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Sonora ISD Board of Trustees hear maintenance concerns

by Storie Sharp

Visitor's comments started the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District on February 20, 2006. Chap Traylor approached the board once again to share information on the progress of bringing girl's volleyball to Sonora. Traylor reported that there are five matches currently scheduled, through the YMCA. The girls will play 1A schools and church schools for the next season. Sonora's new district includes Junction, Blanco and Comfort, who all have volleyball teams, therefore the distance of travel to compete would no longer be a concern, as was before. Grape Creek is working on adding a team also. The Sonora teams are planning to abide by UIL rules and start practices on August 8th. Traylor also added that there would be an informative meeting soon.

The board thanked Traylor for his report.

In regular business, Bawcom gave the Tax Assessor/Collector report, announcing that 41% of the tax revenue had been collected. Diane Jacoby, Business Manager, reported to the board that an additional deposit had been made, bringing the total tax revenue up to 85% collected.

Mike McGee and John Williams were present to give the final construction report on the renovations. The intermediate building has been completed with the exception of a few minor details, and the brick work will be complete quickly. Both McGee and Williams complimented the board for being so easy to work with throughout the project and expressed their appreciation for all that they did to make the job easier. Both construction manager and architect agreed that Sonora had planned their construction projects during a prime economic period, as current trends show major increases in the future. Board President Tammy Favila expressed gratitude for the fine work that McGee and Williams, and their crews, had done.

Superintendent Bawcom presented a slide show on AEIS - the Annual Academic Excellence Indicator System Report. The slides provided graphs that displayed the strengths and weaknesses in Sonora ISD students, divided by grade, race, and economic status. All campuses were "Recognized," but Bawcom stated that the goal is for all campuses to be "Distinguished." He reported that last year's TAKS test across the board were to be commended, but improvement could be made. He pointed out weak area and explained how the reports can sometimes be misleading due to the number of kids actually tested not being an accurate

representation of the entire student body. Bawcom went on to explain all areas of the report were used to set future goals for the district and said that all information could also be accessed via the district's web site and would be sent home with the students.

Bawcom suggested the board re-evaluate the District Wide Maintenance needs, starting with the distribution of the maintenance and operations fund. Diane Jacoby provided numbers to explain the balance and how these funds are set up to be designated for particular projects to be allocated at a later date. Jacoby reported that these funds could be taken by the State to use at their discretion if not designated for particular projects. Budget discussion was ensued, with concern regarding future decisions in Austin playing a major role in how that money will be spent. The board discussed current budgeting distribution and eventually advised Bawcom to research, review and provide the best choice available for distribution of this money.

Bawcom expressed three main maintenance concerns beginning with the high cost of heating and cooling at the high school as an ongoing problem. He reported that whoever installed the system currently in the building did not do a satisfactory job. The board could continue to pay extremely high electric bills because of the inefficient system, or could spend the money necessary for a new system that would work correctly, therefore saving money. It was decided that Bawcom and Danny Hardin get together and decide what could be done to fix this problem.

The second area of concern was the increasing costs occurred from overtime hours of maintenance crews for moving watering pipes on the practice field. A sprinkler system would be more cost efficient and effective. The last concern was the poor quality of the bleachers at the football field. A serious concern was expressed regarding the possibility of someone getting hurt and it was agreed that the visitors side needs to be replaced entirely, with minor repairs on the home side.

Other areas of concern were fielded, including the possible renovation of the snack bar at the middle school, tennis courts, the administration parking lot, and teacher housing. Bawcom stressed that the school needs to be able to offer teachers affordable housing. The board advised Mr. Bawcom to look into all areas discussed and to provide a detailed report at the next meeting.

The announcement of board

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Two arrested for bomb threat to Sonora schools

by Storie Sharp

Sutton County law enforcement authorities announced on March 2, 2006, that a subject had been arrested in connection with the second bomb threat made to the Sonora schools on Friday, February 24, 2006.

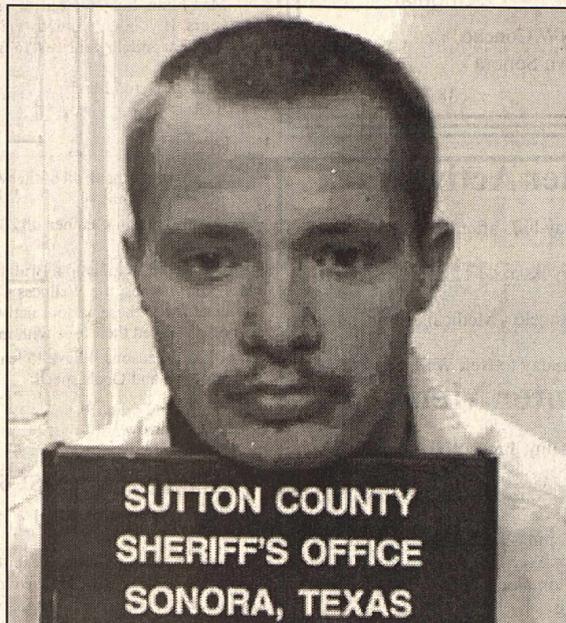
Christopher Robert James, age 24, of Sonora, was arrested March 1, 2006, and officially charged with Terroristic Threat, a 3rd degree felony, punishable for up to 10 years and \$10,000. Bond was set at \$50,000.

The threat, made by phone to the Sonora Middle School Office, led to the second evacuation of all Sonora campuses, with full sweeps being carried out before anyone was allowed to return.

Classes were dismissed after both of the calls, but will be made up at the end of this month and next, using the scheduled bad weather days that would have been a student holiday.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher and Chief of Police Mike House, reported that more arrests were expected, but no suspects were named at the end of last week. Sonora Police Officer Bryn Humphrey and Drug Task Force Agent Duane Castro worked consistently with Sonora ISD administration on the investigation, searching for the additional parties believed to be involved.

Further information obtained over the weekend led to a second arrest, that came on Tuesday, March



Christopher Robert James was the first arrested in conjunction with recent bomb threats to Sonora ISD.

Sutton County Sheriff's Office Photo

7, 2006, when Bianca Lozano, 17, was arrested.

Lozano, a student at Sonora High School, has also been charged with 3rd Degree Felony Terroristic Threat charges, with no bond set as of press time.

Both arrests made were for

the second call. No information or leads have surfaced, as of yet, to the caller of the initial bomb threat made to Sonora High School on February 9, 2006. The investigation is ongoing.

Celebrate Life at 2006 ACS Relay

by Carol Pope

Get ready for a "Celebration of Life" May 19, 2006, from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM at Bronco Stadium as Relay for Life swings into action. The Relay for Life is the nationwide signature activity for the American Cancer Society. In May 1985, Gordon Klatt M.D. took the first step of his 24-hour marathon around a Tacoma, WA track and raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. The following year 340 supporters joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event and the Relay For Life was born.

Relay For Life is not just a fundraiser, it is a unique activity that offers an opportunity to take up the fight. It is about empowering individuals to fight back against a disease that has taken so much from them. The Relay For Life provides our best opportunity for expanding

fundraising, cancer education, advocacy, and community involvement throughout the nation.

Last year in Sonora, over \$60,000 was raised by nine local teams. Money is raised by the teams through fund raising, donations and luminaria sales.

There will be much to celebrate the night of May 19, as the Relay kicks off, with a lot of cheering as the honored survivors walk the first lap around the track.

As the night progresses the party will continue while the teams compete for many coveted awards. Awards are given for most money raised, most laps walked, the chuck wagon award for best food, the most spirited and the prestigious superteam award. So far 12 teams plan to celebrate life that night, but more teams are encouraged to join in the party. If anyone is interested in joining contact Lance or Mariah Castro.

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Lady Broncos Take The Diamond

by Tryon Fields

With a short preseason before starting District play, the Lady Broncos have started the 2006 softball season with a bang.

After a game with Brady being cancelled due to the second bomb threat, Athletic Director, Jason Herring scrambled to find a game with Colorado City. Coping with last minute travel arrangements, as well as last minute preparations, the Lady Broncos responded well against the Lady Wolves. Sonora, behind timely hitting, and excellent pitching by Meghan Krieg, picked up the initial win of the season with a score of 4 to 2.

Colorado City scored a run in the first two innings. The first run came at the hand of the error bug in the first inning and the second off of an in -the-park home run in the second.

For the next five innings, Krieg and her defense would stymie the Lady Wolves. Krieg would end the game giving up 7 hits, striking out 15, and giving up 1 walk.

At the plate Sonora would score their 4 runs off of 4 hits and 3 walks. Their first run would come in the second inning. Azeneth Villanueva would lead the inning off with a walk, steal second, and score Sonora's initial run off of an RBI single by Heather Hughes. The Lady Bronco's would get their bats untracked in the sixth, when Kayla Fields would lead off with a triple down the left field line.

Fields would score on an RBI bunt single by Kimbel Luna. Krieg would advance Luna on a fielder's choice. Luna would score on an error committed by the Lady Wolves. Villanueva would reach on the error, steal second, advance to third and home on two past balls by C-City's catcher. Final Score: Sonora 4 - Colorado City 2.



The Lady Bronco Softball Team shows off the newest addition to their trophy collection after winning the San Angelo Classic Softball Tournament.

This past week-end the Lady Broncos participated in the San Angelo Classic Softball Tournament. The Lady Broncos would be defending their Division 2 Title. On Thursday and Friday morning, Sonora would play 4 pool games against Brady, Eldorado, San An-

gelo Central JV Orange, and Grape Creek. The Lady Broncos outscored their opponents by 46 runs to 2. On Friday afternoon, Sonora started bracket play against the San Angelo JV Orange team. The Lady Broncos power hitting generated 22 runs off of 15 hits, and 4

walks. Sonora was led at the plate by freshman, Jessica Snyder and junior Brandy Neff. Snyder would have a 4 for 4 day (all being singles) as well as 4 RBI's. Neff would go 3 for 3 (a single and 2 doubles) and be hit by a pitch.

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Pack 19 - Pinewood Power



James Freeman, Kobie Herring and Halston Sawyer show off their winning derby cars.

submitted

The much anticipated Cub Scout Pack 19 Annual Pinewood Derby was held Saturday, February 25, at the Sonora Middle School Snack Bar. For many, the race is the highlight of the Scouting year. Cub Scouts use skill, imagination and ingenuity along with a heaping of grown-up supervision and elbow grease to transform a 7" block of pine wood, four nails, and four plastic tires into works of intimidating speed. The excitement builds as the cars are carefully weighed in, assigned a number and placed on the pit rack. Derby cars of all shapes and colors, each bearing some reflection of the owners' personality, give contestants and fans a thrill and then the race begins. From reptilian, to patriotic, from hot rod to Star Wars, from dragster to pick-up truck the Cub Scouts raced their derby cars.

