

School Board Adopts 2002-2003 School Calendar

submitted

The Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2002. Board members present for all or part of the meeting included, Tryon Fields, President, Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Brant Myers, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Virginia Epps, Sharon Holman and Barbara Jennings.

After the meeting was called to order and a quorum was announced, the Board called for visitor comments. Mrs. Virginia Epps distributed material and gave information regarding grants that are available for repairs and renovations. Mrs. Epps also stressed the importance of searching the Internet for available grants. Following her remarks, the Board thanked Mrs. Epps for her presentation.

The Superintendent announced that due to computer problems, there was no report available from the Tax Assessor/Collector's office. Following a short discussion, the consent agenda consisting of the March 18th minutes and the payment of current bills in the amount of \$215,457.87, were unanimously approved after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Tammy Favila.

Myers gave the Superintendent report and stated that enrollment stood at 920 and that the attendance percentage was back on an upswing. Myers also commended High School Principal Doug Bawcom for 2 of his classes attaining a 99+% attendance rate. He then reviewed the various work projects contained in the March Maintenance Report.

Myers reported that the Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language compliance visit had been completed 2 weeks earlier and that the head of the team stated that the district was approximately 1 step above average. Myers stated that the S.I.S.D. received 5 citations out of 35 topic areas and would receive written notification about the citations, after which the district would have 45 days to bring those areas into compliance.

Myers said that he had spent part of the day on the telephone with the Comptroller's Office and that there was still a discrepancy regarding values. He stated that he hoped to get an answer within the next day or two.

Myers completed his report by stating that the salary schedules developed the previous year were in place and would continue for the coming year.

John Berry, Chairman of the District Site Based Committee, stated that three calendars had been developed after the March board meeting, that staff members had voted on the calendars, and then the information was presented to the committee. Berry stated that the District Site Based Committee had once again chosen calendar #1, the choice that was presented originally to the Board. He also emphasized that even though Memorial Day was an instructional day, its importance would be stressed through various activities planned for the students.

A motion was made by Scott Jacoby, seconded by Tammy Favila to approve the school calendar for 2002-2003 as presented. Voting aye were Dayton Armke, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby and Tom Payton. Voting no was Jesse Bustamante. Absent and not voting was Sam David Hernandez. The motion carried.

Transfer students for 2002-2003 were unanimously approved as presented after a

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Lady Broncos Smoke 'Em At District



The Lady Bronco Track Team proudly displays their District trophies.

submitted

As the back of their T-shirts state; the Lady Broncos smoked the competition at the District 2-AA Track & Field Meet held in Sonora on April 11, 2002 by winning 16 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals. The Lady Broncos totaled 215 points compared to 138 for Wall, 117 for Junction, 54 for Mason, 45 for Grape Creek and 44 for Eldorado.

On a cool and windy morning, the Field Events started at 9:00 a.m. with the High Jump and Discus. Morgan Hobbs, Elizabeth Elliott, and Kasey Miller got the meet started right by finishing first, second and fifth respectively. Hobbs won the event with a jump of 5'6" while Elliott cleared 5'2" and Miller 4'10". In the Discus, they got great performances from Adrianna Castillo, Koda Armke and Dianah Hernandez. Castillo placed third with a toss of 94'4", Armke fourth with a throw of 92'11" and Hernandez sixth with a heave of 79'8".

The second flight of field events called for the Long Jump and Shot Put. Once again the Lady Broncos smoked the field. In the Long Jump, Elliott placed first with a leap of 15'5 1/2" and Megan Berry placed third with a

jump of 14'11 1/4". Amy Gutierrez did not place. They were jumping into a strong wind. In the Shot Put, Danielle Fox and Debra Martinez came out of no-where to finish second and third. Fox had a best effort of 30'7 1/2" and Martinez threw it 29'9 3/4". Crystal Guerra did not place.

There was no let up in the third flight of field events, the Triple Jump and Pole Vault. Amy Gann, Berry and Miller finished first, second and fourth in the Triple Jump. Gann won the event with a leap of 35'9 1/4" while Berry jumped 34'4 3/4" and Miller 33'7 1/2". In the Pole Vault, the Lady Broncos lone entry, Courtney Caruthers, placed second with a vault of 6'6". The Lady Broncos totaled 91 points in the field events.

The first running event, held at 12:30 p.m., was the 3200m run, which saw Shalayne Hobbs win with a time of 12:39.63 and Erika McClintock finish fourth with a time of 14:20.84.

The finals which started at 4:30 saw warmer and less windy conditions. The 400m relay started the finals with a gold medal performance for Sonora. The team of Berry, M. Hobbs, Brooke Northcott, and

Miller won with a time of 51.91. The 800m run was the only event in which they failed to score, as Alyssa Ibarra finished seventh and McClintock eighth. The 100m hurdles got them back in the winners circle, as M. Hobbs won with a time of 15.47. Martinez did not make the finals. Northcott finished third in the 100m dash with a time of 13.18. Amy Gann false started in the finals after having the top qualifying time and Maura Chavez failed to make the finals.

The second relay saw the 800m team of Berry, Elliott, Miller and Gann run away from the field and win by 5 seconds. Their time was 1:49.68. The 400m dash saw strong performances from Brea Hughes and Caruthers. Hughes placed third with a time of 1:06.14 and Caruthers sixth in 1:10.76. Cady Taylor failed to make the finals. The second hurdle event, the 300m hurdles, M. Hobbs once again won with a time of 48.59. Martinez finished fifth in 58.54.

The 200m dash saw the Sonora girls win another gold medal as Berry crossed the finish line first in a time of 26.56. Miller finished fourth in 27.97. Danielle Galindo did not make

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**Relay for Life Team
Captain Meeting
Thursday,
April 18, 2002
5:15 p.m.
Chamber of
Commerce Office
(located next to
Ol' Sonora Trading)
For more
information call
Storie at 387-2507.**

Local K9 Unit Competes At National Competition



Local K9 Officer Dick Dudley and K9 Unit, ARS, traveled to Houston, Texas on Sunday, April 5th to compete in the International Narcotic Detector Dog Association Certification and Competition. Over 250 canine teams participated, making this conference the largest event in NNDDA history.

Out of 160 teams, ARS placed 57th in competition for National Champion.

Town Meeting Held To Answer Questions On Bond Election



by Storie Sharp

Sonora Independent School District Superintendent, Brant Myers held a Town Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2002 to answer questions that the citizens of Sonora may have on the upcoming bond election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

To a small, but attentive crowd, Myers began the meeting with a Power Point presentation that showed the needed repairs at each building and the proposed renovations. This project consists primarily of renovations and improvements to all of the existing elementary and intermediate school buildings in the district, including the two elementary gymnasiums and the historic rock building. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) renovations will also be made to the middle school and the high school, as well as the elementary school.

Myers explained that he and the Sonora I.S.D. Board had taken a survey after the failure of the last Bond election and found out what people were most concerned about. After reviewing these concerns a new proposal was submitted with

changes, including a reduction in cost of approximately 1,500,000, the old high school building will not be torn down, but be renovated and the house next to the administration building is no longer a part of the plan.

After a detailed description of the renovations and repairs needed, Myers explained that these improvements were to enhance the learning environment for our children and help to ensure their safety, as well as to comply with ADA regulations and safety codes that have changed during the life of our current buildings.

One of the main concerns of citizens at the meeting was the cost of this bond election and how it will affect our tax rates. The new bond election is for \$7,500,000. A successful bond election will result in an increase of 18.50 cents per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Residents over 65 will not be affected by this rate increase.

Board President Tryon Fields answered the question of "What if it doesn't pass again" by saying that something will

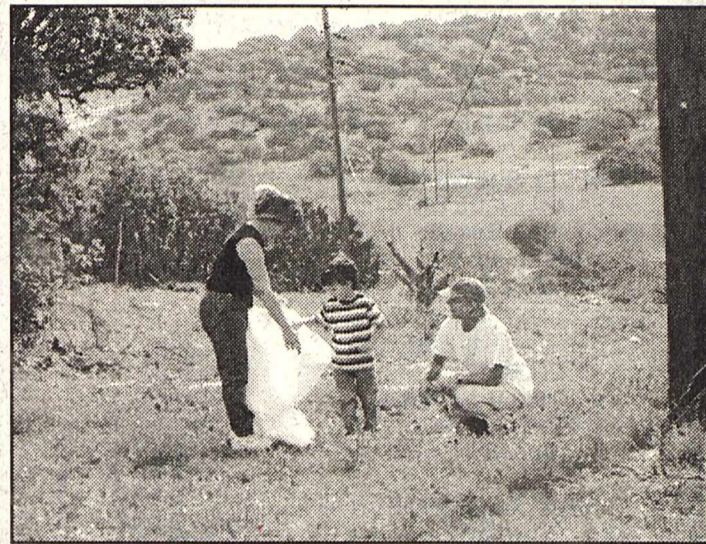
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Sonora Cleans Up Around Town

At the first of two city wide clean ups, concerned citizens like Delyse and Garret Jaeger and Jaquie Bills (pictured below) picked up trash around town and on Eaton Hill. Local Boy Scouts pitched in, as well as many other organizations and individuals. Over 400 vehicles went through the Convenience Station, taking advantage of the fees being waived and hauling off loads of trash.

The second City Wide Clean up will be Saturday, April 20, 2002. Fees will be waived at the Convenience Station (old dump). Please pick up your trash around your dumpster, fill up the dumpsters in your area first, before taking trash out to the Convenience Station.

Please no paint, no freon, no tires



PTO To Hold Elections

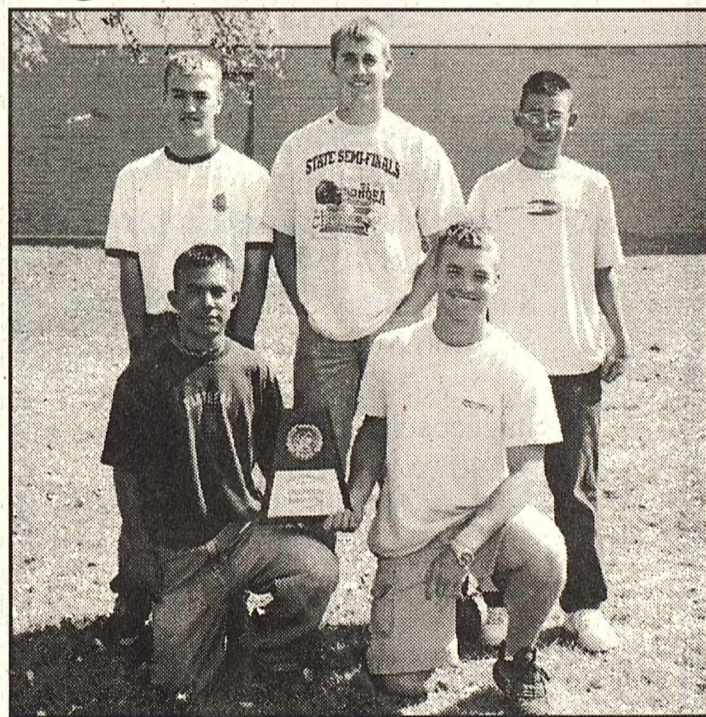
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On Monday, April 22, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary Auditorium, the Sonora Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) will hold their first official meeting to elect officers. All past PTA members are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have been a paid member of PTA since August of 2001, you are still officially a member of the newly organized PTO. (We voted to change this at the November 2001 meeting).

