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### Character-ed Bill Would Make Responsibility Learning's Fourth "R"

by Jeff Wentworth  
State Senator, District 25

The majority of parents are honest, hard-working members of society who make every effort to teach their children to be good citizens, and most succeed admirably. Some children, however, refuse to follow in their parents' law-abiding footsteps.

Other children find role models on the street or in neighborhood gangs. Parents, educators, legislators, and other Texans are deeply concerned about troubled youth who are resolving their disillusion through violence.

In response to incidents of school violence and to help youth cope with a complex society, public schools around the nation are implementing character-education programs in the hope of fostering moral character and civic responsibility. Character-education programs are designed to help youth develop the character traits they need to become strong, competent, caring, and responsible citizens.

Five Texas legislators have filed bills related to character education in public schools. The bills share some common provisions, such as the development of positive character traits, including respect, honesty, integrity, responsibility, patience, mercy, courage, good citizenship, patriotism, volunteerism, loyalty and charity. The various bills, however, differ in the scope of the required curriculum and its implementation.

Senate Bill 130 by Senator David Cain, D-Dallas, would require the State Board of Education to prescribe a character-education program for primary and secondary schools. In addition to teaching positive character traits, SB 130 would require instruction in civic values such as freedom, equality, democracy, and justice, and a study of human rights issues, including the inhumanity of genocide and slavery.

Representatives Phil King, R-Weatherford, and Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, introduced House Bill 86 and 1668, respectively. Their bills would utilize integrated teaching strategies to develop positive character traits. A committee of parents, educators, business organizations, religious organizations and other community leaders would develop the program.

HB 911 by Representative Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, provides for one hour of character-education instruction each week for the entire school year. The program must be secular.

Representative Barry Telford, D-DeKalb, introduced HB 946, a comprehensive bill that would require districts to implement non-sectarian character-education programs. Parents would be involved in character-education program selection that would include one hour of classroom instruction per week.

Educators, parents and legislators agree that something must be done about troubled youth, but not all agree on program content and methodology. Should character education be taught as a separate class or integrated into the current curriculum? Public-school teachers currently must cover a tremendous amount of academic material. Would more be too much?

I will review each bill carefully to ensure that academic standards will not be compromised and that a bill's provisions would not conflict with parents' personal and religious beliefs. Parents, educators and legislators must work together to help troubled youth and to stop the violence in our schools, including incidents like the bomb threats that have occurred at various public schools in Senate District 25.

### Relay For Life "Shoot Out At The Bronco Corral"



The Survivor Lap kicks off the May 4-5, 2001 Relay for Life.

by Storie Sharp

The American Cancer Society's 2001 Relay for Life event is almost here. The "Shoot Out at the Bronco Corral" is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies. The reason we are all there will kick off the event, the survivors. Each survivor will be announced and will be invited to make the initial lap. Team members will begin their night of walking immediately following. If you are a survivor that would like to walk and have not been contacted, please call Noemi Samaniego at 387-2234 or 387-3029.

The fun and games also kick off following the survivor lap. Each of the 12 teams participating in this year's event has been asked to be a part of an Old West Town. There will be a chuckwagon, a traveling preacher, a jail, an old bank, a hotel, a blacksmith, a couple of saloons, a cowboy gang, and a band of wild Indians. The teams will be serving food, sweets, drinks and fun items for the kids to enjoy. This year there will be several sing alongs around the "campfire" provided by the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Hospital team and the Louis Dreyfus/BB Chemical team. Team activities will be held from 9:00 p.m. until midnight, with activities ranging from a wet wheelbarrow race, a roping con-

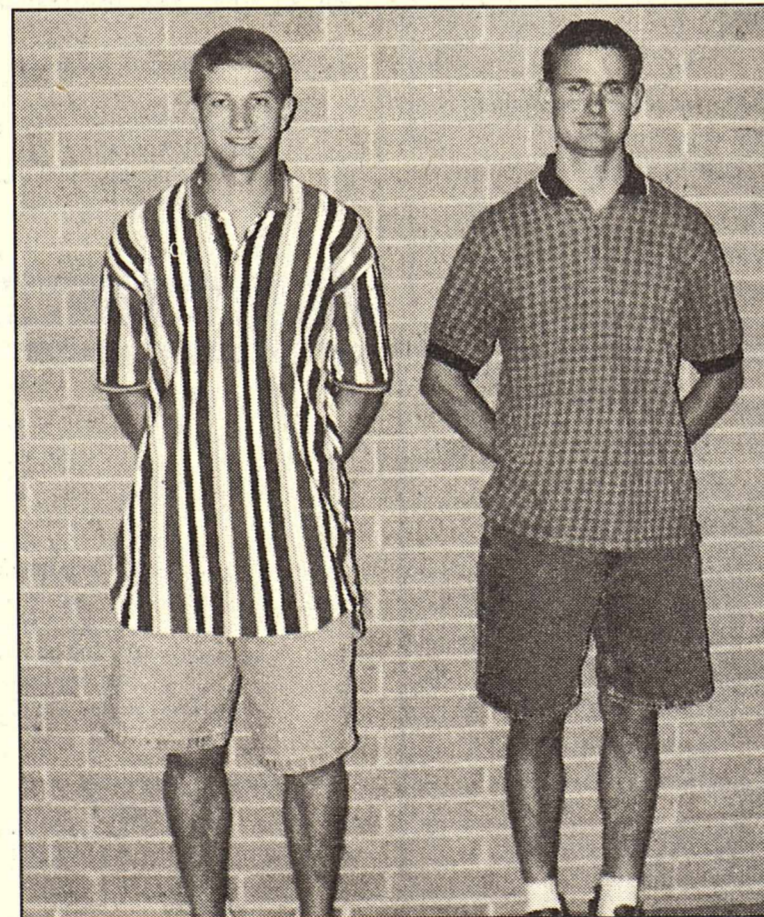
test, a cowpatty toss, a feed sack race, some good old gambling and a big return from last year, the tug of war competition. After midnight volleyball and softball will help keep everyone awake all night, along with some fun karaoke singing. This year's teams are the Sutton County Steakhouse, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the T&C Village Market, the First National Bank, the Samaniego Family, Louis Dreyfus and BB Chemical, Hudspeth Hospital, PALS, the Beebe Family, St. Johns Episcopal Church and the Outlaw Gang.

The ever popular luminary ceremony will take place just after dark. This is a time when the fun and games are put on hold to reflect on the seriousness of the event. Lighted momentos honor or memorialize those that have fought the disease of cancer. Everyone is invited to walk around the track and be a part of the beautiful tribute. If you haven't purchased your luminaria yet, you can contact Kim West at 387-2981.

Everyone is invited to come to Bronco Stadium on the night of May 4 and be a part of the 2001 Relay For Life. With your help, we can "shoot out" cancer.

For more information on the Relay for Life contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-3925.

### Sonora U.I.L. Students Are State Bound



Cameron Sims and Cody Ainsworth

Regional competition was held in Abilene on April 21. Cody Ainsworth placed First in Computer Applications and Cameron Sims placed Third in Accounting Competition. These two young men will be competing at the State level on May 5 in Austin at the University of Texas campus. They are among the best - there are only 12 students remaining in each competition at the State level. Congratulations and Good Luck! These students are coached by Molly Morriss.

### SAFE KIDS Offers Free Car Seat Checks

Did you know that 4 out of 5 car seats are used wrong, but 96% of those using car seats feel that they are using them correctly!

San Angelo SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council is helping to protect kids from their number one killer - unintentional injury.

The SAFE KIDS Coalition, working with a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council on Trauma, is offering a Free Car Seat Check Up Event on Saturday April 28, 2001 at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

The check-ups will be held from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Parents must bring their child and the car seat they are using now. A certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Tech will check your car seat for recall, proper fit, and correct installation.

There will be give-aways, games, and refreshments to keep your children occupied while waiting. Parents will also be given valuable safety information.

Children under 8 years old and 80 lbs. should be in a car safety seat

restraint.

Your child needs to be AT LEAST one year of age and AT LEAST 20 lbs before they are put in a forward facing car seat. This is very important because before this time a child does not have the physical development to withstand the force that would be placed on them in a crash. Children are physically disproportional, their head is much larger than the rest of their body. In addition the bones in their necks are soft and the ligaments are stretchy. If a child were to be in a forward facing position before one year of age and 20 lbs they could suffer serious injury. In a frontal crash which is the most common type - the child's body is held back by the straps of the seat, but the head is thrust forward which could cause damage to the spinal cord.

In contrast, when a child is in the rear-facing position their whole body is cradled by the back of their safety seat which gives a ride down effect of the forces in a crash.

Many children these days are reaching 20 lbs plus before their first birthday. Today there are many

seats on the market that are designed to hold children up to 30-35 lbs in a rear facing position.

Even in a car without a front seat air bag, the back seat is still safer. The reason for this is that the child is further away from the action of a frontal crash. By having the child in the back seat it also forces you to pay attention to the road and traffic conditions. If your child needs your attention then pull over to the side of the road. If your child has a medical condition that requires him/her to be watched constantly then you should always travel with two adults, one driving and the other with the child.

For more information on Buckling Up be at the Hudspeth Hospital from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th. If you have questions please call Angela Jones, Coalition Coordinator at 915-947-6130.

### Rules Change At Sutton County Civic Center

by Storie Sharp

At a special called meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners held on Thursday, April 19, 2001 the regulations regarding the use of the Sutton County Civic Center were discussed in detail.

County Judge, Carla Garner reported that, after advertising for several weeks for cleaning crews there had not been a very good response. Because no one wanted to take the job full-time, it was decided that some changes had to be made to up-date the existing policy so as to ensure proper maintenance and cleaning of the Civic Center.

Several options were discussed, including accommodating Janalyn Jones to inspect the building after each renter. Jones does this now during the week, but the weekends are where the problems are occurring. If Jones agreed, she would be expected to inspect the building after Friday and Saturday nights, to make sure that the cleaning list had been followed. If the renters had not done all that was required they would be given one chance to come to the site and clean what wasn't done. If they did not return to clean the building when contacted the entire deposit would be retained.

This is just an option until an official cleaning crew can be obtained. The County will continue to look for a cleaning service or crew to take the job, at which time the contract will be changed to include the cleaning costs.

It was agreed that everyone, including compensated renters, will have to pay a cleaning deposit.

