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Lura Sawyer Awarded Citizen Of The Year At Annual Chamber Banquet

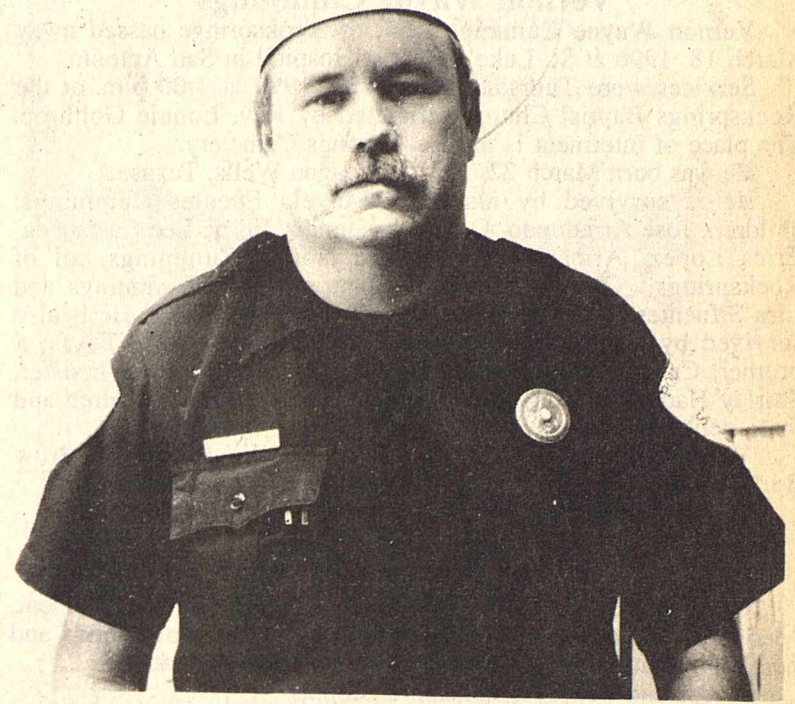


Lura Sawyer was born in Cleveland, Texas on August 11, 1916. She spent her very early years in Beaumont, Texas until her mother became ill, and they were forced to move to Oakwood, Texas. She lived and spent a lot of her time with her grandfather, "Papa" Gorman, her mother, and two aunts.

Lura at the age of 16 attended Sullins College in Bristol, VA, a 2 year college and finishing school. After Sullins, she went to Southwestern in Georgetown where she was elected Most Beautiful and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. After graduating from Southwestern, Lura moved to Sonora and got a job teaching at the Elliott School with Harva Cooper, Dorothy Calfee, and Mary Francis Stinchcomb. She met and married Edwin Sawyer who took her on a 3 month honeymoon traveling all over the United States.

Lura loves to read, entertain, play bridge, and be with her family. She has unselfishly devoted her life to helping Sonora residents. She used to have the nursing home residents come to her home twice a year at Christmas and spring. Every year she hosts the sixth graders for a conservation field trip at the ranch. She delivers meals on wheels and is an avid supporter of the 4-H auction. Lura is an honorary director of the First National Bank of Sonora.

Because of her love for reading, she has contributed abundantly to the library in Sonora and has helped initiate several libraries in rural Maine by sending them her old books. She loves to travel and with her late husband, Edwin, traveled around the world at least twice. She manages to go to New York to see the plays once a year and always takes one member of her family as a treat.



Interim Police Chief Appointed

Officer Mike Routh has been appointed Interim Police Chief of Sonora as of Monday, March 26. The change in personnel occurred when Chief Brent Gesch accepted the position of city manager of Sonora. Routh comments on his appointment, "Nothing's going to change. Things have been running smoothly, and we'll continue to do things the

same way." Routh grew up in Camp Wood. He was a deputy in Real County for three years and in the reserves for one year. He received training in Uvalde.

In July, he and his family will have lived in Sonora for eight years. Routh is married to Beverly. They have two children, Matt, 16, and Justin, 11.

No Injuries In Collision



Pictured above is the aftermath of collision which occurred Friday, March 22 on St. Ann's Avenue. Estimated damage to the house is \$20,000.

An accident occurred Friday night, March 22nd. Officer Bryn Humphrey was dispatched to the scene at the 800 block of St. Ann's Avenue. According to his investigation report, a 1989 Chevy Corsica, driven by Ruben Domingo Yorba of

Eldorado, was traveling south on St. Ann's Avenue at a high rate of speed. The driver failed to control the speed causing the vehicle to slide sideways. His car struck two pipe posts and a car parked on the north side of 815 St. Ann's Avenue. This caused the parked car to

Conditions contributing to the accident according to the investigator were driver inattention, failure to control speed, and driving while intoxicated. Yorba was charged with a DWI and duty of

striking an unattended vehicle.

Damage to the house was estimated at \$20,000. The house and car are owned by Emiliano Salazar.

The report stated that a passenger of the car driven by Yorba was Sammy Castro of Sonora.

Card of Thanks

Abby and I would like to express our appreciation of the support on my move to the City Manager's position. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Sonora, in a different capacity. I appreciate your vote of confidence.

Brent Gesch

First United Methodist Church Holy Week Schedule

- March 31 - Palm Sunday**
- 8:30 NO Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Communion
- 12:00 Potluck Lunch
- April 4 - Maundy Thursday**
- Passover Seder Ritual and Meal
- Call the church office at 387-2466 to make reservations for this special observance.
- April 7 - Easter Sunday**
- 8:30 NO Worship Service. Those who wish may participate in the Sunrise Service in front of the nursing home.
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship

Run-Off Elections Scheduled

The run-off election for the primary is scheduled for April 9th for both Democratic and Republican parties. Early voting will be held in the Clerk's office at the Annex starting April 1st to April 5th, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed Good Friday



Library Pavers

Second round of engraved pavers for the new Sutton County Public Library walkways now available. Price is still \$25.00. Take a look at the pavers already laid in front of the new building, then order yours today at the library, located in the school Vocational Building, 805 Prospect. Form more information call 915-387-2111.

Al-Anon Family Groups

Al-Anon is a fellowship of men, women and children whose lives have been affected by the compulsive drinking of a family member or friend. Whether or not the alcoholic has found sobriety, the family and friends can do a great deal to help themselves as well as the alcoholic. If you have any questions or need help, call 387-5680 or 387-2490.

Class of '86 Meeting

The Class of 1986 will hold a class reunion meeting April 3 at Sutton County National Bank at 6:00 p.m.

Run Off Elections

Run off elections for both parties are scheduled for April 9th at the County Clerk's office in the Annex Building. Early voting will be April 1st - 5th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

4-H Horse Club Meeting

The 4-H Horse Club will hold a meeting Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Barn. Anyone interested in summer activities is encouraged to attend. For more information call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Little League Sign Up

6-12 year olds can sign up for Little League baseball at Al Elliott's office. The deadline is April 3 with no extension for this age group.

VFW Meetings

Sonora VFW Post 8907 and Auxiliary will hold the regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 2nd at the fire station. The Post will also host the District 22 business meeting April 27th at the Sutton County Senior Center. Mr. Donald L. Wright, state representative will attend the meeting.

Youth Reach

Outreach Church of Christ would like to invite young people age 2 through 12th grade to attend Youth Reach. It will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons at 1001 Eaton. If you need a ride, or would like more information call 387-3907. Everyone is invited welcomed attend.

Christmas in April

The Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc., a non-profit organization, is now accepting donations for the 1996 annual workday. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile community project, please forward to: Christmas In April of Sonora, P.O. Box 63, Sonora, Texas 76950. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Hope Lutheran Services

Hope Lutheran Church will begin having services every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Charles Huffman will be the minister. The church is located at 417 E Second, Sonora.

Our Sympathy

Granvil Roberts

Granvil J. Roberts, 85, of Abilene died Monday, March 18, 1996, in an Abilene hospital.

The service was Wednesday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Walker Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Brown Ranch Cemetery.

He was born July 31, 1910, in Lockhart County and had lived in Abilene since 1968. He was a retired farmer and had worked in the oil business, had worked in an automation shop in Abilene, and was a member of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Roberts of Abilene; a daughter, Joyce Brown of Amarillo; a son, Doyle Roberts of Abilene; a sister, Alberta Johnson of Freer; a brother, J.W. "Bill" Roberts Jr. of Sonora; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Vernon Wayne Cummings

Vernon Wayne Cummings, 64, of Rocksprings passed away March 18, 1996 at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

Services were Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rocksprings Baptist Church officiated by Rev. Lonnie Golthrop. The place of interment is the Rocksprings Cemetery.

He was born March 22, 1931 in Reagan Wells, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Mayela Fuentes Cummings; children, Jose Arredondo, Oscar Arredondo, Verna Lee Castaneda, Erica Lopez, Armando Lopez, and Norma Cummings, all of Rocksprings, Olivia DeLeon of Stanton, Mario Cummings and Lisa Sifuentes of Del Rio, and Liela Aguero of Sonora. He is also survived by his mother, Mattie Cummings of Leakey, Texas; a brother, Carroll "Cotton" Cummings of Carrizo Springs; a sister, Shirley Hadsell of Brackettville; and numerous grandchildren and three nephews.

Pallbearers were E.T. Matthews, Gillis Ellis, Woodrow Burkham, Grant Seale, Agapito Franco, and Jackie Merritt.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, Meridian Canyon Ranch, King Ranch, and all of our friends and neighbors that helped us fight the grass fire on our ranch.

Words can't express our appreciation.
 Libb Wallace & family
 Ruthie Bounds & family
 Will Wallace & family

OPEN LETTER

To Whom It May Concern,

On March 17, 1996, my wife, Janice, and I went to visit my son in Del Rio to witness his baptism at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. We had a great time down there and even did a little shopping in Mexico while we were at it! However, it was the trip home that proved to be the most challenging and unforgettable.

Let me try to make a long, long story - short. You see, I never realized that the two front tires of our Honda Accord were balding to the point that the steel belts were showing. They looked great from the outside but the other side of the tires were wearing dangerously thin, and I didn't even know it. Also, the fact that they were a little overinflated didn't help matters either. So, naturally, it was just a matter of time and place before one or both would blow. The time - 4:45 p.m. and the place - about 30 miles south of Sonora. In other words, in the middle of nowhere.

Fortunately for us, it was still daylight and we were able to steer the car over to the shoulder of the road with no problem and proceed to replace the left front tire with the spare in the trunk. Unfortunately for us, when we pulled over to the side of the road, we must have jammed the wheel rim into the screw threading real good, because that tire wasn't coming off. In fact, I was just about to give up on it after beating on it for half an hour, when our first hero entered the scene. DPS Officer Baker, who suggested ways to help me get the darn thing off. His hospitality was most comforting especially for my wife as she was really getting a little concerned about what time we were going to get home that night or morning as it turned out to be.

Well, with the spare tire on the left front side, we breathed a sigh of relief because we could only wonder when that right side was going to blow. Thank God it didn't and when we finally pulled into a Sonora gas station we met our second hero, (Deputy) Duncan, ironically filling a couple of gas cans for a stranded motorist. He assured us that he would help us get two new tires for the car. We told him that would be fine because we weren't going anywhere until our car was ready to make the trip home to Wichita Falls.

Then, came the third heroes - the Teaff family. They happened to have a couple of brand new tires for us. We were thankful, that on a Sunday night, we could still be on our way home and out of harm's way. Nonetheless, we were impressed with the kindness of the people of Sonora and wanted to let you know how grateful we truly are.

God Bless You,
 Tony and Janice DeVeto

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the whole town of Sonora for all the flowers, food, words of sympathy, and all the support everyone has given in our time of grief. The food was wonderful, the flowers and plants were all very beautiful and the words of sympathy and support from all who knew Billy was greatly appreciated. You'll never know how much it meant to us to see that Billy was so well known and loved. He was a very special person who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. That is how he will be remembered.

Love,
 Joyce and Dustin Harris
 Jenny Johnson and Jeremy Robles

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits, and many phone calls during the loss of our beloved husband, father, son, and brother. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Lonnie Holmes Family

SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Friday, March 29**
 Fried Catfish, Herbed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cornbread, Orange
- Monday, April 1**
 Enchiladas, Squash, Pinto Beans, Corn Tortilla, Peach Half
- Tuesday, April 2**
 Oven Fried Chicken, Stewed Tomatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Jello
- Wednesday, April 3**
 Meat Loaf, Carrots, Baked Potato, Wheat Bread, Rice
- Thursday, April 4**
 Krispie Squares
- Friday, April 5**
 Chicken Spaghetti, Peas, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Pears
- Center Closed for Good Friday

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- 2nd
- Francisco Bianueba
- Jack H. Kerbow
- 3rd
- Fabian Guzman
- Kimble Luna
- Sonia Martinez
- Yvette Gamez
- Jennifer Gonzalez

- 4th
- Evelyn Solis
- Brooke Wood
- Rodney Knight
- 5th
- Jose E. Sentena
- Lilia C. Flores
- Alfredo Hernandez
- Lilia Flores
- Victoria Robles



Happy 1st Birthday Isiah with lots of love, hugs & kisses.
 From Daddy, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie Jannette, and Uncle Arturo

Granny Knows Best!

by Judy Edmondson

Buy long lacy dresses at garage sales for your kids or grand kids. They love to play dress up! A pair of clear plastic high heels become Cinderella's glass slippers. Red slippers become Dorothy's magic ruby slippers. Don't forget boots for the boys! Gloves, jewelry, and hats add to the fun.
 Granny

If you have any questions you would like answered about arts, crafts, or general information, please write to: Granny Knows!, c/o The Devil's River News, 228 E. Main Street, Sonora, TX 76950

7 x 3 = 21

School Menu

All Meals are served with milk.