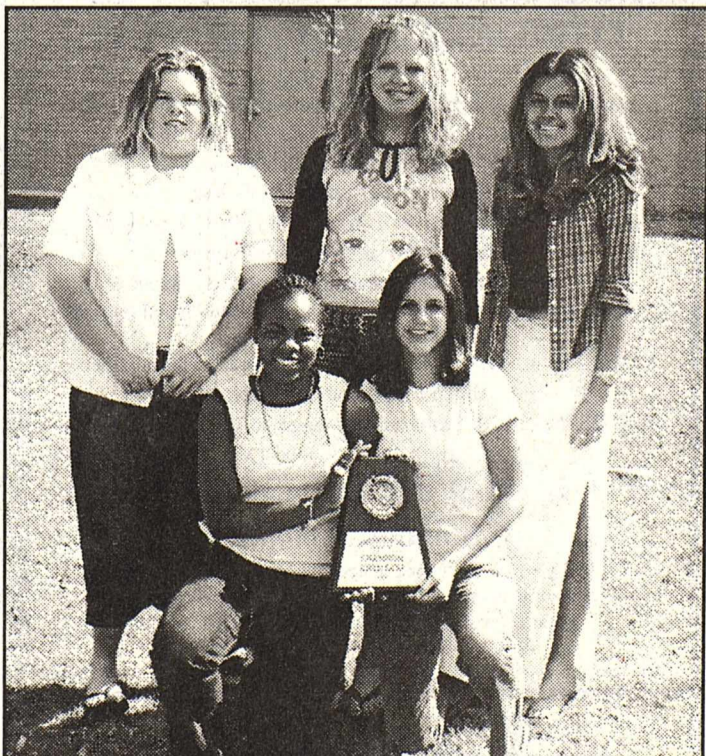
Anyone interested in participating in PTO for the benefit of our children should attend this meeting. Candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian will be voted on and committee positions will also be discussed.

The program for the meeting will highlight the Elementary 2nd Graders in a musical production. Please come out and show your support for these young students. They look forward to entertaining you. Refreshments will be served.

Bronco Golfers On The Way To Regionals



The Broncos (above) and Lady Broncos (below) will compete in the Region I-2A Golf Tournament at Shady Oaks Golf Club in Baird on April 22 and 23. The Bronco golfers are Stetson Perez, Dustin Martin, Chris Martin, Brandon West and A.J. Hernandez. The Lady Bronco golfers are Tamika Marshall, Genny Cramer, Jalys Mabry, Ashley Vickers and Leslie Gamez. Good Luck teams!





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387-0623

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387-6181

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

Obituary

Andrew Marshal "Penny" Pennington

Andrew Marshal "Penny" Pennington, 76, finished his earthly pilgrimage Friday, April 12, 2002. Service were at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Pennington Ranch in Menard. Survivors include his wife, Danny; his daughters, Drew Bearden and her husband, Jerry, of Mason and Penny Wade of Menard; one son, Stacey Pennington and his wife, Fran, of Sonora; his grandsons, Ryan Wade Armstrong of San Angelo,

Yancy Hutton Butch of Menard, Bailey Joe Pennington and Gunter Shawn Pennington of Sonora; granddaughter, Chel Terrell of San Antonio of Breckenridge; sisters, Glennis Lacy and her husband, Glen, and Minnie Copeland and husband, F.L. "Toad" Copeland, all of Breckenridge; one nephew, Mike Copeland and wife, Lynn, of Breckenridge; and one niece, Sherry Duggan and husband, Lynn, of Breckenridge.

David Gallion

David Maurice Gallion, 69, passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in a San Angelo Hospital. Masonic graveside services were held Saturday, April 13, 2002 at Sipe Springs Cemetery in Sipe Springs, Texas.

He is survived by a son Dell

Gallion of Sonora, 2 daughters Barbara Galbreath of Albany and Nelda Stewart of Clyde, 2 brothers, Larry Gallion of Anson and Doug Gallion of Mesquite, and 3 sisters, Esther Gorham of Brockway, PA, Mary Childs of Harlingen, and Jean Nappier of Kenai, Alaska.

Birdwell Burney

Birdwell Burney, longtime Snyder resident, died at his home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Burney were at the First Baptist Church in Snyder, Texas. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist Minister officiated. Interment followed in Hillside Memorial Garden under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Born August 30, 1925, Mr. Burney was a retired butcher, having worked many years for Piggly Wiggly. He also was a stock farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He married Patsy Anne Ross on January 1, 1951 in Lovington, New Mexico and she died March 7, 1995. He also

was preceded in death by a son, Steve Burney, on Dec. 18, 1991; and a sister, Barbara Burney; and a brother, Shorty Burney.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Bear Bryant of Sonora; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Burney Kotarski of Cortez, Colorado; two sisters, Norma Cumbie and Billie Holladay, both of Snyder; three grandchildren, Kevin Shifflet and wife, Kim, of Gustine, Tyson Shifflet and wife, Amy, of Snyder, and Blaine Burney of Cortez; and five great-grandchildren, Ty and Tanner Shifflet of Gustine, Lacey Shifflet of Mesquite and Jordan and Sadie Shifflet of Snyder.

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Senior Center News

- Apr. 22 - Bingo!
- Apr. 24 - Professional Secretaries Day!
- Apr. 25 - Birthday Party for April Babies. Join us for cake and ice cream.
- Apr. 26 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education at noon!

Senior Menu

- Apr. 22 - Country fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat rolls, vegetable salad, cake.
- Apr. 23 - Pork chops with gravy, diced potatoes, steamed carrots, tossed salad, wheat bread, peach cobbler.
- Apr. 24 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat bread, lemon squares.
- Apr. 25 - Fried catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach bread, jello with fruit.
- Apr. 26 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, coleslaw, fruit salad.

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

Wedding



Wertz - Condra

Miss Donette Kay Wertz, native Austinite, and Mr. Justin Stone Condra of Sonora, were united in marriage on Friday, April 5, at 6:30 in the evening at the Vista on Seward Hill. The Bride was given by her father, William Wertz, Jr. and close father figure, Robert Ferguson. Mother of the bride, Linda Ranney Henry with husband, Joe, and mother and father of the groom, Jimmy and Diana Condra were on the front row with smiles and their ever-lasting support!

Maid of Honor was Ms. Denise Wertz of Austin and Best Man was Dwayne Ganner also of Austin. The couple was united by the Reverend Monte Jones of San Angelo.

We would like thank all those that have supported us through the years and appreciate all that you have done.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Board Members for bestowing the honor of Co-Organization of the Year on our group.

Board of Directors of the Friends of Historic Sonora
Main Street Program

The Family of Ray Holmes would like to thank all those who comforted us during our time of great loss. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, food, cards and words of encouragement helped us more than words can express. We would also like to thank the First Baptist Church for the delicious meal and Hospice for their loving care during this difficult time. Ray "Granddaddy" will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Thank you all and may God bless each of you.

Steve and Pam Bolt, Scott and Chris Badgett,
James and Brook Gerber, Becky Holmes,
Stoney and Judy Holmes and Chad Holmes.

I would like to thank Postmistress Judy Phillips and her staff for allowing Sonora ISD to display various materials regarding our upcoming bond election and facilities project in the Sonora Post Office. We appreciate your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,
Brant Myers, Superintendent
Sonora ISD

A big Thank You to the persons that chose the Knights of Columbus to be one of the Organizations of the Year.

All sixty-eight members are very grateful for the support and help that the community has given us. We are here to help the whole community in any manner that we can.

The plaque is displayed in our church, it looks great!
Thanks again from all of us and God bless each and everyone! And God bless America!

St. Ann's Council #10609 of the Knight's of Columbus
Sonora, Texas

On behalf of the "Sonora Rocks" Chamber Banquet Committee I would like to Thank the following businesses for their charitable "Door Prize" donations. Business Basics, Cellular One Sonora, Devil's River News, Gifts Galore and More, La Mexicana Restaurante, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Smitty's, Sombrero's Laserwash, Stagecoach Grill and Cantina and The Sutton County Steakhouse. These door prizes and your participation in the Sonora Chamber of Commerce help make everyone in attendance feel like winners. Thank you!

Danni Price
Banquet Door Prize Committee

School Lunch Menu • Apr. 22 - Apr. 26, 2002

Breakfast

- Mon. - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, juice.
- Tues. - French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, juice.
- Wed. - Pigs in a blanket, juice.
- Thurs. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, juice.
- Fri. - Hot oatmeal, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Chili dog, pork & beans, grapes, cookies.
- Tues. - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, vegetable salad, fruit.
- Wed. - Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, jello, hot roll.
- Thurs. - Chicken soft taco, refried beans, taco salad, pudding with topping.
- Fri. - Hamburger on bun, French fries, burger salad, oatmeal cookie.

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Community

- Apr. 17
Early Voting Bond Election
- Apr. 20
A. C. S. Relay for Life Golf Tournament
8:00 A.M. • Sonora Golf Course
- Apr. 22
9:00 a.m. Sutton County Annex
Commissioner Court

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

- Apr. 22
Sonora Schools P.T.O. Meeting
6:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium
- May 3-4
A.C.S Relay for Life
Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m.
- May 4
Bond Election

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Matthew Glasscock Awarded Eagle Scout Rank



Matthew Glasscock (center) is joined by his parents Ray and Nancy Glasscock at his Eagle Scout ceremony.

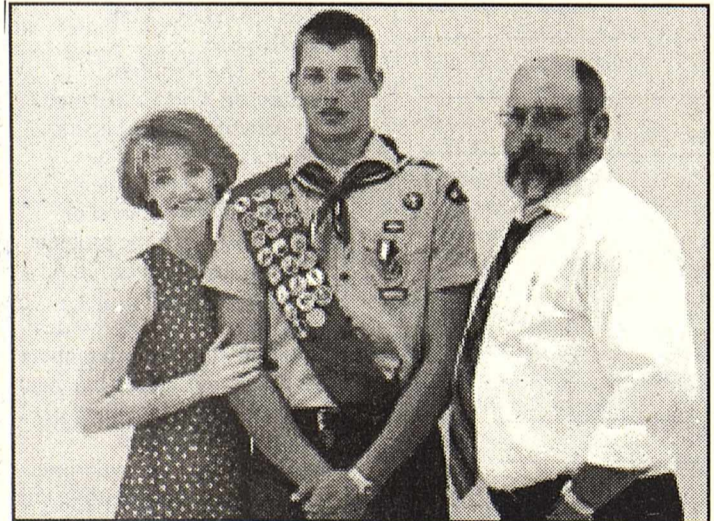
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On Sunday, April 14th, Matthew Glasscock was awarded the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the Eagle rank in a Court of Honor held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora. Matthew Glasscock began his scouting experience in Warner Robins, Georgia in 1993 as a member of Cub Scout Pack 422. From August 1994 through 1996, Matthew was a member of Pack 143 in Boerne, Texas as a 4th and 5th grade Webelo. During that two year period, he completed a Freez-O-Ree at Camp Bear Creek, was awarded the Arrow of Light and crossed over to Boy Scouts. During Matthew's first year of scouting with Boy Scout Troop 102 in Boerne, he participated in nine campouts, two community service projects and summer camp at Camp Sol Mayer the summer of 1997. As a Second Class Scout, he assisted with painting the Scout Hut's exterior and participated in a Community Cleanup and the Friends of the Boerne Library book sale. On POW/MIA weekend in 1997, Matthew completed a campout on the aircraft carrier Lexington in Corpus Christi Bay and washed an F-14 on the deck of the carrier as a service project. Matthew attended summer camp in 1998 at Camp El Rancho Cima. That fall and winter, he began working on his Eagle Scout requirements as a new First Class Scout and was also elected to the Order of the Arrow. In June of 1999,

