberty Park. Tables in the yard if you wish to eat here. Or bring containers for food you wish to take home. Dinner ready at 5 P.M., Easter Sunday, April 18.

Q. Do you have any information on Dr. J. F. Howell?

A. Devil's River News, April 29, 1971: Dr. John Franklin Howell died on March 27, 1971 in San Angelo, at the age of 75. He was born February 7, 1896 in Eastland, Mississippi and married Mary Louise Watts April 12, 1925 in Kilmichael, Mississippi. They moved to Sonora in 1934 where he began a medical practice that spanned 37 years.

Dr. Howell had served in World War I and was appointed to the Selective Service Board by President Roosevelt. He was a member of the Southern Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Tom Green Medical Society, and the American Academy of General Practitioners. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, the Downtown Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the "M" Club of Tulane University, the Sonora Golf Club and was instrumental in the building of the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

He was survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Louise; two sons, Dr. J. F. Howell of Amarillo and Charles W. Howell of Perryton; a



Sam Agustus Luckie and Mary Proffitt Luckie

daughter, Mrs. Jack Allen of Perryton and eight grandchildren. Note: Mrs. Howell died in 1977 and was buried beside him in the Sonora Cemetery.

In the same issue we found that Brenda Perez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perez, will be queen of the St. Ann's Spring Festival. Dr. Charles F. Browne underwent minor surgery in San Antonio. Miss Linda Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Logan was among twenty Texas Tech students recognized for contributions in leadership and service at the Awards banquet April 21 in Lubbock.

The Junior High Honor Roll for the 5th sixth week period included: Margarita San Miguel, Maggie Galbreath, Laura Gibbs, Claire Langford, Blaine Crawford, Juan Perez, Allen Harris, Alan Thorn, Sam David Hernandez, Lisa Joe, Martha Elliott, Will Wallace, Ronnie Hobratsch, John Elliott, Gloria Samaniego, Larry Finklea, Mike Street, Marsha Finklea, Margarita Guitierrez, Flaire Lane, James Mounce, Renee Rousselot, Bill Savell and John Pollard, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

The Devil's River News cost

**Hospital Auxiliary Needs Your Help**

Submitted by Janalyn Jones  
Please come Monday, March 12 to the lobby of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home facility for the first of a series of educational offerings to be hosted by Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Auxiliary. Darin Waldon, Licensed Physical Therapist, will present a short presentation on healthy exercise. His program will start at 11:30 a.m. Immediately following the educational program, the hospital will host an auxiliary recruitment luncheon for members of the hospital auxiliary.

Vallree Draper, auxiliary president, will welcome everyone. Mr. Keith L. Butler, Administrator will present a summarization of hospital plans and upcoming activities. These activities will include a Safe Kids Coalition Buckle-Up event in April and an appreciation cookout in May in observance of EMS Week and Nurses Week.

The auxiliary will participate in these activities in addition to the bake sale, which is held each year in conjunction with the downtown Easter egg hunt. Money from auxiliary fund raisers and membership fees (\$10.00 annual dues) are used to fund various health care related needs to include hospital equipment and furnishings and a scholarship program which is awarded to two graduating seniors who have participated in the high schools vocational nursing program.

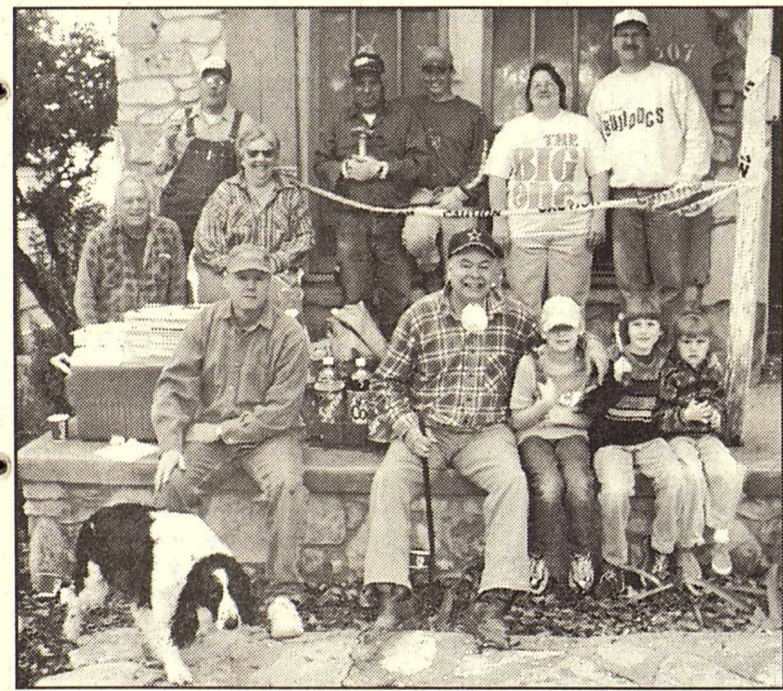
How can you help? Please come on March 12 and join the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, door prizes will be awarded. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by calling 387-2521 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., no later than Saturday, March 10, 2001. The auxiliary also meets at noon the first Monday of each month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Come and join us and help the auxiliary support our local medical facility.

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Bill takes you on an emotional roller coaster ride, laughing one minute and crying the next with his hellfire and brimstone presentation about crimes against our most innocent element of society - our children. He educates his audience using over 200 slides as he talks about physical, neglectful, emotional, and sexual abuses to children, as well as positive parenting skills.

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Most adults are very reluctant to talk to teenagers about SEX. Bill's program is filled with audience-speaker interaction. The program is filled with laughter, anxiety and 100% attention from his audience.

The Sutton County Child Welfare Board and The Sonora Public Schools will welcome to town Sergeant Bill Davis on March 8th and 9th.

We urge all of Sonora and surrounding areas to attend this very important workshop on **Thursday, March 8th, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the 4-H Civic Center in Sonora, Texas.**

Sergeant Davis will make presentations to the Sonora Public Schools on Friday, March 9th. He will present at 8 a.m. to the High School, at 10 a.m. to the Middle School and at 1 p.m. at the Elementary School.

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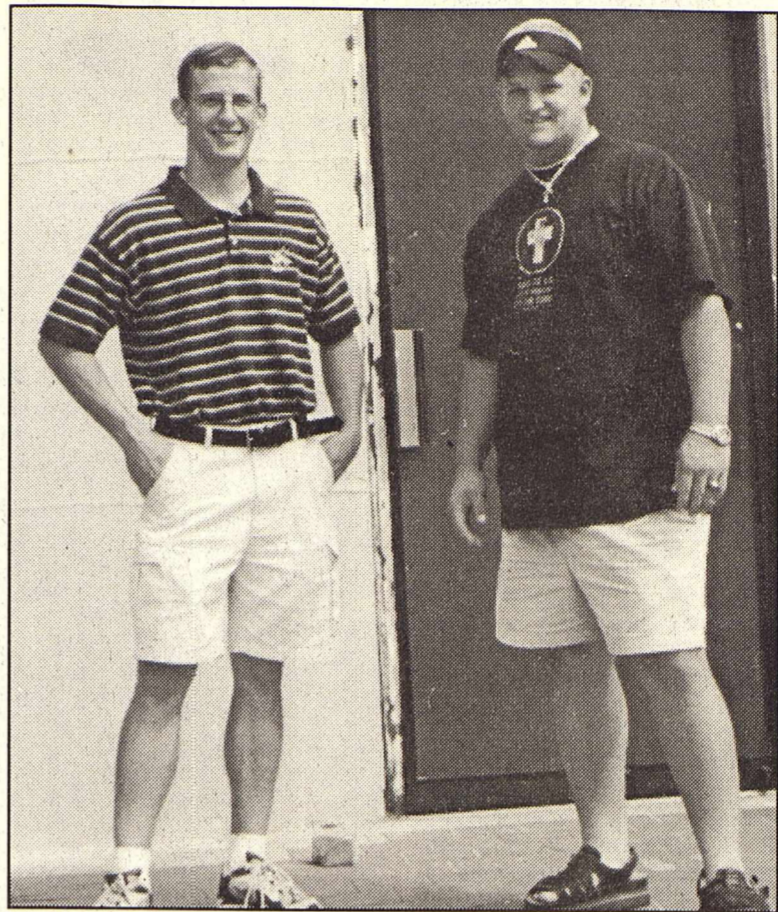
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Spring Break - March 2-16

Sonora Intermediate, along with Sonora Primary, will host a Culture Fair on Friday, March 30. We are looking for anyone interested in sharing information or a demonstration about any culture/nationality. Please call Kelley Hirt at 387-5669 for more information or to schedule a demonstration or presentation.

There will be a Band Booster meeting on Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Band Hall.

The next Lenton Luncheon will be on Wed., March 14th at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The meal will be hosted by St. Ann's Catholic Church.

**Lock and West Raising Money For Scholastic Trip to New York**



**Fundraising Bake Sale -**  
Brady Lock and Jacob West will be part of a team representing Hardin-Simmons University at the 2001 National Model United Nations Conference held in New York City, April 10th - 14th. Teams representing universities from across the United States and other foreign countries will be competing at the United Nations building. The two will be fulfilling the role of a delegate on the Hardin-Simmons team representing Palestine in foreign issues.

There will be a fundraising bake sale on Friday, March 16th at the Town & Country Village Market grocery store in Sonora. The sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will help offset the expenses for the trip, as a large part of the costs are being raised through fundraisers. Please help send these two young men to New York on this educational trip by baking or coming by the sale and taking a baked good home. Please contact Cheryl Lock or Laura West if you can help bake for the sale.

