

Saddle Up For Sutton County Days

The 2003 Sutton County Days Parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. with line-up beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Organizations, groups and individuals are encouraged to be a part of the annual event.

The parade will begin on Main Street and make its way down Crockett Ave., ending at the Sutton County Arena Park. The 28th Annual Sutton County Days festivities will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with arts & crafts, live entertainment, delicious food, and much more.

Anyone interested in being a part of the parade can call The First National Bank at (325) 387-3861. The deadline for entries is August 8, 2003.

Do you have art, crafts, jewelry, toys or food to sell? Vendors can register for booth space on Saturday of Sutton County Days at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 387-2880. Anyone encouraged in selling their items or having a fundraiser are encouraged to register TODAY, the deadline to register is August 1, 2003. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to be seen and make some sales.

The 2003 Sonora Outlaw Kid's Mutton Bustin' will be Friday, August 1, 2003 at the Sutton County Park Arena. Entries will be taken at the arena rodeo office on August 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Mutton Bustin' will start at 7:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 and a parent must sign a release form for their child to ride.

The top 10 contestants from Friday will qualify to compete in the Mutton Bustin' Finals during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo performance on Friday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m.

For early entry or for more information call 387-2205.

The Outlaw Pro Rodeo Team Roping Challenge will be Friday, August 1, 2003. The Open Draw Pot Roping will have 3 go-rounds and a short-go, progressive after one, enter once, draw four (if there is an excessive amount of teams they will draw three). The fee to enter is \$100 per ropers and everyone is encouraged to enter with a partner. Entries open on Friday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., with no exceptions. The roping will start at 8:00 p.m. with the last to enter being the first to rope. The top 12 teams on Friday will advance to the Short-go during the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo on August 15th and 16th. Buckles will be awarded to the winners of the average.

For more information call 325-650-8675 or 325-387-2981.

If your child is interested in competing in the 2003 Little Miss or Little Mr. Contest please go by the Chamber of Commerce office at 205 Hwy. 277 North or The Devil's River News office to pick up an entry form. **Pre-entry forms MUST be returned no later than Friday, August 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.** to the Devil's River News office. No entries will be taken the day of the contest. You may submit a photo or one may be taken on the day you return the entry form. Judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. on the Main Stage on Saturday, August 16, 2003.

Contestants may check-in that morning at the Chamber of Commerce/Information tent at the county park. A \$5 entry fee is required per contestant. Contestants entered in the contest must have turned 3 years of age and must not have turned 6 years of age prior to August 16, 2003. Contestants must be a resident of Sutton County. For more information call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or Trevlin Strong at 387-3968.

Robin Hood Vs. Sonora ISD

submitted by Superintendent, Brant Myers

Sonora ISD is facing many of the same problems that some of our neighbor schools have faced in the recent past. We are once again being labeled a Chapter 41 District (a wealthy school district in the eyes of the Texas Education Agency). This is the same thing that has happened to Crockett County Consolidated Common School District (Ozona), Irion County Independent School District (Mertzton), and several other West Texas schools in the past few years.

The solution we are seeking is to determine how to run our school district effectively, giving our students the best opportunity for a successful education, and yet at the same time help educate other students from different parts of the state with part of Sonora's tax dollars. This falls under the well known "Robin Hood Plan" for school finance in the state of Texas. In this plan, Chapter 41 Districts (considered wealthy) purchased WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance) from TEA or from Chapter 42 Districts (considered low wealth by state standards). For the last few years Sonora ISD has been a Chapter 42 district.

What exactly does this mean for Sonora ISD? At this point in time after many financial estimates, it means that

Sonora ISD will have to purchase WADA in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000. In last year's budget this use of funds did not occur. This year, the needed purchase of WADA will be a factor in the budget and many budget cuts are being made to offset the difference. Also, there will be a need to increase revenue from tax dollars to allow for the lopsided effect and to help balance the budget. To the local taxpayer it means that taxes will be going up and that your tax dollars will help pay for some other school districts students' education. This is not fault of your local Board of Trustees; rather, it is how Texas school finance has been administered and adjudicated in the past several years.

Many people will state: "why should we have to pay to educate someone else's children?" but in Texas it is the current law. The State Legislature is under great pressure to relieve the problems for both Chapter 41 and Chapter 42 schools in the state and find a better financial system to help finance public schools. But here in Sonora the Chapter 41 finance issue has hit home and Sonora ISD is looking for solutions to the problem.

What caused Sonora ISD to become Chapter 41? The answer is simple. Sonora ISD's value went up (\$61,049,900) in 2002 and our student population

dropped in the past five to ten years. Currently the value per student in our district using the state's 2002 values (Texas school finance always runs one year behind) is \$376,543. This is \$71,543 above the allowed Chapter 42 cap of \$305,000 per student. This difference is what indicates to TEA that we need to give our dollars to some other school so that they can get their student values closer to the Chapter 42 cap. In the eyes of the State of Texas these two paired schools have become equalized, thus creating the title of "Robin Hood" which takes from the rich to give to the poor.

This will cause many taxpayers to become upset because it will increase taxes, but we are trying to inform the public about the school finance system in Texas and our situation in Sonora. This is Texas law and the statutes will stand until someone in Austin decides that "Robin Hood" is not the solution to the equalization of public school finance. It will be up to the legislators to find another method to help equalize the educational finance problems in our state.

If anyone has any questions about Sonora ISD's current situation, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Building at 387-2545 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Waitin' for the Judge...

Young cowboys and cowgirls and their steeds are lined up for judging in the Halter/Showmanship Class at the July 15th Sutton County 4-H playday. The playdays help young riders learn the fundamentals of competing in halter and western pleasure classes, as well as timed events like barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying. The competition is stiff in Sutton County, as many of these kids have been riding since their toddler years. If you haven't gone to the arena to watch them this year, the last 4-H playday will be Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Discuss Low Values, Budget Cuts Continue

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2003. After tending to general business of approving accounts payable and minutes from prior meetings, the commissioners heard reports from department heads.

Oscar Jimenez with the Road and Bridge department told the court that this year's paving projects for the County and the City of Sonora had been completed. Some streets in the City were not ready for paving, so these will be deducted. Jimenez also reported that Creek had dug holes at the Sutton County Park and the department had put up guide wires.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner reported that the 2002 taxes were 99% collected and that Rex Ann Friess had informed her that the final value should be in by next week.

Judge Garner asked for the commissioners O.K. on the approval of overtime for one employee in the Justice of the Peace office. Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez told the commissioners that the overtime has been necessary in order for the office to get caught up, but should not exceed two more months. It was agreed that the overtime be kept to a minimum.

Commissioner Milton Cavaness asked Florie, the Sutton County Librarian if one computer was still out of service in the library. Florie said that it wasn't working, but she was waiting for some computers that were going to be donated by the school.

County Attorney David Wallace reported \$481.76 had been collected on hot checks for the month of June.

County Clerk Betty Hernandez reported \$14,546.67 collected for the County Clerk, with \$4,134.20 for the District Clerk.