Matthew was selected to attend Cedar Badge training for junior leadership. In July, he attended summer camp at Camp Lost Pines. That fall as a Star Scout, Matthew assisted three other scouts with their Eagle projects and was selected to be on the Junior Leadership Camp staff as an instructor the following summer. Matthew became a Life Scout in August 1999 and applied to the Alamo Council for a Philmont Expedition slot. He was accepted and completed a 12 day 87 mile trek in the Cimarron National Forest in New Mexico in July 2000. Matthew moved to Sonora the summer of 2000 and planned and briefed both the Sonora Industrial Development Board and the Sonora City Council on his Eagle Scout Project plans. The plan included removing and hauling away all fences and fence posts on Eaton Hill Wildlife Refuge. Matthew completed the project in August 2001 and was certified an Eagle Scout at a Board of Review in October 2001. He would like to thank T. Wayne Price, Mrs. Terry Zablocki, and Mr. Benedict Adam for the letters of recommendation to the Eagle Board. He would also like to thank Zed Snodgrass, Randy and Pat Gillit for assisting with his Eagle Project. Matthew is the son of Ray and Nancy Glasscock of Sonora. He is a member of Sonora High School's Class of 2003 and plans to attend college and major in computer science and business.

Tom Valliant Awarded Eagle Scout Rank

submitted
On April 14th ten years of scouting culminated at the Eagle Court of Honor for Tom Edward (Trapper) Valliant Jr. Trapper's scouting career began as a Tiger Cub in first grade with Claudia Dempsey and Callaway Hall serving as Cubmasters. It has progressed over the last ten years with weekly meetings, campouts, scout camps, community service projects and flag raising ceremonies. Through it all, the scouts of Pack 19 have been lead and supported by Scoutmaster and good friend, Lewis Allen. Trapper earned the following Merit Badges: Archaeology, Archery, Basketry, Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Lifesaving, Motor Boating, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Sports, Swimming, Weather, and

Wilderness Survival. He was also awarded the Arrow of Light and the Order of the Arrow. He filled the following leadership roles while actively pursuing the Eagle rank: Scribe, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Chaplain Aide. Many thanks go to the following individuals: Scoutmaster Allen, Cubmasters Claudia Dempsey and Callaway Hall, Troop 19 committee members: Mr. and Mrs. John Ainsworth, Tim Talley, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Beth Wallace, and Ronda Hall. For their letters of recommendation for the rank of Eagle, many special thanks also go to the Reverend Ted Harris, James B. Archer, Drew Cox and Earl Hokit. The Sonora City Council, the Sutton County Historical Society, Albert Elliott, and Ann Kay are also greatly appreciated for suggesting his Eagle project. Trapper is the son of Brenda and Tom E. Valliant of Sonora and the grandson of Beverly and Lee Roy Valliant and Doris and Rayford Hull.



Brenda and Tom E. Valliant join their son, Trapper (center) as he becomes an Eagle Scout.

Administrative Professional Week
April 22 - 26

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Letter to the Editor

The Texas Trash Out was April 6, 2002, in Sonora there is only one group that has Adopted a Highway. That group is the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club, they have 2-miles on US-277 North. Their man who is the force behind this group is Norm Rousselot, he is devoted to this stretch of road that his group has adopted. The highway adoption agreement is to pick up trash 4 times a year. Norm picks up once a week! He has very strong feelings about keeping his hometown litter free.

It would be very nice if more organizations would Adopt-a-Highway and help lead people to change their attitudes about littering. This change in attitude is necessary for a change in behavior, which is our ultimate goal, to motivate Texans to stop littering.

So, on that Saturday morning, drizzling and foggy, there was this Lone Ranger determined to pick up his stretch of the road, even though it was only him.

The Sonora Maintenance Office and this Supervisor, would like to say Thank You Norm, for your time and generosity. When you see him around town say thanks Norm!

Sincerely,
Romeo V. Perez Jr.
Maintenance Section Supervisor



Norm Rousselot keeps his part of the highway clean.

Thank You

We, the family, friends and the scholarship Committee for the Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Scholarship Fund would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all support that was given to our Fundraiser Dance again it was a huge success! Thanks to all who helped in selling Raffle and Dance tickets, to all who bought tickets and to those who helped set up at the Civic Center before the Dance and helped in one way or another! To all the radio stations: KHOS, KYZZ, & KSJT and Crockett Co. newspaper - Thanks! It was a lot of work but it was well worth it! The Scholarship will be used to assist in the education of one or more Sonora High School graduates seeking a degree at an accredited university or trade school. Without our family and friends in our community and elsewhere, we would not be able to do this!

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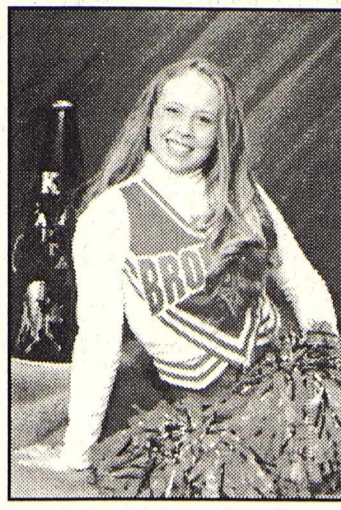
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Kearney Makes Cheerleading Squad At LCU

Kasey Kearney, a senior at Sonora High School has been chosen for the Cheerleading Squad at Lubbock Christian University.

Kasey traveled to the University on Saturday, April 6th where she competed against over 20 girls and boys. The competition consisted of learning a cheer and a dance and then performing it before a panel of judges. Each contestant was also interviewed by three individual judges.

The squad consists of 11 girls and 1 boy. In addition to being chosen for the team, Kasey was given a scholarship at the University. The squad will go to SMU to participate at



camp in Dallas this summer before cheering next year. Congratulations Kasey!

Hernandez Named As National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Katrina Hernandez of Sonora, Texas has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership and Service.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Katrina, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Christy Bell, a counselor at the school.

Katrina will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

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Katrina is the daughter of George and JoAnn Hernandez of Sonora. The grandparents are Juan and Elida Guerra of Sonora and Nilda Hernandez of Sonora.

Health Science Tech. Class Take Educational Trip To Texas Hospitals

submitted

The Health Science Tech. class, taught by Ms. Ada Castilleja, traveled to Houston, TX on March 25, 26, and 27th. The students are Maura Chavez, Gabby Coronado, Dora McAfee, and Paula Villanueva. Tuesday, March 26th the students went to St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, to the surgi-

cal viewing room and were able to view a surgery being performed by Dr. Denton Cooley. Dr. Cooley is 82 years old and in 1962 he was the man that founded the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

In 1968 he was part of the team that performed the first successful heart transplant in the

F.Y.I.
The American Cancer Society Golf Tournament will be Saturday, April 20th at the Sonora Golf Club. Tee time will be 8:00 a.m. for a 4 or 5 person scramble. Entry fees will be \$25 per person. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. To enter or for more information call Storie at 387-2507.

Attn. Golfers: Scrambles will begin Thursday, April 18th.

There will be a PTO meeting on April 22, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be May 3-4th at the Bronco Stadium. For more information or to make donations call Storie at 387-2507 or Kim at 387-5666.

The Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team will be raffling off a TV/VCR at the 2002 Relay for Life. For tickets or for more information call 387-3588 or Denine at 387-6322. Buy your chance today!! All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The T & C Village Market Relay for Life team will be raffling off two prize packages from local businesses for \$1 a chance. Prizes will include many great prizes from local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The Cub Scout graduation is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Depot Amphitheater. All parents and family are invited to attend. Coke floats will be served following the ceremony. Each Scout needs to wear their uniform.

The 2002 Yearbooks are on sale for \$30. The price will increase on May 1st. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. You can call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext 315 for more details.

The West Texas Championship Cook-off Committee is looking for judges for the 2002 Championship cook-off on June 1st. Judges are needed for Brisket, Goat, Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Beans, Pies and Margaritas. If you are interested in being a judge please call Storie at 387-2507.

The Girls Hunter Safety Camp to be held from June 10-13 is taking entries now. Girls ages 12 - 18 (must be in school) are encouraged to participate. For more information call Rodney Knight at 387-3068. The cost is only \$10 per entry.

1st Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church Men's Class "D" Only, May 18 & 19, 2002 at the Sutton Co. Softball Complex. Double Elimination. Deadline for entry is May 13, 2002. Entry is \$125.00 per team. Awards will be given for 1st through 3rd place (trophy & shirt). Consolation Prizes will be given as well as an MVP award. There will also be a Home Run Derby. For more information call Joe San Miguel at 277-1662 or Joseph Jenkins at (830)765-0406.

Walking Aerobic Classes, Call Annette at 387-3120 or Juanita at 450-4181 for more information.

The Miers Home Museum and the Old Jail will be closed until June 1, 2002 for repairs. The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. Please contact Al Elliott at 387-3529.

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LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
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(Location) (sitio)

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Sonora Lady Broncos Lose Close One to Junction

by: **Danni Price**

The Sonora Lady Broncos met the Junction Lady Eagles on April 9th and came up one-run short. Tamika Marshall went 6 innings, giving up 5 walks, and striking out 2.

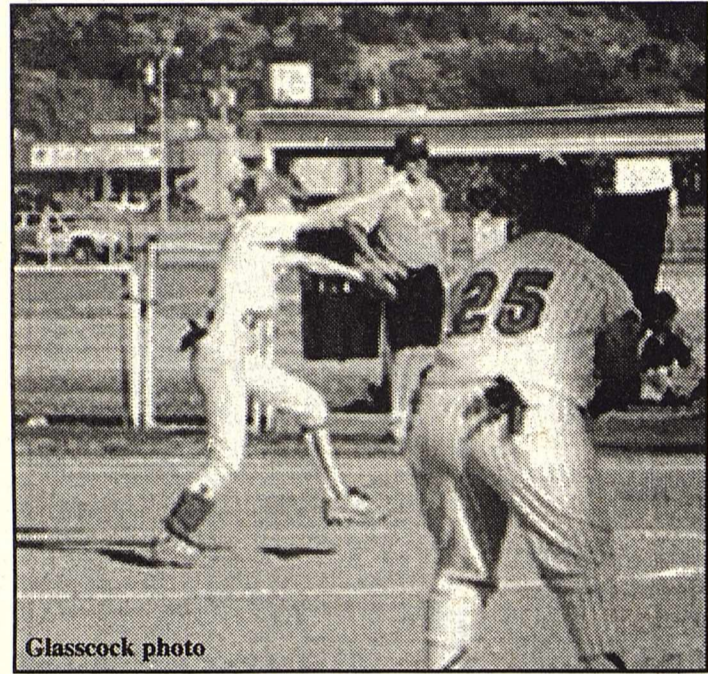
In the 1st two innings the Lady Broncos were scoreless, and unable to get anyone on base. In the 3rd inning Adriana Castillo got things rolling with a single, followed by 2 more singles by Debra Martinez and Denevra Gloria. The girls were left stranded on base and again came up empty in the runs-scored department.