**Baseball, Softball, & TeeBall Registration**

Registration for Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, and TeeBall will begin Monday, March 5, 2001 and continue through Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Major league tryouts will be held Thursday, March 29, 2001 at the county parks. Minor League tryouts will be Tuesday, April 3, 2001. The fee is \$25.00 to play. You may sign up at Business Basics between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the Little Dribblers games on Thursday, March 8th and Friday, March 9th. You must have turned five by August 1, 2001 to play teeball. If you have questions, call Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

**Price Completes Weather Apprentice Course**

Air Force Staff Sgt. Brent W. Price has completed the weather apprentice course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. He was taught to observe and record weather elements using mechanical and electronic meteorological equipment. The training included elementary meteorology, weather forecasting, observing and recording of weather phenomena, use of storm detection equipment, and weather station operations. Price is the son of T. Wayne Price and Fay E. Price, both of Sonora, TX. His wife, Jill, is the daughter of James G. and Javan Tuttle of Lambert Lane of Austin, TX.

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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 will be 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.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesday March 27, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Scouts advance to EAGLE Rank**

Two young men and active members of St. Ann's Catholic Church were presented with the prestigious Eagle Scout award. Esteban "Stevie" Hernandez, Jr. and Joseph C. Ainsworth were recognized at an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, March 4, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Ann's Catholic Church. A reception followed at the church parish hall.

Stevie, 15, is the son of Esteban and Hermalinda Hernandez. Joseph Ainsworth, 14, is the son of John and Sandi Ainsworth. Both boys have been active members of Scouting since first grade as Tiger Cubs. Stevie and Joseph are freshmen at Sonora High School. Stevie has been involved in band, basketball, Spanish Club, U.I.L., church activities and track. Joseph has been involved in band, U.I.L. and tennis.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, one must earn twelve required Merit Badges. These consist of Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, First Aid, Family Life, Lifesaving, Personal Fitness, Personal Management and Swimming. In addition to the twelve required, a Scout must earn nine additional badges of their choice that cover a broad range of interests.

In addition to earning Merit Badges, a candidate for Eagle Scout must successfully complete a service project. This includes planning the project, receiving necessary permission, planning the costs and how to come up with the funding, and last but not least, enlisting the help of other scout members and being able to delegate out the work and supervise the project. Upon completion of the project the Eagle candidate must complete all the proper paperwork before he can go in front of the Eagle Board of Review. Stevie's Eagle service project was the repainting and beautification of Liberty Park. Joseph chose to prepare the surface and paint the parish hall.

Eagle Scout Cody Ainsworth led the ceremony. The Boy Scouts of Troop 19 led off with the Flag ceremony. The Eagle candidates choose those who were most influential in their Scouting career to give the readings. Those chosen were Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Beth Wallace, Ronda Hall and Tim Talley. Father Bill DuBuisson gave the Invocation and Closing Prayer. Lewis Allen, Scoutmaster, performed the Eagle Badge presentation.

The ceremony concluded with the new Eagle Scouts giving their statements of appreciation to those who helped in their endeavor of the highest rank in Scouting.

**Downing Makes Dean's List**

Southwest Texas State University announces that Kellie D. Downing, of Sonora, TX, earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall 2000 semester. SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimal GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List." Kellie is the daughter of Robin and John Downing.

**Fields Makes the Grades**

Brownwood - Sonora native Tryon (Tanner) Fields, a history major at Howard Payne University, was named to the honor roll for the 2000 fall semester. He is the son of Tryon and Cindy Fields. Students must earn a 3.5 - 3.64 grade point average to be named to the honor roll.

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**Sonora City League Welcomes 2-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Christa Williams and Co. Softball Clinic**

**When: Saturday, March 31, 2001**  
10:00 - 4:00 with 1 hour lunch break  
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Stevie Hernandez (lft.), Father Bill and Joseph Ainsworth (rt.) pose for pictures after the Eagle Scout ceremony.

**Senior Citizens Return From Camping**

Sutton County Senior Citizens, along with Juanita Mesa, attended camp last week at the H.E. Butts Foundation Camp. The camp is located outside of Leakey, Texas. Eighty-six seniors and volunteers from Brady, San Angelo, Sterling City, Junction, Eden and Sonora enjoyed three days at the facility. Activities included daily devotions, games, crafts, hiking, fishing and evening entertainment of singing. This marks the 20th year of the annual Senior excursion at the camp. The campers were not hindered by the rain and cold weather, and everyone is already making plans to return in October. The camp facility is open to non-profit organizations and includes tennis courts, baseball diamonds and a swimming area. The group would like to thank those whose donations made this trip possible: State Farm Ins. (Sam Dillard), Kerbow Funeral Home (Bruce & Jesse), 3M Oil & Lube (Mike & Sue Moore), Lura Sawyer, Marie Aldwell, Multi Chem (James & Lois Archer), Dr. Calderon, Jimmy and Diana Condra.

**Happy Birthday**

- March 8**  
Rosalda Chavez, Danielle Dobbs, Irene Dominguez, Lupita Miralles, Juanita T. Sanchez
- March 9**  
David Weiss, Teresa Brown, Francis Mendez, Jamayra Ramirez
- March 10**  
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- March 11**  
Eulojia Flores, Word B. Hudson, Alicia Saenz, Nelda Tobias, Jesse Crain, Herbie Seaton, Trudy Dell Taylor, Williamson, John Wilson
- March 12**  
Larry Hernandez, Dominique R. Aboud, Don Sessom, Lesa Harris, Abby Alvarado, Dora Gonzales, Isabel Hernandez, Eve Martin, Jennifer Surber, Tavia Valliant, Lula Casillas
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# Spring Sports

## Lady Colts Finish Fourth at Iraan Cactus Relays

The Sonora Middle School girls track teams competed in the Iraan Junior High Cactus Relays on March 2, 2001.

Both seventh and eighth grade teams placed fourth overall.

### 8th Grade results:

- Triple Jump**  
4th - Chelsea Seaton, 26' 10 1/2"
- Shot Put**  
2nd - Debra Martinez, 26' 2"  
5th - Evelyn Castillo, 24' 6"
- Discus**  
2nd - Debra Martinez, 82' 9"  
3rd - Adrianna Castillo, 73' 7"
- 400 Meter Relay**  
5th - Kenia Gutierrez, Amanda Word, Debra Martinez, Alyssa Ibarra - 58.60
- 800 Meter Run**  
5th - Courtney Caruthers, 3:02.14
- 800 Meter Relay**  
4th - Tabitha Ovalle, Alyssa Ibarra, Chelsea Seaton, Debra Martinez - 2:09.11
- 200 Meter Run**  
2nd - Chelsea Seaton, 30.20
- 1600 Meter Run**  
3rd - Alyssa Ibarra, 6:49.30  
5th - Erika McClintock, 6:56.25  
6th - Courtney Caruthers, 7:09.29
- 1600 Meter Relay**  
5th - Amanda Word, Tabitha Ovalle, Chelsea Seaton, Kenia Gutierrez - 5:14.09

### 7th Grade results:

- Long Jump**  
3rd - Lauren Smith, 12' 3"  
5th - Desirae Boldt, 11' 6 3/4"
- High Jump**  
3rd - Cerissa Hedgecock  
6th - Kristina Hernandez
- Shot Put**  
2nd - Desirae Boldt, 21' 2 1/2"  
5th - Christina Sanchez, 20' 4"  
6th - Desiree Alvarado, 20' 3"
- 2400 Meter Run**  
2nd - Mandy Brister, 11:14.75  
3rd - Marisol Fraire, 11:21.13
- 400 Meter Relay**  
4th - Lauren Smith, Candise Martin, Kayla McBride, Anabell Perez -

## Colt Tennis Successful In San Angelo Singles Tournament

The Sonora Middle School Tennis team went to the San Angelo Singles Tournament on Saturday March 3rd. The team as a whole had great success. From a total of 12 medals, Sonora took 8. The students all played in Division C, which is the beginners division.

Cerissa Hedgecock finished 1st for the 7th grade girls and Kristina Hernandez was 2nd. Kathy Pacheco and Lauren Smith would have played for 3rd if time would have allowed. Chantel Arispe defeated Hillary Lawson, to win the consolation Semi-Finals.

Embre Smith was 1st for the 7th grade boys, followed by Swade Draper in 2nd. Steven Barthelemy won the consolation match. Ty Love and Cullen Parker both won their first match, but were defeated in their second.

The 8th grade girls were led by Chelsea Seaton winning 1st and Debra Martinez winning 2nd.

Courtney Caruthers and Amanda Word were rained out of their 3rd place matches.

8th grader Austin Wagoner was defeated in the semis and Dustin Creek and Andrew Barthelemy both won a match and lost a match.

# Softball Starts in Sonora

by Heather Lawson

Softball is defined in the dictionary as a variation of baseball played on a smaller diamond, with a larger, softer ball that is pitched underhand. Softball is defined by the Sonora Lady Broncos as a way to compete and have fun!

All Sonora has ever offered was the basic sports, football, basketball, golf, etc. Many people in town have said that softball will not work. Their reasons for believing this are, not enough girls, not enough heart, or just not enough money. But, as Walter Bagehot once said, "The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

Under the direction of Coach Thomas Hanson, the softball season has begun. There was no time to waste; the season began the day after basketball season ended.

The team consists of Desiree Gonzales, Tamika Marshall, Kara Hard, Japha Word, Koda Armke, Amy Gann, Monica Lira, Kacci Lewellen, Laura Word, Savannah Hedgecock, Valerie Rennels, Shannon Vick, Ashley Parker, Kate Higdon, Ruby Galindo, Heather Felts, and Heather Lawson.

The first game took the girls to Winters on Friday, February 16. The Lady Broncos played exceptionally well, being their first game, but they could not pull off the win.

