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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET SET

by Sharon Key

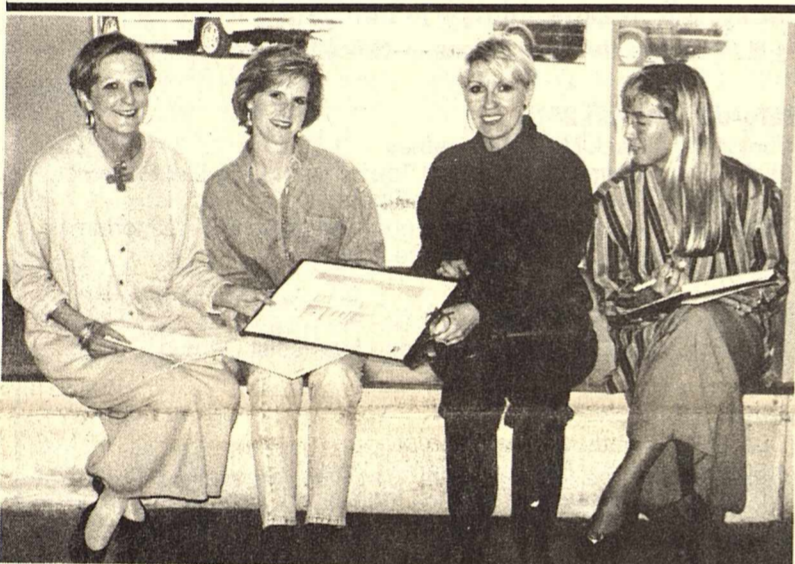
The 1995 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Tuesday, March 28, 1995 at the 4-H Center. Our theme this year is "Field of Dreams" and the festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under twelve. They are available from Chamber Directors, at the Chamber of Commerce office, and from Sutton County National Bank. Current directors are: Bill Ferguson, Diana Condra, Tonya Brown, Smith Neal, Lewis Allen, Ronnie Cox, Joyce Chalk, Seco Mayfield, Beth Wallace and Glen Love. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door Tuesday night.

A "Business Person of the Year," "Public Servant of the Year," "Organization of the Year," and "Educator of the Year" will be presented during the evening. Honorees will also be recognized by the Sutton County Hospital District and the Soil Conservation Service. The finale of the evening will be the presentation of the "Citizen of the Year." A citizen of Sutton County will join the ranks of other individuals chosen since 1981 to receive this special award.

The Directors have worked hard to plan an evening of fun for the community and look forward to seeing a record number of people on the 28th. A specific reminder to everyone that plans to attend: "Dress will be casual this year!"

Special decorations, entertainment and fun are expected for this once a year happening...join us next Tuesday!



Mary Adele Balch, Anita Balch Hudson, Kay Howard, and Melett Rowland are pictured above as they discuss ideas for Main Street Realty. Kay Howard, Marketing and Design Specialist with the Texas Main Street Program, presented a program on Wednesday, March 15th on the importance of window displays in a business.

"TREASURE HUNT" KICKED OFF

by Sharon Key

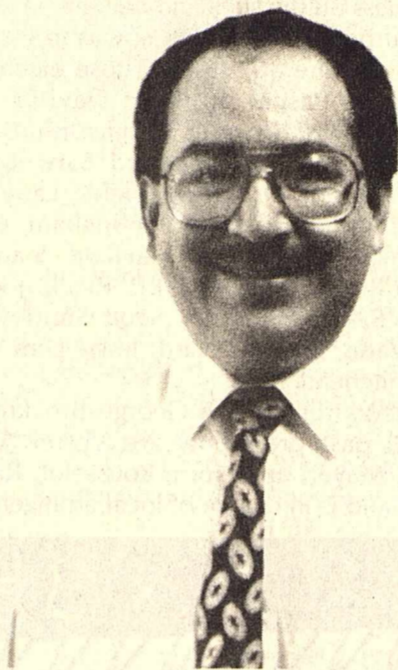
The Sonora Merchants Association "Treasure Hunt" officially kicked off Friday, March 17th, with the sale of Treasure Maps for \$2.00 each. The event, sponsored by the association, is a means to help us all learn a little more about Sutton County's history and, and also provides a fund raiser for future association events.

Participating merchants selling the maps include: image, West Texas Utilities, the Devil's River News, Tedford's Jewelry, Sticks 'n Stones, the Craft Cottage, the Sutton County Leader, the First National Bank, Westerman Drug, Sutton County National Bank, Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, Caverns of Sonora, and P.M. Office Supply. Maps are also available at City Hall and at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The Treasure Hunt will continue until someone solves the mystery and brings the "item" to City Hall or to the Chamber office for redemption. Our gold "nugget," with an approximate value of \$200.00, can be seen this week at the First National Bank of Sonora.

The Merchants Association encourages everyone to "Go for the Gold!" and buy a map! Remember, you must have a genuine map to redeem the "item."

May the "Luck o' the Irish" be with you!



Mr. Robert Gonzales

GONZALES NAMED MANAGER AT PERRY'S

Mr. Robert Gonzales has been hired as the new manager at Perry's Department Store. Mr. Gonzales has worked for Perry's for three and a half years.

Mr. Gonzales is married to Sandi. They have two children, Robert Jr, 12, and Anna, 2.