Marshall singled in the 4th to get things going and was able

to score on an error by Junction. In the 5th inning Gloria hit a 2-bagger scoring Martinez. Marshall then hit a fly ball to Right Field to bring in Gloria for the 3rd run of the game.

In the 6th Brea Hughes hit a single, and was able to score when Castillo singled. In the 7th and final inning, Heather Lawson singled and was able to cross the plate for the 5th run, due to an error by Junction. Hughes then singled and was thrown out at the plate trying to tie-up the game after a hard hit ball to Center Field by Ashley Parker. The final score was Junction 6, Sonora 5.

Lady Broncos Soar Over Lady Hawks



Glasscock photo

Heather Lawson pitches a winning game against Wall.

by: **Danni Price**

The Sonora Lady Broncos met up with the Wall Lady Hawks on Friday, April 12, 2002. Heather Lawson went the distance, pitching a Complete Game 7 innings. Lawson walked 5, and struck-out 5.

In the 1st inning Denevra Gloria had a single, followed by Ashley Parker with a walk, and Ruby Galindo with a walk. Then Brea Hughes came up to the plate and hit a Triple scoring all three of the Lady Broncos.

Adriana Castillo reached base to start out the 2nd inning when she was hit by a pitch. Koda Armke singled and Debra Martinez doubled scoring Armke and bringing the score to 4.

In the 3rd, Tamika Marshall singled, and then scored when Lawson, Castillo and Armke were all walked. Lawson also scored on a dead-ball rule.

Gloria reached base on a walk to start out the 4th inning,

and was able to round the bases and scoring the 7th run on a passed ball by the Wall pitcher. The 5th inning started with a single by Hughes and 2 walks to Lawson and Castillo. Armke came to the plate and scored Hughes with an RBI single. Martinez also hit an RBI single to score Lawson. Gloria reached 1st with a Base on Balls but was left stranded to end the inning.

The 6th inning was productive for Sonora, as they were able to generate 3 more runs. Galindo walked, Hughes walked, and Lawson singled scoring Galindo. Castillo reached with a walk and Armke doubled scoring Hughes and Lawson bringing the run-count to 12.

The Lady Broncos played a great game against Wall beating them 12 to 8. Winning this game gives Sonora hopes of a play-off spot. Good Luck Girls and keep up the Good Fight!

Sonora Track Boys Finish Third

by **Ray Glasscock**

Scottie Moore jumped 6'8" to place first and tie the District 2A high jump record at the April 11th District Track meet in Sonora. The team had a total of 133 points overall to finish third behind Junction and Wall. The Sonora Boys Varsity Relay teams placed first in both the Sprint Relay and the 1600 Relay. James Elliott won the 400 and was on both winning relay teams. Stetson Hall returns to Abilene after winning the Discus event.

Results for the meet were as follows:

400 Meter Relay
1st 43.16 Dustin Martin, Chance Armke, William Renfro, James Elliott

800-Meter Run
2nd 2:05.04 Wilson Wallace
3rd 2:06.69 Luis Segura

100 Meter Dash
2nd 10.95 William Renfro
3rd 11.01 Chance Armke
4th 11.03 Dustin Martin

400 Meter Run
1st 51.62 James Elliott
3rd 52.74 Chance Dillard

200 Meter Run
5th 23.79 Doug Yocham

1600 Meter Relay
1st 3:27.53 Renfro, Armke, Wallace and Elliott
Pole Vault
5th 11' 6" Joshua Hopkins
6th 11' Reyes Garcia

High Jump
1st 6' 8" Moore
2nd 6' 4" Dillard

Shot Put
5th 41' 2.75" Israel Arevalo

Discus
1st 159' 4" Stetson Hall
4th 128' 2" Tom Valliant

Triple Jump
3rd 40' 10" Doug Yocham

J.V. Broncos Hit Hard Times

by **Maray Cearley**

Last week the Junior Varsity Baseball team had trouble with two of their District Rivals.

On Monday they lost to Grape Creek 5-14 and then on Friday they were defeated by Junction 2-13.

In the first game, Clint Cearley had a tough time on the mound. In 6 innings he struck out 2, walked 2 and he gave up 13 hits. In relief, Dustin Creek faced 3 batters, striking out all 3.

Offensively, the Broncos hit the ball very well but weren't able to capitalize, stranding 8 on base.

J.R. Solis was 3 for 3, while

Diego Cardona and Stevie Hernandez hit 2 for 3. Austin Wagoner, Laramie Hall, Brian Payton, Cearley and Creek all were 1 for 3. Garrett Watkins, Cearley and Hernandez each had 1 RBI while Hall had 2.

Against the Junction Eagles, Dustin Creek was on the mound for the Broncos. He went 5 innings; striking out 6, walking 2 and he gave up 14 hits.

Unlike the Grape Creek game the Broncos had trouble at the plate. The Eagle pitcher struck out 11 and only allowed 2 singles, both by Cearley.

This week the Broncos will travel to Grape Creek to play.

7th Grade Lady Colts Have Winning Season

The seventh grade track team had a very successful year. They competed in four meets plus the district this year. They finished in the top two in every meet.

The District Track meet results for April 5, 2002 were as follows:

2400m Run
1st Alexie Ortiz 10:38
6th Delma Tovar 11:39

Long Jump
2nd Amanda Berry 14' 8"
3rd Erica Hernandez 13' 4 3/4

800m Run
5th Felicia Gomez 3:00:44

400m Dash
2nd Erica Hernandez 68:49

1600m Run
3rd Alexie Ortiz 6:44:75

1600m Relay
1st Hernandez, Chandler, Krieg, Berry 4:36:20

Shot Put
1st Brandy Neff 26' 4"
3rd Madeline Higdon 22' 10"

High Jump
1st Meghan Krieg 4' 6"
5th Candace Chandler 4' 0"

110m Hurdles
5th Meghan Krieg 19:84

300m Hurdles
4th Jena Teasley 59.96
6th Felicia Gomez 63.73

400m Relay
2nd Fields, Chandler, Edmondson, and Berry 55:98

Pole Vault
1st Kalya Fields 6' 6"

Triple Jump
1st Amanda Berry 32' 21 1/2"
3rd Kayla Fields 28' 4"

100m Dash
1st Amanda Berry 13:35
3rd Kayla Fields 13:97

200m Dash
2nd Candace Chandler 29.72
5th Allyse Edmondson 30.79

800m Relay
1st Fields, Edmondson, Krieg, Hernandez 1:59:00

Other members are Stacy Sanchez, Emily Butler, Mandie Castilleja, Chasady Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Melinda Lopez, Mackenzie Perez, Bianca Sepeda and Daisy Perez.

Broncos Solidify Hold On Second Place



#9 Bronco slides into base against Junction. Glasscock photo

by **Tryon Fields**

Last week, the Bronco Baseball team lost one and won one. The loss to Wall on Tuesday forced a show down with the second place Junction Eagles on Friday. By virtue of the win over the Eagles on Friday, the Broncos now stand a good chance to end up second in District 2-2A and even have an outside shot at a portion of the District title. To do this, the Red Hosses will need some help from Junction and Mason; as well as a win over the Hawks on April the 26th.

On Tuesday, the Broncos hosted the District leader Wall. A much touted pitchers duel between Jonathan O'Niell from Wall and the Bronco own Justin Sims proved to be everything it was intended. O'Niell would get the 5 to 1 win by limiting the Broncos to only one run on one hit.

The Hawk Ace would strike fourteen Broncos out; while only walking six. In the other dugout, the Bronco Ace, Justin Sims would fair as well. Sims would record his first loss of the season, giving up five runs on five hits, striking out eight and walking four. The only run by the Broncos was scored by Landon Brockman in the sixth inning on three walks and an error on the Hawk first baseman. The sole hit off of O'Niell was a double by Sean Fields in the third inning. Brian Woner, Wall's third baseman, accounted for most of the Hawks runs with four RBI's off of two homeruns.

On Friday, the Broncos entertained the Junction Eagles. After a district opening loss to these same Eagles, the Red Hosses were out for revenge. This game was also pivotal, as the Eagles would travel to Sonora with a 4 and 1 district record; while the Broncos would come into the contest with a 3 and 2 district record. The Eagles would use two pitchers (B.K. McLaughlin and Bobby Adams) while Sonora would use three (Stetson Hall, Doug Yocham, and Justin Sims) in the extra innings contest. Junction's Bobby Adams would come on in relief to begin the sixth inning with a 4 run lead. Errors by the Eagles and the Bronco bats would tie the game up in the bottom of the seventh at seven runs apiece. A lead off hit by a des-

ignated batter in the top of the eighth would eventually put the Eagles back on top by one run. In the bottom of the eighth; a two out walk to Manuel Lopez, a stolen base, and a clutch single by Justin Sims would once again knot the ball game at eight. Justin Sims in his eighth win of the season would get the Eagles to go in order in the top of the ninth. A lead off single by Scottie Moore in the bottom of the ninth would set up a festering show down between Junction's ace, Bobby Adams and the Broncos first baseman, Stetson Hall. A 1 ball - 1 strike - 1 out high fast ball ended it.

Hall would reach out and swat the pitch over the 370, sign in right center field to cap off an enthusiastic come back by the Broncos. Junction 8 - Sonora 10 in nine innings.

This week the Broncos will be on the road: Tuesday - Mason at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday the Red Hosses will play Grape Creek at 10:30 a.m. This game having to be rescheduled due to the One-Act Play being at the Regional competition on Friday in Abilene.

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April 24 - 25 Regional (Abilene)

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April 20 • District • Mason

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Crockett County
New RME Petro Co; 8000' Union Pacific - D - #18, Patterson Drilling.
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Exxonmobil; 16000' Banner Estate #26, Patterson UTI.
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USDA-NRCS To Conduct Public Meetings on Use of Third Party Vendors

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is conducting two public meetings to receive input from farmers, ranchers, and others on the use of Third Party Vendors in providing on-farm technical assistance and services related to USDA program participants. Third Party Vendors are non-NRCS individuals certified to provide technical assistance on behalf of USDA.

Technical assistance could include the development of conservation plans or the design, layout, installation, and check-out of approved conservation practices. It could also include the development of resource assessment data such as brush and forage inventories or erosion estimates for use in conservation plan development and the development of conservation plan components such as nutrient management or pest management.

NRCS and local soil and water conservation districts have traditionally provided technical assistance for conservation planning and practice installation and will continue to do so. In addition to NRCS and conservation district assistance, technical assistance will also be available from individuals outside of USDA - Third Party Vendors. If an effective and efficient program is formulated, the use of Third Party Vendors could increase the technical capacity of NRCS and conservation districts. It could also help to ensure that participants receive timely assistance in meeting USDA program requirements.

Pending legislation in the 2002 Farm Bill includes language on the use of Third Party Vendors, including payments to vendors for that assistance. To date that pending legislation has yet to be passed. In anticipation of passage of this legislation, we are gathering information on

what customers want from Third Party Vendors and how they envision using the system. The NRCS's role in the meetings is to listen to you.

