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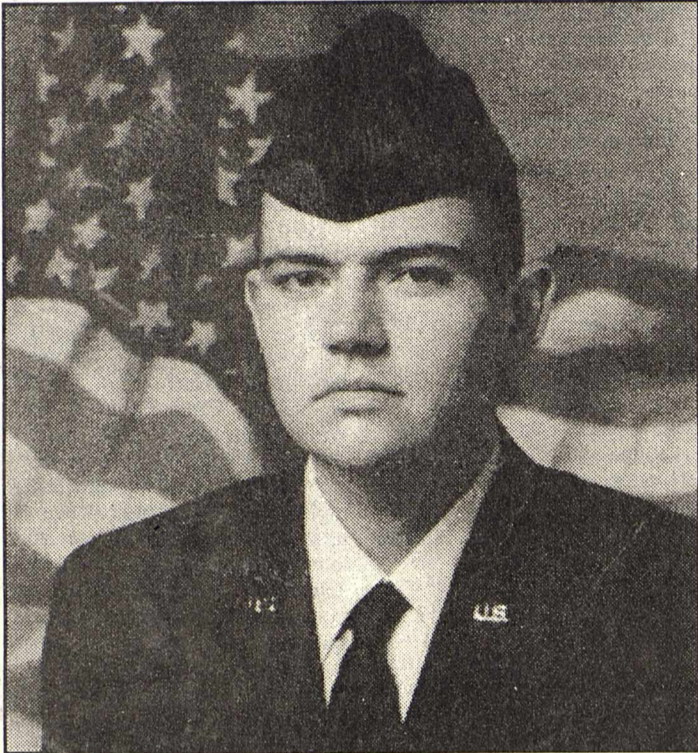
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Honoring Sonora's Military Personnel



Airman Matthew Aaron Batchelor, an Aircraft Specialist with the 52nd Fighter Wing, Air Force, is currently stationed at Spangdahlem, AFB in Germany. The 52nd Fighter Wing is the largest fighter operation in Germany and the most versatile wing in the US Air Forces in Europe, with three fighter squadrons and an air control squadron. Two troops from this squadron have been sent to Kuwait.

Matthew is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School and is the son of Kim and Cyndie Batchelor of Sonora. He is the grandson of Ruby Luckie, June Scott and Aaron Batchelor.

Yellow Ribbon Ceremony To Honor Military Personnel

Show your support of loved ones and friends serving our country overseas at the "Old Oak Tree Yellow Ribbon Ceremony" to be held on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 12:45 p.m. Once that special someone comes home, he or she will remove the ribbon from the Oak Tree in a special ceremony. For more information contact the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Office at 387-2248 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Easter Bunny Busy Getting Ready For Big Hunts

Easter fun is hopping your way! The 2003 Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt, presented by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and The Sonora Merchants Association, will be Saturday, April 19, 2003. The Easter Egg Hunt, for all ages, up to 1st grade, will return to the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn and the Treasure Hunt, for children in 2nd grade and up will be on Eaton Hill. The treasure hunters are to meet at top of the hill (follow the street between the Church of Christ and The Church of the Good Shepherd up to the top of the hill).

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. for great door prizes, donated by local merchants. The Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Great "prize" eggs will be hidden with the coveted gold coins and other special goodies.

A Bake Sale, presented by the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will be held in conjunction with the hunts, with lots of sweet treats to take home.

This year's event is sponsored by Sutton County, First National Bank, The Bank & Trust, Dairy Queen, The Devil's River News, Alco, KHOS Radio, Town & Country, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Gifts Galore and More.

One-Act Play Wins District, Advanced To Area



Standing: Crew member Justyn Gray, Josh Hopkins - Nub, Austin Wagone - Pete, Allison Higdon - Jesse Sykes, Missy Longoria - Janine, crew members Hanna Allison, Erin Newton. Kneeling: Landon Brockman - Clyde Owens and Nash Traylor - David Owens. Sitting: Stage Manager Brittany Longoria and Kesha Frasier as an alternate. Not pictured: Chelsea Seaton - Sally Owens and

The Sonora High School One-Act Play competed in District competition in Ozona, Texas on Saturday, March 29th. Performing scenes from *Threads* by Jonathan Bolt, Sonora did a stand-up job, being the top placers and one of only two schools that advanced to Area Contest.

Eldorado was the other school that advanced, performing scenes from *The Teahouse of the August Moon* by John Patrick. Reagan County HS was chosen as the Alternate.

Brittany Longoria was named to the District Honor Crew.

Nash Traylor and Shane Benson were both chosen for the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Chelsea Seaton was named to the All-Star Cast.

Landon Brockman was chosen as the District Best

Actor. The Area Contest was held at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas on Saturday, April 5th. Sonora was competing against Eldorado, Anthony High and Alpine High School. The competition was tough and the Sonora crew gave it their all, and in the end they were chosen as an alternate for the Regional Competition. Eldorado and Alpine were the two schools chosen to advance.

Although the results were not as the crew had hoped for, it was obvious that the Sonora actors and actresses did stand out. Chelsea Seaton was chosen as Best Actress.

Landon Brockman and Allison Higdon were both chosen for the All-Star Cast and Austin Wagone and Nash Traylor were named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Brittany Longoria was cho-

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Child abuse refers to an act committed by a parent, caregiver or person in a position of trust (even though he/she may not care for the child on a daily basis) which is not accidental and which harms or threatens to harm a child's physical or mental health or a child's welfare.

There are four basic types of Child Abuse: Physical Abuse, Neglect, Emotional Abuse and Sexual Abuse.

There are more than two million reported cases of physical abuse or neglect in the United States each year. The National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse in the U. S. indicates that approximately 2,000 children per year die of child abuse and/or neglect. In the vast majority of cases, sexual abuser are known to their victims. Offenders

See Abuse Awareness page 7

Bonilla To Host 'Community Update' In Sonora



Henry Bonilla WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Henry Bonilla will travel to Sonora on Tuesday, April 15th. While in town, Bonilla will meet with local constituents, businesses and city leaders. He will also host a Community Update at the Sutton County Courthouse at 3:30 p.m.

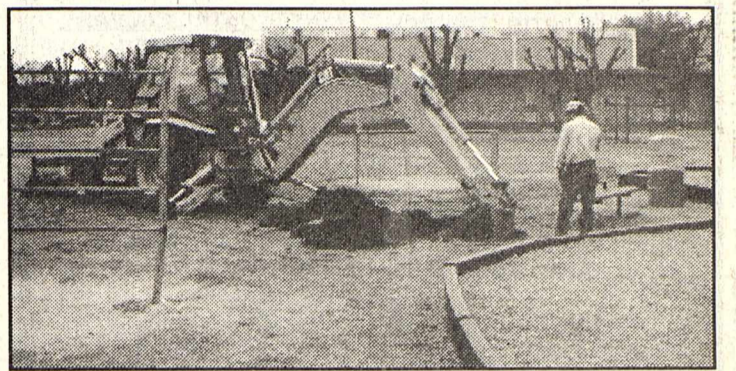
Bonilla will be traveling to more than a dozen towns in West and South Texas for this month's District Work Period. At each stop, Bonilla will update area residents on news from Washington, D.C. Among the topics Bonilla will discuss include the war in Iraq, homeland security, tax breaks and local issues.

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PTO Plants Trees On Elementary Playground



Sonora Contractors donated time and equipment to help the PTO plant trees on the Elementary playground.