He and his family transferred from Lubbock, and are looking forward to working and living in Sonora.

WEST TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP BBQ & CHILI COOKOFF SET

by Sharon Key

Sonora is gearing up for its annual West Texas Championship Barbecue and Chili Cookoff. The festivities will be held in Sonora at the Will Carver Park Saturday, April 8, 1995.

The cookoff categories will be brisket, chicken, and a "jackpot" goat category, along with a CASI sanctioned chili cookoff.

A dance is scheduled for Friday night, featuring Moe Salinas and The Cavaliers. Cooking will begin at dawn on Saturday with a pie baking contest, BBQ lunch, drink booth, craft booths, horse-shoe and washer pitchin', and fun for the whole family.

Come by and participate or just walk around and visit with the cookin' teams, they love to talk about their pits and cooking secrets.

For more information contact Sharon Key at the Sonora Chamber office, 915-387-2880.

MEETING SET FOR ENROLLMENT INTO MULTI-AGE PROGRAM

A meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate School Auditorium for those parents interested in enrolling their children in the Multi-Age program for the 1995-1996 school year. This is strictly a volunteer program offered for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

This will be the second year for the Multi-Age program in the Sonora Independent School District. After the first year the response from parents, teachers and administrators has been very good. "This program has brought enthusiasm back into teaching for many of the teachers," commented Charles Russell, Superintendent of Schools.

There have been several misconceptions about the Multi-Age program that have caused some confusion as to the validity of the program. Multi-Age is a system where students are able to progress in developmentally appropriate ways. They are taught based on their individual needs, not by their age or grade level.

Another misconception is that it is an accelerated program. In fact, the curriculum used in the multi-age classroom is the same that is used in the regular classroom. The only difference is the age of the students.

The Multi-Age program is designed for a student to stay in the same classroom with the same teacher for at least two years. This is necessary in order for the students to get the maximum benefit of the program. The first year the students are challenged, and are assisted by the older children in the class. The second year the students are able to develop their own leadership skills. This environment helps students learn to work together and get along with each other, and gain confidence and tolerance.

This program is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and is limited to a certain number of students per classroom. If you are interested in placing your child into this program, please attend the meeting tonight at the Intermediate School Auditorium. Teachers and administrators will be on-hand to answer questions.

Mr. Russell also stated that the Sonora Independent School District has no plans to go to a straight Multi-Age setting. They plan to keep it as a voluntary program for those interested.

LOCAL MERCHANTS PARTICIPATE IN FASHION SHOW

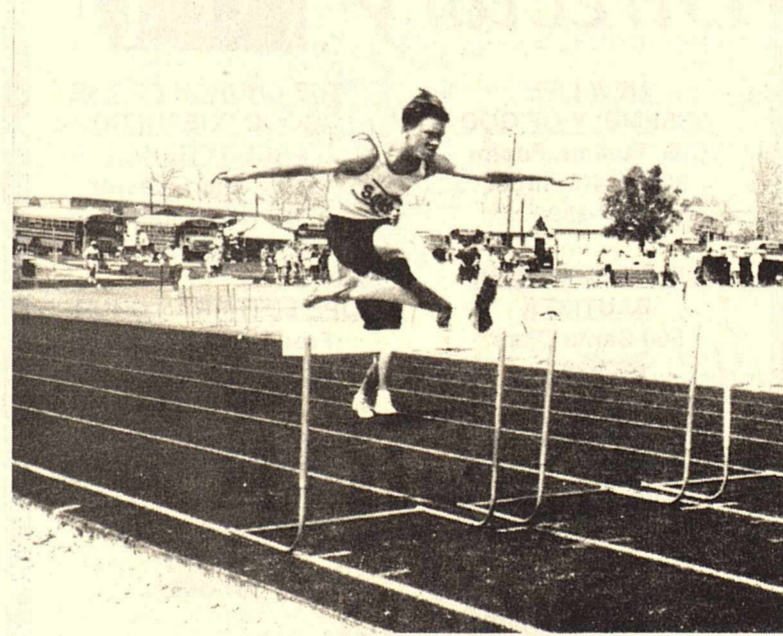
submitted

The Junior League of San Angelo will host the first annual Spring Fashion Extravaganza on Saturday, April 1, 1995 in the San Angelo Convention Center. The fashion show and luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and be commented by Marci Slocum-Pearson, former Regional Merchandising Coordinator for Calfin Klein. Ms. Pearson's experience includes training visual departments for Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus.

"Off to the Races," this year's theme, will offer the guests a unique opportunity to go to the races! Racing ticket windows will be set up in the San Angelo Convention Center lobby where guests can buy raffle tickets (or place their bets!) on each of the horses which will be racing on a previously run, videotaped horse race. A pre-run, taped horse race will be shown on a screen at the conclusion of the fashion show. The winners of the race will be eligible for a drawing for eight prize packages. Prizes include the following weekend trips to national race tracks: Bandera Downs, Retama Park, Valley Greyhound Park, Gulf Greyhound Park, Sam Houston Rack Park, Louisiana Downs, and Oaklawn Park. These prize packages include admission tickets, dining packages and parking.