Agricultural producers are invited to participate in a meeting on April 18, 2002 at Big Country Hall, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, Texas, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The following issues will be addressed at the meeting and should be addressed in any written comments. Interested individuals are encouraged to provide comment to the following:

1. As a farmer or rancher, what are your expectations on the use of Third Party Vendors?
2. How can NRCS ensure that a Third Party Vendor Program is farmer and rancher friendly?
3. How can private sector technical assistance be offered in ways that will be convenient to farmers and ranchers and designed to meet their needs?
4. What are the specific features farmers and ranchers would like to see in the Third Party Vendor Program?

To allow for as many speakers as possible, each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Written or oral comments will be officially received as part of the public record. Written comments will be accepted at each meeting and by mail or facsimile. Written comments must be postmarked or faxed by April 30, 2002, and addressed to: Tomas M. Dominguez, Acting State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501-7602 or fax: 254-742-9819.

Each meeting facility is handicap accessible. If you require special arrangements, please call 254-742-9800 prior to the meetings. Please contact this office if you have questions or need more information.

Southwest Texas ACA Recognized For Excellence At Farm Credit Bank Of Texas Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Leaders of Southwest Texas ACA recently attended the 83rd Annual Stockholders' meeting of the Tenth Farm Credit District. More than 500 leaders and guests from across the five state district participated in the meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

Southwest Texas ACA was presented the PACESETTER Performance Award for achieving the Bank's highest possible rating in 2001. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of loan growth and financial operations. Accepting the award on behalf of the Association were CEO Rothe and Board Chairman, Shelby Henke.

"The PACESETTER Award recipients exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial performance standards set by

the bank," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "These exemplary lending institutions set the pace in the Tenth Farm Credit District."

The Tenth District is composed of the Austin-based FCBT, plus 12 ACAs and 10 FLCAs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, the co-op lenders have more than \$6 billion in mortgage in production loans outstanding to rural residents, agricultural producers and agri business operations.

Southwest Texas ACA is headquartered in Devine and has branch offices in Edinburg, Hondo, Laredo, Marfa, Pleasanton, San Antonio, Sonora and Uvalde.

Attending from Sonora were Glen C. Richardson and Bill Savell.

Sixth Graders Enjoy Annual Ag Field Trip

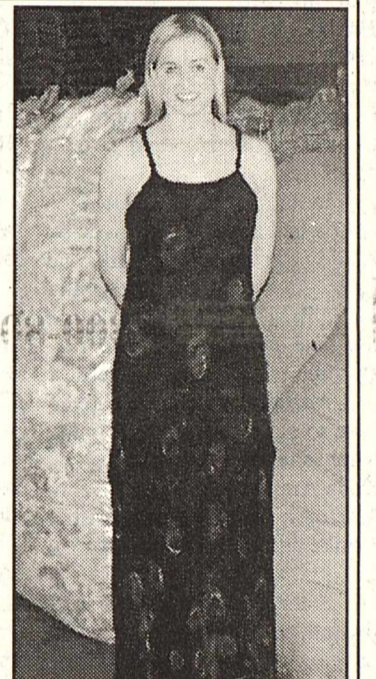


The Annual Edwin Sawyer Sixth Grade Field Tour was held on April 9th at the Edwin Sawyer Ranch and the Sonora Wool and Mohair.

Kelly Thorp (above) gave a presentation on the difference between a sheep and a goat. The kids were able to look at samples of wool and mohair to see the difference in the two.

4-H Natural Fibers Contestant, Marilyn Holman (right) talked to the students about the wool & mohair garment that she got from a designer in New Zealand. She will compete on April 27th in San Marcos in the Natural Fiber contest.

Before visiting the Wool House the kids spent the morning touring the Sawyer Ranch learning about different aspects of agriculture.



Marilyn Holman

State Needs Land For Seven Texas State Veterans Cemeteries

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

Texas has a history of providing financial assistance to military veterans in recognition of their service to our country and our state.

Since 1946, Texas programs have helped veterans buy land, obtain low-interest home loans, improve houses and attend college. Now plans are underway to further commemorate the Texas veterans' service by establishing as many as seven Texas State Veterans Cemeteries (TSVC).

A TSVC is a cemetery site constructed to provide dignified burial places for veterans and their eligible family members. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) and the state will work together to build the cemeteries under the State Veterans Cemetery Grant Program.

Last month more than 800 local government officials and veterans' organizations were notified that Requests for Proposals (RFP) soliciting donations of suitable land are now available. You may call the Texas Veterans Hotline toll-free at (800) 252-8387 to request the document.

The RFP also is available on the Internet at the Texas Veterans Land Board's web site: www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb

Questions may be e-mailed to tsvc@glo.state.tx.us or mailed to Douglas Oldmixon, Texas Veterans Land Board, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873.

May 1, 2002, is the deadline for receiving proposals. After the deadline, a Texas State

Veterans Cemetery Committee will evaluate the submissions and choose the cemeteries' locations, which are expected to be announced by July.

The state cemeteries will serve veterans in areas currently not served by one of the USDVA National Veterans Cemetery located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Fort Bliss in El Paso, or cemeteries in Houston and the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Currently there are no plans for additional national veterans' cemeteries in Texas, and approximately 500,000 of Texas' 1.7 million veterans are 65 years old or older. More than 240,000 veterans live in counties that are entirely or partially in Senate District 25, so I am hoping that one of the sites selected will be in our district. The site, however, may not be within 75 miles of a USDVA national cemetery.

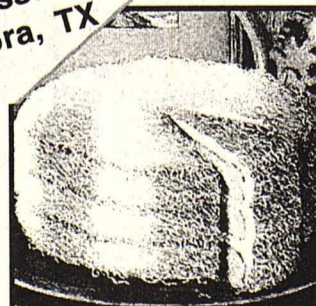
As a former U.S. Army officer, I know personally the sacrifice involved with active military service. I am proud of my fellow Texans who currently are defending our nation at home and abroad, and I am also proud that in an election last November, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment that provided the funding for perpetual care for the state veterans cemeteries.

As one of only four Texas state senators who has seen active duty military service, I am grateful that Texans are continuing our state's tradition of honoring those whose sacrifices allow us to live in freedom.

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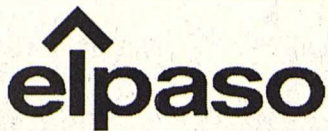
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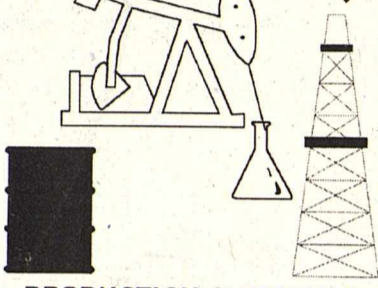
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Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Practices For Competition



Sometimes you get it...

Cole Cearley (left) and Wayford Tyler (right) practice for the racing competition part of the Hill Country Volunteer Firefighter Association Convention in Eldorado. For results of the Competition see next week's issue of The Devil's River News.



Sometimes you don't...

Senior Center News

We have been very busy at our Senior Center and also short on staff, but everyone's back for now. We hope everyone has grown accustomed to the new Daylight Savings Time by now. I was late every day last week - oops!

We are doing Crafts for Mother's Day, come by the Center and sign up with one of our staff. We have also started a quilt for those who would like to learn, or if you are a Pro - come help us. Maybe we can have it ready by Sutton County Days and have a raffle so we can buy extras needed at our Center. (I had suggested a 15 passenger van but we would need to do a quilt every month for the monthly payment, so I was told to think of something else! Ha)

Lesa and I will be going to San Angelo to attend a "Food Safety Course" on Wednesday and Friday. The van will go to San Angelo on Thursday this month and will go back to Wednesday's next month!

Our birthday party for April will be on Thursday, April 25th - join us for cake and ice cream. Those celebrating birthdays are: Santos Brown, Aurora Cardenas, Milton Cavaness, Mario Duran, Oscar Galindo, Jack Kerbow, Jose Sentena, Dell Tedford, Charlotte Wilson, Gilberto Lumbreras, Ancieto Ramos, Leonor Reyna, Alfredo Sanchez, Espy Samaniego, Isidora Ramirez and our van driver, Lilia Flores!

We are asking for all old, new or used Greeting Cards so

we can recycle them and use them at our Center! Please bring them by the Center or call us if we need to pick them up. Thanks!

Thanks to Ben and Lenora Pool for the donation of the San Angelo Standard Times to our Center - the seniors really enjoyed it.

Thanks to the person or persons who donated boxes of Krispy Kreme Donuts, but would not give their name. The seniors had heard of these donuts but said they were too expensive to buy, so they really enjoyed this treat!

Thanks to Gary and Kathy Hardgrave for the memorial in memory of Jack Trainer and Anne DeBerry in memory of Gene Shurley. The money will be put to good use in our nutrition program.

The Senior Center Support Group will meet next Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Center to plan a "Mother's Day Out" for May.

I will be going to Kerrville to attend the Joint Conference on Aging in April 28, 29, 30 and be back May 1st. I'll let you know of how many changes or new things for Medicare or for our Seniors there will be. This conference is always very interesting and you learn so much - I look forward to this conference every year.

Look in May for: School Bond election on Saturday May - 4th, Cinco de Mayo - May 5th in the Sutton County Park, Spring Fling - May 8th in San Angelo (the van will be going to this and we will take both vans) so sign up early, Mother's Day at the Center (will give a date for that later). May is also "Older Texan Month" so we'll have Appreciation Day at our Senior Center in honor of our Senior Citizens and Volunteers. We will give dates later or look in the newspaper for more information.

The Center will close for Memorial Day (observed) on Monday, May 27th. Sign up for holiday meals with the staff!

I would like to add a name to our volunteers at the center. Sorry I forgot her name!! Betty Garza is a volunteer that helps us in the kitchen and delivers meals when needed. Betty - we appreciate all that you do for our Seniors!

Bye for now!
 Juanita Mesa

Happy Birthday

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 Christian Kenney, Felton Jackson, Frank Avila

April 20
 Carolina Gonzales, Cindy Paredes, Tanner Myers, Pepe Cervantez, Kathy Morris

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Church of Christ Youth Travel to Dallas To Compete In Bible Bowl

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Five young people from the Church of Christ at Sonora recently attended the North Texas Leadership Training for Christ at the Dallas/Fort Worth Hyatt in the Airport and the Wyndham Anatole in Dallas. In all, there were 167 congregations with 5,569 young people from several states in attendance. There were 3,569 young people at the Anatole.

Those attending were Swade Draper, Monica Samaniego, Bobby Jackson and Tina Covey. These students earned a Silver Award as a Bible Bowl team. They participated at the High School level and were among 100 teams. Aaron Nitsch was on a team that earned a Bronze Award. Bobby Jackson earned a Bronze Individual Bible Bowl Award.

This convention invites young people to participate in several Christian activities. They are not in competition between themselves, but with a criteria by which they are graded and awarded. Gold is the best, Silver is next, with Bronze following. At least ninety percent of the criteria must be met in order to earn a Gold Award. Categories of entry are Bible Bowl, Song Leading, Bible Reading, Bulletin Boards, Christian Art and Photography to name a few.

