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Sonora to Send 9 to Regional meet

The Sonora Bronco boys' track team gave an outstanding effort Friday, April 12, 1991 in Crane, Texas to win the District 6-3A Championship, but came up 3 points shy due to a disqualification of the Reagan County mile relay team in the last race of the day. The Broncos were seven points behind going into the last event (the mile relay) Friday afternoon. In order to win the championship, the Broncos had to beat Crane by two places, which is exactly what happened when the Broncos finished first and Crane third. After the race, everyone knew that the Broncos were district champions by one point. Then came the word at the finish line that the Reagan County team, which finished second in the race, was disqualified making Crane a second place winner and the district champs by 3 points. It was an outstanding effort by all members of the Bronco track team. Congratulations for a real fine job all year long.

Results of the District 6-3A meet are as follows:

Pole Vault: 1st - Adam Youngblood and 4th - Chris Hazelton

Shot Put: 1st - Johnny Terry and 2nd - Robert Gallion

Discus: 3rd - Johnny Terry
Long Jump: 1st - Eric Espinosa and 6th Ricky Gandar

3200-Meter Run: 2nd - Romero Luna and 4th - Chris Hazelton

400-Meter Relay: 5th - Adam Youngblood, Adam Mirike, Shane Keller, and Blaze Sykes

800-Meter Run: 2nd - Michael Escalera and 3rd - Shannon Escalera

110-Meter Hurdles: 1st - Eric Espinosa and 5th - Oscar Perez

100-Meter Dash: 5th - Adam Mirike

400-Meter Dash: 3rd - Blaze Sykes and 4th - Michael Escalera

300-Meter Hurdles: 1st - Eric Espinosa and 3rd - Oscar Perez

200-Meter Run: 2nd - Adam Mirike; 3rd, Adam Youngblood; and 5th - Shane Keller

1600-Meter Run: 1st - Romero Luna

1600-Meter Relay: 1st Eric Espinosa, Adam Youngblood, Blaze Sykes, and Michael Escalera

The Sonora Bronco boys' track team will send nine athletes entered in ten events to the Regional Track Meet in Odessa on April 26-27. If anyone places 1st or 2nd in their events, then those individuals will qualify for the state meet on May 10 and 11 in Austin, Texas.



Shannon Escalera, Michael Escalera, Robert Gallion, Johnny Terry, Adam Youngblood, Ramiro Luna, Eric Espinosa, Adam Mirike, and Blaze Sykes (not pictured).



Santiago Faz was welcomed home with open arms at a ceremony in his honor Friday on the Courthouse lawn.



Dana Evans, Jodi Trainer, Alma Sanchez, Laura Hearn, Jessica Ortiz, Anna Teaff, Cindy Chavez, and Yvonne Mata will be representing Sonora at the Regional track meet.



Winners of the horseshoe and washer pitching. Nancy Teel, Barbara Stroud, Jessie Kerbow, Michelle Anderson, Colely Thompson, Gene Thompson, Tim Roberts, Bruce Kerbow, Mike Hobbs, and Lee Fawcett.

Devil's River Bar-B-Que and festival results

The Dry Devil's River Bar-B-Que and Festival this past Saturday, proved to be a fun-filled weekend. Trophies and/or ribbons were awarded to winners in the Pie Baking contest, for horse shoe and

washer pitching, and for the best Brisket, Chicken, and Goat. The awards were as follows: The Dan Reinhardt Traveling Mug for Sportsmanship and Good-Time went to Granny's kitchen - Junction; Guajalote Cookin' Team from Crane, 1st Brisket; Nanny Whammers from Sonora, 2nd Brisket; Wild Stuff from San Antonio, 3rd Brisket; Rough Riders from Sonora, 1st Chicken; Juan and Only Cookers from Big Springs, 2nd Chicken; Wild Stuff from San Antonio, 3rd Chicken; Roy Love from Eldorado, 1st Goat; Juan and Only Cookers from Big Spring,

2nd Goat; Thompson Team from Sonora, 3rd Goat. Womens Horseshoe winners: 1st Nancy Teel/Barbara Stroud; 2nd Michelle Anderson/Jesse Kerbow. Men's Horseshoe winners: 1st Lee Fawcett/Mike Hobbs; 2nd Tim Roberts/Bruce Kerbow. Washer pitching: 1st Lee Fawcett/Nick Anderson; 2nd Gene Thompson/Colely Thompson. Showmanship: 1st Los Perientes Team from Sonora; 2nd Guajalote Cooking Team from Crane. Longest Distance Travelled: Dan's Little Darlins from El Paso. Best Camp: Juan and Only Team from Big Springs. Best Pit: Guajalote Cookin' Team from Crane. Mitzi Mathews took Grand Champion in the Pie Baking contest. Others who won include Kathleen Freeman, Margaret Cascadden, Gwen Roberts, and Ruth Shurley.

Community meets to discuss tax increase

by Jim Fish

When the present tax cap of 10 cents per hundred dollars of property value was designated to fund the hospital in 1985, Sutton County had a total property value of over \$658 million. That amount decreased to \$434 million in 1989 but showed a slight increase to \$457 million last year. The hospital board held an open meeting Tuesday, April 16th, to discuss with interested community members, the need to increase the tax cap to twenty cents per hundred. However, Dr. Alvis Johnson suggested that an increase of only three or four cents would facilitate the present needs for hospital funding.

The average property tax per capita paid by Sutton County property owners is about \$78, as opposed to \$251 in Eldorado, \$136 in Colorado City, \$248 in Rankin and \$92 in Big Lake. Only 27% of Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital's budget is funded by taxes, compared to 50% in Eldorado, 35% in Colorado City, 71% in Rankin and 25% in Big Lake. In each of these towns the portion of taxes set aside to fund their hospitals is 46.5 cents per hundred property value in Eldorado, 30.4 cents in Colorado City, 37.8 cents in Rankin and 13.9 cents in Big Lake.

Sutton County pays its registered and licensed vocational nurses less than those places mentioned above. The wages paid other personnel reflect a similar picture.

In 1990, the hospital census totals 1,289 patient days, or an average of 3.3 patients in the hospital per day. That figure was down from 1989, with the average running at 3.6 patients per day. The

total revenue for 1990 is as follows:

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| Hospital Revenue | \$627,880 |
| Nursing Home | 585,660 |
| Property Taxes | 449,863 |

Payroll:

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| Hospital | \$561,946 |
| Nursing Home | 392,551 |
| Total | \$954,497 |

The county is mandated by state law to use 10% of its taxes to pay for indigent care which totaled well over twenty seven thousand last year. The hospital had almost \$121 thousand in Medicare write-offs in the same period.

If the medical facility reduced its services to that of emergency room care only, it would still cost over \$600 thousand to operate; not including building, utilities, janitor, insurance and the administrator.

Following a slide show and information segment, the meeting continued with questions from residents present at the meeting. Several individuals were curious if the hospital would not do better by trimming expenses at the employee level. Both Dr. Johnson and Hospital Administrator Scott Gilmore assured that each employee is vital to the administration and function of the hospital. Dr. Johnson went on to say, "If we were to reduce the staff by a single person, the result would be increases in over-time and possible loss of accreditation and Medicare funding."

Other proposals were presented by those present at the meeting and will be considered in future committees to discuss funding sources.



Guila Vicars was honored recently with a birthday party at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Pictured are Rosalie Richardson, Guila Vicars, Sharon Kemp, Ronda Hall, and Margaret Cascadden.

Jay Cees form organization in Sonora

On Tuesday night the newly formed Sonora Jay Cees became an officially chartered organization. The Jay Cees are a community oriented group formed over 70 years ago. At one time Sonora had an active charter that was very successful. The downfall came when the age limit (39 years of age) for several members forced them to disband.

The Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) work closely with the Chamber of Commerce to support community activities and is made up of members age 21 to 39. This organization is based upon 3 main areas: Community Development; Management Development; and Individual Development. The organization does not discriminate against race, creed, color, or religious preference.

There are over 4500 active chapters throughout the United

States ranging in size from 20 members to hundreds of members.

During Tuesday's meeting, the chapter elected the following: Jody Luttrell, president; Beth Snyder, secretary; and Carla Luttrell, treasurer. Due to the four separate vice-presidents requirements, the election of the V.P. was tabled until the next meeting. A banquet will be held for the next meeting at the Sutton County Steakhouse, May 7, and will serve a dual purpose as vice-presidents are elected and the state director of the Jaycees will officially install the officers of the Sonora Chapter.

Dues for membership are \$40 per year and the meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Jody Luttrell at 387-5071 or Beth Snyder at 387-2029 as soon as possible.



John Russell and April Spiller were named Mr. & Miss S.H.S. Saturday night at the Jr.-Sr. Prom.