This year's show will include 96 ensembles and 20 Junior League member models. The show will feature eight segments from evening to casual. The following retail businesses will be participating: Carole's, Jackson's, Live Oak Mercantile, Caldwell Clothiers, Accent on Details, Lynda's, Mathis-Baze, Maurice, Sassy Fox, Nancy's, Reid Beesley, Park Place, Gabriels, J. Wilde's, Turner Collection, N-Cahoots and Grandmother's House, all of San Angelo. Also the following regional retail businesses will be participating: O.G. and Company and Middleton's of Ballinger; the Teacher's Store of Ozona; and the Image and Ol' Sonora Trading Company of Sonora.

Tickets for the event are \$25.00 and are available by contacting the reservation chairman, Stacy Page at 653-8819. Horse race raffle tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.



Raymond Rainer is pictured above as he jumps a hurdle in the Mason Track Meet that was held Saturday, March 18th.

ETC.

Library Donations

Please mail tax deductible contributions for the Sutton County Library to: Sonora Woman's Club Library Association, P.O. Box 895, Sonora, TX 76950. Cash donations may be taken to the library, located at 805 Prospect, (school Vocational Building) where a receipt will be given. Brick pavers, to be used for sidewalks and landscaping around the new library, may also be purchased at the library.

Social Security Representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his March visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 28, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Christmas in April

April 3, 6 p.m., Fire Hall - House captain consultation; April 7 - Last day to order materials; April 29 - Christmas in April work day.

Groups that want to work this year should contact Michelle Anderson at 387-2950 or 387-3881. Contact Paul Chevalier at 387-5402 for questions. Donations may be mailed to Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., PO Box 63, Sonora, TX 76950.

Great Golf Deal

The Sonora Golf Course is offering a one time opportunity to join in the fun as new members. The offer is good in March only. Pay \$82 instead of the full balance of \$132. Monthly dues are \$32 per month thereafter. For more information call 387-3680.

Lenten Luncheons

The Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a series of Lenten Luncheons to be held at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall every Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent.

March 29 - Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian, April 5 - St. Ann's Catholic, April 12 - Hope Lutheran

Game Night

Game Night will be Friday, March 24, 1995 at the First National Bank Annex. The buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. and the games begin at 7:30 p.m. A \$5 donation will be accepted.

Hope Lutheran Lenten Services

Hope Lutheran Church will have Lenten services at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night until the week before Easter.

FUMC Lenten Services

The First United Methodist Church is offering an informal, come as you are, Lenten service on Sunday mornings. The services will be held at 8:30 a.m., and will last for 45 minutes, starting Sunday, March 5th. Childcare will be provided.

Order Range Seed Now

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for native grass seed for seeding rangeland. If you need information on seed varieties, seed costs, or if you need assistance calculating seeding rates, call Tom, Virgil or Iris at (915) 387-2730.

Water District Election

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District will have an election on May 6, 1995 to elect one director for Precinct 2, one director for Precinct 3, and one director At Large.

Those wishing to file for a position on the ballot may do so at the Water District Office located in the Mercantile Building, 222 NE Main, Suit 101. The filing deadline for a place on the May 6 ballot will expire at 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 1995. However, under the election laws, a write-in candidate has until 5 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 1995 to file an intention to run as a write-in candidate.

City League Baseball Registration

Sonora City League Baseball registration continues Thursday, March 23. Registration will be at the Jr. High Gym from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Ask The Historical Society



Here is proof positive that cattle drives went right through Sonora, these bovine beauties are headed up Poplar street. That is the spire of the Episcopal church on the far left.

by Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Why did Sam Houston move the capitol of the Republic of Texas to Washington on the Brazos?

A. In 1842, President Sam Houston, feared there would be an attack on Austin so he moved the capitol to Houston, then to Washington on the Brazos. In late December, Houston decided the government archives should be moved. Congress refused consent and Bastrop and Travis counties were strongly against this move.

President Houston wanted the archives so he instructed Captain Thomas Smith and Asa Chandler to procure the archives at night, when the people of Austin were asleep, and while the volunteer soldiers of Bastrop and Travis counties were off on an expedition into Mexico.

The Texas Telegram of Houston had a correspondent in Austin who reported the following: Twenty men and fifteen wagons from the vicinity of Nashville entered Austin on the night of December 30 and began loading the records of the various departments into the wagons. About midnight,

according to the story, the men were discovered by Mrs. Angelina Eberly, a proprietress of the principal hotel in Austin. She hastened to a cannon, nearby on Congress Avenue, kept loaded as a protection against the Indians. She aimed the muzzle of the cannon toward the unwelcome visitors and touched off the charge. A large hole was torn in the side of the land office building and the citizens of Austin were rudely awakened.

The intruders continued with their work and left town with the archives. Meanwhile the awakened citizens dispatched runners to the country in every direction and by morning had assembled ninety mounted gunmen and took off in pursuit. They stopped the wagons about twenty miles from Austin and ordered the men in charge to surrender or fight. The men chose to surrender and the archives were returned to Austin which was eventually reinstated as the capitol.

Several readers complained about all the shootings and murders in the column lately and asked why couldn't we have a little humor in the column once in a while. Ladies here is a column entitled "A

Little Fun" that was published in the Devil's River News on January 3, 1930.

Grandpop - Davy, be you out thar cussin'?

Davy - No, Grandpop; I'm swearin'.

Grandpop - Swear all you want to, boy, but don't let me kitch you cussin'.

