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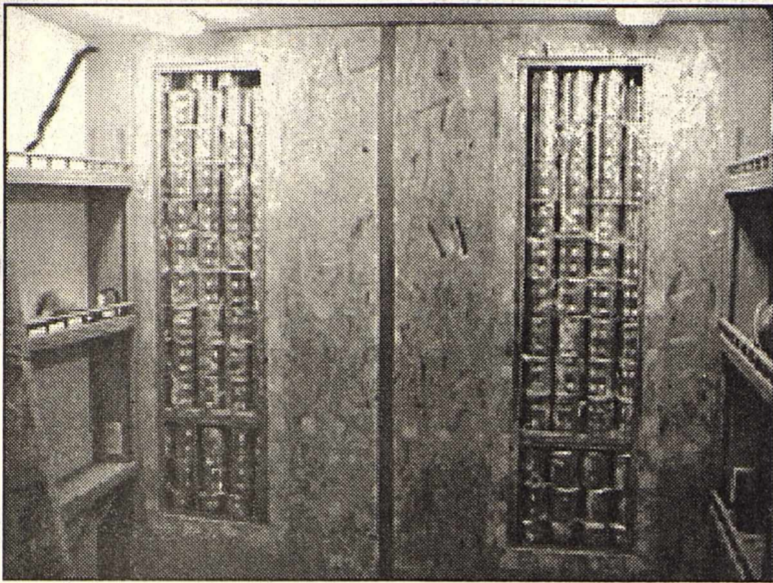
Sutton County Sheriff's Office Seize Ton of Marijuana

Sheriff Joe Fincher announced today that the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and Multi-Agency Drug Task Force had seized nearly a ton of marijuana on Friday, February 3rd. Sheriff Fincher stated that a narcotic look-out for a travel trailer was issued by Uvalde County Sheriff Terry Crawford. His agency and the Real County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Attorney General's Office, had been conducting a money laundering and drug investigation for nearly two years.

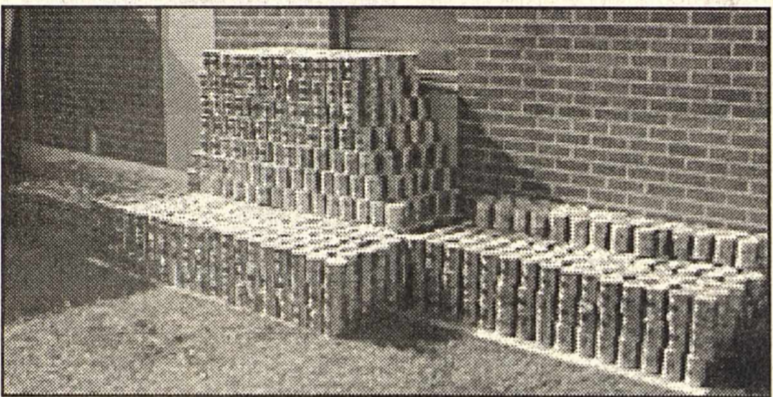
The travel trailer in question was found abandoned in the trailer parking lot at the Caverns of Sonora. A narcotic search warrant was obtained for the trailer where 2,284 pounds of marijuana was found concealed in sealed metal cans inside the walls of the travel trailer.

Three subjects have been arrested in Uvalde, Dennis and Susan Jackson and Robert Warren Fansler. Ruben Balderas were arrested in Nogales, Arizona where he was crossing the border from Mexico. \$526,889 in U.S. currency has already been seized, along with several vehicles and over forty firearms.

Sheriff Fincher stated that the investigation is continuing here and in Uvalde and that his office will continue to check all leads.



The walls of this travel trailer found in Sutton County were lined with sealed cans of marijuana. Photo courtesy of Drug Task Force Agency.



Cans of marijuana removed from the travel trailers filled the lawn at the Uvalde Sheriff Department. Photo courtesy of Uvalde Co. Sheriff's Office.

Sonora Lion's Club Encouraging Groups To Help Clean Up Sutton County

submitted

For the past year, the Sonora Lion's Club has been picking up trash on 2 miles of Highway 277 North. This has been a service we have been happy to do to contribute to the beautification of our town and our highway. The impression people get of a city is judged by the cleanliness of the approach to the city. It simply means to people that we care about our town, our homes and our businesses.

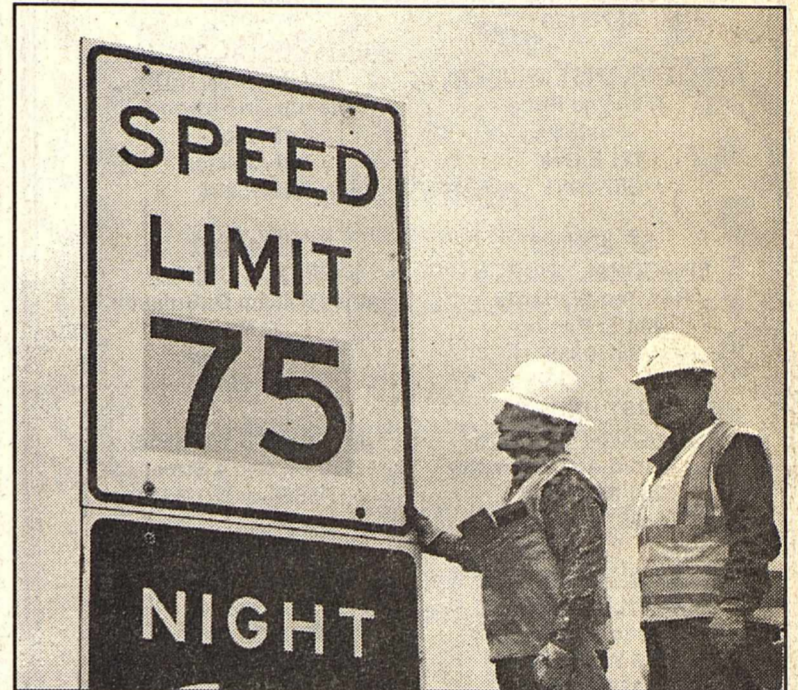
If you have noticed, some of the surrounding towns have many businesses, church or service groups, and even individuals, who have volunteered to pick up a certain two miles of their highway.

The Sonora Lion's Club would like to invite other groups to volunteer and choose some part of the highway to clean. This really does make more of our citizens aware of the pride they have in our community, in keeping it clean.

These groups are assisted by the Texas Department of Transportation in providing vests and bags to use on your stretch of highway.

How about it Sonora? Let's build some more pride in our great little town by helping to keep it clean. Get a group together and call the Lion's Club at 387-3888 or the Texas Dept. of Transportation at 387-2848!

Now You Can Drive 75



Texas Department of Transportation employees, Manuel Peña and Ralph Gonzales unveil the first 75 mph. sign in Sutton County.

Rural areas of Texas will notice higher speed limits this week on 417 miles of Interstate 10 and on 48 miles of Interstate 20.

New rules allowing for a maximum speed limit of 75 mph on Interstates in rural, less populated areas were approved recently by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting.

The rules implement House Bill 299, which allows speed limit increases in counties with populations of less than 10 persons per square mile. The bill was passed during the 77th Legislative session. By the phrasing of the bill, the speed limit is determined by county. Only 86 of the 254 Texas counties are eligible. From the Pecos River

to east of Midland near Stanton will not be eligible for a 75-mph speed limit. That excludes Ward, Ector and Midland counties.

