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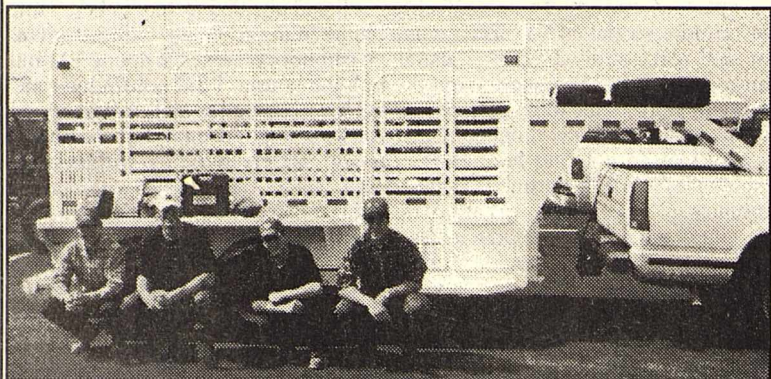
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Thursday, February 21, 2002

Ag Mechanics Build A Blue Ribbon Trailer



The Sonora FFA Ag Mechanics students recently represented Sonora in the Houston and San Antonio Ag Mechanics Shows.

Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, Thomas Homra and Josh Hopkins entered a Gooseneck trailer they had built for Cades Pope. The trailer received a blue ribbon in San Antonio and was 2nd place in the class behind the overall Reserve Champion.

Thomas Bloodworth was a blue ribbon winner in the Houston Mechanics show with his Tee-post puller.

Hospital Auxiliary Cookbooks Hot Off The Press



Vallree Draper and Keith Butler proudly display the newly published Hospital Auxiliary Cookbook. On sale now at locations around town, including the Devil's River News office.

Buy a cookbook and help the Hospital purchase a Cardiac Telemetry System. Recipes, a total of 300, collected by the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are now available in a new cookbook that sells for \$12. Auxiliary members can pick up their books at the Civic Center. Anyone wishing to purchase cookbooks can contact a member or go by the Civic Center on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These recipe books will make wonderful gifts and the funds from sales will be used toward the purchase of hospital equipment, educational scholarships, and other worthy efforts that benefit our community. Recipes have been included from many members of the community, including some favorites of the late Lillian M. Hudspeth herself. Please support this project by purchasing a cookbook for yourself and for those you love.

SIDC Welcomes Hanover And Holt To Sonora

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC) was on hand last week to welcome The Hanover Company to Sonora.

The company, previously located in Eldorado, recently moved their offices to Sonora in the building on W. Plum St. behind Thorp's Laun-dry. Sam Patterson, Area Superintendent, said that the move was made because there is more activity in the Sonora area and he, recently named to the new position of Superintendent, already lived here.

The Hanover Company is the leading provider of natural gas compression services, maintaining a 2.0-million-horsepower rental compression fleet that is the largest in the industry. They also provide parts and service for their installed base of compression equipment, treatment services, compressor fabrication, production equipment fabrication, and measurement services.

Patterson said that basically "the company rents, leases, sells and services everything from the well head to the pipeline."

In addition to their own business, Hanover will be working with Holt® Power Systems out of San Antonio to sell parts out of the Hanover office.

Holt Company of Texas is a Caterpillar® dealership that sells and services new and used Caterpillar machines and engines. Holt Company of Texas represents Caterpillar, NPK, Cedarapids, and



SIDC Board President Mike Hale, SIDC Mgr., Justin McGeath, Bobby Andrews of Holt, Sam Patterson of Hanover, SIDC members Lewis Allen, Tommy Arnewine and Keith Butler announce the opening of the Sonora branch of The Hanover Company and Holt® Power Systems.

LoadKing Trailers over a large geographical area in South and Central Texas.

Bobby Andrews, Sonora Area Field Technician, said that the company would like to offer parts competitively in a local office. Currently, most compressor companies have to wait for parts to be shipped from Midland or further. By offering the parts locally, Holt can better accommodate their customers by offering them quicker service and saving them money.

Employees for Hanover are: Coby Cathey, Operations Manager;

Dr. Calderon Appointed Chief of Staff For 2002

The meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 11, 2002 at the Hospital Annex.

The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, President, Lewis Allen, Vice President, Lenora Pool, Sherrill Dannheim, and Mike Healy. Also present for the meeting were Rex Ann Friess, Sutton County Appraisal District; Keith Bulter, CEO; and Carolyn Lara, Alternate Board Secretary.

Upon a motion by Allen, seconded by Dannheim, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2002 and the special called meeting of January 15, 2002.

Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, reported that the taxes for 2002 are 95% collected as of January 31st. The Appraisal District is aggressively pursuing the collection of delinquent taxes.

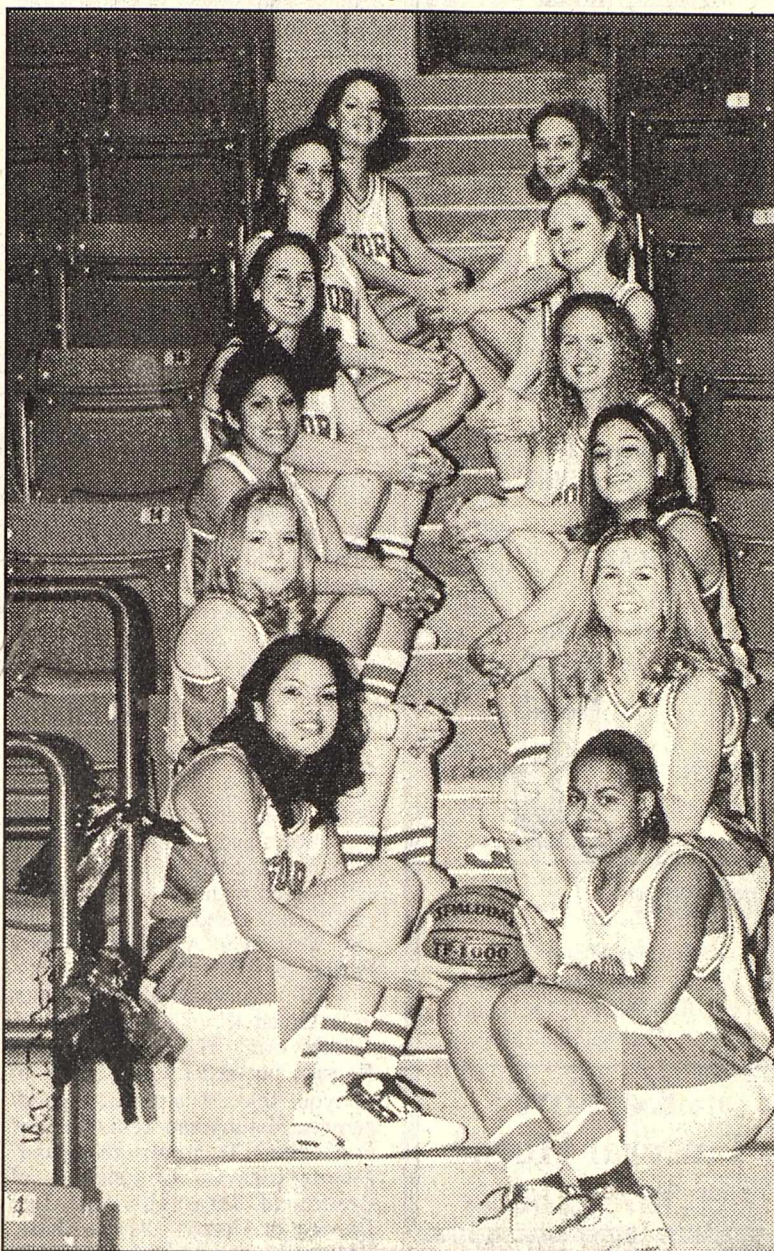
A motion was made by Dannheim, seconded by Healy, to call for an election on May 4, 2002, for Directors in Precincts 2, 4, and one at-large. The motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented a list of capital equipment items, with funds for these to be requested from the Corporate Board. The items are two Sigma IV pumps, a refurbished Hewlett Packard monitor/defibrillator/pacer to replace the unit on the second floor, and two power back-up units for the lab equipment. The cardiac telemetry unit on the second floor also needs to be replaced. The Auxiliary is working toward raising money for the telemetry unit, but the unit needs to be replaced right away. Butler has priced several new telemetry units. A motion was made by Pool, seconded by Dannheim to approach the Corporate Board to purchase these items. The motion carried.

The Medical Staff Credentials Committee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2002. A recommendation was made to the Board of Directors that Guido Calderon, M.D. be appointed as Chief of Staff for 2002. A motion was made by Pool, seconded by Healy

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2002 Lady Broncos



Lady Broncos End Season With A Close One Against Ozona

The 2002 Lady Broncos ended their season with a heart-breaking, last-minute loss to the Ozona Lady Lions last Tuesday, February 12th in San Angelo, Texas.

The game had been close through-out the entire time of play, with Sonora taking the lead in the final three minutes. Thanks to layups by Heather Lawson and Tamika Marshall the girls remained ahead of the Lady Lions. Ozona quickly caught back up, but Morgan Hobbs helped bring the Ladies back up in the last couple of minutes. After a foul, Marshall was back up for free-throws, but fate was not to have it as both shots bounced off the rim.

Sonora was still up by one point when the final play of the game was made. Jordan Webster of Ozona lobbed the ball from mid-court, making a buzzer shot that was unanticipated and unbelievable. The fateful shot put the Lady Lions over by two as the game ended, ending the season for our Lady Broncos with a 43 to 41 defeat.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Broncos was Morgan Hobbs with 16 points and Monica Lira with 10 pts. Tamika Marshall had 6 pts., Heather Lawson had 5 and Kasey Miller rounded out the scoring with 4 pts. Congratulations Ladies on a great season! We are proud of you!