Recently the Sonora Elementary Schools PTO raised some funds to purchase three nice-sized trees for beautification and shade at the new playground area on the Elementary school campus. (This area will not be affected by the renovations at this campus due to start the beginning of June.) A committee has been working hard to get this project completed during the optimum planting season for the trees. Over the past weekend, these trees were planted around the playground equipment. They are young trees that will need a lot of time and care in order to make big, beautiful

shade trees for the children in years to come. Bill Doran, Ruben Mesa, and Efrain Zaragoza all of Sonora Contractors took time out of their weekend to help PTO plant these trees.

On April 22, 2003 which is Earth Day, there will be a special Dedication Celebration and Recognition of project participants in the planting of these new trees. The children of Sonora Elementary School will also be taking part in this celebration. Be reading the Devil's River News for more information about this upcoming celebration on April 22!

Lady Broncos Chosen For All-District

The 2002-2003 Lady Broncos had a great season and we would like to congratulate all of them once again. We would also like to commend the Lady Broncos chosen for 2-2A All-District and 2-2A Academic All-District.

Morgan Hobbs was chosen for the 1st Team 2-2A All-District Team and Tamika Marshall, Ashley Parker and Brea Hughes were all chosen for the 2nd Team All-District Team.

Lady Broncos chosen for the 2-2A Academic All-District Team were: Tamika Marshall, Cady Taylor, Elizabeth Elliott, Kara Hard, Amanda Sanchez, Ashley Parker, Brittany Longoria, Brea Hughes and Shannon Vick. Managers that made the Academic All-District were: Crystal Garrido, Nicky Samaniego, Amanda Samaniego, and Casey Arredondo. Good job girls!

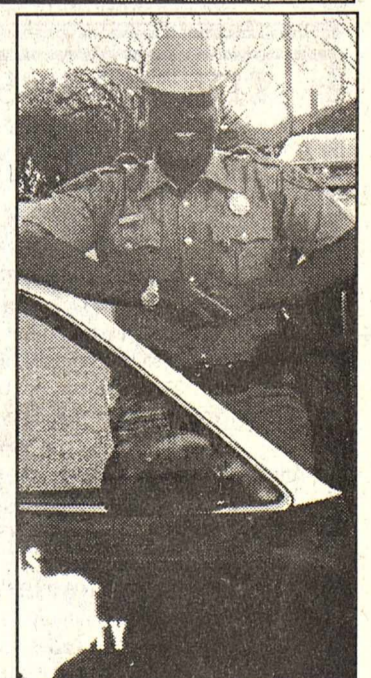


Interstate Keeps Troopers Busy



by Storie Sharp
Texas State Trooper Donald Van Zandt (above) and Trooper Earlie Williams (right) have stayed busy on IH-10 in the last few days.

Last week, on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at approximately 8:30 p.m. a call came in from Junction, TX that a 2002 Toyota that was reported stolen, had taken off at high rate of speed after being pulled over near the county line. Kimble County reported the vehicle to be traveling at speeds over 110 mph and they had lost him in Sutton County. Trooper Van Zandt was on routine patrol when he sighted the vehicle at mile marker 432. Van Zandt turned on his lights and sirens, signaling the driver to pull over. The driver continued traveling at the high rate of speed, being clocked at 115 mph, for about 10 miles. Van Zandt pursued the vehicle, which finally came to a stop on the side of the road. The trooper exited his vehicle with his shot-



gun in his hand, demanding the suspect get out of the car.

The driver did not heed the warning, instead he accelerated.

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Chelsea Seaton receives her certificate for Best Actress.

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
Pastor Isai Oviedo
509 Amistad
650-3121

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

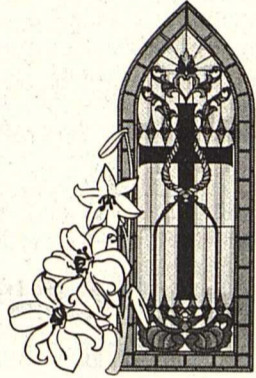
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson,
O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

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

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Mike Dixon
1306 Savell St.
387-5215



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Card of Thanks

The Sonora Schools PTO would like to extend our appreciation to the following individuals and businesses who made our Appreciation Luncheon possible for all the Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Department personnel. Many thanks to the following: Monica Buitron, Rosario Tovar, Lorena Castro, Anita Hudson, Kathleen Freeman, Tressa Esparza, Virginia Garza, Jody Cory, Dairy Queen, Taco Grill, MaryBeth Morgan, Rachel Agüero, Sherry Ingham, Mona Prieto, Nancy Davis, Mary Adele Balch, Tammy Favila, Becky Allison and Mary Humphrey.

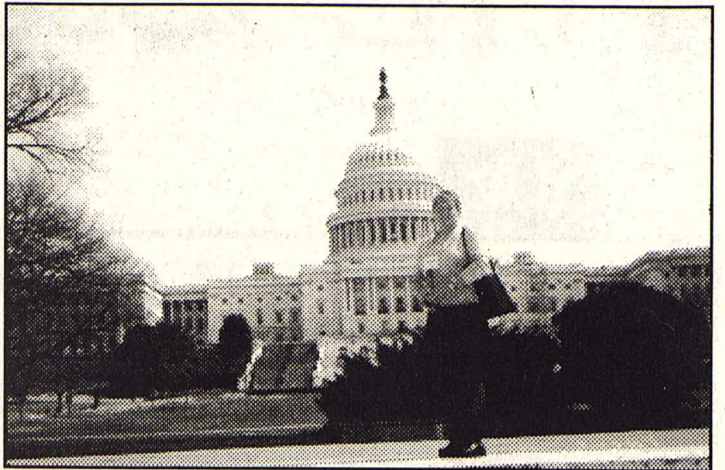
To all the students at Sonora Elementary thanks for decorating the gymnasium with all your posters, banners, cards and letters for the luncheon.

View Barbara Earwood's "Art Walk"

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street program would like to invite you to the Barbara Earwood Sonora Art Walk Reception on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at The First National Bank in Historical Downtown Sonora, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You may visit with Barbara Earwood, a talented artist who loves to share her watercolor paintings with our community. The first Sonora "Art Walk" will begin at the First National Bank with Barbara's award winning art on display. Then you may travel to the mapped out businesses that will have more of Barbara's paintings on exhibit.

The businesses that will be a part of Barbara's "Art Walk" will be Tedford Jewelry, image apparel, Team Graphics, Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance Office, Corner Drug Store, Gifts Galore & More, Best Western Sonora Inn, The Bank & Trust, Days Inn Devil's River and the Sutton County Steakhouse. If you find a treasure that you cannot live without, you may purchase the art work and take a piece of West Texas home with you to enjoy forever. Come take a walk on the "wild" side, and experience the land, wildlife, wildflowers through the eyes of a West Texas artist.

Allison Attends National Young Leaders Conference



Miss Hanna Allison of Sonora attended the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from March 11 through 16, 2003 in Washington, D.C.

This unique leadership development program invites high school students - based on scholastic merit, community involvement, and leadership contributions - to interact with today's national leaders. NYLC scholars work through many issues facing our nation today through a series of simulations and meet face-to-face with members to the U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.