<p>BREAKFAST</p> <p>Monday, April 1 French Toast, Juice</p> <p>Tuesday, April 2 Chorizo & Egg Burrito, Fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, April 3 Sausage Biscuits, Juice</p> <p>Thursday, April 4 Egg, Donut, Fruit</p> <p>Friday, April 5 No School</p>	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Monday, April 1 Pizza, Corn, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruit Roll-up</p> <p>Tuesday, April 2 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Pudding, Roll</p> <p>Wednesday, April 3 Macaroni & Beef, Fried Okra, Apricots, Corn Bread</p> <p>Thursday, April 4 Ham & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Potato Chips, Chewy Granola Bar</p> <p>Friday, April 5 No School</p>
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Community Calendar

March 28 - April 7

- Thursday, March 28**
 Bronco Golf - Greenwood - T
 4:30 pm - JV Bronco Baseball - Wall - H
 6:30 pm - 4-H Horse meeting, at 4-H barn
- Friday, March 29**
 12:30 - Senior Center Birthday Party (Hat Day)
 High School Tennis - Crane (Tournament) - T
 Bronco Boys Track - San Angelo - T
 Lady Bronco Track - Sweetwater - T
 7:00 pm - Varsity Baseball - Eldorado - H
- Saturday, March 30**
 Colt Tennis - Colorado City (District) - T
 Colt Track - Colorado City (District) - T
 High School Tennis - Crane (Tournament) - H
 Bronco Boys Track - San Angelo - T
 Lady Bronco Track - Sweetwater - T
 District One Act Play Competition
- Monday, April 1**
 4:30 pm - JV Baseball - Eldorado - T
 Lady Bronco Golf - Colorado City - T*
- Tuesday, April 2**
 5:00 pm - Varsity Baseball - Reagan County - H
 7:00 pm - Sonora V.F.W. Post 8907 & Auxiliary meeting, at the Fire station
- Wednesday, April 3**
 Bronco Boys Golf - Kermit - T*
 6:00 pm - Class of 1986 meeting at SCNB
 Deadline to sign up for Little League Baseball at Al Elliott's office
- Thursday, April 4**
 12:30 - Senior Center Easter Egg Hunt
 High School Tennis - TBA

The Community Calendar is made possible

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Sonora Church Directory

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 James Les, Pastor
 306 N. 4th Street
 387-2898

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
 504 Santa Clara
 387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Tim Dobbs, Minister
 304 W. Water
 387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Jim Stephen, Pastor
 404 NE Oak
 387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector
 404 NE Poplar
 387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Ron Myers, Pastor
 201 NW Water
 387-2466

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
 Daniel Diaz de Leon, Pastor
 St. Ann's Street
 387-3600

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

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

OUTREACH CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Randy Dunn, Minister
 Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock
 387-3097

SONORA TABERNACLE UNITED PENTECOSTAL
 Danny L. Keel, Pastor
 509 Amistad
 387-5719

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

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 387-2266

Ask The Historical Society



This picture clearly shows the difference between Main Street and the Courthouse early 1900's and Main Street 1996.

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

I heard a mother telling her children that the Courthouse Square area looked just like it did a hundred years ago except for the new annex building and the police department building.

I guess that all the pictures we have run with this column have not made an impression on some of our citizens. The Courthouse Square has changed quite a bit over the years. It started as an empty lot with a large water well and huge storage tank setting on one corner. The jail and courthouse were built on it. The landscape remained the same for quite a few years. Just plain old scrub grass and live oak trees, until the Sonora Woman's Club was founded and they started a town beautification project.

Even after the courthouse and the jail were built, the old well, tank, and pump house remained on the site for quite a few years; finally being removed to the top of the hill.

That beautiful stone wall that surrounds the complex was not built until the 1930's. It was part of a make jobs program of the WPA. The wall around the school grounds and the stone walls out at the cemetery were also built at this time. A crafty old judge found out that he could get federal funds for beautifying parks and the grounds of public buildings. He promptly created the Sutton County Burial Park and several other parks in Sutton County. This make work project helped keep many families from starving through the depression and definitely did improve the looks of the so called "parks."

In the earliest days of the

courthouse, people used to pull their wagons up to the courthouse doors and park them all over the sparsely vegetated lawn for church services and dances. Children were tucked into the wagons to sleep while the parents danced the night away. This caused quite a bit of dust to blow around the courthouse when it was in session. Finally a fence was built from wood, painted white, to enclose the square. This worked fine until the fence fell into disrepair and looked worse than the wagon ruts and sparse vegetation used to, so it was torn down.

When the rock wall was built, a great deal of dirt was hauled in to build up the lawn area behind the wall. It now sets many feet above street level. At one time, it gently sloped to end flush with Water Avenue. Of course, Water has been graded down a little over the years before it was tarred and Prospect built up a little.

If you could transport a resident of Sonora 1896 to Sonora 1996, he could really tell you all the difference in the square. The courthouse roof is entirely different. It used to have a great deal of ornamental iron trim on the top and huge air vents. The trees around the courthouse, which were only up to the bottom of the second floor windows, now tower over the buildings. And now there are so many trees compared to the few live oaks that were on the lot. The doors on the courthouse have also been changed.

Water was a precious commodity of the early settlers and they did not waste it planting fancy lawns, shrubs, and rose bushes. They stuck with native vegetation that required little care. Many cities have learned the error of their ways and are going back to

native vegetation in an effort to reduce water consumption and maintenance costs.

Except for tar roads, stone walls, massive landscaping changes, imported vegetation, natural growth, completely changed roof line, sidewalks, memorial monuments, historical markers, parking areas, the annex building, former fire department/nw police building, etc., the only thing that is the same is the location of the two stone buildings on the lot and a couple of the live oak trees. Definitely not like it looked a hundred years ago.

Another tale we have heard recently is that people were hung from the trees outside the courthouse. A complete check of courthouse records show that no one has been hung on the square since the town was started. Any death penalties that were given were carried out at Huntsville.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society" PO Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call after noon at 915-387-5144 or 387-2855.

Commissioners Hold Special Meeting

The Sutton County Commissioners held a special meeting Monday, March 25. Joe Lane reported that work is continuing on the library. He stated the library will be ready to open when all safety concerns, installing the rail on the steps leading to the parking lot and the smoke/fire alarms, have been completed.

Jo-Ann Palmer brought an ADA non-compliance grievance to the attention of the commissioners. She stated that a county truck was parked in front of the ramp for wheelchair entrance to the courthouse when she went to vote. According to Palmer "the ramp is too steep for one person in a wheelchair to open the door by themselves." Because of the slope of the ramp, this action is prohibited. There also is no handicap accessible voting booth which is a violation of the Voting Act. Carla Garner said the allegations are true. The county is working on correcting all buildings to get them in compliance.

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1066 Sunset Mall 944-3390

Rumble in the Bronx-R

7:45 9:45

Homeward Bound II-G

2:45 5:00 7:15 9:15

All Dogs Go To Heaven-G

2:30 4:30 7:00 9:00

Down Periscope-PG13

2:00 4:15 7:30 9:30

Sgt. Bilko-PG

2:15 4:45 7:20 9:40

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SOUTHWEST 7

9900 Knickerbocker 949-9988

Executive Decision-R

1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50

Broken Arrow-R

1:40 4:20 7:05 9:45

Up Close & Personal-R

1:20 4:15 7:15 9:50

Mr. Holland's Opus-PG

1:30 4:30 7:40

Race the Sun-PG

1:50 7:30

Dusk Till Dawn-R

4:35 9:30

The Birdcage-R

1:35 4:25 7:10 9:45

Girl 6-R

4:40 9:40

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Valliant Effort

by Martha Valliant McLain

Congratulations to the **Ross Family!** Dalton Douglas Buckholtz is here. Dalton is the son of Bob and Mary Ross Buckholtz, the grandson of Francis and Joe David Ross, and the great grandson of Lena Belle Ross. He weighed 8+ lbs and will be home at the ranch near Eldorado.

Lura Sawyer entertained the Tuesday evening bridge club last week. Dinner was a chicken loaf casserole with mushroom sauce, rice and broccoli, copper penny carrots, cranberry gelatin salad, and hot whole wheat rolls. Dessert was a frozen chocolate delight. Allie Askew won high and Jo Nell Adkins won the slam prize. Mattie Nix was a guest at the club.

Lucille McMillan entertained her Thursday luncheon club at her home last week. Lunch was roast pork, green beans, gelatin salad, rice, and delicious hot rolls (baked by Nancy Wilson Davis). Dessert was apple pie with pecan topping, baked by Edwina Friess. Prizes went to Marti McLain and Doris Rousselot.

I heard a wonderful story from our earlier days. It seems that Sonora had a very proper teacher, who went to the drugstore one day with a special request. He went to the pharmacist, explained that he needed some castor oil, and could he please have a small coke. The druggist thought that a Coca Cola was a good choice to disguise the terrible taste of the laxative. The man sat down at one of the booths and was served his coke. He drank it and continued to wait. Finally, he said, "Isn't my castor oil ready?" The pharmacist said, "Of course, it's ready. You just drank it. I put it in your coke." "Oh, no!" the teacher said. "It wasn't for me. It was for my wife."

Things are tough in Sutton County because of the dry weather, but new businesses seem to be springing up all over town. On Main Street, Doran's Furniture is open and has a beautiful showroom full of furniture. Plans are to add Broyhill furniture and Martex linens. Stop by and see Valerie. Have you seen the new barrel planters? Each has a crepe myrtle planted, and spring this year should be beautiful. The crepe myrtles are in four colors, and I can't wait to see them in bloom. Across from the old Ford Motor company, the building is being remodeled to suit three new tenants, Merle Norman, an oil company office, and a new chiropractor. Another new store in the center near the Pizza Hut, will be opened by Michelle Krieg. The store will feature women's clothing, and also clothing for both boys and girls. The store will be called Chelle's. B & C Department will reopen April 1st. This is the store where a car reamed the front during their first grand opening. It is across the street from First National on Crockett and is owned by Veronica Perez Hernandez.

Lura Sawyer, daughter Sarah Sawyer Neely, and grandson Joe Neely spent the weekend visiting Sawyer Neely at Vanderbilt University. Lura was expecting her daughter, Molly, and granddaughter, Allison Lura, for a visit this week.

Bridge Tuesday at the Sutton County Steakhouse was hosted by Marti McLain. Two tables of members attended. Dessert was a fruit plate and pie.

Mae Ward is off to her Green Alligator Reunion in Salado. She has been meeting with a group of friends from college since they all graduated from Baylor University. They meet twice a year. In the fall, they attend Baylor's homecoming and in the spring, they take a few days to visit in Salado. Mae was accompanied to the meeting by her son and daughter-in-law, Albert and Cynthia Ward.

I have just finished reading a book called *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. It is an interesting book that holds your interest and makes you want to visit Savannah, Georgia. It is based on a true story that happened in that interesting southern city. Since it is a murder case, it is a bit sordid but really fascinating.

Dean and I are still trying to keep up with our judging duties for the Alamo Theater Arts Council in San Antonio. This means that we need to see a live stage production almost every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is what we do for entertainment anyway, but somehow, when you know that you have to go, it becomes a job. We have seen some wonderful productions, and some really awful shows. Some of the worst productions are done in the name of "art". Can you picture *As You Like It* with the hero driving around stage in a golf cart quoting Shakespeare's poetry. One show is about the dangerous and decaying American cities performed in an abandoned car dealership. One scene took place on the roof of the building. The audience moved from scene to scene instead of moving the stage scenery in front of a stationary audience. We were supposed to be in a war zone on the roof top and were supposed to feel that the city was decaying. Instead, we walked out on the roof top and saw the beautiful lights of San Antonio. It was a breathtaking view and very hard to believe that anything could be wrong when the city was so lovely. Others have presented shows where vulgarities have been used to indicate how modern they are, and some directors feel that if you chose a controversial subject, you are doing art. A good message in a bad play is still a bad play. This weekend we will see, *Frankly, Scarlet*, a play that is premiering in San Antonio, on its way to New York. It is about the search for the actress to play Scarlett O'Hara in the movie, *Gone With the Wind*. It is supposed to feature a female impersonator who plays the part of all of the famous actresses who tried out for the Scarlett role. He is from England and supposed to be good. The play is still being written according to some of the locals who are playing small parts in the show. On Saturday we will see *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the Majestic for our own entertainment. On Sunday, we will see *You Caught Me Dancing*, a one woman show about Katy, the maid in the Mark Twain home for many years. On Monday morning, we will be attending a children's theater to see a musical version of the old classic story, *Charlette's Web*. It is done at Majik Theater on Commerce Street in downtown San Antonio. If you are ever in SA with children, it is a wonderful theater for kids. I always look forward to seeing their shows. Children, all ages, watch the shows, spellbound.