It's Time To Get Together!
The First Relay For Life Team Captain Meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the First National Bank Founders Room.
If you are a team captain or you are interested in having a team, Please join us!!!
Call Storie today at 387-2507 to sign up for the 2002 Relay For Life!

Bronco Baseball Season Starts Friday

By Nancy Glasscock

Sonora Bronco baseball is on tap starting Friday at home when the Winters Blizzards travel here. Coach John Creek, varsity coach, is optimistic about the team's potential this season. In an interview on Monday before practice, he said this year's varsity "has benefitted from the move up of several players from the last year's 10-1 JV team."

This year's twelve player roster is led by returning starter, Sean Fields. Fields, a senior, plays centerfield and is the Broncos leadoff hitter. Creek said Fields' "experience shows with his patience at the plate to get on base" and his ability key on opposing pitchers' deliveries to steal bases for the Broncos.

Joining this year's team and back on the baseball diamond for the first time in several years is William Renfro. Creek plans to use the speedy football and track athlete on the basepath to put runs on the scoreboard. Renfro will also be playing in the outfield where his speed will again be valuable by getting a jump on fly balls.

Starting pitching for the

Broncos this year will be Justin Sims, who was a combined 7-1 last season and Scotty Moore, who was 4-0 last season for the JV and Varsity teams. Closers and relievers will be senior Stetson Hall and juniors Emmanuel Lopez, Landon Brockman, and Douglas Yocham. The main man behind home plate will be Brockman.

The multi-talented infielders are Hall and Matt Batchelor at first base, Lopez at shortstop, Caleb Gulley and Israel Arevalo at second. Sims and Moore will rotate at third.

Tan Cade, Douglas Yocham, and Fields will start in the outfield for Sonora. Lionel Cervantes, Renfro, Arevalo, and Gulley will back the starters up.

Non-district play will be from this Friday's 7PM Varsity game until the district games begin on March 22 against Junction. The Devils River Tournament will be here next week from Thursday, February 28 through Saturday, March 2nd. Come out and support both the Varsity and JV baseball teams.

School Board Discusses New Bond Project - Views New Blueprints

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2002. Board members present were Tryon Fields, President, Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Also present were: Brant Myers, Superintendent, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Rex Ann Friess, Jason Herring, Diane Jacoby, Barbara and Reed Jennings, Cynthia Keel, Storie Sharp and John Williams.

The meeting was called to order by President Fields who announced that a quorum was present.

Myers announced board training hours for the year as follows: Dayton Armke - 0; Jesse Bustamante - 10.25; Tammy Favila - 14.25; Tryon Fields - 14.25; Sam David Hernandez - 8.25 - Scott Jacoby - 15.00; and Tom Payton - 8.00. He then presented each Board member with a small memento in recognition of their service to the district.

The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda items including the minutes of January 14, 2002; the Tax Assessor/Collector Report which listed the collection rate at 96%; current bills in the amount of \$133,604.25; and a budget amendment in the area of donations from the Booster club for meals for athletes. A motion was made by Payton and seconded by Hernandez to approve the above.

Myers began the Superintendent's Report by presenting information regarding the district's fund balance for the past several years. He then stated that enrollment was down 1 for a total of 92.5. Additionally, he informed the Board that the attendance rate was horrid at the present time due to widespread illness. Myers and the Board reviewed the various projects and work in the January Maintenance Report, including the progress on the Castlehill Apartments. Myers stated that work on the Apartments was progressing in a very timely manner. Myers presented the Budget Calendar and stated that the budget process was underway. Myers informed the Board that the company which had purchased the old roofing tiles had begun collecting them and was paying each time they picked up a load. The last check received was for \$2200.

Superintendent Myers reviewed the points covered in the agreement with the bond counsel. Following his comments, a motion was made by Bustamante, seconded by Favila, to authorize and approve execution of the agreement for bond counsel services with Fisher & Newsom, P.C. The motion carried unanimously.

Myers distributed a composite of bids received for the renovation on the Castle Hill Apartments. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Favila, seconded by Hernandez to award the bid to Creek Swabbing in the amount of \$188,610.00 with any change orders as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent briefly reviewed the points covered in Update 67. He also commented that the Sonora Board was already doing all the things covered in the board decision points. A motion was made by Payton, seconded by Bustamante, to adopt Update 67 as presented. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the quote received from Sport Court for the High School floor. The floor had been damaged last year and was currently in a patch repair state. It has already had to be patched on a couple of occasions, due to wear and tear. The quote from Sport

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Sonora Church Directory

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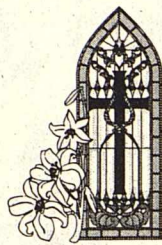
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Obituaries

Martin Torres Perez

Martin Torres Perez, 101, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2002 in an Ozona Nursing Home. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2002 in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral home. He is survived by two daughters Irene Ranzini of Houston and Violet Couch of Austin.

Bessie Lucille Adams

Bessie Lucille Adams was born to Burt and Lorrie Rode April 10, 1917. She passed away Thursday, February 14, 2002, in Midland.

She was raised on the Rode Ranch, east of Sonora. She, her sister and brother attended Cedar Hill School at Camp Allison in Sutton County and Sonora public schools. While attending Cedar Hill, she and her sister were members of the girls basketball team.

She was married to Artie Matthew Adams September 19, 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1983. They made their home in Sonora where she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She helped her husband in the 1970's with his accounting and tax business. She dearly loved her family and was devoted to them. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Sonora.

Bessie was also preceded in death by her parents; her brother, G.T. Rode, and his wife, Dilla; a brother-in-law, Terry Baker; and her oldest son, Tommy Ray Adams.

She is survived by her sister, Essie Baker of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora; one son, Artie Burt Adams and his wife, LaRue, of Victoria; one daughter, Katherine McReynolds and her husband, James, of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Florrie Adams of San Angelo; grandchildren, Teresa Adams of San Angelo, Terry Adams of New Mexico, Ronald Gillaspay of Midland, Sharla Adams Wilson and Sheila Adams Todd of Oklahoma; and four great-grandchildren.

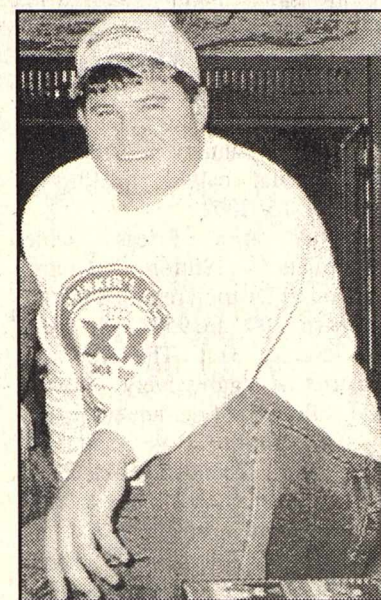
Funeral services were Saturday, February 16, in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

Thomas Jefferson "T.J." Green IV

Thomas Jefferson "T.J." Green IV, 23, of Sonora, Texas passed from this life to eternal rest on Sunday, February 10, 2002.

He was born May 16, 1978 in Ft. Stockton, Texas. He moved to Ozona in 1991 and graduated from Ozona High School in 1996. He attended Western Texas College in 1997. T.J. was employed with Duke Energy Field Services as a plant mechanic. T.J. enjoyed the outdoors. He especially loved the river. T.J. always had a smile to share and never met a stranger. He was actively involved with the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service and was also their Assistant Training Officer for 2002.

T.J. is survived by his parents, Tom Green III of Mission, Texas, mother Carla Hansen of Kismet, Kansas, his sister Cara Green of Canyon, Texas. His paternal grandparents, Tommy and Leta Green of Ft. Stockton, Texas, maternal grandparents Clarence E. Casebeer of Brownfield, Texas. His aunts, Loy Duncan of Corpus Christi, Texas, Dolores Luera and husband Joel of Ft. Stockton, Texas. His uncle, Eddie Casebeer and wife Ann of Big Spring, Texas, cousins Michael Casebeer of Longview, Texas, Kristy McGee of Big Spring, Texas, Lance and Lexia Luera of Ft. Stockton, Texas.



He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Doris Casebeer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at The First Baptist Church in Sonora. Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at Easthill Cemetery in Ft. Stockton, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the Sutton County EMS at P.O. Box 1067, Sonora, Texas 76950 or to your favorite charity.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to everyone for all your prayers, calls, visits and loving care and support.
May God Bless You,
Sylvia and Margaret Bernal

We would like to extend a big thank you to the Devil's River News and to the Sutton County Public Library for helping us with our Communicator Activity Badge. We really appreciate your support.

5th Grade Webelos
Pack 19 - Cub Scouts

We would like to thank Lewis Allen for taking time out to come to our meeting and talk with us about Scouting in the past. We enjoyed his stories and the facts we learned. Thank you for always supporting the Scouting Program in Sonora.

Third Grade - Bears
Pack 19 - Cub Scouts

I wanted to show my appreciation to everyone that helped me this past Sunday morning. I do not think this community realizes how fortunate we are to have officers that genuinely care.