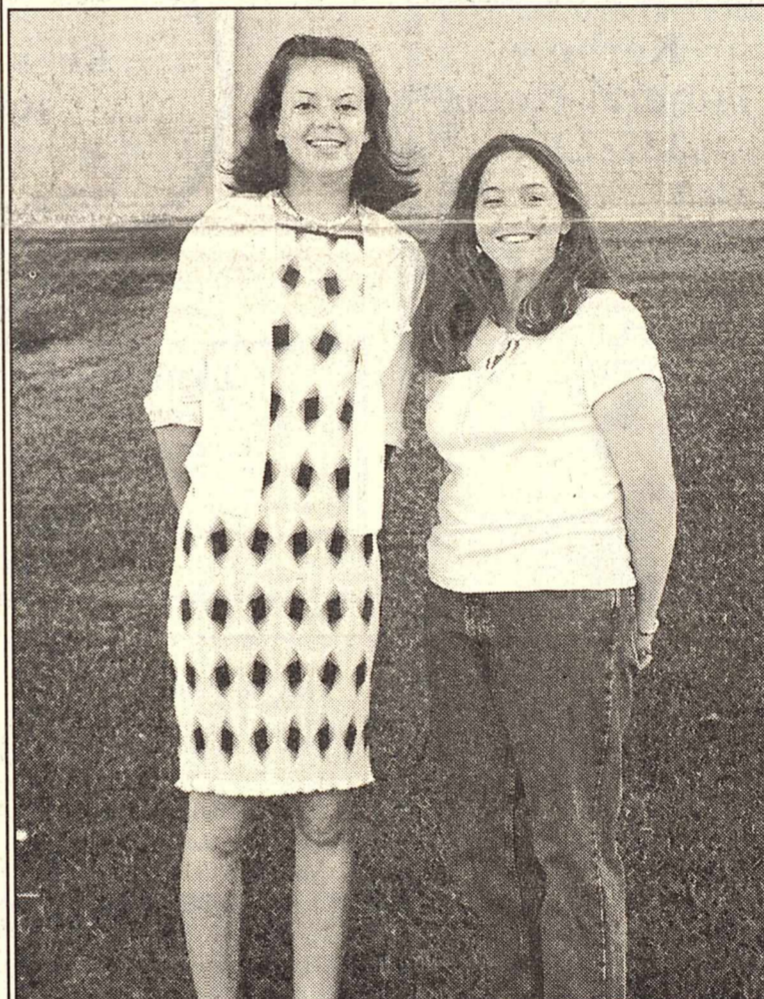
Another complaint that was addressed was the lack of cleaning supplies on hand. It was agreed that an ample amount of cleaning supplies are to be left in the building, regardless of the fact that they sometimes disappear. Everyone is asked to use the cleaning products to properly clean the building and leave the remaining supplies as found.

After much deliberation on the liabilities of the county, it was agreed that starting as of May 1, 2001, any renter that intends to have alcohol at their function must have security guards on site. A list of possible contacts will be provided for each renter at the time the contract is signed. Any off duty officers will be eligible for the job. If the renter does not abide by the rule, they will not be allowed to rent the building again.

The Commissioners present voted to raise the rental as stated in the previous meeting, effective May 1, 2001. This raise will help offset rising utility costs for the upcoming summer months.

In closing, motions were made and approved to, (1) revise the rules to specify all areas of cleaning, (2) Janalyn Jones will inspect the building after every renter, including weekends, (if Janalyn is unavailable, Carla Garner or a County Commissioner will make the inspection), (3) require security guards at all functions where alcohol will be available, and (4) effective May 1, 2001 there will be an increase in the rental rate.

### 2001-2002 Drum Majors



Sophomores, Morgan Hobbs and Brittany Longoria have been chosen as the 2001-2002 Mighty Bronco Band Drum Majors.

### High Speed Chase Sends One to Hospital



Trooper Cody Cory was involved in a high speed chase on April 20, at about 11:30 p.m. The suspect vehicle was observed speeding down Miers Road. Cory reported that he pursued the vehicle for 10 miles before catching up with the vehicle which was traveling at speeds over 100 mph.

After catching up with the vehicle, Cory turned on his emergency lights. Suspect refused to stop. Cory continued to pursue the vehicle for approximately four miles, when the

suspect failed to negotiate a curve and ran off the road, through a fence, into a pasture. The vehicle immediately burst into flames. The suspect was ejected from the vehicle, where he sustained head and arm injuries, as well as numerous burns. The suspect was transported to Hudspeth Hospital and later transferred to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, where he was released on April 22.

The suspect faces numerous criminal charges.

## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Jerry Jackson 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> T. Wayne Price Pastor 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr. 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry &amp; Joy Wood 205 E. Main 387-3241</p> <p><b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Longoria, Pastor Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-5207</p> <p><b>SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER</b> Sonora Stock Pens Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p>
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### Cards of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who donated to, helped with, or came to my Retirement Party, it was the greatest party I could have ever asked for. I also want to thank all the people of Sutton County for all their support, cooperation, and friendship over the last 30 years. No Game Warden could have ever asked for a better county. Sutton County is our home and always will be.

Thank you again,  
Rodney A. Knight  
Game Warden, Retired

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We would like to express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce, the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District and the Sonora Lion's Club for the very special award that we received at the Chamber Banquet. We would also like to say how proud and lucky we are to have Tom Payton working here in Sutton County. He is great at interpreting all the government programs that are like a foreign language to some of us. He is very dedicated to helping the ranchers.

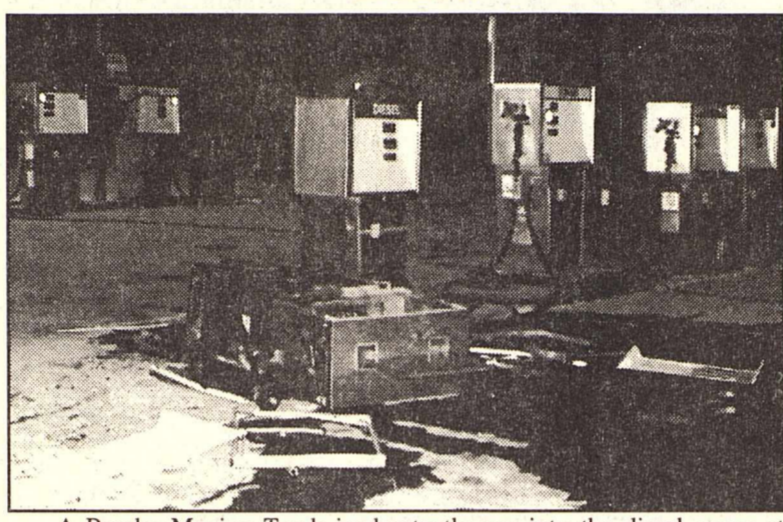
Thanks again,  
Ben and Sherry Ingham

Cub Scout Pack 19 would like to thank the following people and businesses for all they did to make the Cub Scout Graduation such a blast; Rev. Suzanne Steves, T & C Village Market, Mr. D's, Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, Multi-Chem and the Main Street Program. We appreciate your continued support of the Cub Scouts.

Congratulations to all the boys for their achievements!

Special thanks to Officer House and all the Law Enforcement Officers, the Fire Department, TxDOT employees and all the other people involved in the recent accident. Also, thanks to Dennis Shubert for passing on information for an immediate response. I would like to apologize to the surrounding merchants and the community for any inconvenience.

Ed Carrasco



A Penske Moving Truck inadvertently ran into the diesel pump at Phillips 66 on Monday, April 16, 2001. No injuries were reported. Clean up took place throughout the evening. Operations at Phillips 66 were interrupted for over 2 days.



### Clay Carta

Edward Clay Carta of Llano was born November 10, 1937, in Del Rio and had lived most of his life in Llano County and in Sonora. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Llano. He passed away Sunday, April 22, 2001, at the age of 63 at his residence. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Church of Christ in Llano with Brother Paul Shero, Brother Lester Bagley and Brother Gene Greer officiating. Graveside services were at 4:00 p.m. in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home.

He married Linda Reagor on July 30, 1959, in Valley Spring. He was a rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Carta of Llano; one daughter, Kandis Dobbs, and husband, Wayland, of Cherokee; two sons, James Kelly Carta and wife, Trudy, of Weatherford, and Edward Joseph Carta of San Angelo; one sister Dixie Genini of Sonora; five grandchildren, Richard Carta, Mallory Carta, Beth Carta, Trey Dobbs, and Kasey Dobbs, two nieces, Evelyn Zook and Brenda Beck; and numerous great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Curtis Osbourn, Trey Dobbs, Jack Merrill, Tommy Plant, Richard Carta, Carroll Osbourn, Darrell Templeton, and Jose Trinidad. Honorary pallbearers were Olvis Osbourn, Ray Smith, Dan Eaton, Tregg Passmore, Reggie Osbourn, Ken Childers, Dwayne Wilkinson, and Perry Barnett.

Memorials may be made to the Llano Church of Christ Building Fund or Cherokee Home for Children.

**New Hope Baptist Church**  
**Youth Group Bake Sale**  
Saturday, April 28, 2001  
8:00 a.m. til ?  
511 Cornell

**Happy Birthday**  
**Smurf!**  
**Love Ya!**

**School Lunch Menu • Apr. 30 - May 4**

**Breakfast**

*Mon.* - Pancake on stick, fruit or assorted juice.  
*Tues.* - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, assorted juice.  
*Wed.* - Waffles, syrup, fruit or juice.  
*Thurs.* - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.  
*Fri.* - No School! Bad Weather Day.

**Lunch**

*Mon.* - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, hot roll.  
*Tues.* - Spaghetti, meat sauce, mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits, Mexican cornbread.  
*Wed.* - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, vegetable salad, jello.  
*Thurs.* - Beef & bean burrito, carrot/celery sticks, kernel corn, oatmeal cookie.  
*Fri.* - No School! Bad Weather Day!

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## Dining Out Directory

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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

Taco Grill  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127

Taqueria El Torito  
210 S. Hwy 277  
387-9307

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610 S. Crockett  
387-6181

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**Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m**  
**Worship 11:00 a.m.**

### Senior Center News

**Apr. 30** - Bingo!  
**May 1** - Jr. High Culture Fair 7:00 p.m. 4-H Civic Center.  
**May 2** - Trax Van to San Angelo.  
**May 3** - Exercise with Video anyone?  
**May 4** - Relay for Life. Bronco Stadium 6:00 p.m.  
**May 5** - Cinco De Mayo!  
**May 6** - Mother & Daughter Outing. Senior Center 4:00 p.m. RSVP by April 30th. 387-5657 or 387-3941.

### Senior Menu

**May 1** - Hamburger with lettuce, onion, tomato, oven French fries, bun, carrot/raisin salad, apple.  
**May 2** - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake.  
**May 3** - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, roll, juice, brownie with nuts.  
**May 4** - Pork chops with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, corn bread, pineapple waldorf.

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

**April 25**  
TxDOT Truck Roadeo  
4-H Civic Center  
**April 26 & 27**  
Pre-K & Kindergarten Pre-Registration  
Primary School  
**April 27**  
Relay for Life Night Golf Tournament  
Sign up at 5:00 p.m. Tee time 6:00 p.m.  
**April 28**  
Concho Valley Buckle Ups  
Car Seat Check-Up Event  
12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m. • Hudspeth Hospital

*The Community Calendar*

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### Calendar

**May 3**  
National Day of Prayer  
**May 4**  
School Holiday  
**May 5**  
Golf Tournament to raise money for Golf Scholarship Fund  
**Al-Anon Meeting**  
Held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month  
Starting Feb. 6th at 6:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church Basement

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### Letters To The Editor Policy

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## Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

**Q.** Could you run the story of John Wesley Hardin being killed again please?

**A.** Devil's River News, Saturday, August 24, 1895 - John Wesley Hardin Killed

El Paso, Tex., Aug 19 - Tonight at 11 o'clock John Wesley Hardin, the terror of the border, was shot and killed in the Acme Saloon, this city, by Constable John Sellman. Sellman's son on the police force arrested a female friend of Hardin's a few nights ago and this afternoon Hardin threatened to run Sellman out of town.

At 11:00 o'clock tonight Sellman walked into the Acme with a friend and Hardin was standing at the bar shaking dice with some friends. When he saw Sellman he whirled around and threw his hand to his hip pocket. In an instant Sellman's gun was out and a ball went crashing through Hardin's brain, and while he was falling Sellman pumped two more balls from his 44 into the man's body and then walked out and surrendered himself.

Hardin had in his lifetime killed nine men and served eight years in prison for one of his murders. While in prison in Huntsville he studied law and was admitted to the bar on his release from prison nearly two years ago. Several months ago he held up a faro game in this city. Sellman, the slayer of Hardin, is the officer who killed the noted Bass Outlaw in this city a year ago.

Now, you know Hardin had killed at least 9 men and was killed by Sellman who had also killed the Bass Outlaw. Sellman was killed by George A. Scarborough who was in turn killed by the Cassidy/Ketchum gang.