As the old lady strolled through the park, two urchins confronted her, "I say, lady," said the taller of the two, "my brother does fine imitashings. Give me a penny and he'll imitate a hen."

"Dear, dear," smiled the old lady, "and what will he do - cackle?"

"No," replied the lad. "He won't do no cheap imitashings; he'll eat a worm."

A woman motorist whose car had swerved across a street and crashed through a plate glass window was being questioned by the police sergeant after the accident. "Surely on such a wide street as this," said the interrogator, "you could have done something to prevent this accident?"

"I did," the woman assured him quite earnestly: "I screamed as loud as I could."

"Is this the place where they send flowers by wire?" asked an elderly lady at the flower shop.

"Yes," replied the clerk, "this is the place."

"Well, here is a potted geranium. Send it down to my son in Richmond, Virginia."

In looking for humorous anecdotes we found that most of the early day writings were based on dumb women jokes, racial put downs and ethnic derogatory remarks that are no longer considered to be funny. Much of what we found is unfit for publication in a modern paper.

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 give us a call at 915-387-5144 or 387-2855 after noon please.

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EMS TO OFFER COURSES

submitted

The Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will be sponsoring several American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation classes during the months of April and May. The courses offered are as follows:

April 4, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Heartsaver, adult one-rescuer CPR and adult foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$10 per person.

April 6, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Pediatric, child and infant one-rescuer CPR, foreign body airway obstruction management and child safety. Cost \$15 per person.

April 18, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Health care Provider, adult one-rescuer, two-rescuer CPR, child one-rescuer, two-rescuer CPR, pediatric one-rescuer and adult, child, and pediatric foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$20 per person. This course is designed for the health care provider.

April 22, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Heartsaver, adult one-rescuer CPR and adult foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$10 per person.

May 4, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Heartsaver, adult one-rescuer CPR, and adult foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$10 per person.

May 9, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Health care Provider, adult one-rescuer, two-rescuer CPR, child one-rescuer, two-rescuer CPR, pediatric one-rescuer, and adult, child, and pediatric foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$20 per person. This course is designed for the health care provider.

May 13, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Heartsaver, adult one-rescuer CPR and adult foreign body airway obstruction management. Cost \$10 per person.

May 25, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Pediatric, child and infant one-rescuer CPR, foreign body airway obstruction management, and child safety. Cost \$15 per person.

Upon completion of any of these courses, you will be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for a period of two years with the American Heart Association. All proceeds from these courses will go into the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service Training Program. For further information or to enroll in any of these classes, please contact the Sutton County Emergency Medical Service at 211 E. 3rd or call 387-5132. Preregistration is required.

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HOSPITAL BOARD MINUTES

submitted by Carolyn Lara

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors was held Monday, March 13, 1995 in the conference room of the hospital. Directors present were Dr. Alvis Johnson, Ben Solis, Lee Bloodworth, Lewis Allen, and Carol Parker. Also present were John Hempel, Administrator, Carolyn Lara, acting board secretary, employees of Sutton County Hospital District, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pajestka, and residents of the county.

After acceptance of previous meeting minutes, a report from Sutton County Appraisal District showed that 97% of the 1994 taxes have been collected as of February 28, 1995. There was discussion concerning the repair of the hospital's incinerator wall that is wearing thin due to extreme heat. Examination of purchasing a computer and software for the nursing home was tabled until a later date. The board agreed to establish monthly family nursing home meetings.

John Hempel reported that a three-member team from Texas Department of Health in San Angelo had returned for a follow-up inspection of the nursing home. The infection control problem was much improved and was changed from a Level A to a Level B. The deficiency on hand washing and use of gloves was cleared. The nursing home was cited for another Level A deficiency regarding physician history and physicals on some residents being delinquent and progress notes were not up to date. The team was also investigating two complaints, one was regarding acts of daily living and the other regarding treatment procedures, neither of which were substantiated. There was another challenge noted regarding a resident in isolation. The inspectors felt the resident should no longer be in isolation. The nursing home is continued on 90 day termination with remedies, all deficiencies must be cleared within approximately 43 days from the time of this meeting.

Mr. Hempel updated the board on the hospital bad debts. He reported that the business office personnel had been calling people regarding their past due bills, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. However, this has not been very successful. Many of the people contacted promise to pay and have not done so. Pete Samaniego reported that instead of waiting until the bills charge off at 180 days, the office will start calling after the first collection letter is mailed at 60 days. Mr. Hempel reported that the collection agency the hospital was using, PFS, is bankrupt and that he is checking into another agency. The board asked Mr. Hempel to present contracts available from other collection agencies at the next board meeting, and the board will make a decision at that time on which agency to use. The board also asked the business office to continue calling each night.

The financial report for January 1995 was given by Mr. Hempel. The hospital is \$1,915 under budget and the nursing home is \$4,640 over budget. These figures are for the first month of the new fiscal year. In January, the hospital had a loss of \$56,815.36 and the nursing home had a loss of \$5,652.72.

Following visitor and board comments, the meeting was adjourned.

BISCUITS TO PERFORM AT BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Biscuits O'Bryan, Sonora cowboy poet and storyteller, will entertain Bluegrass Festival goes in Big Lake, March 31 and April 1-2. The festival will be at the Big Lake Community Center. Admission to the festival is \$5 for Friday, opening at 6:00 p.m. and \$8 Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Ma Moon's Kitchen will serve Cajun dishes. Ma's kitchen opens at noon Thursday, March 30. RV campers will enjoy a hamburger supper Thursday night. A handicraft show and sale is scheduled for Saturday, also. A gospel show will be featured Sunday.