Due to the Basketball boys being in the playoffs, the Ladies returned to Winters the following Thursday. The competition level rose considerably from the week before.

The fielding, batting, and all around game improved tremendously.



Debra Martinez, 8th grade (left) and Desirae Boldt, 7th grade (right) are the Lady Colt Track Stars of the Week.

- 1:00.24
- 100 Meter Run**  
4th - Candise Martin, 15.62  
5th - Lauren Smith, 15.67
- 800 Meter Relay**  
4th - Kayla McBride, Hillary Lawson, Desirae Boldt, Danielle Matthews - 2:10.70
- 400 Meter Run**  
5th - Cerissa Hedgecock, 77.39  
6th - Danielle Matthews, 79.33
- 300 Meter Low Hurdles**  
4th - Desiree Alvarado, 66.30
- 200 Meter Run**  
3rd - Cerissa Hedgecock, 31.55  
5th - Kayla McBride, 32.12
- 1600 Meter Run**  
4th - Tissie Wagoner, 7:15.86
- 1600 Meter Relay**  
4th - Danielle Matthews, Desirae Boldt, Katrina Hernandez, Marisol Fraire - 5:17.22

## Cactus Relays Good For Colts

The 7th grade boys traveled to Iraan on Friday, March 2, 2001 to compete in the Jr. Cactus Relays. The Colts finished in 2nd place as a team with 143 points. Schools competing in the meet were McCamey, Ozona, Iraan, Reagan County, Rankin, Irion County and Sonora. "I was very pleased with our performances and our competitiveness. Each young man did his best," said Jimmy Randolph. The Colts travel to Eldorado for their next meet this Friday, March 9.

Results are as follows:

- Long Jump**  
2. Anthony Longoria - 14'11"
- High Jump**  
1. Hilton Bloodworth - 4' 8"
- Shot Put**  
3. Steve Duhon - 29' 1/2"
- Discus**  
2. Cameron Cox - 87' 9"
- Pole Vault**  
3. Warren Wallace - 6' 0"
- 2400 Meter Run**  
4. Ty Love - 9:38.14  
5. Steven Barthelemy - 10:06.28
- 4 X 100 Relay**  
1. Chris Perez, Urial Santanna, Anthony Longoria, Hilton Blood-

- worth - 53.43
- 800 Meter Run**  
6. Ty Love - 2:50.89
- 110 Meter High Hurdles**  
4. Embre Smith - 22.19
- 100 Meter Dash**  
1. Anthony Longoria - 13.86
- 400 Meter Dash**  
1. Juan Lugo - 64.23
- 200 Meter Dash**  
1. Juan Lugo - 27.47
- 4. Anthony Longoria - 28.48**
- 5. Urial Santanna - 29.00**
- 1600 Meter Run**  
4. Miguel Vaquera - 6:30.1
- 4 X 400 Relay**  
2. Urial Santanna, Ty Love, Juan Lugo, Hilton Bloodworth - 4:37.66

The results of the 8th Grade boys are as follows:

- Pole Vault**  
1. Laramie Hall - 9' 6"
- 100 Meter Relay**  
3. Sonora - 48.88
- 100 Meter Dash**  
5. Stetson Perez - 12.93  
6. Laramie Hall - 12.98
- 400 Meter Dash**  
3. Diego Cardona - 59.36
- 1600 Meter Relay**  
3. Sonora - 4:07.79
- Team Totals :**  
5. Sonora - 43

## Sonora Broncos Jump Start At Cactus Relays

The Sonora track team got off to a good start at the Iraan relays with a second place finish. The team totals were Iraan 144, Sonora 127, Stanton 92, Ozona 84, McCamey 38, and Irion County 30.

In the field events the squad had four first place finishes. James Elliott had a first place finish with a jump of 21'2". In the high jump, Shane Mathews jumped a 6'2" to finish first in his event. Riley Crain jumped a 40'11" to capture the triple jump title. Rounding out the first place finishes was Stetson Hall, as he placed first in the discus with a throw of 148'6". Also scoring in the field events was Scottie Moore with a jump of 6'0" in the high jump and placed fourth. Scoring in the shot put was Israel Arealvo with a throw of 41'9" to place fifth. The team ended up with 46 points after the field events.

The running events started with a bang, as the 400-meter relay team of Shane Mathews, James Elliott, Thomas Bloodworth, and Chance Arme ran a time of 44.07 to win that event.

In the 110-meter hurdles Riley Crain ran a time of 15.56 to place second and Shane Mathews ran a time of 16.09 to place 4th.

Thomas Bloodworth ran a time of 11.92 to place fifth in the 100-meter dash.

In the 400-meter dash James Elliott ran a time of 50.88 and placed second in his event. Wilson Wallace, running in his first varsity meet, ran a time of 55.65 to place fourth. Riley Crain ran a time of

41.70 to finish second in the 300 hurdles.

In the 200 meter dash, Josh Everett ran a time of 25.05 to place fourth in his event.

Ending the meet with a second place finish was the 1600-meter relay team of Manuel Lopez, Shane Mathews, Wilson Wallace, and Riley Crain with a time of 3:46.25.

In the JV division the team placed fourth overall with 52 points. The team was led by Doug Yocham with two first place finishes and a second place finish. Doug won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.99, was first in the high jump with a jump of 5'6", and had a second place finish in the 200-meters. Trapper Valliant also had a first place finish in the shot put with a throw of 37' 3 1/2".

In the discus, Zed Snodgrass placed third with a throw of 105'. In the same event Tom Valliant placed fourth with a throw of 104'7" and Brandon West finished in sixth place with a throw of 100'5". Dustin Rawls ran a time of 14:58.25 in the 3200 meter run to place sixth.

In the 100 meter, Stevie Hernandez ran a time of 12.83 to place fifth.

The Bronco team had a good showing at their first meet. There are many areas of improvement but the team will accept the challenge and work hard to get better. Their next meet will be this coming Saturday in Eldorado. Field events will begin at 9:00 a.m., prelims at 11:30 and finals at 5:00 p.m.

## Lady Broncos Third in Iraan

Sixteen Lady Broncos scored 123 points to finish third at the Iraan Cactus Relays. Placing first were Morgan Hobbs in the High Jump at 5'4". Amy Gann in the Triple Jump at 32' 5 1/2", Emily Matchus in the Pole Vault at 8'6" and Shalayne Hobbs in both the 3200 Run with a time of 13:41 and the 1600m Run with a time of 6:03. Placing second were M. Hobbs in the 100m Hurdles, the 800m Relay team of Megan Berry, Elizabeth Elliott, Gann and Kasey Miller and 1600m Relay of Brea Hughes, S. Hobbs, Miller and Elliott. Third place finishers were Elliott in the High Jump, M. Hobbs in the 300m Hurdles, and the 400m Relay team of Berry, Gann, M. Hobbs and Miller. Finishing fourth were Miller in the High Jump and Berry in the 100m Dash. The only fifth place finisher was Koda Armke in the Discus. Sixth place finishers were Berry in both the Long Jump and the Triple Jump, M. Hobbs in the Shot Put and Kara Hard in the 100m Dash. Other competitors were Isabel Ibarra and Dainah Hernandez in both the Shot Put and Discus, Miller in the Triple Jump, Hughes in the Long Jump and 200m Dash, Michelle Weingart in the 800m Run, April Flores in the 100m Dash, Kelly Kearney in the 400m Dash and Brittany Longoria in the 1600m Run. The Lady Broncos will be competing next in the Plateau Relays this Saturday, March 10, in Eldorado.

## Hall and Schenkel Rope in Ft. Stockton

Pecos County Livestock Association hosted Region II of the THSRA March 3rd & 4th in Ft. Stockton. Results of the rodeos follow.

The next two Region II rodeos will be held on March 17th & 18th at the West Texas Horse Center in Odessa. In addition to the rodeos, Region II will sponsor a barrel race, with added money, on Saturday March 17th. Books will open at 9:00 AM & exhibitions will start at 10:00 AM. Order will be Pole Exhibitions, 3-D Poles, Barrel Exhibitions, 4-D Barrels. The rodeo will start at 4:00 PM and following the rodeo will be a #7 & #9 Team Roping at 7:00 PM. The team roping is also sponsored by Region II.

In addition to the barrel race, rodeo, and team roping at Odessa, there will be a bake sale, too! Hope to see you there!

For more information call Elizabeth Schenkel, Region II Secretary, at 915-387-3019 or Judy Fellows at 915-685-0644.

**Saturday, March 3**  
Thomas Schenkel finished 9th in the Calf Roping with a time of 18.1.

**Sunday, March 4**  
Thomas Schenkel was again 9th in the calf roping, this time with an 18.0. In the Team Roping, Stetson Hall and roping partner, Tim Abbott of San Angelo were 4th with a time of 8.5.