Dean recently turned down the part of the Pope in a show because the timing was not right. I plan to direct *My Fair Lady* at the Josephine during Easter of '97. We are probably going to do *Trip to Bountiful* at Steven Stoli's Theater at The Elms.

I am sure by now that you have heard that *Braveheart* won the Oscar for best picture. I am stunned. My favorite movie is never the favorite of the movie people. The movie is rated "R" because of the violence in the film. It deals with war in the 1200's when fighting was up close and personal. I was not offended by the violence. It seemed appropriate. Can you believe that a movie that promotes freedom, liberty, and honor won the award? Those are really old-fashioned virtues that are usually scorned, ridiculed, or ignored. There ought to be a law that requires all people named Wallace to see the movie. We can see the beginning of freedom in America having roots in Scotland in the 1200's. The movie is not totally accurate historically (some details are changed or disputed), but the basic truth of the life of William Wallace, the great Scottish martyr, is clear in the movie and is true to the meaning believed by the Scots about his life.

For a really good time, go see *Babe*. I can't imagine anyone not liking it.



Martinez/Sanchez Wed

Gaye Lisa Martinez and Fermin Sanchez exchanged marriage vows in a candlelight ceremony at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, March 9, 1996, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora. The service was officiated by Father William Du Buisson, OMI.

Mrs. Sanchez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Martinez, Jr. of Sonora. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Sanchez, Sr. of Sonora and the grandson of Mrs. Juanita Landeros of Muzquiz, Coahuila Mexico.

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Two brass candelabras flanked by six arm candelabras with white tapers and greenery provided the setting for the marriage vows. The pews were decorated with bouquets of blue and white silk roses and accented with greenery. The bride was given in marriage by her father and mother wearing a white satin gown. The bodice and full skirt were outlined with tiny beaded and seed pearls appliques and featured a sweetheart neckline and long tapered sleeves of satin and accented with tiny beaded pearls and seed pearl appliques. The hemline was trimmed with appliques of beaded pearls and seed pearl and white sequins. The cathedral length train was accented with tiny beaded pearl appliques with a bow of three satin roses below the waistline. The full length double illusion veil was gathered with a crown of white sequins, tiny flowers and strings of tiny beaded pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath accented with trailing ivy and cascading blue ribbon.

Maid of Honor was Erica Martinez, of Sonora, sister of the bride. She wore a tea length white satin dress, the sleeves and bodice trimmed with beaded pearls, white sequins and seed pearl appliques.

Bridesmaids were Sara Rodriguez of Alpine, Angelica Gomez of Van Horn, Melinda Gomez of San Angelo and Alma Sanchez, of Sonora and sister of the bridegroom. They wore tea length ice blue satin gowns with a fitted bodice and scalloped neckline. They carried bouquets of blue and white silk roses. Junior bridesmaids were Hazel Herrera and Miranda Macias of San Angelo, cousins of the bride; Amanda Sanchez of Sonora, and Nicole and Michele Sanchez of Robert Lee, nieces of the bridegroom. They wore tea length ice blue taffeta dresses featuring a full skirt and round neckline. They carried bouquets of blue and white silk roses. Flower girls were Katrina Padilla, of San Angelo, cousin of the bride, Chelsea Martinez, sister of the bride, Stacy Sanchez and Yolanda Sanchez, nieces of the bridegroom, all of Sonora. Train bearers were Alexie Ortiz, friend of the bride, and Monica Sanchez, niece of the bridegroom, all of Sonora. The flower girls and train bearers wore identical floor length dresses of white taffeta and lace.

First Padrinos were Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Gallegos of Uvalde, Second Padrinos were Mr. and Mrs. Enriquez Sanchez, Jr. of Robert Lee, Padrinos de 1asso were Mr. and Mrs. David Sanchez, of Sonora, Padrinos de cojines were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Saenz of El Paso Padrinos de Biblia were Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Pena of San Angelo, and Madrina de Aras was Mrs. Susana Robledo of Arlington. The Madrinos wore royal blue satin gowns and each wore a wrist corsage of blue and white roses and carnations.

Best man was Ricardo Sanchez of San Angelo, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Richard Rodriguez of Alpine; Steven Gandar of Sonora, cousin of the bride; Adrian Noriega of San Angelo, cousin of the bride; and Robert Siller of San Angelo. Ringbearer was Nieves Padilla, of San Angelo, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Mike Villanueva and Yogi Solis.

Pianist and organist, Kimberly Bustamante, played the traditional *Wedding and Bridal March*, and a selection of wedding and love songs. Among those selections were the modern songs, *I Swear* and *Everything I Do I Do For You*. St. Ann's Catholic Choir accompanied by Mrs. Brenda Sanchez on guitar, provided the offertory and communion music.

Following the ceremony, a dinner and reception was held at Clint Langford Memorial Center. Music for the dance was provided by El Juete Band from San Angelo.

Mrs. Sanchez is a 1989 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1993 graduate of Sul Ross State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. She is employed by the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District. The bridegroom is a 1983 graduate of Sonora High School and is employed by Jascon INC of Uvalde.

After a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Uvalde.

The Scout Report

by Kathy Hardgrave

At a Court of Honor held on Tuesday evening, March 19, 1996, many of Sonora's Boy Scouts were rewarded for their achievements of the past four months. The candlelight service, with many parents in attendance, was a tribute to the outstanding efforts our youth of Sonora have displayed.

The Court of Honor was directed by one of the new Life Scouts, Cody Ainsworth. Receiving advancements and merit badges were: Brandon Adkins--Citizenship in the Nation and Personal Management Merit Badges; Cody Ainsworth--Life Rank; Cit. in Nation, Family Life, and Pers. Mgt. Merit Badges; Duane Benson--Tenderfoot Rank; Jesse Crawford--Cit. in Nation and Environmental Science Merit Badges; Russell Dempsey--Orienteering Merit Badge; James Elliott--Second Class Rank; Adam Hadsall--Tenderfoot Rank; Stetson Hall--First Class Rank and Pers. Mgt. Merit Badge; Ryan Hardgrave--Life Rank; Art, Cit. in Nation, Cit. in World, Pers. Mgt. and Safety Merit Badges; Jeremy Lipham--Tenderfoot Rank; Alan Nicholas--Orienteering Merit Badge; Shawn Odom--First Class Rank, and Cit. in Nation Merit Badge; Jared Parks--Tenderfoot Rank; Timothy Warden--Tenderfoot Rank; Chris Weingart--Life Rank; Camping, Cit. in Nation, Nature, and Pers. Mgt. Merit Badges. Congratulations to all

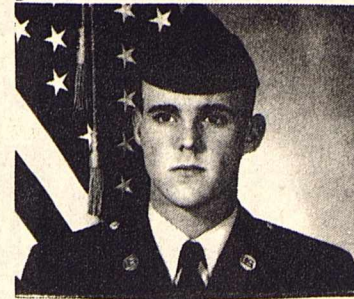
the Scouts who were honored at the recent ceremony.

The local Scouting Committee met on March 5th following a Board of Review. In attendance were Scout Master Lewis Allen, Secretary Kathy Hardgrave, Treasurer Ronda Hall, Camping Director Gary Hardgrave, Advancements Chairman Sandi Ainsworth, and members Calloway Hall, Tammi Adkins, and Joe Weingart. Plans for the upcoming months were discussed, including a camping trip to Big Bend from Friday morning, May 3rd to Sunday afternoon, May 5th. The committee also heard a presentation from Matt Routh on his plans for an Eagle Scout project.

Boy Scout meetings are held regularly every Tuesday evening, year-round, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Scout hut. Boys who have completed the 5th grade, or have earned the Arrow of Light award in Cub Scouting, or are 11 years of age but not yet 18 are eligible to join Boy Scouts.

Why join Scouting? Adventure! Friendship! Skills! Leadership opportunities! Fun! Scouting will give boys experiences and responsibilities that will help them as they mature. If you or someone you know would like to join Sonora's Troop 19, call Lewis Allen or Kathy Hardgrave for more information.

McWilliams Receives Award



Bobby Don McWilliams II graduated from basic training from Fort Leonard in Wood, Missouri March 7, 1996. He

was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Expert Rifle Marksmanship during weapons qualifications. He graduated with Honor Company C 1st Platoon.

He is the son of Billy and Dottie McLaughlin of Midland and Bobby Don McWilliams of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Marie Hollig of Sonora. Bobby is a 1995 graduate of Midland High School.

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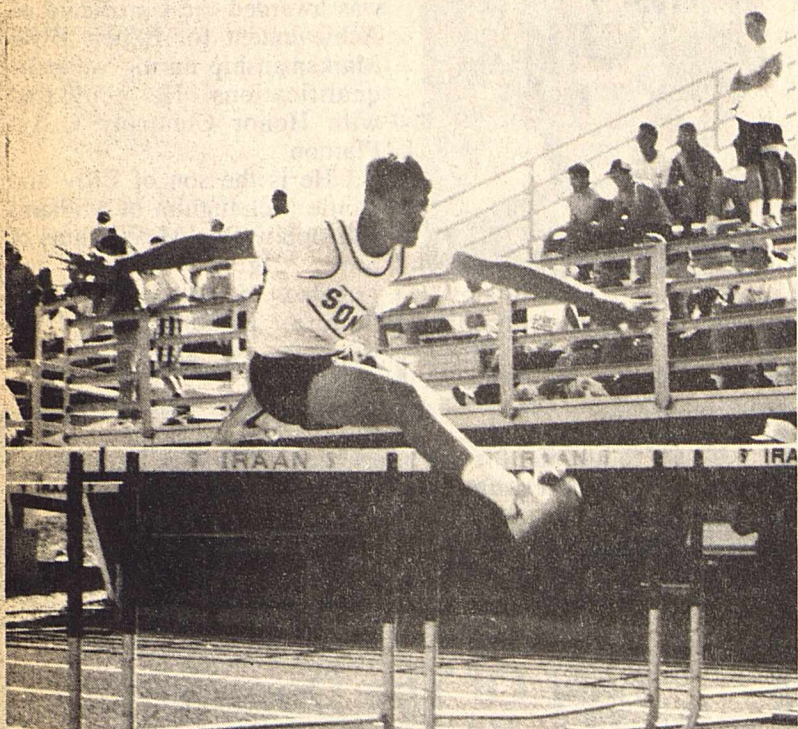
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Bronco Baseball Update



Brad Legan wins 1st in the 110 Hurdles at the Iraan Relays.

JV Boys Track Results

Pole Vault
110 Hurdles
300 Hurdles
100 M Dash
200 M Dash

1600 M Run
3200 M Run
1600 M Relay

Brad Legan - 2nd
Brad Legan - 1st
Brad Legan - 3rd
Anthony Renfro - 5th
Anthony Renfro - 3rd
Chris Braly - 5th
Roy Luna - 3rd
Roy Luna - 2nd
Anthony Renfro, Chris Braly, Brad Legan,
Jeremy Schaffer - 3rd



Louis Massey sprints his leg of the relay. His partners (not pictured) are Andy Mirike, Ray Rainer, and Davis Hale.

Bronco Track Results From Iraan Track Meet

400 M Relay
Shot Put
100 M Dash
200 M Dash

400 M Dash
300 Hurdles

1600 M Relay

Long Jump
Pole Vault

Andy Mirike, Ray Rainer, Davis Hale,
Louis Massey - 1st
Justin Eaton - 6th
Thomas Hunt - 5th
Thomas Hunt - 4th
Will Allen - 5th
Davis Hale - 3rd
Louis Massey - 1st
Ray Rainer - 4th
Andy Mirike, Ray Rainer, Davis Hale,
Louis Massey - 3rd
Ray Rainer - 5th
Louis Massey - 5th

Team Results: 5th place, 64 points

by Coach Scott Harrelson

Sophomore Fernie Emiliano pitched six innings with two hits, no runs to lead the Sonora Broncos to their third win of the season. The Broncos beat Wall 10-0 for the school's first ever 10 run rule game. "This is great, this is great," repeated a very excited Coach Bellard. "We've won three games which is a first. We 10 run ruled a team which is a first and only had one error. We are getting better." the Broncos have shown the ability to be winners on the baseball field and could easily be undefeated if not for one bad inning in each game they lost. Monday in the win over Wall, John Brown, Levi Pool, Adrian Mata, Jarrod Johnson, and Justin House all hit safely, with Brown going 2 for 4 and Pool having a stand up double. The aggressive base running continued as five bases were stolen, and three runs were scored on wild pitches.