**Q.** When and where did Myrtle Briant marry Ellis Edward Strum?

**A.** Devil's River News of May 1, 1920 - A wedding beautiful in its simplicity was solemnized on Wednesday evening, April 21, 1920, at 8 o'clock in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, San Antonio by the Bishop

James S. Johnston, of Mr. Ellis Edward Strum of Denver, Colorado and Miss Myrtle Briant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bryant. Miss Strum was born and raised in Sonora and graduated from high school here. She went on to attend Bonn Avon in San Antonio. Her father, E. S. "Lige" Briant, had been county treasurer, sheriff and county judge here for many years.

In the same issue we found the following: The Original Darktown Minstrels, presented at the School Auditorium, Friday 23, for the benefit of the Episcopal Church Guild, was a great financial success. The staging and arrangements under the direction of Mrs. Wilkinson was all that the accommodations afforded and the curtain, when raised revealed about twenty of the most prominent professional and businessmen of the community dressed to kill and their dark complexions enlivened by the brightest of smiles showing much ivory and carmine. The proceeds amounted to over \$200.

Mrs. Will Merriman was here this week from Juno where her husband is employed on the G. W. Morris Ranch. Mrs. B. F. Byrd of Ozona, who has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. Mat Karnes for several days returned home this week. Mrs. J. B. Blakeney of Ozona was here Saturday visiting her sister Mrs. Will Wilkinson.

The Single Smith Jazz Band of Fort Worth furnished music for two dances at the Sonora Club Hall Monday and Tuesday nights. Numbers of young people were here from neighboring cities: Misses A. R. West of Eldorado, Ruby May Nettleton of Angelo, Phoebe Westfall and Eddie Friend of Ozona, Marie Lee Callan of San Antonio, Margaret Russell of Fort Worth, and Hazel Peoples, Evelyn Finley, Gladys Connor of Menard.

Light in weight, excessive in strength, the Maxwell, pound for pound is equal of any car built and at the price surpasses all. The City Garage, H. P. Allison and Claude Keene.

Grandma Reagan, the past week, sold her homestead on the

Hill to A. C. Frambrough of Sonora, who will take charge within the immediate future and move his family here from that place. Del Rio Herald.

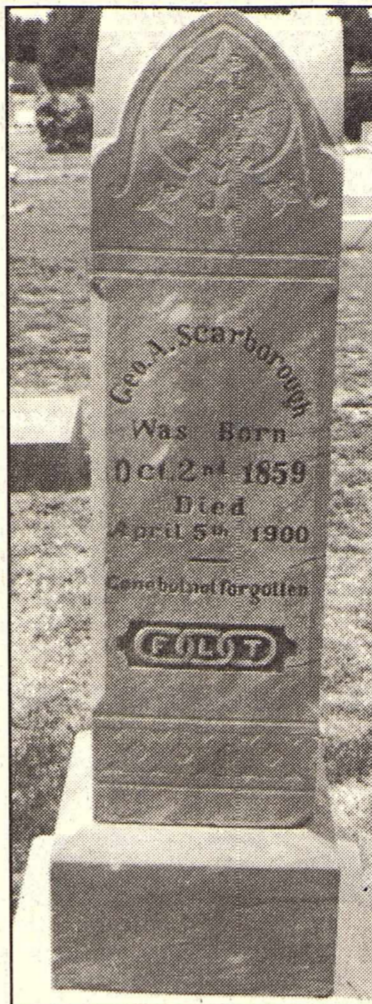
Teachers in Dallas County were making \$30 a month but Texas was still losing teachers at a high rate. Many teachers said they would not continue at their present rate and would seek other professions at the end of the present term.

**Q.** Do you have anything on the marriage of Daisy Perry in 1920?

**A.** Miss Daisy Perry and John J. Smith were married at the Baptist Church in Ozona, Sunday, Feb. 15, 1920, Rev. A. J. Carson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Will Perry of Sonora and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Rocksprings. The ceremony was witnessed by Misses Ruth and Ray Davis, cousins of the bride and Miss Edith Trainer and Messrs W. E. Wallace, O. W. Word and Howard Peters who accompanied the happy couple to Ozona. They will make their home on the ranch 20 miles from Rocksprings.

April 28th we will be having another work day next to the Miers Home Museum. All the lumber that has been saved for recycling must be moved out of the house and sized, inventoried and stacked. Cleanup is needed all over the grounds, some small demolition work is left on the inside of the house. That beautiful tree in the front yard has dropped a ton of leaves and they need to be raked up and dumped into the dumpster and the front yard mowed. Floors inside the building need to be swept. All material that doesn't fit into the dumpster will go into a dump truck. We aren't asking you to donate money, just a little time on a Saturday to help finish up the demolition stage of the project and have a hand in helping to preserve the history of Sutton County.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to



Gravestone of George A. Scarborough in Deming, New Mexico. Photo by Sam Gauny.

schs@sonorax.net. If you stop at the work site to ask a question please have it in writing or I will forget. You can call me at 915-387-2855. Young people working on school projects please don't wait till the last minute to ask me for information. Many times I have to look things up and this takes time. I can't hand you all the info you want at the last minute it takes time to copy information out of old newspapers and my files. Please call ahead and tell me what you are working on so I can tell you if I have the info on file, the newspapers you need here or save you time by sending you to the right person or place to find the information. Thanks.

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Jennifer Kenley bride elect of Ryan Malone

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Jennifer Kenley bride elect of Ryan Malone  
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## Letter to the Editor

Thank you to all of the city police and the animal warden for all their efforts to keep the streets of Sonora safe from stray and loose collared dogs. As an avid dog lover and owner, I can join in the appreciation of man's best friend. I would like to bring community awareness of dogs being let out loose by their owners instead of containing them or having them on a leash. Unfortunately, the people in Sonora are being approached and attacked on the streets and even their own yards by dogs of irresponsible owners. Please report dogs and owners of dogs who do not contain their dogs. Dog owners please keep fences repaired, keep dogs on a leash outside, keep shots current and please realize that just because your dog licks your face, he could harm someone else approaching anywhere he is roaming in his territory. Give the streets and yards back to Sonora citizens and keep our beautiful city safe.

A concerned dog owner,  
Dorothy Gober

## West Texas Boys Ranch To Host Bluegrass Festival

West Texas Boys Ranch will hold its 1st annual "Bluegrass at Boys Ranch" Festival Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20.

Bands from across the state will entertain bluegrass fans of all ages at the ranch, located 17 miles west of San Angelo, Texas. Artists appearing include: Big Sandy, Concho Grass, Hickory Hill, Rocky Creek, The Gore Brothers, Wildwood Valley Boys and Illrd Generation. Bands will play throughout the weekend beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the gate. Prices are \$5 for Friday and or Sunday and \$10 for Saturday. Children under 12 get in free.

Saturday morning a West Texas Biscuit Breakfast with all the trimmings will be served by some of

West Texas finest chefs. Food and soft drinks will be served throughout the entire weekend.

RV spaces are available for guests at \$15 per night with electricity hook-up only. Primitive camping is free. RV spaces are limited.

West Texas Boys Ranch is a real working ranch home to 40 school age boys. A charitable organization operated solely on donations, West Texas Boys Ranch holds annual fundraisers to solicit donations and raise awareness of the boy care program.

For reservations or more information on Bluegrass at Boys Ranch, please call Aron Horton, Director of Public Relations at 915-949-1936.

## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...—Psalm 33:12

### National Day of Prayer

As many of you know, the National Day of Prayer is fast approaching. Christians all over the nation are coming together as a body to pray for our nation. But some of you may ask, Why? Why should we participate in praying for our nation? After all, isn't our nation beyond help? How can my prayer help America?

These are good questions that are justified each time an abortion is performed and each time a school shooting occurs and each time a corrupt leader makes a decision that affects our lives and our rights. As we continue to see our society decay, both spiritually and morally, many of us can't help but ask, "Is there hope for America?"

The primary reason to pray for our nation is that God, in His Word, commands us to. In 1 Tim. 2:1-3 Paul urges believers to lift up "requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving" for everyone especially for "kings and all those in authority". And Paul wrote this letter to Timothy at a time when the Christian Church was suffering severe persecution under the rule of Nero!

Paul tells us in Romans 13:1-8 that "there is no authority except from God and the authorities that exist are appointed by God". These leaders are allowed by God, in His infinite wisdom, to hold their places of leadership.

We must also remember that our leaders are under tremendous pressure each day, facing numerous tasks that require their attention and facing the expectations of the

people to make the right decisions. Our leaders need our prayers and need to know they are being supported in prayer.

Another reason we are to pray for our nation and our leaders is because God answers the prayers of his people. In II Chronicles 7:14 we read "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." How can God answer our prayers if we have no prayers to offer?

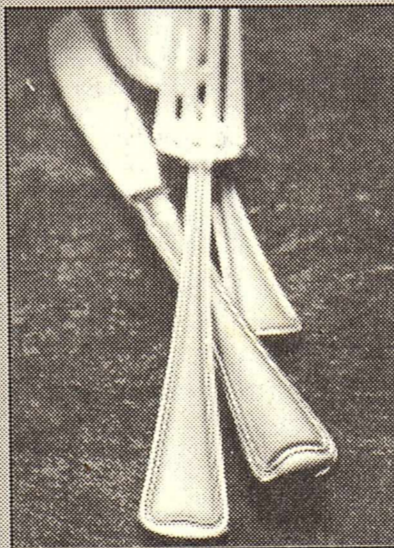
Finally, in I Tim. 2:2, Paul tells us to pray for our leaders "that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness". Godly decisions will lead to godly laws and peaceful living conditions.

No leader is too big nor person too small that God will not hear their prayer. So next time you think about the path our nation seems to be taking, remember one prayer can make a big difference. Your prayer is just as important as the other prayers being lifted up. So don't miss out on being one more faith standing firm in what we believe and moving forward to making our nation, a nation of prayer.

Please join us on May 3rd, 2001 at the Depot's Amphitheater. We will have singing from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Prayer time 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. and more singing from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Some of the service will be bilingual. Everyone is welcome to this community service. You may come and go as you need to.

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Our community has shown tremendous support for this project in the last eleven years, and it looks like Project Graduation 2001 will be a great success. It takes a great deal of time, effort, money, prizes and hard work to make Project Graduation work. All contributions, whether large or small, are greatly appreciated. If you are not contacted by a Project Graduation committee member and wish to donate money, please send checks to Project Graduation, c/o Jane Rushing, Box 534, Sonora, Tx 76950. If you would like to donate a prize, they can be delivered to the Devil's River News office, 228 E. Main St. Sonora, Texas or to Ronda's Styling Haus at 712 S. Concho.  
If you or an organization that you belong to would like to join the fun or would like more information about donations or helping with booths, games and/or other activities, please contact Jane Rushing at 387-3625.  
With the continued support of the community this should be a wonderful event once again!