## Lady Broncos Win Ozona Golf Tournament

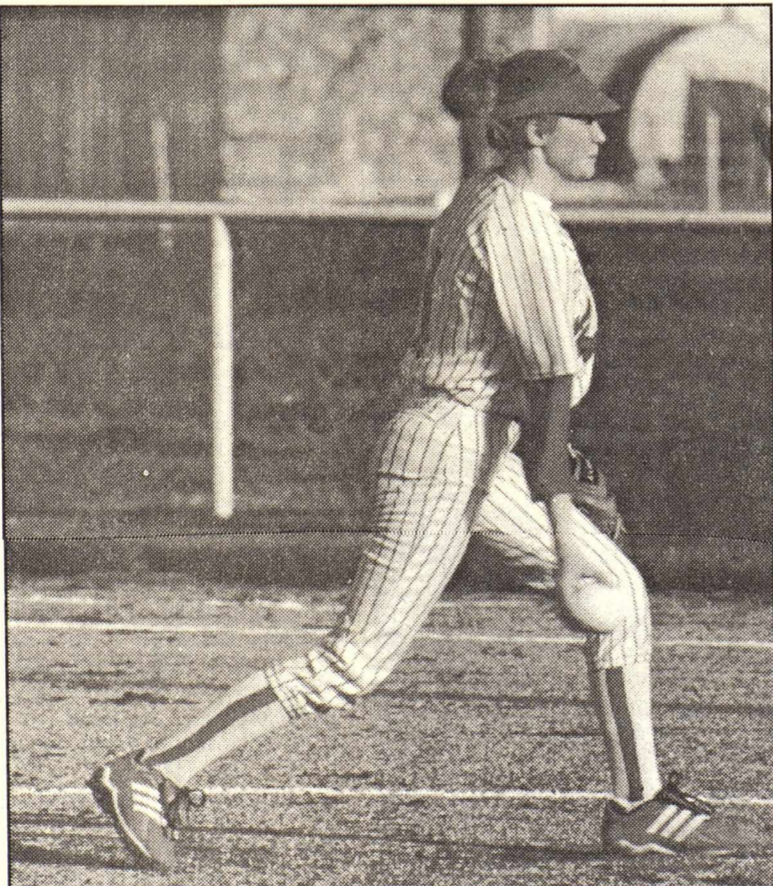
The Sonora Lady Broncos shot a 401 total to finish second in their Invitational tournament on Saturday. Alpine won the tournament with a 392 total. Tori Joiner of Colorado City was first medalist, with a score of 88. Daisha Henson of Early was second medalist, with a score of 90. Individual scores for the Lady Broncos were: Ashley Vickers - 96, Genny Cramer - 98, Leslie Gamez - 102, Desiree Gonzales - 106, and Claire Healy - 105.

The Sonora JV finished with a 523 total. Individual scores were: Tamika Marshall - 116, Jalys Mabry - 129, Missy Longoria - 134,

and Thia McKissack - 144.

The Lady Bronco golf team shot a 406 total to claim first place honors at Monday's tournament in Ozona. Fort Stockton was second at 425. Ozona was third at 432.

Ashley Vickers shot 95 to claim second medalist. Other scores included Leslie Gamez - 98, Genny Cramer - 103, Desiree Gonzales - 110, and Claire Healy - 113. Tamika Marshall shot 118 while playing as a medalist. The Lady Broncos will travel to San Saba on Tuesday, March 13 to play their next tournament.



Heather Lawson pitches the first home Softball game. Photo by Pam Haynes

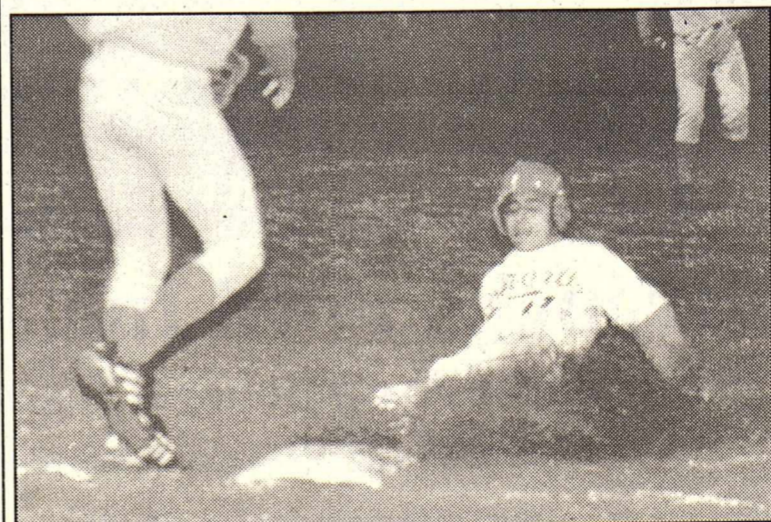
The next challenge for the team was against the Brady Bulldogs. Being the first home game, the jitters were almost unbearable. The score was back and forth the entire game. Toward the end of the game the Lady Bulldogs had extended their lead by nine runs. However, in the bottom of the seventh the Lady Broncos stepped up to bat and came back, shortening the gap between the two teams. The Lady Bulldogs

still came out on top, with a final score of 18-12, in favor of Brady.

The fielding by the Lady Broncos was the best they had played thus far. They knew they wanted to impress the home crowd. The girls are improving every game and plan to continue to do so.

The community's support at the game was very much appreciated! Keep it up!

## Bronco Baseball



Nick Lozano slides into 3rd base at the Dry Devil's River Classic held last weekend in Sonora. Look for results and highlights in next week's Devil's River News. Photo by Robin Street

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**SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**Track Schedule**

**Bronco Boys**  
Mar. 10 Eldorado  
Mar. 17 Mason

**Bronco Girls**  
Mar. 10 Eldorado  
Mar. 17 Mason

**Junior High Track**  
Mar. 9 Eldorado  
March 16 Open

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**Golf Schedule**

**Bronco Boys**  
Mar. 9 & 10 San Angelo

**Bronco Girls**  
Mar. 13 San Saba

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**Softball Schedule**

**Lady Broncos**  
Mar. 10 Ft. Stockton • There • 3:00 p.m.  
Mar. 16 \*\* Grape Creek • Here • 4:30 p.m.

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**Baseball Schedule**

**Varsity Bronco**  
Mar. 9 Brackettville • Here 7:00 p.m.  
Mar. 15, 16 & 17 Alpine Tournament Alpine • TBA

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**Junior Varsity**  
Mar. 9 Brackettville • Here 5:00 p.m.  
Mar. 19 Wall • Here • 5:00 p.m.

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**Tennis Schedule**

**Varsity**  
Mar. 9 - 10 State Team (Round Rock)  
Mar. 16 - 17 Open

**Junior High**  
Mar. 24 Sonora

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## Bronco Band Competes in Solo and Ensemble Contest

On Thursday, March 1, several students from the Mighty Bronco Band traveled to Fredericksburg to participate in the Region XI U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest. Participants in this contest must prepare a difficult piece of music, which is usually played with piano accompaniment. Students are judged on ratings I to V. All of the soloists received either division I or division II ratings; division I equates to a rating of superior, while division II is equivalent to an excellent rating. Missy Longoria, Evangelina Martinez, and Susanna Street played clarinet solos; Missy and Susanna both received division I ratings, and Evangelina scored a division II rating. Joe Flores and Sheena Head each played bass clarinet solos; Joe received a division I rating, and

Sheena made a division II rating. Joe played a class I solo from memory and will advance to the State Solo and Ensemble contest in May. Manuel Campos made a division II rating on his alto saxophone solo, and Joseph Ainsworth also made a division II rating on his trumpet solo. Morgan Hobbs and Stevie Hernandez both scored division I ratings on their solos, Morgan on the french horn and Stevie on the trombone. Mrs. Ginger Everett, who teaches music in the elementary school here in Sonora, played the piano accompaniment for all of the soloists. The band program wishes to congratulate all of these students, who represented Sonora High School very well at the contest.

## SMS Students Travel To Honor Band Tryouts in Pearsall



On Friday, February 23, seven students from the Junior High Bands here in Sonora traveled to Pearsall to compete in the Region XI Junior High Honor Band Tryouts. The students practiced hard before hand to prepare their music, and they all did a good job at the competition. Tara Green, Cerissa Hedgecock, Katherine Pacheco, and Monica Samaniego competed on the flute; Erin Newton tried out on Alto Saxophone; Allison Higdon played the Baritone Saxophone; and Embre Smith competed on trumpet. Erin Newton was selected to play with the Honor Band on March 10 in Pearsall, and Allison Higdon was chosen as the alternate. The Bronco Band Program is very proud of all of these students for practicing hard and representing our school at the contest. The Bronco Band would also like to congratulate Manuel Campos for playing with the Region XI High School Honor Band in January.

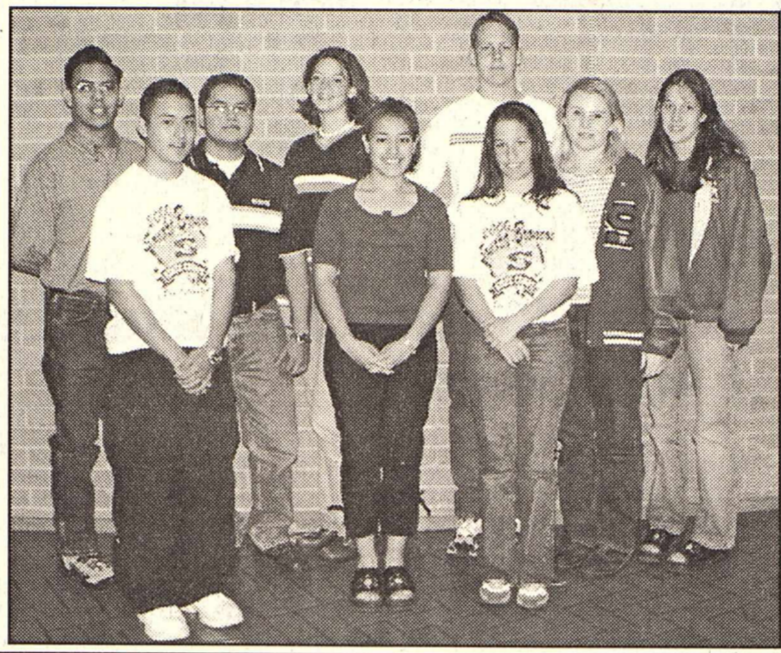
## Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Scholarship Fundraiser Dance

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## One-Act Play Presents *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan*

The Sonora High School Drama Department proudly presents this year's One-Act Play, *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* by Arthur Miller. This will be the first main stage production for the players at Sonora this semester. The play is set in the present day New York City. It deals with Lyman Felt, played by Sean Field, a wealthy insurance agent who has allowed himself to believe that loving--and marrying--two women, is the kind of love that is totally truthful, and that he is being true to himself. Then the wives find out about each other's existence, the story takes a unique turn. Margie

Becknell plays the older wife, Theo Felt, and Andi Allen plays the younger wife, Leah Felt. In addition, the cast displays the talent of Genny Cramer, Tan Cade, and Amy Gann. Backstage crew members include Walker Thompson, Manuel Campos, and Chris Green. Show times will be Monday, March 19, 2001 and Saturday, March 24, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$2.00 for both adults and students. Ticket sales will help support the cost of traveling to two play festivals.