"The reality is that in rural areas, people usually drive a few miles over the speed limit because of the distances involved in getting from point A to point B," said Rep. Pete P. Gallego, who authored the legislation. "The increase in the speed limit will allow people more room to gauge a comfortable yet safe driving speed when traveling."

The 75-mph speed limit will not apply to commercial trucks, truck tractors, trailers and semitrailers. But it will apply to light truck and light trucks pulling a trailer. The nighttime speed limit will remain 65 mph.

Congratulations Lady Broncos! Good Luck In Bi-District!!!!

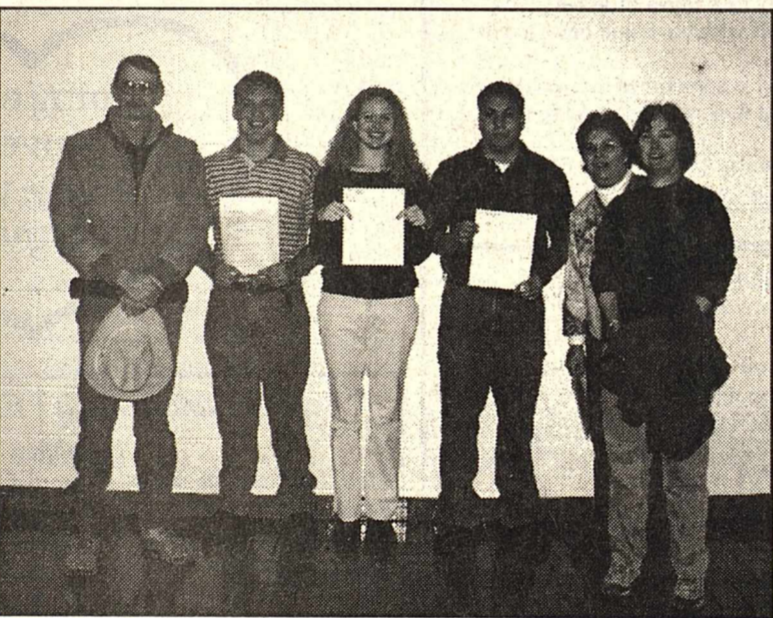
Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation Essay

submitted

Each year the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District conducts a Conservation Essay Contest open to all boys and girls, 18 years of age and younger, who reside within the District boundaries. The contest is a means of educating and involving students in Soil & Water Conservation. Cash awards are given locally with First Place receiving \$50, Second Place receiving \$30, and Third Place \$20. The Lower Colorado River Authority assists the Edwards Plateau SWCD with these monetary awards. The top three essays are then sent to Temple where they are judged for Area II Competition. The Area II essay winners and their parents are honored at the Area II Awards Banquet held in May.

The local winners for the 2001 conservation Essay Contest were Beau Hughes, First Place; Kasey Miller, Second Place; and Ricky Lumbreras, Third Place. These three students, as well as others 18 years of age and younger, are encouraged to compete again this year.

This essay must be 300 words or less and includes, but is not limited to, the following general concept: The soil and water resources of this



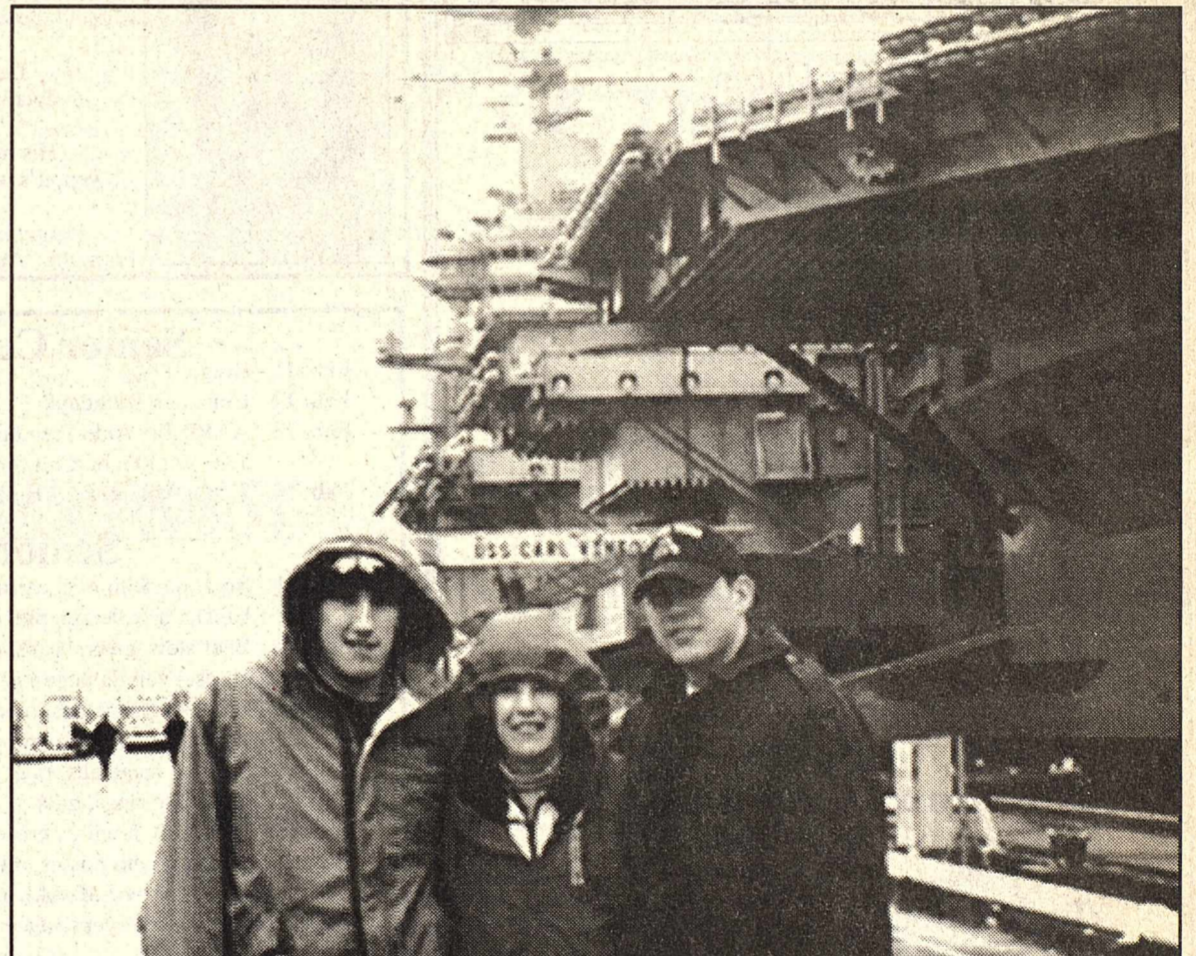
2001 Conservation Essay winners Beau Hughes, Kasey Miller and Ricky Lumbreras shown with Tom Payton, NRCS, Iris Garza SWCD Mgr. and Susan Bloodworth, SWCD Director.

nation are vital for providing us with the necessities of food and shelter. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are engaged in the effort to carry out a local conservation program that meets the needs of the nation's soil and water resources for continued productivity. Deadline for

submitting your local entry is Monday, February 11, 2002.

For further details or questions, please call the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District at 915/387-2730 or come by the District's office at 301 Crockett in Sonora.

Sonora Graduate Sails In On USS Carl Vinson



Kris Wood, Cindy Hayes and Kasey Wood are pictured beside the USS Carl Vinson after it docked recently in Washington.

submitted

Cindy Hayes and son Kris Wood welcomed home son and brother Kasey Wood as he reached the United States after 173 days aboard the super-carrier USS Carl Vinson, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and other missions.