Sunday morning I was not feeling well and decided to stay in bed while my children watched TV. They would come in my room every few minutes or so. I realized my 5-year-old daughter had not come in for about 30 minutes. I got out of bed and looked through the house. I did not find her and told one of my sons to go outside and tell her to come in. Within a few minutes we had asked neighbors and anyone we thought she might be with and we still could not find her. With fear and anxiety building within me, I called the Police Department. I spoke with Maray Cearley and within a few minutes, Officer House was at my residence. I told him I could not find my daughter and gave him all the necessary information. First, he tried to comfort me and calm me down. Soon after, Chief Chris Croy, Deputy Oscar Chavez and Trooper Cody Cory were looking for my daughter. Deputy Chavez then advised me that the Task Force Officer Duwayne Castro would be here with his K-9 unit. Now some people may look down at small town law enforcement, but I am glad I had all these wonderful officers to come to my rescue. I want to "Thank" Maray for getting everyone here and also for trying to comfort me as well. I would also like to "Thank" Tonya Croy, who thought of every kid in the neighborhood and checked to see if they had seen her. Also, "Thanks" to the Volunteer Fire Department and the children in the area who came out to help.

I am lucky, my story has a happy ending and all is well. She was found and brought home safely. Again, "Thank You" to everyone for caring, and a "Special Thank You" to all the officers for doing your job so well.

Mindy



Yes! I'd like to light the way to a cure! I have enclosed a donation of \$5 per candle.

Your Name _____

Address _____

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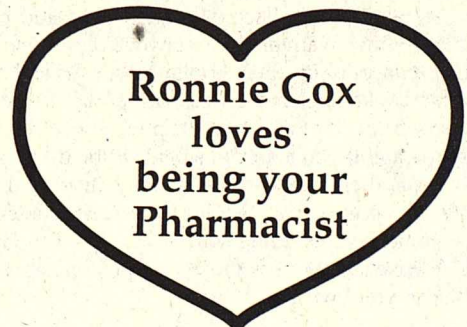
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School Lunch Menu • Feb. 25 - Mar. 1, 2002

Breakfast
Mon. - Pancakes, syrup, fruit or juice.
Tues. - Breakfast pizza, fruit, assorted juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon roll, orange wedges, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Pigs in a blanket, assorted juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Corndog, nachos with cheese, fried okra, fruit.
Tues. - Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, fruit salad.
Wed. - Grilled cheese sandwich, soup, lime jello with fruit, crackers.
Thurs. - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, cookie.
Fri. - Fish burger, corn, tots or fries, chocolate pudding.

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1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

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407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

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Senior Center News

Feb. 25 - Bingo!
Feb. 26 - Leave for HEB camp. Need to sign up NOW!
Feb. 27 - Kooking with Kelly. Nutritional Education. Noon.
Feb. 28 - Come back from HEB Camp after lunch.

Senior Menu

Feb. 25 - Chicken breast with gravy, baked potatoes, okra, roll, peach half, milk.
Feb. 26 - Liver with gravy and onions, scalloped potatoes, beans, apple juice, roll, pecan pie, milk.
Feb. 27 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, milk, chocolate cake with icing.
Feb. 28 - Pork chops with noodles, carrots, tossed salad, wheat bread, applesauce, milk.
Mar. 1 - Ham, candied yams, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, roll, jello with fruit.

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 21
"Answers on Aging" Community Meeting
11:00 a.m. • Senior Center
February 25
Cub Scout Pack 19 • Blue & Gold Banquet
6:30 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center
February 27
St. John's Episcopal Church Lenten Luncheon
12:00 Noon
The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Rev. Lewis Allen speaker.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

February 28
ACS Relay for Life
Team Captain's Meeting • 5:30 p.m.
FNB Founder's Room
February 28 - March 2
Dry Devil's River Baseball Tournament
February 29
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex Bldg.

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Who were the 1939 softball champions?

A. Devil's River News, September 8, 1939 - The roaring Cubs, managed by Sam Allison, are sitting pretty as the newly crowned champion of the local softball league which ended this week. The champs, second half winner of the season, rallied to defeat the Yankees' Murderer Rows in the crucial championship playoff. The Yanks, under the management of Ralph Crowe, won the first half. The playoff started Sunday afternoon with a double-header at the local ball park. The Yankees squeezed out a win in the opener by a score of 1 to 0. The lone run came in the seventh when Allen's lead off was safe on an error, went to third on Roe's timely single to field and broke up the tight scoreless pitching duel by scoring the important "at last" run on Roueche's long sacrificed fly. In the next half of that inning the Cubs threatened to prolong the game when they had typing and winning runs on the bases but Francis "Casey at the Bat" Archer took a "look-see" at the third strike.

The night-lap affair was called at the end of the tenth inning on account of darkness. Slamming Sam Allison led off with a long triple to the Right Fielder Dennis "Beware" Duke's private property in the opening of the seventh stanza. Sam's poke would have been a home-run had he stepped on the gas. Hubert ran for him and scored which broke up another scoreless pitching duel. When the Yanks came in to take their turn at the plate in their half, Lee Patrick paved the way for the tying run. He was given a life when Cashes Taylor mishandled a fast, hard throw—"too hot to handle." Lee stole second, went to third on a wild pitch, and finally slid home kicking up a cloud of dust on Cliff Johnson's perfect bunt. That slide ripped Lee's pants. There was no more scoring for the day. Labor Day afternoon was a breather for the Cubs. They scored five runs in the big fourth canto, 7 to 2. The next day, Tuesday, the rubber game of the championship playoff was at stake. The fighting Cubs' great come back earned the possession of the 17 inch silver trophy as a token of winning from the slipping Yanks, 5 to 1. And the season is over. By Jimmy Morgan

Q. Can you transplant liveoak

trees?

A. Devil's River News, November 29, 1919 - Knowing that Geo. S. Allison had successfully transplanted liveoak trees we asked him the other day as to the method he used. Mr. Allison says select a smooth barked, thrifty, upstanding tree of the size desired and wait for the sap to go down. He does not find it makes any difference about the size. Have a large deep hole ready at the place where you want the tree and be prepared to give it plenty of water. Cut around the tree so as to get as many of the roots as possible and top with judgement as to the after appearance of the tree. He has transplanted as late as March but advises that the first of February would be better. The going down of the sap in the liveoak is in a manner dependent on the moisture in the ground. The topping and cutting of the surface roots could be done when the sap first goes down and the transplanting when the local weather conditions are right. He has transplanted the native pecan with equal success. With the knowledge before you, why not plant a few liveoaks, there is no tree more beautiful or ornamental.

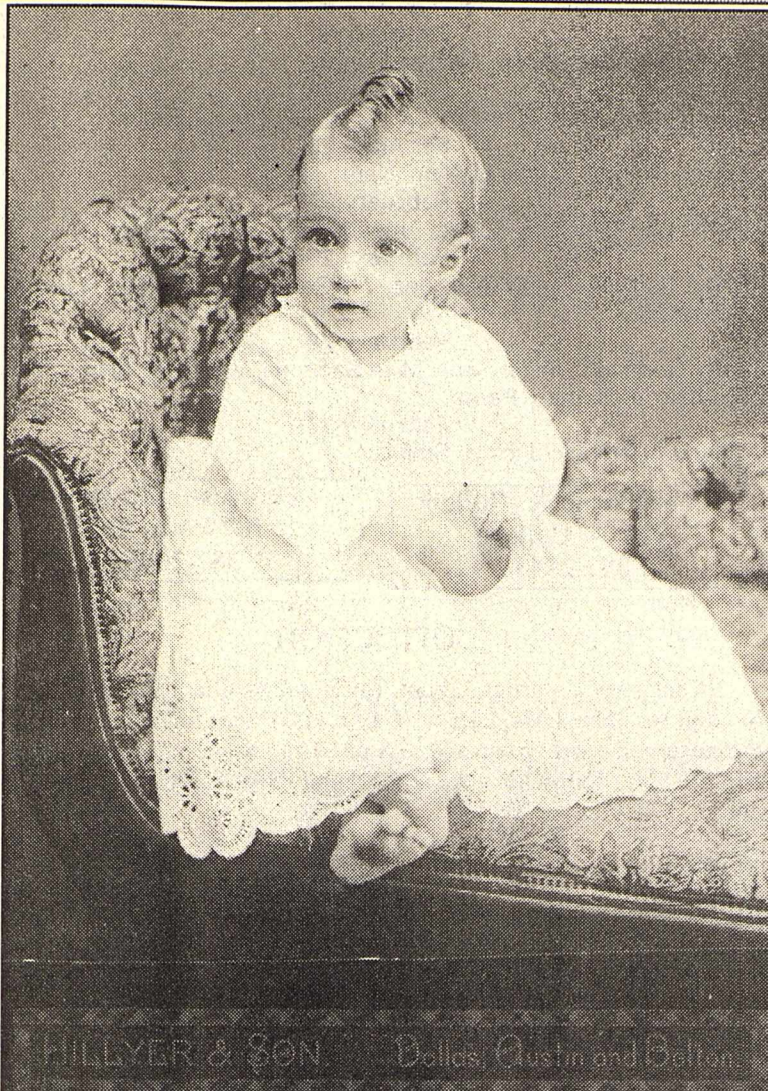
Q. When were Chris Wyatt and Zandie Baker married?

A. Devil's River News, October 12, 1895 - Married, at the home of the bride's parents on the North Llano, Sunday, October 6th, Justice W. A. Stewart of Sonora officiating, Miss Zandie Baker to Mr. Chris D. Wyatt. Only the families of the contracting parties were present. Miss Baker is the charming and cultured daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker; and Chris Wyatt is one of Sutton county's best known and successful young cattlemen.

Q. Do you have any mention in the papers of the marriage of Ina Archer in 1939?

A. Devil's River News, September 8, 1939 - Using a single ring ceremony Miss Ina Archer and Elwood Glasscock were united in marriage Tuesday by the Reverend R. F. Davis at the Methodist parsonage. The couple were attended by the bride's sister, Mrs. Glasscock is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Archer and is prominent in the younger set here. She was graduated from Sonora high school in the class of 1939.