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

by Jim Fish

SAM MERCK - FRONTIER SETTLER

There are those who seem destined to make history, if by no other reason than by the manner in which they live their daily lives. During the latter part of the 1900's, the Texas frontier required hearty people who craved a challenge. Samuel L. Merck was such an individual, it ran in his family.

Sam's father, William Merck served the south in the Confederate Army. His grandfather was one of the three hundred in the Miers Expedition into Mexico in the 1820's. They were subsequently captured by the Mexicans and half their number was executed. He was among the lucky 150 released after picking a white bean, and lived to be 111 years old.

Sam Merck was born in Birmingham, Alabama, July 16, 1853 and there he moved with his family to Texas in 1872. After short stays in McDade and Blanco county, he began his life on the Texas frontier in Kimble county.

From 1875 until 1881, Merck was a scout and a ranger for Company D of the Texas Rangers, under Captain Dan Robert. It was during this time he became familiar with the trails and uncharted wilderness of the area known as Bexar Territory, the Texas frontier. In 1879 and again in 1882, Sam relied on his expertise when scouting for the survey party led by Will Barnell, who laid the boundaries of Sutton County.

He was married to Mattie A. Smith at old Fort Terrett in September of 1882. The following year, while watering his herd of goats at Bell Hollow spring (a point on the Old Spanish Trail), his lead goat was attacked by a mountain lion. He tried to ward off the mauling cat by beating it with his cane, which broke across the animal's back in the initial blows of his assault. When it turned on Sam, a bitter battle ensued where he literally beat the lion to the brink of death with his fists, before it was subdued enough for Sam to crawl for help.

David Quincy Adams, grandfather of John Q. Adams of Sonora, and two others found the torn and badly bleeding Sam Merck and went to investigate after hearing of the incident. They found the near-dead mountain lion and finished it off. After skinning the carcass they discovered the bloodshot membranes covering its rib cage, and its damaged internal organs. Sam bore deep scars on his arms the rest of his life, a reminder of the harrowing experience and his will to live.

Sometime in 1887 two Mexican men robbed a house in Ballinger and ran south until they came to the Taylor Ranch, here in Sonora. Here they got into a gunfight with J.M. Taylor and wounded another man. They proceeded to the Jim Cauthorn Ranch, where they stole a horse and rode double further southward into Edwards county. Sam Merck, Mike Douglas, and an old man by the name of Doug Coalson were apparently deputized and took chase of the desperado horse thieves.

Miller still in Persian Gulf

Harold S. Miller, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Miller formerly of Sonora, is still serving in the Persian Gulf. His address is: S-T4 Harold S. Miller Operation Desert Storm D. Batt. S-3-ADA APO New York, N.Y. 09760-0550 Your cards and letters would be greatly appreciated.

At Charles Donaghe's house near Kickapoo, they traded the tired horse for a fresh one and continued their run until Merck and his men caught up with them at the Jerry Ellis Ranch.

Mike Douglas would later report, "... the Mexican who was behind had on an old duck jacket and when he (Sam Merck) shot him between the shoulders, I saw the --- fly before he fell from the horse."

Sam chased down the remaining outlaw, who almost got away on the faster, fresher horse. "Sam always swore he didn't hit him, but after the skeleton of a man was found, he was buried beside the first Mexican," recounted Tom Drago in an article entitled "My Early Days in Edwards County", written by Mrs. Eugene Mayes on August 5th, 1947.

Merck and his father-in-law, J.N. Smith, came to Sonora the following year and began a water well drilling enterprise. C.F. Adams and Chris Meinecke contracted Sam and J.N. in March of 1889 to drill the first well in town at the county courthouse, solving Sonora's water problems. A Perkins windmill was erected above the 191' well and a 500 barrel tank brought in for storing the water. At this time Sonora consisted of five or six buildings and dozens of various tents scattered on the hillside and in the valley. Their drilling business continued for four more years.

A period of five years exists for which there is no account of Sam, but in 1898 he again drilled for water until he bought sheep and went into the ranching business in 1901. In 1908 he opened a blacksmith shop until failing health required he quit such a rigorous occupation.

Sam served as a Deputy Sheriff under B.W. Hutcherson beginning in 1917. It was during an absence of the Sheriff in 1921 that Deputy Merck became involved in the investigation of the "West Texas Romeo and Juliet Affair".

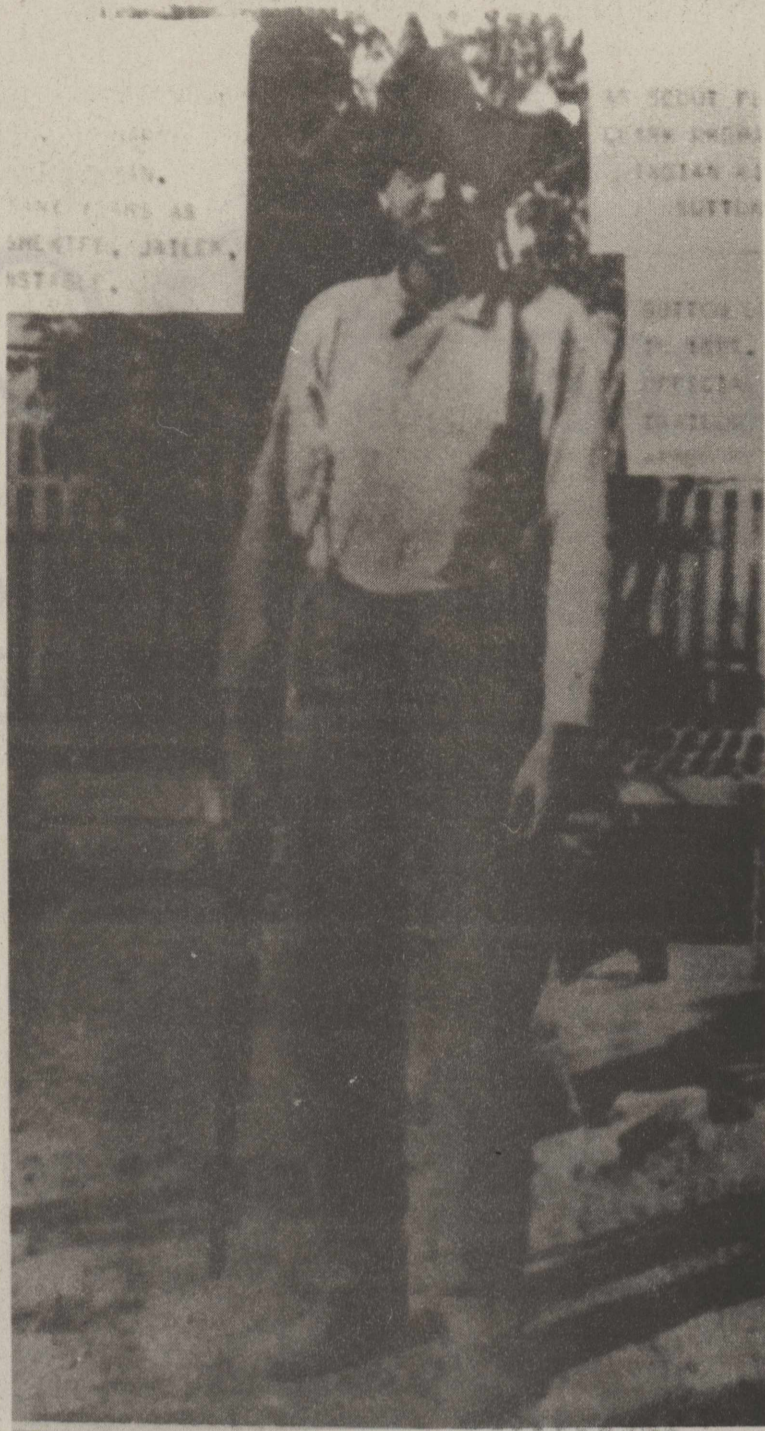
Nelson McNeil, 26, and Dorothy Harris, 20, of Valley Mills, wanted to get married against her parent's wishes. A 400-mile chase ended on the Joe Wyatt Ranch, southeast of Sonora. Sam followed Dorothy's parents and brother, H.S. Harris, out Bond Road until they lost him during the chase. Dick Harris later shot his daughter in a gun battle. McNeil was later found with his throat cut, allegedly self-inflicted.

Merck became City Marshall in 1923 when he was seventy. Dan Cauthorn, 94, former county commissioner now residing at the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home, remembers Sam as, "a tall, thin man with a good personality."

Finally, on Saturday, July 19th, 1930, Samuel Merck passed away at 4 a.m. in the San Angelo hospital. He was 77 years old, plus three days. He left a full life, a rich history and a proud heritage. It was the tenacity and determination of people like Samuel L. Merck that made settling the Texas frontier possible.