Kasey led his mom and brother on a mini-tour of the ship as it docked in Washington state. The Carl Vinson had traveled some 51,343.2 nautical miles, more than twice the distance around the world.

A resolution from the Washington Legislature commended the Vinson.

"Whereas, those on board the USS Carl Vinson are heroes and an inspiration to others; and Whereas the Washington State House of Representatives and Senate recognize the selfless service of the officers and crew and welcome them home," the resolution read.

Kasey, who is now stationed at



Cindy and her two sons stand near a fighter jet aboard the USS Carl Vinson.

Bremerton, Washington, is a Petty Officer with a rank of E4 aboard the huge ship. His job is one of the 13 "reactors" aboard the vessel. The ship has two nuclear power plants and Kasey helps generate the

steam that drives the huge twin-prop carrier.

The Carl Vinson is over nine stories high, with another five stories under the water.

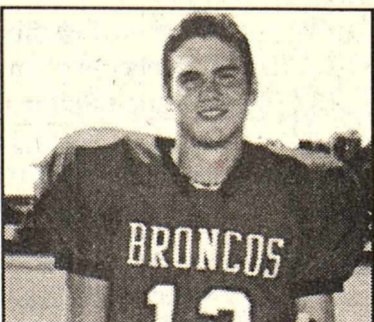
Broncos Named To TSWA All-State Teams



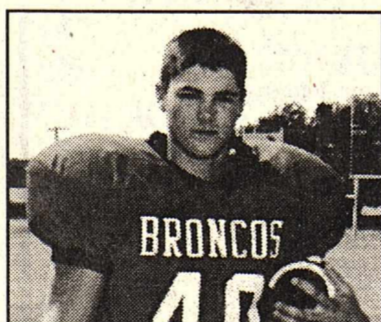
Bloodworth

The Texas State Writers Association recently named the 2A All-State and All-State Academic Teams. Thomas Bloodworth was named Linebacker, James Elliott was named Wide Receiver and William Renfro was chosen as a Running Back.

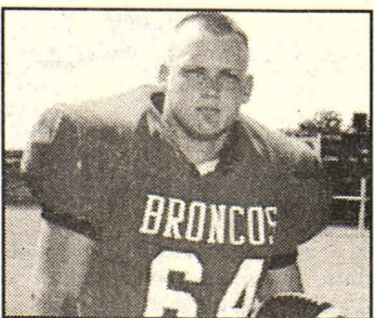
Byron Williams was named to the 2A All-State Academic First Team and Beau Hughes was chosen for the 2A All-State Academic Second Team.



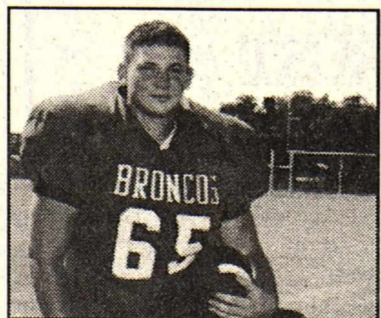
Elliott



Renfro



Hughes



Williams



Sonora Church Directory

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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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387-3190

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387-5713

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387-5886

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Pastor
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387-5266

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387-2278

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Obituaries

Nadine Porter

Nadine Porter, 80, of Sonora died Monday, January 28, 2002, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 29, 2002 in Gooch Cemetery in Mason. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Nadine was born April 13, 1921 in Rivera, Texas in Kleburg

County. She finished school in Mason and moved to Sonora in 1953. She worked as a desk clerk at the Devil's River Motel. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by two nieces, Peggy Arnold and husband Dan of Medicine Hat, Alberta Canada and Sandra Jordan of Pendleton, Texas and cousin Gayle Bartlett of

Nancy Jane Reed Dannheim

Nancy Jane Reed Dannheim passed away Monday, February 4, 2002. She was preceded in death by her parents, Aaron Frances Reed and Lillian Osteen Reed, also by her brother Aaron Frances Reed Jr. (Jenks). Nancy was born in Sonora February 20, 1943. She lived in Sonora most of her life. She was a graduate of Sonora High School. From there she attended TWU in Denton. She married Sherrill Wayne Dannheim May 25, 1963. They had one son, Chayse Wayne Dannheim. She is survived by her husband, Sherrill, her son Chayse, his wife Karnea and their daughter Maegan. A memorial service was held Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 2:00



p.m. at the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel.

Marvin Stevenson to showcase Western Art in Sonora

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Sonora Art.com, Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, and Sutton County Steakhouse would like to invite you to an Art Reception, an oil painting demonstration and one day workshop, on February 16, 2002. If you would like to learn to start an oil painting or brush up your skills come and spend the day with Marvin Stevenson. The reception will be February 15, 2002 at the

lobby of The Bank and Trust of Sutton County at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Mr. Stevenson's work will be on display earlier in the week. At the reception he will be giving some demonstrations of oil painting.

The workshop will be on Saturday, February 16, 2002, at 204 East Main Street from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you need to know more information call Ann Kay at 915-387-2248. So come by, visit, and meet a great artist.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend a big thank you to the students who worked on the Shoe Box Drive. A special thank you to the community and all the parents for your support in filling over 800 shoe boxes with the items that were needed in New York.

Thank you to the following: Kingdom Transportation, Schlumberger Dowell, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County and their staff, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea, Larry Finklea, Sonora Air Cooled Engine, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Taylor, Alco, Business Basics and Shelly Hughes, U.S. Post Office and Staff, Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc., Main Street Program, Devil's River News, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Young, Louise Dermody and Jo Ann Hernandez.

Wedding



Elliott - Gilbert

Cheri Elliott and Michael Gilbert were united in marriage October 20, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church in Seguin.

Cheri is the daughter of Jo Nell and Lee Rihn of St. Hedwig, Texas. The bride's grandmother is Betty Adams Russell of San Angelo, Texas.

Michael is the son of Aline and the late, Robert Gilbert of Cedar Creek. The groom is the grandson of Wilna and the late, Curt Schwiening of Camp Allison. He is also a 1991 graduate of Bastrop High School.

After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple now resides in Seguin.

Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

School Lunch Menu • Feb. 11 - Feb. 15, 2002

Breakfast

Mon. - Oatmeal, toast, jelly, assorted juice.
Tues. - Grilled cheese, assorted juice.
Wed. - Breakfast pizza, fruit, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Muffin, fruit, juice.
Fri. - Cinnamon roll, applesauce, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pizza, kernel corn, vegetable salad, iced brownie.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, roll.
Wed. - Sausage on tortilla, baked beans, pears, jello.
Thurs. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots, rice krispie.
Fri. - Cheese enchiladas, coleslaw, pinto beans, fruit.

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134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
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387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

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

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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

Happy Birthday



On February 10th he turns Forty-One, he says his fun has just begun.

Lately he's like a little boy, always off with his brand new toy.

His mind is sometimes in a daze, yep, it's what they call the mid-life craze.

Happy Birthday to our boss, "Charlie" From the "Angels" who wish they had a Harley!

Senior Center News

Feb. 11 - Bingo.
Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday!
Feb. 13 - AARP Tax Aide-Free Federal Income Tax Preparation! 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Call for appointment.
Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day Party Dance. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Senior Menu

Feb. 11 - Beef tips with rice, carrots, cornbread, strawberry and banana mix, lemon pie, milk.
Feb. 12 - Beef stew, green beans, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding, milk.
Feb. 13 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, Mexican corn, tossed salad, crackers, lemon pudding, milk.
Feb. 14 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomato, rolls, pineapple rings, milk.
Feb. 15 - Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, cornbread muffins, bread pudding with raisins, milk.