Other entertainment will be provided by Big Sandy, Concho Grass, String Fever, Gore Brothers, Yellow House Canyon, Star Canyon Band, Alan Mundy, and Joe Carr. For more information, contact the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department at 915-884-3650.

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WTU FILES RATE REVIEW

submitted

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) will file a rate review with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, as previously announced by the company last August. A similar filing will also be made with several of the cities WTU serves.

After performing a study on the cost of providing service, WTU determined that a \$14.6 million increase was fully justified. If approved, such an increase would be spread over WTU's 52,000 square-mile customer service territory. The average bill for a typical residential customer could increase by \$7, based on the average usage of 1,000 kwh per month.

In a separate action, WTU announced a settlement offer to parties in the proceeding that could continue a base rate revenue reduction of \$5.9 million.

Under the settlement proposal, the bill for a typical residential customer could be \$1 to #2 less per month than their bill under the current permanent rates. The company established a period until April 17, 1995, to consider this settlement.

"As part of the proposal that would position WTU for the future, we are introducing new pricing structures to help us attract and retain business in West Texas," said Richard Key, area manager.

Under WTU's proposal, new pricing structures would result in some customers experiencing an overall rate decrease greater than the current interim reduction of 3.25 percent. At the same time, some customers would experience an overall rate decrease of less than 3.25 percent. But, with the exception of standby customers, no customer would see their overall rates increase above rates in effect prior to October 1st.

However, WTU said it won't know what the final outcome will be until after the conclusion of either a settlement or hearings in Austin.

WTU's base rates have not increased since 1987. Since that time, the Consumer Price Index has increased 34.2 percent, while consumer goods such as automobiles have increased 62.6 percent and postage stamps have gone up 44.5 percent.

"WTU has a mutual interest with our cities in seeing West Texas grow and prosper. Because of our continuing competitive initiative, we have presented a proposal to maintain the overall base rate revenue at the reduced level of 3.25 percent," said Key.

"We believe this proposal will ensure continuing economic growth and prosperity in West Texas," Key added.

Joshua Brandon Sims

Shawnmarie and Joel Sims are proud to announce the birth of Joshua Brandon, born March 2, 1995. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Carol Lynn Scoggins of Sonora. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sims of Montana.

ICA MEETING INFORMATIVE

by Ruth Espy

Charles Carter, State Legislative Director of the Independent Cattlemen's Association, was guest speaker at the Sonora Chapter's meeting held Monday, March 6, 1995 at the Sutton County Steak House. Those attending were: Jack Smith, George Wallace, Johnston Holekamp, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams of Ozona, Mrs. Ruth Shurley, Larry Finklea, and Mrs. Ruth Espy, secretary/treasurer; along with Charles Carter and Susan Brown, administrative director.

The newly released ICA video was shown entitled *Our Story - Past, Present, and Future*. It is what ICA has done and is doing for the rural communities of Texas.

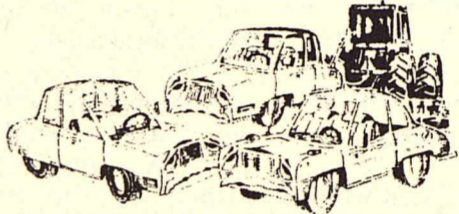
A video on property rights was shown from the Farm Credit Bank. Everyone needs to be aware of the seriousness of the property rights issues. This video showed what happened to property owners who owned their own land.

Carter gave an update on the latest legislative issues; stating that a moratorium on naming any new species to the endangered list or wetlands had been passed. Also, that there is a push on the state tax exemption to be \$750,000. There are many property rights issues being presented in this session and ICA is keeping track of these bills to protect our interest. Also, legislation is being sought to keep Washington out of Texas business.

There have been several occurrences of tuberculosis in cattle popping up around the state; and there is much concern in the fact that there is no TB vaccine. ICA is also working on getting the livestock user fee bill killed. Carter encouraged the members to write their congressmen on issues of concern. He said, "The letters really work."

ICA took a delegation of members from throughout the state to Washington, D.C. last month. They all felt that this visit was worthwhile and that their interest and concern in agriculture, our industry was sincere.

After a question and answer session, the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was very informative and enjoyed by all present.