Judge Garner told the commissioners that there was recently some restructuring at the EMS Department and Treva McReynolds and the other EMTs were in agreement that they would like for McReynolds to fill the department manager position. Keith Butler has agreed to coordinate the training courses coming up in August and Treva will handle the office and ambulance management. This proposal would save the county money, even after increasing Treva to the manager's salary. Judge Garner

informed the commissioners that other volunteers in the EMS have agreed to work part time in the office to help with the paperwork and ambulance schedules. McReynolds said that with the part-time assistance she feels that she will be able to handle the position and she is willing to give it her best shot. A motion was made by Commissioner Cavaness, seconded by Commissioner Belia Castaneda to approve the appointment of Treva McReynolds to the EMS Manager position.

Election judges were appointed for all the precincts.

Judge Garner then began the budget discussion by telling the commissioners that the final values weren't in yet, but the estimated loss this year is probably going to be in the neighborhood of 25 million. This will make the effective tax rate about 1.5% higher in order to get the same amount of money as last year. This rate is still considered low. Judge Garner then told the commissioners that there will be a problem in the Road and Bridge Department because a lot of equipment has been bought in the last ten years, depleting their funds. \$50,000 was transferred from the general fund to the R&B fund last year and will probably have to be transferred again this year. Even with this transfer the R&B Department will be \$53,000 and they will have to look for places to save and cut. One area that Judge Garner said these savings will have to begin is with the requested new dump trucks. Judge Garner asked Oscar to look into lease to own options and bring back the prices to the next meeting.

Another request that will have to be taken from the general fund is for new software in the Justice of the Peace office. The software currently being used is already obsolete and soon will no longer be supported at all. Alvarez is looking into new software and will provide cost comparisons for the commissioners at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cavaness commented that by looking at all the drilling in the county one would think that the values would be better and this would be a good year. Judge Garner said that the low price of gas on January 1 caused the values to be set low. They should be up next year.

Having no further comments on the budget at this time.

Boys Shoot 1,000 Rounds At Hunter Safety Camp

by Rodney Knight

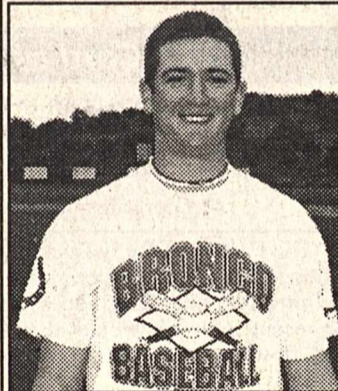
The Boy's Hunter Safety Camp for 2003, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the McPherson 4M Ranch, was held July 7-10, 2003. Twenty-two boys came from all over Texas, even from as far away as Iowa Park (which is up next to Wichita Falls).

The boys attending this year were: Tyler Edmondson and Cullen Parker from Sonora; Austin Wright, Garrett Everett, Ethan West, Logan Dodds, Colton Chandler, Madison Chandler, Cody Looka, and Kenneth Hollingsworth, all from San Angelo, Samuel and Tripp

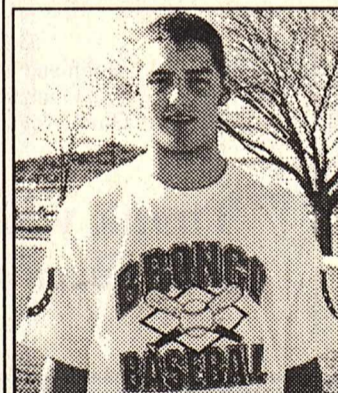
See Hunter Safety back page

All-West Texas Baseball Team

Three Broncos were chosen for the All-West Texas Baseball Team in June:



Landon Brockman - Catcher
The San Angelo Standard Times said Brockman led the surprising Broncos to the regional semifinals after a third-place finish in district. Brockman batted .393 on the season with seven doubles, four triples, three home runs and 42 RBI.



Scottie Moore - Utility
The San Angelo Standard Times said Moore was named District 2-2A's best pitcher and led the Broncos deep into the playoffs. Moore was 6-2 on the season with a 1.80 ERA. At the plate, Moore batted .375 and had three home runs.



Justin Sims was chosen as an Honorable Mention All-West Texas Pitcher.

Hospital Foundation Continues Reaching For Goal

submitted by Sharon Holman

The Sutton County Health Foundation met on July 8, 2003. President Jim Stephen called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Alvis Johnson, Sharon Holman, Pascal Allison, Lola Beth Jones, Rande Fawcett, Keith Butler, Glen Fisher, Carl and Melissa Teaff.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as printed.

Sharon Holman reported that the current bank balance at First National Bank is \$29,662.17 and the Sutton County Health Foundation Endowment Fund has a balance of \$100,000.00. Income from memorials for the month was \$6315.00. Income from donations was \$110,200.00. Expense for the month was \$2,927.36 for the invitation party.

Board members commented that they were pleased by the coverage *The Devil's River News* gave the program from the invitation party.

Lola Beth Jones and the invitation party committee commented that the party was successful. The guest seemed to

enjoy themselves and were interested in supported the SCHF.

Keith Butler reported that he had ordered holders for the foundation brochures and donation/memorial envelopes. Plans are to place these at both banks and the funeral home. Keith will be contacting both banks about the possibility of inserting donation/memorial envelopes in bank statements.

The purpose of the SCHF is long-term support of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

The goal of SCHF is to provide supplemental funds for the operation of the hospital and other healthcare resources in order to decrease need for tax support of healthcare in Sutton County.

The SCHF will reach their goal by soliciting tax-deductible funds through bequests, contributions, memorials, and gifts. The SCHF will use income generated by the principal to supplement the income of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

Honoring Probation, Parole and Community Supervision

submitted

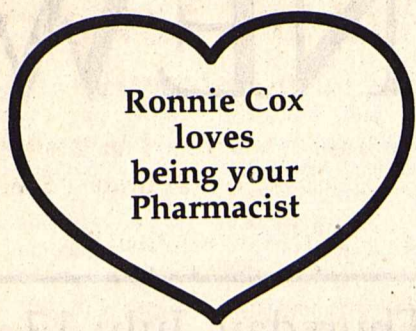
Austin, TX - Governor Rick Perry of Texas has designated the week of July 13-19, 2003 as Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officers Week. For the fourth consecutive year, criminal justice professionals and citizens across the state and nation will honor these officers who, together with law enforcement, complete the equation for an integrated, comprehensive approach to public safety.

The Parole Division is part of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), and its officers are state employees who supervise offenders released from prison. The Community Justice Assistance Division is part of TDCJ and provides state funding to community supervision and corrections departments (CSCDs, formerly known as adult probation departments). Community supervision officers are employees of their judicial districts and

supervise offenders sentenced to community supervision (probation) by local courts.

In light of the state's current tight budget, these dedicated officers, who work one-on-one with criminal offenders, are called to do more with less. With high caseloads, these officers are on the front line of public safety.

Christina Melton-Crain, chair of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and Executive Director Gary L. Johnson of TDCJ urge Texans to join in state and local observances of Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officer Week to recognize and support the important efforts of these public servants. On a daily basis, these officers demonstrate their commitment to assisting offenders successfully reintegrate into society and work to protect the public safety of law-abiding citizens across the Lone Star State.