Mr. Glasscock is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Glasscock and was graduated from Sonora high school



This child's photo was found when the Murphy house was torn down. No name was on the back. Can you identify this baby?

in the class of 1938. He is engaged in the ranch business and the couple will make their home on the Glasscock ranch.

Under "35 Years Ago" in the same issue we found the following mention of marriages: Married at Juno on Thursday Sept. 18, 1902 by Rev. Green, of Del Rio, Oscar Dunagan and Miss Alice McBee. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dunagan and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion McBee. The News offers congratulations.

Married at the courthouse in Sonora on Monday Sept. 22, 1902 Miss Fannie Ellis to Mr. Thomas Trimble, Rev. Nath Thompson officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis of Owenville and the groom is a well known young stockman of the Menardville country and a brother to Mrs. R. E. Glasscock of Sonora.

We wanted to let our readers know that I will be having surgery on my spine on the 25th. Since the museums will be closed for repairs, new porch on Miers Home Museum, scraping sealing and painting in the Old Jail Museum, there would not be any tours of them until June 1st anyway. I have a bulging cyst in my spine that is extremely painful and must be taken care of now. Hopefully I will be back in the sad-

de about the middle of March. Until then if you would like to rent the Depot, which is already rented out from Feb 28 to March 9, please call Al Elliott's office. His secretaries will be handling rentals until the doctors say it is ok for me to resume my duties.

Once the new offices are completed we will be training volunteers in the proper care and storage of archival material, how to do tours of the complex, how to help people do research in our area. With summer coming up we hope some of our young people will come volunteer to learn how to do these things. Our older volunteers are wonderful but we have to get some younger people involved so that there will be a continuous line of well trained, knowledgeable, volunteers on hand to help the Sutton County Historical Society continue to give excellent service in historical preservation and presentation to many more generations of Sutton Countians.

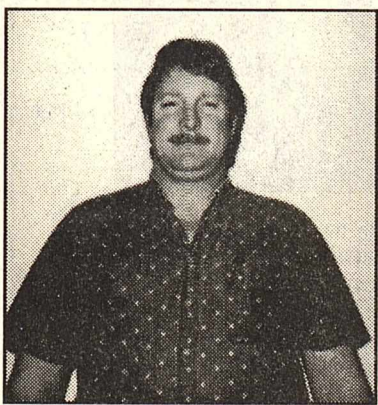
If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, please send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. Any questions coming in after Feb. 22 will not be answered until after March 15th. Thank you!

City of Sonora Welcomes New Code Enforcement Officer

The City of Sonora has employed Larry Lynch as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Larry has been in Sonora for the last thirteen months remodeling the Sutton County Courthouse and has decided to make Sonora home for him and his wife Kandace and his two children Jebediah, age 4, and Jessica, age 2.

Larry has been in the construction business as a sub-contractor and construction superintendent for twelve years following an eleven year stay in the U.S. Navy.



Larry Lynch

"Answers on Aging" Community Meeting

The City of Sonora Senior Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments are hosting a community meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the City of Sonora Senior Center located at 102 Wilson Street in Sonora, Texas. "Answers on Aging" is a community meeting designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. A brief introduction to the Area Agency on Aging will be followed by a question and answer session. Senior citizens, their families and friends, and other persons who are interested in issues affecting the aging population are invited to share their insights, concerns and thoughts for solutions to the unmet needs of Sutton County's older population.

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will

also be distributed. Area Agency on Aging representatives, will meet with community members for "Lunch and Conversations" from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. At this time representatives with expertise in the areas of Information & Assistance, Benefits Counseling, Nursing Home, Care Giver Coordination, and Long Term Care, will be available to answer questions.

Persons wishing for more information may contact Juanita Mesa at (915-387-5657 or the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at 223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666.

Make plans to attend this important event and let the Area Agency on Aging staff help you get... answers!

Services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley are funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

Senior Center Celebrates Valentine's Day



Dancers enjoyed some good toe-tapping tunes at the 2002 Senior Center Valentine Dance. Dancers from left to right are: Pablo Favela & Juanita Mesa, Jack & Gloria Kerbow, and Pauline & Johnny Ringgold.

The Sonora/Sutton County Senior Center held its annual Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 14, 2002. All the "seniors" were named sweethearts, but there were some special "90+ year olds" that received special honors. The 2002 "Sweethearts" were: Mrs. Eulogia Flores, Pablo Favela, Gretta Smith, Primo Gonzales, Sr., Rosa Galindo,

George Brockman and Lodessa Pope.

A special thank you goes to the Senior Center Support Group, volunteers and staff at the Sr. Center. The band members that entertained the dancers must also be thanked, Tommie and Beverly Arnwine, Johnny Ringgold, EJ Wiffe, Oscar Galindo, Milton Cavaness, J.C. Surber, Patti and John Strauch and

Gus Hernandez.

Lucky winners of the door prizes were: Maria Leija, Nell Wallace, Elida Castro, Marie Aldwell, Pablo Favela, Jean Redman and Linda Robles.

Right: Mrs. Eulogia Flores and Pablo Favela were chosen as two of the 2002 Sweethearts.



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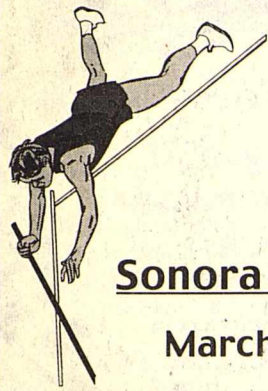
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February 23
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Correction

In last week's article about Texas A&M Graduate and Honor Student we named Ms. Faris as Kay Faris. It was Shawna Kay Faris that received her diploma and was named to the Dean's Honor Roll. We apologize for the mistake and congratulate Shawna for a job well done.

F.Y.I.

The Cub Scouts will hold their **Blue & Gold Banquet on Monday, February 25, 2002** at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. All Scouts need to wear their uniforms. Please RSVP by Friday, February 22 by calling 387-2507 or 387-3988.

Major renovations are planned for the Little League Baseball Field. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 23, 2002 to help prepare the field for these improvements. Please bring shovels, rakes, etc... and meet at the field at 9:00 a.m.

A YMCA Youth Football League organizational meeting will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium on March 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The league will include Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona and Ricksprings and games will be played in these locations.

The Sonora Middle School and Sonora ISD will have a District Site-Base Meeting at the SMS Library on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m.

The Miers Home Museum and the Old Jail will be closed until **June 1, 2002** for repairs. The Miers Home is having the front porch repaired and they will be scraping and re-painting the walls in the Old Jail, as well as renovating the exhibits. The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. Please contact Al Elliott at 387-3529.

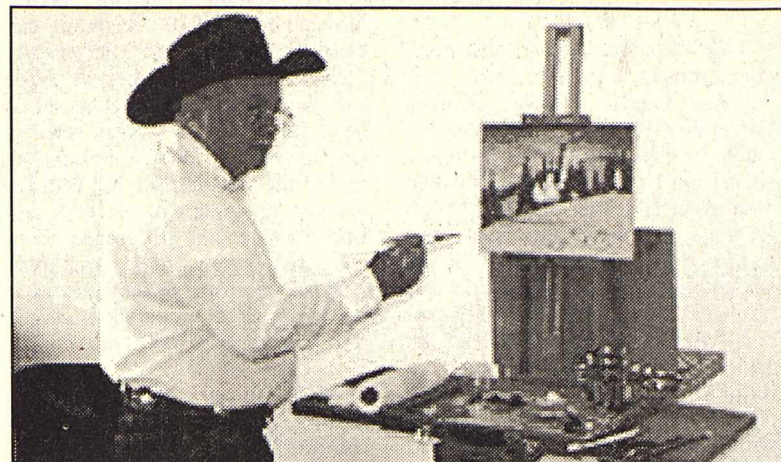
This is the last week to register your brand! February 28th is the deadline that all brands must be re-registered or they will become available for other persons to claim. For more information contact County Clerk, Betty Hernandez at 387-3815.

SHAMROCKS AGAINST DYSTROPHY - The Muscular Dystrophy Association is kicking off its Shamrocks Against Dystrophy Program February 15 - March 17, 2002. The proceeds will benefit MDA's Summer Camping Program for children with muscular dystrophy. In Sonora, please stop by one of the following participating stores and purchase your green (\$1) or gold (\$5) shamrocks and share in the hope and good luck that each one brings. Participating stores are: Amigo's Texaco, The Bank & Trust, Los Jarritos Restaurant and Town & Country.

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is now placing orders for native grass seed and wildflower seed. This is the time to secure seed before supplies are limited, and the time to plant is before the weather gets too hot. Each order is customized to your needs regardless of size, and we will be happy to give you an estimate. Normally, seed arrives within a week of the date ordered. For more information please come by our office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 387-2730.

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.

Marvin Stevenson SWS Teaches Sonora To Paint



Marvin Stevenson demonstrates adding the finishing touches.

The Bank & Trust of Sutton County sponsored a reception on Friday, February 15, 2002 for visiting artist Marvin Stevenson. Marvin demonstrated his oil painting technique and answered questions from the audience. He completed an attractive painting of a hill country landscape for all to enjoy.

On Saturday, a workshop was held in the Main Street Office for community artists. It was exciting for some of our local talent to be able to take advantage of Marvin Stevenson's guidance and expertise. Everyone had a wonderful day and it was great to see these friends at work, creating their own works of art.



Mary Gilly proudly displays her hard work at Saturday's training session.