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**Senior Citizens Invited to Spring Fling in San Angelo**  
Noted television host Doris Winkler will be the featured speaker at the 14th annual Senior Spring Fling and Expo May 16 at the San Angelo Coliseum and Exhibits Building.  
Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Pat Attebery, well-known West Texas television personality.  
Winkler, who hosts the syndicated "Senior Report" seen in the area on KLST-TV, will speak on issues important to seniors at 1 p.m. in the coliseum.  
The event, which features as its theme, "The Many Faces of Aging," will include educational and informational booths, health screenings, door prizes, entertainment and other activities in the coliseum. Lunch will be served in the exhibits building.  
Also, the winners of the fifth annual Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame will be announced, one from Tom Green County and one from the rural Concho Valley counties.  
The Senior Spring Fling, which typically draws more than 1,000 people from throughout the Concho Valley, is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
The program will be held under the auspices of the Area Agency of Aging of the Concho Valley, the concho Valley Retired Senior Volunteer Program and San Angelo's Senior Services Division.  
Lunch this year will cost \$2 for people age 60 and over and \$5 for people under 60. Other activities are offered free of charge. Lunch tickets should be purchased prior to May 4. They are available at the AAA offices, 5028 Knickerbocker Road; RSVP, 3001 S. Jackson; Rio Concho Manor East and Rio Concho Manor West; Baptists Memorials High Rise; Christian Village; and at several nutrition sites.  
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**Lawson Named "All-American Scholar"**  
The United States Achievement Academy announced that Heather Lawson has been named an All-American Scholar.  
The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.  
Lawson, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Christy Bell and will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.  
"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.  
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Heather Lawson is the daughter of Jane Rushing from Sonora, Tx. She is the granddaughter of George and Martha Wallace of Sonora, Tx. and Don and Mary Lawson of Odessa, Tx.

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**F.Y.I.**  
The Sonora Elementary PTA will have it's final meeting for the school year on Monday, April 30, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sonora Intermediate Auditorium. This will be a very important meeting because officers will be elected and items for next year, such as fundraising, will be discussed. Officer nominations for the 2001-2002 school year are: President-Carol Pope, Vice-President-Kendra Vyvlecka, Secretary-Rachel Agüero, Treasurer-Tracey Myers, Parliamentarian-Kathleen Freeman. Please show your support and vote on next years officers. The program will include a talent show featuring kindergarten, second and fourth grades. The Primary School students, Pre-k - 2nd will hold a music program. We encourage all members to attend and have their voice heard.

The second shipment of Bronco Customized Woven Blankets have arrived just in time for Graduation gifts. Call or go by the high school office to reserve your blanket. The cost for each blanket is \$55.00. Only a limited number of blankets have been ordered so call early at 387-6533.

The T&C Village Relay For Life team will be having a breakfast burrito sale on Friday, April 27 at the T&C Village Market (Food Center).

The fundraiser sponsored by St John's Episcopal church Relay for Life team is rescheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sombrero's Laser Wash. Members will be drying and vacuuming cars for donations. Proceeds will go to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

If you have not yet purchased your luminaries in honor of or in memory of someone who has fought the battle of cancer, contact Kim West at 287-2981. The cost is \$5 per luminary. There will be a special lighting ceremony at 10:00 p.m. at the Relay for Life on May 4, 2001.

Don Edwards - Minstrel of the Range - In Concert April 27, 2001 7:00 PM - Angelo State University Auditorium, San Angelo, Texas. For More Information: 915-949-6870.

The Sonora Middle School Sixth Graders will have their annual Culture Fair on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Sonora Civic Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sutton County Family Plaques (located in front of the Sutton Co. Courthouse). If you didn't order a plaque for your family before and want to order one now, please call 387-2793 or 387-2261.

The T&C Village Relay For Life team will be having a benefit drawing to raise money for the Relay For Life. The team will be giving away a "Just for Him" package and a "Just for Her" package. Drawing will be held May 5th at the Relay for Life event. You need not be present to win.

The First National Bank will be having their annual Bake Sale at 8:00 a.m. on April 27th at the bank. Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc. will be on sale and Roberta's Casseroles can be ordered in advance by calling 387-3861. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Bank & Trust will be serving hot dogs and drinks for a \$2.00 donation to the ACS Relay for Life on April 27th and May 4th from 3-5. Everyone is encouraged to come by and get an early dinner.

The Sutton County Steakhouse Relay for Life team is having a raffle. The team will be drawing for many great gifts. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 from any team member or at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse.

The Sutton County Public Library is getting ready for their Booksale. Donations of books, etc. are being accepted now. The sale will go from April 16 - May 11 at the Public Library from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information contact the library at 387-2111.

The 2001 Yearbooks are now on sale. The cost is \$30. The price will go up and no extras will be ordered. For more information, call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315.

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.

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## Bronco Baseball Swings In To Second In District

On April 10, 2001 the Sonora Broncos traveled to Junction to take on the Eagles. In the end, too many errors cost the Broncos the game by 1 point. The final score was Junction 9, Sonora 8.

Pitcher Jarred Solis gave up 9 runs, struck out 8 and walked 7.

The Broncos had 8 runs on 10 hits, with 12 runners left on base.

This loss brought the Broncos District record to 4-2.

Runs were scored by Sean Fields (1), Matt Torres (2), Crispin Lira (1), Bryce Williams (2) and Jerrad Solis (2). Solis scored the only Home Run for the Broncos.

Torres, Lira, Bryce, Solis, Javier Gaytan and Byron Williams each had RBIs. Bryce had 4 stolen bases and Fields had 2. Chang Hernandez, Torres, Lira, Cameron Sims and Gaytan each stole one.

On April 17th the Broncos were defeated by Mason, 6 to 1. It was a pitchers duel between Jarred Solis of Sonora and Keith Jackson of Mason. Solis gave up 6 runs, with 3 hits, 5 strike outs and 3 walks. Jackson gave up 1 run, with 4 hits, 10 strike outs and 5 walks.

Of the six runs scored by the Punchers, only 2 were earned.

Errors again hurt the Broncos, causing the team to go to 4 and 3 in District 2-2A.

The Broncos got back on the winning track on April 20th, defeating Grape Creek 6 to 5. Three pitchers were used to gain the win. Anthony Sanchez, Chang Hernandez and Jarred Solis. Sanchez pitched 4 innings, giving up 5 runs on 6 hits, with 3 strikeouts and 4 walks. Hernandez pitched 2 innings with 2 strike outs and 2 walks. Solis pitched the last inning with 1 hit, 2 strike outs and 1 walk.

Jarred Solis was voted as player of the game with 2 for 3 at the plate and 5 put outs.

Sanchez was 2 for 2 at plate with 2 RBIs.

Cameron Sims, Byron Williams and Scottie Moore each had an RBI. Runs were scored by Torres (1), Lira (2), Solis (2), and Gaytan (1).

After losses by Eldorado and

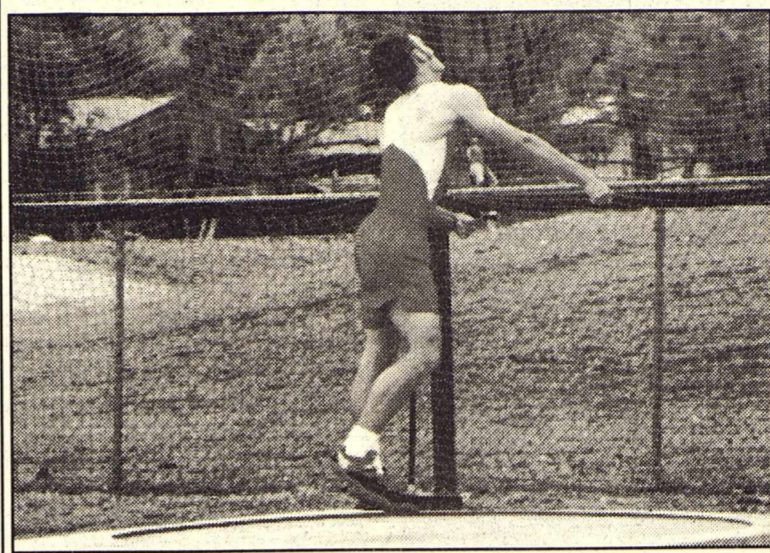
Mason on Friday, the Broncos now have sole possession of second place in District 2-2A, with a record of 5-3.



Above: Bryce Williams reaches for a ball to stop the Eagles. Below: Byron Williams runs for base in Grape Creek. Photos by Patti Strauch



## Stetson Hall Leads Track Team At Regional Qualifiers



Stetson Hall broke a Bronco record at Regional Qualifiers.

Junior, Stetson Hall threw a personal best of 167' 09" in the Discus at Lockhart this weekend. Hall's throw puts him in the Sonora Bronco record book. He breaks a record held by Jim Cooper in 1986 with a throw of 155'06". In the 400 meters James Elliott ran a 49.22 to place third. The relay team of Bill Renfro, James Elliott, Thomas Bloodworth, and Chance Armke ran a time of 42.74 to place ninth. Competing in the meet was Wilson Wallace in the 400 meters (54.74), Bill Renfro 100 meters (11.07), Chance Armke 100 meters (11.17), Cody Ainsworth ran a time of 11.07 to place fourth in his race, the 3200

meters. Cody ran separately at Wall due to a conflict in his schedule with U.I.L.

This meet was a tough meet to prepare for the upcoming regional meet in Abilene. These young men had the opportunity to compete against some of the state's best. In Abilene the team will compete on Friday, April 27 (Prelims) and Saturday, April 28 (Finals). Prelims start on Friday at 9:30 with the 3200 meters, 12:30 Discus, and prelims at 4:00 p.m. and finals will begin at 2:30 on Saturday.

Please come out and support these young men.

## Lady Broncos End First Softball Season

by Heather Lawson

"It's not all about winning and losing, it's how you play the game!" We have all heard our parents and coaches say that at one time in our lives. But up to this year, I disagreed! I felt like the respect level was lowered for those who lost, and those who won were honored, which to an extent is true! The Sonora Football team has received a great amount of respect from the community and the towns around the state for their achievements!

But even with a losing season, I gained a great amount of respect for the Sonora Lady Broncos Softball team! Never losing heart, unity, and determination, the season was successful! We learned many different objectives of the game and of team-

work.

Like a wise man once said, "You see great things from the valleys and only small things from the peak." Like every other sport, we had our obstacles that we had to overcome.

The Sonora Lady Broncos ended their first season with Eldorado. Playing in the cold weather, the Broncos never gave up. Fighting until the end, Sonora ended up only three runs behind. The final score was Sonora 16, Eldorado 19. The district record of the Lady Broncos was 1 win to 7 losses. Many people ask, "With a record like that, how could you have any fun?" My answer is simple, it's not all about winning and losing it's how you play the game!

## Former Graduate, Sanchez, Competes at Sul Ross State University

Freshman standout Dontrell Kelley scored 44 points in five events as Sul Ross State University placed fourth in the American Southwest Conference track meet at Howard Payne University last weekend.

Kelley (Corpus Christi), who won the 400 meters and long jump and placed second in the 100, 200 and triple jump, was named the conference's Outstanding Male Freshman Athlete. Coach Ke Koa Kealoha's Lobo men totaled 92 points in the meet, with fellow freshman Larry Morales (El Paso) adding a first place finish in the triple jump.

Kelley, who is an NCAA Division III national qualifier in the long jump, also qualified in the 200 meters (20.54 seconds) at the ASC meet. He provisionally qualified in the 100 meters (10.60 seconds) and 400 (48.35). He won the long jump with a leap of 24 feet, 5 inches, and the 400 with a time of 48.35. His triple jump of 44-10 was second to Morales' winning effort of 45-5. "Dontrell had an outstanding meet, and our entire team performed well," Kealoha said. "For a small squad [16 athletes], we produced a lot of points."

McMurry University won both the men's and women's titles, scoring 341 points in men's competition and 273 in the women's meet to far

outdistance the field. Howard Payne University was second in the men's competition with 110 points, followed by Mississippi College (101), Sul Ross and Austin College (40).

Mississippi College, led by women's high point athlete Nicole Holifield (48 points) finished second in women's competition with 109 tallies. Texas Lutheran (61), Howard Payne (49), University of Dallas (18), Austin College (17) and the Lady Lobos (1) followed.

Ida Ramirez (Brownsville) placed sixth in the shot put (33 feet, 2 1/2 inches) for Sul Ross.