Deadline for 4-H elections

The deadline for signing up to run for an office in the Sutton County 4-H Club is May 3, 1991, at 5:00 p.m. 4-Her's can sign up in the Extension office. Elections will be held May 10 before the dance.



Samuel L. Merck in the 1880's.



Three hanged horse thieves were laid to rest at this spot on the Bill Barker Ranch in Edwards County. The place where Sam Merck & his men buried their two Bandidos is unknown, but this is a stark example of frontier justice and its effect on outlaws.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor: Frequently, those people most taken for granted are those people who perform their jobs most effectively and efficiently. It is our feeling that this has occurred right here in our community.

With some commitment and a great deal of fun, we have endeavored to bring a little of the past into the present with our outrageous activities. We began with the Sesquicentennial in 1986; continued this past year with centennial uprisings around town, at school, at several tourist attractions, and then, recently, were brazen enough to almost cause an international incident by hijacking a group of visiting Russians.

Through it all, our local law enforcement personnel were not only willing to allow this mischief, but actually got in the spirit and

participated while faithfully carrying out their real duties. While we were committed to safety, it was also a real burden to the local peacekeepers to keep up with those authorized to tote guns and a few who just got caught up in the fun.

It is, therefore, with sincere appreciation, that we commend our local law enforcement team (the Sonora Police Department, the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, our local DPS officers, and others) for their dedication and faithful service. Your watchful eye was wonderful during our clowning around. It is, however, comforting

and reassuring in the daily lives of our families and friends. Thanks immensely for a job well done. Sincerely, The Outlaws

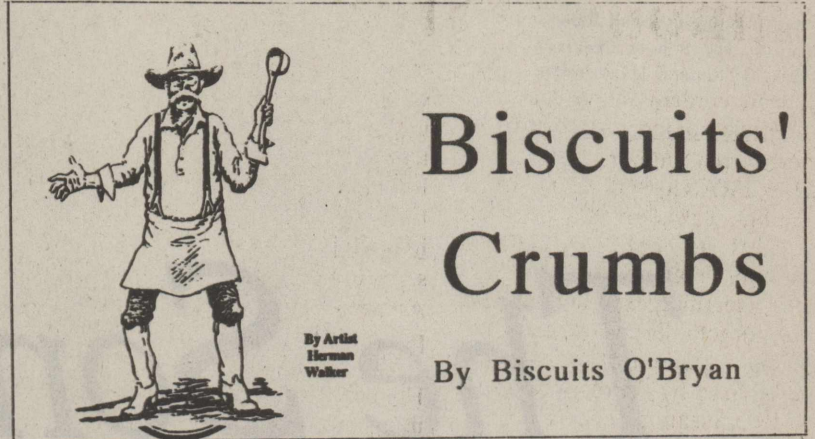
BISCUITS O'BRYAN'S BOOK OF BEANS, BREAD AND OTHER BULL

(Fictional Tales with Factual Receipts)

by The Rev. Monte Jones a.k.a. Biscuits O'Bryan

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Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

Messin' with Receipts

I've said it before, but it bears repeatin', that receipts ain't written in stone. They can either be startin' places, quittin' places, or just fine like they are, but you'll never know 'til you do somethin'. I like readin' cookin' books as good as anybody else, but 'til you pull out a pot and some ingredients, all you've fed is your mind. I will say that for beginnin' cooks, a good receipt is safer'n experimentin', but as you get some experience under your belt (or your apron, maybe), then it's time to branch out into bein' a mite creative.

There are a few clues I can pass along when it comes to lookin' a receipt and tryin' to figger out of it's goin' to be worth the time and trouble to fix it. For instance, any chili con carne receipt that starts off: "Take a pound of hamburger and a can of kidney beans..." ain't worth the cost of the match it'd take to set it afire. When I read them words, I begin to wonder if the person who put 'em down on paper had any sense about cookin' at all.

There's also them receipts that call for cake mixes or almost any kind of ready-made food. They're almost always people who're lots more interested in time-savin' than in the quality of the meals they turn out. Think about it; would you want someone cookin' for you who didn't have time to measure out 4 cups of flour?

I'll grant you that sometimes you have to pick up frozen vegetables 'cause there ain't no fresh ones in season, but if you give me a choice between frozen and fresh corn on the cob, that ain't no choice at all. And maybe, just maybe you might have to use somethin' from a can, but unless it's tomatoes ('cause the store-bought ones usually taste more like plastic than the stuff they're wrapped in) or somethin' like that, you're lowerin' the quality of what you're fixin'.

What I really mean when I talk about messin' with receipts is changin' the ingredients or the amount of stuff called for without usin' stuff that'll make it yucky (ain't that a good word? I mean, I reckon you could say "yucky" to someone who didn't even speak English and he'd know just what you was talkin' about.) For instance, if you was fixin' a pot roast and you wanted to do somethin' a little different, you might add red wine 'sted of water, and maybe throw in a quartered head

of cabbage and some bell pepper along with the potatoes, carrots and onions, or use different herbs or

spices than the receipt called for to season up a dish, bein' careful not to overdo. Remember, you can always add more later, but it's harder'n stuffin' a earthworm in a sody straw tryin' to unseason somethin'.

Here's an example of messin' around with a receipt that really turned out to be somethin' special. When I want the boys to do somethin' for me that they usually don't want to do, like cuttin' firewood or carryin' the trash off to the dump or cleanin' the chicken house, I'll serve of a batch of these cookies, or at least hold out the promise of servin' 'em up after the dreaded chore's all finished, and there'll be a stampede to get it done. This receipt started out to be shortbread cookies from my Scottish grandmother, but I switched from regular to brown sugar one day, mostly 'cause I didn't have enough white sugar to do the job, and them cookies turned out so good I've b using' the brown ever since in my:

MESSED-WITH SHORTBREAD

This is one receipt that you really need a good electrical mixer, 'cause doin' it by hand's harder'n milkin' a wild cow.

In a mixer, beat a pound of real, unsalted butter that's set out a spell 'til it's fluffy

Continue beatin' as you add, a tablespoon or so at a time, 1 cup light brown sugar

Slow the beater down and add 5 cups of unbleached flour a cup at a time

Flour your cuttin' board and roll out the dough to no more than 1/2" thick or 1/4" thin

Use a biscuit cutter or tin can to cut out round cookies

You can gather up the left over dough and roll it out again 'til it's all gone

Put the cookies on a buttered cookie sheet and bake 25 to 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven

(These are about the only cookies I like cooked to much rather than too little)

This dough works real good with them fancy cookie cutters, and they can be iced or decorated, but they're so good just the way they stand that they don't need no special treatment.

That receipt was one of them happy instances when not havin' what I wanted turned out to be a blessin'. The boys didn't think it was quite the same the time I ran out of taters and served up mashed turnips and cream gravy, but I reckon you can't expect to get lucky ever time. But that sure don't mean you shouldn't keep on cookin'.



The average hummingbird weighs less than a penny.

Have Camera will travel!

If you know of a newsworthy event call the Sonora Observer and we will be glad to cover it. If you have information on a local event then bring it by the Observer office at 114 W. Concho or call 387-5719.

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Famous Artist to hold workshop Fireman's Corner

by Travis Osborne

You are cordially invited to paint with **Frank Covino**, Internationally famous artist, author, and Master teacher, FRANK COVINO, will be in Sonora, Texas on May 6 - May 11, 1991 to hold a painting workshop. You are invited to join him in a learning experience you'll never forget. Frank teaches the classical academic method of painting used by the old masters of the Renaissance era--with an underpainting of verdaccio (preferred for the painting of flesh) then overpainting in color. Frank is patient and kind and never at a loss explaining his method of painting. You may paint anything you like in his class, but if you learn to paint portraits, you will be able to paint anything.

Mr. Covino has an impressive list of credentials and accomplishments that include a Masters Degree in Art Instruction from the Pratt Institute of Art in

New York; taught in famous art schools; author of seven books, including: The Fine Art of Portraiture, Discover Acrylics with Frank Covino, and Controlled Painting; has his own Art Academy in Southport, Connecticut; and has a series of video tapes on the market. Mr. Covino has done portraits of Dinah Shore and Gloria Swanson, as well as other notables. He does landscapes and animals as

well. His students are allowed to use photographs as references. Art teachers from around the country have taken from him and say that their college courses were never as informative. He is acclaimed by some to be the best art instructor in America today!!! He is very personable and entertaining, too!

Mr. Covino had a student from Holland come to attend his classes in Connecticut because there is no one in Europe teaching the Classical Academic method. Since there is an absence of Classical Art Education, Frank wants to keep it alive...but there is a revival going on, because over 60,000 artists have read his books; more than 250,000 have read his magazine articles and his controlled palette is being used in Holland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Alaska, Hawaii, and many of the lower forty-eight states. So it seems more and more artists are truly interested in the classical approach. After all, it has survived through the centuries!