In honor of the individual efforts of all contestants each car received an award from the judges in categories ranging from "Most Creative" to "Road Hog".

Derby racers were eliminated following three third place finishes. When the graphite settled, the remaining three lined up to determine this year's top Pinewood Derby racing team. And the winners are: First Place - Kobie Herring; Second Place - James Freeman; and Third Place - Halston Sawyer. Congratulations on a race well run!!! Thank you to the many parents, adult volunteers and donors who helped make this race a pleasure for all.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals
and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

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105-107 NW Concho

Downtown Sonora

387-3839

387-2733

Senior Center Activities

Fri. March 10 - Run errands, pay bills after lunch

Mon. March 13 - Bingo!

Tues. March 14 - CEAP Energy Asst. @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Call for more information 387-5657

Wed. March 15 - Van to San Angelo - Medicals come 1st. Call 387-3941

Thurs. March 16 - Happy Birthday to Nell Wallace

Senior Center Menu

Fri. March 10 - Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, cornbread, bread pudding w/raisins, milk

Mon. March 13 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings

Tues. March 14 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, Jell-O w/fruit, milk

Wed. March 15 - Meatloaf w/tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, milk, cornbread, banana pudding

Thurs. March 16 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, roll, broccoli, milk, green salad, cherry cobbler

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50;
\$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190

**The Church of the Good
Shepherd Presbyterian**
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951

**Lighthouse
Community Church**
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

**St. John's
Episcopal Church**
404 E Poplar
387-2955

**Pentecostal Calvary
Temple United**
509 Amistad
387-5266

**First United
Methodist Church**
201 N. Water
387-2466

**St. Ann's
Catholic Church**
229 W. Plum
387-2278

**Templo Jerusalem
Asamblea De Dios**
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518

Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

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387-2266

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Letter to the Editor

Reading Mrs. Flinn's Letter to the Editor has given me some of the courage to write this letter in response. I moved to Sonora when I was 16, from Norfolk, Virginia, in 1990. It seemed that from Day 1, this community decided to show me nothing but total hatred. I was, and still am, persecuted in many ways. I had the police called on me just for walking by dog in broad daylight, or for walking over to our former nursing home to visit my Grandparents. In high school, this community made it their business to make my life a living Hades. Because of the hatred and prejudice I was shown, I began to feel nothing but hatred and prejudice in return.

I was never allowed to have a normal teenage life. I was basically not allowed in the local churches because I did not live in a certain part of town or because my family was not of the proper pedigree. Because of the way some people lie to use the churches as nothing more than their own little social clubs, I did not want anything to do with God. It also seemed that the people of this town were determined to see me as nothing more than someone who was evil and did all they could to make it so. I must say that they almost succeeded. The only thing that kept me from going that route was God Himself, and the fact that I finally realized that I did have friends that were, and still are, true Christians.

Mrs. Flinn, trust me, I have had more bad times in this town than you and yours. If you have friends that are true Christians, I suggest that you stick to them and do your best to ignore the rest.

Sincerely,
William Byron Lamb
Josh. 1:9

This letter is to thank all of the wonderful people whom I have met while a resident of Sonora.

I arrived here in October of 2002, and everyone has been so good to me.

You have taken me into a Bridge club, the Lions Club, a Sunday School class, your homes, the Wellness Center and the church. All of the people associated with these various activities have taken me in, made me feel at home and shared their love with me.

For health reasons, I have to leave Sonora and this letter is to tell all of you goodbye and God's speed.

With Love,
Clay G. Barrow

Church of Christ welcomes creationist, archeologist Dr. Don Patton to speak

The Church of Christ is excited to announce an upcoming series of meetings that will be held at the church from March 19 - March 22, 2006. Dr. Don Patton will be visiting, speaking on creation and evolution, and the real evidence of God and Creation.

Don Patton attended Florida College, Temple Terrace, FL (Bible); Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN (Geology); Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ., Indianapolis, IN (Geology); Pacific School of Graduate Studies, Melbourne, Australia (Education); and was granted a Ph.D. in Education in December of 1993. Patton worked as a Geologist in the US, Canada, Australia, England, Mexico, Peru and Bolivia and participated in dinosaur excavations in Colorado, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and Canada. He is a member of Geological Society of America, and was a speaker at their '97 annual convention in Salt Lake City.

He has conducted up to twelve Creation/Evolution Seminars a year for twenty-five years and has held numerous public debates on creation/evolution including radio and TV debates.

Presently, Patton is a consulting Geologist & Partner in Mazada Corporation, Dallas, TX; a staff geologist of Creation Evidence Museum, Glen Rose, TX; Chairman of Metroplex Institute of Origin Science; and an Evangelist for Melrose Road Church of Christ, Dallas, TX (since 1986). He participated in the excavation of the recently discovered Pool of Saloam. He is serving as an Area Supervisor in the City of David in Jerusalem in partnership with the Israeli Department of Antiquities.

Come listen to Dr. Patton and strengthen your faith in God, as you become aware of the evidence that is denied in public education.

For more information contact Jerry Jackson at 325-387-3190.

GOD AND SCIENCE

DR. DON PATTON
Geologist and Archeologist

MARCH 19th - 22nd

Sunday 10 A.M. *Noah's Ark*
March 19 11 A.M. *Nature of Faith*

6:30 P.M. *What is Creation
Science?*

Monday 6:30 P.M. *How Old Is the Earth?*
March 20

Tuesday 6:30 P.M. *The Record of the Rocks*
March 21

Wednesday 6:30 P.M. *What Does the Fossil
Record Reveal?*
March 22

Sonora Church of Christ

304 Water St.

*There will be a Fellowship Meal on Sunday morning
and after each evening service.*

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Obituary

Robert George "Bob" Wilson

Robert George "Bob" Wilson, 74, passed away on March 4, 2006 in the Uvalde Memorial Hospital. Services were Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Uvalde, Texas, with Rev. Mike Marsh officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

Bob was born on September 25, 1931 in Aransas Pass, Texas. He married Sharon Bein in Uvalde, on February 12, 1979. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Sharon Anne Wilson of Granbury, Texas; Judy Ann Wilson of Cisco, Texas; Ora Bell Wilson of Breckenridge, Texas; Helen Marie Wilson of Bryan, Texas; Kathleen Jones and husband, Edward, of Hearne, Texas; Julianna G. Dube and husband, Eric, of LaPryor, Texas; Sons, Robert George Wilson, Jr., and wife Carla of Sonora, Texas; Roy James Boggs and wife, Crystal of Bryan, Texas; Clifton E. Wilson and wife, Beth of Uvalde, Texas; Jason Carlyle Holt and wife, Rebecka of Houston, Texas; 32 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Ann Wilson, and three sisters and one brother.

Pallbearers were Jeff Hopper, Charles Chisum, Shane Davenport, Frank Garvel, Steve Perry, Randy Hicks.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and Cystic Fibrosis.

Notes of Thanks

I want to say a big Thank-You to my lovely family and my dear friends that called and visited me while I was in the hospital, called me at home, kept me in their prayers, sent flowers, plants, and balloon arrangements, and cooked and delivered food and desserts. Thanks for everything you all did for me.

God Bless You All,
Yolanda H. Duran

Thank you so much to everyone for their phone calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and prayers during the loss of our father and grandfather. It is truly a blessing to live in a community where everyone cares so much for their neighbors.

Thank you again,
The family of Bill Pruett
Allan, Patti, Heath, Seth, Young Hee & Justin Prather

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who stayed with us at the hospital, helped with memorial arrangements, attended Tan's service, came by the house, sent flowers, food, cards and sent support through your phone calls and prayers. We can never do enough to show you how grateful we are to have such caring friends and family who have given us so much support.

The pain of our loss will never leave us, but having you in our lives has given us the strength and courage to go on.

Sincerely,
The Cade Families

Team R.A.Z.P.A. would like to thank all who helped in our Enchilada sales at the St. Ann's Catholic Church. Thanks to everybody for their continued support, which makes our event a success.

A special thanks to Beatrice Artiaga, Kika Mendez, Nelda Tobias, Ninfa Gaytan, Emelina Faz and Juana Herrea for their help in the kitchen.

Once again THANKS and GOD BLESS!

Hospice presents *Living with Grief* teleconference in San Angelo

Hospice of San Angelo, Inc. will present an informative teleconference on *Living with Grief: Pain Management at the End of Life*, on Wednesday, April 5, from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Education Service Center, Region XV, Concho Room, 612 S. Irene.

Hospice Foundation of America's live via-satellite teleconference

will examine issues regarding the gap between knowledge and application of effective pain control in the person with a terminal condition, including pharmaceutical, psychosocial, spiritual, and complementary aspects of pain management. The program, Hospice Foundation of America's 13th Annual *Living with Grief* teleconference, moderated by Frank Senso, will highlight cutting-edge knowledge and methodology in an attempt to bring the hospice approach to palliative care and to a broad clinical audience. Senso is a Professor of Public Policy and Communication at George Mason University and Special Correspondent for CNN.

The agenda for the day will be a detailed program, broken into three sections: 1. The Experience of Pain, 2. The Assessment and Management of Pain and 3. Pain Management and Control: Societal Issues.

Over 15 panelists will contribute to the discussion, both locally and via satellite. At the conclusion of the event, participants should be able to describe four types of barriers (ethical, policy, psycho-spiritual and educational) to effective pain control at the end of life and note ways to eliminate or minimize these barriers; discuss ethical issues such as double effect and terminal sedation and indicate ways that these issues influence pain control; describe strategies for assessing pain at the end-of-life in varied populations including adults, children and persons with developing disabilities and/or dementia; describe current and prospective strategies for the management of pain; and discuss the roles of physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains and clergy, hospice volunteers, pharmacists, families and patient in managing pain at the end of life.

This program is free of charge for all caregivers and non-CEU participants. Three CEU's are available through the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) for nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, psychologists, physicians, EMS personnel, EAPs, and nursing home administrators. The fee is \$25 per certificate, and \$10 for each additional certificate. To reserve a place or for more information, call Hospice of San Angelo, Jeanne Miller, (325)658-6524.

Historical Society

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

Q. I want to do my family tree, do you have any information on Duke Ellis?

A. In 1950 the Hallum Building was finished and the first occupants were Crosley Electric, run by Brooks Powell and Mrs. Raymond Morgan; Sheperd's Dry Goods run by Robert L. Wolff and Sonora Superette Market owned by Bud Smith and managed by E.V. Smith.

In 1954, George E. (Bud) Smith sold the market to Duke Ellis. Ellis ran the market until his death on December 1, 1954.