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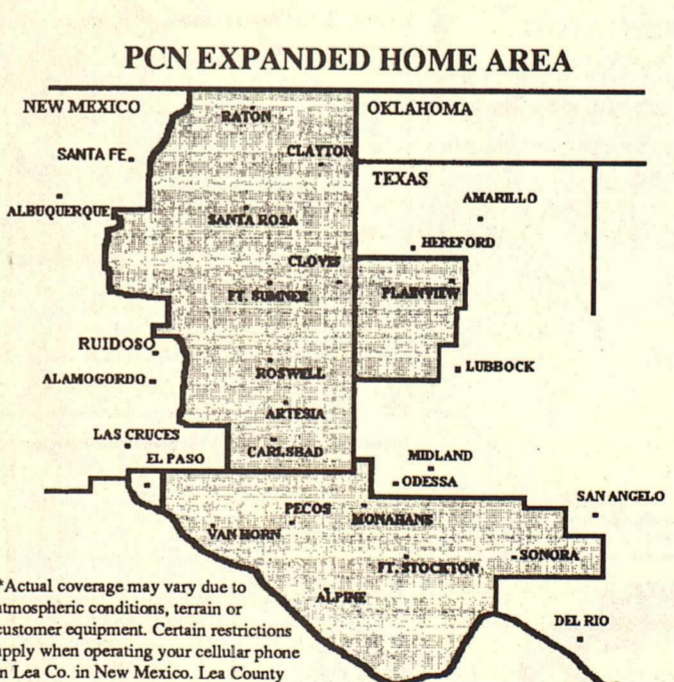
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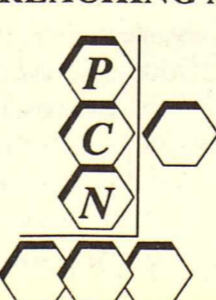
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SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

by Joan Latta



Becky Cavaness York

A native born Sonoran is in her first year of teaching in a classic third grade setting at Sonora Intermediate School...

Becky graduated from Angelo State University in the early 80's with an all-level degree in physical education...

planning at that time to be a coach. She has always been athletically inclined, making all-district basketball for three years in high school, plus lettering in track.

Becky is the daughter of Milton Cavaness and Jane Archer, both still residents of Sonora, and has one sister, Cindy Fields, wife of a prominent local rancher and herself an elementary teacher.

According to Becky, she can no longer picture herself doing anything other than what she is doing, and what she does so well. She considers third graders the perfect age group for enthusiastic learning...

SONORA CITY LEAGUE RESULTS

March 13th - March 16th

3rd-4th Boys Division
Bulls vs Blue Hawks
16 - 18 (overtime)
Bulls: Chris Martin 4, Caleb Gulley 2, Dustin Martin 8, R.C. Mata 2

Jammers vs Spurs
17 - 9
Jammers: Paul Martinez 4, Adam Hadsall 1, Heath Prather 2, Seth Prather 10

Suns vs Spurs
30 - 14
Suns: Josh Hopkins 7, Albert Borrego 8, Emmanuel Lopez 9, Tom Valliant 6

3rd-4th Girls Division
Lady Tigers vs Killer Bees
7 - 14

Lady Tigers: Tamika Marshall 1, Ashley Parker 6
Killer Bees: Denyra Gloria 14
Lady Tigers vs Hot Shots
17 - 14

Lady Tigers: Tamika Marshall 10, Ashley Parker 6, Maura Chavez 1
Hot Shots: Koda Armke 10, Ashley Salinas 4

Celtics vs Dolphin
18 - 16
Celtics: Gabby Duran 10, Katrina Hernandez 4, Evangelina Martinez 2, Jamie Samaniego 2

Dolphins: Jessi Bellard 6, Kesha Frazier 4, Cortney Hill 4, Leandra Perez 2

5th-6th Girls Division
Bulldogs vs Barracudas
15 - 9
Bulldogs: Maribel Hernandez 2, Serena Duran 2, Daisha Henson 11
Barracudas: Ashley Bible 2, Cassi Cole 2, Audie Nichols 2, Kasey Miller 2, Garland Williams 1

Bulldogs vs Dream Team

8 - 1
Bulldogs: Serena Duran 2, Daisha Henson 6
Dream Team: Monica Lira

5th-6th Boys Division

Hawks vs Spurs

14 - 25
Hawks: Donald Hubble 6, Javier Grayton 2, Anthony Sanchez 4, Stetson Hall 2
Spurs: Sean Fields 4, Joey Quiroz 1, Corey Scheidemann 2, Bryce Williams 16, Byron Williams 2

Da Boys vs Wildcats

6 - 15
Da Boys: Riley Crain 6
Wildcats: Crispin Lira 8, Ryan Hardgrave 2, Tom Jacoby 2, Kolby Whitehead 3

Attack Pack vs Wildcats

16 - 27
Attack Pack: Cole Cearley 3, James Elliott 4, Ed Mayfield 9
Wildcats: Crispin Lira 10, Ryan Hardgrave 6, Tom Jacoby 6, Kolby Whitehead 2, Tim Warden 2

Hornets vs Da Boys

11 - 13
Hornets: Danny Solis 7, Bill Renfro 3, Beau Hughes 1
Da Boys: Riley Crain 6, Chang Hernandez 4, Lionel Cervandez 2, Joe Percifull 1

Hawks vs Devils

23 - 17
Hawks: Donald Hubble 5, Nicholas Lozano 6, Jeremiah McLaughlin 3
Devils: Thomas Schenkel 2, Pete Samaniego 4, Matt Torres 1, Adam Mendez 6, Jake Trainer 4

SONORA DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Monday, March 20, 1995

BOYS

- 1. Reagan County 344
2. Sonora 346
3. Colorado City 356
4. Reagan County B 371
5. Greenwood 394
6. Crane 401
7. Kermit 431

Sonora Team Scores

- Caleb Barker 48-39-87
Tommy Conner 44-43-87
John Paul Hudman 44-38-82
Chris Clifton 46-46-82
T.J. Thorp 49-41-90