Spotlighting Sonora Volunteers



Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street

The Board of Directors of the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street program was formed in early 1994. Current board members are (from left to right) Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego, Shelly Hughes, Roy Jean Johnson, Nancy Davis, Rachel Duran and Joy Galbreath. Not pictured is new member Maura Weingart (not pictured). This Board works hard to make downtown Sonora an enjoyable place to work and play by bringing in festivals and events that spotlight the downtown area and all of Sonora.

The Main Street program is designed to improve all aspects of the downtown or central business district, producing both tangible and intangible benefits. Improving economic management, strengthening public participation, and making downtown a fun place to visit are as critical to Main Street's future as recruiting new businesses, rehabilitating buildings, and expanding parking. Building on downtown's inherent assets -- rich architecture, personal service, and traditional values and most of all, a sense of place -- the Main Street approach has rekindled entrepreneurship, downtown cooperation and civic concern. It has earned national recognition as a practical strategy appropriately scaled to a community's local resources and conditions. And because it is a locally driven program, all initiative stems from local issues and concerns.

Ann Kay, Manger of Friends of Historic, Inc./Main Street, said that this Board is very enjoyable to work with and she expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation for all that they do.

The following poem was read at the appreciation luncheon for Volunteers of Texas and says a lot for all of our local volunteers:

"Volunteers, God Bless Them"
Many will be shocked to find
When the Day of Judgement nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven,
Set aside for Volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools.
Where there's no committee chairman,
No group leaders or car pools.

No eager team that needs a Coach,
no bazaar and no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to type or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a King.

You ask, "Who'll serve the privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth!

Volunteers are what make the programs, events, committees, festivals and our community a great place to live and raise our children. Have you thanked your volunteer today?

Spotlight Artist

Patricia Nix

"CAPROCK"

AP #36 of 150
Giclee 30 x 40 inches



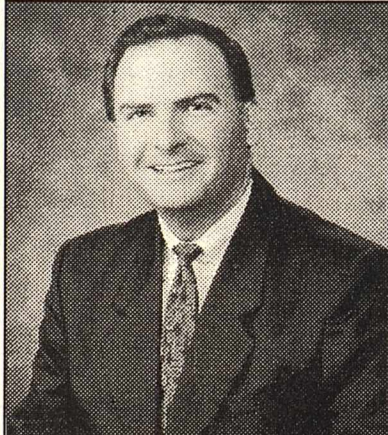
SonoraArt.com salutes Barbara Earwood
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Announcing



Carolyn Bruha has been promoted to Assistant Vice President in the mortgage loan department at the San Angelo Banking Center's Southland location. With over 9 years of banking experience, she works with home builders and real estate agents whose clients are applying for mortgage loans. Carolyn is a graduate of Angelo State University and currently serves as director of the ASU Alumni Association.



Wrey Montgomery has been promoted to Senior Vice President. In addition to managing the entire operations of the bank's Southland location, he serves as it's senior mortgage lender. A native of Olney, and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Wrey serves as an advisory director of Sonrisas Therapeutic Riding Club and has affiliations with the San Angelo board of Realtors, Home Builders Association, Central High Booster Club, and the Downtown Lion's Club.



D'Nan Price has been elected as Loan Administration Officer. A native of Artesia, New Mexico, and a graduate of Angelo State University, she joined the San Angelo Banking Center in 1998 as the Lobby Services Representative. Today she handles all loan funding and documentation at the bank's Sherwood Way office.



Linda King has been promoted to Assistant Vice President managing all bank technology functions including ATM's, debit cards, Internet banking, bookkeeping/proof, and computer operations. A native of Dimmitt, Texas, she joined the First National Bank of Sonora in August, 1980.



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Project Graduation 2002



Trey Rushing, assisted by Morgan Hobbs, auctions off prizes for Project Graduation Bucks at the end of the year party.

The Sonora High School graduation class of 2002 will be celebrating their graduation on May 24, 2002 with an all night, chemical free party to assure that none of the Class of 2002 will be injured or killed in alcohol or drug-related accidents.

The junior and senior parents are organizing the all night, alcohol and drug free party and your help in making the 2002 Project Graduation exciting, fun, and safe is greatly appreciated. The community of Sonora has shown tremendous support for this project in the past. It takes a great deal of time, effort, money, prizes and hard work to make Project Graduation a success. All contributions, whether large or small are greatly appreciated.

High School College/Career Center To Stay Open Late

Christy Bell, the high school counselor, would like to announce that the High School College/Career Center will stay open late two (2) nights a month. Those nights will be the first and third Mondays of each month, starting with Monday, February, 18th. The other dates are March 4th and 18th, April 15th, and May 6th and 20th. The hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The

center will be open for parents and students who need access to college and career information. They will also have access to the computers and the Internet. Miss Bell will be available to help with questions about scholarships, colleges and/or careers. If you want to call ahead to make and appointment to see Miss Bell, please call 387-6533.

Parents are in the process of contacting businesses and individuals in the community for donations. If you or your business would like to donate a prize or a cash donation to help "Project Graduation 2002" be a success, please donate to the parent that contacts you. Check can be mailed to: "PROJECT GRADUATION", P.O. BOX 297, Sonora, TX 76950. If you would like to donate a prize, you may do so by taking it by RONDA'S STYLING HAUS at 712 S. Concho.

If you or an organization that you belong to would like to join in the fun, or if you would like more information about donations or volunteering, please contact Laura West at 387-5474 or Mary Jean Sims at 387-5433.

J.V. Boys Basketball Season Finale

by: Maray Cearley

For the JV Boys' Season Finale they traveled to Grape Creek. The Eagles jumped to an early lead and the Broncos were never able to overcome the deficit. In the fourth quarter the Broncos were able to outshoot the Eagles 18-9 but it wasn't quite enough. At the final buzzer the Broncos trailed 31-38. Clint Cearley was the leading scorer with 12 points. Others scoring for the Broncos were Stevie Hernandez 7, Austin Wagoner 5, Seth Prather 4, Dustin Creek 2 and Diego Cardona 1. Also playing for the Red was Brian Payton. The Broncos were coached by Fred Buchanan.

Broncos Fall To Grape Creek Eagles

In their final game of the season the Sonora Broncos traveled to Grape Creek to take on the Eagles. The game scoring stayed within 2 points in the first half, with the Eagles taking the lead and holding it in the end of the third quarter.

Grape Creek ran with the ball from the end of the third to the end of the game and defeated the Broncos 46 to 29.

Scoring for the Broncos were Justin Routh 12, Louis Segura 5, Scottie Moore and Chance Dillard 3 each, Douglas Yocham and Dustin Martin 2 each, and Caleb Gulley and Trapper Valliant each with 1.

Routh had two 3-pointers and Segura and Moore each had 1.

This ends the season for the Sonora Broncos. The boys were coached by Thomas Hanson.

Look Out Globetrotters



Chelsey Lou Campbell, 9 year old daughter of Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell, has been entertaining crowds at basketball games and even the San Angelo Outlaw Hockey game with her spinning abilities. Chelsey Lou is a member of the P.I.P.s. program that focuses on ball handling skills. She has been timed spinning the ball for at least 90 seconds and can switch fingers during the turns. Students in the program are in grades Kindergarten - 6th grade and some will be traveling to the Annual P.I.P.s Festival in Abilene on March 8th & 9th.

Miss Sutton County Contest Offers Chance For Scholarships

Each year the Sutton County Days Association and the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo crowns a new Miss Sutton County. But this contest is more than just an average beauty contest.

The competition gives Jr. and Sr. girls the opportunity to become involved in the community, meet new faces, make television and radio appearances, appear in parades and a style show and work toward cash and jewelry prizes as well as a scholarship to the college of their choice.

The winner is chosen from two

different categories: Rodeo ticket sales and an interview session in front of a panel of judges.

If you are an upcoming Jr. or Sr. girl and are interested in running for 2002 Miss Sutton County please contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

News From The Neighbors

John Jacobs and The Power Team are a group of world class athletes who perform the world's greatest exhibition of power, strength and speed with a message of motivation and inspiration. These giant men, many weighing over 300 pound, can blow up hot water bottles like balloons, snap baseball bats like twigs, lift telephone poles over head and rip phone books and license plates like pieces of paper. They also smash walls of ice and concrete. The Power Team has four world record holders including one of the strongest men in the world who can bench press 744 pounds.

For over twenty years the Power Team has performed in civic centers, stadiums, and coliseums all over the nation as well as in 40 different countries around the world. They have been featured in People Magazine, The Saturday Evening Post, and on the popular TV show, Walker, Texas Ranger, watched by an estimated 16.5 million. They have been on ABC, NBC, CBS, and CNN. For over ten years they have had their own television show called The Power Connection, viewed by millions around the world each week.

The Power Team has performed at over 14,000 school assemblies in the last 20 years, and is ranked as the number one top assembly in the nation. Believing that inspiration and motivation equals academic and personal achievement, they tackle the tough issues of drugs and alcohol, teenage pregnancy and suicide with kids from elementary to high school. Young people all over the world have been changed by their positive message.

Now in its 26th year, the Power Team is a contingent of mighty muscles with an almighty message, delivered in a program that combines pulsating music with some of the wildest strength-displaying stunts you could imagine. The Power Team has received a tremendous new wave of aggressive political support from both Republicans and Democrats, governors, senators, and congressional members. President George Bush is a great supporter of the Power Team.

Iraan Community Church is the sponsoring church, is pleased to promote local performances by the Power Team Feb. 27th - March 3rd. Students of Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District will attend a school assembly on Feb. 28th. A special assembly will be held at the TYC Boot Camp on



March 1st. Each night of "Power Week" there will be exciting performances at the Iraan Civic Center at 7 p.m., Feb. 27th through March 3rd for all ages to attend. A \$2 donation is suggested at the door. Power Team members will also be guest speakers at local churches on Sunday Morning, March 3rd.