Duke Ellis was born Melvin Kell Ellis on June 12, 1911, in Stuart, Oklahoma. His Parents were Avery Vance and Ester Ellis. After his graduation from Oklahoma A&M College, he served in the US Army in WWII, ranched for a while, worked for M Systems and then owned stores in Ozona and Sonora. He had married Erma Marie Knight, the daughter of Albert H. and Florence Knight, on May 10, 1941. She had been born in Double Springs, Alabama, moved to Dallas in 1921 and to Oklahoma City in 1927. They had two children, Havala Kaye, a 1967 graduate of Sonora High School and Michael Duke, a 1962 graduate of Sonora High School. After Duke died his wife, who went by her middle name, Marie, worked for the ASCS office and became the manager in April of 1955. In 1964, she married Lea Roy Aldwell. Marie retired from the ASCS in 1976. Marie lived in Sonora until recently.

Duke and Marie had been very active in the lives of their children and support them in their school activities, their 4-H Club activities and Girl and Boy Scouts. Michael was on the basketball team, Tennis team and in the National Honor Society and Editor of the Annual. Kaye was in the band, a twirler, in the National Thespian Society, Library Club, Choir Club, Speech Club and she worked on the Annual Staff. After graduation and college their chosen careers took them away from Sonora.

Now to get back to Duke Ellis' family. His father Avery Vance Ellis was born in 1882, in Arkansas. In 1920, we found him living at 317 F. Street N.W., Miami City, Ottawa, Oklahoma with his wife Ester who was born in about 1882, in Illinois. They had 4 children who we will list with their ages in 1920: Eugene 11, Melvin Kell 8, Barbara Grace 6 and Willis 11/12 all born in Oklahoma.

Avery Vance Ellis was the son

of Harry Melvin Ellis who was born July 8, 1863, in Green, Indiana and died April 10 1957, in Travis Co., Texas and Barbara Jane Campbell born January 7, 1866, in Arkansas and died in 1899. They were married March 7, 1882, in Arkansas. Avery Vance had one sister Carrie Ellis, born November 18, 1885, in Little Red, Arkansas and 3 brothers, George born March 29, 1888, in Arkansas; Roy Paul born about 1891, and Mack Ellis born February 11, 1894, in Davenport, Arkansas.

Harry Melvin Ellis was the son of Joseph Ellis and Eliza Ellen Clark Ellis. Joseph Ellis was born in February of 1833, in Greene Co., Indiana and died in 1900, in White Co., Arkansas. He was married to Eliza in Indiana and she was born in 1839, in Tennessee and died about 1900, in Arkansas. Harry Melvin had the following brothers and sisters: George Ellis, born 1850; Robert Ellis born 1859, in Greene Co., Indiana; Isabelle Ellis born 1859; Armintha J. Ellis born November 1, 1861, in Terre Haute, Green Co., Indiana; Idana Indiana Ellis born in 1867, in Indiana, Tarmeta Ellis born in 1869; Joseph Parks Ellis born February 2, 1877, in Little Red, Arkansas and Terry Ellis born March 8, 1883 in White Co., Arkansas.

Joseph Ellis was the son of George Ellis born February 19, 1808, in Tennessee, died June 16, 1873, in N.W. Linton, Greene Co., Indiana. He had married Susannah Stevens who was born in 1818, in Georgia and died in Linton, Greene Co., Indiana. Joseph had the following brothers and sisters: Mary Ellis born in Tennessee; Nancy Ellis born 1835, in Indiana; Lucinda Ellis born 1838, in Greene Co., Indiana; Elizabeth Ellis born 1840, in Tennessee; William Ellis born February 26, 1842, in Indiana, Alma Ellis born in 1843 in Tennessee, Lina Ellis born in Greene Co., Indiana; Elias Ellis born in February of 1845 in Greene Co., Indiana, Robert Ellis born in 1846, in Indiana; Georgia Ellis born in 1846, in Indiana; George M. Ellis born April 4, 1847, in Indiana; Susannah Ellis born in 1849, in Indiana; James Ellis born in 1851, in Tennessee and Sarah Ellis born 1855, in Tennessee.

George Ellis was the son of Robert Ellis born February 1, 1753, in Virginia, died December 25, 1849, in Linton, Greene Co., Indiana. Robert was married in South Carolina in May of 1783 to Eliza Robertson who was born in 1757 in Ireland. He then married in 1785 in Tennessee, a woman named Lucy,



Melvin Kell (Duke) Ellis & Erma Marie Knight Ellis 1941

who was born in 1765 and died in 1874. Next he married a woman named Isom who was born in 1764 in Ireland and died in 1797 in Tennessee and his last wife was a woman named Lucy Mnu who was born in 1770. With these wives he fathered the following children: John Ellis born in 1789 in Tennessee; Nancy Ellis born 1790, in Georgia; James Ellis born 1796, in Tennessee; Mary Ellis born 1798, in Tennessee; Lucy Ellis born in 1800, in Tennessee; William Ellis born September 14, 1803, in Tennessee, George mentioned previously; and Joseph Ellis born in 1814, in Tennessee.

We weren't able to find information on the father of Robert Ellis or many of the wives' maiden names during our search but this gives our reader a good starting point for compiling their family tree on the Ellis side. It is easy to do using birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, census records, family bibles etc. Since Marie is still alive we figure she can help them get started on the Knight family line.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may call

us at the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12:30 or Saturday mornings from 8-12. Please note these new office hours. The Miers Home Museum is closed until the roofing work is finished. We have covered everything inside with plastic and removed everything from the walls so nothing gets broken or soiled while the workmen are here. The roofing has been ordered and so far we have received about half the amount, \$4,000 to date toward the \$8,000+ cost of the new roof, donations should be sent to the Sutton Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 with a notation Miers Home roof fund on your check. The depot has been rented for the weekends of March 11-12th and 18-19th but is still available for the last weekend in March. Call us at 387-5084 when the office is open to rent the building and grounds. Emergency rentals may be made by calling 387-2855. Rick and I will be out of town quite a bit this month so it is best to plan ahead and make rentals early through the office. The Ice House is coming along slowly, it would go a lot faster if more people would volunteer to help. Don't complain it isn't ready yet if you haven't pitched in to give a hand.

AG lodges clawback complaint

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Texas and other states on March 3 filed suit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over how states are forced to fund the new federal prescription drug benefit.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, on behalf of Texas, Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, and Missouri, presented the U.S. Supreme Court with a complaint about the requirement that states pay a portion of the costs associated with federal Medicare drug coverage for persons eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Abbott questioned the constitutionality of annual "clawback" payments - money states must send each month to the federal government to compensate for savings Congress anticipates states will realize from no longer providing prescription drug coverage for individuals enrolled in Medicaid.

The program is projected to result in net losses to Texas of approximately \$100 million from 2006-2009.

Texas Lottery drops bonus ball

After soliciting public comments on how to shore up sagging participation in Lotto Texas the Texas Lottery Commission on Feb. 27 jettisoned the "bonus ball."

The commission revised the game, which debuts April 23, so that players will pick six numbers from a field of 54.

"While there may not be an immediate and magic fix to the decline of our Lotto Texas game," said Lottery Commission Chairman C. Thomas Clowe, "I feel it's our responsibility to take action today to remove the one feature we've heard players disapprove of the most, the bonus-ball feature, and change Lotto Texas back to a pick-six game." Without the bonus ball, the odds of winning the jackpot will be one in 25.8 million and overall odds of winning any prize will be one in 71, the agency said.

Court hears redistricting case

Main Street Traffic

The U.S. Supreme Court on March 1 heard arguments in the Texas redistricting case relating to the November 2004 election and the dynamics that set the stage for a shift from a 17-15 seat majority for Democrats to a 21-16 seat majority for Republicans. Attorneys for Mexican-American and African-American plaintiffs said the Texas Legislature violated the federal Voting Rights Act by watering down communities of interest and thus, voting power, in moving district lines.

Furthermore, attorneys for Democratic state legislators said it was unprecedented for district boundaries to be redrawn in the middle of a decade. Federal law requires redistricting after the U.S. Census is taken every 10 years, at the beginning of each decade.

In its defense, the state of Texas argued that it is the Legislature's privilege and legal responsibility to redraw districts when the collective will exists.

The court is expected to render a decision on the case before its term ends in June.

Award recognizes voter turnout

On March 2 - Texas Independence Day - Secretary of State Roger Williams presented Travis and King counties with the first annual Stephen F. Austin Champions of the Republic Award.

The award recognizes the counties for having the highest percentage of voter turnout in the November constitutional amendment election. King County's 54 percent was the highest voter turnout for small counties and Travis County won the large county group with 25 percent. Magazine cites Texas job growth Gov. Rick Perry announced Site Selection magazine, a national business expansion and relocation home, has for the second straight year awarded its Governor's Cup to Texas for the most job creation announcements in the nation for 2005.

To be counted, businesses must have a capital investment of at least \$1 million, create 50 or more jobs or involve 20,000 square feet of new floor space. Texas secured 842 such projects in 2005 - a 26 percent increase from the previous year, Perry's office said.

Yellow ribbon honors Bill Burleson

Released by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

On February 25, 2006 the Baggett and Burleson Family and friends got together to tie up another ribbon around the old Oak Tree for Bill Burleson. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family while he is gone. If you would like to contact Billy while he is away you can write him at:

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Troop C 1/124 CAV
TF Knight
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Ann Kay chosen for regional board

Released by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

SONORA - Ann Kay was appointed to serve on the board of the Texas Pecos Trail Region, one of the Texas Historical Commission's newest heritage trail regions. Ann Kay is a Sutton County resident and the manager of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

"It is an Honor to have been chosen to serve on the Texas Pecos Trail regional board," Ann Kay said. "The program has the potential to have a very positive economic impact on all the communities within the region, and I am glad to do my part to make it a success. This program is built on partnerships and we have made some great partners within the region."

The board is a decision-making entity that facilitates the program strategies of the Texas Pecos Trail Region. The group was chosen through a nomination process

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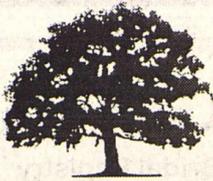
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|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 Blubber Buffs | -65.0 | -10.83 |
| 2 Heavy Weights | -21 | -10.5 |
| 3 Tadpoles | -63 | -10.5 |
| 4 Ladies in Weighting | -47 | -9.4 |
| 5 Money Crunchers | -49 | -8.17 |
| 6 Purple People Eaters | -48 | -7.5 |
| 7 Waist-Aways | -41.5 | -6.92 |
| 8 Jolly Ranchers | -40 | -6.67 |
| 9 Team Hope | -30.5 | -6.1 |
| 10 Buff Daddy and the Under Toned | -34.5 | -5.75 |
| 11 Disappearing Acts | -33.5 | -5.58 |
| 12 Bodacious Bankers | -30 | -5 |
| 13 Leftovers | -29 | -4.83 |
| 14 SAS Rollie Puppies | -23 | -3.83 |
| 15 Dav's Angels | NO REPORT | NO REPORT |



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Anniversary Celebration

Gilcrease celebrate fifty years together



Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilcrease, who were married February 25, 1956, had their golden anniversary on Saturday, exactly 50 years later to the date. Hosts were their daughters, Cindy Gilcrease, Tamie Gilcrease Love and her husband Glen Love all of Sonora. The reception was held at the home of Glen & Tamie Love. Grand-daughters McKenzie Watkins and Sterling Love were also on hand to assist with hosting the event.