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Sunday Services
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
 1705 N. Crockett

When we put our cares in God's hands,
 he puts his peace in our hearts.
(Croft M. Pentz, The Complete Book of Zingers)

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
 that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care
 upon Him; for He careth for you.
1 Peter 5:6,7

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 Pastor
 111 E Oak
 387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 404 E. Poplar
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 201 N. Water
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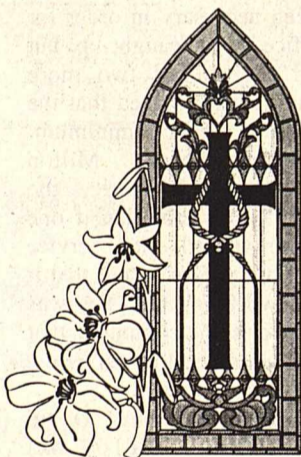
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 387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Don Longoria, Pastor
 1705 N. Crockett

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

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



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 387-2266

Obituaries

Pablo Favela

Pablo Favela, 97, of Sonora died Sunday, July 13, 2003 in an Ozona Nursing Home. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by one son,

Lupe Favela, his sister, Elojia Flores of Sonora and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was born January 2, 1906 in Durango, Mexico. He had been a resident of Sonora since 1940. He was a gardener and a member of the Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife Olivia.

Francisca Guajardo

Francisca Guajardo, 91, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at the Crockett County Care Center in Ozona. Funeral services will be Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow at Sonora Cemetery.

She was born June 4, 1912 in Jimenez, Coahuila Mexico to Francisco and Feliz Morales. She was a longtime resident of Sonora. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Eduardo Guajardo, two sisters Julia Garza and Irene Coronado, two brothers, Gregorio and Francisco Morales.

Survivors include two sons, Rodolfo Guajardo and wife Lucia of Eldorado, Nelson Guajardo and wife Noelia of Dallas, two daughters, Alicia

Virgen and husband Pedro of Sonora, Stella Carvajal and husband Carlos of Plano, two sisters Rosa Galindo of Sonora, Martha Maldonado of Del Rio, on brother Antonio Morales of Del Rio.; nine grandchildren, Terri Perez, Viola Gonzales, Norma Gonzales, Lynn Marie Onofre, Ray Carvajal, Charlie Carvajal, Alby Carvajal, Nelson Guajardo, Jr. and Melisa Guajardo, 13 great-grandchildren, Edward (Eddie) Virgen, Marc and Crystal Nicole Gonzales, Alex (AJ) and Desiree Gonzales, Shelby Lynn and Phillip Peter Onofre, Christian Carvajal, Forrest Carvajal, Natasha Angela Guajardo, Eric Abbygail and Baldy Guajardo. Three great-grandchildren Breanne and Yondell Carr and Davis Xavier Virgen. Grandchildren will be pallbearers.

Vivian Doris Mears



Vivian Doris Mears, affectionately known as Vi or Viv, died of cancer Friday, July 11, 2003 at the Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora, Texas. She was born August 1, 1941 in Sonora to Freeman and Irene Mears, who preceded her in death.

Vivian graduated from Sonora High School in 1960 and was also a graduate of Draughon's Business School in San Antonio. After graduating from Draughon's, she worked as a bookkeeper at Page Drug in San Antonio for a year before returning to Sonora where she worked in accounting at Cameron's Lumber Company, at the Sonora Veterinary Clinic and later at the Sonora Independent School District. For a few years she left Sonora to work in Austin and in Irving with the Irving Independent School District. In 1987 she returned to Sonora and became the owner of Vivian's Modern Way for over ten years. For the past six years, she enjoyed a successful career as manager of KHOS radio in Sonora. People often referred to her as the "Voice of Sonora."

As the manager at KHOS, she was the top salesman for the past two years and had the opportunity to share her successes at a national conference in Tennessee last fall. She loved greeting people and helping them promote their businesses on the radio.

Vivian was active in the community and served on the Sonora City Council for the past year and was a member of Hope Lutheran Church. She was active in the Sonora Mainstreet Program and served as president for three years. Later, she was instrumental in organizing the Friends of Historic Sonora Mainstreet Program. She was

also actively involved in initiating annual Homecoming activities for Sonora High School. In brief, she loved Sonora and devoted her time and energies to the community.

Her sister Dr. Elaine Roberson and her husband, George of Trophy Club, Texas, and her brother, Royce Mears, and his wife, Gloria, their daughter, Danielle Matthews, of Sonora, and their son, Bryce Matthews and his wife, Terri, of Aurora, Colorado survive her. Four aunts, Eloise Ahrens, Millie Cobb, and Ellie Cobb of Kerrville and Margaret White of Blanco, as well as many cousins and friends also survive her.

Graveside services were Monday, July 14, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sonora Cemetery with the Reverend Charles Huffman officiating. Services were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Jerry Don Balch, Virgil Burge, Ronnie Cox, Reed Jennings, Bill Keel, Bruce Kerbow, Preston Love, Tommy Love, Billy Martin and Alfred Sykes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite charity.

Ruby Luckie

Graveside services for Ruby Luckie, 67, of Seminole were held in the Sonora Cemetery Monday, July 14th at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home. Brother James T. Smith of the Agape Church officiated.

Ruby died Saturday in the Midland Memorial Hospital. Ruby was born April 27, 1936 in Clovis, N.M. She was preceded in death by her hus-

band Vernon Luckie in November 1994. She was a founding member of the Agape Church of Seminole and was a homemaker.

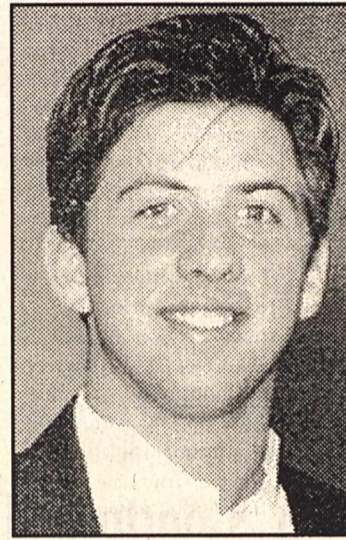
Survivors include one son, Kim Batchelor of Sonora; one daughter Penny Shipp of Seminole; two sisters Jay Jones of Tyler and Mary Beth Trescartes of Las Vegas, Nevada; also 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Brian Christopher Pool

Funeral services for Brian Christopher Pool, age 29, of San Antonio were Saturday, July 12, 2003 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Paul Weymouth officiating. Burial was in Monahans Memorial Park. He passed away in San Antonio on Tuesday, July 8, 2003.

Mr. Pool was born November 15, 1973 in Dallas, Texas. He was a student at San Antonio College. He was a member of Parker Heights Christian Church.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Lina and Larry Murray of Odessa, his father and step-mother, Ben and Lenora Pool of Sonora, his sister Rachel Pool of Odessa, his step-grandfather, Ed Murray of Odessa, and step-grandmother, Irma Luckie of San Angelo. He is also survived by his four step-brothers, Shannon



Rushing, Trey Rushing, Levi Pool, and Jason Murray, and a step-sister, Candice Joyner.

Funeral services were entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

Thank you so very much to each and everyone for the bridal shower given to us by all our relatives and friends! Again, a BIG thank you for all you did!

Gloria Jean Paredes and Felipe Estrada

The Family of Ruby Luckie would like to express our appreciation to the Ladies of the Church of Christ of Sonora for the lunch they prepared and the kindness they showed to our family during our recent loss. We would also like to thank everyone who sent food, flowers and for all of your prayers.