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

Menu is subject to change.

Community

February 11
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Annex Bldg.

February 13
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ash Wednesday • Services only.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

February 14
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
12:00 Noon • Sutton County Steakhouse
February 14
Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Senior Center
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
February 19
City Council Meeting • 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Is "Sutton County Historical Society 1887-1977" historically accurate?

A. No! There are many errors in the book; some are proofing errors and some are just honest errors people made. Many wrote their stories from old "word of mouth" stories passed down over the years and very little written documentation of dates and places. Sometimes these stories are correct and memories very sharp but other times they tend to be not quite historically correct. In other cases there were two or three stories on how something happened and not enough space to print them all so people chose the one they liked best. Instead of criticizing the whole book we would suggest that you use it as an outline for your research and go on to document facts in detail. When you consider the resources open to these people in 1977, the fact that most of them had full time jobs and were just volunteers on this project, the time frame they had to complete it, the fact that it was impossible to go over every persons work and correct it, you must admit they took on a monumental task for that time and did the very best they could and should be commended for the work put into it and not criticized.

I will suggest the following corrections to your books on page 370 and 371: In 1891 W. S. Strader was re-elected to office and died, W. B. Silliman was appointed to fill his term, not elected to office. In 1914 R. H. Martin was elected to serve as Sheriff and Tax Collector but resigned before the end of his term and W. H. Gilbert was appointed to fill the rest of the term.

On 3-27-1920 Judge W. E. Hodges resigned from office and E. S. Long was appointed as interim Judge then L. W. Elliott served. Check dates against election books and Sutton County Commissioners Minutes when doing research. There seems to be a little confusion on some of the earlier terms on elected and actual service dates and no notation made when commissioners died or resigned and were replaced. You can't just go by the elections, you have to go through the minutes and find if there is a death or resignation from office before you quote dates in your family records as facts.

Some of the family stories list

Spit Tobacco Kills

by Jessie Johnson

Many teens assume that spit tobacco is a safe alternative to cigarettes, not knowing that any tobaccos use is a health hazard. But the simple fact is, spit tobacco kills. The use of spit tobacco among adolescents has doubled in the past four years. Contrary to popular belief, it is not just males or athletes who are involved with spit tobacco. Spit tobacco is not a safe product. Tobacco companies have shrewdly coined the term "smokeless" tobacco in order to make these products seem less dangerous than cigarettes. We must make an effort to use the appropriate term - spit tobacco - in order to deglamorize this drug and identify it for what it really is; a nasty, gross, life-risking habit. This dangerous, addictive drug can cause various types of cancer in and around the mouth, such as cancer of the mouth and throat. Leukoplakia, a pre-cancerous sore, is also the result of tobacco use. Among its consequences are receding gums, tooth loss, heart disease, stroke and oral cancer. That is not the end of the list. Spit tobacco also causes bad breath, stained teeth, a lowered sense of taste and smell, and slow healing of mouth wounds. Teens today need to understand that spit tobacco kills just like cigarettes. Is there a difference between cigarettes and spit tobacco?

Yes - the difference lies in how they kill users. Spit tobacco users do not inhale carbon monoxide and tars, but they are ingesting nicotine and are exposed to carcinogens.



Before bridges, one enterprising young man built a boat and charged for rides across the rainwater filled draws. Donated by George Brockman.

several different birth dates or places on people. If they weren't born in Sutton County you will have to send to their place of birth and try to get a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal certificate, an old family Bible entry, census record, or newspaper story announcing the birth to settle your family dispute. We do not do research outside of Sutton County, unless it is something written in an old Devil's River News, there is more than enough here to keep us busy. Many times a person would be born near a very large city in a little community that no longer exists and would claim the larger entity as their place of birth. Some people made up where they were born because they didn't want people to know where they came from. County records, newspapers, old ranch record books and diary entries, etc., can help you pin down when and where someone died in this area. Some people even cut articles out of the paper and put them into scrap books. Sometimes when a newspaper no longer exists and there is no death certificate these are the only record of a birth or death. Check your attics or with the older members of your family and please don't throw out any of those old scrap books, diaries, etc. if you don't want them, we sure can use them to help fill in missing records and pictures of people we don't have on file.

Q. When did W. C. Strackbein die?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, March 26, 1921 - W. C. Strackbein died suddenly Friday night, March 18, at his home near Rocksprings. Mr. Strackbein formerly resided in this county and had a ranch in Franks Defeat country. He was in the customary good health when taken with an attack of the heart.

In the same issue we found two more deaths: Miss Alice Wall, daughter of Mrs. E. W. Wall, died at the home of her mother on the South Divide, 20 miles south of Sonora, Sunday night, after a few days illness. Interment was made in the Sonora cemetery Monday afternoon. The services at the grave were conducted by the Rev. Hathorn of the Baptist Church.

T. D. Newell, a pioneer ranchman of the Devil's River county and for many years owner of the Sonora Water Works, died suddenly of heart disease at his home in Uvalde, Wednesday, according to meager reports received here Thursday. His widow and four children survive.

Q. Was there any mention of the name Prosser in your early papers?

A. Devil's River News, February - July 1891 - Robt. W. Prosser, of Camp Hudson, Val Verde county, was in the city Monday on business. His cattle, as well of those of all stockmen between his ranch and Del Rio, are in fine condition. A mail line between Sonora and Juno is badly needed and at present mail is received at Juno and other points much quicker from New York than from San Angelo. Mr. Prosser also believes that considerable time could be profitably spent on the San Angelo and Sonora Road - reprint from San Angelo Enterprise.

There is mention of James Martin being the boss for R. W. Prosser and his stopping in town on business for Mr. Prosser. R. W. Prosser coming into town on business and a reference to him as being

from Beaver Lake area. C. Smith was drilling 3 wells for Mr. Prosser, down on the Devil's River, in July and a note that in November he had obtained an abundance of water for him in Val Verde county at a depth of 469 feet. These are the only entries we have on Prosser at the present time.

Q. Can a person have a private cemetery on their property?

A. Check with your county for rules and regulations on private cemeteries in Texas. It isn't forbidden by law but there are certain things that should be done to protect your graves from desecration.

Q. Can you get death certificates from other counties?

A. Yes you can if you send enough information and the price the other county charges. If you just need a date you might find it on the Social Security Death Index on line or you might find a whole family tree has already been done and all you will need to do is verify information. Many family trees have errors. Someone has taken a son with the same name and used his date of birth instead of his father's in error or has the wrong year through a typographical error. It is easy to hit a 4 or 6 instead of a 5, etc. Always double check any information you get before trying to use it to print up 50 copies of your family tree and having someone tell you after that you are wrong.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 except on Tuesdays. If I am not here the other days, check the Depot, Miers Home Museum, new office building, or the Old Jail. Next to the grocery store or going out to eat these are about the only places Rick and I get to these days.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Please allow us to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the success of the Sonora telephone phone bank held on January 19 in conjunction with West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 32nd annual telethon.

Special thanks to the following: Rosa Hernandez for coordinating the local phone bank, The Bank & Trust for use of phones and facility, all who helped staff the phone bank, and all who made a donation.

We're proud to report that Rehab 2002 met its goal of raising \$1 million, which we will use to provide top-quality rehabilitation care to children and adults who enter our doors seeking help in overcoming disabling illnesses or injuries.