Thorp's LAUN-DRY; UniFirst available for Spring Cleaning



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

Spring has definitely arrived here in Sutton County, and many of you may be thinking about cleaning and preparing for warm weather. We will soon be pulling out the shorts and sundresses, and if you need laundry or dry cleaning services, Sonora has the place for you

Thorp's LAUN-DRY. Thorp's LAUN-DRY was established in 1948 by Tommie and Guggie Thorp. After Tommie returned from flying transport planes in North Africa in World War II, the Thorps must have relished getting back to their lives here in Sonora. Thorp's is one of the oldest family-owned businesses in town and Tommie was busy promoting the city in 1960 when he was a board member for the Chamber of Commerce. The Thorp's son Tim began working at the laundry when he was ten years old, acting as the delivery truck assistant and folding towels in the early years. Tim left for college but returned to Sonora and he and his wife Leslie have owned and managed the laundry ever since. Tim was a fireman for 30 years and has been a paramedic for the EMS for 23 years. He has also served two terms as a board member for the Chamber of Commerce. Leslie has been an EMT Intermediate for over 20 years, so the couple has been very generous with their support of Sonora and Sutton County. In their spare time the Thorps offer spring turkey hunting on their ranch south of Sonora which has been in their family for 112 years!

The continued success of Thorp's LAUN-DRY has been aided by many employees, but especially by three long-term employees, including Pedro Virgen who has worked for Thorp's for 50 years. Francisco Perez and Josephine Hernandez have worked for 41 and 42 years respectively. The Thorps also have a store in Ozona and between the two cities, the Thorp's have taken care of up to five generations of local ranching families.

Blue jeans have become Thorp's specialty as many people have forgotten (or pretend to have forgotten) how to starch jeans and dry them on stretchers! The Thorps have seen clothing trends come and go throughout the years, from mostly cotton in the 1950's, to polyester and permanent press, then back to cotton in the 1990's. Remember Thorp's LAUN-DRY at 107 W. Plum Street in Sonora and 206 Avenue E in Ozona; get your clothes in by 9:00 a.m. and they will be ready by 5:00 p.m.

UniFirst If you are doing your spring cleaning at your place of business, or just trying to change your image, UniFirst can help you out. UniFirst is a leading supplier of work wear and related products to businesses big and small since 1936, and provides a wide range of apparel. They offer traditional uniforms, industrial wear, specialty and protective clothing as well as corporate casual and executive attire. UniFirst also offers floor care and restroom service products, including a range of mats, mops, soaps, air fresheners and paper items. To make a really big impact on customers coming into your business, UniFirst offers logo mats and a wide variety of entrance mats.

Marty Villarreal is the sales representative for UniFirst and Kevin Casey is the route sales representative seen all over Sonora! Many businesses here in town, including motels, restaurants and service companies have had their uniforms and supplies delivered by UniFirst for over fifteen years. They have a branch office in Kerrville and can be contacted at 830/257-8090 or visit their website at UniFirst.com.

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

- Thursday, March 9:** Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.
- Monday, March 13:** Keep Sonora Beautiful Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office.
- Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2:** Sonora Classic Goat Show, Civic Center.

Choosing a long-term care facility

submitted by Kelly L. Thorp, MS CEA-FCS Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension



The face of long-term care has changed significantly in recent years and continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's older adults. While many people wish to remain in their homes throughout their life, that is not always possible. It is very important to make an informed decision when choosing a long-term care facility.

An independent living facility may resemble an apartment complex or a hotel. These units provide personal living spaces while accounting for some of the extra needs you may have as you get older, such as railings in the bathrooms, wider doorways and other universal design elements. Many independent living facility units include a small kitchen and laundry room. Depending on the facility, additional services may be provided at an premium, such as a meal service. Size of the units, cost of living and additional services offered will depend on the particular facility you choose.

An assisted living facility may be appropriate for those who need more help than can easily be gotten at home or in an independent living setting. Assisted living facilities may help as needed with daily living, but offer only some nursing care or none at all. The facility usually will provide meals, cleaning services, activities and transportation services. Depending on the facility, living arrangements may be private or semi-private.

When more care is needed, the next choice in long-term care is skilled nursing care—a nursing home. Nursing home care is usually reserved for people who need help with meals, bathing, personal care, medications and moving. Nursing homes usually provide 24-hour services and supervision, including medical care and some physical, speech and occupational therapy, depending on the facility.

One of the newer choices in long-term care is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). CCRCs often provide independent, assisted and nursing care living in the same locale. Having multiple levels of care on the same "campus" provides many benefits to residents, including standardized services available and ease of transition as condition worsens.

Choosing a facility may be the most difficult part. The American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) recommends:

- Ask questions. Find out about what is available in your area. Talk to trusted friends, family, neighbors, health providers, etc., to determine their experiences with various facilities.
- Investigate. Texas maintains a "report card" for state-licensed facilities, the Quality Reporting System (QRS): <http://facilityquality.dhs.state.tx.us/>. You can use QRS to obtain information about a long term care facility or to compare facilities. However, the system is not meant to serve as the only basis for choosing a particular provider.
- Call. Once you have a list of possible places, get in touch with each one. Ask basic questions about openings and waiting lists, number of residents, costs and methods of payment.
- Visit. Make plans to meet with the director of nursing and director of social services. Medicare offers a nursing home checklist: <http://www.careplanner.org>. Ask yourself if you would feel reassured leaving your loved one there.
- Visit again. Make a second visit without an appointment, maybe on another day of the week or time of day. See if your first thoughts are still the same.

Many people believe that Medicare will pay for long stays in a nursing home, but it does not. Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance only cover short times of home health or nursing home care. They pay for a short stay in a nursing home for someone who is getting better after leaving the hospital.

Medicaid may be used to pay for nursing home care but only after certain income and asset requirements are met. Many people start paying for long-term care with their own money and later may become eligible for Medicaid. Keep in mind that applying for Medicaid takes at least 3 months. Also, new financial requirements for Medicaid allow a 5-year look-back period for finances. This means that assets and income from the last five years may be considered when determining eligibility.

Long-term care insurance is a private insurance policy you can buy years before you think you might need it. While each policy is different, long-term care insurance is usually less expensive when purchased at a younger age. The Texas Department of Insurance provides information for evaluating and purchasing a long-term care insurance policy at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/>.

Planning for long-term care is not easy. Individual needs change over time as do the rules about programs and benefits. Be sure to include your family in your decision to move to a long-term care facility, no matter what the level of care. By the same token, if you are a caregiver considering placing a loved one in a facility, be sure to involve that loved one in the decision-making process as much as possible.

For more information, contact your local County Extension Agent. You may also receive additional information from AAHSA at <http://www.aaahsa.org/>. Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health

First National Bank helps keep Ol' Glory flying high



Roy Jean Johnson, representing the First National Bank, presents the (unofficial) "keeper of the flag," Rev. Lewis Allen, with a check to assist with the cost of upkeep on Ol' Glory that reigns over Eaton Hill.

by Storie Sharp

The Ol' Glory fund got a tasty treat this week, when First National Bank of Sonora donated the funds generated from the Popcorn cart for the month of February. The fund is generated by donations and is for the maintenance and replacement of the American Flag that flies on Eaton Hill.

Lights that keep the flag illuminated at night are costly and must be replaced regularly. Weather and time often wreak havoc on the large flag, calling for a total replacement, which is also quite expensive.

The patriotic symbol catches travelers eye, letting everyone know that Sutton County is proud of our country and supports those that are serving or have served in the military, fighting for our freedoms.

Contributions can be made in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. If you would like to contribute to the Ol' Glory fund you can contact Roy Jean or anyone at the First National Bank of Sonora.

Funds collected from the Popcorn Cart for the month of March will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance, stop by today!

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March 9
Jamayra Ramirez, Jason Alaman, Sydney Burnham

March 10
Kara Eaton, Lonnie Fox, Meghan Krieg, Jeannie Lozano, Dufonzo Villanueva, Haley Alewine, John Berry, Ruben Mesa, Marcus Morin, Kurly Martinez, Max Martin, Arelly Ortiz, Cathy Baggett

March 11
Estevan Chavez, Bonnie Chavez, Word Hudson, Herbie Seaton, Nelda Tobias, Jesse Crain West, Trudy Dell Taylor, John Wilson, Rosalinda Ramirez, Dick Traylor, Jesse West

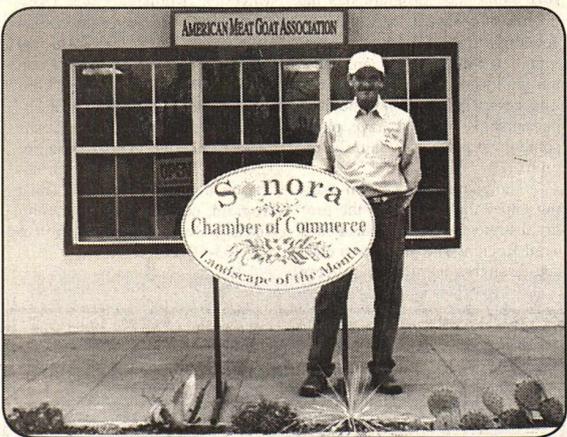
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Jennifer Surber, Dora Gonzalez, Dominique Aboud, Lesa Harris, Larry Hernandez, Don Sessom, Mario Avila, Kayla Ramirez, Tavia Valliant

March 13
Chris Badgett, Thelma Vasquez, Charlie Brown, Daniel Anderson, Mary Adele Balch, Ron Kinney, Danny Monk

March 14
Noemi Fay, Dickie Wood

March 15
Warren Wallace, Jerry Whitehouse, Leann Holt, Abby Creek, Ray Garza, Kelsey Velez, Becky Whitaker, Lane Cahill, Chance Northcott, Jane Rushing, Lynn Hinsley

AMGA native landscape chosen as March winner



The new office of the American Meat Goat Association has been chosen as the Chamber of Commerce "Landscape of the Month." Marvin Shurley and ranch foreman, Rich Ramseyer, worked many hours remodeling the old building inside and out, making it a beautiful place to visit or conduct business. Marvin didn't stop there though, he and Rich personally dug up native cactus from the ranch and planted them in the rock garden out front. The personal touch adds that true West Texas charm for visitors and adds to the scenery on Main Street.