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts, telephone calls, and personal visits while Johnell was in Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. She was hospitalized on March 10 and was released from the hospital on Sunday, June 22. She is doing her rehabilitation from home now and is still looking at a long recovery period, but improving every day! We would like to especially thank Sam Dillard, Robin Downing, Darla McKissack, Randy and Janell Sparks, Dave, Susie, and Shalynne Kresta, and Joe and Glenda Lowe for their concern and emotional support.

Sincerely,
 John and Joyce Casparis
 832 Gunbarrel Lane South
 Gunbarrel City, TX 75156

Thank you for reading
 The Devil's River News

Senior Center News

- July 21 - Bingo!
- July 23 - Come eat with us and join us for activities after lunch.
- July 25 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.

Senior Menu

- July 21 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, corn bread, apricot/banana medley, milk.
- July 22 - Frito pie with chili, cheese, spinach, tossed salad with croutons, cinnamon applesauce, milk.
- July 23 - Ham with pineapple rings, macaroni & cheese, peaches, rolls, lemon bar, milk.
- July 24 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler, milk.
- July 25 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cake with strawberries, milk.

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

Menu is subject to change.

Community

- July 18
 Head Start Program Bidder's Conference
 Civic Center • 9:00 a.m.
- July 26
 Historical Society Branding Party
 The Depot

The Community Calendar



Calendar

- August 1
 Kid's Mutton Bustin • 7:00 p.m.
 County Team Roping • 8:00 p.m.
 Sutton County Arena
- August 13-16
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Don't forget to bring your branding iron to the Amphitheater behind the Miers Home Museum on July 26 for the Branding Party. We will trace the brand and enter it into a book and actually brand boards to be used on the office porch and in the Ice House Museum when it opens. With new technology these branding irons are disappearing fast, help us to preserve your brand for future generations to enjoy at the museum.

Q. Was Tom Thorp a Texas Ranger?

A. Thomas D. Thorp, born September 19, 1881 at Austin, Texas, died September 18, 1945 at San Angelo Texas served as a Texas Ranger from 1916-1922. Though born in Austin he spent his boyhood in Sherwood and Mertzon. He moved to Sonora after his time in the Texas Rangers and served as a constable then State of Texas Livestock Inspector and Weigher. He was a member of the Independence Order of Oddfellows from 1913 until his death from a heart attack.

Thomas D. Thorp married Mattie Vera Simmons, the daughter of Dock Simmons of Sonora, on April 17, 1918, at San Angelo. They had a son, Thomas B. Thorp and a daughter, Addie Thorp.

Q. Do you have anything on Eugene Ivey's, a POW in WWII, release from prison?

A. Devil's River News, October 5, 1945-Among the thousands of Americans liberated by American forces at the fall of Japan was Eugene Ivey of Brownwood, the brother of Mrs. Claude Prater of Sonora. Ivey, a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines, had been in the Navy only two months when taken in the Cavite area.

During the more than three years he had been a prisoner, his family had received no word from him except the meager information given on form cards given to the prisoners by the Japanese government to sign an email home to their families.

On Saturday of last week Ivey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Ivey of Brownwood, received a government message stating that their son was among the liberated. Later in the day they received another message stating that the first message was in error. Then on Sunday morning, Ivey phoned Mr. and Mrs. Prater from the West Coast.

In the same issue we find that John Allen Ward was elected president of the Student Congress of Sonora High School and other officers of the Congress are Alain Boughton, vice-president; George D.

Chalk, Jr., secretary, and Jewel McGhee, treasurer.

Harold D. Briscoe, son of Mrs. Thelma Briscoe, has been promoted from the rank of Private, first class, to that of Technician Fifth Grade, at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, where he is stationed.

Pfc. Jesus Ramos, who returned to the States early in the spring, was one who paid a terrific price in the fight for freedom. While serving in Germany last winter both his feet were frozen, and upon his return to the States, where he was hospitalized, both feet were amputated. He has just returned to Sonora to make his home with his wife and four children.

The L.W. Elliott School PTA installed officers for the 1945-46 term. They were Mrs. Pilar Martinez, president; Mrs. Amador Castillo, vice-president; Mrs. Gilbert Castillo, secretary; Grady White, treasurer; Miss Margaret Barton, parliamentarian; Mrs. Margaret Cain, historian and Mrs. Lena Cousins, goal reporter.

Flight Officer Kenneth K. Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock of Sonora, has been awarded the Air Medal for flying the "Hump" from China to Burma over the Himalayas and for flying in the interior of China. He is first pilot of a C-46 Transport plane. Babcock began flying in McCamey in 1940, and he joined the Air Transport Command in February of 1944 after completing training at the Fort Stockton Army Air Field.

Daphne Jungk, who is serving with the Army on Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, has recently been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. She is the daughter of Mrs. Zola Jungk of Sonora.

Pfc. Juan F. Yanez who served with the famous 36th Texas Division, spent 29 months overseas.

He fought with the 36th through much of the Italian campaign, went back to Naples for invasion training, then served with the Division in Central Europe. He wears four Bronze Battle Stars and a Bronze Arrowhead Distinguished Unit Badge. He received his discharge.

Lawrence Nichols, a Carpenters Mate IC, received his boot training at Norfolk, VA, and later received special training at Quonset, Rhode Island. When he returned to the States, he was stationed for a time at Camp Parks, Calif, then was sent to Fort Hueneme, Calif, where he was an instructor and senior petty officer of his division until his recent discharge. He and his wife plan to make their home here and are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols.

S/Sgt K. C. Collier, former Sonora school student and grandson of Mrs. Frank Turney, reported missing in action over



Thomas Dilly Thorp, AKA Tom Thorp, Spec. Ranger

the Alps last November, has returned to the States and is now serving at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo. Sgt. Collier was ball gunner on a B-24 with the 15th Air Force at Foggia, Italy. The day his plane was hit by flak was Nov. 1 and the target was Vienna. All the crew bailed out over Lake Balaton in the Alps near the Hungary-Yugoslav border. The crew members lived in the mountains for 74 days, being provided with food by Tito's partisans until last Dec. 16, when the Russian Army took over. Then they started to Barcs, Hungary, later going to Romania, the trip taking 16 days. Sgt. Collier returned to the States last Feb. 9th and was assigned to Goodfellow in August.

At Piggly Wiggly you could get smoked sausage rings for 28 cents a pound and 3 ration points. Tenderloin steak was 45 cents a pound and 5 ration points but fat hens were only 45 cents a pound and no ration points. Tomatoes were 15 cents a pound and beets were 2 bunches for 19 cents. K. B. Flour was \$2.29 for a 50 pound bag. A No. 2-1/2 can of peaches was 28 cents and 2 boxes of Sunbrite cleanser were only 13

cents. Two boxes of Shredded Wheat were only 27 cents and 2 cans of pork and beans cost 23 cents.

Lomax and Trainer are now operating the Sonora Frozen Food Lockers in the West Texas Utilities Building and their ice house is open from 8 am to 6:30 pm seven days a week. Ellingson & Locklin operate the Corner Drug Store and the Sonora Abstract Co. is managed by J. D. Lowrey. At the Ratliff Store you could get summer cotton dresses for from \$2.39 to \$10.95. At the City Variety Store they had new, just dip in water and hang it, wallpaper. The Santa Fe System Lines made their right of ways available to their employees to plant Victory Gardens and were offering \$2720 in War Bonds as prizes for the best gardens.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. You may call me at the office at 325-387-5084 Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Fridays. Museum tours and access to archival records are available at the same times.