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## Sonora Middle School Science Fair Winners



- Microbiology** - 1. Danielle Fox, 2. Hillary Lawson and Fred Romo (tie)
- Earth/Space Science** - 1. Courtney Caruthers and Kaleena Samaniego (tie)
- Zoology** - 1. Diego Cardona, 2. Jack Turney, 3. Christina Martinez, 4. Garret Watkins, 5. Chantel Arispe, 6. Kayla Fields
- Biochemistry** - 1. Alexie Ortiz, 2. Justin Northcott, 3. Karla Dominguez, 4. Steven Lozano
- Medicine/Health** - 1. Warren Wallace, 2. Chelsea Seaton, 3. Desirae Boldt, 4. Boomer Galindo, 5. Eloy Esquivel, 6. Bianca Lozano
- Engineering** - 1. Tyler Talley, 2. David Adkins, 3. Travis Valliant, 4. Kathy Pacheco, 5. Laramie Hall, 6. David Luna
- Physics** - 1. Tara Green, 2. Swade Draper, 3. Ty Love, 4. Nash Traylor, 5. Steven Barthelemy, 6. Chris Castro
- Botany** - 1. Alisha Covey, 2. Amanda Samaniego, 3. Lauren Smith, 4. Aaron Nitsch, 5. Kayla McBride, 6. Roland Solis
- Chemistry** - 1. Erin Newton, 2. Jason Chadwick, 3. Amanda Berry, 4. Megan Maxwell, 5. Dee McGee, 6. Starlyn Chadwick
- Behavioral/Social** - 1. Benny Fraser, 2. Stacey Sanchez, 3. Kristina Hernandez, 4. Alyssa Ibarra, 5. Embre Smith, 6. Allison Higdon
- Environmental** - 1. Hilton Bloodworth, 2. Brian Payton, 3. Dustin Creek, 4. Cameron Cox, 5. Marisol Fraire, 6. Angel Castilleja

## Poster Contest from page 1

they want their drawing to be judged in the IMSET category.

Three runners up in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

To enter, send a drawing depicting 'What I Want to Be After College' to:

College Scholarship Poster Contest

Texas Tomorrow Fund  
 Comptroller of Public Accounts  
 P.O. Box 13407  
 Austin, Texas 78711-3407

The entry deadline is Monday, April 9. Winners will be announced during the week of April 23. For complete contest rules and an entry/parental consent form, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at [www.texastomorrowfund.org](http://www.texastomorrowfund.org). Contest rules and entry forms are also available from local schools and libraries.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. For as little as \$33 a month, parents or grandparents of a newborn can prepay for two years of community college. As

little as \$129 a month covers tuition and fees for four years at a Texas public college or university for today's newborn. When the child is ready for college, the state guarantees to cover those costs, no matter how much they may have risen.

"Nothing is more important than education," Comptroller Rylander said. "Twenty-five percent of the jobs in our new Texas economy require a bachelor's degree, at a minimum. The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest encourages kids to envision the career they want and think about the education and training they will need to make their dreams come true."

"I applaud Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp. and Fannie Mae for helping put children on the road to a bright future by sponsoring Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships for the poster contest winners," Comptroller Rylander said.

The current Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period ends May 25. For more information about the program or to enroll online, visit the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at [www.texastomorrowfund.org](http://www.texastomorrowfund.org) or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

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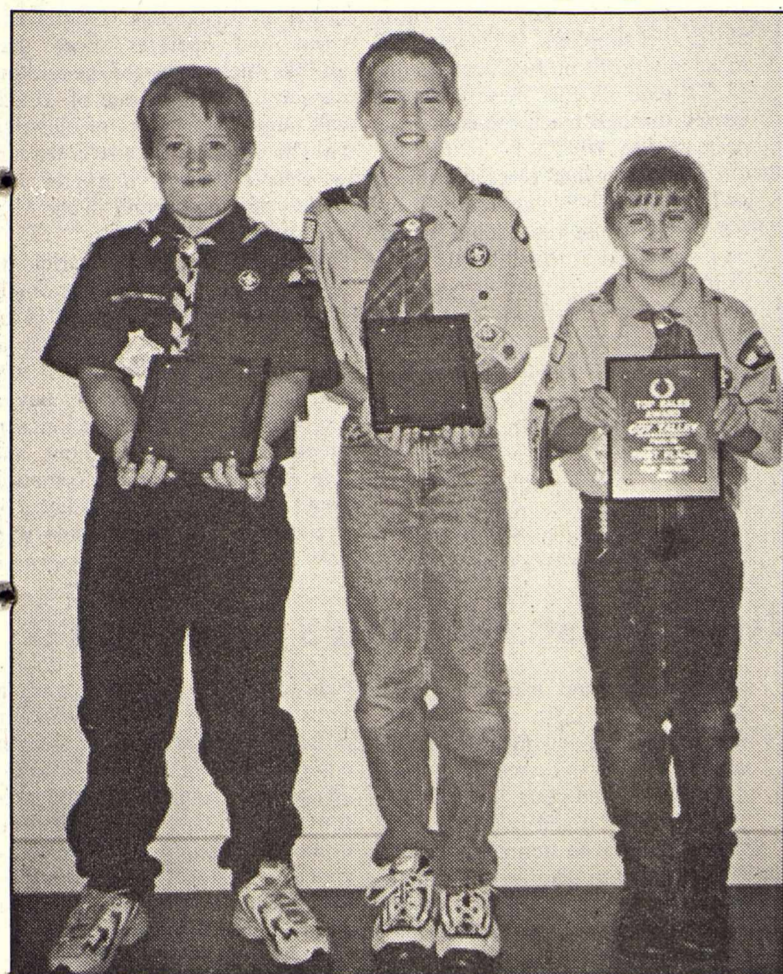
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# Blue and Gold from page 1



2001 Cub Scouts Highest Popcorn Sales - William Otwell - 3rd place with \$686.00, Tyler Edmondson - 2nd with \$1120.00 and Coy Talley - 1st with \$1227.00.

Church, Louis Olenick, Todd Munn, Ty Love, Tyler Talley and Shane Love.

Two very special guests were welcomed and introduced at the banquet. Frank Baker, District Chairman of the Permian Basin District, and his wife, Marilee, from Fort Stockton and David Chapman, Field Director of the Concho Valley Council BSA, from San Angelo joined us for the evening.

A festive skit was performed by the Tiger Cubs, directed by Leader, Lauri Smith. The young men taught us that there are many definitions to the word "hiking"!

Advancements were given out to each individual den by Bear Cub Leader, Jan Stephens. The scouts work very hard each month to accomplish the requirements needed to advance in their rank.

Tiger Cub members include Stephen Bedwell, Stephen Dominguez, Ruben Galindo, Jr., Jacob Lipham, Stefan Ortiz, Clayton Parks, Emilio Santellano, Garrett Smith, Phillip Stephens, Braxton Snyder, Manuel Tobias, Taylor Velarde, Nathaniel Villa, Davis Virgen. Wolf Cubs: James Bean, Dustin Covey, Marcos Gamez, Preston Lopez, Matthew Martinez, Ethan Morris, William Otwell, A.J. Ozuna, Cody Snyder. Bear Cubs: Angel Aguayo, Tyler Creek, Dustin Crittendon, Diego Dominguez, Paul Faz, Cash Jennings, Dakota Malik, Bubba Ramos, Michael Stephens.

4th Grade Webelos: Ross Crites, Ryder Crites, Tyler Edmondson, Reggie Hernandez, Ricky Lozano, Stevie Pacheco, Manny Paredes, Mikael Samaniego, Alex Steves, Coy Talley, Kody Word. 5th Grade Webelos: Jacob Cooper, J.J. Dominguez, Juan Dominguez, J.T. Downing, Jose Lugo, Matt Mabry, Sean McKnight and Colton Moore. Christie Talley and Becca Love, popcorn chairmen, recognized the Popcorn Top Sales Awards. The popcorn sales is our major fundraiser of the year and the boys give their best to earn money for Pack 19. The 1st place top sales award went to Coy Talley. Second place sales was awarded to Tyler Edmondson and William Otwell was third. A big congratulations to each of these boys for their accomplishments.

The highlight of the evening was the crossing over ceremony. This ceremony is important to these young men because they have achieved the rank of Boy Scout. The 5th grade Webelos crossing over were: Jacob Cooper, Juan Dominguez, Jose Lugo, Matt Mabry, Sean McKnight and Colton Moore. In closing, the Cub Scout Leaders congratulated all the boys for their accomplishments and encouraged each one to always "Do Your Best"!

# News From the Neighbors

## West Texas Heritage Days At Fort McKavett State Historical Park

Fort McKavett State Historical Park will come alive on March 17, 2001, as Living Historians and Reenactors from around the state gather to portray life at the fort in the 1800s. Park gates will open at 8:00 a.m. followed at 9:00 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony.