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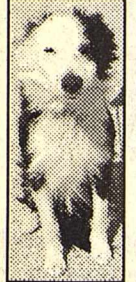
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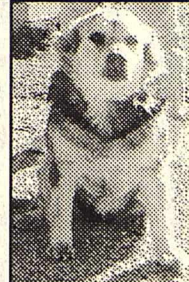
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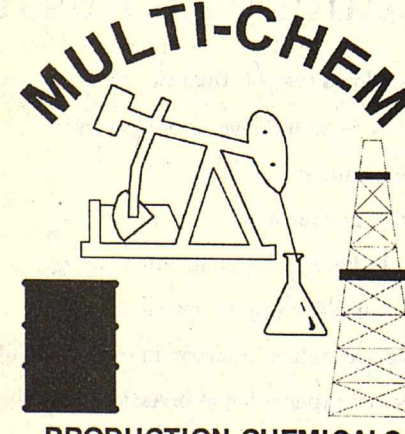
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New USDA Targets Healthy Riparian Vegetation

A new version of the popular Conservation Reserve Program, intended to improve water quality in creeks and rivers, is being announced for Texas. The new program provides financial incentives for landowners to exclude grazing and initiate needed management in eligible creek bottom areas for either 10 or 15 years. The exclusion of grazing combined with riparian management is designed to improve the amount and quality of desirable creek side and bottomland vegetation, especially trees and shrubs. The improved vegetation will protect creek banks, filter sediment, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. The practice, called Riparian Buffer, is applicable on perennial streams that are considered third order in nature.

The program is administered and funded by the USDA Farm Service Agency. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide technical assistance. This partnership between private landowners and USDA is intended to help both people and the environment. Riparian buffers will benefit ranchers, who own most creek and river property, as well as large numbers of people who use the water downstream.

Riparian buffers will usually be from 100 to 180 feet wide on each side of an eligible creek. This amounts to about 24 to 44 acres of buffer for each mile of stream. Under the program, landowners will receive an initial incentive payment of \$100 per acre (10 year enrollment) or \$150 per acre (15 year

enrollment) in addition to annual payments. The initial incentive payment would be about \$3,600 to \$6,500 for one mile of riparian buffer for a 15 year enrollment depending on the width of the buffer.

Annual payments for central and west Texas will range from about \$23 to \$50 per acre per year depending on location and whether the stream flows yearlong or only seasonally. A portion of these payments is intended to cover the costs of maintaining the buffer. The total of all annual payment (15 years) plus the initial incentive payment will range from about \$29,000 for a full mile of buffer on both sides of a stream if the buffer is the full width. Some buffers will not be the full 180-foot width on each side resulting in reduced benefits.

Landowners must agree not to graze the buffer for the entire period as well as carry out certain management practices that are needed to make the buffer function properly. This management may include selective thinning of mesquite or juniper, or removal of salt cedar. In order to favor more desirable riparian shrubs and trees. Cost sharing of fences, possible watering facilities and riparian management is also offered through the buffer program.

After several years, buffers are expected to develop a moderate density of desirable riparian shrubs and trees as well as an improved cover of grass. For more information contact Tom Payton at your local USDA Service Center.

Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND Endorses Wentworth For Texas Senate Re-Election

Agriculture group's political arm recognizes Republican's commitment to property rights and conservative values

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture (AGFUND) has endorsed the re-election of State Sen. Jeff Wentworth in the District 25 race for Texas Senate, citing the four-term senator's strong record on property rights, rural and agriculture issues.

"Senator Jeff Wentworth has proven himself to be a true leader in the Texas Senate and a servant of his constituents," said Donald Patman, President of the Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND). "His courage to stand on his principles and what he believes is best for Texas in the face of partisan politics deserves high praise. Texas Farm Bureau is proud to endorse the re-election of a great public servant like Senator Wentworth."

"Texas Farm Bureau AgFund endorses the re-election of Senator Jeff Wentworth based on his outstanding record in the Texas Senate."

AGFUND is the Farm Bureau's political action fund, a legal entity separate from the Farm Bureau that may endorse or contribute financially to political candidates. It is supported only by voluntary contributions from the Farm Bureau's 300,000-plus members.

"Farmers, ranchers, the agriculture industry and rural property owners need a strong voice in the Texas Legislature as our state becomes more urbanized,"

Estate Planning Seminars Seek To Save Taxes, Frustration

by: **Tim W. McAlavy**

COLLEGE STATION - A properly drawn estate plan may save some farm and ranch families up to \$200,000 in estate taxes, income taxes and administrative fees, according to a Texas A&M economist.

This applies to married couples who want to care for each other, who have property worth \$2 million or more, and who want to pass it on to their children and grandchildren.

"It's an eye-opener for a lot of folks; in fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's 'problem' in settling an estate or paying estate taxes," said Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and attorney. "The estate tax savings may not be as large for families with smaller operations."

"Even so, for many families the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

Texas Cooperative Extension will present four, two-day seminars discussing these complicated tax topics at the following locations this year:

- March 25-26; Amarillo (Ambassador Hotel)
- April 1-2; McKinney (Collin County Youth Park)
- April 8-9; San Antonio (CPA Training Center)
- April 22-23; College Station (College Station Conference Center)

The seminars are structured to

help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to estate planning systems, Hayenga will address the tax savings possibilities of corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

"We will also cover making gifts to avoid estate taxes. There are two problems with making excessive gifts," he said. "The first is dying poor. The second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

"We will also look at other problems that often affect family operations -- such as planning for inflation and growth of the business. And we will examine some options on how to treat all beneficiaries fairly. This applies to situations where one or more beneficiaries are interested in the family business, while others are not."

Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension economist. He works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning.

Seminar registration costs \$100 per person. For more registration or seminar information, contact Sharon Wehring at (979) 845-2226; or email s-wehring@tamu.edu.

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Vaccinate Horses NOW for Maximum Protection Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases

Despite blustery days now and again, spring is just around the corner, and animal health officials are urging owners to protect their equids, including horses, mules and donkeys against several mosquito-borne diseases before "bug" season starts.

"Vaccines are available to protect equids against both equine encephalitis, better known as "sleeping sickness" and West Nile Virus (WNV). However, the shots are of no value if they aren't given prior to disease exposure," said veterinarian Terry Conger, state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"These vaccines require two doses, administered several weeks apart, and full protection doesn't develop until four to six weeks after the second dose. Realistically, then, it can take up to 10 weeks for the horse to be disease-resistant. That's why it's so important to start the round of vaccinations now."

Dr. Conger noted that cases of "sleeping sickness," or equine encephalitis, occur sporadically in Texas equids, and on rare occasions, humans contract the mosquito-borne infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes that have fed on diseased birds, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) causes swelling of the brain, resulting in staggering, convulsions, and fever. Although horses do not transmit the disease to humans, equids are "sentinel animals," or indicators that infected mosquitoes are in a specific area.

"Veterinarians can administer an effective 'two-way' vaccine to protect equids against EEE and WEE," said Dr. Irby, TAHC equine specialist. "Two injections, 30 days apart, are required, and the animal will need a 'booster shot' annually or biannually."

"Another form of sleeping sickness, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE), is a foreign animal disease that originated in South America. In 1971, a VEE outbreak swept northward through Mexico, threatening horses in the southern U.S. In two years, due to an all-out effort, more than 2.8 million animals in 19 states were vaccinated against VEE," Dr. Irby said.

"On rare occasions, VEE cases still creep into southern Mexico, and if it should move north, it would threaten American animals. Therefore, as an added precaution, equids in South Texas should receive a three-way vaccine that protects not only against EEE and WEE, but also VEE."

Although it has yet to be diagnosed in Texas, another mosquito-borne, encephalitic disease causing concern is West Nile Virus (WNV). Dr. Irby said WNV was unheard of in the US until 1999 in New York, where seven persons died from the infection and at least 25 equids were infected. In 2000, the virus had spread to 12 states, and by year's end 2001, the disease impacted 27 states, including Louisiana and Arkansas. At least 564 equids tested positive for the disease in 2001, reported Dr. Irby.

Epidemiologists are still uncertain how or when an infected person, bird or mosquito entered the country, initiating the bird-mosquito WNV disease cycle in the US. First isolated in 1937 in the West Nile District of Uganda, the disease now has widespread distribution, including Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and West and Central Asia. As the virus has moved across the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture changed WNV's designation from a "foreign animal disease," to an "emerging disease."

"Texas is particularly vulnerable to the introduction of WNV, because major migratory routes for birds pass over a large portion of east Texas. This summer, we may find that the disease is brought into the state by infected birds," commented Dr. Irby. He pointed out that at least 17 species of mosquitoes can be involved in the disease cycle. "Many horses infected with WNV won't appear to be ill, while others become debilitated and too weak to rise," he said. "About 20 percent of the horses infected with WNV in 2001 either died or were euthanized because they were so ill."

"Late last summer, a WNV vaccine was approved for equids, and like many other encephalitic vaccines, two injections are needed. For WNV vaccine, the injections must be three to six weeks apart. The timing of vaccination is crucial, as demonstrated in Florida last year, where 267,000 doses of vaccine were made available. Eighty-six equine that became infected had received only one dose of vaccine. Seventeen other stricken animals received their second dose of vaccine less than three weeks prior to becoming infected," he explained. "Since immunity may not develop for four to six weeks after the second dose, owners should have their animals vaccinated now, so they'll be protected by the time mosquito season begins this spring."