Stop by the AMGA office and check out all of the Shurley's hard work at 109 W. Main St.

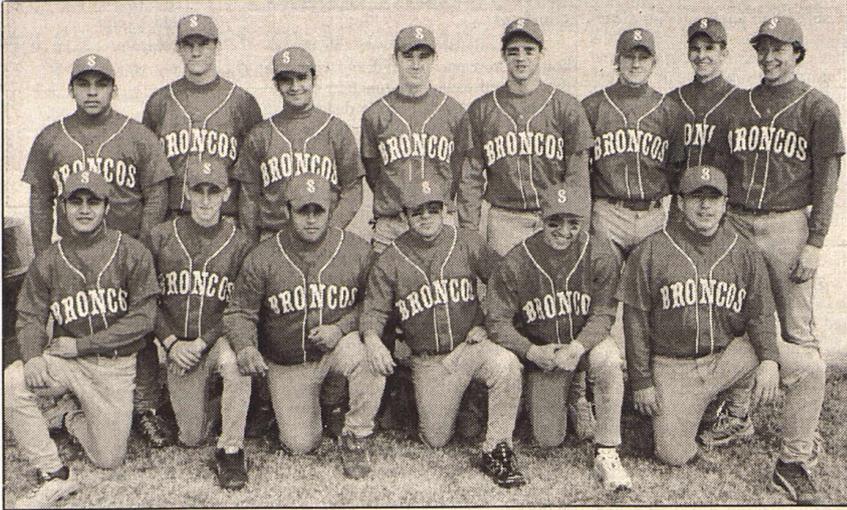
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Broncos dominate in Dry Devil's River Classic

submitted

On February 23rd thru February 25th the Sonora Varsity Baseball Team competed in the Dry Devil's River Classic. On Thursday the Broncos defeated Brackettville and Reagan County to advance to the Championship game. Sonora won the Championship 6-5 over Ft. Stockton.



Lady Broncos swinging for State

Lady Broncos show off their Silver medals from their 2nd place win in Big Lake last week. The girls, Erin Newton, Kaci Chavarria, Allyse Edmondson, Kayla McBride and Candise Martin won first overall, shooting a 356. (Complete individual scores were reported in last week's DRN). *Juanita McBride*

Lady Colts cross the finish line first in Junction

The 7th grade Lady Colts gave it their all in Junction, adding to a Sonora sweep in Junction, Texas. The 8th grade girls also rallied, adding another first place team win to the total for Sonora.

| Field Events | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Shot Put: | | |
| 2. Castaneda | Sonora | 24' 6" |
| Discus: | | |
| 6. Castaneda | Sonora | 54' 9" |
| High Jump: | | |
| 2. M. Zuniga | Sonora | 4' 2" |
| Long Jump: | | |
| 1. Smith | Sonora | 13' 11" |
| 5. Trevino | Sonora | 13' .5" |
| Triple Jump: | | |
| 1. M. Smith | Sonora | 28' 1.25" |
| Running Events | | |
| 2400 M Run: | | |
| 2. Cono | Sonora | 10:16.54 |
| 3. Acosta | Sonora | 10:37.22 |
| Long Jump: | | |
| 2. Sonora | | 56.09 |
| 100 Hurdles: | | |
| 3. C. Campbell | Sonora | 20.34 |
| 100 M Dash: | | |
| 1. M. Smith | Sonora | 14.54 |
| 800 M Run: | | |
| 1. Ramos | Sonora | 2:36.61 |
| 5. Karnes | Sonora | 2:59.88 |
| 800 M Relay: | | |
| 3. Sonora | | 2:05.15 |
| 300 M Hurdles: | | |
| 1. Campbell | Sonora | 57.72 |
| 4. Garza | Sonora | 1:05.98 |
| 200 M Dash: | | |
| 5. McGee | Sonora | 32.5 |
| 6. Zuniga | Sonora | 32.6 |
| 1600 M Run: | | |
| 1. Ramos | Sonora | 5:59.89 |
| 2. Cono | Sonora | 6:25.84 |
| 4. Serena | Sonora | 6:42.38 |
| 1600 M Relay: | | |
| 3. Sonora | | 4:49.97 |
| TEAM RESULTS: | | |
| 1. Sonora | | 166.5 |
| 2. Ozona | | 111 |
| 3. Ingram | | 93 |
| 4. San Saba | | 82 |
| 5. Leakey | | 54 |
| 6. Mason | | 49 |
| 7. Junction | | 44.5 |



Dulce Acosta runs in Junction.

Bronco Golfers shoot for first in Big Lake

submitted

The Sonora Bronco golf boys traveled west on March 1, where they took over the course in Big Lake. Shooting a team total of 306, the Broncos finished first overall, for the second week in a row.

Cullen Parker finished as the 2nd place medalist, and Embre Smith finished 3rd.

Individual scores were: Cullen Parker - 74; John Duke Hudson - 77; Embre Smith - 76; Mason Martinez - 79; and Morgan Martinez - 85

Colts kick it in Junction

7th Grade

The 7th grade Colts traveled to Junction on March 3, 2006 for the Hubbell Relays, finishing first overall with 209 total points.

Placing in the Field Events:

Shot Put: Ryan Garman - 4th, 29' 8" and William Otwell - 6th, 27' 10 1/2"

High Jump: 1. Fuji Sanchez - 4' 8", 3. A.J. Ozuna - 4' 6" and 5. Colyer Dermody - 4' 4"

Pole Vault: 2. Ethan Morriss - 8', 2. A.J. Ozuna - 8'

Discus: 1. Osbaldou Castaneda - 3. Jorge Gaytan-3rd, 5. Colyer Dermody - 5th

Long Jump: 2. Ethan Morriss - 15', 4. Shane Patlan - 13' 7 1/2", 5. Preston Lopez - 13' 10",

Triple Jump: 3. Fuji Sanchez - 29' 2", 5. Shane Patlan - 26' 1 1/2"

Running Events:

2400 Meter Run: 5. Bailey Joe Pennington - 9:52.1, 6. Damian Lopez-10:27.7

100 Meter Hurdles: 1. Will Dunn - 19.68, 4. Matthew Martinez - 23.29,

400 Meter Relay: 1. Jesse Guerrero, Fuji Sanchez, Julio Rivera, Ethan Morriss - 52.03

100 Meter Dash: 1. Ethan Morriss - 12.64, 6. A.J. Ozuna - 13.43

800 Meter Run: 1. Julio Rivera - 2:31.91, 2. Esteban Garcia - 2:35.41

400 Meter Dash: 4. Fuji Sanchez - 65.21, 5. A.J. Ozuna - 66.38

200 Meter Dash: 2. Guerrero 26.84 6. Shane Patlan - 28.44

1600 Meter Relay: 1. Jesse Guerrero, Fuji Sanchez, Julio Rivera, Ethan Morriss

800 Meter Relay: 2. Jorge Gaytan, Ryan Garman, Shane Patlan, Colyer Dermody - 2:01.96

300 Meter Hurdles: 2. Will Dunn - 50.94, 3. Bailey Joe Pennington 52.18

1600 Meter Run: 6. James Bean - 6:44.55

Sonora hosts Tennis tournament

by Coach Larry Jennings

Sonora held its annual tennis tournament Saturday, March 4th. The teams that participated were Eldorado, Ozona, and Sonora.

Ozona won the 7th grade division with 36 pts., Eldorado 28, Sonora 16.

Sonora and Ozona tied for first in the 8th Grade Division. Sonora & Ozona each had 28 pts, and Eldorado finished with 14.

Scoring for Sonora: LeAndra Castaneda Consolation, Morgan Smith & Macy Zuniga 1st Rose Karnes & Kash McGee 2nd , 8th Grade : Meredith Earwood Consolation, Alyssa Favila & Alyssa Vela 1st, Cassy Krieg & Hillary Borrego 2nd , Cash Jennings & Tyler Creek 1st , Will Anderson & Dustin Neff 3rd.

2006 Sonora Bronco Baseball

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|----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| March 10 | Lago Vista/D.H. | Lago Vista | 4 p.m. |
| March 14 | Ozona | Ozona | 6 p.m. |
| March 17 | Grape Creek | Sonora | 5 p.m. |
| March 21 | Reagan County | Big Lake | 5 p.m. |
| March 24 | Junction | Sonora | 5 p.m. |
| March 28 | Eldorado | Eldorado | 4 p.m. |
| March 31 | Mason | Sonora | 7:30 p.m. |

Junior Varsity

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| March 13 | Ozona | Sonora | 5 p.m. |
| March 17 | Grape Creek | Sonora | AV |
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| 3/14 | *Ozona | Ozona | 4 P.M. |
| 3/17 | *Grape Creek | Sonora | 4 P.M. |
| 3/21 | *Wall | Wall | 4 P.M. |
| 3/25 | Lakeview | Sonora | 2 P.M. |
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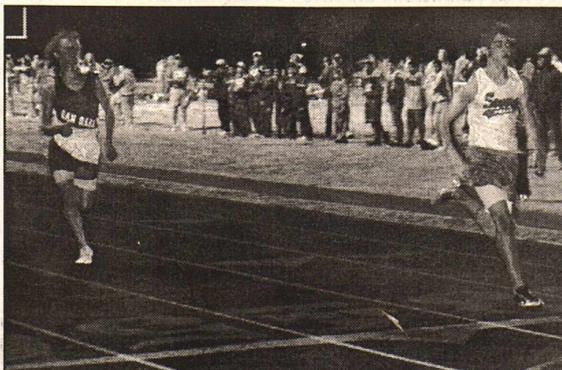
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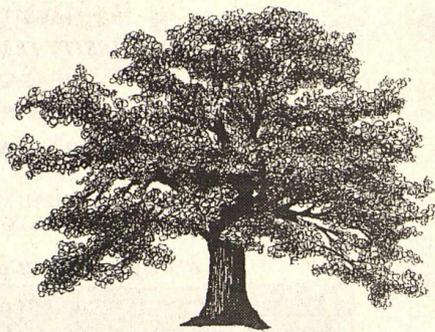
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Sutton County 4-H Forecast for March

submitted

4-H Photography Contest - Saturday, May 6 at Fredericksburg Middle School. All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members. Registration fee is \$5 per person with a maximum of FOUR (4) entries per 4-H member accepted. Divisions include: People; Animals; Still Life; Natural Landscape; Plant /Flora; Architectural Elements; Special Effects Creative Effects; Story Board; and Action Sports. Call or come by if interested.

Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop - Texas Cooperative Extension will offer regional workshops for current and newly recruited 4-H shooting sports leaders and coaches. The workshop is set for April 28-30 at the Lubbock Armory in Lubbock, at 301 East Regis and will cover archery, pistol, rifle, reloading, shotgun, and coordinators, instruction specifically geared for coordinating a local shooting sports club or program. Instructors will cover teaching and coaching techniques, the fundamentals of safety and firearms nomenclature, and strategies

for success in youth program leadership. The registration deadline is March 29. Registration forms and information is available at the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports web site: <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/ss/>.

District Contests - It's almost time for contests and district competition. Wool, Mohair, and Range Judging - April 22 @ Kerrville; Rifle Contest - April 29 @ Wilson Co; Fashion Show - April 29 @ San Marcos.

Demonstrations, Public Speaking, and Share-The-Fun - May 6 - Fredericksburg.

Range Team Practice - Practice for those interested in range evaluation will begin on March 20 at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office. Any 4-H'ers wanting to participate, give us a call.

Summer Horsemanship School - Two-day horsemanship school. This is a hands-on school for 4-Hers, parents, and volunteer leaders, who bring their horses and participant in a variety of basic and advanced horsemanship drills and maneuvers. Crockett County will host one June 21-22. Cost will be approximately \$25. More details will follow.

Lamb & Goat Camp - Howard College in Big Spring. The dates are: LAMB CAMP is June 18-20; GOAT CAMP June 4-6. Camps offer instruction in selection, health & management, feeding, exercising, washing & shearing, classifying, and showmanship. The cost is \$85 per person and covers lodging, meals, and awards.

4-H Presentations - offer several opportunities in public speaking, method demonstrations, illustrated talks, and share-the-fun activities. If you would be interested in developing one, call the Extension Office.

Record Book Training Dates - For any of you planning on completing a record book this year, there will be 2 training dates for interested leaders and youth in our district. The dates are: Monday, March 27 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Medina County (exact location TBA); Tuesday, March 28 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Kerr County. 4-H Record Books are a collection of the projects that you have participated in. It will be very handy when you get to filling out scholarship applications. To be considered for a 4-H Gold Star Award, one of the requirements is that you complete a Record Book.

Lady Broncos Win Hubbell Relays

submitted

The Lady Broncos were able to hold on to a narrow lead and win the Hubbell Relays in Junction on Saturday, March 4, beating district opponent Mason by 9 points. Lexie Ortiz sealed the victory with a second place finish in the 1600. The 1600 Meter Relay was able to hold on to a fourth place despite a last minute change due to injury.

The ladies came out of the field events with a lead placing in all these events except for the discus.

Amanda Berry and Emily Earwood improved their Long Jump marks from the previous meet. Savannah Leonard fought through an injury to tie for third in the High Jump. Kelsey Watkins made her return to the Pole Vault and placed second. Kaitlyn Henderson fought through a knee injury to grab fifth in the Pole Vault. Chelsea Martinez helped the team by adding a fifth place finish in the Shot Put. Berry and Earwood added second and fifth place finishes in the Triple Jump.

Almost everyone in the running events were able to better their time from the previous week. Kimberly Gonzales, Jennifer Gonzales, Kaylynn Perez, Heather Smith, Kayla Garcia, Danielle Matthews, Crystal Capuchina, Danielle Rodriguez and Paula Zaragoza all bettered their times or attempts from the previous week in Uvalde.

The Lady Broncos have been working hard since the end of January and they are starting to see the dividends pay off for them. The weight training in the off-season, and the running regimen during the week is tough, but the ladies continue to work hard every day. Congratulations to each and everyone who participated and made it possible for the TEAM to pull out a victory.

Field Events

Shot Put

5th Chelsea Martinez - 30' 7"

High Jump

3rd Savannah Leonard - 4' 6"

Pole Vault

2nd Kelsey Watkins - 7' 6"

4th Kaitlyn Henderson - 7'

Long Jump

1st Amanda Berry - 16' 1/4"

4th Emily Earwood - 15' 2"

Triple Jump

2nd Amanda Berry - 33' 3/4"

5th Emily Earwood - 31' 1/4"

Running Events

3200 Meter Run

1st Lexie Ortiz - 13:20:91

100 Hurdles

5th Kaitlyn Henderson - 18.21

400 Meter Relay

2nd Sonora 53.18 (Amanda Berry, Kelsey Watkins, Chasady Garcia, Jessica Snyder)

800 Meter Run

6th Courtney Chandler - 2:43:25

400 Meter Dash

2nd Savannah Leonard - 1:06:57

6th Emily Earwood - 1:09:62

200 Meter Dash

4th Amanda Berry - 28.33

1600 Meter Relay

4th Sonora - 4:29:58 (Savannah Leonard, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Emily Earwood)

800 Meter Relay

2nd Sonora - 1:55:20 (Kelsey Watkins, Kyla Turney, Stephani Morris, Chasady Garcia)

300 Meter Hurdles

2nd Kyla Turney - 51.89

1600 Meter Run

2nd Lexie Ortiz - 6:12:13

Broncos lead the herd at Hubbell Relays

by Coach Eddie Favila

The Bronco Track team stormed in to Junction over the weekend of March 4, and dominated the meet by scoring 190 points. The team scored 60 in the field events and 130 in the running, to have a balanced scoring.

In the field events, Cameron Cox had a first place finish in the discus (135'4"), and a fourth in the shot put (41'9").

Zadrian McGee finished fifth in the shot (40'5"), and Travis Valiant (112'9") and J.T. Downing (112'6") finished fifth and sixth in the discus.

In the Pole Vault, Justin Northcott won the event with a vault of 12'06" and Ty Love logged a second, with a jump of 11'00.

Anthony Longoria placed first in both the Long Jump (22'3") and the Triple Jump (39'10").

Hilton Bloodworth placed fourth in the Long (19'4") and sixth in the Triple (35'1").

Jacob Ibarra started the running events by winning the 3200 meter run (11:05.74). Tony Torres placed sixth (11:33.42) in the same race and Filemon Garza finished in ninth position.

The Sprint Relay team of Cameron Cox, Hilton Bloodworth, Anthony Longoria, and Steven Duhon ran a blazing 43.74 to win the race.

The 800 runners, Ty Love, Nick Favela and Tony Torres scored a total of sixteen points, as they placed second (2:09.27), third (2:09.7) and fifth (2:13.36) respectively.

In the 110 hurdles, Boomer Galindo ran a personal best (17.67) to place second in his event.

Cox ran a personal best of 11.11 in the prelims, and ran an 11.39 to finish second in the 100 meters.

The 800 meter relay team of Cox, Bloodworth, Longoria and Duhon ran a 1:32.59 to win the event.

In the 400 meter run, Angel Silva ran a time of 54.76 and placed fifth.

Galindo came back and ran a

43.96 for second place in the 300 Hurdles.

Longoria and Duhon ran a 22.8 and 24.35, to finish second and sixth respectively, in the 200.

The 1600 meter runners, Favela and Ibarra, ran for first and second, finishing in 4:58 (Favela) and 5:07.97 (Ibarra).

Rounding out the scoring for the team with a fourth place finish (3:45.21), was the 1600 meter relay team of Angel Silva, Ty Love, Boomer Galindo and Nick Favela.

The JV Team placed second overall, with a team total of 141. The boys had a great showing for their first meet. The team included many freshmen, running their first meet and showing great competitive spirit.

Individual results for the JV Boys:

Shot Put - 1. Mario Lira 37'3"; 3. Steven Lozano 34'4"

Pole Vault - 2. Ross Crites 8'6"

Discus - 3. Mario Lira 101'7"; 4. Tiva - 98'1"; 6. Rudy Charro 87'10.5"

Triple Jump - 1. Rodriguez 38'5"; 3. Pena 36'6"

Long Jump - 1. Rodriguez 19'; 5. Keywosh - 16'11"

100 - 5. Alonzo Pena 12.56; Hunter Lawson 12.69

200 - 6. Ricardo Rodriguez 26.11

400 - 2. Tyler Edmondson 58.47; 5. Domingo Reynosa 60.13

3200 - Zenon Acosta 12:06.49

400 Relay - 2. Domingo Reynosa, Ricardo Rodriguez, Nick Pena and Alonzo Penz 48.08

800 Relay - 1. Hunter Lawson, Ricardo Rodriguez, Nick Pena and Alonzo Pena 1:42.97

1600 Relay - 3. Domingo Reynosa, Tyler Edmondson, Nick Pena and Zenon Acosta 4:03.91

The weekend in Junction showed great efforts by all the Sonora teams, with first place finishes by all, except for the young JV boys' team making a statement with a strong second.

SHS makes it count in Lakeview

submitted

On February 18, Sonora High School was well represented at the Lakeview Math and Science meet.

Students placed as follows:

Number sense - 6th place - 10th grade division - **Laura Martin**

Calculator Applications - 1st place - 9th grade division - **Savannah Leonard**

1st place - 10th grade division - **Kari Nicholas**

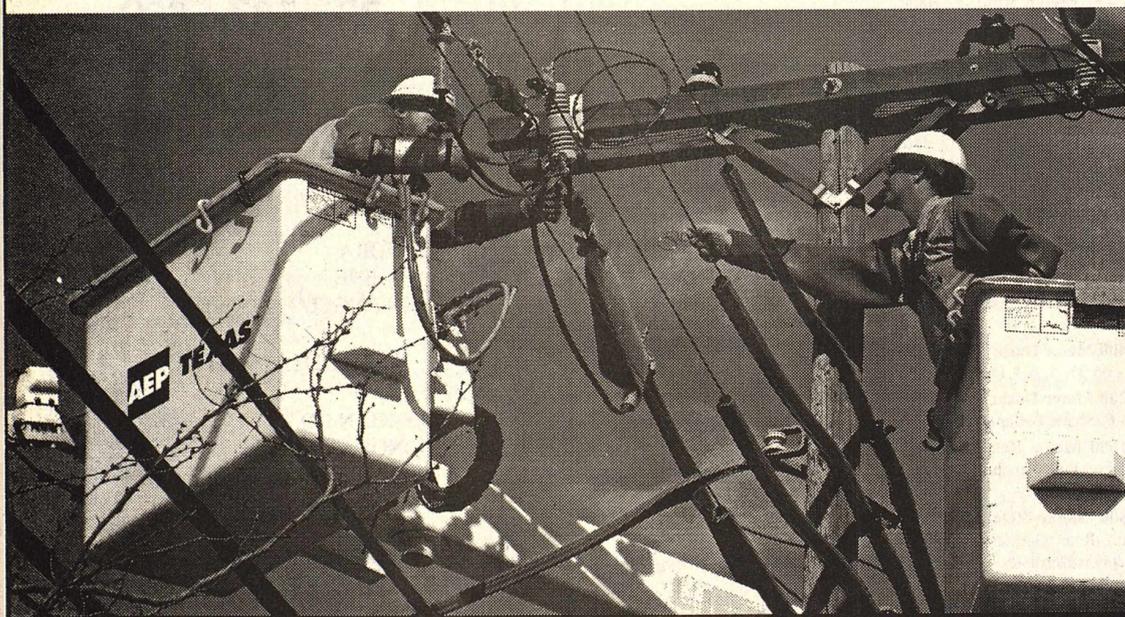
Mathematics - 1st place - 10th grade division - **Marcus Perez**

5th place - 10th grade division - **Laura Martin**

Students also competed in Science but those results were not available at press time.