Frank Covino has 32 weeks of workshops schedules for 1991. The small town of Sonora, Texas is fortunate to be able to have him teach for six days. He instructs in color mixing, composition, and values, while teaching portraiture, animal, or landscape. Sometimes he lectures, but he usually demonstrates while lecturing. He

can do a human eye that is more realistic and sparkling than any painted eye ever seen. He will do this in class for you to observe.

Mr. Covino also spends a great deal of class time instructing students one-on-one. While he is helping another person, students are able to approach him to ask if color values are correct or to inquire about mixing a color. He will answer your questions courteously, then continue where he left off with the other person.

The six-day workshop begins on May 6, 1991 in Sonora, Texas. Classes will start at 9:00 A.M. and end at 5:00 P.M. with a two-hour lunch break. The class will be limited to 16 students.

Since we have a rare opportunity to learn "Fine Art", we should take advantage of it while we can!!!

For more information, please call Elvie Turney at 387-3064.

St. Ann's to welcome new pastor

A covered dish dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 21, 1991, to welcome Father Bill DuBoisson as the new pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church. All families attending are asked to bring a covered dish (vegetable, salad, or dessert). Meat and drinks will be provided.

2:47 A.M. You stir to the sound of your new smoke detector screaming at you to wake up. You open your eyes and see the light layer of smoke against the ceiling that your nose has already smelled. "Oh, my God," you think. "My house is on fire!!" Do you know what to do? Do your children know what to do? Where to go? How can they? FIRE DRILL, that's how.

Practiced on a regular basis, just like the businesses, hospitals, and schools do, fire drills can be the determining factor between life and death in an actual fire. Most kids already practice them at school but have no idea and do not think about the same situation at home.

Gather the family together and let them know what you are going to do and why. Make sure that they realize the importance of the fire drill. House fires do not just happen to the "other guy."

Make a map or diagram of your house and surrounding property. Map one, or better yet two, escape routes for each room in the house. If there is more than two ways out, map'em! You never know which ones may be blocked by fire. Make sure that they know to stay low if there is a lot of smoke. If you have

to go through a closed door, be sure to feel the door and doorknob for

excessive heat to avoid opening it to a wall of fire.

If the smoke is bad and you feel you are having trouble breathing, grab the first thing you come across to put over your mouth and nose to "filter" the air. There is usually something somewhere to use. Even a dirty sock will smell better than thick smoke.

Have a pre-determined place outside where everyone knows to meet. A certain tree, a bush, or a

mail box are a few ideas. Once there, take a quick roll call. This is something very important for the firemen to know when they arrive. Valuable time can be wasted looking for people who are not in the house.

Once everyone is at the meeting place, DON'T GO BACK IN THE

HOUSE!! Hundreds of people have died in house fires as the result of trying to save "Daisy" or "Spot" after they have already been outside once. Those critters that we call 'pets' are some pretty smart creatures. Chances are they will already be outside waiting for you and then ask "What took you so long?" when you get there. And if they don't, well, it's just plain sad. But the kids will get over a puppy or kitty funeral a lot easier than a mommy or a daddy funeral.

Practice fire drills often. If everyone in the house knows what to do and where to go for themselves, a lot of time can be saved in evacuating the house. Losing your home and belongings is a tough thing to go through, but the whole family surviving makes starting over a lot easier to handle.

Community Calendar

- April** - - - - -
- Thursday-18th:** The Great American Food Fight Against Cancer.
 - Saturday-20th:** Cystic Fibrosis Walkathon sponsored by S.V.F.D. 8:30-5:00 out Miers Rd.
 - Sunday-21st:** Covered Dish Dinner at St. Ann's Catholic Church to welcome Father Bill DuBoisson as new pastor.
 - Sunday-21st:** National Honor Society induction at High School Auditorium 2:30.
 - Friday-26th:** Region II High School Rodeo finals.
 - Saturday-27th:** Region II High School Rodeo finals.
 - Saturday-27th:** Christmas in April work day.
 - Sunday-28th:** Kristen Hicks Ballet School dance recital at 5:00 p.m.-High School Auditorium.

- May** - - - - -
- Friday-3rd:** Deadline 5:00 p.m. for signing up to run for an office in the Sutton County 4-H Club.
 - Saturday-4th:** DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
 - Saturday-11th:** Talent Show sponsored by the Covered Wagon Dinner Theater at the Amphitheater.
 - Monday-13th:** American Diabetes Association Great Texas Bike Ride from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to begin at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

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Death Notice

Melvin Richard Hearn

Melvin Hearn, 72, died Friday, April 5th, at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Services were at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, April 7, 1991, at First United Methodist Church, Sonora, Texas, with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

He was born April 13, 1918 in Bexar County, Texas, to William and Mary Hearn. He was married to Marian Louise Adams on November 3, 1941.

He was a livestock trucker until 1970, when he went to work for Mildred Cauthorn as ranch foreman. He worked for her until bad health caused him to retire and move to town in 1981. He was a member of Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rites, and a retired

member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Marian Louise Hearn of Sonora; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Luther Chalk of Sonora; a son and daughter-in-law, Dick and Linda Hearn of Uvalde; seven grandchildren, Shane Hearn and wife, Donna, of Sonora; Russell, Larry, Laura and Becca Chalk, all of Sonora; Foster Hearn of Uvalde; and Rick Hearn and wife, Amy, of Granbury; and one great-granddaughter, Ashley Hearn of Granbury; two brothers, Robert and Johnnie Hearn of San Antonio; five sisters, Ruby Thiers, Etta Young, Mary Louise McDonald and Helen Lee Alexander, all of San Antonio, and Virginia Ross of Abilene.

Thank You

Gene and I would like to give a special "Thank You" to everyone that helped make this year's Dry Devil's River Bar-B-Que such a great success! We had 16 teams entered this year, with each one having a great time and promising to come again next year. Our pie baking contest was a bit success for the first time ever with 10 entrants. Thanks to all the ladies for participating in this event - we had some beautiful and delicious pies.

We had a large crowd at the park all day and had a crowd of approximately 290 for the dance

Saturday night, making all of our hard work well worth it.

We appreciate all the support and help from friends and businesses of Sonora and the support of the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks to all the judges who worked very hard, and to Bruce Kerbow for setting up his tent for our judging table. I hope we have not left anyone out - if so, thanks to you also.

Hope to do it again next year "Bigger and Better." Sincerely, Jeannette & Gene Thompson Dry Devil's River Bar-B-Que

Thank You

We would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of love shown our family with the loss of our loved one, Melvin Hearn.

A special thanks to Dr. Charles Pajestka, the nursing staff at the

Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing Home and Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, and Rev. Kent Kepler for their loving support.

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Girls Varsity Track Results

The Sonora Lady Bronco Track Team, led by freshman Alma Sanchez and sophomore Anna Teaff, placed fourth at the District 8-AAA Track and Field Meet in Crane. Miss Sanchez placed first in the 400-meter dash and anchored the winning 1600-meter relay bringing the team from third to first place. Other members of the winning team were Yvonne Mata, Laura Hearn and Jody Trainer. Miss Teaff led a one, two finish in the 3200-meter run. Jessica Ortiz finished second. All of these young ladies, as well as Dana Evans who placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, qualified for the Regional I-AAA Track and Field Meet in Odessa.

Others placing were the 800-meter relay team of Cherie Morrow, Adrienne Noriega, Shiela Holland

and Hearn when finished third. Mata also placed third in the 400-meter dash. Fifth place finishers were Evans in the high jump, Trainer in the 800-meter run and Ortiz in the 1600-meter run. Those placing sixth were Gloria Escalera in the 3200-meter run, Monica Gonzalez in the 100-meter dash, Evans in the 300-meter hurdles, Morrow in the 200-meter dash, and Teaff in the 1600-meter run. The 400-meter relay team of Sanchez, Mata, Hearn and Gonzalez also finished sixth due to a dropped baton on the second exchange.

These young ladies are to be complimented on a good year and especially on their effort at the district meet. Congratulations and best of luck to those who qualified for the regional meet.

District Tennis Results

The Sonora Bronco Varsity and Jr. Varsity boys' and girls' tennis teams competed in the District 8-AAA Tennis Tournament in Big Lake on Friday and Saturday, April 12th and 13th.

The doubles team of John Russell and Ronnie Woodard, as well as the doubles team of Allison Schweining and Susen McCleery won first place after very exciting matches, and will advance to Regional Competition in Odessa on April 24th and 25th.

The varsity team, as a whole, finished in second place behind Reagan County.