Last week, the Broncos began with a hard fought game with Mason and won 14-6 with Coley Thompson getting the win and Ty Harrelson pitched five innings of scoreless baseball allowing only one hit.

Five bases were stolen, and it seemed the Broncos were running on every pitch. John Brown led with two hits and was followed by Harrelson, Thompson, Pool, Emiliano, and Burnham each with base hits. The challenge of the game came when standout 6'5" senior Nesloney stepped to the plate in the 5th inning and was struck out by Harrelson using knuckle balls, curves, and the fast ball to keep the star confused, thus he went down looking at a fast ball down the middle.

The Broncos then played Ozona. Much like all the other Broncos' games, they led 5-1 in the 4th inning. Adrian Mata was controlling the Lion hitters, and Sonora was making the plays in the field. Then in the 6th inning the Lions lead off hitter lined one to right followed by a triple into center and a walk. Mata was relieved. With the score 5-4, Emiliano was called upon to save the game, but the Lions were not to be stopped. After striking out the next batter, Emiliano walked the next two batters. Then a passed ball and a single doomed the Broncos to another loss. There was hope

in the bottom of the seventh when sophomore Mayer Anderson lined a major league shot into right/center field for a triple. Justin House walked and stole second with the tying run on second and no outs. It looked like the Broncos might pull out the victory but a line drive by lead off hitter Mata doubled up Anderson at third squelching the hopes of Bronco fans.

Last Friday night while the students were out of school, Broncos' baseball was hard at work work in Eldorado. Coley Thompson was on the mound and was really working well. The Eagles opened the scoring with two runs in the first inning off errors as the Broncos seemed to sleepwalk through the first inning. After a barrage by coaches, Bellard and Harrelson, the Broncos picked up a little and scored three runs in the second to put the Broncos in the lead. In the top of the third, Sonora scored two more times to lead 5-2. The Eagles came back with two runs, but the Broncos still had the lead. A double by Thompson in the top of the fifth followed by an RBI single by Johnson gave the team a 6-

2 lead. In the bottom of the fifth the Broncos were stymied. With two quick outs it looked as though Sonora had the game in hand but a hapless fly ball behind the pitchers mound spelled doom for the Broncos. The next batter, Pena, tripled followed by a hit batter, then a single, and Thompson was pulled. Harrelson came in relief with the score 6-4 with runners on first and third. The knuckle ball was not working in the gale force wind, and a couple of wild pitches evened up the game. A double followed by an error put the Eagles up 10-6. Another double by Thompson followed by another RBI single from Johnson made it look like the Broncos might have a chance, but two ground outs ended the game. Thompson and Johnson both had two hits. Pool and Mata followed with one hit each.

With the Broncos currently 3-4, they are playing exciting baseball. Friday night's home game versus Eldorado will finish out the non-conference schedule, and the district race will be on next week. Please come out and support your Broncos.

Lady Broncos Track Results

Triple Jump
3200 M Run
400 M Relay

100 M Run
800 M Relay

400 M Run
200 M Run
1600 M Relay

Daisy Mireles - 3rd
Katy Cooke - 4th
Cara Mayfield, Daisy Mireles, Kari Purvis,
Laura Castilleja - 5th
Liza Ramirez - 6th
Kellie Downing, Liza Ramirez, Cara
Mayfield, Camille Marshall - 3rd
Kellie Downing - 3rd
Camille Marshall - 1st
Kellie Downing, Liza Ramirez, Betty
Samaniego, Camille Marshall - 3rd

Team Results: 5th place, 56 points

Tennis News

by Angela Mayfield

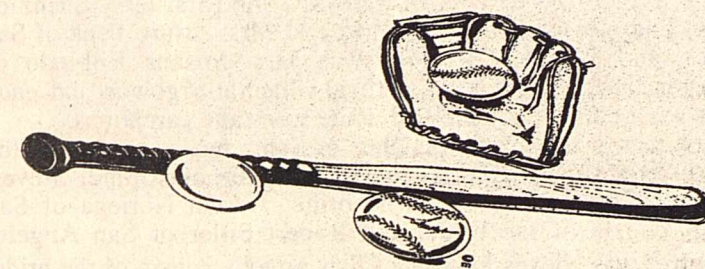
On March 15 and 16, the Sonora Bronco Tennis team attended the Garden City Invitational Tournament held in Garden City. The team did very well as a whole and brought home the second place trophy with a total of 35 points. First place was again taken by Reagan County with 69 points, and Wall received third with 18 points. Individual members of the Bronco tennis team did favorably as well.

Those who attended the tournament included girls' singles - Angela Mayfield, Ashley Brockman; boys singles - David Fisher; girls doubles - Kristi Burge and Katie Key, Becca Chalk, and Stacy Key; boys' doubles - Clint Bowers and Justin House, Dustin Dillard, and Matt Routh. Due to other engagements, Curt Dempsey and Dustin were unable to attend. These changes were hard on the team, but they still came out on top.

Results are as follows: Becca Chalk and Stacy Key played Kristi Burge and Katie

Key in the championship match. Chalk and S. Key won with a score of 7-5, 6-1 and Burge and K. Key received second place. In boys' doubles, Dillard and Routh faced off against Bowers and House for fifth place. The match played was a pro-set and Bowers and House came out ahead with a score of 8-5. Dillard and Routh received sixth place for their efforts. In girls singles, Angela Mayfield and Ashley Brockman also had to play each other for fifth. Like the boys doubles, the match was a pro-set, and Mayfield took fifth place, with a score of 8-4, leaving Brockman with sixth. David Fisher did extremely well in boys singles, but was disrupted by John Luxton in the third round with a score of 1-6, 2-6. Fisher brought home fourth place.

On March 29 and 30, the Bronco tennis team will be traveling to Crane to compete. They are looking forward to the trip and are very optimistic about the outcome of the tournament.



Lady Bronco Golf

The Sonora Lady Bronco golf team has completed a very busy and productive week of play. On Tuesday, March 19, the Lady Broncos traveled to San Saba and placed 4th out of a very strong field of 24 teams. Competing were teams from Abilene Wylie - 367, Stephenville - 370, Round Rock - 384, Sonora - 394, Hamilton - 397, Comanche - 399, San Saba "A" - 405, Georgetown - 406, Llano - 428, Baird - 428, Albany "A" - 430, Leander - 432, Goldthwaite - 434, Copperas Cove - 435, Glen Rose - 444, Brady - 445, Coleman - 456, Lampasas - 464, San Saba "B" - 469, Breckenridge - 474, Albany "B" - 476, Clyde - 477, Lago Vista - 477, and Bangs - 529. Playing for Sonora were Ashley Henson - 96, Farrah Virgen - 98, Johnna Adams - 100, Kim Bustamante - 100, and Vonnie Daniels - 111.

On Saturday, March 23, the Lady Broncos opened district play at Crane. After completion of play, the Lady Broncos hold a seven stroke lead over second place, Kermit. Team standings are Sonora - 406, Kermit - 413, Reagan County - 429, Colorado City -

438, Greenwood - 444, and Sonora "B" - 495. In the medalist race, Nikole Swann of Colorado City leads with a 93 followed by Farrah Virgen - 95, and Johnna Adams - 96 of Sonora. Also competing for Sonora were Ashley Henson, Vonnie Daniels, Kim Bustamante, Heather Floyd, Stephanie Daniels, Komy Castaneda, and Raven Rainer.

On Monday, March 25, the Lady Broncos again took to the road as they traveled to Fredericksburg. The team brought home the third place medals with a score of 438. Other teams competing were Fredericksburg - 421, Devine - 426, Brady - 442, Uvalde - 453, Boerne - 454, Incarnate Word - 485, Pleasanton - 497, and Bandera - 505. Individually, Ashley Henson finished fourth with a score of 99. Other Sonora players were Farrah Virgen - 106, Vonnie Daniels - 114, Makayla Galindo - 119, and Kim Bustamante - 119.

The next action for the Lady Broncos will be Monday, April 1, as they travel to Colorado City to compete in the second round of their district tournament.

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3200 M Run Shalayne Hobbs - 1st
 400 M Relay Japha Word, Heather Felts, Kayla Burkett, and Lorena Lopez - 4th
 800 M Dash Cassi Cole - 2nd
 100 M Dash Garland Williams - 2nd
 800 Relay Japha Word, Daisha Henson, Serena Duran, Garland Williams - 3rd
 300 M Hurdles Texie Russell - 4th
 200 M Dash Mary Jo Galvan - 5th
 1600 M Run Garland Williams - 3rd
 1600 M Relay Daisha Henson - 6th
 Discus Throw Cassi Cole - 1st
 Triple Jump Shalayne Hobbs - 4th
 Running High Jump Japha Word, Lorena Lopez, Kayla Burkett, and Daisha Henson - 5th
 Garland Williams - 3rd
 Japha Word - 6th
 Garland Williams - 5th
 Garland Williams - 3rd

The 7th grade girls placed fourth in the Ozona Relays with 90 points. Other teams competing were Eldorado, Wall, Ozona, Irion County, Iraan, Crane, and Reagan County.

7th Boys Win 1st Place In Ozona Relays

2400 M Run Joe Perciful - 5th
 400 M Relay Jacob Perciful - 6th
 800 M Run Crispin Lira, Tom Jacoby, Pete Ramirez, Riley Crain - 1st
 110 M Hurdles Matthew Torres - 5th
 100 M Dash Ryan Hardgrave - 6th
 400 M Dash Riley Crain - 2nd
 300 M Hurdles Danny Solis - 5th
 200 M Dash Pete Ramirez - 3rd
 1600 M Run Crispin Lira - 1st
 1600 M Relay Tom Jacoby - 2nd
 Pole Vault Tom Jacoby - 1st
 High Jump Bryce Williams - 3rd
 Triple Jump Riley Crain - 2nd
 Long Jump Riley Crain - 1st
 Shot Put Pete Ramirez - 3rd
 Discus Jake Trainer - 2nd
 Team Results: 172 points

Broncos vs. Eagles

by Brenda Johnson
 Last Friday night the varsity Bronco baseball team traveled to Eldorado. The Eagles defense was intact keeping the Broncos to four stolen bases. Johnson 2, Mata 1, Pool 1. Coley Thompson and Jarrod Johnson started the game pitcher/catcher. Johnson did a good job holding the Eagles to one stolen base. The Eagles took a two run lead in the first inning of play. The Broncos came up with three runs in the second inning with the help of John Brown's bat. Brown tripled bringing in two runs. Brown later scored on a pass ball. The third inning progressed as the Eagles scored two more runs. The Broncos came back with two runs to keep the lead by one. The fourth inning was pretty equal for the Broncos and Eagles, no hits - no runs. Coley Thompson doubled to lead off the fifth inning of play for the Broncos. He later scored on a single by Jarrod Johnson. Ty Harrelson came in to pitch the fifth inning. Several errors in the fifth inning let the Eagles get six more runs. The Eagles held the Broncos to one run in the seventh inning enabling them to defeat Sonora with a score of 10-7.



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March 18, 1996

3rd-4th Magic 21, Spurs 36
 Scoring for the Magic were: Clint Cearley 6, Payton Holekamp 11, Dustin Creek 2, Robaldo Leyna 2.
 Scoring for the Spurs were: Scottie Moore 18, R.C. Mata 4, Trapper Valliant 8, Kalan Whitehead 4, Brian Payton 2.

3rd-4th Hornets 14, Lightning 8
 Scoring for the Hornets were: Tamika Marshall 6, Nickey Samaniego 4, April Flores 2, Brea Hughes 2.
 Scoring for the Lightning were: Jessie Bellard 4, Kate Higdon 2, Suzanna Street 2.

5th-6th Lady Raiders 4, Rockettes 15
 Scoring for the Lady Raiders were: Ashley Bible 2, Cortney Hill 2.
 Scoring for the Rockettes were: Ashley Salinas 4, Leslie Gamez 6, Monica Lira 5.

5th-6th Rockets 14, Hawks 12
 Scoring for the Rockets were: Lionel Cervantez 4, Dustin Martin 2, Erray Torres 2, Brandon Scott 4, Byron Williams 2.
 Scoring for the Hawks were: Harvey Villanueva 4, Thomas Bloodworth 6, Jeremy Lipham 2.

March 19, 1996
3rd-4th Hornets 14, Gators 16
 Scoring for the Hornets were: Tamika Marshall 8, Nickey Samaniego 2, Paola Gloria 2, Beth Ross 2.
 Scoring for the Gators were: Kelly Kearney 10, Frankie Samaniego 4, Kacey Edmondson 2.