Also competing were **Emily Earwood, Danielle Castro and Victoria Robles**. These students along with others will be participating in the District Academic meet in Mason at the end of March. Good Luck Broncos!

1:27 p.m. Monday

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Annual Ram Performance Field Day and Sale Set for March 17

submitted by Steve Byrns

SONORA, Texas – The Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for March 17.

The event is conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension at the Sonora Research Station located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55.

A brief educational program will precede the 2 p.m. auction. The top 30 percent of the animals completing the test will be eligible for the sale.

"This program has helped change the Texas sheep population," Dr. Dan Waldron, experiment station research geneticist at San Angelo and the test coordinator, said. "The sale will feature the accumulated effects of selection for faster-growing, heavier-shearing, finer-fleeced rams."

Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data during the morning. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. The afternoon program will be directed by Joe Self, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Irion

County. Kenny Edgar, with the Texas Animal Health Commission in Austin, will open the program with an update on the status of the premise and animal identification program.

Waldron will present "Scrapie Issues." He will then be joined by Dr. Chris Lupton, a natural fiber researcher with the experiment station in San Angelo, who will discuss the 2005 / 2006 ram test.

Burk Lattimore, secretary of the Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, will end the educational program by awarding the certified ram certificates to the owners of the qualifying rams.

The day concludes with the sale of the performance-tested animals under the direction of Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

For further information, contact Waldron at (325) 653-4576 or Craddock at (325) 653-4576 or call the Sonora station at (325) 387-3168 or visit the test's Web site at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm>.



Calling All Varmints

Callers in the second stretch of the Sutton County Calling Contest did Sutton and surrounding counties a favor last weekend, decreasing the population of many pesky varmints that destroy property and kill livestock.

This weekend's big winners (pictured above) were Brian Wilson, Nathan Elliott, Justin Burch who placed first, scoring the most combined points. Winners received a cash prize, in addition to gift certificates for merchandise provided by contest sponsor, Bad Company Rodeo.

Fred Havlak, Mike Foster, Joe Vandiver and Zane Cummins (represented below by their designated "caller") placed second.

Tied for third were the team of Doyle Kitchens and Butch Larsen and the team of Phillip Montalvo, Shorty Montalvo and Paul Martinez.

The tally for the weekend was 26 bobcats, 26 grey fox and 80 raccoons.



photos by Storie Sharp

Rig Locations as of March 3

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Extension Office to Offer Pesticide Applicator Training Course



submitted by Pascual Hernandez
 Sutton County Extension Agent-
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With Spring not far away, some of us begin thinking about ways to control unwanted growth. However, you should know that some chemicals are designated general use pesticides and can be purchased "over-the-counter" while others are restricted use pesticides and require a pesticide applicator license. So, if you've considered acquiring an applicator license, here are some things you should know.

Private applicator license are required in order to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities. Applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM).

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licenses are required to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides, for hire or compensation, on the land of another person (commercial). Noncommercial licenses are required for those pesticide applicators employed by educational or government groups. Both of these license holders must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, IPM and drift minimization.

With that in mind, if you are interested in acquiring a license, please contact your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. We will be offering a training course on March 24th at the Sutton County Civic Center. We will also provide take-home study material and have a "refresher" session on April 10th. Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer testing that afternoon. Call by March 17th so that study manuals can be ordered for you. Contact us if you have need for additional details.

Extension office offers March Horticulture Tips



Plant: Dig and divide summer and fall flowering perennials just before they initiate their spring growth. **Prune:** Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March. DO NOT prune spring flowering trees or shrubs until after they bloom.

Fertilize: Fertilize pecan trees with 21-0-0 or similar high nitrogen fertilizer early in the month and repeat after 30 and 60 days.

Began zinc sprays at bud break on pecans also.

Be on the Lookout: Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container grown or balled and burlapped plants for landscape use. Look for black spot and powdery mildew on roses and apply fungicide at 10 day intervals.

Be on the look out for fire blight on plants in the rose family and pears, apples, Indian Hawthorn and other susceptible plants.

Protect while in full bloom with spray of agricultural streptomycin.

Miscellaneous Chores: Prepare beds for planting flowers and

vegetables. You may want to rent or buy a garden tiller to speed up the process. If you have a strong back, the old fashion way using a gardening fork and shovel still does an excellent job.

Our soils in West Texas, have very little organic matter. A good rule of thumb is to add about 4 inches of organic matter to your beds in the form of peat moss, compost, or shredded pine bark. The organic matter helps to hold water and improves soil texture.

This is an excellent time to have your soil tested. Pick up a soil test kit at your local County Extension Agent's office. The cost is about \$10.00.

Knowing the nutrient levels in your soil will help you determine the kind and the amount of fertilizer to apply to your flower beds and lawn.

After the danger of frost has past, set out the plants you started in January or February or the purchased plants from your local nursery or garden center.

Apply pre-emergent weedkillers to prevent germination of crabgrass, grassburs and other summer weeds in your lawn. Use broadleaf weedkillers to eliminate dandelions, clover, henbit, chickweed, plantain and other non-grassy weeds in turf areas. Follow label directions carefully.

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Teaff reported that he had met with the Sutton County Arena Improvements committee regarding their request for financial assistance on the lighting system at the arena complex, and the item would be tabled until more information could be presented to the board.

Teaff also reported that he had contacted several contractors in the area regarding the clearing, cleaning and building of a fence on the SIDC's property located at the end of Kisselburg Rd. The lot is the only access to Eaton Hill on the east side of the property. Teaff stressed that the property needs to be cleared and leveled for easier maintenance

and a fence obstructed to keep out unauthorized travel and parking on the lot. The fence would also keep vehicles off the hill, but would allow for emergency entrance if needed. The board discussed several possibilities for the location, weighing the pros and cons of fencing, mowing, adding caliche, etc. It was agreed to allow Teaff to continue to search for a contractor to clear and fence the lot.

The SIDC Ongoing Project Report was approved, after a discussion regarding contracts pending with Johnny Creek and Mac Oil. It was reported that the projects are at a standstill because required data for the contracts have yet to be obtained.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of implementing a time line on the finalization of providing required information for all contracts. City Attorney Beth Wallace advised that such stipulations could be added, with the understanding that the contract would not be valid until final approval from City Council. It was decided to look into this possibility further.

Glasscock reported that the building on the corner of Crockett Ave., formerly KD's had been sold, but it was yet to be decided what would be opened. She also reported that currently, only one grease inceptor grant application had been returned. A second application was in the process of completion. The board then discussed the grant applications availability. It was agreed that they were initiated to help small businesses in the community, and each case would be reviewed individually. TCEQ regulations are requiring that all grease interceptors be brought to compliance within a few months, and a new inspector has been hired by the City of Sonora to insure that the proper equipment is installed and local eateries, and/or food service locations. The cost can be quite high depend-

ing on the extent of the project and the new grants were initiated to assist with some of those costs.

Ann Kay gave a report regarding the Pecos Trails office application, reporting that the final decision will be announced at an open meeting in Fort Clark Springs on March 9. Kay stated that the Trails staff had visited Sonora last week, and were very impressed by the support shown by all the tourism entities, with a representative from all being present for the visit. Kay highly recommended that all that would be available, to attend the meeting. She also told the board of the letter that John Tedford had submitted, as an addition to the original application, stating that the SIDC will assist with providing necessary equipment, including power point presentation projector, screen and laptop.

Howorth gave a detailed report from the SIDC auditor regarding an accrual amount and the 2006 proposed fee. It had been agreed at the February meeting to look into the possibility of doing away with an accrual balance, and changing the way the budget was reported. After researching this, and discussing it with several accountants, it was decided that it would be best to leave the accounts as is. Howorth made a motion to rescind the previous motion to move the \$14,000 accrual funds and leave it as is. The board agreed and the motion was approved.

Glasscock reported that the December sales tax deposits had been up. She again gave the status of special grant applications from local restaurants. She added that she had emailed the application information for a special landscaping grant, to Sharon Holman, to be used at the Sonora Abstract Office. Glasscock shared several proposals obtained, via the board's request, for new auditors. A predicted large increase from the current auditor

triggered the interest in the search. No decision was made, as more proposals are still being sought. In finalization of the SIDC office report, Glasscock said that Dr. Pollard's building on Crockett Ave. has been rented and will be housing a thrift shop soon.

Howorth asked that the board look at the current contract between the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the SIDC, regarding Eaton Hill, be reviewed. It was brought to his attention that currently the system for funds reimbursement was not as was stated in the original contract. Initially, it was agreed that the Chamber would submit a budget request quarterly, based on expected expenses and projects. Somehow, the system had been changed, and currently the Chamber was submitting bills after the fact, and are then reimbursed. COC executive director, Gretta Ramsdell stated that she wanted to be in compliance with the contract and only wanted what was most efficient and effective for both entities. After discussing the contract, it was agreed to follow the original contract, with the Chamber providing quarterly budget requests, at which time the SIDC would deposit the funds. An annual detailed report will be provided, as per the original agreement, and any unforeseen circumstances will be addressed at the time.

The board discussed office hours, explaining that the hours were not consistent but that Glasscock was available as needed, with her cellular phone number made available for contact when she was not in the office. It was agreed to look into the possibility of having the office hours of 9-3, posted on the door and look into having a mail slot put in the door. The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel.

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The Outlaw Trail on Eaton Hill will give visitors a glimpse of legendary men who operated outside the law and, for the most part, came to violent ends in the streets, barrooms and hillsides of the Wild West. It's part of our local history that people from all over the world can relate to, and we can actually give Hollywood genuine credit for that. Needles...Haystacks... Campsites are being developed that will feature not necessarily authentic period tools and equipment, but older items such as tin coffee pots, old worn out saddles, bridles etc. But we need your help! We are asking for donations of items that will fit into an outlaw site that are NOT valuable and hope to build up a small supply to replace as needed. Please contact the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary office at 387-2615. Clean out the barn, rake up the old dump site and let's blaze a trail!