"By participating in the National Young Leaders Conference, students like Hanna Allison will become better equipped to address the challenges facing communities around the world," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLC. "Rarely does someone so young come to our nation's capital to interact with today's elected officials, presidential appointees and nationally recognized opinion makers. This program offers young leaders Washington, D.C. as a classroom." U.S. Representative Jim Ramstad of Minnesota welcomed the students to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, an honor usually reserved for members of Congress and their special guests. The students filled the chamber where the State of the Union Address takes place. Ramstad told the students, "Every generation needs to be willing to pick up the torch and lead this nation. By being here, you convince me that your generation will not disap-

point us." He concluded, "You don't have to be an elected official to do good in the world. There are other vocations aside from public service that are just as valuable and just as needed."

Because leadership goes beyond what happens on Capitol Hill, Allison had the opportunity to interact with a panel of renowned journalists, including Barbara Bradley-Hagerty (National Public Radio), Thomas Buhrow (German Public Television), Craig Timberg (The Washington Post) and Karen Tumulty (TIME). Students had the chance to ask questions regarding the changing balance of power in Congress, national and international current events, journalistic ethics and news prioritization, as well as advice and perspectives on how to start a career in journalism.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership education organization. Founded in 1985, CYLC is committed to educating, motivating and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Each year, more than 8,000 outstanding youth participate in twenty-four sessions of NYLC. To date, more than 100,000 students have taken part in the Council's programs.

Hannah had a great time on the trip and learned many valuable lessons.

"I would like to thank everyone, especially my Mom, Dad and Lil' Sis, for all their help and support to get me there. This will be a trip that I will remember for a lifetime," said Hannah.

For more information on CYLC and NYLC, please visit them on the Internet at www.cylc.org.



Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering
109 W. Main
387-0623

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

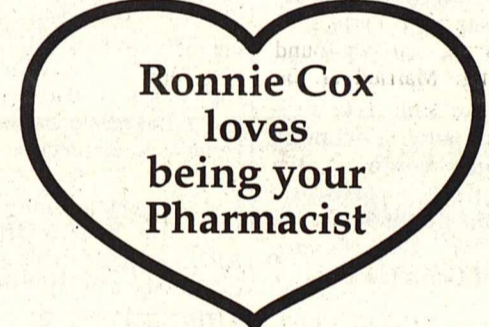
Senior Center News

- Apr. 14 - Bingo.
- Apr. 15 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 16 - Van to San Angelo.
- Apr. 17 - "Free" Hearing Tests with New Sounds. San Angelo.
- Apr. 18 - Good Friday. Center will be closed for holiday.

Senior Menu

- Apr. 14 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, biscuit, orange juice, heavenly hash cake.
- Apr. 15 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potato with apples, wheat roll, banana pudding.
- Apr. 16 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, vegetable salad, white cake with caramel icing.
- Apr. 17 - BBQ brisket, potato salad, green beans, coleslaw, bread, fresh fruit cup.
- Apr. 18 - Good Friday. Center will be closed for holiday!

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.



School Lunch Menu • Apr. 14 - Apr. 18, 2003

Breakfast

- Mon. - French toast sticks, syrup, fruit.
- Tues. - Cheese toast, apple juice.
- Wed. - Scrambled egg, toast, orange juice.
- Thurs. - Cinnamon roll, fruit.
- Fri. - School holiday! Good Friday.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Grilled ham & cheese, tator tots, apple, cookie.
- Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello with topping, roll.
- Wed. - Frito, pie, tossed salad, pinto beans, oatmeal cookie.
- Thurs. - Deli Sub, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit (canned or fresh).
- Fri. - School holiday! Good Friday.

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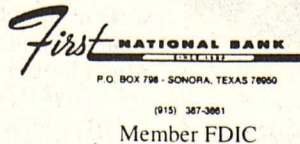
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- Apr. 10**
Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center
- Apr. 11 & 18th**
SISD School Holidays
- Apr. 14**
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar



Calendar

- Apr. 22**
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- Apr. 28**
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society

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

When I moved here I was told that the average rainfall for Sonora was 18 inches. What they didn't tell me was that you might get all 18 inches of that in a few days and almost none the rest of the year. The Dry Devil's River can look like it has never seen a speck of water one day and then turn around and be running up to the bottom of the bridges a few days later. People don't usually complain; they just thank God that it finally rained. But outsiders that don't pay attention to those little signs on the draws, telling how many feet of water are in them, sometimes find themselves more than a little waterlogged. Here is one story we found about a temporary water hole in a low place, in the Devil's River News of June 9, 1894:

May Mayer and Paul Vitwar returned from a trip through the Beaver Lake country Thursday. While traveling the public road in Taylor & Franks' pasture in Val Verde county Wednesday, they came to a water hole about 40 yards wide by a mile long and noticing the tracks of a wagon leading into it they thought it fordable and drove in. When in the middle of the hole, the water was so deep that they had to stand up in the buggy and even then the water was up to their necks. All the loose things in the buggy were washed out and the boys say they are not anxious to get in such close quarters again. This is a dangerous crossing and the commissioners court of Val Verde County should have it remedied before life is lost. It was afterward learned that a boy had driven into the hole a few days before with a wagon and but for assistance from Franks & Taylors' ranch might have been drowned. The residents in that portion of Val Verde County say they receive no benefit from the county and think that this place should be bridged. Messrs Mayer & Vitwar when they reached the opposite bank drove to Blandins ranch where they dried their clothing. They report the country is in better condition than they have ever known it. Cattle and sheep are looking well and the range is perfect.

In the same issue we found the following: Married at the

residence of Sanches Gonzales in Santa Rosa, Sonora, Wednesday night Don Crescencio Rodriquez to Señorita Felecciana Gonzales, W. A. Stewart, J.P. officiating.

The five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Binyon was bitten on the heel by a rattle snake at the ranch last week. The little fellow after being bitten rolled a log over the snake and went to the house and reported what had happened. Mrs. Binyon would not believe the story and the lad took her down to the log and showed her the snake. Mrs. Binyon then applied whatever remedies she had knowledge of and at last accounts the boy was thought to be out of danger.

It must have been a pretty good year for rain because Horton Allen had come in from his ranch on the head of the North Llano with some of the finest string beans ever grown in Texas. Mr. Allen had 500 tomato plants bearing fruit and will have enough tomatoes and beans to supply the Sonora market for 1894. He said he would have his tomatoes on the market in two weeks.

Q. What was Dutch Gold?
A. A combination of copper and zinc.

Q. Was there anything in the old papers on the marriage of J. N. Brannan in 1894?

A. Devil's River News of Saturday, July 21, 1894. J. N. Brannan and Miss Rose Davis, were married at Rockwood, Coleman County, on July 11th. Mr. Brannan is one of the well known owners of the Brannan ranch 14 miles north of Sonora. Mr. and Mrs. Brannan were in Sonora Tuesday.

Now I have a request, if you know the date, even the month of a wedding when you write looking for an article on it, please send it along. It takes a lot of time to read through months of papers to find one small article. Thanks!

In the July 21st issue we found that ladies shoes and slippers, odd sizes, worth \$1 to \$2.25 were on sale for 75cents to \$1.40 at Mayer & Hagerlund's. DeBerry & March, dealers in dry goods, groceries, clothing, hats and gent's furnishing goods, hardware, crockery & harness, feed stuffs and general ranch supplies also paid the highest market price for hides, pecans, furs, pelts, etc.



Sonora Bronco Baseball about 1910: Standing Lea Aldwell, Gustaf Meckel, Bart DeWit, Murdock McDonald, Roy Aldwell. Sitting: L.E. Johnson, Luther Thorp, Benny Wayatt.