In Jr. Varsity competition, the boys doubles team of Larry Chalk and Joel Cox won first place, Jenny Ponce won 2nd place in girls singles, and Mark Wooten won 2nd place in boys singles.

BOYS SINGLES

David Rotter defeated Huddleston (Crane) 6-2, 6-4; Rotter was then defeated by Boecking (Greenwood) 6-3, 6-4; David Mirke was defeated by Cuba (Reagan County) 6-2, 6-4.

BOYS DOUBLES

Ronnie Woodard and John Russell defeated Hester-Huddleston (Crane) 6-0, 6-0; Woodard and Russell then defeated Cole-Leija (Reagan County) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; In the championship match, Woodard and

Russell defeated Askins-Kohutek (Reagan County) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Woodard and Russell won first place. Burnham and Kemp defeated a team from Colorado City 6-2, 6-2; Burnham and Kemp lost to Askins-Kohutek (Reagan County) 6-2, 6-2; Burnham and Kemp lost to Cole-Leija (Reagan County) 6-3, 6-4 and finished in 4th place in the district competition.

GIRLS SINGLES

Lisa Noriega lost to Ohendal (Kermit) 6-3, 6-4; Jessica Johnson defeated Wood (Greenwood) 6-4, 6-2; Johnson then defeated Garcia (Colorado City) 6-1, 6-2; Johnson lost in the semi-finals to Henderson (Reagan County) 6-2, 6-1; and Johnson lost to a Reagan County player 6-3, 6-4 to finish in 4th place.

GIRLS DOUBLES

Allison Schweining and Susen McCleery defeated a team from Crane 6-0, 6-0; Schweining and McCleery then defeated Askins-Gregg (Reagan County) 6-2, 6-4; and in the championship match, defeated Dittman-Prince (Reagan County) 7-5, 6-1 to capture first place in the district tournament. Amy Fields and Christina Ramirez defeated a team from Kermit in their first match; Fields and Ramirez then lost to Dittman-Prince (Reagan County) 6-2, 6-3.



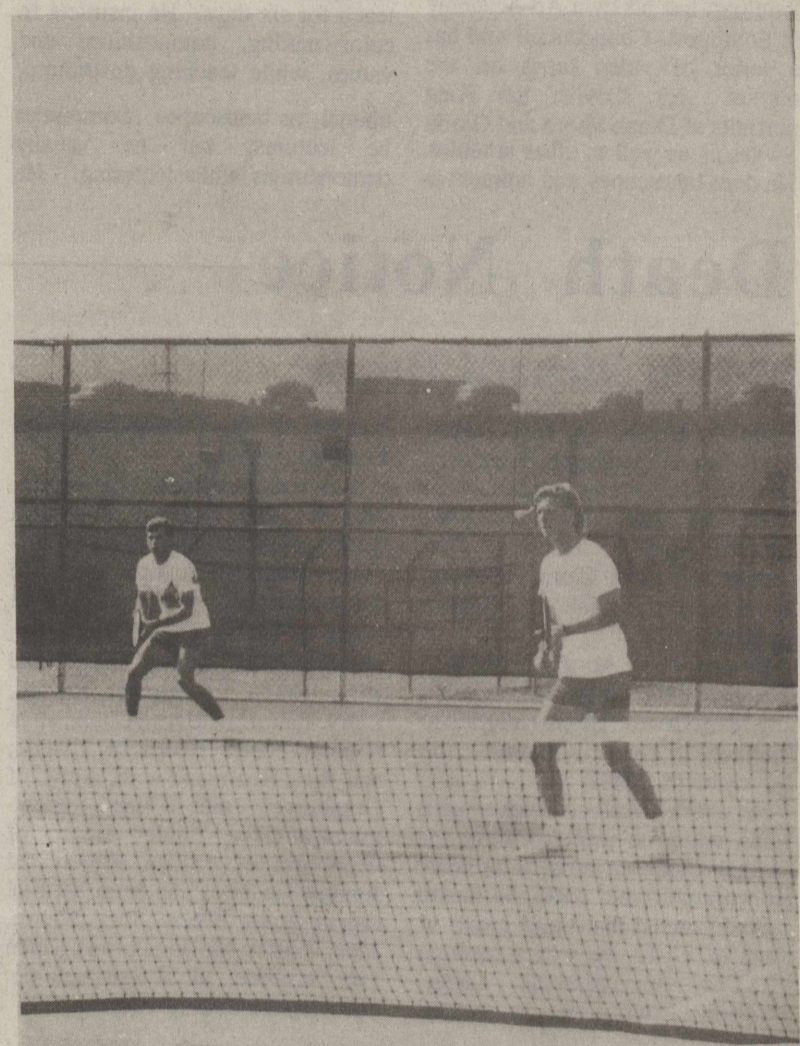
A Colorado City student shows good sportsmanship offering his hand in congratulations.



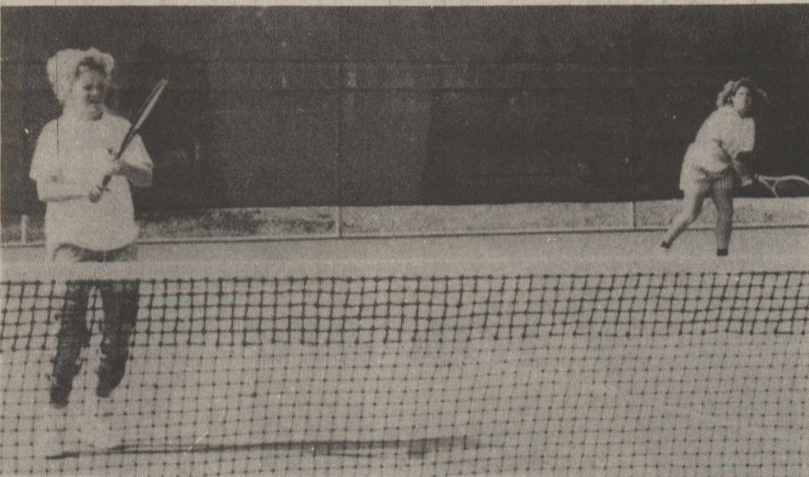
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Shannon Escalera just in front of Kermit.



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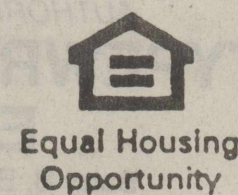
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Child Abuse Prevention: *Childrens rights*

by Susan Crowder

With April being declared Child Abuse Prevention Month, abused children and the turmoil they face frequent my mind more than usual. Child abuse is a nationwide problem that is extremely hard to address as many are unwilling to face its presence. After all, abuse is more easily denied than accepted, since it is extremely difficult for most of us to understand how or why anyone could hurt or neglect an innocent child.

A primary reason child abuse or neglect is hard to address is the fact that many cases are not reported to the proper authorities. However, it is our duty to report suspected cases of child abuse and in addition, Texas law requires that anyone with knowledge of child abuse report it to the proper authorities. In this instance, they are Child Protective Services or any local law enforcement agency. Failure to report suspected child abuse cases is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and/or jail sentence. All reports of this nature are confidential and as long as they are made in good faith and without malice, a person is immune from

civil or criminal liability.

A problem which makes child abuse difficult to deal with is the fact that it tends to be a behavior pattern repeated from generation to generation. Statistics reveal that 90% of all violent crimes are committed by people abused as children. Fortunately, this cycle can be stopped since help is readily available for abusive families and with proper intervention, understanding, and support, children can overcome the effects of abuse. Another factor contributing to difficulty overcoming child abuse in our society is that it has been practiced and endorsed since the beginning of history. However, in the 20th century, children's rights and individuality have emerged and child abuse has become a crime. Yet an estimated 1.6 million children across the nation are abused annually, and in Texas, the number of child abuse cases reported to authorities is rising by 8% a year. This is a situation that cannot and will not be tolerated by children's rights activists or others concerned with the tragic problem.

Education our children about the

prevention of abuse/neglect is a major tool imperative in the fight to end the widespread problem. Prevention programs help children learn about their human rights, identifying inappropriate behaviors, and who to tell if someone is hurting them. Also, through prevention programs, parents, teachers, and other adults are learning how to recognize abuse as well as reporting it and finding help for all involved parties. There is a strong move, both nationally and locally, dedicated to ending child abuse.

At this point, a person may wonder why if living in a small community such as Sonora, would any of this apply to them. The cold hard fact is that child abuse does occur in rural areas, although it is less prevalent than in more populated areas. The issue at hand is that if one could prevent a single child from suffering undue or underserved physical or mental abuse, it, in my opinion, is worth taking a stand against. This is why I volunteer my time to battle such a widespread national tragedy and I challenge you to do the same.