On January 19, Sutton County residents definitely made a difference to West Texas Rehab, and we sincerely thank you!

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Mrs. Sam Taylor nee Katie Burge

15th Celebration

Evelyn Yvonne Castillo

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Bridal Registry

Missy Gentry bride elect of Bryan Barrett
Kathy Cooke bride elect of Chris Hathaway
Mrs. Brandon Lock nee Heather Smith
Mrs. Daniel Anderson nee Collyn Wright
Mrs. Sam Taylor nee Katie Burge

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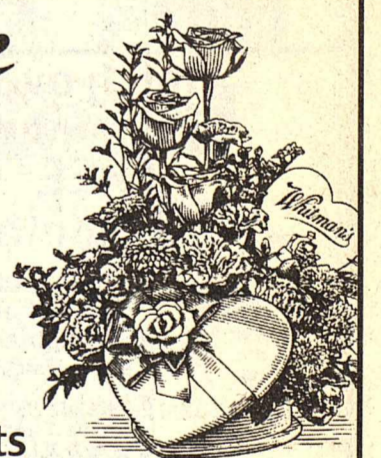
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Sutton County Game Dinner Association business meeting, Monday, Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Station.

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The Devil's River Dancers will be giving **beginner clogging lessons** starting Feb. 7th. Call 387-9315 for more information.

The 2002 yearbooks are on sale. The cost is \$30 and the price will increase. You can send payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 or call Kristen Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for details.

The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for **weddings and parties**. Please contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855.

Cervantes Receives Degree From Texas A&M

submitted
 Eric Lee Cervantes, grandson of Elvira Garcia and step-grandson of Joe Garcia, graduated from Texas A&M University on December 14, 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in speech/communications. The graduation was at Reed Arena in College Station. Eric is the son of Polo and Isabel Cervantes. As a member of the class of 2001, Eric was involved in the rechartering of Kappa Alpha Order, a fraternity of Southern Gentlemen, at Texas A&M. Eric ran for, and successfully obtained the number two position in the organization.

During the last two years Eric was in charge of the pledge classes for the fraternity, making sure that they fulfilled all the obligations required to become members of the Order. He wrote the manual on the processes and procedures required to meet and exceed the requirements. Eric was involved in many other activities while at A&M. He



Eric Cervantes receives his diploma during graduation ceremonies at Texas A&M. has relocated back to San Antonio to start his career.

Who Will Be The Sweetest Hearts?



The 2002 Sweetest Hearts nominees have been chosen and the new Sweetest Hearts for the Sonora Middle School will be announced at the Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 7th. The winners will be in the next issue of The Devil's River News. This year's nominees are:

Desirae Boldt, daughter of Steve & Erica Morriss and Ronny & Tina Boldt
Yasmin Coronado, daughter of Juanita and Rogelio Coronado
Tina Covey, daughter of Vicki Harris and Lee Covey, granddaughter of Amanda Covey
Jillian Gulley, daughter of Rhonda & Jim Gulley
Kristina Hernandez, daughter of Isabel & Eloisa Hernandez
Hillary Lawson, daughter of Jack Lawson & Jane Rushing
Christina Martinez, daughter of Refugio & Sylvia Martinez
Kathy Pacheco, daughter of Emilio & Edna Pacheco
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Cameron Cox, son of Drew & Faye Cox
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Ty Love, son of David & Rebecca Love
Mason Martinez, son of Eddie Martinez and Danni Price
Chris Perez, son of Robert & Cynthia Perez
Trent Reiner, son of Stacey & Diane Reiner
Embre Smith, son of Jack & Lauri Smith
Roland Solis, son of Johnny & Viola Solis

New Earwood Exhibit

Barbara Earwood will be exhibiting her paintings at the Tom Green County Public Library in San Angelo. Her watercolors "Things Remembered" will be shown from February 1, until February 28, 2002. There are some old works but mostly new ideas have been expressed. Two scratchboard prints are among the presentation, the rest are all watercolors. There are three paintings of her baby Angora kids; a scene from Mexico, a Bermuda night scene, a mother and child, deer, puppets, a cowboy and horse, and many colorful flowers. There is something available for everyone. The show is free to the public.

Time Is Running Out To Renew Your Brand

Reprinted from the TSCRA News Update
 Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through Feb. 28, 2002.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording it is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by Feb. 28, 2002, will become available for other persons to use.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where you intend to use them; therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brands with each of those county clerks.

Brands used on horses must be registered separately, even if they are the same ones used on your cattle. Each county charges a small registration fee, ranging from \$8.00 to \$17.00.

A brand may be registered by more than one person in each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

For more information, contact County Clerk Betty Hernandez at 387-3815.

Airman Lozano Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Charles N. Lozano has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lozano is the son of Toni Wright of Sonora, Tx.

The airman is a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School.

Happy Birthday

February 7
 Michelle Crites, Diane Keller, Preston Lopez, Pamela Arnke, Christopher Lindsey, Peter Young

February 8
 Keith Butler, Ann Kay

February 9
 JoAnn Palmer, Katie Braly, Boomer Galindo, Dora Fuentez, John Lopez III, Joyce Jimenez, Roberta James

February 10
 Patti Prather, Dana Young, Sara Gutierrez, Gary Hull, Cynthia Hillis, Lorena Lopez

February 11
 Ty Fincher, Maria Lopez, Jeanette Turner

February 12
 Scott Neff, Jed Davenport, Eddie Favila

February 13
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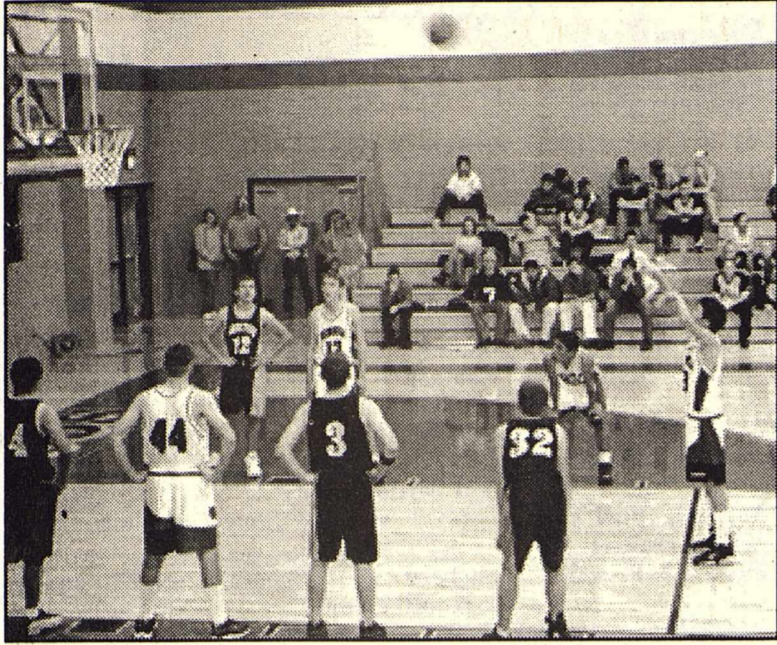
Spotlighting Sonora Volunteers

The Sutton Unit of the American Cancer Society currently consists of 22 volunteers that donate their time and efforts to help Sutton County residents who are dealing with cancer.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. It is one of the oldest and largest voluntary health agencies in the United States, with over two million Americans united to conquer cancer through balanced programs of research, education, patient service, advocacy, and rehabilitation. To date, the Society has invested more than \$2.2 billion in cancer research and has provided grant support to 30 Nobel Prize winners early in their careers.