Smith Remembered In War Book

In a new book from Sid Rich entitled *Men in War*, the late George "Smitty" Smith of Sonora will be remembered.

We will always be able to read about war in the history books, accounts of great battles, struggles for freedom and liberty as recorded by the historians. *Men in War* offers the unique opportunity to hear the actual accounts as told by the men who carried the rifles, sailed the ships and flew the planes. The great battles of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam are all found within the pages of the *Men in War* and Smitty's story can be found in Chapter 14. Smitty and the other men in the book found comfort through faith in God.

George "Smitty" Smith was an active member of the Church of Christ in Sonora, where he and his wife Hilda lived for 55 years. They have one son, Eddie, that lives in San Angelo. Smitty worked at Elliott Chevrolet for many years and later retired from working for Bill Morriss. At the time of his death, Smitty was a school bus driver for Sonora I.S.D.

Although he did not live to see the book finished, Smitty was excited about the publication. You can get a copy of *Men in War* for \$19.95 by calling 1-877-333-7422.

Postal Service Transformation Plan Will Help Save The Mail

Fort Worth, TX - Faced with decreasing mail volume and a sluggish economy, the Postal Service today announced details of a forward-thinking Transformation Plan, proposing a new business model that would preserve universal mail delivery and strengthen the mail system.

"I met with the Postmaster General prior to the announcement of the Transformation Plan," said Michael S. Flores, Postal Service District Manager for the Fort Worth District. "In the short term, it will give us the flexibility to keep costs down and to better serve our customers in the Fort Worth District. In the long term, we'll work under a new business model, which will secure mail delivery for our future."

The new model, called a Commercial Government Enterprise (CGE), would create a government owned entity, but one that enjoys some of the operational and financial flexibility found in the private sector. Under the CGE, the Postal Service would set rates more predictably, be able to retain earnings, work under private sector labor laws and, depending on future legislation, could even pay taxes or dividends to the government.

The CGE model would be a structural transformation requiring legislative acts of Congress. The proposed legislative changes would be the most extensive since the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which enabled the Postal Service to function effectively until the end of the 20th Century. "We deliver to more than 1.4 million addresses in this region, and pump 402 million dollars into the local economy," said Flores. "But the legislation we currently work under doesn't give us the tools to survive in the current marketplace. Under

this plan, that legislation will change - and the Fort Worth District will be the better for it." The plan also outlined short-term, cost cutting measures. The Postal Service has already cut 30,000 jobs and \$2.5 billion in costs over the past two years. Over the next five years, costs will be cut by \$5 billion more through job attrition, outsourcing, plant consolidation, lifting the moratorium on post office closings and other measures. In addition, the Postal Service will focus on developing new "intelligent" mail products to attract new business and better serve existing customers.

"Mail volume is going down, while at the same time 1.7 million new addresses are added every year, costing us billions in lost revenue," said Flores. "We added 24,630 new addresses in the Fort Worth District last year alone. But the Postal Service will meet these challenges head-on. Employees in the Fort Worth District will do all they can to implement the necessary changes and get the Postal Service back on sound financial footing."

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 138 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume - some 207 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year - and serves 7 million customers each day at its 40,000 retail locations nationwide.

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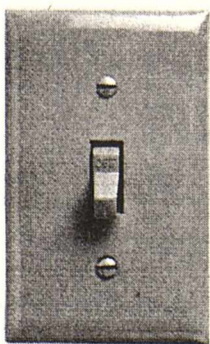
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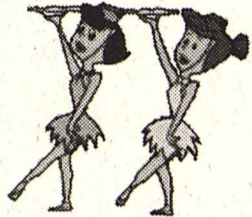


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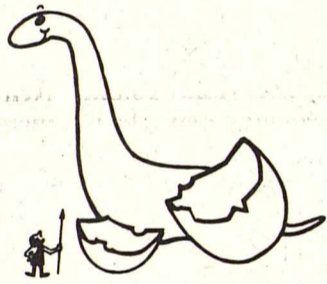
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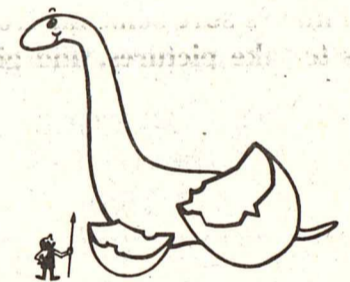
For you see, this group of people called to the great people of Sonora to reach out and help, and the outcome was overwhelming.

Because this town and its people are so special and have such big hearts they were acknowledged like few other communities that were a part of this effort. A very special visitor came to town to personally say Thank you for all that was done to help out our brothers and sisters in need.

A very special day was planned to greet that person with true Texas Hospitality - and folks, it is a day that will be remembered by all as a part of Sonora's history.

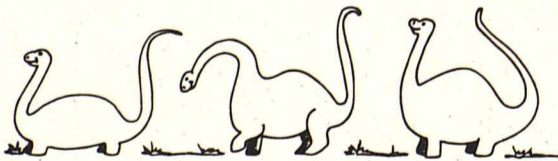
Sonora, this project wouldn't have been possible without the generosity and kindness of people like you- but it really wouldn't have been possible without the guidance and leadership of a small group of people - Marilyn and Matthew Young, John Berry, and Louise Dermody. The 2001 Spotlight on Sonora Award goes to the Shoebboxes of Support project and the NY Fireman, Frank Riboni day.
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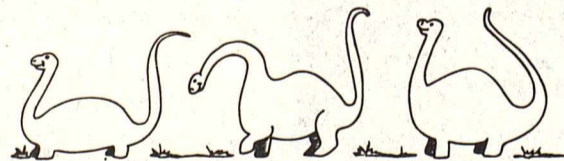
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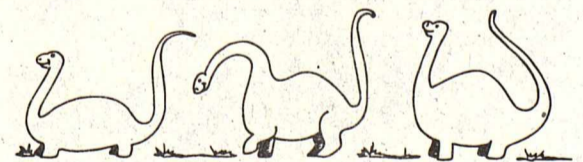
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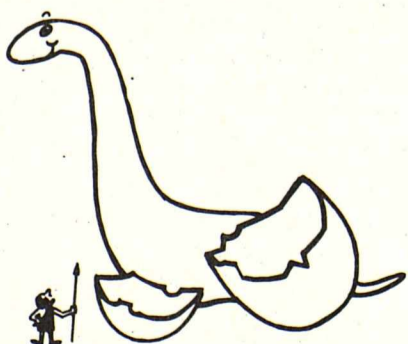
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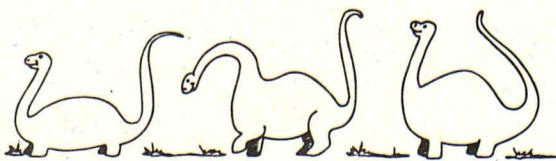
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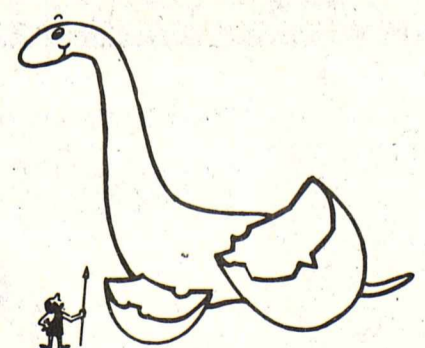
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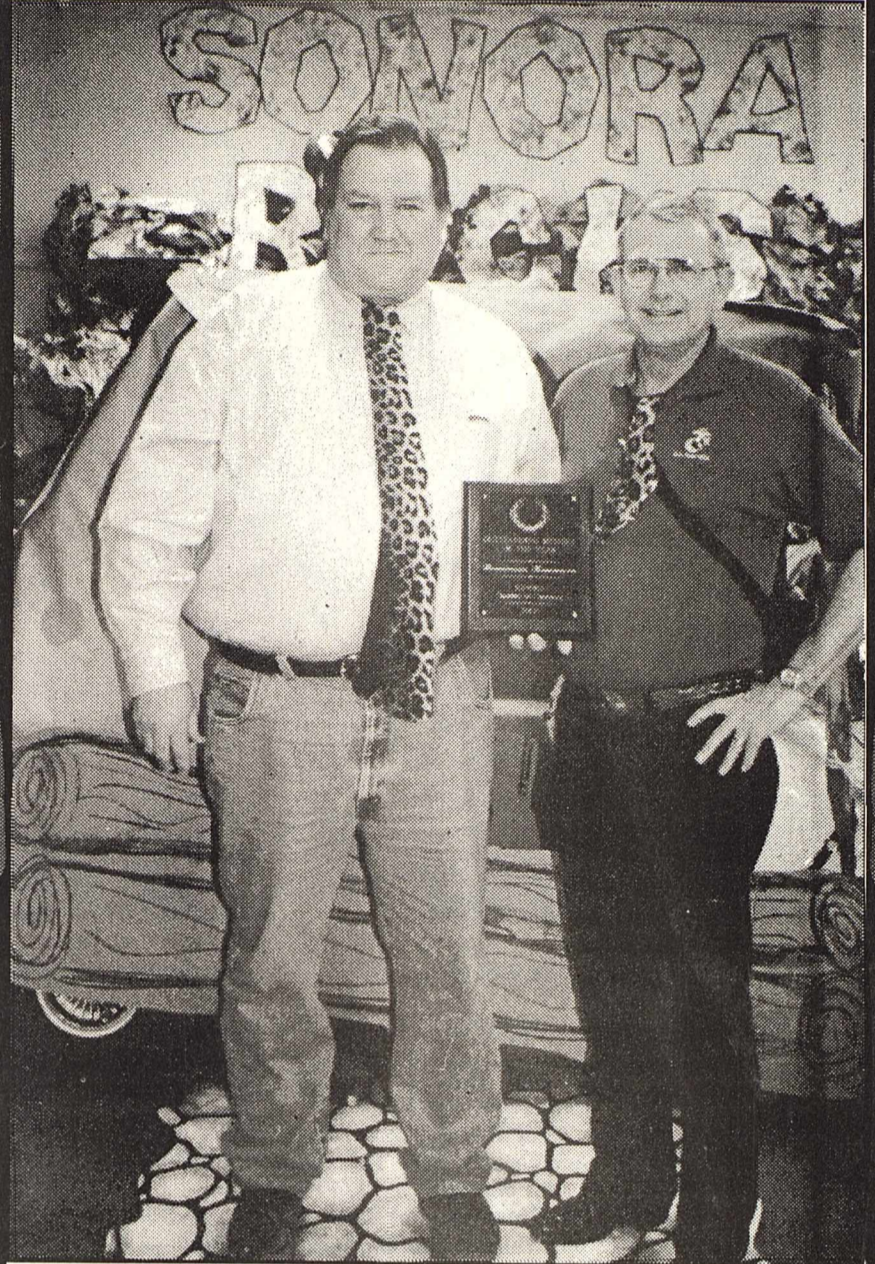
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The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to honor Cam Campbell and the Devil's River News for the support of our conservation efforts. When Cam purchased the Devil's River News, he implemented a dedicated Ag page featuring timely articles and legislative information that certainly benefits our rural agricultural community. Cam makes sure someone from his staff is at all of our functions to take pictures, and gives front-page coverage to our District's educational activities. They publish all articles we submit to them, including our Annual Report, and graciously publicize our native seed and tree sales as well. This kind of assistance and encouragement from the media makes our job of conservation education and awareness much easier.