The Robinson Bros, were proprietors of the Sonora and San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line at this time and a single trip was \$5 and round trip \$8. They also had a low rate on express parcels. J.M. Cusenbary was the proprietor of the Ice Cream Parlor, next door to the post office, and was also a dealer of fruits, candies, vegetables, cold drinks, nuts, etc. G. B. Duke had a shop at the corner of Concho Ave. and Poplar Sts dealing in General Blacksmith work, wheelwright and horse shoeing. All work guaranteed. At the Favorite Saloon, Jas. A. Taylor was the proprietor and was a dealer of beer, tobacco and cigars. He had ice cold keg beer for five cents a glass. W. H. Cusenbary and E. S. Briant ran Cusenbary & Co, chemists and druggists. They had a stock of full assortments in drugs, chemicals, fancy toilet articles, toilet soaps, sponges, brushes, combs, perfumery and a choice selection of jewelry.

We were asked if the Sutton County Historical Society is a non profit organization and do we have meetings and by-laws; seems someone has been telling people we aren't?

The Sutton County Historical Society meets the requirements for exemption as a 501 c 3 organization. We have tax exempt status, donations are usually tax deductible; your attorney can advise you if your donation can be written off on your taxes. You usually can, but sometimes people have already given more than the allowable amount, so if making a large donation, or if you think you might be borderline you should always check with your person-

al attorney. We have meetings, by-laws and all our paperwork is filed with proper authorities. Our last meeting was Feb. 5, 2003, at the Sutton County Steakhouse and was written up in the Devil's River News. If you have any further questions regarding this we suggest you contact the Treasurer of the Sutton County Historical Society, Attorney Al Elliott.

Donations of articles for the museum and archives have been coming in regularly and we could use some help in receiving them. I'm going to be moving slowly when we reopen on the 11th as I am having surgery during our ten days off. If you can spare a little time give me a call just stop down and give us a hand.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call me at the office 325-387-5084 or at home at 325-387-2855. Please note we have a new area code. We still need donations. Our insurance has just doubled and we really need help with this non-budgeted item. The Depot and Miers Home are in need of new paint and I'm going to need some more file folders pretty soon. We will be listing all those who have given memorials and donations, so far this year, in our column the last week of April. Special thanks to Rosie Whitehead Jones and L. P. Bloodworth for their generous donations of time and money to kick off our fund-raising efforts this year.

Rooster Morris To Perform For Sonora Students

The audiences at Sonora Elementary and Sonora Middle School will be entertained by the multi-talented Rooster Morris on April 15 and April 16.

Rooster Morris was born in Ridgecrest, CA on September 16, 1955. His family shortly returned to Texas where Rooster grew up on ranches in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Since that time Rooster has been working on his music through self teaching and performing. According to Frankie McWhorter, noted fiddle player for legendary Bob Wills, "Rooster has an incredible talent. His songs and melodies touch you where you need to be touched. He is a very talented musician and has a very natural feel for music."

Rooster has been the featured performer at numerous cowboy poetry gatherings. In August of 1999, while opening for John Erickson, author of the Hank the Cowdog books, Rooster was deeply moved by the response of the audience to Erickson's readings and songs to the the enthusiasm displayed after the show. These kids wanted to read the books that Erickson had been reading.

It was then that Rooster decided to use his musical talent along with his voice characterization ability to perform for children and ultimately promote literacy.

He began reading the Hank the Cowdog books and listening to the audio books and working on imitating what Erickson had spent the last 17 years creating. He did his first reading for children in Amarillo in November 1999 and has since been



expanding the program to include several other books and songs.

When Rooster started reading to kids, he realized how very important it was for children to not only learn how to read but to want to read. Rooster believes if you can incorporate fun into a reading program you will create a positive experience and good memories. "...If kids today can see me having fun with all those characters and using different voices, they will want to go back to those passages that they saw me read. The memory is theirs and they can always revisit it. If I can help by creating curiosity and nurturing the desire to read, I will feel like I have contributed something worthwhile."

Librarians and teachers rave about Rooster's performances.

Sonora students are sure to get an enlightening education from Rooster's performance.

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Bridal Registry

Christy O'Mealey bride elect of Levi Pool
Erica Kerbow bride elect of Jeffrey Morris
Carrie Smyth bride elect of Brian Sinosis
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Erica Kerbow bride elect of Jeffrey Morris
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A Senior Trip For Graduates of Dialville High



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Clarence Trotter runs a produce store between Rusk and Jacksonville.

He grew up on a farm and loved it. When he finished school he went to work for a tire manufacturing company in Tyler. He missed the outdoors, so he quit his job and started growing fruits and vegetables on 75 acres of land. He furnished produce to some of the largest stores in East Texas.

"I get a lot of customers driving between Dallas and Houston," says Clarence.

"Some of them have been stopping at my place for years. They tell me I have the best fruit and vegetables they've ever eaten."

He specializes in home-grown peaches, plums and grapes. His store is open from 9 AM to 6 PM every day. He's looking forward to a good sweet potato crop this year. They're grown around Golden, near Mineola.

"I've been buying them from the same man for thirty years."

He grew up at Dialville, about five miles from his store. A big swimming hole near there was called The Plunge.

"They had a big dance hall up there. They had a tire with a cable on it and you could slide down that cable into the water. It was fixed up real nice. They had the shallow parts cemented. Then on further out it was about thirty feet deep. Me and an old boy they called Tater Bug Sides used to swim down to the bottom and bring up mud. We were the only ones who could do it."

Clarence's first swimming lesson was when he was in an inner tube and some of his friends dumped him into the

water. "I made it to shore OK. Since then, I've been able to swim. I used to go down to the river, feel in those hollow logs and catch catfish with my hands. One weighed forty-six pounds."

He caught an alligator once. "It was seven feet long. And I put him in the boat, too. I brought him to Rusk and kept him for several months.

He got to bothering people. I'd keep him tied to a tree, but at night he'd get out and walk across people's porches they had just painted.

Then he'd try to get into their chicken houses. I finally gave him away. Ran an ad in the paper for a free alligator. Somebody came and got it."

He graduated from Dialville High School in 1956. Twelve students were in the graduating class. "We took half the seats out of the school bus, put some mattresses back there and went to Florida. Stayed gone three weeks. Only eight of us went. Four didn't go. We had little plays and cake walks to pay for the trip. We made lots of money.

"Our superintendent and his wife went with us. He drove the bus. On the way to Florida we went to New Orleans and stayed three days there, then went on down to Florida and went all over. Rented beach houses and motels. While we were on the road, those three or four mattresses were real comfortable. When we wanted to take a nap, we just laid down and went to sleep.

"We came back through George and Alabama, on into Arkansas. We spent our last night in Henderson. It was just thirty miles from home, but we still had spending money and wanted to spend it. We had lots of fun on our senior trip."

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Cinco de Mayo Queen Contestants

As part of the Cinco de Mayo Celebration that will be held May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Slab, a Cinco de Mayo Queen will be crowned. Four young ladies are vying for the crown and have been working hard raising funds to benefit the St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Blanca D. Lozano



Blanca Lozano, a Freshman at S.H.S., is the daughter of Jeannie and Cleo Lozano. She has one brother, Pvt. 1st Class John David Lozano, Marines; and two sisters, Jennifer and Bianca. She is active in the Bronco Spirit Crew, Band and Theatre Arts and her hobbies and interests include bowling, swimming, eating ice, talking on the phone, meeting new people, spending time with my niece Meghan, nephew Michael and cousin Lori, and shopping. Blanca plans to join the army or go to college. She would like to be Cinco de Mayo queen because "it would be a great opportunity to meet other people, teach me responsibility and give me a chance to interact with more people in the community. It would also give me a chance to represent my church and help raise money for our parish hall and other organizations in Sutton County. I would also like to help form a committee for Cinco de Mayo and follow in my grandfather's footsteps, who was dedicated to this cause and an outstanding member of our society."