Local volunteers are: (Front) Jean Redman - Secretary, Lucille McMillan, and Allie Askew - Memorials. (Back) Storie Sharp - Vice-President, Erica Morriss - President, Robert Duran - Patient Services, Kendra Vylvecka - Treasurer and Lou Faulks - Communications. *Not pictured:* Ada Castilleja - Public Education, Shanna Petty, Virginia Epps, Charles Graves, Betty Stephen, Smith Neil, Loma Surber, Dorothy Baker, LuAnn King, Dr. Charles Pajestka, Noemi Samaniego, Terry Surridge, Maria Carrasco and Chris Croy.

Junior Varsity Boys Defeat Junction, Fall To Mason



Clint Cearley shoots a free throw against Junction.

submitted

The Junior Varsity boys started the second half of District with a victory against the Junction Eagles. Seth Prather was the leading scorer with 15 points, 5 of those coming from freethrows. Dustin Creek had 10 points, followed by Stevie Hernandez with 9. Clint Cearley had an excellent defensive game with 8 steals and 4 points. Brian Payton had 3 and Austin Wagoner added 2, making the final score Sonora 42 and Junction 27.

On Friday they traveled to

Mason to take on the Punchers. The Broncos controlled most of the first half and went to the locker room with a 19-18 lead. The third quarter found the Broncos shooting cold, scoring only 5 to Mason's 13. Leading scorers for the Broncos were Prather with 9, followed closely by Hernandez and Wagoner with 7 each. Creek had 6 and Payton had 4. Cearley rounded out the scoring with 2. At the final buzzer the Broncos were on the losing end, 35 to 43.

Turner & Legislature Helping Children Receive Medical Care



AUSTIN -- Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss)

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Representative

Bob Turner (D-Voss) announced

that Texas now has a new simplified

process for providing health

coverage to Texas' uninsured children.

"Under the direction of our current House leadership we have been able to make improvements into how Texas government works," Turner said. "In particular we have been working hard to help Texas children gain access to quality healthcare."

Rep. Turner said that his goal is to help every eligible child in Texas receive the healthcare services they need. Simplifying the Medicaid enrollment process so that it is similar to the successful enrollment process used for Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) will help increase the number of Texas children with health insurance coverage.

The new law does not change any of the eligibility requirements for Medicaid only the application and enrollment process. Even with the success of CHIP, Texas has an estimated one million children without health insurance coverage. Of those one million children, an estimated 500,000 qualify for Medicaid benefits but are not enrolled in the program. Since Texas began actively promoting CHIP, the parents of over 100,000 children have been referred to Medicaid but never completed the burdensome interview process. By changing the enrollment process, Texas legislators made it easier for families to participate in Medicaid, reducing the number of uninsured children in the state.

Rep. Turner said that initial applications and renewals for children's Medicaid can now be processed by mail or over the telephone. Rep. Turner noted that parents new to Medicaid must attend a program orientation, and all children must receive regular medical check-ups and immunizations.

"Bureaucracy and paperwork should never keep any child from obtaining healthcare," Turner said. "We have taken steps that removes obstacles to provide greater access and delivery."

Rep. Turner said that local governments also benefit when the state enrolls more Medicaid-eligible children. Children from families without insurance coverage often wait until they are very ill to seek healthcare and use expensive emergency room care. Local taxpayers and hospitals end up covering the healthcare costs for the uninsured.

"Providing our children with healthcare is simply the right thing to do," Turner said. "The state can also benefit from an economic standpoint by providing preventive healthcare to keep children out of emergency rooms and in the classroom."

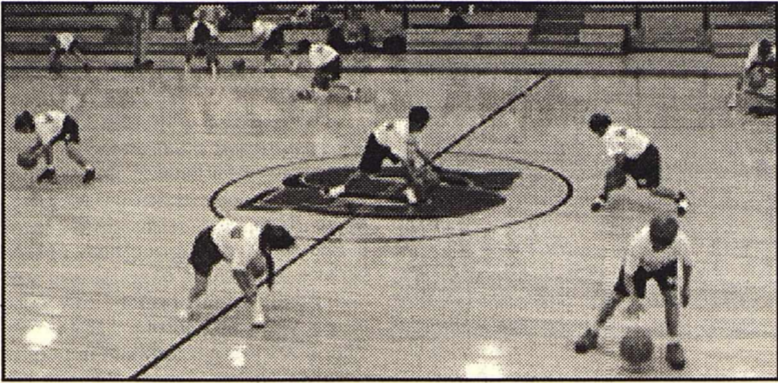
In 1999, the Legislature enacted the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which offers affordable comprehensive health insurance to children of working Texas families who cannot afford the high cost of private health insurance. The state has now enrolled over 500,000 children in CHIP by establishing a health insurance plan with a sensible application process.

For more information on Medicaid or any other legislation, Rep. Turner encourages those interested to call his Capitol office at (512) 463-0644 or visit the State of Texas website at www.capitol.state.tx.us.



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Players In Progress



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J.V. Lady Broncos Split Week

submitted

The Sonora Lady JV Broncos split their two games last week. On Tuesday, January 29, 2002 they completely destroyed Junction in the Bronco Gym by the score of 50 to 12. Then, on Friday, they lost a close game to Mason's JV in Mason 29-25. Against Junction they jumped out to a 14-6 first quarter lead and never looked backed as they outscored the Lady Eagles by 13-1 in the second quarter, 10-3 in the third and 13-2 in the fourth. This was one of the best, if not the best, games played this year by the Lady Broncos.

Scoring were Savannah Hedgecock - 10 pts., Chelsea Seaton

and Leandra Perez - 8 pts., Alyssa Ibarra - 6 points, Brittany Longoria - 5 pts., Cady Taylor and Kenia Gutierrez 4 pts., Mayra Martinez, and Ruby Galindo - 2 pts. and Tara Green - 1 pt.

In Mason, Sonora jumped out to a 7-5 lead, but poor second and third quarters were the undoing, as they were outscored 7-2 and 10-5 respectively. A fourth quarter rally, where they outscored Mason by 11-7, came up four points short. Scoring were Seaton with 9 pts., Taylor - 4 pts., Perez - 3 pts., Susanna Street, B. Longoria and Dianah Hernandez - 2 pts each and Shannon Vick 1 pt.

Broncos Defeat Eagles

The Broncos hosted the Junction Eagles on January 29, 2002 for a victory of 69 to 47. Scottie Moore led the Broncos with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Caleb Gulley followed closely with 11 points. Chance Dillard assisted the scoring with 14 rebounds.

On February 1st the Broncos traveled to Mason.

Justin Routh led the scoring with 17 points, followed by Caleb Gulley with 10 points. Scottie Moore had 8 rebounds and Douglas Yocham had 5.

Lady Broncos Edged Out

The Lady Broncos traveled to Mason on February 1, 2002 to take on the Lady Punchers. A very close game ended with a score of only 2 points difference, unfortunately the two points were in favor of Mason. The Lady Punchers defeated the Lady Broncos 65 to 63. Heather Lawson led the Sonora Ladies with 22 points. Morgan Hobbs had 11 points and Tamika Marshall had 10 points. Monica Lira and Ashley Parker each netted 8 points, Kara Hard and Deseree Gonzales and Brea Hughes each contributed 1 point.