3rd-4th Bullets 19, Magic 26
 Scoring for the Bullets were: Chris Martin 10, Steve Reyna 2, Stevie Hernandez 6, James Ross 1.
 Scoring for the Magic were: Clint Cearley 10, Dustin Creek 4, Payton Holekamp 4, Wilson Wallace 2, David Cook 6.

5th-6th Hawks 24, Stars 21
 Scoring for the Hawks were: Harvey Villanueva 2, Justin Routh 2, Thomas Bloodworth 11, Jerry Lopez 4, Stetson Hall 5.
 Scoring for the Stars were: Josh Hopkins 2, Seth Prather 2, Bill Renfro 2, James Elliott 13, Tim Warden 2.

5th-6th Spurettes 20, Lady Raiders 8
 Scoring for the Spurettes were: Koda Armke 4, Maribel

Little Dribblers

Hernandez 12, Heather Lawson 2, Liza Sanchez 2.
 Scoring for the Lady Raiders were: Ashley Parker 2, Gaby Coronado 4, Tori Valliant 2.

March 21, 1996
3rd-4th Spurs 34, Rockets 16
 Scoring for the Spurs were: Scottie Moore 16, Trapper Valliant 14, Kalan Whitehead 4.

Scoring for the Rockets were: Nathaniel Prather 4, Mario Magaña 2, Jeff Dungan 2, Clayton Hicks 4, Shaun Ramos 4.

3rd-4th Lightning 16, Lady Rockets 20
 Scoring for the Lightning were: Jessie Bellard 10, Kate Higdon 2, Suzanna Street 2, Karina Hernandez 2.

Scoring for the Lady Rockets were: Elizabeth Elliott 2, Deneysa Gloria 6, Perla Perez 10, Cady Taylor 2.

5th-6th Blue Heelers 8, Rockettes 9
 Scoring for the Blue Heelers were: Katie Russell 2, Ashley Parker 6.
 Scoring for the Rockettes were: Ashley Salinas 2, Monica Lira 6, Gaby Duran 1.

5th-6th Spurs 14, Rockets 9
 Scoring for the Spurs were: Emmanuel Lopez 1, Sean Fields 1, Chance Armke 2, Beau Hughes 4, Reyes Garcia 4, Balde Hernandez 2.
 Scoring for the Rockets were: Lionel Cervantez 2, Dustin Martin 2, Eloy Torres 2, Brandon Scott 1, Byron Williams 2.

March 25, 1996
3rd-4th Gators 14, Lightning 12
 Scoring for the Gators were: Kelly Kearney 6, Dainah Hernandez 4, Frankie Samaniego 2, Deidra Warden 2.

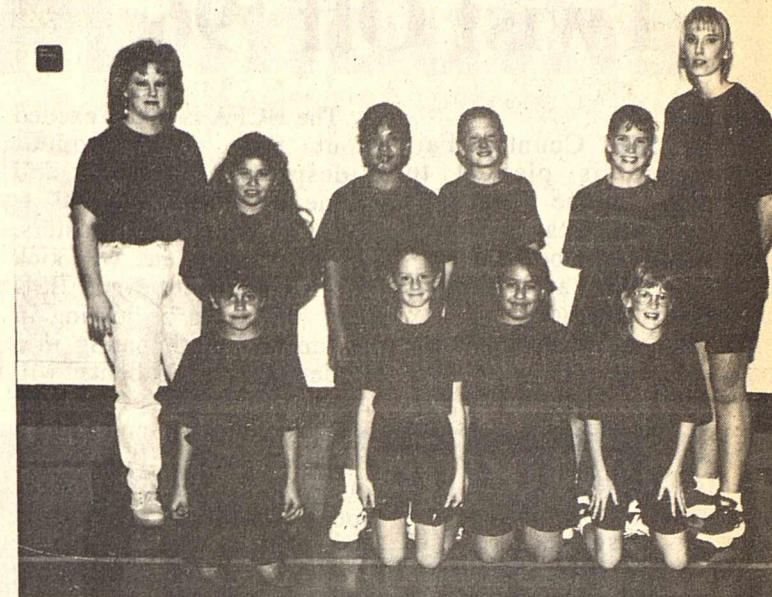
Scoring for the Lightning were: Jessie Bellard 8, Allison Higdon 2, Suzanna Street 2.

3rd-4th Bullets 23, Spurs 22
 Scoring for the Bullets were: Chris Martin 14, Stevie Hernandez 4, Laramie Hall 2, James Ross 3.
 Scoring for the Spurs were: Scottie Moore 13, Trapper Valliant 9.

5th-6th Stars 33, Rockets 22
 Scoring for the Stars were: Caleb Gully 2, Bill Renfro 4, James Elliott 21, Tim Warden 6.
 Scoring for the Rockets were: Lionel Cervantez 6, Chance Dillard 6, Brandon Scott 8, Byron Williams 2.



3rd-4th Hornets
 Front row left to right: Michele Weingart, April Flores, Nico Samaniego, and Beth Ross. Back row left to right: Coach Eric Kerbow, Nikki Casillas, Tamika Marshall, Brea Hughes, Paola Gloria, and Coach Camille Ross.



3rd-4th Lady Rockets
 Pictured front row left to right: Deneysa Gloria, Daniell Dobbs, Evangelina Martinez, and Cady Taylor. Back row left to right: Coach Candy Taylor, Jamie Samaniego, Perla Perez, Lac Ragsdale, Elizabeth Elliott, and Coach Candy Gamel.

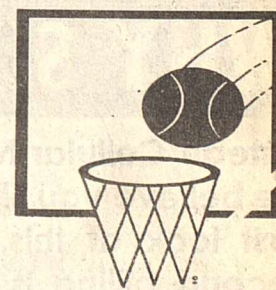


5th-6th Blue Heelers
 Pictured front row left to right: Breely Drake, Kasey Kearney, Kara Hard, Katie Russell, and Amanda Sanchez. Back row left to right: Ashley Parker, Pamela Shahan, Jessica Bruns, and Emil Luna. Coach Robert Hard.

5th-6th Spurettes 18, Rockettes 7

Scoring for the Spurettes were: Koda Armke 2, Maura Chavez 2, Maribel Hernandez 10, Heather Lawson 2, Liza Sanchez 2.

Scoring for the Rockettes were: Morgan Hobbs 4, Leandra Perez 1, Monica Lira 2.



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Angleton Wipe Out Results Bull Riding Super Toro Series

Bubba Dunn walked away on top from the Angleton Wipe Out Bull Riding Super Toro Series Gig #2. He scored 90 on Bad Company's Bad Moon winning \$6147.90.

Owen Washburn, riding Smokin, won \$4284.90 for second place. Troy Dunn and Steve Washington took a split with 84 each on Crockadile Rock and Skoal's Strokin, respectively. Their earnings were \$2049.30 each.

Jerome on Jo Jo and Nuce Cook on Achey Breaky both scored 83 for proceeds of \$1117.80 each.

Tater Porter - Love Shack, Jim Sharp - Tequilla, and Joaquin Garza - Shake It Up each scored 82 and won \$558.90.

Another three way tie for Kirk Wakefield - Indian Owl, Brad Scott - Skoal Cadillac, and Donald Owens - Woolly Bully who each scored 81 and took home \$62.10.

Total payoff for the event was \$18,630. The competition took place March 15-16.

Twist Off '96

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The Hill Country Fair Association is pleased to announce that the "Twist-Off '96 Bullriding, Ranch Rodeo and Dance" will be held May 10-12, 1996, at the Fair Grounds in Junction.

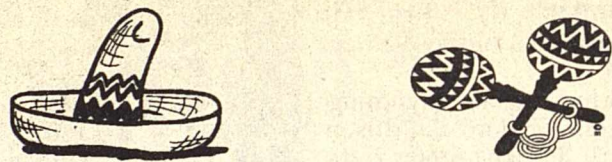
Chute and arena sponsor packages are still available until April 1. Along with a sign in a specific area, the packages include box tickets to all events, dance tickets and announcer coverage. Chute sponsors also receive VIP parking and other amenities. For more information on becoming a sponsor, please call 915-446-4120.

Racer Botkin is the announcer for the "Twist-Off '96" and has a miniature bull that will be at the rodeo as well. He will also be providing promo spots in the media and school along with the featured rodeo clown, Scott Messina. Quarter Moon will provide the country music for the "dancing under the stars" on Sat. night.

Rodeo events will include two team ropings, barrel races and bull riding. Anyone interested in any of these events, please contact 915-446-3080 for entry information.

The HCFA is really excited about this year's rodeo. Widespread publicity and unique souvenirs such as t-shirts, koozies, hats, posters, bumper stickers, etc. will kick off this community event. JISD Elem. will even be joining in the fun and participating in a "Rodeo Day." Students will have an autograph session with the rodeo clowns and ride a "miniature bull." A coloring contest held will provide the model for local restaurant place mats. In fact, the winner of the children's coloring contest will ride the announcer's miniature bull in the rodeo itself. It is very important to the HCFA that this year's "Twist-Off '96" be a fun-filled family and community event.

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Cattlemen Address The Issues

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The Sutton County ICA met Friday, March 8th, at the Sutton County Steak House. Charles Carter, ICA State Legislative Director, addressed the group on cattle prices and reviewed the Mexican cattle purchase plan. He also reviewed the Beef Checkoff Programs. Carter stated, "The goal of the Texas Beef Council is to strengthen beef's position in the marketplace and expand consumer demand."

Carter also updated the members on the latest news from Washington. He announced that on February 29, 1996, the House overwhelmingly passed the seven-year agricultural policy plan. The "Agricultural Market Transition Act," commonly referred to as "Freedom to Farm" passed by a vote of 270-155.

The comprehensive investigation of packer concentration was the next issue at hand. ICA sent out a news release encouraging Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman to expedite the completion of this investigation.

The ICA annual

convention was announced for this year. It will be held August 1-4, 1996, at the Holiday Inn in Beaumont, Texas.

Congratulations go out to Jack B. Smith, Jr., local FLBA President, who was elected Vice Chairman of the Sutton County ICA chapter. Other officers are Chairman, Johnston Holekamp of Sonora, and Secretary, Ruth Espy of Sonora. Directors are George Wallace of Sonora, Troy Williams of Ozona, Adele Wilson of Sonora and Larry Finklea of Sonora. This ICA Chapter has grown and now encompasses Sutton, Crockett, Kimble, and Schleicher counties.

A great crowd was present to hear all the latest agricultural news. Those in attendance were Ruth Espy, Johnston Holekamp, Jack B. Smith, Jr., Rosie Jones, Brigitte R. Rogers, Derry Shurley Bosch, Ginger and Paul Perner, Kathleen Crosby St. Claire, R. L. Street, Estelle and Troy Williams, Ruth T. Shurley, Larry Finklea, Martha and George Wallace, Douglas and Inez Buchholz, Mike and Susan Brown, and Charles Carter.

Sutton County has been approved for the Livestock Feed Program due to the drought conditions. In view of pending farm bill legislation, timing is crucial. The FSA office is now accepting applications.

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- 29 TS & GRA District 5 Meeting, (Eldorado Memorial Building)
- 29 Pesticide Training, 5 C.E.U., (Menard, Sponsored by TEAS, for more info call (915) 396-4787)
- 30 Production Credit Association stockholders meeting, (4:00 p.m. San Angelo-Holiday Inn)

April

- 2 Pesticide Training, 7 C.E.U., (San Angelo, Sponsored by TEAS, for more info call (915) 659-6524)

PCA Stockholders' Meeting

San Angelo - Texas Production Credit Association expects nearly 340 area producers who are member borrowers to attend the association's upcoming annual stockholders' meeting.

The meeting in San Angelo will take place at the Holiday Inn, Saturday, March 30, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. A complimentary meal and hometown entertainment will be provided.