Thomas Dilly Thorp with a group of spec. rangers.

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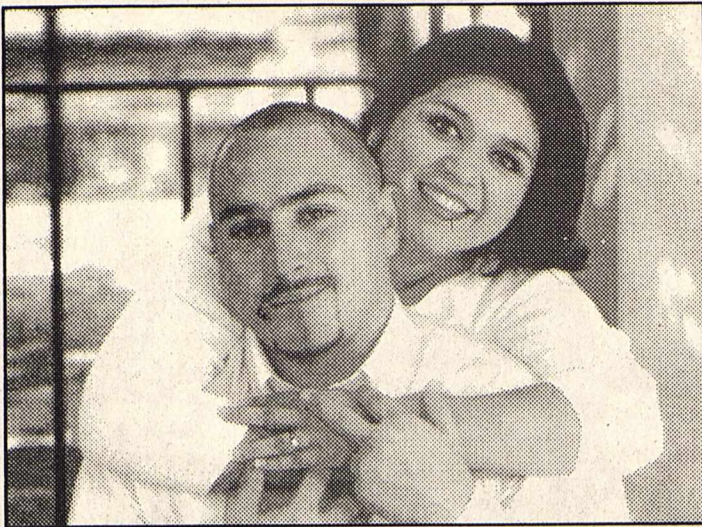
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Alexis Michelle Gaytan
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and her brother Julian Gallardo.
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 Raul and Ninfa Gaytan,
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 and Amanda Samaniego.

Engagement
Ramirez-Gándar To Wed



Rachel Ramirez and Joe Gándar, both of San Angelo, will be married August 23, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in San Angelo, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinaldo Ramirez of San Angelo, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Gándar of Sonora, Texas.

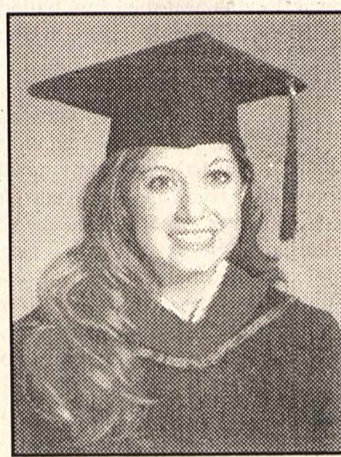
Rachel is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School. She received a Bachelor of Human Sciences in Early Childhood Education from Texas Tech and a Masters in Education in Counseling and Guidance from Angelo State University.

Joe is a graduate of Sonora I.S.D. He received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Angelo State University.

Outstanding Senior, Kristen Hardgrave, Graduates From Baylor

At a banquet and awards ceremony on April 22, Kristen Michelle Hardgrave, the daughter of Gary and Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora, was named the "Outstanding Senior Public Relations Student" for the 2002-2003 school year. She served as president of the Baylor chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. For her internship this spring, Kristen worked in the American Airlines International Corporate Communications office at the Dallas/Ft. Worth airport.

Kristen received her Bachelor of Arts during the spring commencement exercises at Baylor University on May 17, 2003. Kristen was among 1,700 graduates that Baylor University conferred degrees upon in the Ferrell Center on



Kristen Hardgrave
 the Baylor campus.

Degrees awarded included 1,445 bachelor's degrees, 254 master's degrees and 21 doctoral degrees to graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School (arts and sciences and professional programs), the Schools of Business, Education, Engineering and Computer Science, Music and Nursing and George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. gave the traditional commencement address, with Drayton McLane Jr., chair of the Baylor Board of Regents, bringing greetings to the graduates. During the ceremony, Dr. Robert G. Packard, professor emeritus of physics, served as bearer of the mace. Dr. Norman L. Gilchrest, professor emeritus of health, human performance and recreation, had the honor at the afternoon ceremony.

After graduation, Kristen will be employed in Dallas at Weber Shandwick Public Relations firm.

Meeting For Potential Applicants For Sponsorship Of Head Start Program For San Angelo Area

The United States Department of Health and Human Service, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Programs, will be hosting Bidder's Conferences for local public or private non-profit - including faith-based organizations or local for-profit organizations that may wish to compete for funds which are available to provide Head Start and Early Head Start services in one or more of the following counties: Tom Green, Schleicher, Menard, Kimble, Crockett, Sutton, Reagan, Concho, Irion, Sterling and Coke counties.

The Head Start Program (serving children 3-5 years of age) and Early Head Start Program (serving children 0-3 years of age) provide quality education, health, mental health, dental health, nutrition and disabilities-related services to low-income preschool children. Parents are directly involved in shaping the program for their children. Program sponsors work closely with other agencies in the community to provide these services. Programs must follow Federal regulations,

but each community has wide latitude to create a program that meets locally defined needs and goals.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of HHS will meet with interested parties to provide information about the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, review the application and selection process and respond to questions about the programs.

Two Bidder's Conferences have been scheduled; please note that the same agenda will be used for both conferences.

July 17, 2003 - San Angelo, Texas - Angelo State University, 2601 W. Ave. N, Houston Harte University Center, Nasworthy Suite, Rooms 203-204, San Angelo, Texas - 7:00 p.m.

July 18, 2003 - Sonora, Texas, Sutton County 4-H Civic Center, Section A, 1700 N. Crockett Ave. - 9:00 a.m.

For additional information regarding the above or other Head Start related matters, please contact either Mr. Carlton Reid at (214)767-8850, or Mr. Paul McSpadden at (214)767-8832.

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Correction

In last week's issue of *The Devil's River News* the information under the picture of Landon Brockman and Justin Sims should have named Sims as Class 2A All-State Honorable Mention Pitcher and Outfielder. Sorry Justin and congratulations!

Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce
 by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week's Chamber Chatter column is featuring the business that has designed and maintains our website, Hudson Technology Consulting, Inc., and we have information on a new feature for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and information about Sutton County Days.

The role of computer technology is growing rapidly in today's society. Hudson Technology Consulting, Inc. is here to provide services and support to meet this ever changing need in Sonora and the surrounding area. Founded in 1999, Hudson Technology is owned and operated by Craig and Joan Hudson. With over 18 years of combined experience, their goal is to be a local source for reliable computer technology service.

Craig Hudson is a certified Network Engineer with an Associates Degree in Micro Computer Systems Technology. Mr. Hudson has a very impressive resumé with years of experience. He has been responsible for site support of network systems, hardware issues, administration and maintenance of network operations, managing and staffing industry development operations, planning and implementing data and voice technology and developing long term technology and strategic planning and implementation for three large nationwide companies.