Christina Marie Martinez



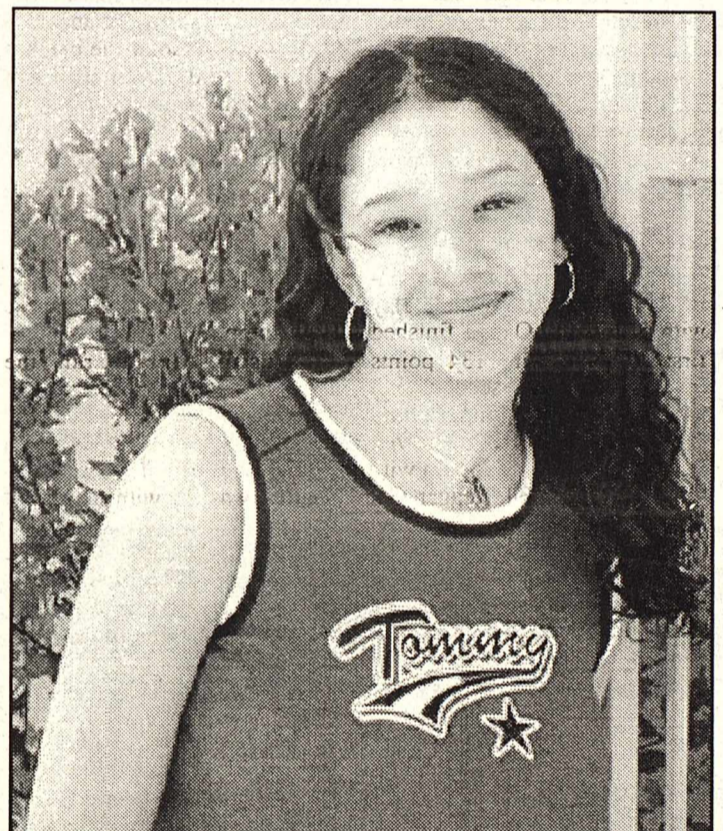
Christina Martinez, a Freshman at S.H.S. is the daughter of Sylvia and Reugio Martinez. She has one sister, Evangelina. Christina is active in Basketball, Tennis, Flags, Band, the Spanish Club and the Spirit Crew. Her hobbies and interests include talking on the phone, playing tennis and basketball, shopping, swimming, dancing, singing and spending time with my family and friends. After high school she plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and become a forensic investigator. Christina likes the fact that Sonora is a small community that comes together in good times and she feels that a youth center for kids would be a nice addition. She would like to be Cinco de Mayo Queen because "I would like to set a good example for younger children in the community by being responsible and keeping good grades in school."

Amanda Samaniego



Amanda Samaniego, a Sophomore at S.H.S., is the daughter of Connie and Ruben Samaniego. She has three sisters, Angie, Betty and Nicky and one brother, Mark. She is active in Basketball and Band, is the Track manager and is a member of the National Honor Society. Amanda wants to go to college at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos to study Veterinary Science. If she could do one thing to make Sonora a better place to live, Amanda would build a place for kids to hang out and have fun. She would like to be Cinco de Mayo Queen because "I think I would be a good role model for future queen candidates and to make my family proud."

Vicky Vara



Vicky Vara, a Sophomore at S.H.S., is the daughter of Tonie and Gilbert Vara. She has two brothers, Gilbert Jr. and Daniel. Vicky is active in Spanish and Art and enjoys talking to her friends, shopping, listening to music and spending time with her family. After graduation she would like to attend a trade school and pursue a career. She likes the peacefulness of Sonora and the friendliness of the people. Vicky would like to be Cinco de Mayo Queen because "I feel our church, St. Ann's, is a large part of the community and by me participating I am helping achieve our goal of building a parish hall that everyone will benefit from."

PTO Hosts Appreciation Luncheon



On Thursday, March 27, 2003 the Sonora Schools PTO treated the area Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Department personnel to an Appreciation Luncheon. Volunteers from our PTO prepared a wonderful meal of Lasagna, tossed salad, fresh rolls, a variety of delicious desserts and a beautiful (and tasty) patriotic celebration cake!

The men and women of our area Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire Department should be commended for their dedication and commitment to our citizens, our community, and especially our children. We are blessed to have these men and women serving in our community. Thank you, and God Bless each and every one of you.

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NASA To Visit Middle School

The Concho Valley School-To-Work/Tech Prep Partnership is sponsoring the NASA URCEP (Urban and Rural Community Enrichment Project) Team in visiting Concho Valley Schools from March 31 to April 11, 2003. The URCEP Team will be visiting Sonora Middle School on April 15. There will be an assembly at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Carol Love at 387-3023.

While in the community, the URCEP team will provide teachers, students and other members of the community with unique, enriching opportunities that address the national and state educational standards and local curricula frameworks and objectives.

The Concho Valley Partnership partnered with NASA URCEP Team in 2002 to provide assemblies for students to learn about careers in space exploration. In 2003, the team offered to visit the Concho Valley for an extended period of time to visit area schools and provide student assemblies, classroom visits, and teacher training.

Schools participating in the NASA URCEP visit were selected based on their participation in the Concho Valley Partnership Activities.

Sonora Boys Still Lead District After Second Round

by Drew Cox

The Bronco golf team completed their 2nd round of the district golf season by finishing 2nd in Eldorado on Wednesday, April 2nd. The boys finished one stroke behind Ozona for the day but maintain an eleven stroke lead in the district going into the final round. The boys competing and their scores are as follows; Stetson Perez-70, A.J. Hernandez-76, Dustin Martin-82, Chris Martin-78 and Embre Smith-79.

The second team and their scores were; Anthony Longoria-80, Brandon West-84, Heath Prather-81, Cullen Parker-78 and Trent Reiner-78. This team sits in 3rd place in district, 25 strokes behind 2nd place Ozona. Medallists for the Broncos and their scores are; Ty Love-103, John Healy-80, Mason Martinez-85 and Hilton Bloodworth-105. Stetson Perez and Aaron Garza of Ozona tied for the low score of the tournament, both with scores of 70. Garza holds a one stroke lead over Perez going into the final round of district for the number one medallist in district. The boys will compete in the final round of district in Sonora on Wednesday, April 9th.

Lady Broncos Shooting Strong In District Golf, Win Second Round

by Drew Cox

The Lady Broncos finished in first place for the day and gained four strokes to pull within one stroke of first place Eldorado in district at the Eldorado tournament on Wednesday, April 2nd. The girls and their scores are as follows; Kayla McBride-93, Tamika Marshall-87, Candise Martin-102, Missy Longoria-104 and

Sarah Gutierrez-97. The second team and their scores are as follows; Sara Baggett-110, Savannah Hedgecock-104, Christine Sanchez-130 and Noemi Fay-118. Tamika finished as the second medallist for the day with her 87. The girls will compete in their final round of district in Sonora on Wednesday, April 9th.