Dr. Irby reminded owners to reduce mosquito populations by draining stagnant water from bird-baths, flowerpots, troughs and other containers, and by keeping pools properly chlorinated. Insect repellents and insecticides should be used only according to directions, he said, and owners may want to stable their animals at night, to provide added protection.

"WNV is a 'zoonotic disease,' one that also can affect human health," commented Dr. Conger. "Species other than horses, humans and birds are susceptible to the disease, and it has been demonstrated in other states that canines can contract the infection. No vaccine has been approved for dogs, but this information may be useful in an epidemiological investigation of a potential WNV introduction."

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) also is conducting disease surveillance, for testing mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays and hawks. To submit a dead crow, blue jay or hawk for laboratory examination, call your regional Texas Department of Health office or the Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255. TAHC field personnel are collecting blood samples from equids involved in regulatory disease programs, and the agency operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 for taking reports of unusual signs of disease in livestock, such as:

1. staggering, falling, or inability to rise
2. illness affecting a large percentage of animals
3. sudden death loss
4. blistering around an animal's lips, teats or hooves
5. unusual ticks or maggots

"Only the first three of the disease signs apply to encephalitic diseases, but the other two--blistering and ticks--should be kept in mind, as they could be signs of other very serious disease situations," said Dr. Irby.

"TAHC and USDA veterinarians will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers at no charge to help diagnose foreign or emerging diseases. The earlier we can make a diagnosis, the sooner we can take appropriate measures to control or stop the spread of a disease."

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Court was \$6 per square foot, plus \$1200 for the artwork for a hard plastic type of flooring that fits together like a puzzle. The flooring would have Bronco Flag artwork. Following a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Superintendent explore the matter further and present other options to them at a later date.

After a motion by Hernandez, seconded by Jacoby, the Board unanimously approved the following documents relating to the School Trustee election:

A. Order of Election: An election is called for May 4, 2002 for the purpose of electing one (1) member each from Precinct 1 and Precinct 3. Election officials were appointed as follows:

Precinct 1: Juanita Mesa, Judge; Maria Mesa, Alternate Judge.

Precinct 3: Trevlin Strong, Judge; Carla Luttrell, Alternate Judge.

Early Voting: Marie Hollmig, Clerk; Laurie Garza and Cynthia Keel, Alternate Clerks.

Absentee Ballot Board: Juanita Mesa and her duly appointed clerks.

The Board then approved the Hospital District's request to share election workers and expenses.

Superintendent Myers informed the Board that it had been a long time since any maintenance had been done on the district's trees and that this was creating a safety hazard. Mr. Myers commented that the district had neither the manpower or the equipment to do the work. He stated that he would like to develop a rotation schedule so that a certain number of trees could be trimmed per year. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bustamante to allow the Superintendent to pursue and solve the problem with the trees, while not allowing expenditures to exceed \$3,000.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Favila and carried unanimously.

In Board Member Comments,

Tom Peyton wished the Lady Broncos good luck as they pursue post district play. He also congratulated the UIL Journalism Team for all its successes.

The Superintendent commended Cody Eoff for having a successful speech meet and stated that lots of teachers had worked to make the event a success.

The Board took a short recess before beginning the discussion on the Bond Project with John Williams, the architect with Pfluger and Associates.

Williams began the discussion by displaying a large layout of the Elementary and Primary schools as they are now and how they are proposed in the new plan. A lengthy discussion was held regarding all the proposed changes, including all ADA requirements. All existing buildings will remain in place, but will be renovated to better accommodate the students. The Old Rock Building will house 3 Pre-K classrooms, 2 Special Education classrooms, a faculty work room, 5 third grade classrooms, 1 art classroom and 3 stop elevator, restrooms and storage. The metal roof will also be restored.

The Gym 1 Building of the Old High School is still under discussion, but will be adding additional classrooms.

In the Gym II Building the plans are to modify the gym bleachers and dressing rooms for ADA accessibility, renovation to add classrooms and make code improvements, 2 science labs, 4 classrooms, a nurse's clinic and upgrading the restrooms.

A new addition connecting the Intermediate Building, and the two Gym Buildings would be added.

The Elementary School Building interior would be renovated to include 4 kindergarten classrooms, 4 first grade classrooms, 4 second grade classrooms, 1 computer lab, 2 Special Education classrooms, 1 Spanish classroom, 1 Music classroom, the Principal's

Office, a teacher's workroom, a library/media center, a cafeteria and kitchen, with a new addition to the cafeteria. Renovations would also include replacing the existing roof with a metal roof.

The Intermediate School Building renovations would include 3 classrooms on the basement floor, and a teacher's work room. The second floor will house the auditorium with a sound booth and stage, 2 classrooms, 1 computer lab, faculty offices and some undisclosed space that is too small for classrooms.

The third floor will house 2 computer labs, 3 classrooms and storage. There will also be a 3 stop elevator housed in the auditorium and the existing roof will be replaced with a metal roof.

Site Development Improvements that will be done include a drive in front of the Primary Building to pick up and drop off, additional parking, curbs and sidewalks. An 8' covered walkway with ramps will be added, connecting the buildings, site lighting and utilities and some drainage improvements will be done.

The project also includes Middle School Renovations consisting of site grading, sidewalks and ramps to meet accessibility. The elevator will be replaced and modifications will be done on doors, hardware, toilet rooms and railings for ADA accessibility.

The same sort of modifications are planned for the High School Building.

Because of questions on the Gym I building, the blueprints are being redone and will be printed at a later date.

The meeting then went into executive session to discuss the extension of contracts for Campus Administrators, Special Education Director and Athletic Director. They were also to discuss Salary Increases for all of the above.

After the meeting reconvened in open session it was approved to extend all contracts and increase the

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to appoint Dr. Calderon as Chief of Staff for 2002. The motion carried.

The Medical staff Credentials Committee also recommended that the Consultant Staff, which consists of Nick M. Jackson, M.D., Radiologist, William Gordon McGee, M.D., Pathologist, Phillip Miller, DDS, dentist, Mark Burton, M.D. And Desiree D'Orsogna, M.D., Peer Review Physicians and Active Staff consisting of Guido Calderon, M.D. and Charles Pajestka, M.D. be reappointed for 2002. A motion was made by Dannheim and seconded by Pool to reappoint the Consultant and Active Staff for 2002. Motion carried.

Mr. Butler presented three sample Hospital logos. A motion was made by Pool, seconded by Dannheim to adopt logo #1 of the samples as the Hospital's official logo. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Butler reported that the Hospital District's liability insurance company representative had visited the facility a couple of month's back. She has made a recommendation that the Directors sign both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Conflict of Interest Statement. These were presented to the Directors for their signatures. Butler then gave the Accounts Receivable report for January. He then gave an update on the renovations in the Hospital and asked the Directors to tour the first floor after the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Lara gave the financial report for December, 2001.

A motion was made by Pool and seconded by Allen to approve the January 2002 expenditures. Motion carried.

Lewis Allen reported that he has talked to Jim Stephen and the Steering Committee for the Sutton County Health Foundation met Tuesday, February 12, 2002. The group is expecting to move ahead quickly and should be opening a bank account right away.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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American Heart Month - 'Get In On The Action!'



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer in the United States. On an average day in Texas, 150 Texans die due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Heart disease has affected my family and, chances are, it may affect many of yours too.

Every year since 1963, February has been designated American Heart Month. This month is the time to learn more about cardiovascular disease detection, prevention and treatment. The American Heart Association has designated this year's educational message as "Get in on the Action!," urging Americans to make physical activity a part of their daily lives.

There are a few simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of heart disease. Exercising regularly is an important step. We all enjoy some form of exercise. So, whether it's horseback riding, jogging, walking or bike riding, help keep your heart healthy and "just do it!" Other easy approaches to control heart disease include eating a diet low in fat and high in fiber, and controlling stress.

One of the myths surrounding heart attack and stroke is that it is a "male disease." Wrong. Heart attack and stroke do not discriminate. In fact, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer of American females.

Research and education are key to battling and preventing heart disease. Today, the chances of saving a life and reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than ever because of research done in our lifetime. Important discoveries such as life-extending drugs, bypass surgery and pacemakers, have improved the lives of many heart patients. But the fight against heart disease is far from over.

Hopefully, with more heart disease research and better education, fewer Texans will fall victim to the disease this year. As with any other health problem, please consult a physician immediately if you, or someone you know, shows any sign of a heart problem. For now, as we remember American Heart Awareness Month this February, get in on the action and increase your physical activity!

For more information please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512/433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.

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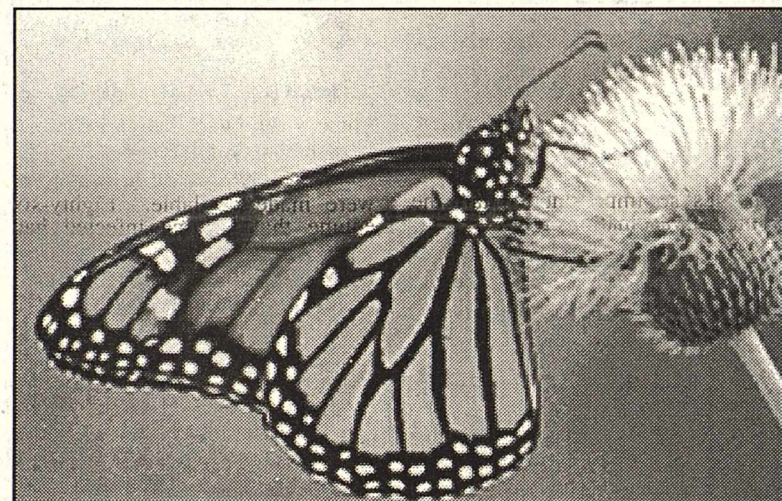
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Scientists Say Texans Can Help Track Monarch Return

AUSTIN, Texas - Texas volunteers can play a role in helping experts track this spring's critical return migration of the Monarch butterfly, say scientists. They say the information is especially important after a high elevation winter storm in central Mexico last month caused the worst die-off on record.