Kelley, and Morales totaled 60 of the Lobo men's points. Morales added a third place in the high jump, clearing six feet. Andy Sanchez (Sonora) placed third in the hammer throw (131-2) and fourth in the shot put. Scott Kisse (San Antonio) finished third in the javelin (164-9) and fifth in the high jump (5-10); Lavius Taylor (Midland) placed fourth in the long jump (21-3); Aaron Swartzfager (Monahans) was fifth in the shot put; Jarime Baethge (Doss) finished sixth in the javelin (151-8); and Jeff Ennis (Monahans) added a sixth in the hammer throw (112-4 1/2). The 400 meter relay team of Kelley, Kisse, Morales and Taylor finished third in 44.13 seconds.

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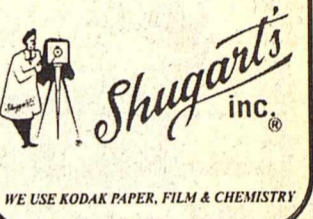
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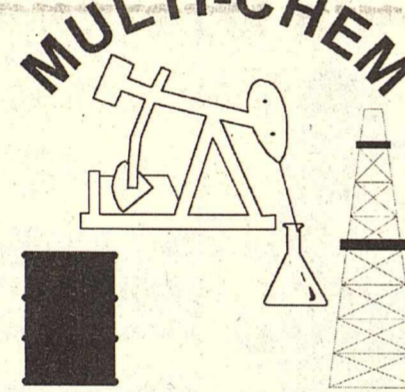
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## Cattle Raisers Address Animal Disease Issues

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Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association approved policy March 28 asking elected representatives and agencies at both the state and federal levels to help strengthen the United States' capabilities to prevent, detect and control animal diseases.

The action came in the form of resolutions approved during the final business session of TSCRA's 124th annual convention March 24-28 in Austin, Texas, said newly elected TSCRA president John Dudley. Approximately 2,000 cattle raisers and guests attended the convention.

TSCRA implored all elected representatives to favorably consider any appropriations that can enhance the country's ability to prevent and manage animal diseases and to oppose any budgetary reductions that could diminish such capabilities. TSCRA members also urged all state and federal agencies to consider health threats to the animal industries, wildlife and food supply of the United States when creating and enforcing travel and trade agreements and regulations.

Dr. Linda Logan, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, told TSCRA members that Congress is not allocating enough funding to keep the animal health infrastructure strong. Logan told members of the TSCRA Animal Health Committee that funding for the Veterinary Services division of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has decreased almost every year, with half the number of veterinarians on staff as in the 1970s.

"Complacency has been our worst enemy," Logan said, adding that the diagnostics staff that would potentially deal with a crisis situation is both underfunded and understaffed.

TSCRA members also approved a recommendation to Gov. Rick Perry to place the executive director or a designee of the Texas Animal Health Commission on the Texas Emergency Management Council. While the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health are both represented, currently TAHC, the agency responsible for protecting the health of Texas' domestic livestock, does not have a position on the council.

During meetings earlier in the week, Gov. Perry told TSCRA members he had been in contact with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to discuss the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plan

to coordinate a state and federal working group on foot-and-mouth disease. He also told producers he had written USDA to ask for more inspections with more intensity and thoroughness to keep the United States free of the disease.

Cattle Raisers also resolved to work to pass a stand-alone omnibus Conservation of Private Lands Act that would strengthen personal stewardship of private property rights and responsibilities vs. regulatory approaches. Desired provisions would include:

- \*Restoring Natural Resources Conservation Service staffing to provide technical assistance on the ground to pre-1985 levels.

- \*Increasing research in soil, water, plant and wildlife science.

- \*Establishing short courses for both producers and agency personnel in soil, water, plant, livestock and wildlife management.

- \*Providing practice-based incentive payments for conservation based on developing, implementing and maintaining a comprehensive conservation plan over a 10-year contract period.

- \*Ensuring confidentiality of private business information between land owners and both state and federal governments, not subject to open records access.

In other business, arguing that the United States can only create more employment and prosper with more savings, more capital and less confiscation of both, the association reaffirmed its unequivocal support to the full and rapid repeal of the federal estate tax.

"The estate tax is levied on those who have worked hard, saved well and, in most cases, already paid taxes on this wealth at least once and most likely twice," Dudley said.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs told producers that the death tax is the No. 1 reason people sell land in Texas, which, along with urban pressure at the edges of rapidly growing cities, is causing land fragmentation. Combs also cited statistics from 1992-97 that show 2.3 million acres in Texas were converted from rural use to urban use.

While the number of land owners has increased throughout the state, the size of the land area owned has fallen. This trend toward breaking agricultural lands up into smaller parcels and rapid development of the land into non-agricultural use has implications for water supplies, domestic food supplies and wildlife, she said.

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## Workshop Speakers Discuss Opportunities For Community Development

Austin - Yucca plants, Koi fish, cattle, hunting, movies, books, restaurants and native grass seeds are just a few of the industries that Al Micallef has explored, making him the successful businessman and rancher he is today. Micallef will be the featured luncheon speaker at "The RITE Approach to Economic Development" workshop Wednesday, May 2, in San Angelo.

Micallef, owner of JMK International Inc., a Fort-Worth based holding company with interests in oil, gas, aircraft, banking, manufacturing, restaurant and agricultural businesses, will talk about how businesses from outside the county that provide services in the area should also help in community development.

With advanced telecommunications playing a major role in rural development, many community leaders are interested in connectivity and infrastructure as part of their future planning. Brett Perlman, Commissioner for the Public Utility Commission, will be discussing what lies ahead for rural telecommunications and what steps are being taken to bridge the digital divide between rural and urban areas.

Other conference speakers will

be discussing community planning, incubators, business retention, regional partnerships, rural rail issues and tourism initiatives that can help communities with development.

The conference kicks off with a reception sponsored by AEP-West Texas Utilities at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Commissary Building at Fort Concho in San Angelo. Historic Fort Concho is one example of how community involvement can preserve a national landmark and attract tourists to the local area.

The workshop begins at 7:30 a.m. May 2 in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center at the Houston Harte University Center at Angelo State University. The conference is \$35 per person, and attendees can register by calling the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center at (915)942-2098.

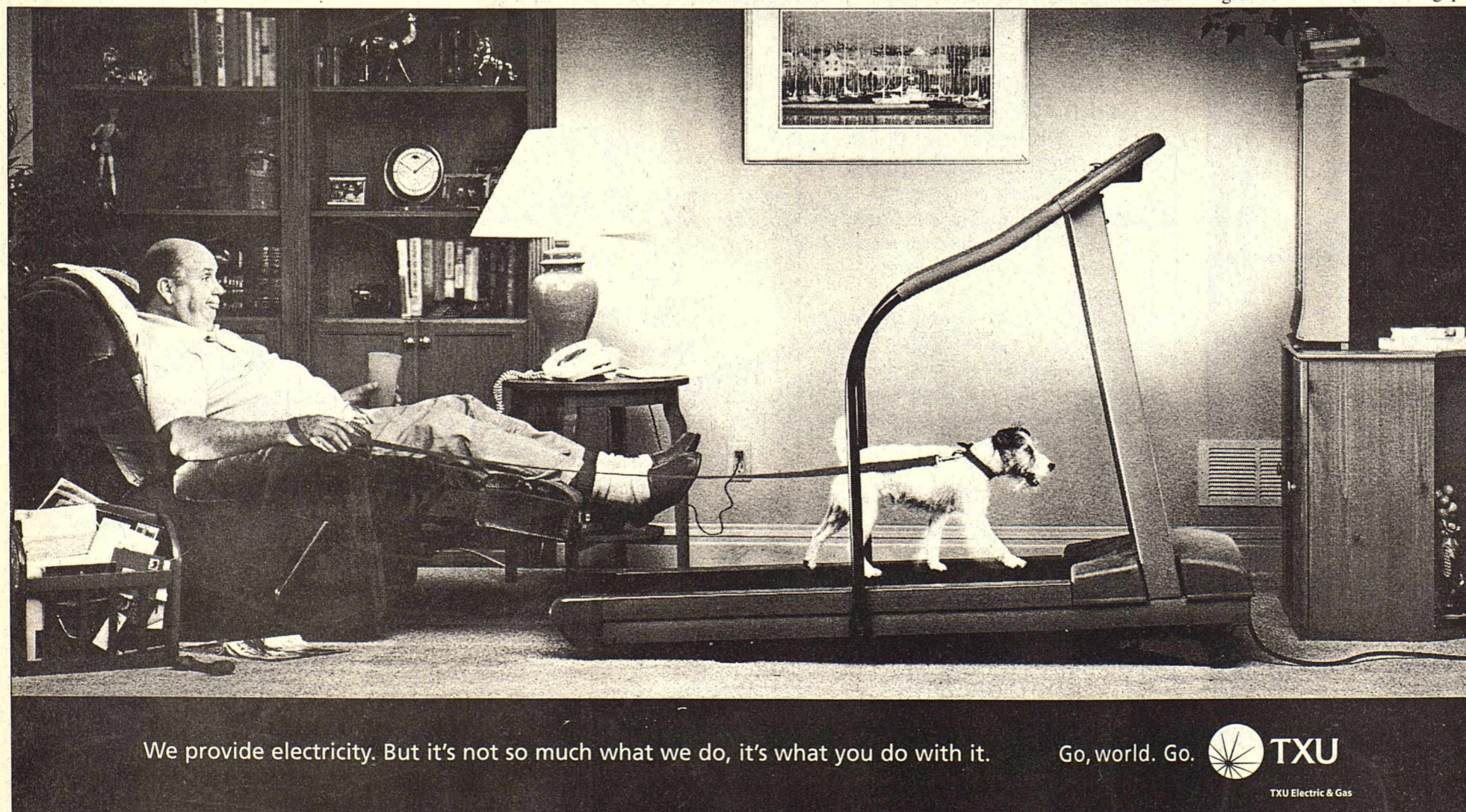
Event sponsors include the Texas Department of Agriculture, AEP-West Texas Utilities, Angelo State University Small Business Development Center, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Concho Valley Council of Governments, Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development and the Texas Rural Development Council.

## Lush Forage Causing Bloat And Some Death In Texas Cattle

Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, said bloat problems occur when forage begins to grow after being dormant all winter. He said high soil moisture will cause increased growth and add to bloating prob-

lems. Dr. Dennis Herd, Extension beef cattle specialist from College Station, explained that bloating happens when cattle cannot release gas from the rumen. Lush forage contains proteins that cause a bubbly mass in the rumen and traps gas. If an animal bloats, the rumen wall may need to be pierced to allow gas to escape, which can put the animal at risk for infection. Herd said that feed additives such as Poloxalene and Rumensin can help reduce bloating.