Joan Hudson's resumé is equally impressive. Mrs. Hudson has worked for two nationwide companies and one worldwide company. Her responsibilities have included: nationwide and worldwide data base maintenance and management, posting of daily sales transactions that were then posted to the New York Stock Exchange, producing working plans for all types of civil engineering projects, producing large specification packages for bid jobs, and streamlining pricing reports and billing for an international company. Joan has a diploma in Executive Secretarial, has studied Automated Drafting and worked as a Cadd Operator. Her

exposure to QuickBooks has made her an integral part of Hudson Technology's office services department. In 1999 Craig and Joan Hudson and their son, moved to Sonora to start Hudson Technology Consulting, Inc. They are able to offer a wide range of services due to the extensive experience each partner brings to the company. Hudson Technology Consulting, Inc. can provide: Network Solutions, PC Technical Service & Support, Web Page Design & Maintenance, MS Access Database design and maintenance, Software Training, Technical Training, Automated Drafting and Office Automation Services.

Hudson Technology's new office location will be 222 E Main in the Mercantile Building, Suite 203. Plans for a grand opening are in progress with a tentative schedule of August 8, 2003. Watch for more information in future issues of *The Devil's River News*.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce's new office has a wonderful feature for all of the businesses in town. We have room to display items for sale at local businesses or display information about local service related businesses. Please bring us something to represent your business. We have quite a bit of room for these displays, but they need to be able to rest safely on an eight inch wide glass shelf. If you don't have anything in your inventory to put on a shelf, then frame a picture of your business with one of your business cards. Remember, the Sonora Chamber Of Commerce is your chamber of commerce. We want to show-off how many wonderful businesses we have in Sonora.

Remember that Sutton County Days is just a few weeks away. If you would like to have a booth to sell your wares at the Sutton County Park during Sutton County Days, you can call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325/387-2880. The deadline to sign up for a booth is August 1st.

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Sonora Girls Win Co-op Essay Contest and a Trip To Washington



Brittany Longoria travels by bus to Washington D.C.

by **Storie Sharp**

Sonora High School students, Allison Higdon and Brittany Longoria were both winners of an essay contest sponsored by West Texas Electric Co-op in May of 2003. The contest was open to high school students in this region and both winners were from Sonora. The topic of the essay was to explain electricity to someone who has no knowledge of the source and had to be 150 words or less.

Allison said she wrote her essay as if it were from a circus ringmaster, making it fun for the reader.

All the 94 winners from Texas were rewarded with an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. The girls boarded a bus in Dallas, Texas on June 12th and

they were on their way. The group stopped in Tennessee over night and then headed into Virginia, where they spent another night before making it to Washington D.C. In D.C. they were joined by other winners from across the United States.

While in D.C. their schedules were hectic, but fun. They visited the Smithsonian, went to see *Pirates of Penzance* at a dinner theater, visited the Library of Congress, Capitol Hill, the Pentagon City Mall, the National Zoo (where they saw a small child fall into the alligator pit and have to be saved!), the National Cathedral, the Washington Memorial, the White House, Mount Vernon, and George Washington's Plantation (where they snuck a



Allison Higdon enjoying the tour of the White House in D.C.

cherry off of old George's tree!). The next day they were off to the Naval Museum, Union Station, the Jefferson Memorial, the FDR Memorial, and they got to listen to the symphony at the Kennedy Center. Consistent rain kept them from visiting some of the memorials and cemeteries, but they kept busy inside at the ESPN Zone.

On the trip home they had enough energy to explore Chattanooga, Tennessee where they stayed on the historic Chattanooga Choo-Choo, which

has been made into a hotel. They also attended a church service at the top of Lookout Mountain before making the final leg of the trip back to Dallas. The tour ended with a costume party in Dallas, where they had to dress as someone from the trip. Allison borrowed some clothes, bought a steering wheel and went as the bus driver. Brittany went as her roommate from the trip.

The girls had a great experience and learned a lot from their travels.

McKissack Selected To Attend Law & Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C.

Submitted

Washington D.C. - Thia Dawn McKissack, class of 2004, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Law & Advocacy: The Trial, an extraordinary leadership development program for outstanding high school students. While attending the NSLC, Thia will have the opportunity to study, experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This summer, approximately 1500 gifted high school students from across the United States and from 45 countries from around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study the "distinctions of leadership." Special guest speakers (that in previous years have included U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright, former Attorney General Janet Reno, President of the World Bank, James Wofensohn, and Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Conner and David Souter as well as world-renowned surgeons, international medical researchers, Ambassadors, Pentagon and White House officials) add a sense of reality and bring current national and international issues of life.

Through participation in this extraordinary 11 day program, students develop their abilities to think on their feet, to engage in critical analysis, and to communicate effectively - skills that will serve them well as leaders in high school, college, and throughout their lives. The NSLC mission is to identify and recognize outstanding young leaders from around the world and to provide them with



a unique learning environment that encourages not only academic achievement, but also diversity, cooperation, and social responsibility. "Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Dr. Paul M. Lisnek, the NSLC Director of Academics and former Assistant Dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. "They leave with a true feeling of accomplishment and confidence in their ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead."

After accomplishing the National Student Leadership Conference on Law & Advocacy in Washington D.C., Thia will be traveling to two of the nation's oldest and most exciting cities: Philadelphia and New York. Thia will travel in chartered buses to visit our nation's first capital, Philadelphia, and then on to the home of modern day symbols of freedom and opportunity. New York City. Points of interest include: Independence Hall, The United Nations, Broadway, The American Museum of Natural History, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, the Empire State Building, South Street Seaport, Time Square and 5th Avenue.

The NSLC offers leadership conferences on Mastering Leadership, Law & Advocacy: The Trial, Law & Advocacy: The Appeal, Medicine & Health Care, Business & Commerce, International Diplomacy, and Congressional Process, Policy and Politics.

Smith Shoots Personal Best In San Angelo



Embre Smith, 15 year old son of Jack and Lauri Smith, recently shot a 66, his personal best round of golf. He was participating in a West Texas Junior Champions Tour tournament at Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo on July 2nd. He won the 14-15 year old division by 6 strokes. Congratulations to Embre!

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Deer Workshop Teaches Restoration and Management At Sonora Research Station

Staff
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Ray Hinnant, Mort Kothmann, Ph.D. and Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor instructed the sessions at the "Restore and Manage Deer Habitat" workshop at the Sonora Research Station from July 10-12, 2003. The men provided information, tools and techniques to develop a habitat that is pleasing to the rancher and the deer. A very diverse crowd attended the workshop, with visitors from all over Texas and different areas of concern. Some of the participants were first time ranchers, having recently purchased land, and some were the

next generation in a long line of ranchers. Attendees learned important native plants, ecological concepts, interaction with livestock, habitat inventory methods for deer numbers and ratios, pasture condition and current use, deer nutrition, and the use of fire (nature's original habitat manipulation program) to create the habitat and kinds of plants desired. High fences and exotic interactions were also discussed.

Participants of the workshop began with an introduction to the Sonora Research Station and the history of Habitat formation. The group then studied in an outdoor environment at one of the premier rangeland research stations of the world, conducting an evening deer census.

At the end of the three days, the group was separated into two groups and had to evaluate a hypothetical ranch and develop a plan to manage deer and livestock on the land.

The program is geared toward non-traditional land owners, hoping to impose a value and concern for the land and wildlife.