Throughout the day, activities will include cavalry and infantry drills, gunfights and demonstrations performed by Badlands Texas Rangers and Regulators and Outlaws, both groups famous for their safe and entertaining programs. Other reenactors include Fort Concho's Company F of the 16th Infantry, Company D of the 4th Cavalry, Lubbock's 4th Cavalry and Fort Stockton's Infantry and Laundresses. Buffalo soldiers, Saddlentramps, Blacksmith, Soapmakers, Engineers and Civilian Impressionists plan to attend as well.

The day will conclude with the lowering of the flag and candlelight tours of the officer's quarters. Texas Parks and Wildlife will provide their climbing wall for use by the public.

Fort McKavett State Historical Park consists of 15 restored buildings and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital,



Post Headquarters, Barracks and several Officers' Quarters. There is a historic trail that winds down to a lime kiln exhibit, rock quarry and the Government springs.

Fort McKavett State Historical Park is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 15 miles west, then 26 miles north of Junction. For further information, please call (915) 396-2358.

## Astronomy at Fort McKavett State Historical Park

Members of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (JSCAS) will sponsor a Star Party at Fort McKavett State Historical Park on Saturday, March 24, 2001. Members of JSCAS will have their telescopes set up for the public to view the night skies. Fort McKavett offers a nearly perfect site for the stargazers because of its isolation and dark skies at night.

Members of JSCAS will start the program at 3:00 p.m. with a series of lectures followed at 5:00 p.m. with an orientation on the telescope equipment. Stargazing will begin at dark. We ask visitors to be at the park before dark and bring a flashlight that will be fitted with special paper to block out white light!

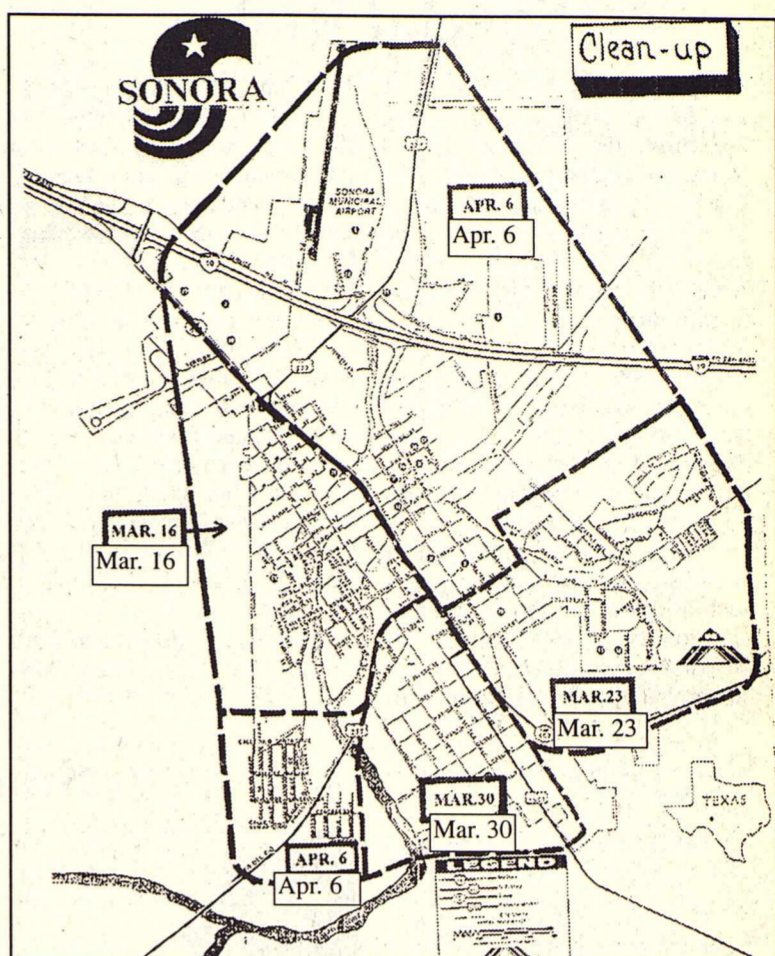
### Schedule for Star Party on March 24, 2001

Lectures 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Public Tour 5:00 p.m. until Dark

Star Gazing After Dark  
Stargazers will be able to see several planets, constellations, stars, and nebulas that night at the park. Our expert amateur astronomers are very knowledgeable with West Texas sky and eager to answer all your questions.

Fort McKavett State Historical

# Clean Up Division Map



## Loma Alta from page 1

beacons have been placed at all detour intersections including the placement of temporary traffic signals in Rocksprings.

Allen Keller Company, Inc. of Fredericksburg, Texas is the primary contractor for the Loma Alto project.

The company was created in 1953 by Mr. Allen Keller. In the mid-1970's, Keith Keller began helping his father run the company. Now it's the grandson's turn.

Armed with a Civil Engineering degree from Texas A & M Uni-

versity and the experience of having worked in the family business, Kory Keller is wasting no time.

His company recently completed the \$3.3 million runway extension at the Del Rio Airport.

"The challenges which lie ahead are exciting," the 27-year-old said. "I look forward to working with TxDOT on this important project." Kory can be reached by phone at (830)997-2118.

The project is expected to be completed in May 2001, weather permitting.

## Benefit Barrel Race and Team Roping To Be Held in Fredericksburg

The Hill Country Horse Club will sponsor a benefit 4-D Barrel Race and Team Roping for Ernie Gabriel, a Harper-area team roper who was seriously injured by a horse. Proceeds will be used to help defray medical costs. On Saturday, March 17, a 4-D Barrel Race, Youth 4-D and 8 & Under Barrel Race will be held at the Hill Country Horse Club Arena on Highway 16 South, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. Books will open at 9:30 a.m., Exhibition Barrels from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and classes will start at 1 p.m. with the 8 & under. The arena has a center alley.

A jackpot Team Roping will be held on Sunday, March 18, at the Horse Club arena on Highway 16, South of Fredericksburg. Cowboy Church Service, by Crystal Lions of the Cowboy Stuff Ministry, will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. Books open at 11 a.m.; with an open roping at 12 noon. a #2 - 1/2 mixed roping (at least one roper must be a woman) and a #2 - 1/2 roping will follow. Fees for the Open will be 4 head/\$40. Fees for the other two will be 4 head/\$30. For more information please call Steve or Diane Wetz at (830)864-4517.

# School start date legislation modified to encourage local control

SAN ANTONIO — A proposal to give teachers, parents and school officials equal say in when their academic school year begins drew praise this week from Texans for a Traditional School Year.

The modification to Senate Bill 108 would require public school districts to have referendums that would allow residents to determine when school would start.

Senate Bill 108 would require residents in each school district to vote on when to start school. Under the plan, voters could pick a starting date between Aug. 21 and Aug. 31, or after Sept. 1.

"This addition is a big step," said Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year, a grass-

roots organization concerned about the negative impact early-August school start dates can have on teachers, students and families.

"Besides being disruptive to families, early-August school start dates minimize students' summer work experience and interfere with teachers who are continuing their education during the summer," Bruno said.

She praised the bill, saying it takes into account the needs of people on both sides of the proposed legislation. She said it allows districts to finish the first semester before winter break and for the school year to be completed by the end of May.

Parents, she said, have grown increasingly frustrated over the past few years over their lack of involvement in setting school

calendars. In some cases, she noted as few as two parents were included on committees of 30 charged with setting school district calendars.

"Parents must have a say in when school starts," said state Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. "By adding a referendum to our bill, we are ensuring that everyone has an equal say in setting the first day of school, which, in my opinion, is the essence of local control."

The referendum would be placed on school district ballots when they elect school board members, thereby eliminating the expense of a separate election.

For more information call Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 1-877-531-9011.

## Public Notices

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DON ADCOCK, Deceased, were issued on the 11th day of December, 2000, in cause No. 1235, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to: ALLEN LEROY ADCOCK. The residence of the Executor is in Ozona, Texas, and the mailing address is: P.O. Box 1051, Ozona, Texas, 76943. All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered

are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 14th day of February, A.D., 2001. ALLEN LEROY ADCOCK, Independent Executor, of the Estate of DON ADCOCK, Deceased. By: ALBERT C. ELLIOTT ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE P.O. Box 586 Sonora, Texas 76950 (915)387-3529 State Bar #06534200

**Oracion a la Virgen de Guadalupe**  
Rezar nueve Aves Marias, durante nueve dias con vela encendida y pedir tres favores, uno economico, dos imposibles y al octavo dia publicar, al noveno dujar consumir la vela aun sin se se cumplen.  
Gracias Madre Maria

**Prayer to the Virgin Mary**  
Pray nine Hail Mary's during nine days with a lit candle and ask for three favors: one economic, two impossible and on the eighth day publish. On the ninth, let the candle be consumed. Even with out faith they shall be fulfilled.  
LG Thank you Mother Mary

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Sonora Sage Housing, Ltd. is making an application for tax credits with the Texas Department of housing and Community Affairs for the Sonora Sage Apartments, 101 Deerwood Drive, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. This rehabilitation of Sonora Sage Apartments is an apartment complex comprised of 32 units, which will target ten-

ants with income less than 50% of the median area income. The proposed rents (less utility allowances) for the subject property are: (16) 1 bedroom units for \$240; (16) 2 bedroom units for \$285. For more information about the housing development, please contact Tommy Frye, Box 799, Mansfield, LA 71052.

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★ they shall mount up with wings as eagles; ★  
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## San Angelo Hosts Sonrisas Special Rodeo

The San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo present their newest attraction, the Sonrisas Special Rodeo. The Special Rodeo is a big hit at the National Finals in Las Vegas. Mark Duncan, the rodeo director this year in San Angelo, thought it would be great to introduce it to our area since we have Sonrisas in place, a wonderful organization that offers hippotherapy to challenged young people. Joanie Johnston, director of the Sonrisas program will have 24 youngsters and 48 volunteers in the event.