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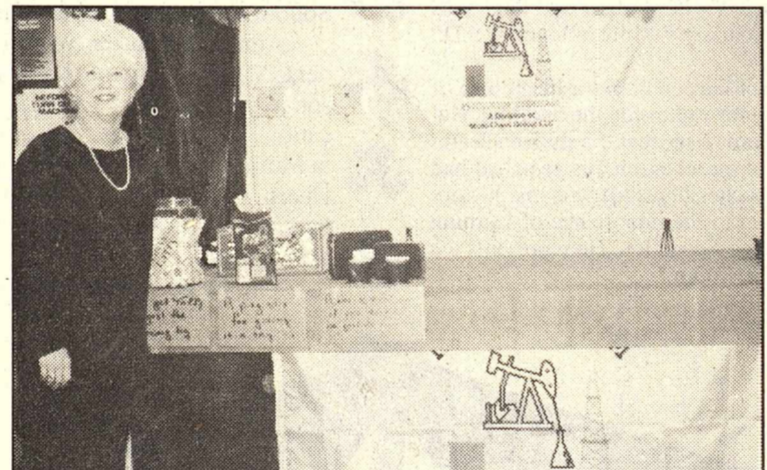
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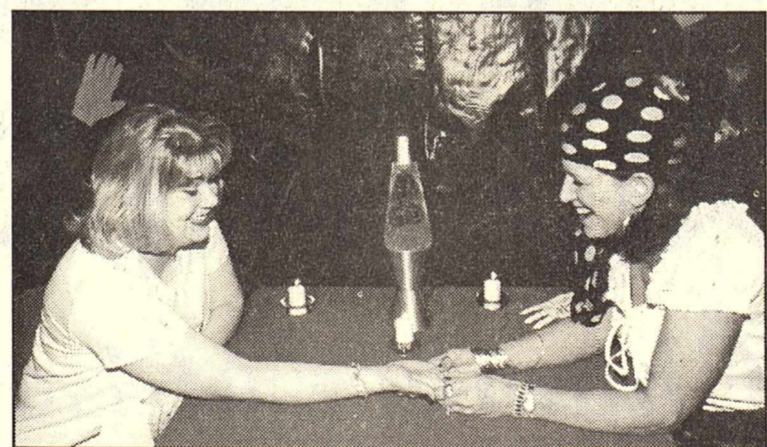
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# Educators of the Year



Donna began her teaching career over 30 years ago in Pampa Texas. Then in 1972 she came to Sonora to teach 4th Grade and then moved to teach 1st Grade.

Donna can be described as a very dedicated person to say the least. One might also say that she's a pioneer in the Sonora I.S.D. Donna was the first female principal the Sonora Independent School District ever had. She handled that job so well that she has since held every administrative position in the school district.

Now, you can't be that dedicated and successful without a supporting cast at home from her husband, J.T., her daughters Kari and Christy, and her grandchildren Tanner and Meredith.

Donna's hobbies include education, education, and education. She has served in various capacities in the T.E.A. and in her spare time she has been known to go out and do work evaluating other school systems.

In June of 2000, after 30 years of work, Donna decided to hang it up and spend some quality time with her family and for herself. Then, the phone rang one day, it was the Sonora I.S.D., wanting Donna to return to work and serve as the School Superintendent. Her dedication to the Sonora I.S.D. and her love for being an educator were too strong and before she knew it, she was un-retired and back at work.

Nobody knows how long her next retirement will last, but we do know that her dedication and respect from fellow educators and community members are well deserved, as is this award.

**The Co-Educator of the Year is Mrs. Donna Hill.**

Reed began his teaching career in Sonora in 1973 teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade History. But the world may have never known how great an educator he is had it not been for his involvement with his sons cub scout pack where he found he enjoyed working with children. So, at the age of 35 he went back to college to get his teaching certification.

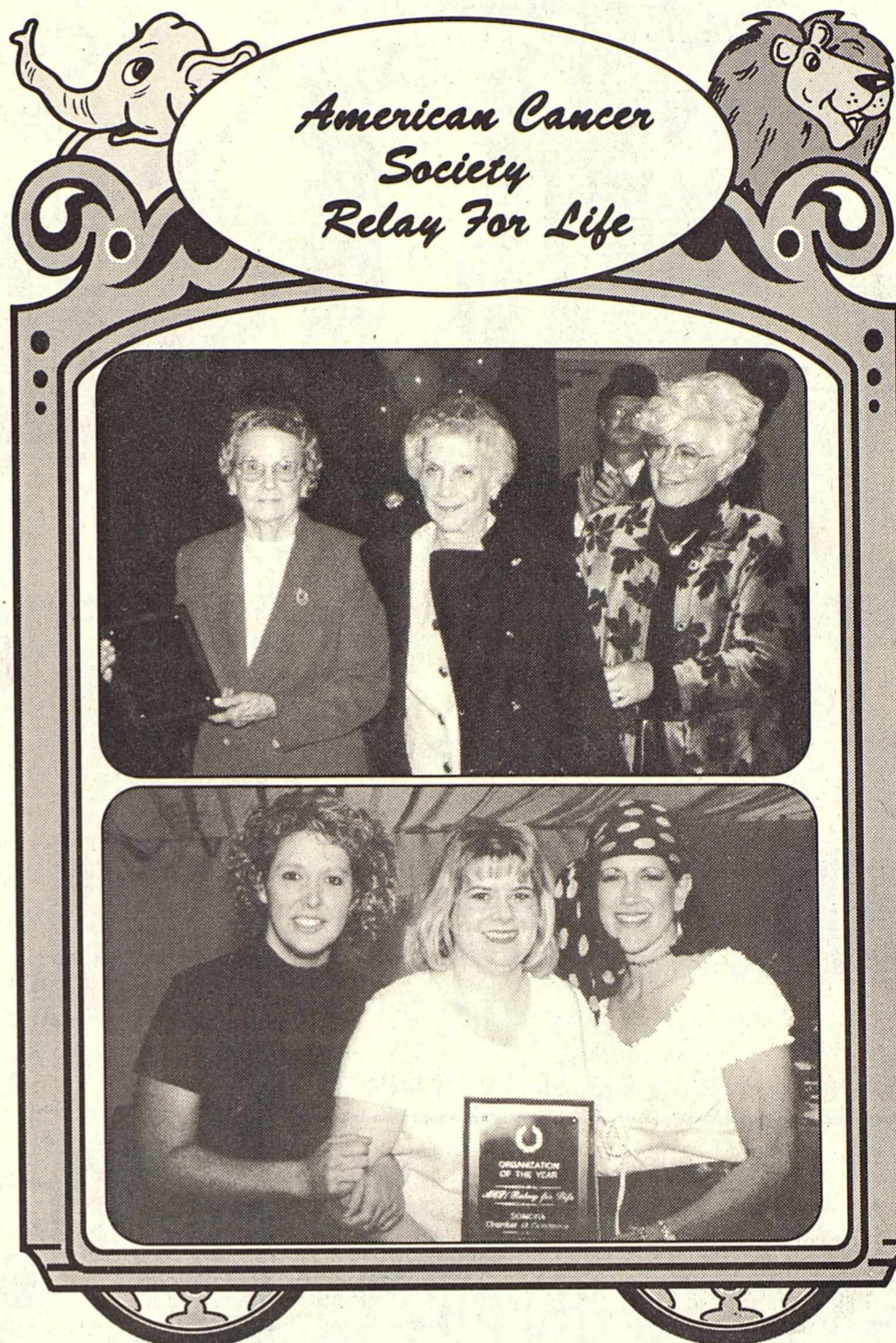
The Sonora I.S.D. is in his blood. Reed attended school in Sonora as well as his wife Barbara and their sons David and Larry. Now the most special people in Reed's life are beginning their journey's through Sonora I.S.D., his grandchildren: Cash, Hunter, and 2-year-old Sky.

Ex-students from the past 28 years probably remember history fairs, school dances with trashcans full of punch, as well as learning not to walk on freshly planted grass, and not to wear your cap inside the building. But they probably also remember him being consistent and fair and how he worked hard to see that the students learn.

Reed received this award in 1988, the second year the award existed. At that presentation, his principal had written these words. They are as true today as they were then. "Mr. Jennings teaches his students some history and current events, but he also teaches his students to be good citizens. He teaches the importance of learning and the importance of applying yourself. He reflects precisely the best in American Education. He represents the devotion and the dedication that only truly committed teachers can bring to a classroom."

**Your Co-Educator of the Year is...Mr. Reed Jennings.**

# Organization of the Year



The American Cancer Society charter was established in Sonora in 1955 by the president of the Sutton County Board Mary Barrow. Since 1955, the goal of the American Cancer Society in Sonora has remained the same...raising money for cancer research, education, and patient services locally. Thanks to the help of long time members Dorothy Baker and Lou Faulks, and many others, they have been able to encourage the participation from younger generations in Sonora to insure the continued survival of this important organization. Over the last 4 years, the American Cancer Society in Sonora has built the "Relay for Life" into an outstanding fundraiser for the A.C.S. In 4 years, the Sonora Relay for Life has raised \$74,613 for cancer research, education, and patients' services.

American Cancer Society members include: Erica Morriss, President; Storie Sharp, Vice President; Virginia Epps, Secretary; Kendra Vyvlecka, Treasurer; Shanna Petty, Relay for Life chairperson (4 yrs.); Kendra Vandergriff, District Rep; Allie Askew, Memorials; Maria Carrasco, Public Education; Robert Duran, Patient Services; Lou Faulks, Publicity; Charlie Graves, Lou Ann King, Juanita Mesa, Lucille McMillan, Charles Pajestka, Jean Redman, Noami Samaniego, Loma Surber, Kathy Hearn, Chris Croy, Smith Neal, Betty Stephen, and Ada Castilleja. Now that's just the board members, we can't forget everyone else who gave their time, money, and talents to make this organization special.

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# Citizen of the Year

*Martha Wallace*



Martha Wallace was born in Greenville, Texas to Leo and Ada Mae Neal. Martha graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce Texas. In 1950, she moved to Sonora to teach 4th Grade. Martha met George Wallace and in 1951, they were married. They had four children: Joe, David, Jane, and Drew, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

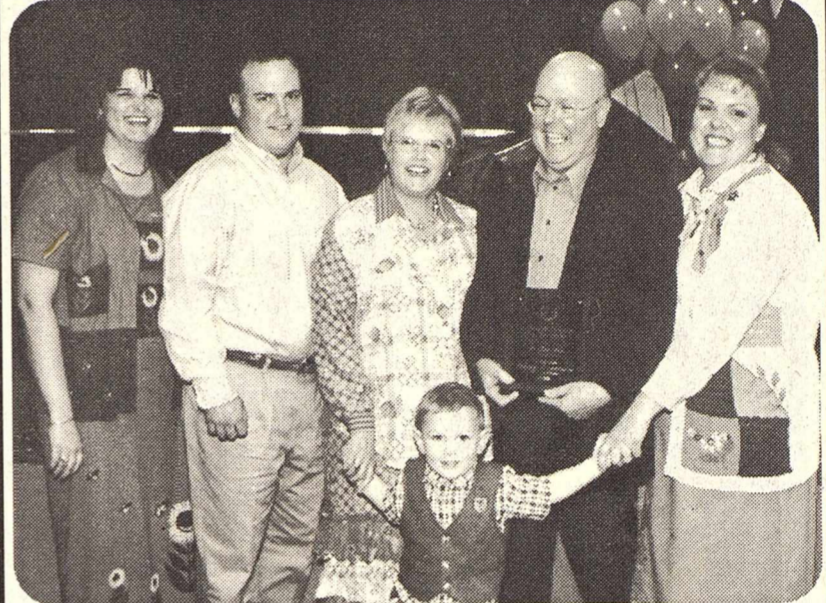
Through the years, Martha has taught Sunday school classes and has served on numerous boards in the Methodist Church. Martha has volunteered countless hours in the community as a den mother with the scouts, the 4-H club, band and football boosters, as well as probably any other youth program that comes along. Her children describe Martha as an encourager. She has also been described as being up-front, frank and never at a loss for words, but at the same time, she's a good listener and willing to offer her support.

We all know her and we all love her.

**The Citizen of the Year is Mrs. Martha Wallace.**

# Business Person of the Year

*Ronnie Cox*



Ronnie Cox started out in business being a jerk, a soda jerk that is. Ronnie is a true West Texan at heart. From his warm smile to his jolly phrase "Come in this house." Ronnie has spent his whole life in West Texas from Bronte to Midland, Crane to Big Lake and finally to Sonora, where he graduated from high school. Ronnie was a very active student at Sonora High School where he held various class offices and was even elected Mr. S.H.S. as a senior. With his busy academic life, Ronnie found time to work for Cecil Westerman at the drug store beginning when he was in the 7th Grade.