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Rig Locations as of July 11, 2003

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New Falcon Bay Energy; 8500' FBE 8-9 #9, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8350' Simmons Ranch #56, Patterson Drilling.
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Up On Eaton Hill What's New on Eaton Hill



A variety of orioles as well as hummingbirds have been feeding on the nectar of the unusual and majestic agave bloom.

by Delyse Jaeger
Looking back over the past six months, I realize there have been quite a few new additions and improvements on Eaton Hill. To remind everyone of the opportunities awaiting you, or for those who may have missed the previous announcements - here is an overview. New trails

have been developed to accommodate the addition of several birding spots and the new Inspiration Point. The enclosed birding hut was completed and installed and birders can pursue their passion in style. The Texas native plant garden, located in the yard of the Eaton house is in full swing with an array of beautiful blooms. Birds, bumblebees and butterflies are enjoying all the flowers and we are trying to keep up with the ragweed! In keeping with the desire to provide an educational experience, Native American features are under construction in the form of a dwelling or wiki, and a cut-away of a cooking mound. Also, a trail in the quarry just below the old electric building has been added to highlight the fascinating marine fossils found in the rock. Plans for informational panels to compliment these displays are in the works. And of course the latest features found on Eaton Hill are the fabulous water ponds. Finally, trails originating at the Devils River Days Inn and the Best Western wind through the draw, connecting with the Eaton Hill trail system, historic downtown and the city swimming pool. These trails offer travelers a peaceful route for exercising and exploring Sonora. We have seen a lot of changes recently and are grateful to everyone for their contributions and support. Sonora has much to offer tourists and we hope everyone will help keep the enthusiasm alive. Hit the trails, there is just no telling what wonders you'll see. *Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.*

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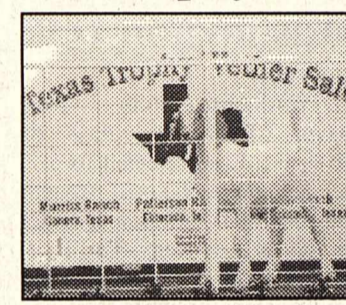
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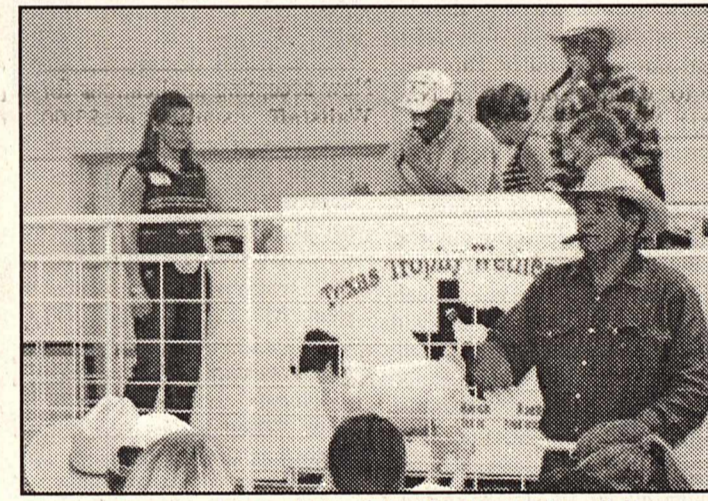
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"Wether" Great For Trophy Sale

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year and all the ranches hope to have an even better sale next year.



The auctioneer calls the bids at the Trophy Wether Sale.

News from the Neighbors

"Night in Old Fredericksburg" Celebrates 40 Years of Fun

For 40 years the good citizens of Fredericksburg, Texas, have gathered each summer to celebrate their German heritage with some sausage, sauerkraut, cold drinks, singing and dancing.

This summer will be no different as Fredericksburg invites everyone to share in this tradition as this famous Hill Country community gets together for a "Night in Old Fredericksburg," Friday and Saturday, July 18 - 19, 2003.

Friday evening of music for the youth at the KinderHalle called Goatstock! Participating in Goatstock are two local bands, the Blake Atwell Band and Untitled.

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, Night in Old Fredericksburg is the original celebration of this Hill Country community's famous German heritage and Texan hospitality. Steaming food, ice-cold drinks and riveting entertainment are still the sure-fire ingredients making for the event's success over four decades. That tradition continues in the heart of historic Fredericksburg in the popular Market Square.

The focus is on family fun, with German historical demonstrations, clowns, games, face painter and fun for youngsters of all ages.

The musical theme boasts plenty of polka. Music on the German Stage Friday night features the Sauerkrauts, a zany group of accomplished musicians that has entertained audiences for years at Fiesta Texas, as well as many Oktoberfests across the US, including Fredericksburg's, and local favorites, the Litt'l Fishermen. Saturday brings the Leo Majek Orchestra, the Shiner Hobo Band, the Jodie Mikula Orchestra and the Bobby Jones Czech Band and the KNAF Polka Party.

International in scope, "Night in Old Fredericksburg" offers an eclectic menu of Old World food and drink. Several vendors at the Food Court will be sizzling up old favorites such as wurst, sauerkraut and strudel, plus fajitas, tacos and other tasty specialties. Beer enthusiasts can sample over twenty specialty and import beers from fourteen countries.

Several extra special touches will add to the festivities of this 40th recreation of the event. Commemorative t-shirts, caps with the new NIOF logo and special entertainment are being planned.

Night in Old Fredericksburg runs Friday from 6 pm to midnight, with admission \$3 for adults and \$1 for age 12 and under. On Friday, two adults can enter for a combined admission of \$5. Saturday gates are open from 11:30 am to midnight. Admission on Saturday is two adults for \$5 or one for \$3 before 2:00 pm and then \$5 for adults and \$1 for age 12 and under after 2:00 pm. Parking is free.

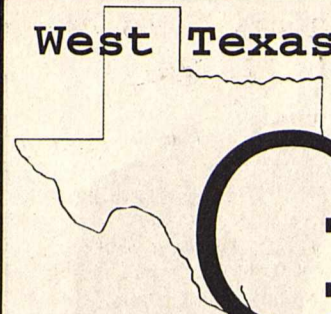
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Tennis Anyone? There is a gathering of tennis players from young to adult. Meeting on Tues. and Thur. around 6 pm at the Ozona courts. The matches are aimed at keeping tennis skills intact and, if you are interested, in good old fashion exercise. Call a friend and line up a carpool of interested players to show them how great Sonora is. More information call 392-2973.

Attention All Ranchers! The Sutton County Historical Society needs you and your branding irons. There will be a branding party on Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. until afternoon. There will be branding in the Amphitheater at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (the depot). Come put your brand on a future part of history. Brands will be showcased on the front porch railing of the Sutton County Historical Society office and on boards to be displayed in The Ice House Museum when it opens. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call 387-5084 or 387-2855.

The final 4-H Playday will be 7/29 at the Sutton County arena, at 6:00 p.m. There is a one time fee of \$25 to participate. A current negative coggins is required and will be checked with entry. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival - September 5-7, 2003 at the Reagan County Community Bldg. Indoor Stage. Pot luck dinner Thursday. The Batten Family, Tennessee Valley Authority, The Duffin Family, Concho Grass, Star Canyon, and the Gore Bros. - FMI call the Big Lake Fire Dept. (325)884-3650

When you need Transportation, think about Thunderbird Transit in Sonora. Whether it is for Summer School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Reading Program at the public library, swimming lessons, whatever the reason, give us a call! 387-2509. Rate: Student - 50¢ one way/\$1.00 round-trip; In-town - 75¢ one way/\$1.50 round-trip; Senior Citizen (60+) - contribution only.