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training hours included the following: Tom Payton 12 hours, Barbara Jennings 7.25 hours, Scott Jacoby 10.75, Dean Dermody 7 hours, Tammy Favila 7.25 hours and Tryon Fields, 12 hours. Bawcom reported that on March 27th, TASB will send a representative to help board members gain more training hours and experience. Bawcom also recommended to board members that they could also go online at the TASB for more training hours.

A budget amendment was approved for the acceptance of a donation from the Booster Club to be distributed for Spring sports. A second amendment for the cost of the voting machine was also approved.

Bawcom reported that after all campus site base committees met and a new school calendar was ready for approval, contingent upon an early start date waiver being accepted, the start of school next year would be on August 14, 2006.

While reviewing the calendar, Fields questioned why spring break had been moved up. Bawcom stated that moving the break up would coincide with next years stock show schedule, and would give students an extra week for TAKS preparation.

With Sonora being in a new district, Bawcom also explained that he was planning to try to host more UIL events here in Sonora, therefore some of the staff development days/waiver days were to coincide with UIL events. A motion was made to approve the calendar as presented, pending the approval of the requested waiver. Board members Dean Dermody, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, and Tom Payton voted in favor. Tryon Fields voted against.

Two transfer students were approved for a family that recently moved their home to Eldorado. School Trustee election date and officials were approved as presented, with an increase in the hourly rate for officials. A contract for the lease of three DRE voting machines was also approved, as well as the temporary changing of the polling place for precinct 3 for the May 13, 2006 election only.

The March board meeting was changed from March 13, to March 20 because of Spring Break, with Tryon Field voting against the change, because of a disapproval of the Spring Break vacation. Bawcom reported that the enrollment at SISD is steady, but attendance is down to 96.4%. This percent effects funding, but also hinders the children because when they aren't in school, they aren't receiving the education. High School Principal Raul Chavarria reported that several High School students are just not showing up for classes, regardless of numerous visits to the home and attempts to rectify the problem. He stated that there seems to be no parental support and the personnel at the high school are doing all they can. Charges have been filed for truancy, but in the meantime the teachers are doing all they can to entice the children to come to school. Bawcom said that it was obvious something needed to be done to entice the students to attend, and suggested the possibility of implementing exemption rewards again. He stated that he firmly believes that students need to be prepared for college level courses, but first must be convinced to attend classes for the basic training as well. He provided a fact sheet with legislature information, focusing on improving our students readiness for college. Bawcom stated that he was well aware that not all children will go to college, but it is the teacher and administrations job to insure that all students learn some kind of trade or skill.

School board member, Tryon Fields inquired about the reasons why so many lights were left on at the school campuses at night. He stated that this could be one of the reasons the utility bills were so high. He also commended the administration, teachers, and students reactions to the recent threat and commended Mr. Bawcom on how well things were instituted. Scott Jacoby reiterated the compliments. Tammy Favila said that she agreed and appreciated how she was updated regularly. She stated that the children were safe and there should have been no reason for any parent to panic. Sheriff Fincher, Chief House and volunteer parents helped direct traffic and parents and Favila stated that this shows how much Sonora cares about all our children. She also thanked everyone that assisted with the process.

Favila commended the SMS staff and parents on the Middle School Valentine dance, which was very nice. The board also stated that the speech meet was also successful and reported that Mrs. Casey would like to express her many thanks to all that helped. The School Board received a thank you note from Mr. Ben Solis for the flowers they sent, stating he looked forward to returning.

The board then convened into executive session to discuss contract extension and renewal of campus principals, Special Education Director and Athletic Director. After returning to open session, a motion was made by Barbara Jennings, to extend the contracts of Louise Dermody, Raul Chavarria, Stephani Taylor and Jason Herring, until June 30, 2008. Upon a second, the motion carried unanimously.

A second motion was then made by Scott Jacoby, to extend the contract of John Berry for the same amount of time. A second was made by Tom Payton, with Dermody, Fields, Jacoby and Payton voting in favor, and Jennings and Favila voting nay. Motion carried. Board member Jesse Bustamante was absent from the meeting.

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She would also drive in 4 RBI'S. Kayla Fields and Meghan Krieg would each play long ball; with each gaining their first home runs of the year. Fields and Krieg each had singles to go along with their home runs. Heather Hughes and Steely Ingham both had two hits (Hughes: single and a double; Ingham: 2 singles). Jamiee Duran rounded out the hitting by adding a single. The Lady Cats were limited to one hit off of the pitching duo of Meghan Krieg and Steely Ingham. Krieg would go three innings and strike out all 9 batters she faced. Ingham would give up 1 run off of 1 hit and 4 walks in 2 innings of work. SA Central JV 1 - Sonora 22.

Sonora faced the Lady Mustangs from Midland Christian JV in the second game. Excellent pitching from Meghan Krieg and solid defensive play from the Lady Broncos would limit the Lady Mustangs to 1 run off of 2 hits and a base on balls. Krieg struck out 10 batters and, of the 9 batted balls put into play, the defense, led by Kayla Fields, Jamiee Duran, Heather Hughes, Laura Martin, Brandy Neff, and Meghan Krieg, made short work of any potential base runners. Offensively, Sonora scored 7 runs off of 6 hits and 2 walks. Hughes, Duran, and Villanueva each had a 2 for 3 day at the plate. Villanueva had a single and a triple; Hughes a single, a double,

and 2 RBI'S; and Duran, 2 singles and 2 RBI'S. Kayla Fields, Kimbel Luna, Meghan Krieg, Madeline Higdon, and Brandy Neff each had a single. Luna added 2 RBI'S off of her base hit.

Sonora 7 - Midland Christian JV 1.

In game 3, Sonora would face one of their last year's play-off opponents, Kermit. The Lady Bronco sticks would not cool off, as they would pound out 13 hits and 8 walks on their way to scoring 12 more runs.

At the plate, Kayla Fields and Kimbel Luna would lead the way with each having a 3 for 3 game (Fields with 3 singles and Luna with 2 singles, a double, and 1 RBI). They were followed by Azeneth Villanueva with 3 for 4 (2 singles, and a double) with 2 RBI'S and Meghan Krieg with 2 for 3 day (2 singles and a sacrifice) and 3 RBI'S. Heather Hughes and Desiree Alvarado would round out the hitting with a single each. Once again, Krieg would dominate on the mound, striking out 10 batters and only walking 1.

Of the three balls put into play, only one got through the infield. The other two were fielded by second baseman, Jamiee Duran, and thrown out at first.

Kermit 0 - Sonora 12. With the win over Kermit, the Lady Broncos advanced to the Di-

vision 2 Championship to face district rival, Grape Creek. Neither the pitching, nor the bats of the Lady Broncos, would let up in their 14 to 0 victory over the Lady Yellowjackets. Once again, Meghan Krieg would pick up the victory and her first no hitter of the season.

Krieg faced 16 batters, striking out 8 of them. The defense, led by Heather Hughes at first base, Brandy Neff at third, Desiree Alvarado in left and Kimbel Luna at catcher, would make short work of the balls put into play. Krieg led the Lady Broncos at the plate, with a 4 for 4 game (2 singles, 2 doubles, and 1 RBI).

Heather Hughes followed with 2 for 2 (a single, a double, a walk, and an RBI). Desiree Alvarado (2 singles) and Azeneth Villanueva (2 doubles) each had 2 hits. Steely Ingham, Brandy Neff, and Chelsea Martinez added a hit each.

Grape Creek 0 - Sonora 14
Sonora Lady Broncos Division 2 Champions - Congratulations!!!!

This week the Lady Broncos open District 2-2A play against the Lady Eagles of Eldorado on Tuesday, and will have their home opener on Friday against the Lady Owls from Reagan County. Come out and support the Lady Broncos in their quest for the District title. Game time is at 4:00 p.m.

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Daddy/Daughter Date Night Picture packages are ready to be picked up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, March 9 - Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 p.m., Sonora Chamber of Commerce office, Hwy 277 N.

Monday, March 13 - Sutton County Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m., Sutton County Annex

Monday, March 20 - Sonora ISD Board of Trustees Meeting - 5:30 p.m., Sonora Administration Building.

Tuesday, March 21 - Sonora City Council - 4:00 p.m., City Hall.

Class of 1966 Reunion Request! Please contact Janie Letsinger (Dostal) with your address, e-mail address, and/or your phone number. I'm trying to locate everyone so that our 40th Class Reunion can be organized. Information needed ASAP. If you know of someone who lives out of state or anyone who may not get this notice, please call Janie at 9832215-7706 cell or (281)480-4669 home; or email jdostal@houston.rr.com.

Effective Feb. 28 the new hours of operation for the Sutton County Historical Society will be Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-12:30 and Saturday mornings 8:00-12:00. The office number is 325-387-5084.

Piano Lessons - Leroy Moore, bringing 35 years of teaching experience for ages 8 - adult, now has two spots available for new lessons. Please call Tammy Favila @ 387-3661 FMI

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3rd 2006 Sutton County Calling Contest; March 25th & 26th. Sign up Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Stagecoach BBQ, turn in Sunday at 10 a.m. at same location. Sponsored by Bad Company Rodeo - merchandise and cash prizes. FMI call Paul Martinez at 650-0221 or 206-1722.

Spring Break for Sonora ISD - March 13-17, 2006

Mountain Creek Golf Club, Robert Lee, Texas, 3 person select shot, March 25, 2006, 9:00 a.m. start, \$150/team entry, FMI 453-2317

J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial 2-man Select Shot - April 1st & 2nd - Sonora Golf Course - \$200.00 per team - pre-fighited - 64 team limit - 2 day payout- Tee times 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31- Shootout 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Golf Club 3-person 27 hole Select Shot - April 8th - Must have at least one woman - Tee time: 10:00 a.m. First 22 paid teams - \$135.00 per team/mulligans included

Consuelo Ranch 3rd Annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping, Saturday, April 22, 2006 (9 miles south of Sonora on Hwy 277, gate combo = 1234). 1st roping books open 8:00 a.m.; close 8:30 a.m. Rope 9:00 a.m. Enter 1, Draw 3 for \$50 - enter twice; OTRA#2 roping with #1 cap per roper - 2nd roping books open 1:00 p.m.; close 1:30 p.m. Rope 2:00 p.m. (or after first roping); Enter 1, draw 3 for \$75 OTRA #3 Roping. Saddles awarded to high point roper in each roping; donated by E.M Hobbs and Niblett's Oilfield Services. Other prizes include buckles, breast collars, rope bags, and spurs. BBQ meal catered by Stagecoach BBQ; no glass bottles; cash only. FMI call 387-3244 or 387-2272.

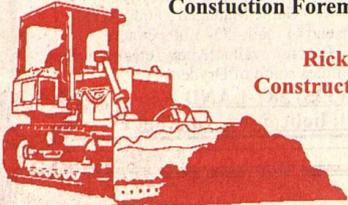
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