B Team Scores

- Mayer Anderson 56-47-103
Alex Gonzales 45-47-92
Jeremy Surber 54-45-99

District Standing

- Sonora and Colorado City tied for 2nd.
Sonora 349-356-705
Colorado City

Individual Medalist Standing

- 5. Tommy Conner 84-87-171
6. Caleb Barker 89-87-176
7. John Paul Hudman 96-82-178 tied
9. Chris Clifton 90-92-182

GIRLS

- 1. Sonora 394
2. Kermit 421
3. Reagan County 501
4. Greenwood 511
5. Crane 535

Sonora Team Scores

- Beth Covington 41-39-80
Melissa Sanchez 49-48-97
Farrah Virgen 56-54-110
Ashley Henson 56-51-107
Johnna Adams 60-55-115

District Standing

- 1. Sonora 394-387-781

Individual Medalist Standings

- 1. Beth Covington 80-80-160
4. Melissa Sanchez 100-97-197

SYMPOSIUM FOR RANCHERS

submitted by Mary Humphrey
The Texas Chapters of the Wildlife Society and the Range Society are cosponsoring a symposium for ranchers and land managers on Saturday, March 25 in Del Rio.

Speakers from around the state will be on hand to discuss a diversity of subjects including: current local range and wildlife status; livestock grazing systems; white tailed deer, quail and turkey ecology and management; future of fishes in the Devil's River and San Felipe Creek; black capped vireo ecology and management; the status of black bear and mountain lions; and the endangered species act.

The meeting will be held at the Eagle Room of Ole Distributors at 1990 Bedell Avenue. It will run from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a \$5 registration fee will be accepted at the door.

For more information contact Mary Humphrey at (915) 387-2818, Sylvestre Sorola at (210) 774-7406 or Bill Armstrong at (210) 238-4483.

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Valiant Effort

by Martha Valliant McLain

Melinda, my daughter, called last week and asked, "What's the crisis?" She said, "There is always a crisis the last week when you do a play." I could only reply that this play and this cast had not presented a problem. Everyone was good in her part, worked hard, learned their lines, and did anything suggested. The three women in the show like each other and we haven't even had an argument. The closest thing that we had to a crisis was a costume problem. I had asked each woman to call the costumer and give the seamstress her skirt waist and length size. The point of the play *Vanities* is that women are vain, and I should have gotten the message. One woman gave her correct size, and one gave her waist size about a half inch too small. Those two skirts were O.K., but the problem was the third skirt. The size of the waist was given two inches too small. This made the skirt hike up in some places and dip in others. It was being held together by two large safety pins. As you can imagine, I was surprised that my actress did not want to face the reality of her actual waist size. Fortunately, the costumer remade the skirt and enlarged the waist in one day. If I had really believed in *Vanities*, I would have known that I should have measured the waists myself. The play went well, and we have had great audiences. It is full of laughs, but has a serious side also. It has been a wonderful cast, and I have really enjoyed doing the project. I will be home now except for weekends and two Sundays, March 26 and April 9 (matinees at 2:30). Weekends are Friday and Saturday at 8:00, beginning March 17 and running through April 22. There will be no performances Easter weekend, but the cast will return for one additional weekend after Easter. I hope that some from Sonora will attend. I promise you will be entertained. For reservations call me or call 210-227-ATSA. ATSA is the name of the theater located at 1608 North Main Avenue, across the street from San Antonio College.

It seems that the wedding season is beginning and some 250 people celebrated the marriage of Jennifer James and Sonny Samaniego at an after wedding dinner dance at the Langford Memorial Building. It was a beautiful wedding and celebration. I understand that the father of the bride prepared brisket for the crowd, and I hear that he could make a living cooking. We wish the couple great happiness.

The ladies of the Baptist Church had a wonderful shower for Vicki Anderson, bride-elect of Keith Wallace. It was a great party to kick-off the flurry of parties to be held for the couple. Keith and Vicki plan a June wedding.

Sunday afternoon at the Sutton County Steak House, friends of Norma Quiroz held a wedding shower. Punch and cake were served along with a fruit plate and finger sandwiches. Best wishes to Norma.

Lenten luncheons are well attended. Please check for time and place and try to attend.

Carol and Seco Mayfield celebrated the confirmation of their children at the home of Elizabeth Mayfield following the service. The Episcopal Church had it's regular luncheon with good food and fellowship last Sunday.

Plans are being made for the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Tuesday, March 29. Make plans now to attend and show your support for your hard working chamber. You will be pleased to help honor the very special people who will be receiving awards this year. The theme is "Field of Dreams" and Joe Lane will be the evening's Emcee.

Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers from our area met for a meal and business at Sonora High School last weekend with about 40 people attending.

On April 29, local Mary Kay consultants will have a glamour shoot at the Depot. Rex Enochs of San Angelo will be here to do the photographs. He has an extensive wardrobe to offer a variety of choices. Sharon and Jennifer from the Bright Spot will be doing hair and Mary Kay consultants will apply make up. It will begin at 2:00 in the afternoon and go until the last beauty is photographed.

Faye Bowen and her husband of Clyde, Texas were in town to visit her brother Benny King and his wife Lou Ann.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with Andrea Chavez on Thursday before her surgery. We hope that all goes well and she will be back to normal soon.

We are thinking of Roberta James as she recovers from her treatments. Everyone at the bank tells me she is one brave lady. Our prayers are with you through the tough times.