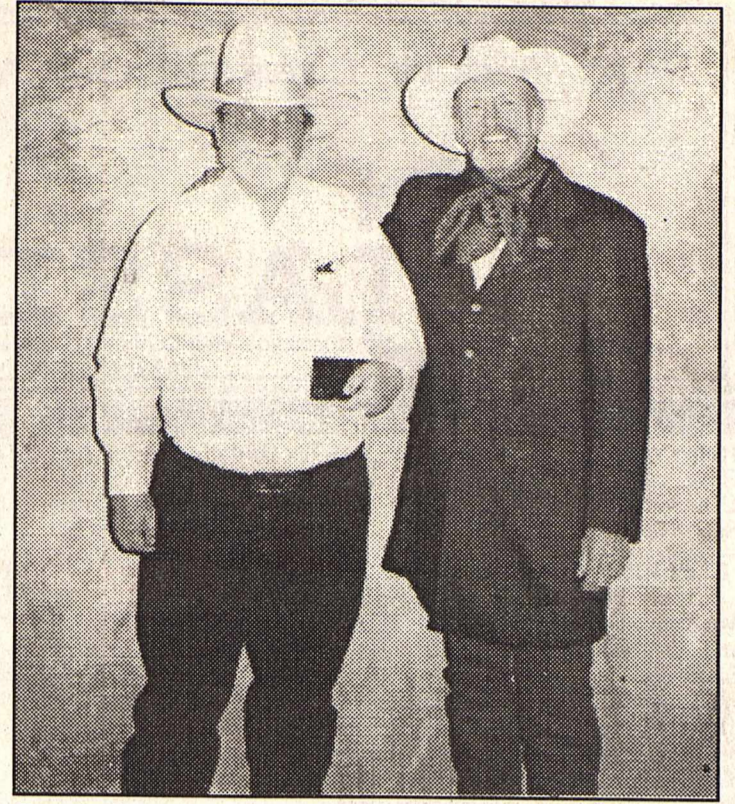
Sutton County EMS is sponsoring an EMT-Basic course that begins August 12, 2003 and ends November 8, 2003. The classes will be held at 211 East Third Street, in Sonora. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. There will be two classes that will be held on a Saturday. Please contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 if interested.

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

Biscuits O'Bryan Receives Will Rogers Award

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On the evening of July 8, 2003, at the completely-sold-out Scott Theater in Fort Worth, Texas, The Academy of Western Artists presented Biscuits O'Bryan the Will Rogers Award for Outstanding Achievement of Contemporary Cowboy Skills as the Storyteller/Humorist. Biscuits received his Will Rogers Statuette from noted cowboy entertainer Larry Maurice. The award is given in memory of Skinny Rowland, the late Dean of modern cowboy storytellers. Other nominees included Les Buffam, Curt Brummett, Dennis Gaines, Kent Rollins and Sky Shivers. This was Biscuits' fourth time to be nominated.



Biscuits O'Bryan receives the Will Rogers Award in Fort Worth.

Biscuits O'Bryan, Cook for the I. O. Everbody Ranch, is the creation of The Rev. Monte Jones, Episcopal Priest, 5th generation Texan and former Green Beret. Monte's grandmother, the late Lillie Montgomery, said Monte started telling stories when he was 2 years old, and some of them were even true. Biscuits came to life 16 years ago during the opening of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater at the Caverns of Sonora. He participated in the first National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock and has continued to perform there, as well as at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, New Mexico and the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine. Biscuits has performed in schools all over

Texas, teaching kids about life on the cattle drives. He has also entertained at fairs, festivals, banquets one-man shows and other events all the way to Connecticut. Father Jones, who is supposedly retired, serves as Interim Vicar of Calvary Episcopal Church, Menard; Trinity Episcopal Church, Junction; and St. James, Episcopal Church, Ft. McKavett, conducting services at all 3 churches on the first and third Sundays of the month. He formerly served churches in

Sonora and Colorado City, Texas.

Biscuits' schedule and bookings are handled by Lynn Morozink at ELMTree Management in Round Rock, Texas. His comments at the awards presentation included the statement that, "The highest honor anyone can receive is that given by one's peers," and Biscuits is very grateful to the Members of the Academy of Western Artists for this recognition of his storytelling talents.

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Lyles from San Antonio, Jouran Lees from Boerne, Lyle Horwood from Sterling City, Cade Halfman from Garden City, James Cardwell and Jesse Brown from Austin, Jake Nelson and Ryan Zambrano from Comstock, Mark Wesley Baxter from Vancourt, Robert Sullivan from Midland, and finally Alex Leamon, who never quit grinning, from Iowa Park, Texas.

These boys were almost as good as the girls were. I really think that kids who will get away from the computers and video games and go to a camp and put out some effort are a notch above all the rest.

The boys learned gun safety and handling, while shooting muzzleloaders, rifles, shotguns, and pistols. They learned the proper techniques and safety of archery. They learned about wildlife management, survival, game care and hunting ethics. All together they fired almost 2,500 rounds of ammunition, including 1,000 rounds of shotgun shells!

These boys were such fast learners and caught on to things

so quick that we had time to do some extra things. On Wednesday afternoon, we had a contest with a .22-scoped rifle. Each shooter had one minute to fire three shots at balloons. After it was all over, Ethan West was the winner of a pocketknife.

Alex Leamon was awarded a cap for breaking three sets of doubles in skeet shooting with just five shots. This boy is small and when he walked to the line, still grinning, he said, "I want all doubles." I said, "Boy, you've only got five shells". Well, he broke six birds with five shots and then turned to me and just grinned some more. Right then he was six feet tall.

Jake Nelson from Comstock was awarded the pocketknife for Best Camper. Jake was a tall boy of 15, and he had never held a gun or a bow in his life. He was a natural with whatever he picked up! He also made a 100 on the test at the end of the camp. Another quality that he held was when some little boy did something real good, Jake was as happy for him as if he had done it himself. Gary

Dick, retired Game Warden, said of Jake, "I've never seen a kid know so little and learn so much in all the years of the camp."

This camp's instructors included Game Wardens - Marco Alvizo, Michael Jamarillo, Matt Adams, Brent Johnson, Doug Seamands, and District Supervisor, Scott Davis and Mack Caudle. Mary Humprey, Game Biologist, taught the wildlife section. Other assisting with instruction were Jim Stephen, Preston Love, Marvin Shurley, and retired Game Wardens, Gary Dick and Rodney Knight.

Sandy and Doug McPherson furnished their ranch and all the food once again, without them there would be no camp. "General Maria" worried the whole time that we wouldn't have enough food with the way these boys ate. Finally, we had to send Scott Davis to town for another load of food. Maria also said this was going to be her last year, but all the wardens and myself are really working on her to come back next year. Thank ya'll!

I want to thank my fellow Game Wardens, Instructors, Laborer Diagnostics of Lafayette, Rafter W Feeds, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Dean Dermody, and Archie Crenwelge. A special thanks to James and Marsha Cardwell and Jim and Beth Brown. Also, thank you Dottie for the cookies, they were great.

The camp was great and the boys were real good, but I guess I'm just getting older. When I got home Thursday evening I called Marvin Shurley and the first thing he asked was "how are you feeling?" I told him "Did you get the number of the truck that ran over me?"

He said, "Yes, it was 22KIDS!"

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