Cancer Society Studies link between nutrition & cancer

They're gearing up for a major fight at the American Cancer Society. The arsenal will consist of some of the finest weapons in the fight against cancer: foods rich in vitamins A and C, low in fat, and high in fiber, and cruciferous, or cabbage-family, vegetables.

The Great American Food Fight Against Cancer, which takes place on Thursday, April 18, will be a fun-filled event with a serious message about lowering cancer risk through making healthy choices in diet. Similar to the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, the Food Fight is positive, not punishing.

Advance intelligence reports from the field indicate the need for dietary preparedness. According to Winnie Allen, Volunteer of the Sutton County Unit of the American

Cancer Society, there is evidence linking diet to certain cancers.

"We are just beginning to understand how a person's eating habits and the amounts of specific nutrients he or she consumes fit into the very complicated question of cancer risk," Winnie Allen says. "No one would say we have all the answers yet, but we know enough to make basic recommendations."

The American Cancer Society's dietary guidelines are as follows:

- Avoid obesity:** Obesity has been linked to risk of uterine, gallbladder, kidney, stomach, breast, colon, and other cancers.
- Cut down on total fat intake:** A high-fat diet increases risk of developing breast, colon, and prostate cancers.
- Include a variety of vegetables and fruit in the daily diet:** Foods rich in vitamins A and C as well as cruciferous, or cabbage-family, vegetables are considered especially important in the fight against cancer.

4. **Eat more high-fiber foods, such as whole grain cereals, vegetables and fruits:** A high-fiber diet might reduce the risk of developing colon cancer. High-fiber foods can be recommended as substitutes for fatty foods.

5. **Limit consumption of alcoholic beverages, if you drink at all:** Heavy drinkers of alcohol, especially those who are also cigarette smokers, are at unusually high risk for cancers of the oral cavity, larynx, and esophagus. The risk of liver cancer might be reduced by drinking in moderation.

6. **Limit consumption of salt-cured, smoked, and nitrite-cured foods:** Cancers of the stomach and esophagus are more common among people who consume large quantities of these foods.

Mrs. Allen adds, "People should try to fight the battle by following these guidelines - not just in the home, but when dining out as well. For example, instead of ordering cake for dessert, order fresh fruit.

Choose meats, poultry, and fish that have been broiled, grilled, baked, steamed, or poached, instead of fried, or ask to have the entree prepared without added fat."

The Society's nutrition guidelines are available in a pamphlet entitled "Eating Smart," which can be obtained without charge from the Society's Sutton County Unit. The pamphlet contains recipes for a variety of main courses and snacks.

"You shouldn't try to change your eating habits completely overnight," she says. "But these recipes give you new option and prove that foods that really are good for you can be delicious as well."

"The American Cancer Society has plenty of information on how to make wise choices when cooking, shopping, and eating out," says Allen. "We're hoping the Great American Food Fight Against Cancer will let people know that we're the ones to call for advice."

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School Board Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 9, 1991 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by President Hardgrave the invocation was given by Superintendent Russell.

The minutes of March 12, 1991 were unanimously approved as written on a motion from Michael Smith and a second by Donald Patton.

Coach Roy Evans, boys track coach, stated that Sonora's coaches had been unsuccessful in their attempt to change the starting time of 9:30 A.M. for the district track meet in 'crane on April 12. After weighing the pros and cons, the coaches had decided to leave early on the morning of the 12th. The Board agreed that the decision was probably the most workable and President Hardgrave wished both boys and girls teams good luck in the upcoming event.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the tax collection rate stood at 96% of the current levy, the same percent as the previous year. She also informed the Board that 22% of all delinquent taxes have been collected this tax year. Mr. Hardgrave, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mrs. Friess for all the hard work she and her office staff do for the district.

Superintendent Charles Russell reported on two requests for school facilities. The first one was from a visiting artist who needs a location to offer art lessons for one week. Although it is the district's policy not to allow use of school facilities for profit making ventures, the Superintendent informed the Board that the classes were a cultural endeavor that would benefit the community and that the artist had agreed to the following conditions:

- Charge \$50.00 less for any Sonora resident who takes the classes;
- Offer an art slide show free to the public rather than charging the normal admission; and
- Allow district art students to visit the classes.

It was the Superintendent's recommendation to allow the artist the use of the Rock Building for one week at no charge.

The second request was from local basketball coaches Clyde Dukes and Doyle Carter for the use of gyms for summer basketball camps. It was the Superintendent's recommendation to allow use of the high school gyms with the understanding that the air conditioning system would be shut down for the summer months.

The Superintendent continued with a report on the track and commented that Cahill Constructions was doing an excellent job in solving the drainage problem, the final aspect of the project. He also gave reports on the monthly District Committee meeting and the completion of the roofing work at the concession stand. He concluded his reports by stating that the school finance picture is still uncertain and that most of the information at this time is vague and inaccurate.

Enrollment, up 2 from March, 1991, was as follows: Primary 258; Intermediate 256; Junior High 225; and High School 293, for a total enrollment of 1,032.

Ron Nicholas, art instructor for grades 6-12, presented information about the district's art program. He informed the Board of the goals of his program, both present and future, and he told of various projects undertaken by his students. Mr. Hardgrave thanked Mr. Nicholas for his excellent presentation and, on behalf of the Board, thanked him for the contribution he and his students have made to both the Centennial projects downtown and the redecoration of the Board Room.

Superintendent Charles Russell stated that the month's bills were higher than average this month because the track had been paid for. Bills were unanimously authorized for payment on a motion from Jim Garrett and a second by Becky Johnson.

The Superintendent reported that each campus had developed a school calendar and that employees had voted on their choice of the 4. The one selected—Calendar I—was unanimously approved at the school calendar for 1991-1992 on a motion from Becky Johnson and a second by Gloria Lopez.

A discussion was held about the proposed Sick Leave Bank. Guidelines were modeled after the plan in use in the Lubbock I.S.D. Further consideration will be given at the May meeting after there is more time to gain input from professional and auxiliary staff.

The Board, in keeping with their goal to bring school housing to at least a minimum of 75% of the appraisal rate, unanimously approved adjustments to the rental list for school housing. Motion was made by Donald Patton and seconded by Michael Smith.

Due to the uncertainty of school finance, the Board was in agreement to approve a budget amendment. The amendment will allow for purchases of 1991-1992 budgeted items on the 1990-1991 budget since funds are available at this time. The items are as follows:

- Computer equipment;
- A mid-size route school bus and a school car; and
- One copy machine.

Although not approved, further consideration will be given at a later date to the purchase of computer equipment for the Primary School. The motion to accept the budget amendment in the amount of \$112,000 was made by Jim Garrett, seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously.

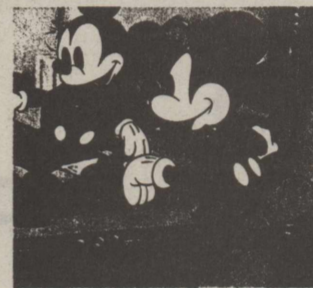
There being no comments from the Board, President Hardgrave announced that the Board was going into executive session according to its right to do so under the provisions of Article 6252-17 V.A.T.S., Sec. 2(g) to discuss personnel matters and that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session and voted unanimously to re-employ supervisors, custodians, cafeteria personnel, and para professions for the 1991-1992 school year at the stated salaries. Motion was made by Becky Johnson and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

Jim Garrett made a motion, seconded by Gloria Lopez, to accept the resignation of Anita Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M. on a motion from Donald Patton and a second by Jim Garrett.

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Weds. Study 7:00 pm
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 NE Poplar
Holy Eucharist-Wed. 7:15 p.m.
U.Y.F. Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 am
The Rev. Monte Jones, Rector

First Baptist Church
Sunday School-9:45 am
Morning Worship-11:00 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
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Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
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New Hope Baptist Mission
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Sun. morning Worship-11 am
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Prayer Meeting-6:30 pm
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Public Talk-1:00 Sunday
Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday
Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues.
Service Meeting-8:15 Tues.
Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.

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Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship-10:55 am
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Worship-11 am
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Don Jones, pastor

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Thursday:
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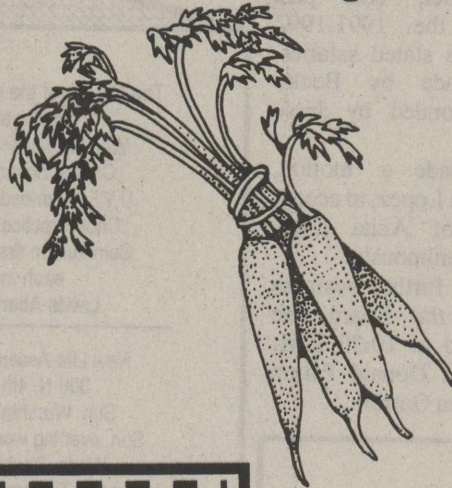


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Texas Army visits Texas History Class 4-H News

by David Fisher

Mrs. Valkonen's Texas History classes recently enjoyed a program presented by Colonel's Jim Stephen and Preston Love of the Texas Army. Colonel Stephen gave a short history of Texas from 1800-

1836, which included the period when the Texas Army was established. He also told the students that the Texas Army was

never disbanded. Today, in 1991, there are approximately one hundred members and fifty are actually active. Every member of the Texas

Army is a "Colonel" except the Commander, who is a General. The commanding General is Carroll Lewis.