There will be a real grand entry; six stations with activities such as barrel racing, pole-bending, goat-tying, and photo shoots on horseback. Some of the rodeo cowboys will be volunteers to

help in this event: Carolyn McEnrue will co-announce with the rodeo announcer. The young participants will be clad in t-shirts, bandanas, and caps provided by the sponsor: San Angelo Banking Center: John Childers, president and Wrey Montgomery, vice-president.

This will be a wonderful event for any seniors from an activity center or church and will be a special experience for anyone who attends.

The Special Rodeo will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2001 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the San Angelo Coliseum. Admission is free to the public.

For more information please contact Diana Ryan in San Angelo at 915-651-4371.

## Secluded Devil's River A Study In Contrasts

The Devil's River State Natural Area is Edward Abbey's kind of place.

The late Southwestern nature writer and fierce defender of America's shrinking wilderness would find the scruffy but serene river sanctuary in the remote reaches of Val Verde County a refreshing alternative to the more heavily-trafficked state parks near Texas' urban centers.

At Devil's River, tenderfoots need not apply. Don't expect the usual amenities Texans have come to expect at most state parks, such as heated restrooms, plentiful water faucets, barbecue grills, picnic tables, marked trails and manicured campgrounds. And, if you're coming to the state natural area, leave firewood, charcoal and Fido at home. Do, however, bring drinking water - lots of it - sturdy walking boots, sunscreen and a hat because in this semi-desert environment, the sizzling summertime lasts from late April through September. Even the natural area's aquamarine name-sake, which remains hidden from view until park-goers are almost upon it, can only be reached by a mile-and-a-half hike from the parking lot.

But what the natural area lacks in facilities and modern comforts, it makes up for in unparalleled quiet, breathtaking sunsets, abundant and diverse wildlife, near-pristine beauty and an unspoiled river whose waters are considered to be the purest water of any Texas river. Even so, only approximately 1,500 adventurers visit Devil's River SNA each year.

Only two ways exist to readily access the 2,000 acre state natural area - by vehicle via a bumpy 22-mile dirt and gravel road off State Highway 277 that runs between Sonora and Del Rio - or by Canoe from Baker's Crossing upriver from the park. Plan on a five-hour drive minimum to reach Devil's River from Austin or San Antonio.

All park visitors are required to make advance reservations through the Texas State Parks Central Reservations Center (1-512-389-8900) before heading to Devil's River because of limited staff and minimal facilities. Access to the park is by permit only! Overnight accommodations consist of seven primitive campsites with no potable water (\$6 per person up to four persons) and a sparsely furnished bunkhouse with five rooms with two single bunk beds per room and two restrooms



with showers (\$15 per person, up to 10 maximum). The only riverside camping allowed is for canoeists heading downriver from Baker's Crossing about seven miles upriver. Pop-up campers and small recreational vehicles are okay, but leave the Airstreams at home. A group dining hall with cooking facilities, refrigerators and ice machines rents for \$65 a day and accommodates up to 20 people.

"If someone wants to do a river trip," explains Bill Armstrong, who's managed the park since it opened in 1988, "we'll shuttle them from headquarters down the river. Visitors contract with a canoe outfitter to bring them back to the park."

At the put-in point inside the park, the Devil's River is uncharacteristically wide and calm.

During my late-February visit, I found the river a placid, shimmering sliver of turquoise waters snaking through the mist-shrouded hills and limestone cliffs rising more than 100 feet on this jagged edge of the Edwards Plateau. Nary a ripple disturbed the glassy sheen save the occasional duck taking off in a fit of flapping wings. Only the bare discernible rumble of Dolan Falls less than a mile downriver on Texas Nature Conservancy land served as a clue to the Devil's more tumultuous nature.

Armstrong rates the river's level of canoeing difficulty as "moderate," with mostly Class 1 and 2 rapids, but says its twisting, rocky channels can play havoc with novice river runners. A canoe livery about 10 miles downriver from the park serves as the main takeout point for most canoeists, about a six to eight hour trip.

Devil's River originates from springs on a private ranch 18 miles away and is sustained by a hillside

## WTU Files Request to Recover Uncollected Fuel Costs

Austin, Texas, March 5, 2001 - American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities (WTU) subsidiary has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for permission to recover in customer bills approximately \$59.5 million in under-collected costs for fuel used to generate electricity. The filing is the result of the continuing increase in natural gas costs throughout the entire country. These costs have exceeded significantly the amount charged to customers.

If approved as requested, the surcharge would begin with the May billing cycle and continue through December. Residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will see an increase of \$17.40 a month during this seven-month period.

WTU customers this month began seeing the impact of an interim increase in the fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of the bill to more accurately reflect

the market price of natural gas. However, this interim increase in fuel factors, which still must receive final approval from the PUCT, did not address the approximately \$59.5 million in uncollected fuel costs for the period from July 2000 to January 2001.

Natural gas prices from July 2000 through January 2001 were up to four times higher than prices during the same period of the prior year. Despite the fact that 43 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal the sheer magnitude of the continued increases in the price of natural gas that began last summer prompted WTU to request the fuel factor increase in January and now the surcharge.

Fuel costs are an expense of gener-

ating electricity, which WTU must pay to fuel suppliers. WTU does not make any profit on fuel costs as the PUCT requires that these costs be passed through to customers at the price paid by WTU.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When the actual cost of fuel is significantly more than the amount customers paid in their monthly bills, then PUCT rules require that the utility file a request for permission to recover these amounts through a surcharge.

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## Foot-and-Mouth Disease Marches Westward

### Animal Health Officials Fear Spread of Virus

Animal health officials in Texas are watching with concern the relentless westward march of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the most recent outbreak of which was confirmed in late February at several sites in England, where livestock operations already have been financially ravaged by the brain-wasting disease, BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) and outbreaks of the viral infection, hog cholera.

Additional cases of FMD have been detected among cattle, sheep and swine in Great Britain (encompassing England, Wales and Scotland). In addition to the loss of thousands of animals, British farmers may lose as much as \$73 million just from the week-long bank (which could be extended) on the transport and marketing of livestock susceptible to the disease.

FMD, which has not been seen in the U.S. since 1929, is caused by a highly infectious virus that can cause death or disabling blisters and sores in and around the mouth, muzzle, teats and feet of livestock with cloven or "split" hooves. Cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer are highly susceptible, and can exhibit clinical disease signs after an incubation period of only three to eight days. To stop the spread of infection, affected or exposed animals must be slaughtered, then burned or buried.

Premises and equipment must be disinfected to prevent disease spread.

"Foot and mouth virus poses special challenges, requiring proper disinfection and biosecurity protocols. People who have worked around or been near infected animals can inadvertently carry and spread the virus via their equipment, cars, clothing, shoes, or even for a short time in their lungs or pharynx (throat)," said Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. She pointed out that studies indicate the virus can drift up to 40 miles on the wind, another hurdle to confining an FMD outbreak to a defined geographic area.

"FMD is probably the most economically damaging livestock disease." The disease is currently affecting four of the world's seven continents: Asia, Africa, South America and Europe, leaving only North America, Australia and Antarctica free of the disease.

"An outbreak costs a country millions of dollars to fight, and thousands of animals can be lost. Additionally, livestock markets must be closed to prevent spread of infection, dairies may not be able to operate, and transportation of livestock must cease. Furthermore, there's the cost of depopulating and disposing of affected or exposed animals and vaccinating 'clean animals' to create a disease-free 'buffer zone,'" said Dr. Logan, a specialist

in tick-borne and foreign animal diseases. She also serves on a national team reviewing how best to safeguard U.S. livestock from foreign diseases and pests.

Dr. Logan urged livestock producers in Texas to step up their surveillance and to take precautions to protect herds from possible contamination. "If you've traveled internationally, don't risk carrying disease home to your herd. Disinfect your boots before working with your livestock. Producers who feed wastefood to swine should be particularly careful to ensure that all scraps are well cooked," she said. She also suggested that producers limit vehicle traffic and visitors onto their premise, and keep new animals isolated for several days prior to adding them to the existing herd.

"If your livestock become lame or develop blisters or sores, call us at 1-800-550-8242. Our emergency response within the first 24 hours after the first signs of disease will affect our outcome over the next six months," Dr. Logan said. The TAHC and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Veterinary Services in Texas operate the toll-free number 24 hours a day for emergency calls.

While FMD vaccine is available, Dr. Logan said it is used only in emergencies, to create a "disease-free" buffer zone around an infected area. Because vaccinated animals will test positive, they cannot be shipped internationally and protocols require the animals to be destroyed as soon as the disease is eradicated.

"Most importantly, FMD outbreaks result in trade embargoes imposed by other countries," said Dr. Logan.

"South Korea, for instance, had been free of FMD since 1934, but was struck by the virus in late March 2000," she reported. "Producers in that country intended to export \$400 million worth of pork in 2000, but Japan and its other trading partners immediately shut their doors to South Korean exported animals and products. It can take years to be declared disease-free and reestablish international marketing opportunities."

"Consider the damage to our economy, if we were to have the disease introduced into the U.S. and exports of live animals and meat were prohibited. Last year, the U.S. shipped out more than \$4.2 billion worth of these commodities. Texas ranked third among all states, shipping out more than \$736 million in animals and meat products," she said.

"For years, we worried about domestic regulatory diseases that are 'tame' compared to the devastation of foreign animal diseases," said Dr. Logan. "A global economy brings with it global risks, and we must be prepared for the inevitable threats posed by international trade and travel."