SMS Tennis Prepare For District at Ozona Tournament

submitted

The Sonora Middle School Tennis Team traveled to Eldorado on Saturday, March 29 to participate in a tournament with Eldorado, Mason, Grape Creek and Ozona. Although they met up with some tough competition, the Colts fared well.

In the seventh grade division, Chelsea Martinez and Shelby Johnson participated in the singles bracket. Martinez advanced to the champion side of the bracket, won the next match, was defeated in a tiebreaker and then played for third, where she was defeated again. Johnson was defeated in

two matches. In the doubles bracket, Laura Martin /Elbe Samaniego were defeated in the first match and won their second as did Sierra Gomez/ Jessica Chavez. These two teams then met in the final consolation round where Gomez/Chavez won to bring home the consolation prize. Seventh grade boys singles participants were Hunt Wagner and Victor Vaquera. Wagner lost his first match, but won the next match to win consolation. Vaquera advanced to the winning side of the bracket, won the next match then was defeated in his next two matches. In the doubles division, the

See SMS Tennis page 7

Broncos Third at Ozona Relays

The Sonora Broncos finished third at the Ozona Relay with 82 points. Ozona finished first at home with 134 points and Junction was second with 131 points. Finishing behind Sonora was Grape Creek with 76, Wall with 75, Eldorado with 45, Ingram with 34, Reagan Co. with 25, Forsan with 17 and Angelo Christian.

Trapper Valliant got the team started, winning the Discus with a throw of 137'9" and taking 3rd in the Shot Put with a distance of 44'8 1/2".

Hilton Bloodworth jumped 19'73/4" in the Long Jump, putting him in 3rd place.

Scottie Moore also finished 3rd, clearing 6'4" in the High Jump.

Dustin Martin ran the 100m Dash in 11.15 to finish 2nd and Cameron Cox was 6th in the 400m Dash with a time of 54.86.

In the 800m Run, Luis Segura was 2nd with a time of 2:09.20.

1st place went to the 400m Relay team of Manuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin, who finished in a time of 43.92.

The 1600m Relay team of Rodriguez, Wallace, Lopez and Luis Segura finished 3rd with a time of 3:33.12.

JV Bronco Baseball Continues Streak

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Junior Varsity Baseball boys continued their winning streak last week with two decisive wins. Both games were called due to the ten run rule.

Up against Eldorado, Clint Cearley was on the mound. Cearley had 10 strikeouts, 1 walk and gave up 5 hits. Offensively, almost every Bronco was able to reach the base. Hitting for extra bases were Dustin Creek, Laramie Hall, Cullen Parker, Miguel Vaquera and Cearley. The final score was Broncos 14, Eagles 4.

The game against Big Lake had Creek starting on the mound, having 2 strikeouts, 3 walks and 0 hits. Parker was the relief, with 2 strikeouts and 3 hits. Hitting well for the Red was Cearley with a triple and a double. Brian Payton had 2 doubles and Chris Perez had a triple. Steven Duhon had an in-the-park homerun. Jack Turney, Diego Cardona and Vaquera each had a double. Embre Smith, Garrett Watkins and Parker each reached base on singles.

After 4 1/2 innings of play the final score was Sonora 13, Big Lake 1.

Late Bronco Rally Falls Short

by Nancy J. Glasscock

Big Lake pitching and hitting plus Bronco errors cost Sonora's varsity its third district win. Starter Lance Roberts pitched four innings. Four Owl runners crossed the plate while he was on the mound. When Roberts left after the fourth, the score was 4-2 in the Owl's favor. Justin Sims came on to pitch in the top of the fifth. He faced nine Big Lake batters in his first inning of relief. The Owls added four more runs on three hits and three Bronco errors.

Sims faced seven Owl batters in the sixth. Big Lake tacked on two more runs due to Sonora throwing and fielding errors. Sims who had trouble finding the strike zone since coming in on relief, found it at the end of this inning. Sims set the last two batters down in this inning. The Owls batters also went down in order in the top of the seventh. Sims added to his impressive season strike out

total and added six with this game.

The Broncos finally got some hits and walks off the tiring Owl hurler in their half of the seventh. Landon Brockman began with a single. Doug Yocham walked. Sims singled and Israel Arevalo brought Brockman home with a sacrifice fly. Scottie Moore then singled and brought Yocham in to score. Two consecutive walks to Caleb Gulley and Emmanuel Lopez walked home Sims. Roberts hit a sacrifice fly that scored Moore. The final Sonora batter struck out to end the rally.

The Owls won 10 to 6. With this game, the Broncos are now 2 - 4 in District 2-2A. There are four games remaining in the regular season. The Broncos will face Ozona, Grape Creek and district leaders Eldorado and Wall to complete the season. The next home game is April 17th against Ozona.

7th Grade Girls Have Great Season

submitted

The 7th grade Lady Colts had an excellent year in track. The girls finished their season in third place, with 108 points at the District Meet in Big Lake. The team brought home several first place honors and should be very proud of themselves.

The Overall District meet results were as follows:

Shot Put - Chelsea Martinez 4th

Discus - Chelsea Martinez 2nd

Triple Jump - Emily Earwood 4th

High Jump - Kimble Luna 6th

Pole Vault - Kelsey Watkins 1st, Kimble Luna 3rd

800m Run - Kimble Luna 6th

100m Hurdles - Kyla Turney 5th

100m Run - Kayla Garcia 1st, Sierra Gomez - 4th

300m Hurdles - Kyla Turney 1st

200m Run - Kelsey Watkins 3rd

400m Relay - Whitney Perez, Lauren Schaefer,



The 800m Relay team of Earwood, Watkins, Turney and Garcia won 1st place in 4 consecutive meets.

Sierra Gomez, and Kelsey Watkins - 5th

800m Relay - Kelsey Watkins, Emily Earwood, Kyla Turney and Kayla Garcia - 1st

1600m Relay - Heather Hughes, Whitney Perez, Emily Earwood and Kayla Garcia - 3rd

Other members of the 7th

grade Lady Colts are: Manager Kari Nicholas

Daniella Rodriguez: Shot, Discus

Elbe Samaniego: Long Jump, Discus and 100 Hurdles

Paula Zaragoza: Shot

Shelbi Johnson: 100 Hurdles and 300 low Hurdles

Jessica Chavez: 800m Run and 400m Run

Lady Broncos Finish Third In Ozona

submitted

The Sonora Lady Bronco Track Team competed in their final meet before District on Saturday at Ozona, finishing in 3rd place out of 10 teams.

Wall finished 1st with 157 points, followed by Reagan County with 154, Sonora with 75 and Junction with 53.

Danielle Fox finished 5th in the Shot Put with a throw of 33'6 1/2".

Adriana Castillo was 6th in the Discus, throwing 85'5 1/2".

In the Pole Vault, Courtney Caruthers finished 4th, clearing 7'6".

Morgan Hobbs and Elizabeth Elliott tied for 1st in the High Jump, each jumping 5'2".

8th Grade Colts Take Third At District Meet

The Sonora 8th Grade boys finished third with 115 points at the District Track Meet in Big Lake. Wall was first with 218 points and Ozona was second with 156 points. The other teams were Reagan County with 62, Grape Creek 56 and Eldorado 3.

In the Discus, Augustine Vaquera finished 3rd with a throw of 117'01" and Dustin Duhon was 6th with a throw of 102'03".

Duhon was 4th in the High Jump, clearing 4'10".