After graduating from high school, Ronnie enrolled in the school of Pharmacy at the University of Texas where he graduated in 1968. Ronnie and his wife Alice and children Carrie and Joel moved back to Sonora in 1975 in order for Ronnie to operate Westerman Drug. Then, in 1986 Ronnie purchased the drugstore from the Westerman Estate. Since 1986, Ronnie has worked hard to build his business in to a store that he and the rest of the community can be proud of.

Ronnie is a person who lives by the creed that business is ever changing and if you don't change even when it's not an easy thing to do, you will be left behind. So, in November of 1999 Ronnie opened Sonora's first Christmas store "Santa's Gift Shop" in the Main Street Mercantile Building. Then, this past fall, Ronnie made a difficult, and risky business decision to move both stores under one roof. The Corner Drug Store and Gifts Galore & More were born to create a modern updated pharmacy and gift shop. His keen business sense and hard work has earned him this award.

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One of the traits of being successful in the banking business is to be active in the community and Beth certainly does not fall short here either. She's involved and active in the Fireman's Auxiliary, Sonora Woman's Club, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Sutton County Game Dinner Association where she serves as Secretary. But, being active comes naturally to Beth. According to Beth's mother, the only time Beth wasn't busy is when she was asleep.

Another attribute that makes Beth a qualified recipient of this award is her ability to get along so well with other people. Both customers and co-workers alike say Beth is a joy to be around and a blast to work with.

The Employee of the Year is Mrs. Beth Snyder.

# Conservation Ranchers of the Year



The directors of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District give a lot of consideration to the selection for the Conservation Rancher of the Year because they feel this award is very significant. Management of this area's natural resources is vital to all of us; and it is important to recognize those who are devoting their time and financial resources to improve the rangeland and watersheds that we all benefit from.

This year's recipients are Ben and Sherry Ingham who operate approximately 32,500 acres of land. Both from ranching backgrounds from Sonora to Del Rio, they have been implementing sound conservation practices since they started their own ranching operations. They continue to do brush control (both mechanical and chemical), cross-fencing, and livestock water improvements with additional water wells, pipelines, tanks and troughs.

Ben and Sherry also carry out a planned grazing system. In addition to rotating their livestock in order to rest pastures, they also watch their livestock numbers to make sure that there is a proper balance between available forage and animals. Proper grazing use is so important to the overall health of the rangeland and animals, including wildlife.

They have been active cooperators with the Edwards Plateau SWCD and USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, requesting advice and information and then putting it into practice.

It is gratifying to see young ranchers continuing to look for ways to improve their land in a time when agriculture as a livelihood is difficult. It is also good for our community when young families, like the Inghams, take such an active role in all facets of the community.

The Conservation Ranchers of the Year are Ben and Sherry Ingham.

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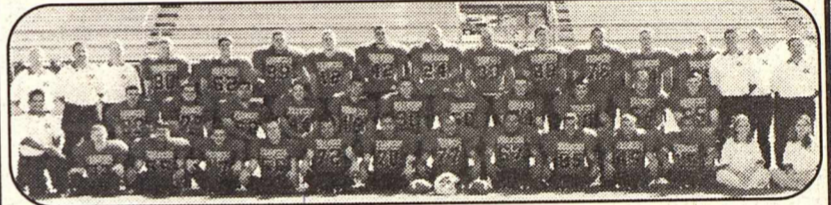
# Chamber Member of the Year

*Tonya Brown*



# Spotlight on Sonora

*The Sonora Bronco Football Team*



Chamber of Commerce Director, Justin McGeath recalls "My version of the Tonya Brown story begins in September of 1997 when I began work in Sonora. Tonya was the Chamber President and I was the new manager. After I arrived in Sonora, little did Tonya know that her job was just beginning. It seemed as though I spent half of every day in her office for that first year. She had the unenvied task of coaching a greenhorn college kid through a job that the kid knew very little about. Now there are people who do that type of thing every day, but very few do it voluntarily. Tonya was there for every event and every meeting. If it said Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Tonya Brown did it. After her term as President had expired I figured she would slow down and "coast" in her last year on the chamber board, but as we all know the term "coast" is not in Tonya's vocabulary. She accepted another term as President of the Board. She worked even harder in her second term as President. From extending Sutton County Days to a 2-day event, to getting continuing education classes in Sonora. Tonya had a hand in all of it. Well we reached the end of her second term as President and her final year on the chamber board and I thought she might slow down, but as I said earlier Tonya's not a coaster and she has continued her support of the chamber."


The Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year is Mrs. Tonya Brown.

The definition of the Spotlight on Sonora Award is: to spotlight any person, group, or organization who has done something special that deserves recognition. After the season they had this year, I don't know what else they could do to be more qualified for this award. What better way to throw a spotlight on your entire community than to win the Texas High School Football State Championship.

The Chamber of Commerce works day in and day out to promote Sonora and keep us in the spotlight, and the Broncos come along and make it look easy. There is more to all of this than fame and notoriety. The kids learned things like hard work, dedication, and teamwork. The community also gained a lot from the Broncos this year. Things like community pride and support and how to drive in your sleep halfway across the state after a late night play-off game.

The 2001 Spotlight on Sonora Award Winners is The Sonora Bronco Football Team.

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## Sonora Graduate Chosen As Fiesta Queen Candidate

Twelve candidates seek the honor of 2001 Fiesta Queen, during Mexican-American Awareness Week activities at Sul Ross State University.

Coronation will be held Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Marshall Auditorium during the 24th annual pageant. Reigning Fiesta Queen Elizabeth Vasquez, Seagraves, will crown her successor. On Saturday, May 5, the new queen and her court will be featured on a float in Alpine's Cinco de mayo parade.

Candidates are: Lisette Cervantes, Marfa; Stephanie Gasco, Waco; Andrea Hiers, Monahans; Diana Lujan, Presidio; Misty McLaury, Benjamin; Marion Molina, Brownsville; Judy Montoya, Fort Stockton; **Jennifer Noriega, Sonora**; Jeanette Rangel, El Paso; Amy Reed, Mission; Lucinda Rodriguez, Alpine; and Paola Sanchez, Presidio.

A film festival and lecture series are other major events of Mexican-American Awareness Week.

Films, including "Todo el Poder" (April 26); "La ley de Herodes" (April 27); "Zoot-Zoot" (April 30); and "Danzon" (May 2) will be shown in Lawrence Hall, Room 200 at 6 p.m.

Glenn Garcia, vice president of



the Marfa National Bank and former president of Los Tertulianos, will be the guest speaker for the Mexican-American Lecture Series. Garcia, a Sul Ross graduate, will deliver the lecture on Tuesday, May

1, 3:30 p.m. in Lawrence Hall, Room 309.

For more information, contact Dr. Jesus Tafuya, (915) 837-8386; or Julie Vega, 837-8771.

## Return to Sender

Congressman Henry Bonilla, R - Texas 23rd District



"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night can stay these couriers from their appointed route." Everyone recognizes that age old promise - it is the mantra of the United States Postal Service.

This promise was made many, many years ago. Regardless of the weather, the postal service promised to deliver our bills, our birthday cards and everything else that fits in the mailbox. But today it looks like the local post office is facing a hazard much greater than the average Texas thunderstorm. This hazard is worse than the snowstorms of Minnesota. And, it's worse than the heat of Arizona. This hazard has the power to stop a company dead in its tracks. This hazard is money.

The Postal Service is losing millions of dollars every year. Since the inception of email, people have become less and less dependent on what my son commonly refers to as "snail mail." Our friends at the post office have tried a few remedies to fend off competition and keep themselves afloat. We've all seen the

postal stamp increase by a few cents each year. And you may have noticed that rates for packages are steadily rising. But this time, the Postal Service has gone too far.

It seems that money is threatening to do to the post office what it does to other companies every day: stop it in its tracks. I mean that literally. Earlier this month, Postmaster General William Henderson announced that his agency would attempt to save money by canceling Saturday service. Hard to believe, but true.

This announcement worries me for a variety of reasons. I represent a large rural population in West and South Texas. The Postal Service provides a valuable service for these homes and I'm certain it does the same for the rest of rural America. The local post office is the only connection most rural communities have to cities outside their own. Discontinuing weekend service could be detrimental to many of these communities. It could mean waiting an extra two days to receive their prescription drug order or to receive their social security check.

By eliminating Saturday service, the Postal Service is taking the easy way out. This defeatist attitude

goes against every rule of success upon which our country was built. Let me give you an example. If you owned a business and it was being threatened by outside competition, would you simply close shop and call it quits? I hope not! Would you instead draw attention to your advantages and fight for your success? I know I would. That's exactly what the post office should do. We all know there is simply no substitute for a hand-written letter from a loved one. Nor is there a way to send a care package via email. And let's not forget the annoyance of changing an email address -- email servers do not forward letters like the post office.

These are simple advantages that could and should be promoted.

A list of strategies to save the Postal Service could go on for pages. But here's the bottom line: the Postal Service is throwing in the towel when there's still time left in the game. Rather than look toward the future and find new avenues of success, they are giving up. Unfortunately, in this scenario, I'm afraid it's the American people who will suffer from this lost game.

## Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, and



**DOLPH TILLOTSON**  
Guest Columnist

adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have -- at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet-only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced -- and wealthiest -- citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

*Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News. He writes frequently on public information issues on behalf of the newspapers of Texas.*

## Fight Back On Your Electric Bill

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Steep hikes in the price of electricity are predicted across the nation for this summer, and more rolling blackouts and brownouts as utilities struggle to meet demand. Consumers can help themselves, the environment and the economy by taking some simple steps to conserve power.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), lighting accounts for 20 to 25 percent of all electricity sold in the United States. That's why the Leviton Institute recommends that you install energy-efficient lighting devices. They can have a big impact by significantly reducing electric consumption.

Here are four tips from the Leviton Institute that can take the effort out of saving dollars on your electric bill.

1. Install dimmer switches. By dimming the lights in a room you use less electricity. For example, a light bulb at 50 per cent brightness uses approximately 40 per cent less electricity. A dimmer switch also extends the life of your bulbs. A bulb at 50 per cent brightness will

last approximately 20 times longer.

2. Install occupancy sensors. An occupancy sensor automatically turns lights on when someone enters a room, and then turns them off after the person leaves the area. They're ideal for closets, hallways, the laundry room and garages all the places where lights may needlessly be left on for hours, or even days. Occupancy sensors are designed to replace standard wall switches, so they're easy to install.

3. Install motion detectors outside. Many homeowners know that good outdoor lighting makes their home less appealing to a burglar. But keeping outdoor floodlights on all night can be expensive. Instead, install a motion detector to control your outdoor security lights. Motion detectors are programmed to react to body heat. When they detect the presence of a person, they automatically turn on the outside lights. They

also turn the lights off when they no longer detect the presence of body heat.

4. Install digital timers. If anyone in your family has left a bathroom exhaust fan or a heat lamp on all day, you'll appreciate the convenience of timers and the fact that they can reduce energy consumption. The latest digital timers are installed right in the wall, wherever you would put a standard wall switch. Many versions come from the factory with preset time intervals, and others offer programmable time settings. To use a timer with a preset interval, simply push the button for the length of time you want the fan or lamp to be on. The timer will turn it off automatically. You can use digital timers with longer time intervals to control your outdoor landscape lighting.

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## Don Edwards "Minstrel of The Range" Performing in San Angelo

The Legendary Don Edwards and national recording artist who was referred to as "The Real Deal" by Robert Redford when he hired Edwards to act and sing in the movie The Horse Whisperer will be in concert in the Angelo State Auditorium on April 27, 2001.