Journalism Students Compete in Bangs U.I.L. Tournament

On Saturday, February 2nd, several members of the Journalism U.I.L. Team traveled to Bangs for an academic meet. Making the trip was Leslie Gamez, Kate Higdon, Evangelina Martinez, Sheryl Strauch and Susanna Street. Thirty five schools participated in the meet, including several 4A schools. The journalism events had over 30 competitors in each contest. In Feature Writing, Leslie Gamez placed fourth. In News Writing, Susanna Street placed second. Sheryl Strauch placed first in Editorial Writing and fifth in Headline Writing. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

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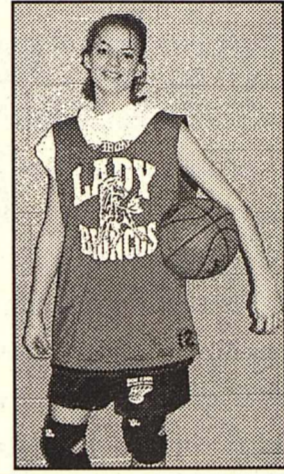
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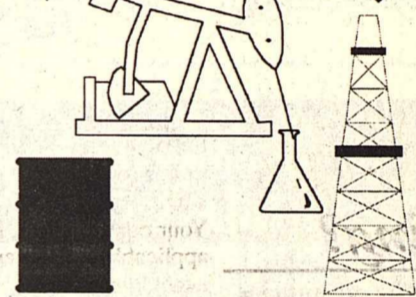
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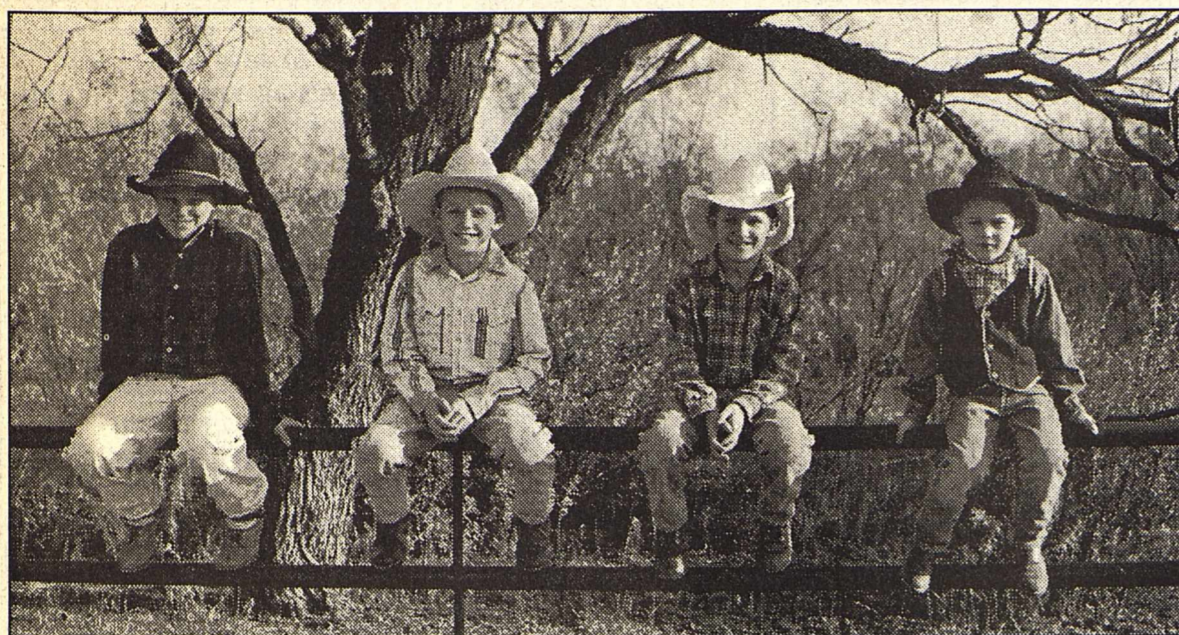
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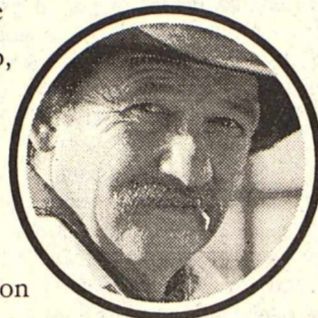


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To become a licensed private applicator, you must attend a Texas Cooperative Extension Service private applicator training program, make a passing score on a Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) private applicator examination and submit an application to the TDA along with a required \$50.00 fee. The TDA private applicator license is valid for five years.

Persons who plan to attend the training session and take the TDA test are encouraged to obtain a copy of Using Pesticides-Private Applicator Manual from the County Extension Office for review and study prior to attending the training session.

Anyone having any questions should contact Dale C. Brandenberger, Kimble County Extension Agent at 915-446-2620.

New Sheep And Goat Scrapie Regulations Take Effect April 1

by Steve Byrns

San Angelo - Sheep and goat industry folks owning one head or thousands, need to remember that on April 1, 2002, all sheep and goats must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management regulations.

"These new regulations require sheep and goats to be wearing a premise identification ear tag before they are removed from your premises," said Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension state sheep and goat specialist here. "It makes no difference if that premise is a ranch or someone's back yard, if the animals fall within the required regulation guidelines, they must be tagged."

Craddock described the five sheep and goat classes that require tagging as follows: (1) All sheep 18 months of age or older, (2) All breeding sheep regardless of age, (3) Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats, (4) All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled with sheep, (5) All breeding goats that are or

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The 'Dirty Dozen' IRS Warns Of 12 Common Scams

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service issued a nationwide alert to taxpayers warning them not to fall victim to one of the "Dirty Dozen" tax scams. These schemes take several shapes, ranging from false claims of slavery reparations to illegal ways of "untaxing" yourself.

"These 'Dirty Dozen' schemes surface each year as tax filing season begins. Con artists shamelessly take advantage of people, charging fees for their illegal tax schemes," IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti said. "People should be on-guard for these scams. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

If people think something may be unscrupulous, they can report suspected tax fraud to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

AFRICAN-AMERICANS GET A SPECIAL TAX REFUND. Thousands of African-Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no such provision in the tax law. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them to prepare a claim for this refund. But the claims are a waste of money. Promoters of reparations tax schemes have been convicted and imprisoned. The IRS reminds taxpayers that they could face up to a \$500 penalty for filing such claims if they do not back away from the claim.

NO TAXES BEING WITHHELD FROM YOUR WAGES. Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax law and have been refuted in court. If you have concerns about your employer and employment taxes, you can get help by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

"I DON'T PAY TAXES - WHY SHOULD YOU?" Con artists may talk about how they don't file or pay taxes and then charge people a fee to share their "secret." The real secret that these people don't reveal is that many of them actually do file and pay taxes -- they just won't publicly admit it. Again, the IRS reminds people that failure to file or pay taxes is subject to civil and/or criminal tax penalties.

PAY THE TAX, THEN GET THE PRIZE. The caller says you've won a prize and all you have to do to get it is pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. If you really won a prize, you may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS - not the caller. Whether you've won cash, a car, or a trip, the prize giver generally sends you and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize value that should be reported on your tax return.