"The meeting will allow us the opportunity to update shareholders on our programs and inform them of the PCA's accomplishments and financial

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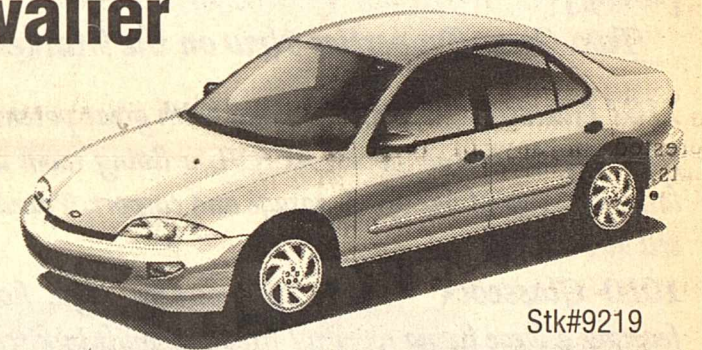
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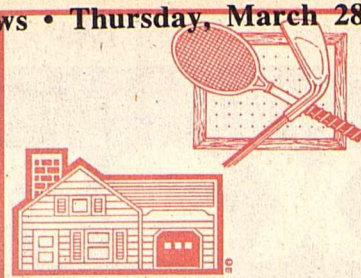
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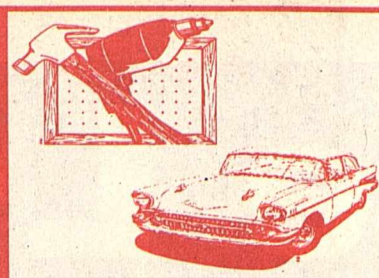
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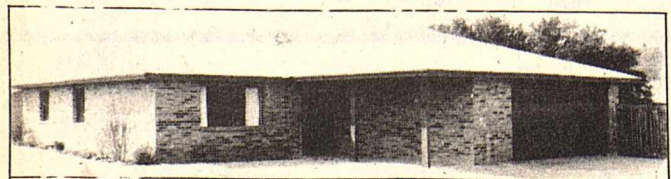
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A brown leather wallet was lost Thursday, March 21 at Town & Country #191 next to Food Center. There are important items in the wallet. If found please call William Tiffie Construction 387-3846 and ask for Carlos Martinez or please leave a message.

WANTED

WANTED: 1 or 2 Turkey Hens. Call Tom at 387-2357.

Spring Turkey Lease Wanted for 3-6 days in April or May on 2000+acres. \$250/person local references. M.G.S. 915-255-2230. 8(3-15-96)b

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.000 miles of modernize traffic signals at various locations on US 83, US 87, US 277, SH 163 and LP 467 covered by C34-4-32, C 69-4-32, C 160-1-127, C 412-3-26, C 264-5-12, C 141-14-9 and C 69-7-88 in Rannels, Sterling, Sutton, Crockett, Coke, and Tom Green County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., April 10, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Angie Ortegon, District Traffic Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE - MAINTENANCE WORK TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sealed proposals for contract maintenance of **PICNIC AREAS** and **REST AREAS** in various counties will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Rd., in San Angelo, Texas 76906 on the date and time indicated below; and then publicly opened and read.

APRIL 3, 1996 - 2:00 PM PICNIC AREAS

Contract No. 077XXM4002, Irion, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4003, Concho, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4006, Tom Green County
Contract No. 077XXM4007, Sutton, etc.

REST AREAS

Contract No. 077XXM4014, Sutton County - South Side
Contract No. 077XXM4015, Coke County

APRIL 4, 1996 - 2:00 PM PICNIC AREAS

Contract No. 077XXM4001, Rannels, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4008, Sterling, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM4009, Coke, etc.
Contract No. 077XXM1010, Edwards, etc.

REST AREAS

Contract No. 077XXM4012, Concho County
Contract No. 077XXM4013, Sutton County - North Side.

Plans, specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, at the above mentioned address. **THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBIDDERS MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS** Minority contractors are encouraged to participate.

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SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____ 1995

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____

DUES: \$120.00 - BUSINESS OR RANCH MEMBERSHIP \$60.00 - INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

TO BE PAID: BILL: _____ MONTHLY _____ QUARTERLY _____ SEMIANNUALLY _____ ANNUALLY _____ OR BANK DRAFT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MAIL TO: SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, P.O. BOX 1172, SONORA, TEXAS 76950

MEMBERSHIP BEGINS AS OF DATE OF APPLICATION AND WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY.

If you are a strong believer in the future of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and want to become more involved, please check one or more of these committee areas:

_____ MEMBERSHIP _____ SONORA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION _____ SPECIAL EVENTS _____ TOURISM
_____ BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT _____ BEAUTIFICATION _____ PUBLIC INFORMATION

1996 Board of Directors



Front ; Beth Wallace, Rande Fawcett, Tonya Brown, Fran Pennington. Back; Richard Key, Barry Limbocker
Not Pictured; Anita Hudson, Ben Pool, Jack Smith, Lori Solis, Mary Adel Balch, and Keith Wallace

*Sonora's
1996
An Evening of
Wine & Roses
Chamber of Commerce
Awards Banquet*

The Devil's River News
March 28, 1996

Citizen of the Year - Lura Sawyer



Lura Sawyer was born in Cleveland, Texas on August 11, 1916. She spent her very early years in Beaumont, Texas until her mother became ill, and they were forced to move to Oakwood, Texas. She lived and spent a lot of her time with her grandfather, "Papa" Gorman, her mother, and two aunts.

Lura at the age of 16 attended Sullins College in Bristol, VA, a 2 year college and finishing school. After Sullins, she went to Southwestern in Georgetown where she was elected Most Beautiful and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. After graduating from Southwestern, Lura moved to Sonora and got a job teaching at the Elliott School with Harva Cooper, Dorothy Calfee, and Mary Francis Stinchcomb. She met and married Edwin Sawyer who took her on a 3 month honeymoon traveling all over the United States.

Lura loves to read, entertain, play bridge, and be with her family. She has unselfishly devoted her life to helping Sonora residents. She used to have the nursing home residents come to her home twice a year at Christmas and spring. Every year she hosts the sixth graders for a conservation field trip at the ranch. She delivers meals on wheels and is an avid supporter of the 4-H auction. Lura is an honorary director of the First National Bank of Sonora.

Because of her love for reading, she has contributed abundantly to the library in Sonora and has helped initiate several libraries in rural Maine by sending them her old books. She loves to travel and with her late husband, Edwin, traveled around the world at least twice. She manages to go to New York to see the plays once a year and always takes one member of her family as a treat.

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Sonora Chamber
of Commerce,
Board of Directors
and Members...**

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or small town can pursue. Generating almost \$21 billion dollars annually, tourism is the second largest industry in Texas. Visitors come into town, spend money on goods and services, pay some taxes, use only a few city services, and then they leave.

Recent research shows that a visitor to Texas spends approximately \$71 per day. This spending helps more than traditional tourism businesses (hotels, restaurants, airlines). Tourists spend money all over the town in grocery stores, specialty shops, gas stations, etc. Tourism dollars turn over several times in a community, creating a positive domino effect on local economics.

Sonora's Assessment

Strengths

- Sonora's location off of I-10 and the one major highway, U.S. 277, is excellent for pulling in passerby traffic. This type of traffic is also great for bus travel tours and motor coach tours.

- Sonora already has an abundance of visitors coming into the area. The Caverns of Sonora are world renowned and are a major U.S. and international tourism attraction. Hunting is also a major tourism attraction. The question is how to get hunters to spend money to support the downtown businesses as well as the economy of the town.

- Sonora already has some potential tourism destinations waiting in the wings to be developed (e.g., Ol' Sonora, Meirs Museum/Heritage Square, ranches, gift shops, etc.).

- There are annual festivals.

- Sonora has citizens who are willing to help develop the community.

Weaknesses

- The Chamber of Commerce location is not in an ideal area.

- It appears there are no community commerce, tourism related businesses, or family activities.

- There is no active tourism council to help package Sonora as a destination.

Tourism Analysis

Primary: Caverns of Sonora, Hunting

Secondary: Golf course, Festivals, Ranches

Minor Development: Old Town, Main Street, Historic District

Future Development: Flea/farmers' market, Bingo bonanza, Park development project, Bed and breakfast inns

General recommendations:

- Improve signage on entry corridors along highways I-10, U.S. 277, and U.S. 290.

- Improve community commerce and develop programs and entities to boost community spirit (e.g., monthly community dance).

**Thank you
to the
Sonora Chamber
of Commerce
for all that you do for
the community!**

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Sonora, TX. 76950
(915) 387-3529

- Develop organizations and programs that directly support the community.
- Community organizations and citizens should work to clean the highway area along U.S. 277.

- Develop an overall community theme, e.g., 'The Wild West.' This will be good for marketing, trademarks, image, destinations, and signs.

- Develop art and cultural programs that will eventually supplement community activities as well as tourism opportunities.

Short term recommendations Chamber of Commerce

- Assess tourism and business plan.
- Look at nontraditional ways of raising money for tourism. Suggestions are listed below.

- 1)Flea market booth rental
- 2)Bingo bonanza
- 3)Raise chamber dues. (The amount depends on the number of employees.) Individual dues should be raised to \$30. Start a 'hall of honor' for the most money raised.

- Look at other ways of advertising. Suggestions are listed below.

- 1) Press releases, feature articles in area newspapers, the Texas Department of Commerce calendar of events.

- 2)Coop with the Caverns of Sonora's advertising. Tap its visitors' market.

- 3)Look at statewide networking opportunities. Send the director to Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus convention and the travel summit.

- Set up a program for the organizations that want funds, and require each organization to sponsor and staff festivals. Provide volunteers for 20 hours per month for the Chamber of Commerce.

Tourism Council

- Form a tourism council and include the Chamber manager, Main Street manager, a ranch owner, business owners, and representatives of community organizations, the Caverns of Sonora, and Ol' Sonora.

- Help establish a regional tourism council that will pull together surrounding areas and resources, particularly delegates and spouses from San Angelo conventions.

- Coordinate hospitality training seminars using the Texas A&M extension program.

- Work with local businesses to establish uniform operating hours.

Business Development Council

- Form a business development council.
- Coordinate specific programs to improve the downtown area.

- Develop businesses that will sustain community activities and enhance tourism. Some examples are listed below.

- 1)Antique Shop
- 2) Boutique
- 3)Barber Shop
- 4)Sandwich Shop

Ranches and Bed and Breakfast Inns

- Develop ranching tours and other opportunities for nontraditional visitors. Ranching and bed and breakfast inns are two of Texas' best niche markets.

- Convert the parking spaces in the bank drive through area to landscaped beds for flowering trees.

- Construct a 42 inch high wall along the First National Bank parking lot to hide auto bumpers and grills and thereby unify the street scape.

- Plant street trees, such as live oak or crepe myrtle, to soften the glaring effect of the white wall on the State Farm Insurance building. As an alternative, paint a high quality mural of recent day Sonoran history.

- Reclaim asphalt corners for pedestrian ramps and landscaped planting beds.

- Develop a pocket park for outdoor eating and for pedestrian walking in the walk through between Poplar and Main streets.

- Replace century plants (agave) with pedestrian friendly plants that add color.

- Remove asphalt under the live oaks, plant with ivy, and provide a sidewalk and handicap ramp to the existing walk.

- Extend the courthouse steps and make a landing out into Water Street to welcome visitors. Bury the utility lines underground.

- Replant the courthouse planting beds with a symmetrical landscape design to support the symmetry of the courthouse.

- Hire a trained arborist to trim the live oak trees to expose the front entrance of the courthouse.

- Remove electrical service from the trees. Introduce antique lighting with outlets at the base, and install wiring underground.

- Upgrade the existing parking lot at the Methodist Church by:

- 1)providing curbs along streets;
- 2)removing asphalt from under oak trees;
- 3)creating two entrances; and
- 4)resurfacing and striping for maximum parking.

personal service.

•Work with the Downtown Association to develop aggressive coop advertising campaigns to:

1) Inform and educate the local consumer of the downtown market opportunities (both service and retail); and

2) Attract new and repeat shoppers from the region.

•Work with the area council of governments and the Small Business Development Center to determine downtown Sonora's trade area.

•Establish an annual promotional calendar for downtown Sonora by November 1 each year and publicize it. This calendar should be well balanced in its image and its retail, festival, and preservation oriented events and activities.

•Work with the new Downtown Association to develop a marketing budget.

•Create uniform shopping hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m., including Saturdays) designed around your customers' schedules, not employees' schedules. Within three to five years, Saturday will be your busiest day.

•Advertise in all forms of media radio, TV, and newspaper.

•Do not dwell on negatives.

•Keep standards high (delivery, thank you notes, special gifts, special order service, free gift wrapping, etc.)

•Install white Christmas lights year round on the tops of downtown buildings.

Long term recommendation:

•Work with the Downtown Association to develop aggressive ongoing coop advertising campaigns (including billboards) that accomplish the following:

1) Educate and inform the local consumer of downtown's opportunities (both service and retail).

2) Attract new and repeat shoppers from the region and I-10.

Business Development

Short term recommendations:

•Initiate a 'SONORA FIRST' campaign to encourage residents to shop from their neighbors first before driving the 60 miles to San Angelo.

•Have '\$40' buttons made and wear them to publicize the cost of a trip to San Angelo to shop out of town.

•Develop a campaign logo "Sonora: The Mohair Capital of Texas" and make certain that this appears on all Chamber of Commerce literature and locally manufactured items.

•Place guest registers at all points of purchase in the downtown businesses, and make certain that your customers are invited to your Christmas open houses, trunk shows, etc. Notify these customers when specialty items arrive that you think the customer might like.

•Establish a business recruitment team for downtown. Set a goal for the team members to make two business retention calls a month, and report to the full

advisory board.