Don Edwards continues to build a legacy that enriches our vision of the American West. In its tales of the day-to-day lives and emotions of those who have lived it, his ballads paint a sweeping landscape of both mind and heart, keeping alive the sights, sounds and feelings of this most American contribution to culture and art. The quality of this cowboy balladeer's music stems from the fact that he is so much more than a singer. Bobby Weaver of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, summed up Don Edwards' importance as "... the best purveyor of cowboy music in America today."

Author, historian and musicologist, Don Edwards is exceptionally well-versed in cowboy lore and musical traditions. Mostly though, there is the soul of a poet; a man who has never succumbed to the temptations of presenting a glamorized or romanticized version of the West.

The son of a vaudeville magician, Don Edwards was aware as a child of a vast cross-section of music from classical to jazz, and blues to western-swing.

Many of those influences enter his own music as they did the music of the West. Don Edwards was drawn to the cowboy life by the books of Will James and the 'B' Westerns of the silver screen, particularly those featuring "sure'nuff cowboys" like Tom Mix and Ken Maynard. He taught himself guitar at age ten, and chased the rodeo and worked ranches in Texas and New Mexico during his teens. In 1961, he got a job as an actor/singer/stuntman at Six Flags Over Texas and he was to stay with music from then on. In 1964, he made his first record.

Don Edwards began playing throughout Oklahoma and Texas, and with the birth of the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, he achieved widespread recognition. He has now entertained throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Europe and the Far East.

Don Edwards has two albums, Guitars & Saddle Songs and Songs of the Cowboy, included in the Folklore Archives of the Library of Congress. These anthologies have been re-recorded and expanded as the 32-song double CD/cassette called Saddle Songs. This project took first place as the Best Folk/Traditional Album of the year at the annual INDIE Awards Ceremony held in May of 1998, and continues to garner strong sales in stores and on television. The collection is on Western Jubilee Recording Company's label.

He has twice received the National Cowboy Hall of Fame's "Wrangler Award" for Outstanding Traditional Western Music, once for his recording Chant of the Wanderer in 1992 and for the second time in 1996 for West of Yesterday.

Other projects include: a book Classic Cowboy Songs; performance on Nanci Griffith's Grammy-winning video and recording, Other Voices, Other Rooms; co-presenter along with Waddie Mitchell on the

network-televised Academy of Country Music Awards and featured performer for the prestigious "Golden Boot Awards."

Don Edwards has presented seminars at Yale, Rice, Texas Christian and other universities. His recordings under the Warner Bros. Western label, Goin' Back to Texas, Songs of the Trail, The Bard & The Balladeer and West of Yesterday have spawned a new audience for his craft. The summer of 1997 found Don Edwards in Livingston, Montana portraying the role of "Smokey" in Robert Redford's film The Horse Whisperer. In addition to this acting/singing role, Don Edwards is featured on the MCA soundtrack. In May of 1998, to coincide with The Horse Whisperer theater release, Warner's compiled and released The Best of Don Edwards while Western Jubilee offered Edwards' My Hero Gene Autry recorded live at Mr. Autry's 90th Birthday.

Almost one year later, to the day, Don Edwards' performance was requested by the Autry family to sing for Mr. Autry's memorial service. In 1999, Don received his fourth consecutive "Male Vocalist of the Year" award from the Western Music Association, recorded a new album, A Prairie Portrait - Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will be the recipient of the prestigious Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for "Outstanding Traditional Western Album" April 21, 2001. One might say that receiving the Wrangler Award is like the "Cowboy Grammy". San Angelo Producer Roger Banks stated, "it is a real thrill to be able to bring this caliber of western entertainer to West Texas." I've always enjoyed cowboy music and have wanted to do something like this for several years. Banks, also a cowboy balladeer went on to state, "Most folks don't realize there is a major difference between county music and western music."

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## Here Kitty, Kitty...



Steve Lewis of Anchorage, Alaska called up this bobcat on the Condra Ranch on April 9, 2001. The cat weighed over 40 lbs and was a little over 5' long. Over 100 bobcats are killed in Sutton County each year. The predators are known to kill livestock.

## Representative Turner Looks Forward To Representing New House District

Though the House Redistricting Committee has proposed major changes to his district, State Representative Bob Turner, (D) Voss, said today that he shares with the voters in the new district the same concerns about the issues facing Central Texas.

"The concerns of the new district are very similar to those that I have worked on for the people in the current District 73," Turner said. "Protection of our water, rural economic viability, public education and rural health care will continue to be foremost on the legislature's and my list of priorities. These issues will not change regardless of the fact the map presented by the Committee on Redistricting is a work in progress and still subject to change."

Under the Committee's proposed plan, Representative Turner's district would gain Mills, Hamilton, and Coryell Counties; keep Coleman and Brown Counties; and lose Bander, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector (part), Edwards, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton and Ward

Counties.

"There is a major downside to the federally driven redistricting process, which is the fact that our legislative districts must change to reflect changes in population," Turner said. "This can cause us to lose counties where we have developed close ties over the past ten years. I will miss the opportunity to serve the people of my old district as many of these folks have become close friends. But, by the same token, I look forward to meeting and representing the people of the counties in the new district."

A 10-year veteran of the Texas House, Turner serves as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety. He also serves on the Committee on Land & Resource Management. In addition, he is a member of the House Veterans and Military Affairs Caucus, the Texas Conservative Coalition, the Texas Rural Coalition, the Rural Caucus and the Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. The Representative also served as a member of the Interim Select Committee on Ag Policy.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform your readers of the opportunities that await high school students at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS). Each year, this residential high school allows 200 high school juniors from Texas to enter an accelerated program and complete their last two years of high school and their first two years of college concurrently.

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My experience with TAMS has been outstanding! TAMS has allowed me to take challenging courses as well as relieve some of the burden of paying for college. I have become life-long friends with

students from all over the state. Also, the diverse environment has made a more well-rounded person.

TAMS has its own support system to help students deal with the transition to college life. I can truly say that the residential program provides the best of both worlds. The collegiate environment allows students access to a high quality education, while the high school structure assures that students are not missing out on their high school experience. TAMS also sponsors its own extra-curricular activities, prom, and graduation ceremony.

Students apply during their sophomore year of high school and go through a rigorous application process that includes testing, essays, and interviews. To learn more about the TAMS program, log on to [www.tams.unt.edu](http://www.tams.unt.edu), or call the TAMS Admissions Office at 1-800-241-8267. If you have questions or comments you would like to direct toward me, please email [adrienne\\_ashford@hotmail.com](mailto:adrienne_ashford@hotmail.com). Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Ashford,  
Muleshoe, Texas  
TAMS Class of 2001

## Police Reports

**4-9-01 Assault** - Officer was dispatched to the 1900 Block of Tayloe Ave. in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation Juan Manuel Mendez of Sonora, TX was arrested for Assault.

**4-9-01 Possession of Marijuana** - Officer was on a traffic stop in the 1300 Block of W. Frontage Road which led to the arrest of Valerie Nieto of Albuquerque, New Mexico for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

**4-11-01 Theft** - Officer was dispatched to Amigo's Texaco in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that a Red Nissan pickup had pumped \$16.57 worth of fuel and driven off without paying. Officer located vehicle. Tara Jade Richel of New Braunfels, Texas was arrested for theft and a citation was issued for Drug Paraphernalia.

**4-13-01 Theft of Service** - Officer was dispatched to Skinny's convenience store for a Theft of Service which led to the arrest of Jason Polston of Cape Coral Florida for Theft of Service, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia by Texas Dept. of Public Safety Troopers Ortiz and Knapp.

**4-14-01 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle** - Officer was dispatched to Town & Country #191 in reference to an Auto Theft. Complainant advised that a Hispanic Male had stolen his car. After further investigation Marcelo Rodriguez Diaz Sr. was arrested for Public Intoxication and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

**4-14-01 Assault** - Officer was patrolling in the 200 Block of 277 South when a disturbance was observed at the Rock Inn Lounge. While approaching the lounge a male struck a female in the face. The incident led to the arrest of Frank O. Watson of Sonora for Assault, Public Intoxication.

**4-15-01 Assault** - Officer was dispatched to the 1200 Block of Ori-

ent in reference to a disturbance. Complainant advised that her husband had assaulted her. Complainant advised she did not wish to file charges. Attempts to locate suspect were negative.

**4-16-01 Terroristic Threat** - Officer was contacted by a complainant wishing to report someone threatening her. Complainant advised that someone known to her had been threatening her and was in fear. Charges will be filed.

**4-16-01 Accident** - Officer received a call of a minor accident at the Live Oak Phillips 66. Upon arrival Officer located a fuel pump that had been hit. No injuries were reported.

**4-17-01 Assault** - Officer was dispatched to the 400 Block of W. 4th Street in reference to a man with blue hair breaking out his car windows, possibly intoxicated. After further investigation Casey, Joe Wysong of Sonora, TX was arrested for Assault.

**4-18-01 Theft** - A Complainant wishing to report a theft contacted officer. Complainant advised that sometime between April 9th and April 11th, someone unknown to him had stolen his daughters Flute. Investigation pending.

**4-19-01 Mental** - Officer received a call to the Holiday Host, which led to the discovery of an elderly person that had driven off from Fredericksburg, Texas. During investigation with the assistance of Fredericksburg, TX Police Dept., the elderly person was reunited with her son from Starksville, Mississippi.

**4-21-01 Theft of Service** - Officer was dispatched to Shot's convenience store in reference to a theft of service. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her in a black Chevrolet Cavalier pumped \$20.63 worth of unleaded fuel and paid for \$8.00 worth. Attempts to locate subject were negative.

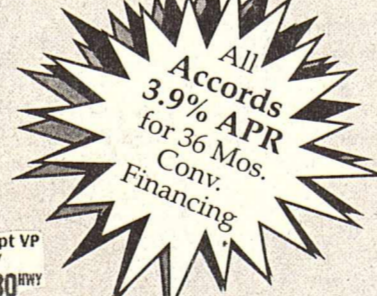
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**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPENDING SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS**

The city council will hold a public hearing to consider the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds for electrical infrastructure to assist Multi Chem at their new facility located in the Sonora Industrial Park. Line Upgrade and Relocation Cost: \$11,594.88

The hearing will be held on May 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

**For Rent**

**For Rent:** Park Place office space for rent. 205-B Hwy. 277 North. \$200.00 per month. Call Jimmy or Sharon Holman at 387-3122 or 387-7046. 4/4/05b

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PARKING ORDINANCE**

The city council will hold a public hearing to consider regulations of parking of vehicles in shopping centers, office centers, industrial centers or business establishments. The hearing will be held on May 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation will receive sealed bids for depository of the Corporation. This period commences June 4th, 2001 through May 31st, 2003. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the Corporation.

**"APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SONORA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDS WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2001"**

Such application shall be received in the office of the Manager of Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, 103 Hwy. 277 North, Sonora, Texas no later than 10:00 A.M. June 1st, 2001. All applications will be opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled board meeting at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 11:30 AM on June 4th, 2001.

All terms conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the Manager of the SIDC and are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as through fully set forth herein.

The SIDC Board of Directors will review and take action on bids at the June 4th, 2001 meeting and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS AND TO WAIVE INFORMALITIES.**

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for temporary (summer only) lifeguards to work at the City Swimming Pool. Employee will have to be certified in red cross and CPR and be able to work outdoors. Contact Melissa Teaff for lifeguard training at 387-2773. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for five (5) part-time positions for students for the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse/Annex and Road & Bridge Department. Applications may be obtained at the Auditor's office and must be turned in by May 18, 2001. Sutton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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