"I am particularly concerned when cases of FMD occur close to a highly populated area—or near a major international airport," said Dr. Max Coats, who heads up the TAHC's animal health programs and

field operations. "Because of the virus' ability to ride the wind, it's possible that ranching or farming equipment being exported by affected countries could be contaminated. It may sound far-fetched, but with a disease of this impact, we're always concerned about potential scenarios. Within 24 hours, an animal, animal product, person or piece of equipment can be transported nearly anywhere in the world. There's always a chance that a virus, pest or dangerous bacteria will be hitching the ride, too."

"Then there are the items travelers like to tote on long flights, such as sandwiches, delicacies or other food items that could be contaminated by the virus," he said. Although direct flights from countries affected by FMD are checked carefully, Dr. Coats said there's always a risk that contaminated items could be smuggled or inadvertently brought into the country by the millions of visitors and returning U.S. citizens who travel internationally. Around 4.5 million British residents, for example, came to the U.S. on direct flights in 1999.

During the past year, more than a dozen countries have been plagued by outbreaks of FMD, and the virus continues to migrate westward, noted Dr. Logan. In early March 2000, Japan reported its first cases since 1908, and Japanese authorities laid blame on imported straw contaminated with the virus.

"Within two weeks of the initial case, Japanese livestock authorities checked more than 25,000 dairies, nearly 27,000 beef cattle farms and almost 3,700 pig farms to determine if there was additional infection," said Dr. Logan. "If this scenario occurred in Texas, the TAHC field staff would be unable to handle this enormous task alone, and we would have to summon help from private veterinary practitioners, our partners within the state's emergency management system, and our federal counterparts in the USDA." (Of the 215 TAHCers about 100 are livestock inspectors and around 20 are veterinarians.)

"Swine are highly efficient and effective hosts for FMD," said Dr. Coats. "And, with more than two million wild or feral swine in Texas, our challenge would be nearly insurmountable if the disease became established in this free-ranging population."

"Worldwide, nearly two-thirds of the FMD outbreaks are attributed to the introduction and feeding of contaminated meat, meat products or garbage to animals," said Dr. Logan. She said about a quarter of infection is spread by airborne transmission, and about 10 percent is comprised of infected livestock importations or contaminated objects and people."

"The FMD situation is a lot like watching a hurricane develop. We can't pinpoint its next landfall, but we know its direction. We must be prepared to take action immediately if the virus is introduced into the U.S.—or Texas," said Dr. Logan.

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**Texas Counties Approved for Livestock Assistance Program**

AUSTIN - February 28, 2001 - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties, including Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Schleicher, Sutton, and Tom Green, have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).  
LAP, administered by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.  
For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipita-

tion was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-crop year.  
Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.  
For more information on LAP, visit the USDA-Farm Service Agency website or contact the local USDA Service Center.

**United States Could See Increase In Beef Exports To Europe**

Writer: Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu  
COLLEGE STATION - Concerns over BSE-contaminated beef in Europe could lead to increases in U.S. beef exports within the next two years.

beef that has been tested and declared BSE free, which possibly could negate the potential alternative export markets for U.S. beef.  
Current regulations state that if an animal is found to carry BSE, then all of the animals in that same herd must be slaughtered.  
"And in Germany, they're looking at the immediate slaughter of 400,000 head with longer term prospects with slaughter of up to 2 million head," Rosson said. "So that could have quite a significant impact on the ability of the European Union to supply its own needs."  
Rosson says this is coming at a time when Eastern European nations are beginning to emerge as significant beef consumers.

Parr Rosson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the director of the Center for North American Studies, says beef consumption within the European Union has been reduced by approximately 50 percent in the last three months, followed by a 35 percent reduction in retail prices for beef as a result of BSE, also known as "Mad Cow" disease.  
"In the near term, we might pick up some extra markets where European beef was previously shipped and now is banned because of the presence of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)," Rosson said.

"Before this they relied on the European Union for their supplies. Now it appears the U.S. might be in a position to move in and meet some of that demand in Central and Eastern Europe," Rosson said.  
This is expected to occur within the next 18 months to two years, according to Rosson, because of large supplies and current contracts. He said beef supplies are adequate for eight to 12 months and that it will take a year to slaughter those supplies.  
"Once the disease is isolated and once they feel it is under control, then I believe that it will be possible for the European ranchers to go back in and rebuild," Rosson said.

"(This is) most likely (to occur) in North Africa, the Middle East and possibly in some of the Asian markets. Longer term, the second impact could be that we'll see herd rebuilding occur in many parts of the European Union."

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**Texas Railroad Commissioner Continues Push To Reinstate Drilling School In West Texas**

AUSTIN-Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews continues his work on efforts to reinstate the Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service Drilling Rig School in Abilene, Texas. Commissioner Matthews was instrumental in opening the school back in 1997, however, with the fall of the oil and gas prices of 1998-99 the school was shut down.  
The oil and gas service industry infrastructure suffered severely during the last price downturn. Now that the prices have rebounded and the demand for natural gas is increasing due to the new combined cycle electric generation plants, drilling for natural gas has again become an imperative issue facing the United States energy picture.  
Back in 1997, Commissioner Matthews and Bob Prock, Director of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, worked to develop an innovative training program that provided jobs and expanded the available workforce for oil exploration. The program was designed to handle both ex-offenders and other unemployed or underemployed applicants.

and the increase in demand, supply is having a hard time keeping up with demand. The solution to this problem is to increase supply, thus the need to drill more wells. More wells in turn results in the need for more drilling rigs and skilled labor.  
"I continue my efforts in looking for funding both on the state and federal levels for such an important initiative," stated Matthews. "I have worked on this issue for a long time and believe that this training program is needed more now than ever before due to the increase in energy demand."  
The support letter written by Commissioner Matthews can be found on his web page at [www.rrc.state.tx.us/commissioners/matthews](http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/commissioners/matthews).

**Sonora Experiment Station Hosts ARM Fire School**

by Bonnie Lou Campbell

The Texas A&M Experiment and Research Station at Sonora was the site of the Academy for Ranch Management (ARM) Prescribed Fire School held on March 1-3. Thirteen participants represented 10 ranches across Texas including, Sutton County, Uvalde Co. and Mitchell Co. as well as the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, Haskell and Austin areas.

The school was geared primarily toward new landowners who have inherited ranches but haven't been actively involved with management until now. Instructors for the school included Dr. Mort Kothmann, and Mr. Ray Hinnant, both from College Station, Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, of Sonora, and Mr. Kent Mills of Snyder.

The participants were instructed in handling equipment used for prescribed burning i.e. drip torches, fire weather kits, burn plans and sprayers, and were taught the mechanics of fire and prescribed fires. They were split into teams which were instructed to develop fire plans and set up safety guidelines. This included establishing their blacklines, headfires, fire suppression and using weather forecasts to help determine the right time for the burn. Costs of burning and budgeting forage for fuel were topics that were also covered in

detail.  
The participants of the ARM Prescribed Fire School gained valuable knowledge for the preparation and planning of prescribed fires. Information regarding the local Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association was also made available.

The class also analyzed a grazing plan template, which incorporates basic grazing concepts and techniques which are used in conjunction with prescribed burning in a computer program. This program utilizes all the aspects of grazing management including wildlife, vegetation objectives, fire plans, forage/fuel and economics.

An important discussion on regulations, laws and liability took place before the three-day school was dismissed.

The weather played a major role in being able to complete all of the burn demonstrations, but as many ranchers have seen and felt the effects of the recent drought, there were no complaints about the rain.

There are plans for an Advanced Grazing Management Workshop to be held May 3-5, 2001. For more information about upcoming workshops, please contact the Sonora Experiment Station, 387-3168 or Mr. Ray Hinnant in College Station at 979-845-5580.



Participants at the ARM Prescribed Burn School learn how to strip blacklines off of a wet line.

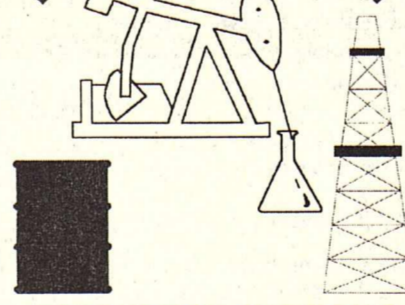


Nick Garza instructs class on prescribed burns.

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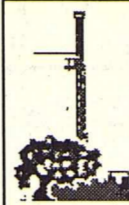
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**Notice of Public Meetings**  
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings for the purpose of soliciting public input concerning project selection for the Departmental Transportation Improvement Plan and for the purpose of disseminating information about the United Transportation Program and the Transportation Improvement Plan. Projects within the 15 county area of the San Angelo District will be considered. The San Angelo District is composed of the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green. Meetings will be held at the following locations and times: TxDOT officials will be on hand to present, discuss, and solicit comments concerning the draft Transportation Improvement Program for the fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

San Angelo, Texas - Texas Department of Transportation District Office, Assembly Room - 4502 Knickerbocker Road - 10:30 a.m. - Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Sonora, Texas - First National Bank, 101 NE Main, - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

The San Angelo meeting will be held in conjunction with the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization (City of San Angelo) to solicit public input for Transportation Improvement Plan located within the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries. The Texas Department of Transportation will solicit public input for projects outside the Metropolitan Area Boundaries. Written comments will be accepted through April 12, 2001. Comments concerning projects outside the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries should be addressed to: Walter G. McCullough, P.E. District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation 4502 Knickerbocker Road San Angelo, Texas 76904. Written comments concerning projects inside the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries should be addressed to: J.D. Reyes Director of Transportation; City of San Angelo PO Box 1751 San Angelo, Texas 76902. All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Persons attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at (915) 944-1501. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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