•Develop a professional downtown business recruitment packet that includes such information as proximity to I-10, traffic count, community and downtown demographics, available property listings, etc.

•Create a downtown business and service directory for visitors as well as for local consumers who perceive that many frequently requested items are not available in downtown.

•Develop a comprehensive set of incentives to encourage retail investment and development in the downtown area. Begin by utilizing programs already available through the State of Texas, the Small Business Development Center, council of governments, etc.

•Promote 'Grand Openings' for your recruitment and expansion projects, and don't be afraid to take credit for your hard work.

•Initiate a local hospitality award program by inviting a secret shopper to visit each business (service and retail) and award monthly certificates to the most hospitable employee/store. Have photos of the secret shopper and the winner printed in the newspaper so that the community is aware of the importance of this program.

•Keep a set of keys to vacant buildings so that properties can be shown quickly when the prospect comes into the Main Street office.

Long term recommendations:

•Establish a Small Business Development Center satellite office in the Main Street office to provide the technical assistance to local businesses and prospects.

•Institute an annual survey program that includes the following:

1)Market study to determine what's available and where;

2)Consumer study to determine attitudes, shopping habits, etc.;

3)Downtown profile to determine demographics of the target area (similar to a community profile).

•Establish an incubator for local artisans, crafts persons, etc., who already are involved in a cottage industry. This serves as an excellent expansion/ startup tool.

•Make the commitment to actively recruit minority owned businesses into the downtown area. Work with state and federal programs to use available incentives.

•Begin to think of downtown as the 'other' industrial park in Sonora.

•Strive for a well balanced market mix. The following businesses should be targeted for recruitment and/or expansion within existing businesses.

Sandwich shop/soda fountain, clothing store, specialty shops, art galleries featuring western art and handmade items, shoe store (an excellent opportunity for expansion project within an existing business), antiques, farmers' market, movie rental, upscale historic saloon, and Mexican artifacts

Tourism

Tourism is one of the most desirable forms of economic development a city

Business Persons of the Year - Jimmy & Diana Condra



Jimmy and Diana Condra married in 1978. They have three children; Jamie, Justin, and Whitney. Their interests are ranching, fishing, water skiing, antiques, and most recently, raising miniature donkeys.

Jimmy moved to Sonora in 1973. He graduated from McCamey high school in 1956 and served in the Army from 1956 to 1958. He worked for Dowell, Mobile, BTA, Texas Eastern Transmissions and Lively Exploration.

Diana, a lifelong resident of Sonora graduated from Sonora High School. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration and teaching certificate in 1973 from Texas Tech University.

In October 1980, Jimco Enterprises, Inc was born. The idea was formed in early summer 1980 with a pumper, a roustabout crew, a forklift was added, and from there the company has grown to four forklifts, 15 trucks, one kill truck, 35 employees, and two salt water disposals. The office was originally in the Condra home. In the early 80's, they moved to the present location.

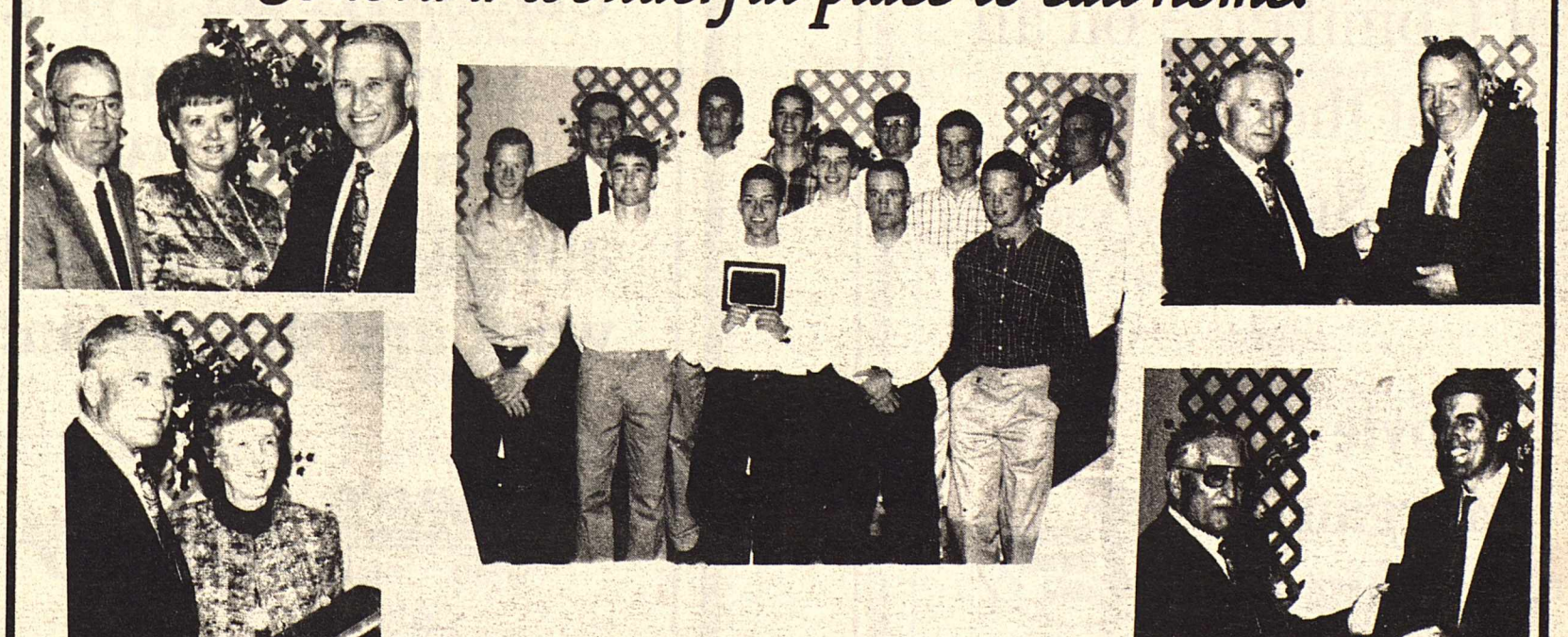
Together they have served on the following boards, committees, and clubs:

Fling Ding, Tarantella Dance Club, First United Methodist Church, Sonora Independent School Board, Chamber of Commerce Director, Steering Committee for Community Center, Bronco Booster Club, Sutton County Tax Board, and the Homecoming Committee.

The Devil's River News is proud to be a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and commends them on a wonderful job they do to promote Sonora!

Congratulations to this year's 1996 Chamber of Commerce Award Honorees!

Saluting the individuals and organizations that make Sonora a wonderful place to call home.



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Public Servant of the Year - Carl H. Teaff



Carl H. Teaff, a lifelong resident of Sonora, and his wife of 26 years Melissa, are the parents of three - Traci, resident of Fort Stockton, Anna, a junior at Angelo State University; and Robert Carl, a junior at Sonora High School. Carl's wife, Melissa, has served in all offices of the local auxiliary, plus being both president and vice president of the Hill Country Auxiliary.

Carl has been an active volunteer fireman since 1971, and has served in almost all offices of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, some more than once.

Carl has attended the Texas A&M Fire Fighting School for more than 15 years. He also took part in the activities of the San Angelo Fire Fighting School for years when it was in operation.

This amiable man who lives life to the fullest operates the business his father founded more than 50 years ago. Somehow, he makes time for extensive civic duties in addition to the many hours spent on fire department duties. He is a member of the Lions' Club, a Little League sponsor, 4-H supporter, contributor of time and money to the Christmas in April Project, and has served two terms on the Board of Trustees for the Sonora Independent School District. His rare moments of leisure are spent enjoying, hunting, fishing, and vegetating at his cabin on the Devil's River.

Teaff's basic common sense, his honesty, his generosity, and above all his dedication to the well-being of his community and his multitude of friends, have made him one of the biggest assets of this area of West Texas.

Sonora - Main Street City

The following information regards Sonora's designation as a Texas Main Street City. Figures and text are from the 1994 Resource Team Report. Sonora's Chamber of Commerce manager, Sharon Key, is also the director of this program.

Sonora has been selected to participate in the 1994 Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission. Since 1981, this program has assisted cities to revitalize their central business districts and to preserve their important historic buildings. The goal of the program is to encourage economic development within the context of historic preservation by using sound management and private sector techniques.

The Main Street concept was developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. When the Trust established a National Main Street Center in 1980, Texas was among six states selected to participate in the downtown development program.

As part of the Texas Historical Commission, the Main Street Program works to bring downtown revitalization to communities across the state. Each year the program accepts applications for official designation to the program from cities with populations under 50,000. In 1989, the Texas Legislature expanded the program to include urban neighborhoods or central business districts. Up to five small cities and three urban areas are selected annually. The selected cities are required to fund for three years a full time manager. In turn, the Texas Main Street Program is pledged to work with each of these communities, provide startup assistance in the first year, and assist in the development of local expertise in the next two years. The Austin office provides professional advisory assistance in various areas, including design, restoration, marketing, display, parking, and landscaping. The Texas Historical Commission also has developed a cooperative effort with other state agencies to work with the Main Street cities; these agencies include the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Department of Commerce, the Governor's Budget and Planning Office, and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Soon after a town is selected for Main Street designation, the staff of the Texas Main Street Program makes an evaluation of the community's needs, obstacles, and potential for downtown or neighborhood revitalization. Then, skilled professionals from various fields are recruited to participate in a three day evaluation of the town. On the last day of their visit, these professionals (collectively known as a resource team) hold a town meeting and present feasible short and long term recommendations. The following report is the result of such an effort in Sonora.

It is evident that the Main Street concept is working in Texas. Since the project began, more than \$293 million dollars have been reinvested in the downtowns of the official and self-initiated Main Street cities; 4,100 buildings have

been rehabilitated; more than 2,300 new businesses have come to these cities' downtowns; and 7,200 new jobs have been created. It is the aim of the Texas Main Street Program to have many Texas communities follow the successful models in the Main Street network and take a renewed interest in the revitalization of their downtowns.

Anice Read, Director
Texas Main Street Program
Texas Historical Commission
Austin
May 1994

Retail Marketing, Merchandising, Leasing, and Organization

Downtown Sonora has a market mix today (1994) that is 60 percent service and 40 percent retail oriented. The service businesses provide a built in source of traffic and pull many people into the area. They play an important role in the downtown's and community's economy.

The retail sector in the downtown also attracts many customers, but is hampered by a lack of variety of businesses and number of establishments. Each new retail business recruited to this area should be welcomed not as competition, but as an addition to the retail draw of the downtown. As more retailers are brought into the area, more customers will be drawn in.

An aggressive business development program can result in the opportunity to balance the retail/service ratio. The key to the overall success of the marketing, merchandising, and development of downtown Sonora is finding the magic mix of merchandise and offerings to serve both the needs of the local consumers and the desires of the visitors.

The following recommendations are designed to result in the redevelopment of a vibrant and active downtown. They can be accomplished in downtown Sonora in the next three to five years.

Marketing and Promotion

Short term recommendations:

- Develop a marketing niche unique to Sonora's downtown. Consider the suggestions listed below.

**DOWNTOWN SONORA HISTORIC PLACE
MAKE HISTORY WITH US IN DOWNTOWN SONORA
DISCOVER A WILD BUNCH IN DOWNTOWN SONORA**

- Visit retail areas local and regional that compete with downtown. Do not stock the same items as your discount store competition. Sonora is too small to compete with the big discounters on price, but the right size to outdo them with

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EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet
- Sutton County Days
- Annual Christmas Lighting and Merchants Drawings
- Treasure Hunt
- Ride from the Border Tour '96

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Christmas in April
- Project Graduation
- Lions Club Auction
- Annual Game Dinner
- FFA Big Buck Contest
- Covered Wagon Dinner Theater
- Sonora Sensation Roping & Bullriding
- Historical Society
- DARE program
- Homecoming

CURRENT GOALS OF THE SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- increase membership
- better involve the membership in the workings of the Chamber by conducting quarterly membership meetings
- develop standing committees in areas of need to encourage additional volunteer and membership involvement
- publish a newcomer and visitor brochure listing the current membership businesses and attractions
- continue with S.C.O.P.E. beautification project
- distribute a quarterly newsletter as an information network among members

WHAT IS YOUR CHAMBER?