We hear that Bronco Sports is soon to be under new ownership. Welcome to the new owner. We are glad to hear that Lori and Kyle will still be around. Kyle will be with Cellular One.

A local lady was in downtown Sonora one morning last week, and a van full of tourists asked for directions to Ol' Sonora Trading Company. It was early, so our local lady explained that she would take them to the store, but the store was not open yet. When they arrived, they found that the store was open; it had been opened by the carpenters who are remodeling. Our friendly lady went in with them and began selling mohair sweaters, socks, and other items. She decided that she really should call the owner and when Kelly and Jimmy arrived, the tourists were almost through and on their way. It gives new meaning to the phrase, "Sonora was a wide open town." Maybe, it still is.

Faye McClelland tells me that her daughter Jan is among those who got five correct numbers on the lottery several weeks ago. Along with the money won, she won a T-shirt with a big red dollar sign on it. Maybe next time it will be six.

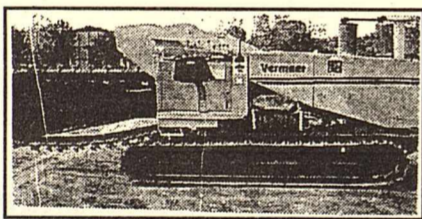
The when it rains it pours department feels that Leona Bishop is the one under the most stress for the last few weeks. With a first grand baby on the way, Leona received a call that her mother, Lillian Gillette, had fallen and broken a hip at the nursing home in Fort Stockton. She had been transferred to Odessa and her husband had gone with her in the ambulance. Leona now had a mother in the hospital, a father in a strange city without a car, and a daughter expecting a baby any minute. If you have seen Leona lately, it is on the road as she runs back and forth to tend them all.

Chamber of Commerce mixer was sponsored last week by the Devil's River News, Vallree's Bright Spot, and West Texas Art Guild. It was well attended and fun to those who went. Many went by to see the new home of the "Devil." If that is where the "Devil" hangs out, it is a lot nicer than I would have expected. Seems like I always heard that where the "Devil" lives wasn't supposed to be too nice. Well, maybe this is just a printer's "Devil," not the real one.

With spring in the air, many people are planting gardens and shearing. It's a beautiful time of year. The wild flowers will soon be in full bloom. I can hardly wait to see Mrs. Ross's yard.

Yes, you are seeing correctly. Dirt is being hauled out of the library foundation. Black dirt was put in by mistake, and now it will be replaced by a fill with less clay. Good news in the library building project is that Joe Lane will now be the supervisor. It is important that we have one person, and a knowledgeable person like Joe to oversee the job. It is wonderful that he feels well enough to tackle the project. If you can, please contribute to the library, it still needs your support. Contributions can be made at either bank or by calling Sharon Holman at 387-3122.

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DATED March 3, 1995, at Sonora, Texas.

By W.W. Webster
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911 EMSING AROUND

submitted

Pascal Allison, Patrick Braly, and Patrick Campbell attended an American Heart Association CPR Instructor Course February 18, 1995. The course was held at the San Angelo Fire Training Center. The Instructor for the course was Gary Roberts of Midland, Texas.

Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge and Texas Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council member and Donna Keese, Sutton County/City of Sonora Emergency Management Coordinator and EMS Administrator attended the Texas Emergency Management Conference and the EMS Coordinator Course in Austin, Texas February 21-24, 1995. The Emergency

Management Conference was sponsored by the Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, and is for state and local officials of Texas.

The Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Course was sponsored by the Texas Department of Health.

Lenora Pool, a member of the Board of Directors of the Emergency Management Association of Texas (EMAT), helped provide workshops at the Texas Emergency Management Conference. The Conference was held February 21-23, 1995.

EMAT provided two of the fifteen workshops held at the conference. The workshops were *Protective Action Decision Making* and *Food Banks*.

EMAT also had a booth at the Conference.

A Basic Trauma Life Support Course was given in Crockett County on the weekend of February 25 and 26, 1995.

The course is an intense two day presentation of lectures and skills stations, and was conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The training in this course also requires that a written and field test be passed. The course was held at the Civic Center in Ozona.

The Crockett County EMS had received a grant for this course. Two members of the Sutton County EMS were invited to attend this course. Sutton County EMS members Patrick Braly and Keith Butler completed this course.



Adam Henrick is pictured above at the Sutton County Senior Center St. Patrick's Day/Birthday Party that was held on Friday, March 17th. The children of Busy Bee Day Care performed a couple of songs for those in attendance.

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Please be generous on March 25, 1995.

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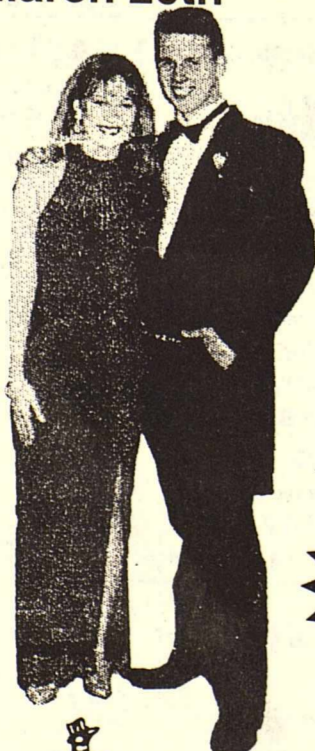
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