To become a member of the Texas Army, you must be twenty-one years of age, express a desire to be a member, wear a costume of the period which includes a weapon of the period, attend and participate in five events such as school programs, parades, historical programs in the community, etc. The group's main objective is to

preserve our Texas heritage. Today, the group participates in programs such as the Governor's Inaugural Parade, July 4th activities, and any local history programs.

After the brief history lesson by Colonel Stephen, Colonel Love explained the use of the equipment

the men had to carry and he also described the clothing and its' uses. The soldiers had to carry everything they needed, such as a canteen, powder pouch, knives, flint and steel and the tomahawk. Most of the clothes were homespun cloth or buckskin. The men usually wore moccasins, although some had boots or shoes to wear. The soldiers looked like a "ragtag" army, but they had lots of desire and determination to fight for the rights of freedom. If it wasn't for this "ragtag" army of the mid-1800's, we would not be here today. It does not matter what nationality you are, if you were born in Texas. As the old saying goes: "For Texas."

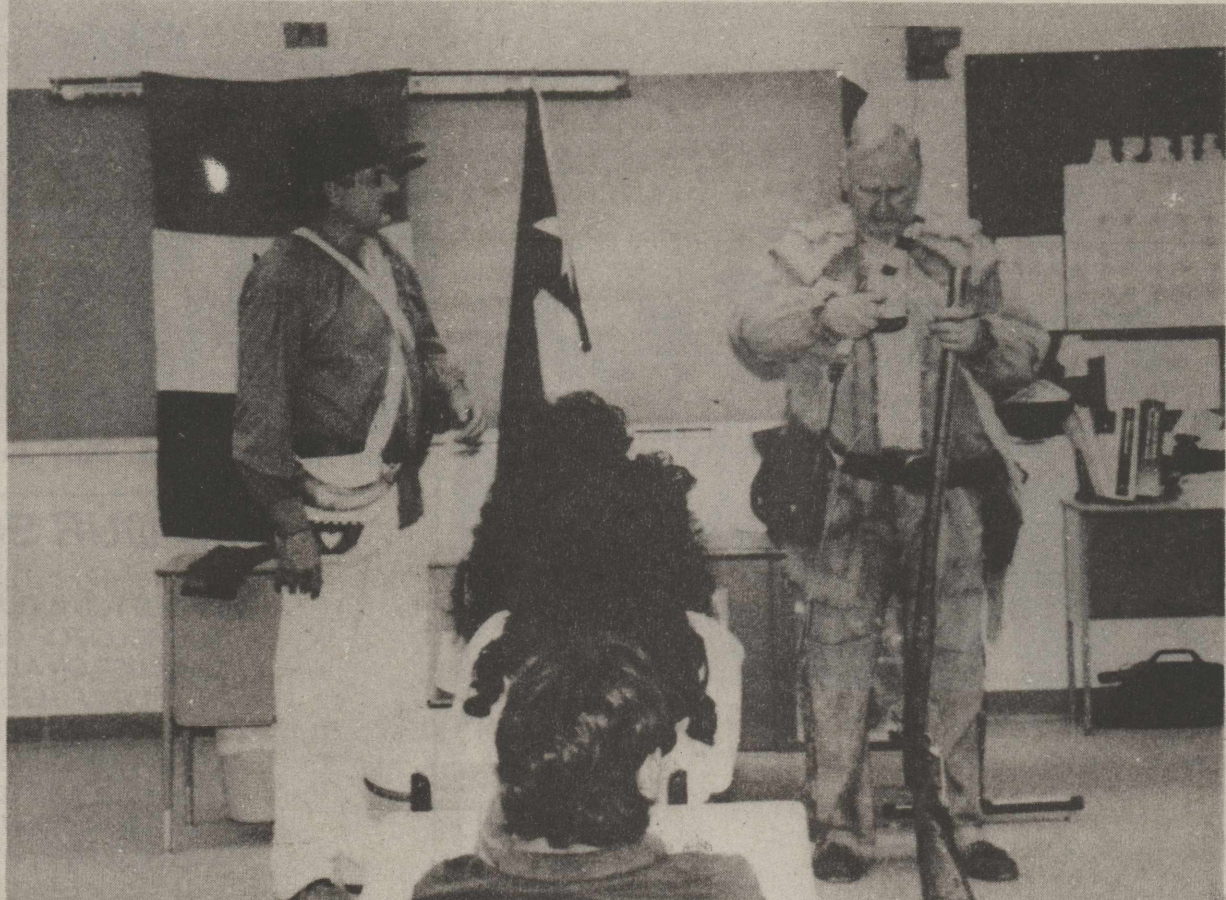
For those 4-Hers who are interested, there are several approaching deadlines. To attend the Prime Time 4-H Camp in Brownwood, contact the Extension Office for details. Also, the annual range workshop at Junction is scheduled and application forms are available at the office as well. The deadline for range workshop entries in April 30th.

If you are planning on running for office, applications, which are coming out in the next newsletter, will be due May 3rd.

The 4-H judging teams recently attended a contest in Menard. In the Wool Contest the results were: Pre-Junior team (Blair Crain, Traci Hightower, Brad Mogford, and Thomas Schenkel) placed 2nd, Junior team (Shawna Faris, David

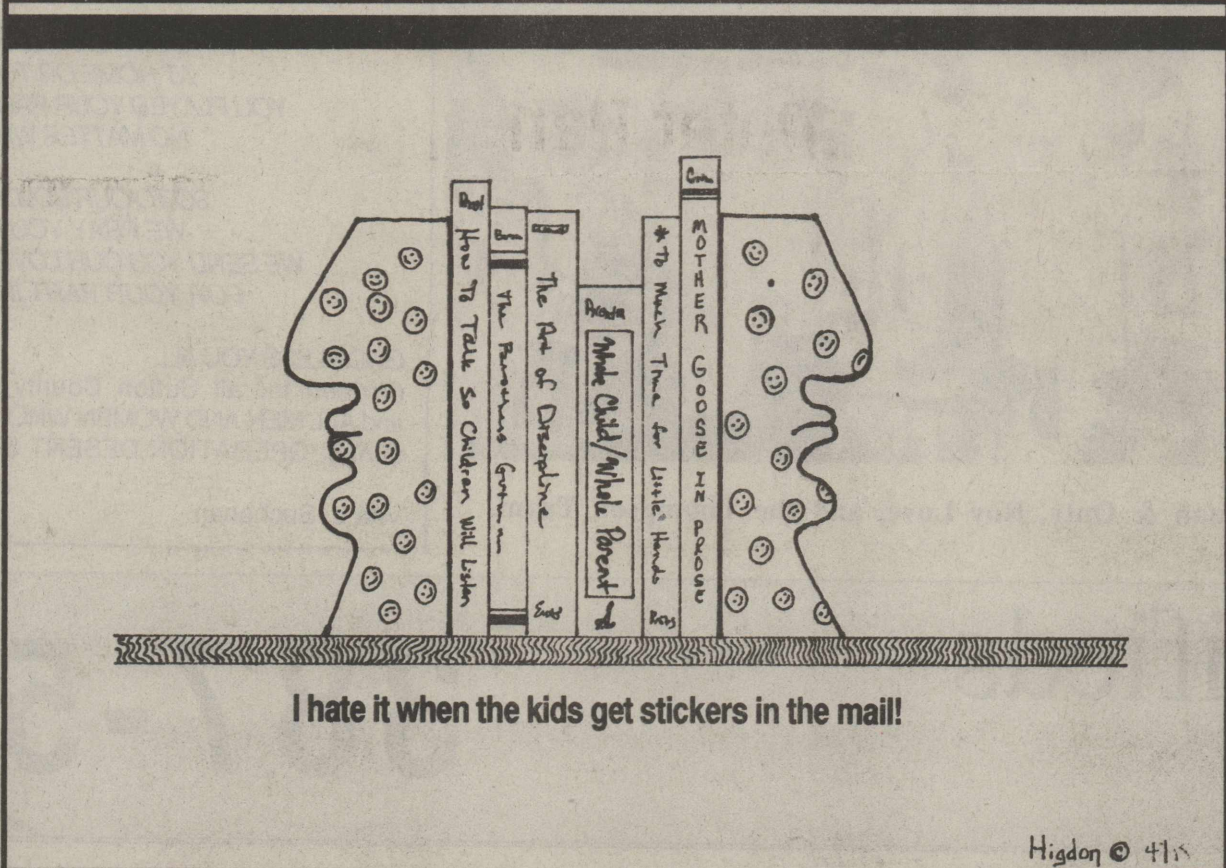
Fisher, Ben Taylor, and Chris Crowder) placed 2nd with Shawna Faris taking 10th high individual and David Fisher winning 9th high individual, Senior team (Bobby Joe Mogford, Shane Keller, Wade Spain, and Amy Patton) placing

2nd as well, with three team members winning individual honors in the Range Contest, the Junior team consisting of Erin Payton, Jason Geske, David Fisher, and Ben Taylor won 1st place, with Erin, Jason, and David taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd high individual awards. The Senior team won 2nd. Shane Keller won 4th high individual, and the other members were Tracy Crites, Wade Spain, and Bobby Joe Mogford. Congratulations on a good start for all the teams!