Thank you Cam, we consider you a friend of agriculture and an advocate of conservation.

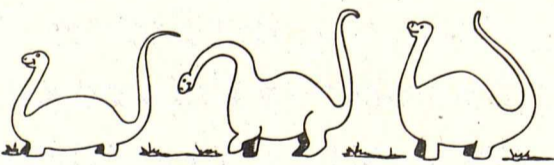
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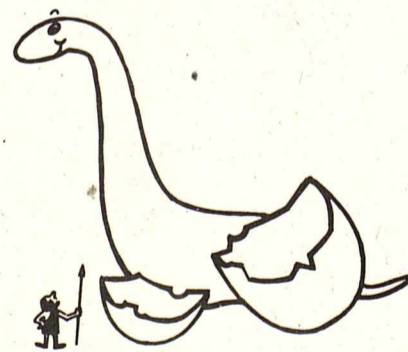


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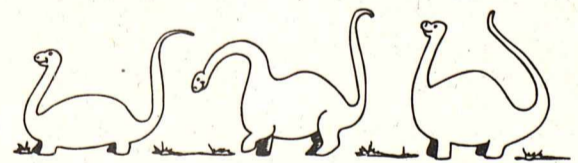
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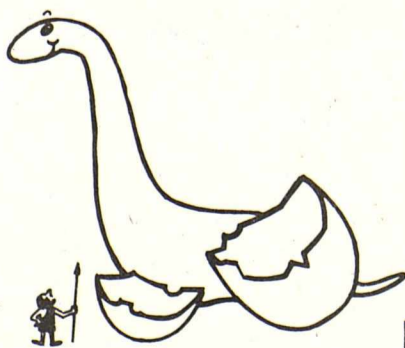
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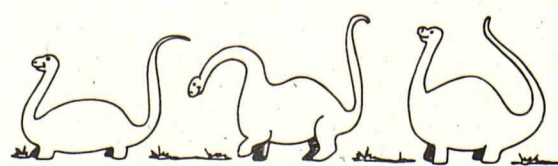
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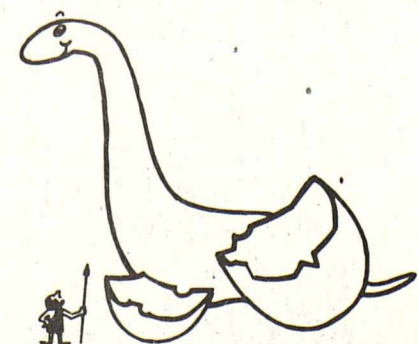
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In 1993 this business expanded into Dirt construction and Roustabout. One year later they would continue their growth with the addition of a Transport department. Most recently the company has moved into Steel buildings, home design and construction. This father/son team's canny ability to recognize business as ever changing has led to their continued diversity.

Over the last ten years this team has maintained approximately 140 full time employees and 15 part timers, making them one of the top employers in Sonora.

Their contributions to the community of Sonora have made a great impact on the economy of Sonora and Sutton County. Their awareness and compassion about our community continues outside of the office and is displayed in various contributions to local organizations including Project Graduation, memorial scholarships, the Relay for Life, Sutton County Days, The Sonora City League and more. These two men never say no when asked to assist in some way, be it materials or monetary donations.

These two gentlemen's motivation, dedication and commitment to the family business as well as our community has enabled them to recognize the need for change in order to fulfill the needs of Sutton County successfully. The 2001 Business of the Year is Creek Swabbing and Roustabout, owned and operated by Mr. Luther Creek and his son David Creek.

Creeks reputation and integrity will continue to lead them into success in the future of Sonora.

Educator of the Year



This year's Educator of the Year began educating Sonora's youth in 1975, where she started with our 5th graders. Prior to that she had taught for 4 years in Big Lake, where she started teaching in 1971. Once she made it back to Sonora she taught 5th grade until 1986, when she switched to 4th grade, where she decided she was happy and stayed. She has helped prepare children for their transition to Jr. High years.

The Sonora ISD has not just been a place of employment for this lady, she graduated from here in 1959, where she was a Bronco cheerleader, before leaving for a while to attend Sul Ross.

She graduated with her a bachelor degree in 1963 and then moved to Big Lake.

It didn't take her too long to come home though, and both of her children graduated from Sonora High School and she now has three grandchildren attending school here.

In addition to teaching for 31 years, this hard working mother has been very active with the family ranch and has been an asset in many ways to the community of Sonora. She has worked on many committees, volunteering in her spare time.

Other interests of this year's winner include reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

In November of last year an unfortunate illness caused her to have to leave her long loved career with the Sonora ISD.

This year's educator of the year's principal told us that "during her years as an educator, she was a very dedicated and motivated person who had high expectations for every student. She encouraged every child to reach his/her highest potential and worked diligently to make sure this potential was reached." Sonora ISD owes much to this very special lady for her years of service to the district and to the many lives that she has positively influenced over the years. The 2001 Educator of the Year is Ms. Edwina Friess.

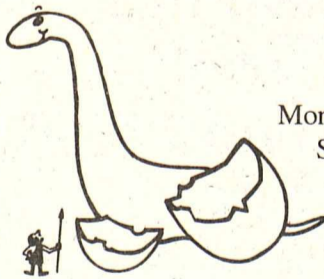
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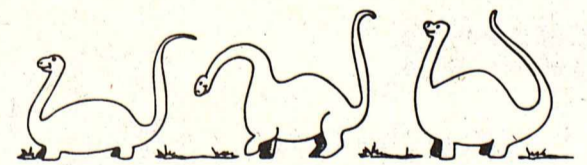


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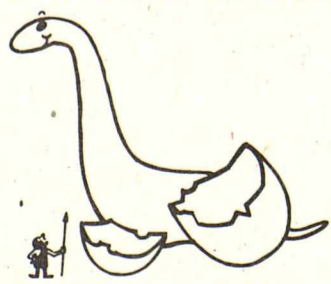


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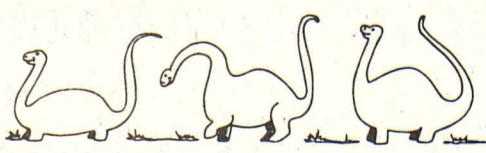
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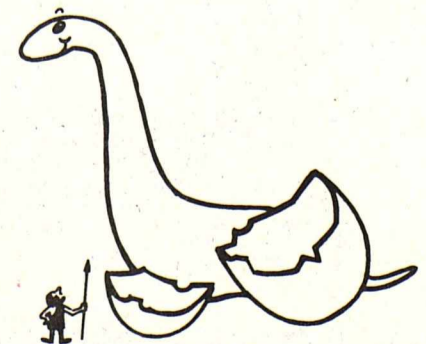
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Employee of the Year



This year's Employee of the Year started out as a part-time employee at her office and even then, did more than what was expected of her. After going full-time, she continued to do an above-average job, but added even more hours and duties to her position. She worked many after-hours to make sure events like the annual Chamber Banquet, Sutton County Days, The Christmas Lighting Ceremony, The Cook-Off, The Easter Egg Hunt and much more were successful events. She has attended the City Council meetings and submitted all required materials, attended all board meetings and took the minutes, as well as submitting reports and all other aspects of the manager position.

She is always friendly and willing to go the extra mile. Her smile is infectious and is a welcome sight for any tourist that stops in to visit Sonora and her office. She always works well with others and puts in 110% on every job. Since the departure of the Office Manager, she has stepped up and filled in like a pro, all this while expecting her first child.

Although we don't work side-by-side with this Employee of the Year on a daily basis, we know she is deserving of this award!

This is why Ladonna Wardlaw has been chosen as the 2001 Employee of the Year.

Citizen of the Year



This year's Citizen of the Year didn't move here until 1995, but he was pretty much a "citizen" of Sonora for 6 years prior to moving here because he kept up with our goings-on through his newspaper subscription. Since moving here he's been very BUSY!

He has held a board position in the Lion's Club and is still an active member, never missing a chance to cook burgers for the teachers, make pancakes for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life or sell you a broom. He has been a Mason for 37 years and is a Past Master of the Sonora Chapter, where he currently holds the position of treasurer. He is on the Board of Trustees at the Methodist Church and is an active member of the Sutton County Days Association, where he is well known for his assistance in building the stage. Some say he has it down to a "fine art".

This citizen has assisted others with much needed repairs on their homes, discreetly lending a helping hand when one was needed.

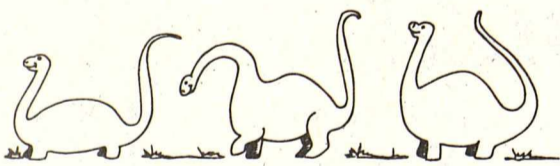
Currently this man holds a position on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where he is always one of the first to volunteer for any project. For the last 3 1/2 years this man (and his lovely wife of 42 years) have delivered your San Angelo Standard Times, getting up at 2 a.m. to roll them and deliver them to your door before you wake up.

In addition to all the volunteer work, this gentleman holds down a job at Texas Land and Ranches answering phones.

Folks, this man has done all this with a smile and a joke, that might just make you blush, and he can't even drive himself because he is legally BLIND!!!

The 2001 Citizen of the Year, the evenings Grand Pooh-Bah, Mr. Frank Wamble.

Thanks for a great year Sonora Chamber of Commerce and congratulations to this year's Honorees!

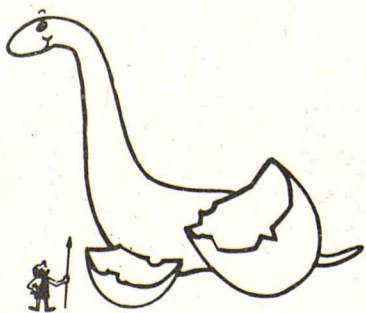


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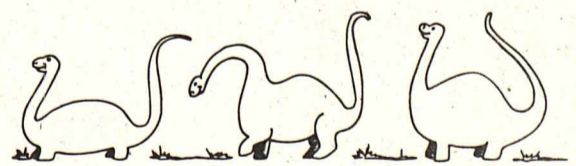
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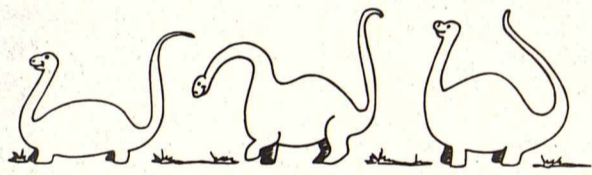


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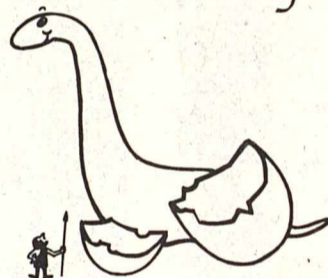
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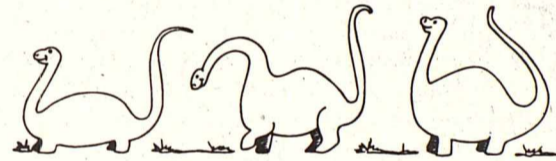
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Walk Across Texas In The New Millennium

by: Kelly Thorp
 Sutton County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences

Thousands of Texans will have a chance to lose weight and lower their risk of developing health problems like diabetes, osteoporosis, and heart disease as they "Walk Across Texas" in 2002.