UNTAX YOURSELF FOR \$49.95. This one's as old as snake oil, but people continue to be taken in. And now it's on the Internet. The ads may say that paying taxes is "voluntary," but it is absolutely wrong. The U. S. courts have continuously rejected this and other similar arguments. Unfortunately, hundreds of people across the country have bought "untax packages" before finding out that following the advice contained in them can result in civil and/or criminal tax penalties being assessed. Numerous sellers of these bogus packages have been convicted on criminal tax charges.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX SCHEME. Taxpayers shouldn't fall victim to a scam offering them refunds of the Social Security taxes they have paid during their lifetimes. The scam works by the victim paying a "paperwork" fee of \$100, plus a percentage of any

refund received, to file a refund claim with the IRS. This hoax fleeces the victims for the up-front fee. The law does not allow such a refund of Social Security taxes paid. The IRS processing centers are alert to this hoax and have been stopping the false claims.

"I CAN GET YOU A BIG REFUND...FOR A FEE!" Refund scheme operators may approach you wanting to "borrow" your Social Security Number or give you a phony W-2 so it appears that you qualify for a big refund. They may promise to split the refund with you, but the IRS catches most of these false refund claims before they go out. And when one does go out, the participant usually ends up paying back the refund along with stiff penalties and interest. Two lessons to remember: 1) Anyone who promises you a bigger refund without knowing your tax situation could be misleading you, and 2) Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it's honest and correct.

SHARE OR BORROW EITC DEPENDENTS. Unscrupulous tax preparers "share" one client's qualifying children with another client in order to allow both clients to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, if one client has four children they only need to list two for EITC purposes to get the maximum credit. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and list the other two on another client's tax return. The preparer and the client "selling" the dependents split a fee. The IRS prosecutes the preparers of such fraudulent claims, and participating taxpayers could be subject to civil penalties.

IRS "AGENT" COMES TO YOUR HOUSE TO COLLECT. First, do not let anyone into your home unless they identify themselves to your satisfaction. IRS special agents, field auditors, and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact you before they visit. If you think the person on your doorstep is an impostor, lock your door and call the local police. To report IRS impostors, call the Treasury Inspector General's Hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

"PUT YOUR MONEY IN A TRUST AND NEVER PAY TAXES AGAIN." Promoters of abusive trust schemes may charge \$5,000 to \$70,000 for "trust" packages. The fee enables taxpayers to have trust documents prepared, to utilize foreign and domestic trustees as offered by promoters and to use foreign bank accounts and corporations. Although these schemes give the appearance of the separation of responsibility and control from the benefits of ownership, these schemes are in fact controlled and directed by the taxpayer. A legitimate trust is a form of ownership that completely separates responsibility and control of assets from all of the benefits of ownership.

IMPROPER HOME-BASED BUSINESS. This scheme purports to offer tax "relief" but in reality is illegal tax avoidance. The promoters of these schemes claim that individual taxpayers can deduct most, or all, of their personal expenses as business expenses by setting up a bogus home-based business. But, the tax code firmly establishes that a clear business purpose and profit motive must exist in order to generate and claim allowable business expenses.

CLAIM DISABLED ACCESS CREDIT FOR PAY PHONES. Con artists sell expensive coin-operated pay telephones to individuals, contending they can claim a \$5,000 Disabled Access Credit on their tax return because the telephones have volume controls. In reality, the Disabled Access Credit is limited to bona fide businesses that are coming into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bonilla Applauds President's State of the Union Address



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) "THE SPEECH OUR NATION NEEDED TO HEAR"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla joined colleagues from both sides of the political aisle and both chambers of the Congress last week as President George W. Bush presented his first-ever State of the Union address.

"This was the speech our nation needed to hear," said Mr. Bonilla. "Our country has changed dramatically since September 11th. The people of the United States have resumed their daily lives, but we have not forgotten the events of that tragic day. We still need a leader, like President Bush, to keep us focused and strong."

Rep. Bonilla applauded President Bush's outline for the War on Terrorism, and complimented his undaunting conviction. As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla was pleased with the president's emphasis on the nation's military.

"Amazing accomplishments have been achieved over the last four months. But we have a long way to go. President Bush understands the road ahead and has prepared us well," said Mr. Bonilla. "Tonight, he laid out a blueprint for our nation's success. But most importantly, he once again gave us the confidence to move forward."

"In order to win this war on terrorism, we must support the men and women of our armed services. President Bush signaled tonight that he will not neglect the strength of our military. He is dedicated to rebuilding our national defense and making it stronger than ever. This is the type of unwavering commitment our brave nation deserves," said Mr. Bonilla.

In addition to the War on Terrorism, President Bush discussed his commitment to securing the nation's economy. Mr. Bonilla was an original co-sponsor of the president's tax cut proposal early last year. He is hopeful that a stimulus package will include additional tax cuts, assistance for small business, and most importantly, opportunities for job growth and security.

"President Bush remains committed to getting our nation back on track. He recognizes that in order to create economic growth and create job security, we must cut taxes, not delay or increase them," said Mr. Bonilla. "Allowing every American to keep more of their money is good for our nation and for the economy as a whole."

Mr. Bonilla recognizes that the nation's goals have changed dramatically since September 11th. However, he was pleased to see President Bush's dedication to his early promises. "The president has not forgotten the goals he set out last year. His plate is much fuller than it was four months ago, but he proved tonight that he will keep his promises. Our nation will see better education, better healthcare and a stronger social security system. Because of President Bush's steadfast leadership, we can all proclaim tonight that the state of our union is strong!"

Scrapie Regulations from page 6

Animal Health Commission, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Veterinary Services from Texas, explain scrapie as a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats. It was accidentally introduced into the U.S. in 1947. Lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease. The malady develops slowly and infected animals usually don't show symptoms until they are at least 18 months-old. Symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying and wool pulling.

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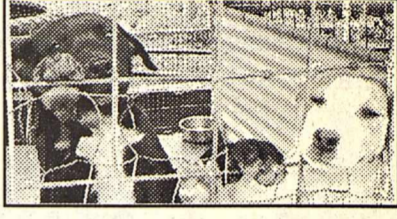
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Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security Releases Report

SAN ANTONIO-Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst and members of the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security released their "January Report to the Governor" following a meeting at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

Following the tragedies of September 11, 2001, Governor Rick Perry appointed Dewhurst to head the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security. Charged with examining Texas' ability to respond to and prevent acts of terrorism in Texas, the Task Force has heard numerous hours of testimony from experts on health & bio-terrorism, the military, first responders, and from city, county, state and federal officials.

"The Task Force has been very focused on ensuring that Texans feel secure in their day-to-day lives by the State's being prepared in case of terrorism," Dewhurst said. "We

have received input from many experts, and we believe the recommendations will help our state be stronger and safer."

The "January Report" includes recommendations covering health issues, state response plans, and intelligence gathering. Specific recommendations include:

- Using a statewide system to communicate warning and safety information to the public.

- Request federal authorization and funding for a second Civil Support Team (CST) for Texas.

- Support funding for additional personnel for the Governor's division of Emergency Management for field personnel to support local government efforts to plan and train for disasters.

- Support the Texas Department of Health's recent plan to improve response capabilities in the event of an anthrax or bio-terrorism event.

- Establish 10 Regional HazMat

Teams (Hazardous Materials-Weapons of Mass Destruction Teams).

- Establish a centralized point of contact for intelligence information involving critical infrastructure.

Prior to presenting the January report, the Task Force met to vote upon its adoption. A special presentation of the Bexar County and the City of San Antonio Terrorism Preparedness Plan was given by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff, Mayor Edward D. Garza, and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Miller. Dewhurst also discussed his January 24 meeting with President Bush and Governor Ridge and a report on meetings with Mexico.

The Task Force will continue to monitor the fiscal impact and developmental stages of those recommendations placed into action. Members may also be called upon to address other safety concerns during their two-year appointments.

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