With a jump of 16'05", J.J. Galindo finished 4th in the Long Jump. Galindo came back in the Pole Vault, finishing 3rd with a vault of 8'02".

In the 2400m Run, Tony Torres was 4th with a time of 9:33.

The 400m Relay team of Ruben Mendez, Augustine Vaquera, J.J. Galindo and Alex Perez ran a 51.42 to finish 4th.

JV Broncos Finish In Fifth At Ozona Relays

The JV Broncos finished the Ozona Relays with 59 points, putting them in 5th place behind Wall (165), Eldorado (119), Ozona (77), Reagan Co. (76).

Miguel Vaquera cleared 9'0" for 3rd place in the Pole Vault, followed by Warren Wallace who finished 4th by clearing 8'6".

The 400m Relay team of Lauren Smith, Brea Hughes, Danielle Matthews and Megan Berry came in 3rd with a time of 53.98.

Hobbs was the 1st place winner in the 100m Hurdles, finishing in 15.25 and also won the 300m Hurdles with a time of 47.39, setting a meet record!

The team of Perla Perez, Courtney Caruthers, Brea Hughes and Danielle Matthews ran the 800m Relay in 1:56.93 for 6th place.

Smith, Hobbs, Hughes and Perez were 4th in the 1600m Relay with a time of 4:25.26.

The District meet for the Lady Broncos will be in Ozona on Thursday, April 10, 2003.

Juan Ibarra finished 5th in the 800m Dash with a time of 2:28.

In the 110m Hurdles, Justin Northcott was 3rd with a time of 18.85.

Helping Sonora sweep the 800m Relay for the week, the team of Trevino, Duhon, Galindo and Perez finished 1st with a time of 1:43.92.

In the 400m Dash, Duhon was 3rd with a time of 1:00.67 and Jose Casillas was 4th with a time of 1:00.79.

Northcott ran the 300m Hurdles in 51.53 to finish 4th.

In the 200m Dash, Alex Perez was 3rd with a time of 25.69, Lito Trevino was 5th with a time of 26.26 and Casillas was 6th with a time of 26.84.

Ibarra finished the 1600m run in 5:29.69 for 3rd place.

The 1600m Relay team of Galindo, Duhon, Casillas and Trevino finished 2nd with a time of 3:56.71.

Stevie Hernandez won the 100m Dash with a time of 11.54 and Diego Cardona was 2nd in the 200m Dash with a time of 24.53.

The 400m Relay team of Cardona, Uriel Santana, Brian Payton and Stevie Hernandez ran a 47.57 for 3rd and the 800m Relay team of the same boys finished 1st in the 800m Relay

Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Stevie Hernandez



Stevie is the 17 year old son of Esteban and Hermelinda Hernandez. He is a Jr. this year and plays Left Field for the Broncos.

Stevie's favorite food is Lasagna, his favorite song is "Wanksta" by 50 cents and his motto for life is "Always Work hard and good things will happen". Chipper Jones is Stevie's favorite Professional Baseball Player.

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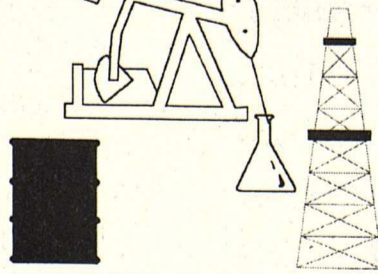
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Easter Bunny on His Way to Eaton Hill



by Delyse Jaeger

The Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Easter Treasure Hunt is guaranteed to be a success. This, according to the Easter Bunny himself, interviewed en route to Eaton Hill for preparations (see related story on page 1).

Another spring project in progress on Eaton Hill is the Texas Native Plant and Butterfly Garden. The garden will be located on the lawn of the Eaton house. Jo Davis has graciously offered to assist in this project and her time and expertise are greatly appreciated. If you have any native plants to share, we will gladly accept donations!

Good news for the Monarch butterfly: It was feared that fierce winter storms in 2002 might decimate the monarch populations, but the number of wintering butterflies in Mexico was just below average. The spring migration is underway, with monarchs first arriving in Texas around March 14th. We should be seeing some in our area, although cooler temperatures are expected to delay part of the migration. Meridith Byrd of Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity branch, reported 7-10 monarchs last week near Dolan Falls, north of Del Rio. If you are interested in monitoring monarch migrations, information is readily available on the internet from Journey North and Texas Monarch Watch. Journey North has great activities for kids.

Wildflowers continue their beautiful display on Eaton Hill. A fun way to enjoy the flowers is to check out an Audubon Society field guide from the library and identify the flowers as you hike the trails. Just drop the book back at the library for the next hiker. It's fun and educational.

The new birding hut is complete and seating has been installed. Birders have viewing access to several feeding areas and can watch hummingbirds up close on the opposite side of the hut. For serious birders, a clipboard is provided to record your sightings. Come on out and explore all the fruits of spring on Eaton Hill!

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Congratulations to these 4-H contestants for a job well done at their first judging contest of the year held in Ozona. Judging consists of Grass ID, Range, Wool and Mohair. What a great job these judges did. Good luck next week at District!!! Contestants that participated were Sterling Love, Steely Ingham, Hunter Jennings, Cadesman Pope, Bailey Joe Pennington, Cash Jennings, and Alex Lang. Participants not pictured: Stella Ingham and Gunter Pennington.

F.Y.I.

Well-wishers are encouraged to continue sending mail to 13 year-old Johnell Casparis, who is recovering from HSV Encephalitis. Your cards and letters have been a great inspiration to her and her family. Send mail to: Johnell Casparis, Cook Children's Hospital, 801 Seventh Street, Room 6402, Fort Worth TX 76104-2796.

T-ball sign-ups are underway now at The Devil's River News. Deadline to sign up is April 11, 2003. Must be 5 years old by July 31, 2003 to be eligible to play T-ball.

The Los Compadres Club Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser will be Friday, April 11, 2003 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The menu will be fish, fries, cole slaw, beans, tartar sauce and dessert for \$6.00 a ticket. Take out orders only! 207 W. Chestnut (Harold's House). To purchase tickets call Betty or Sam David at 387-3469 or Terri or Armando at 387-2056.

You don't want to miss Don Francisco in concert, Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at 205 E. Main, New Life Ministries!

The Scouts of Pack 19 will have their END of the year Award Ceremony on April 13, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. The Ceremony will be held at the Sonora Elementary Auditorium (the red one). Any parents that can volunteer their time to help set up and have refreshments ready would be very much appreciated! For any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821.

The Samaniego Family Relay for Life team will be selling Menudo on Sunday, April 13, 2003 at St. Ann's Parish Hall. For more information call 387-3029. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team is selling raffle tickets for \$1 a chance, to win a DVD/CD/VCR combo player. Contact any team member to get your tickets today. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The T&C Village Market Relay for Life team will be having a bake sale on April 18th and a car wash on May 10th, in the T&C Village Market parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The St. John's Episcopal Church is having a garage sale on April 26, 2003 in the Church yard. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The Girl Scouts will have their End of the year Award Ceremony at the County Park on Sunday, April 27, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. Each girl will be responsible for bringing a picnic lunch for her & her family. Any questions please call Mrs. Tammy Favila 387-3661.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon hosted by Lighthouse Baptist Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on Wed. April 16, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited.

All Youth are invited to a National Day of Prayer "Freedom Youth Rally" on April 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Community Church (the old theater across the street from the Civic Center).