Colonel Jim Stephen and Colonel Preston Love demonstrate items worn by soldiers in the Texas Army.

OAK HEADS - by Charlotte Higdon



Project Graduation Update

The donations for Project Graduation have barely begun and already the results are fantastic! Two organizations which do so much for Sutton County have given generously: The Sutton County Days Association - \$1,000.00, and The Downtown Lions Club - \$200.00. Other monetary contributions have been made by: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VanderStucken (in honor of Julie

C. Jones - maybe you would like to honor a senior in this way), Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, Mrs. Andrew (Nellie) Moore, Mr. Nelson Stubblefield, and CSI. Items for the auction have been donated by Carol's Merle Norman and PM Office Supply. Gift certificates from The Commercial Restaurant and A&C Beauty Salon have also been given.

Gifted and Talented program to accept nominations

Sonora ISD's Gifted and Talented program is available for those students who are in kindergarten through 12th grades who meet certain eligibility standards. The Screening Committee will be reviewing eligible students the end of May, 1991.

student in writing to the building principal no later than Friday, May 3, by 3:30 P.M.

In order to be considered for the program, a student should meet at least one of the following criteria on the current achievement test:

- IQ of 120 or above
- Reading Composite of 95th National Percentile (NP)
- Total Battery Score of 95th National Percentile (NP)

As a means of insuring that no eligible students are overlooked, parents are asked to nominate their

Deadline for all copy is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Thank You

Senior Center Menu

Thursday:
Chicken Creole
Refried Beans
Carrots
Cornbread
Rice Crispie Squares

Friday:
Country Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Italian Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Cherry Jello w/mixed Fruit & Topping

Monday:
Spanish Meatballs
Potato Salad
Green Beans
Cornbread
Butterscotch Pudding w/Topping

Tuesday:
Cheese Enchiladas w/Chile Sauce
Spanish Rice
Crackers
Lemon Squares

Wednesday:
Fried Catfish w/Tarter Sauce
Corn O'Brien
Broccoli
Bread
Brownies

Thursday:
Oven Fried Chicken
Blackeyed Peas
Carrots
Biscuit
Egg Custard

FRANK COVINO - SCHOOL

Famous artist, Frank Covino, will present a slide show on Monday evening, May 6, at 7:30 P.M. at the Junior High Auditorium.

During the slide show, Mr. Covino discusses composition of portraits, landscapes, and photography by using the golden

means. Basic instruction is also given on how to paint like the old masters of the Renaissance era. The presentation also shows the progress and work of some of his students, as well as many of the paintings of Mr. Covino.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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Lions Club honors Servicemen

by Susan Crowder

During their weekly meeting Tuesday, April 9, members of the Downtown Lion's Club honored two local servicemen who recently returned home. Drake Shurley and Chris Chavarria were recognized and applauded for their efforts in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Members of the servicemen's families were present for the ceremony and delicious lunch.

Myrna Baquero, caseworker with Child Protective Services in San Angelo, gave a presentation to those in attendance. Ms. Baquero briefly discussed the basics of reporting child abuse and the responsibility of the community towards reporting. She described different types of child

abuse/neglect, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, emotional abuse and lack of supervision.

Ms. Baquero indicated that she enjoyed working in Sonora as compared to other counties, as it is relatively inactive in child abuse cases. Generally, she only received 1-2 cases per month from Sutton County.

Foster parenting in Sonora, according to Ms. Baquero, is essential and many children in this area are in need of foster homes. She encouraged those interested in foster parenting to inquire about the requirements to become licensed foster parents.



These third graders were doing their part recently by planting some new trees on the school grounds.



Rabies outbreak worsens

Patti Strauch, D.V.M. has reported that the rabies outbreak has worsened. Currently there have been 14 cases of rabies reported since January 1, 1991 - 3 skunks, 3 coons, 7 foxes, and 1 deer. An individual in Eldorado had a skunk enter his home. He shot the skunk and picked it up with bare hands, getting saliva on his hands. The

skunk tested positive. Since he had many scratches in his skin, he is now taking rabies shots as a precaution.

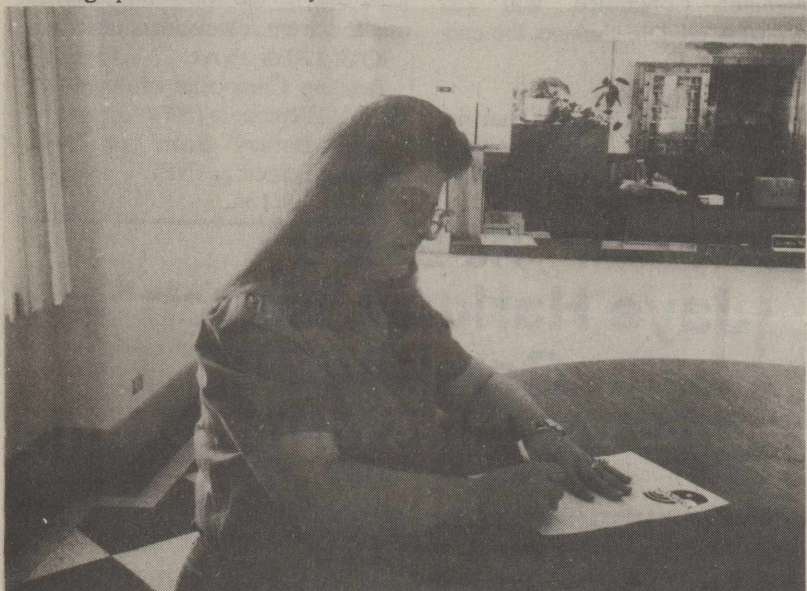
Make sure all dogs and cats have had a rabies vaccination within the last year and be on the lookout for any wild animal acting out of character.

The Great Texas Bike Ride

Help fight diabetes, and have fun doing it at The Great Texas Bike Ride, to be held in the city of Sonora, Texas on Monday May 13. The event location will be at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, and starts at 5:30 p.m. and concludes at 6:30 p.m. The length of the ride will be 6 miles.

Participants of The Great Texas Bike Ride will be eligible for exciting prizes donated by local

merchants, or the state grand prize, a \$1,000 travel gift certificate. For information on participating in The Great Texas Bike Ride, contact the chairman, Jenny Sue Trainer, at 387-2660 after 5:00 p.m. The Great Texas Bike Ride -- a healthy way to pedal for a cause! Entry forms can be found at the school principal's offices, Devil's River News, or the Sonora Observer office.



Mayor pro-tem "Butch" Campbell signs a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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Wild Stuff, Juan & Only and Rough Rider.

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AT HOME OR THE DESERT FAR
YOU PLAYED YOUR PART, EVERY ONE OF YOU
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE

SO TO OUR SOLDIERS EVERY ONE
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WE SEND YOU OUR LOVE, AND OUR THANKS TOO
FOR YOUR PART IN "DESERT STORM"

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Career opportunity- Applications now being accepted at Shots #5 & #6 in Sonora. Clerks and assistant managers needed. Apply in person at 1001 Crockett or Hwy 277 & I-10. E.O.E.

Housekeeper and babysitter wanted Monday - Saturday. References required. Hours vary. Call 387-2387 or 387-5353 or come by 222 N.E. Main-Suite 102.

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Wanted! We are looking for writers, illustrators, and cartoonists with a western flair for cultural-historical magazine. Write: Encino Magazine C/O The Sonora Observer Box 247 Sonora, Texas 76950.

Public Notice

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District is seeking space for its District office. Approximately 800 to 1,000 square feet will be required. Please submit bids on available space to the Sutton County UWCD, P.O. Box 707, Sonora, Texas 76950. 4/25

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