The Walk Across Texas program is designed to encourage people to develop the healthy habit of walking and relies on friendly competition and team support to keep things moving.

A group of 8 makes up a walking team with a goal of walking from Beaumont to El Paso; and they compete to see who can walk the farthest. The team should walk several times a week and record their individual and collective mileage.

The program is purposefully designed with a great deal of flexibility. Team members may walk together or separately, around the neighborhood, at the gym or on a treadmill-whatever fits their individual schedules.

Town Meeting from page 1

still have to be done. The ADA repairs will still have to be made regardless of whether the bond election passes, and that alone is about half of what is being proposed. The roof will also have to be repaired soon regardless. He stated that if the bond election fails a "band-aid" will have to be put on the buildings to get them through, but Sonora will still be facing the problem of renovation costs down the road, and they could be more.

Questions were asked regarding the possibility of receiving grants to assist in the repairs. Myers explained that the one grant that had been found that our schools may have qualified for, had been missed due to a deadline that came due during his transition

Lady Broncos from page 1

S. Hobbs won her second race of the day, the 1600m run, with a time of 5:47.89. Kenia Gutierrez placed sixth with a time of 6:33.77. The day ended with the 1600m relay team of Hughes, Caruthers, McClintock and S. Hobbs who finished fourth with a time of 4:40.46. The 122 points scored in the running events brought the total to 213 points.

The Lady Broncos qualified 12 individuals, 2 relay teams and 5 alternates for the Regional Track & Field Meet in Abilene on April 26th and 27th at Abilene Christian University.

Qualifying were the following:

- Pole Vault - Courtney Caruthers
- High Jump - Morgan Hobbs and Elizabeth Elliott
- Shot Put - Danielle Fox and Debra Martinez (alternate)
- Long Jump - Elizabeth

Team mileage is totaled each week, and the team's progress toward the destination is tracked on a Texas map.

The goal of the program is that participating on a "Walk Across Texas" team will lead people to make walking a regular habit-even after the contest ends.

According to the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America, it's a great habit to keep.

Whether indoors or outdoors, on equipment or a path, walking is the most convenient way to get into shape. Walking is low impact, non-jarring, does not require practice or experience and can provide a social outlet or solitary relaxing time, the association writes.

"Walk Across Texas" is being coordinated by the Sutton County Extension Service.

If you would like to join a Walk Across Texas team or would like more information, please call the County Extension office at 387-3101.

into the Superintendent position. He also explained that the grant in question was specifically for historical renovation, which would have only pertained to the Rock Building. He explained that currently there weren't any grants being offered for this type of necessary renovations as far as he knew.

After further questions regarding costs, architects, and taxes Myers concluded the meeting by reminding everyone to get out and vote. The election will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any registered voter may do so at the location provided for their precinct. For more information or to answer questions you may have, please call the administration building at 387-2220.

Elliott and Megan Berry (alternate)

- Discus - Adrianna Castillo (alternate)
- Triple Jump - Amy Gann and Megan Berry
- 3200m Run - Shalayne Hobbs
- 400m Relay - Megan Berry, Morgan Hobbs, Brooke Northcott, Kasey Miller
- 100m Hurdles - Morgan Hobbs
- 100m Dash - Brooke Northcott (alternate)
- 800m Relay - Brooke Northcott, Elizabeth Elliott, Kasey Miller and Amy Gann
- 400m Dash - Brea Hughes (alternate)
- 300m Hurdles - Morgan Hobbs
- 200m Dash - Megan Berry
- 1600m Run - Shalayne Hobbs

Thunderstorms Knock Out Transformer



Heavy Winds, lightning and rain blew through Sonora on Saturday, causing electrical outages around town and sending branches and debris flying. AEP was busy Monday morning repairing this transformer that was blown over during the storm. The much needed rain totaled a little over an inch in some places around town.

News From the Neighbors

Wow! Have you seen the Devil's River Cloggers in action? They honored the Levi's & Lace Square Dance Club of Ozona at their Anniversary Dance, with a show that puts a whole new meaning to the expression "shake a leg".

Talk about fancy footwork! Square dancers from the Rio Grande to the Panhandle of Texas will be talking for a long time about the show they put on. Sonora must be very proud of them. If you would like to learn to clog or have them entertain at your event call Carol McMeans at 387-9315.

Diane Slater of San Angelo cued a couple of round dancing to show how graceful and beautiful round dancing is.

We of Levi's & Lace Square Dance of Ozona would like to say "Thank You" to the Devil's River Cloggers and KHOS & KYXX for their great support of our non-profit organization and for helping make our festival such a great success.

School Board from page 1

motion by Tammy Favila and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

The Board unanimously approved Juventino (Jr.) Dominguez as the district's IMP Coordinator after a motion by Tom Payton and a second by Scott Jacoby.

Myers gave information regarding the new state insurance plan as it applies to the district's maintenance of effort. At the present time, the district contributes \$189 per month toward each employee's health insurance. Although Sonora is well above the \$150 monthly contribution required by the new state insurance, the plan also lowers the number of hours employment to be eligible for insurance to 10 hours per week. This figure would add several people to the insurance along with those presently on an alternate plan who choose to take the state plan for the coming year. In order to maintain the \$189 contribution, the district would have to budget an additional \$49,200 (the same as salaries for 2 beginning teachers). However, the district could continue its existing maintenance of effort which calculates to \$164 per month.

The Superintendent stated that this was a difficult decision and listed the pros and cons as follows: (1) the \$189 contribution would add \$49,200 that the district is not required to spend; (2) the employees are used to the \$189 district contribution; (3) the district would be locked into the \$189 contribution, regardless of future funding and resources. Myers stated that this was probably one of the hardest decisions he had ever made but his recommendation was to continue the district's existing maintenance of effort, causing the dollar contribution to drop from \$189 to \$164 per month per employee.

Following the Superintendent's comments, a motion was made by Jesse

Bustamante to approve \$164 per month existing maintenance of effort. After a short discussion, the motion was seconded by Tom Payton. Voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Voting no were Dayton Armke and Tammy Favila. Absent and not voting was Sam David Hernandez. The motion carried.

The Board conducted its first annual review of the Board Agenda Calendar, adopted in October of 2001. Member Jesse Bustamante requested that the school calendar adoption be moved from May to March and Tryon Fields requested that a team building session be added to late May (after the annual date for the school trustee election). Board members were in agreement with these changes.

The Board Agenda Calendar will be presented for approval as revised at the May meeting. The Superintendent also distributed additional information regarding board self-evaluation.

Member Tom Payton invited board members and administrators to the annual 6th Grade Field Day Conservation Tour scheduled at the Sawyer Ranch for the next day.

Member Tammy Favila congratulated Elementary Principal Louise Dermody and her staff for the new playground recently installed. President Fields also stated that the funds for this equipment were obtained from a grant.

Myers stated that the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet conflicted with the district track meet but asked if any board members or administrators would like for him to purchase a table. No one accepted due to other scheduled activities.

President Fields announced that the Board was going into closed session, according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.001 et seq. to discuss personnel matters. Fields stated that no action would take place in closed session.

After reconvening in open session, a motion was made by Jacoby, seconded by Bustamante to re-hire all auxiliary staff as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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Employment

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED!
 Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operating pump trucks & winch truck. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy. 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please. ufn

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

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.

For Sale

For Sale: 2001 Polaris Ranger. 6-wheel drive. Excellent condition. \$7,500.00 Call 387-3460.

For Sale: Antique dining table with six chairs and buffet. \$950.00. Call 915-387-6263.

For Sale: 1988 Chevy Corsica, runs great, AC good, nice starter car. \$2,000.00 or best offer. Call 387-9111 ext. 401.

For Sale: 1999 Ford Truck, F350, V10, Gas, Crewcab, 4 x 4, leather, all power, CD, and cassette, new tires, in good condition, 92,000 miles. \$18,000.00 call 915-944-0747 or 915-949-6890.

For Sale: Low profile wheels and tires. Fit 87 Camry 175 50R1372H. Call 915-255-2565.

Real Estate

FOR SALE

House for Sale by Owner
611 E. Poplar
 3 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, or the 2nd living area can be used for dining, whirlpool tub, nice front porch, patio, big corner lot with large pecan trees, spacious yard. Have made many improvements and still has lots of potential. Appliances included.
\$65,000.00 OBO. 387-2146.

Mobile Home for Sale. 3 BR, 2 BA, CH/CA. For more information call 650-2089.

For Sale: Nice Condominium, 1600 sq. ft., 2 BR, 2 BA, large living area with fireplace, built in bookcase, walk in pantry, storage, only \$55,00 a sq. foot. 107 Sonora Drive. Call for appointment. 650-0225 or 392-2912.

Service Manager Position Available. Automotive experience needed. Ford experience a plus. Apply at 115 Concho, Sonora, Texas. 915-387-2549.

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

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Help Wanted: Experienced Operator for 953 Track Loader. Pushing brush. Call Mittel Dozing 277-6883.

Help Wanted: Waitresses needed for daytime shift at Stagecoach Grill & Cantina. Come by 407 S.E. Crockett or call 387-0623.

Help Wanted: Person for early morning delivery of newspaper in half of Sonora. Make approximately \$800.00 per month. Call San Angelo Standard Times. 1-800-588-1884 ext. 293.

Lost & Found

Found Shell necklace on Eaton Hill Saturday, March 30 at the Treasure Hunt. Call 387-2507.

Misc.

MYSTERY SHOPPERS
 Project assignments. Detail/accuracy critical. Fax or e-mail preferred. Call only Tu-Th 10 AM - 5 PM Pacific Time 800-462-8765 X113, fax 800-210-5350 or visit website www.dsgai.com.

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

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 I'M MAD...AT BANKS WHO DON'T GIVE HOUSE LOANS BECAUSE OF BAD CREDIT PROBLEMS OR NEW EMPLOYMENT. I DO, CALL L.D. KIRK, HOME-LAND MORTGAGES, (254) 947-4475.

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

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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.

Eldorado

For Sale: 1968 Chevella Malibu. Original condition, runs good. \$6,000. Call 277-7150 and leave message.

Turkey Hunting: \$300.00 per gun for 3 Day Hunt. 915-853-2408 or 915-657-4114.

For Sale: 1996 Geo-Metro, good condition 60,990 miles, asking \$2,500.00 - **2000 Astro Van** excellent condition 60,600 miles asking \$15,000.00. Call 387-2242 after 5:00 or leave message.

Yard Sale

Yard Sale: Saturday, April 20th. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 921 E. 2nd St.

Moving Sale

Moving Sale: Beginning Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Furniture, lamps, small appliances, books, pictures, household items, antique French doors and much misc. Located at 914 S. Hwy. 277

Moving Sale: April 20, 2002, 802 Poplar St. Sonora, TX. Furniture, dishes and other items. Double wide trailer for sale or rent to own. Contact Howard James 915-486-2348.

Employment Opportunity: Best Western Sonora Inn now hiring: Part-time Summer Maintenance. Need responsible person willing to work. Apply in person 270 Hwy. 277 N.

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