The storm on Jan. 12-13 dropped four inches of rain on the two largest Monarch colonies near the town of Angangueo in Michoacan. The clear skies and freezing temperatures that followed proved to be a deadly combination for the already wet butterflies. Approximately 250 million Monarch butterflies died within the usually protective boreal forests, according to Lincoln Brower, a butterfly biologist who has studied Monarchs in Mexico for 25 years. The Monarch population is especially vulnerable in Mexico because all of the Monarchs east of the Rocky Mountains winter in these Mexican mountain sanctuaries, entomologists say.

Brower and a team of researchers from Mexico and the United States released a report that estimated 74 percent of the monarchs at the Sierra Chinca colony and 80 percent at the Rosario colony had been killed. Although this many dead butterflies sets a precedent, all researchers agreed that the Monarch is not endangered. Ernesto Enkerlin, Director of the Mexican government's National Commission for Protected Natural Areas, said at least 70 million butterflies have likely survived.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Entomologist Mike Quinn said the remaining Monarchs should start crossing the Rio Grande into Texas in mid March. Participants in Texas Monarch Watch, a citizen science project run by TPW, can play a key role in determining the number and condition of these Monarchs.

Each spring, Monarchs migrating up from Mexico are on the last leg of an incredible insect odyssey

begun the previous fall as far north as southern Canada. "No other insect in the world completes a comparable migration," Quinn said. The long-lived overwintering generation lay many of their eggs in Texas then die. These critical eggs are the beginning of the three to four generations produced along the way and required for the group to make it back to Canada.

"As the reported post-freeze Monarch population is about half of last year's already record low, we are asking our volunteers to be particularly observant this spring and to keep excellent records of when and how many Monarch pass their area in the coming months," Quinn said. "Due to the low numbers, Monarch monitors are unlikely to see more than one or two butterflies per day." To collect more data and to try and assess the productivity of the migrants, Texas Monarch Watch will be partnering with the Monarch Larval Monitoring Project at www.mlmp.org/, which was initiated by Karen Oberhauser of the University of Minnesota. Oberhauser received a National Science Foundation Grant enabling her to conduct training sessions across the country, including several in Texas.

"We've been looking forward to working with Karen for some time, we just didn't realize how important this first year's data would be," said Quinn, who is cautiously optimistic that in time the Monarch will make a full recovery. "If the environmental conditions are favorable, the Monarch could recover surprisingly quickly as each female can lay as many as 400 eggs."

Information on how to volunteer for Texas Monarch Watch, including a downloadable calendar and instructions for tracking butterfly sightings, is on the TPW Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/monarch/ or volunteers can phone the Texas Monarch Watch Hotline, 800-468-9719.

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For Sale by Owner: 3 BR, 2 BA Double Wide on 2.75 acres. Fenced, water well, septic tank, redwood porches on front and back, storage building, carport. \$68,000. Contact JoAnn Jones at 387-3861 for showing.

For Sale: Nice Condominium, 1600 sq. ft., 2 BR, 2 BA, large living area with fireplace, built in bookcase, walk-in pantry, storage. Only \$55,000 a square foot. 107 Sonora Drive. Call for appointment 650-0225 or 392-2912.

Agriculture

Wanted: Lambs to feed. PCR Feed Yard. Custom lamb feeding. Robert Lee, Texas. Waldon Millican. (915) 453-2387 or mobile (915) 473-0222.

Hay for Sale: Excellent hay grazer. 65 lb. bales. \$3.15 per bale. \$3.75 per bale delivered. Call John Adams 277-5741 or 387-5068.

Asparagus Plants are In. Marc-Key Nursery, Roosevelt, Texas. 915-446-3034.

Misc.

Brewer Refrigeration specializing in ice machines. Service, Sales and rentals serving Sutton and surrounding counties. Call 835-2141 (home) or 450-2793 (mobile). License # TACLBO12114C

Dozer Work, Road Work, Brush Clearing, Building Sites, Trenching, Custom Hauling and Backhoe Work. Call (915) 446-4395 or 446-7050 or leave a message at 1-888-433-3965 Mark Robinson.

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 Call Erica 387-9003
 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale

Golf Clubs for Sale: Mizuno Pro-Graphite Shafts - 3 thru PW, Taylor made LCG Rifle Steel Shafts - 3 thru PW, Golfsmith - Jetstream - Graphite Shafts - 3 thru PW. Call 387-2069.

Guns for Sale: 1 - 9 mm Smith and Wesson, semi-auto, 2 clips. 1 - 357 Magnum, Rossi - stainless steel. Call 387-2069.

For Rent

Office for Rent. 900 sq. ft. with Hwy. 277 N. frontage. Call Sharon or Jimmy Holman 915-387-7046 or 915-387-3122.

Lost

Lost on 2/15/02 a long-haired large, black neutered cat slightly gray on his belly. Answers to Puddy. Lost from 310 Brookside. Call 387-5725.

Hunters

Hunters! Save Time & \$\$\$! Have your deer feeders monitored and filled on a routine basis. For more info. Call D.E. (Danny) Reinhardt 915-387-2362 or 915-650-3662.

Public Notice

Cole Mechanical is no longer associated with Don Necessary. For questions please call 1-888-897-8703.

Bids for Sutton County Medical Insurance

Sutton County is requesting bids for their group medical insurance program. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2002. Bids will be opened on March 11, 2002, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be mailed or delivered to the County Judge by 9:00 a.m. or March 11, 2002. Bids should be marked "SEALED BID" and should be mailed to: Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please call or write to the Sutton County Auditor, Maura Weingart, Post Office Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950. 915/387-5380.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
 Contract 6081-21-001 for PLACING SGT AND UPGRADING BRIDGE RAIL IN SUTTON County, etc will be received on March 21, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on March 21, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$123,339.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
 NPO: 5811

State Office
 Construction Division
 200 E. Riverside Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78704
 Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
 San Angelo District
 District Engineer
 4502 Knickerbocker Rd
 San Angelo, Texas 76904
 Phone: 915-944-1501

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

Employment

Welder Fabricator needed at Carl J. Cahill for remanufacturing heavy equipment. Carl J. Cahill, Inc. 915-387-2524. Call or come by for application.

Carrier Wanted
 The San Angelo Standard Times is seeking mature individuals to deliver newspapers in the Sonora area. Make approximately \$800 per month. Must like working early morning hours. Must be bondable. Call Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 915-653-1221 ext. 292.

Concealed Handgun School

Concealed Handgun School. February 23rd, 7:30 a.m. RENEWALS ONLY. For more information call Jim Cusenbary at 387-2093 or 650-0822.

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\$369 MO. 4 BR, 2 BA, s/s fridge, freezer, washer/dryer, dishwasher & much more! Call for free Brochures! 1-800-698-8003. 10%dn, 360 mo., 8 pts., wac, cpm, 8.5% apr.

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EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED!
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Dairy Queen of Sonora is now hiring day and evening shifts, full and part-time. Apply in person at Hwy. 277 N. Ask for Joanna.

Schleicher County Nursing Home needs CNA's for 6 PM to 6 AM Shift. Full or Part-time. Call 853-2507. Ext. 137 Ask for Anita or Donna.

Help Wanted: Sutton County Steakhouse is now hiring cooks, wait staff, cashiers and dishwashers. Apply in person at 1306 N. Service Rd.

Help Wanted: Amigos Convenience Store. 601 Hwy. 277 North and I-10. Retirees welcome. Full or part-time. Apply at Texaco.

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina is now hiring wait staff. Call 387-0623 or come by 407 S. Crockett.

Help Wanted: Urban and Rural Cable Co. needs Cable Installer and cable sales people immediately. Top pay and benefits. 1-866-563-9445.

Weekend RN/Full time CNA needed. Certified Nurses Aid needed immediately. Weekend RN coverage needed two weekends a month for four months. Top pay with mileage considered. Medicaid certified, long term care facility in Ozona, Texas is looking for RN qualifications with a specialty in caring. Call Kim Dooley at 915-392-2671. CCCC is an EOE.

Sonora Golf Course is seeking a part-time employee to work evenings in the Pro Shop. Person will need to be T.A.B.C. certified and 21 years of age or older. Sonora Golf Club will pay for the certification training. To apply come by Sonora Golf Club.

I-10 Exxon is looking for reliable candidates to join our team. The following position is available: Full time Cashier. Graveyard shift. We offer a great benefit package including vacation, profit sharing and health insurance. Come by the corner of I-10 and Hwy. 277. EOE.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is seeking a qualified individual to fill the role of Manager for the organization. The manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The manager is responsible for the day to day activities of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and will report to a 12-member board of directors. The position requires an individual with excellent communication skills, and consensus building. The successful candidate will possess organizational skills as well as an ability to manage volunteers and paid staff. **Requirements:** Experience in volunteer management is desirable. A bachelor's degree in Business, Management, Communications, or a related field is preferred, but not required. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1172 Sonora, TX 76950.

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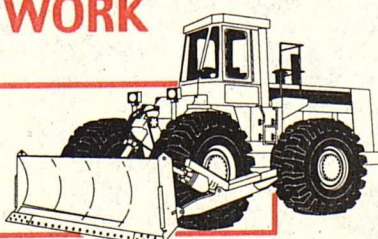
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