Everyone is invited to the National Day of Prayer to be held May 1, 2003 at the Amphitheater (behind the Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. - old Depot) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come join us to pray for our nation during this crucial time. FMI 387-3625 or 277-3353

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration will be held May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Slab. Bingo, food booths, craft booths, entertainment, games for children, cake walk, piñata and more. Grupo Estilo will play for the dance from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For more information contact Mike Villanueva at 387-5300 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

Project Graduation will be held on Friday, May 30, 2003. Please send donations or prizes to Beth Wallace, 410 S.E. Crockett, Sonora, Texas. If you have any questions, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

Anyone interested in attending Texas ELKS camp can contact Juanita Gomez at 450-0245 or 387-5666. Any child with disabilities not requiring one-on-one care, ages 6 to 16, who is a resident of the State of Texas, is eligible. An admissions committee reviews each application. Eligibility disregards race, religion, or ethnic origin. The camp is free of charge. Six 6-day camp sessions available between June 15 and Aug. 2. Donations are needed to pay for travel expenses, a fund has been set up at First National Bank.

The 2003 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. 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 also call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

Sonora Elementary is collecting Box Tops, used Cellular Telephones and used ink-cartridges. You may drop any of these items off at either elementary office.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays, Tuesday until noon and Fridays.

SMS Tennis from page 5

team Colton Moore/Riley Sanchez was defeated in both matches they played, while the team of Julio Samaniego/Juan Dominguez was defeated in their first match, then went on to win their next two matches to earn the consolation prize.

In the Eighth grade division, Kaija Valkonen played two matches and was defeated both times, and Madeline Higdon was defeated in her first match, won her second and lost the final match. Doubles team of Stacy Sanchez/Starlyn Chadwick lost the beginning match but came back to win the next three to also win their consolation side of the bracket. The team of Jaimee Duran/Felisha Gamez advanced to the winners side of the bracket, won a match, lost the next match then won their final match to place third. Shane Love participated in the singles boys division but was defeated in both matches. The Colts will travel to Reagan County for their district tournament on Saturday, April 12. Good Luck!

The team then traveled to Ozona on Saturday, April 5 to compete in their last practice tournament before district. The Colts got a lot of practice time in and now are ready to travel to Big Lake this week for the district tournament.

The seventh grade girls had two singles competitors. Chelsea Martinez and Paula Zaragosa both played two matches in the singles brackets and were defeated in both of their tries. Seventh grade doubles teams were Elbe Samaniego/Shelby Johnson and Sierra Gomez/Jessica Chavez. Samaniego/Johnson were defeated in both matches, while Gomez/Chavez were defeated the first round but came back to win two in a row to win the consolation prize.

In seventh boys singles, Hunt Wagner and Victor Vaquera both competed and both were defeated the first round, won the second match then were defeated the third match. In the doubles bracket, the teams of Julio Samaniego/Juan Dominguez and Colton Moore/Riley Sanchez had identical records of advancing to the winner's side, winning a match then met defeat in the third match.

The eighth grade girls had one singles entry, Kaija Valkonen. Valkonen played two matches and was defeated in both tries. Doubles teams in the eighth grade girls were Starlyn Chadwick/Stacy Sanchez, who won their first match but were defeated in the second match, and Felisha Gamez/Madeline Higdon, who won three matches to win first place in the tournament. Good Luck at district, Colts!

Troopers from page 1

taking off at a high rate of speed, weaving through traffic and all over the road. Van Zandt took up the chase again, following the vehicle into the west side rest area where the driver bailed out of the car and took off on foot. Van Zandt chased the suspect through the dark, losing sight of him for a minute before finding him under a cedar bush. The suspect, 27 year-old Phillip Kenton Davis of Spring, Texas was arrested for Evading Arrest, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and DWI. Davis, who refused to test but admitted to being drunk, had 63 prior arrests, including 4 stays in the State Penitentiary. He had broke into a church in The Woodlands earlier that day, stolen a woman's purse and keys, taken her car and commenced on his way. Additional charges will be filed in Kimble County and The Woodlands.

On April 7th, Trooper Earlie Williams made a routine traffic stop on IH-10 and ran the driver's license of the 28 year-old male driver. The license returned as that of a Fugitive from Justice out of Las Vegas, Nevada. The suspect had allegedly shot his wife in the leg on Sunday, April 6 in Vegas. He then stole a 2000 Kia 4-Door and fled Nevada, heading east. The car was left at a Flying J Truck Stop in El Paso, Texas, where the suspect's parents picked him up. They were headed for San Antonio when Trooper Williams stopped them. A search of the vehicle resulted in Williams finding a Mac. 9 mm in the trunk, believed to be the weapon used in the assault. The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Upon a body search at the Sheriff's Office, Jailer Janice Cook found socks soaked in blood. The socks were bagged as evidence.

The suspect will be extradited back to the State of Nevada. Trooper Williams contacted the investigator on the case in Nevada, who reported that the victim was recovering.

The Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Division is attempting to locate the stolen vehicle that was dropped in El Paso.



This 9 mm was allegedly used to shoot a woman in Las Vegas.

Colts from page 1

10th with a time of 23.03. In the 300 yard hurdles, Lucio Rodriguez ran a 53.03, finishing 3rd, Victor Vaquera was 4th with a time of 54.34 and Colton Moore was 6th with a time of 56.50.

The 400 yard Relay Team of Lawson, Silva, N. Peña and A. Peña won the event in 50.07 and the same boys won the 800

yard relay in 1:46.81. Clayton Sahr lead the pack in the 1600 yard run, winning in 5:46.40, with Colton Moore on his heels for 2nd in 6:00.43. J.T. Downing finished 6th with a time of 6:12.60. The 1600 yard Relay Team finished in 4:18.78 for 3rd place, finishing up the season for the 7th grade colts. Good job guys!

Abuse Awareness from page 1

come from all economic, ethnic, racial and educational backgrounds and religious traditions.

If you suspect abuse, call the children's protective services in your area, 1-800-252-5400 to discuss your concerns or to make a formal report regarding your fear about the welfare of a child or teenager. Anyone may report suspected child abuse and will not be liable for an unfounded report if it is made in good faith. In every state, most persons in helping professions - teachers, doctors, counselors, police officers, social workers, health professionals - are legally mandated to report a suspicion of child abuse or neglect to child abuse authorities.

It is important that parents work to keep their children protected.

- Do not leave your child unattended while shopping or running an errand.
 - Make sure your child knows what and how to scream for help if approached in a threatening way by anyone.
 - Never leave a child alone in a car.
 - Make sure your child always checks with you before going with someone or before going somewhere.
 - Do not let your child wear clothing with his or her name on it.
 - Have your child practice saying no to an older person/stranger.
 - Practice with your child what to do if approached by a stranger who asks for help or says they are lost.
 - Leaving a child in a closed car for even a few minutes can be deadly; temperatures can rise to dangerous levels as much as 50 degrees higher than outside inside a car on a sunny, warm day.
 - As the temperature goes up, caregivers sometimes forget to keep an eye on their children at the beach, by the pool or in a bath. Do not leave young children unattended in these situations, since even shallow water can lead to drowning.
- These are just a few things to remember, our children depend on us to help them grow up safe and strong. By working together, we can end child abuse and neglect.

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SENIOR CENTER COOK: The City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a part-time Cook for the Sutton County Senior Center. Applicant should be able to assist in kitchen duties, cook, clean, communicate and relate with the elderly and be able to perform other work related duties that are required at the Senior Center. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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