Our Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of local citizens working together to advance the economic, civic, and cultural well-being of the area - in general to improve the quality of life in Sonora.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has many functions:

- tourist information center
- promotes local business
- referral service for membership
- public relations
- organizes community activities and festivals
- promotes the hunting business

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is composed of its membership and a Board of Directors elected by the membership to determine policies and set goals.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Committees

CHAMBER DEVELOPMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

- *Prepare Chamber budget
- *Review Chamber finances

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- *Encourage new membership
- *Retain existing membership
- *Visit members

BUILDING COMMITTEE

- *Oversee repairs, maintenance, expansion, etc. of Chamber office

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

- *Organize Sutton County Days
- *Oversee all Chamber activities and events

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

- *Develop a plan of action
- *Enhance the appearance of Sonora

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

- *Oversee development of publications
- *Inform public of Chamber activities
- *Educate community on positive aspect of area

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SONORA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

- *Sponsor annual Christmas drawings & promotions
- *Encourage citizens to "Shop Sonora First"

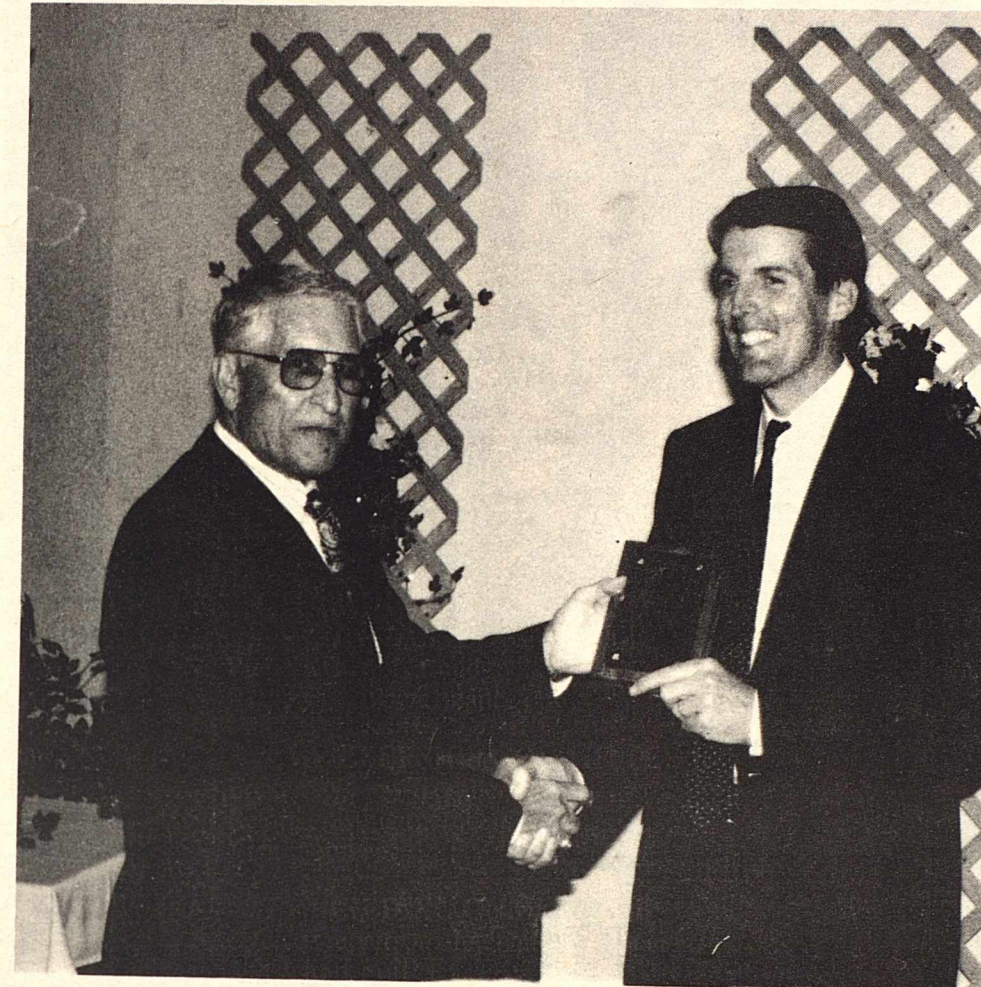
TOURISM COMMITTEE

- *Develop new ideas for enhancing tourism
- *Publicize Sonora through the use of brochures and advertising in magazines, newspapers, etc.
- *Promotion of the hunting industry

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- *Educate community on importance of local businesses
- *promote and seek new business opportunities

Educator of the Year - Scott Harrelson



Scott Harrelson and his wife Evie have two children, Ty and Kelly. Scott came to Sonora from West Virginia where he was head coach for the women's basketball program. The series of events that brought him to Sonora started with a chance conversation and a passing comment from his wife Evie. She stated, that her dad almost got a job at the hospital in Sonora when she was three. That same day, Scott saw the job posting for the boys basketball coach position in Sonora.

Coach Harrelson is the Varsity Boys Basketball coach, History teacher, and is proud to be a member of the community.

"I love being in the classroom, I love seeing my children in the halls of the school. I'm coaching my son, I'm watching my daughter play every game, I'm enjoying life." Scott Harrelson.

Saluting the Sonora Chamber of Commerce on all they do to promote Sonora!

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Congratulations to all Award Winners



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We Salute the Sonora Chamber of Commerce along with this year's honorees!

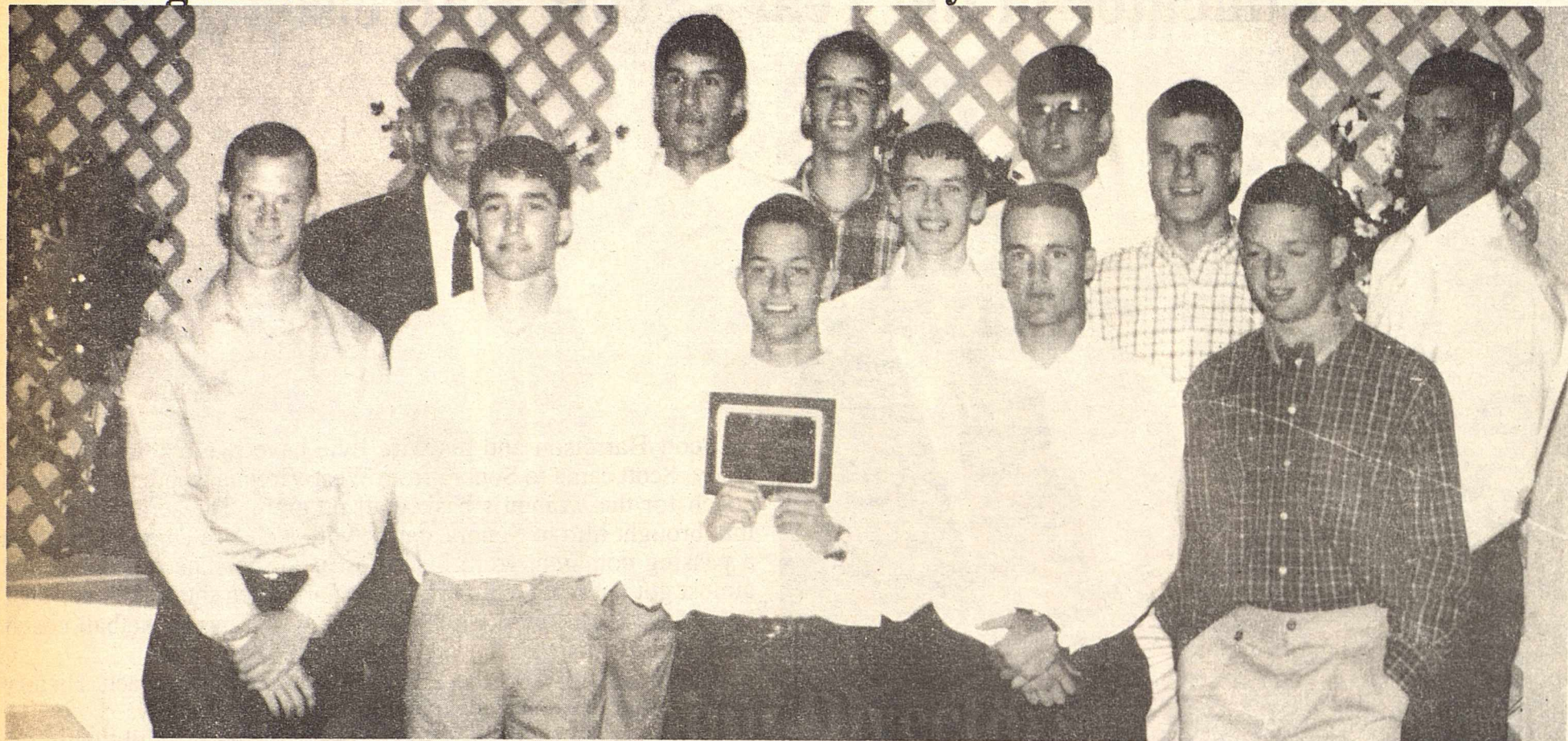
We invite you to come out and take a look at our newly remodeled club room!

Ask about our weekly scrambles!

Sonora Golf Club

108 Golf Course Rd. 387-3680

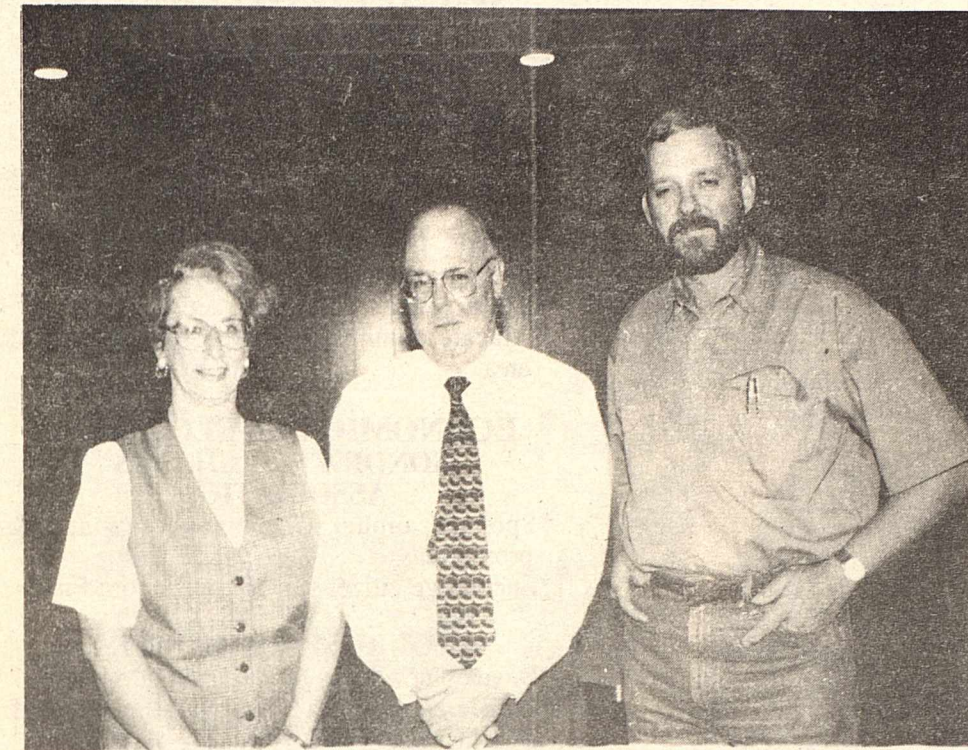
Organization of the Year - Sonora Varsity Bronco Basketball Team



Front row left to right: Andy Mirike, Caleb Barker, Thomas Hunt, Justin House, and Shilo Sykes.
Back row left to right: Coach Scott Harrelson, Kris Wood, John Paul Hudman, Ty Harrelson, John Jones, Josh Burnham, and Curt Dempsey.

Top Ten Reasons To Join The Sonora Chamber of Commerce

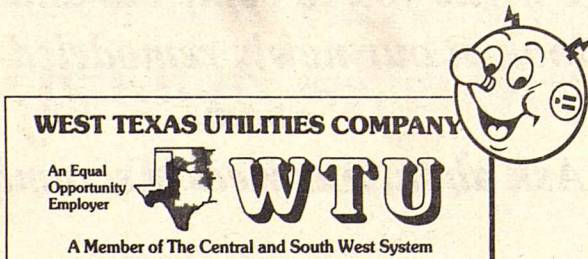
1. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce promotes local businesses and personal interests like yours.
2. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce guides tourists, hunters, and other visitors to our area and informs them about your product or service.
3. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce organizes community activities and festivals that attract people - money - to Sonora.
4. You have a business or personal stake in Sonora which can best be safeguarded by working with others through the Chamber to protect and advance all business.
5. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce can better carry out its broad program of work with personal involvement and adequate financial support.
6. Active membership in your Chamber of Commerce carries with it a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction from the knowledge you are doing your share in an important job.
7. Your Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization - only the manager's position is salaried.
8. You can make a difference by voicing your opinion after joining the Chamber - Act Now!
9. We get more things done working together as a group than anyone can individually.
10. Everyone in the community benefits from the work of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. But you can accept those benefits with a sense of pride, knowing you played a part in making them happen!



Out Going Directors

Joyce Chalk, Ronnie Cox, Seco Mayfield
Not Pictured; Glen Love

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IH- 10 1312 N. Service Rd. 387-3516

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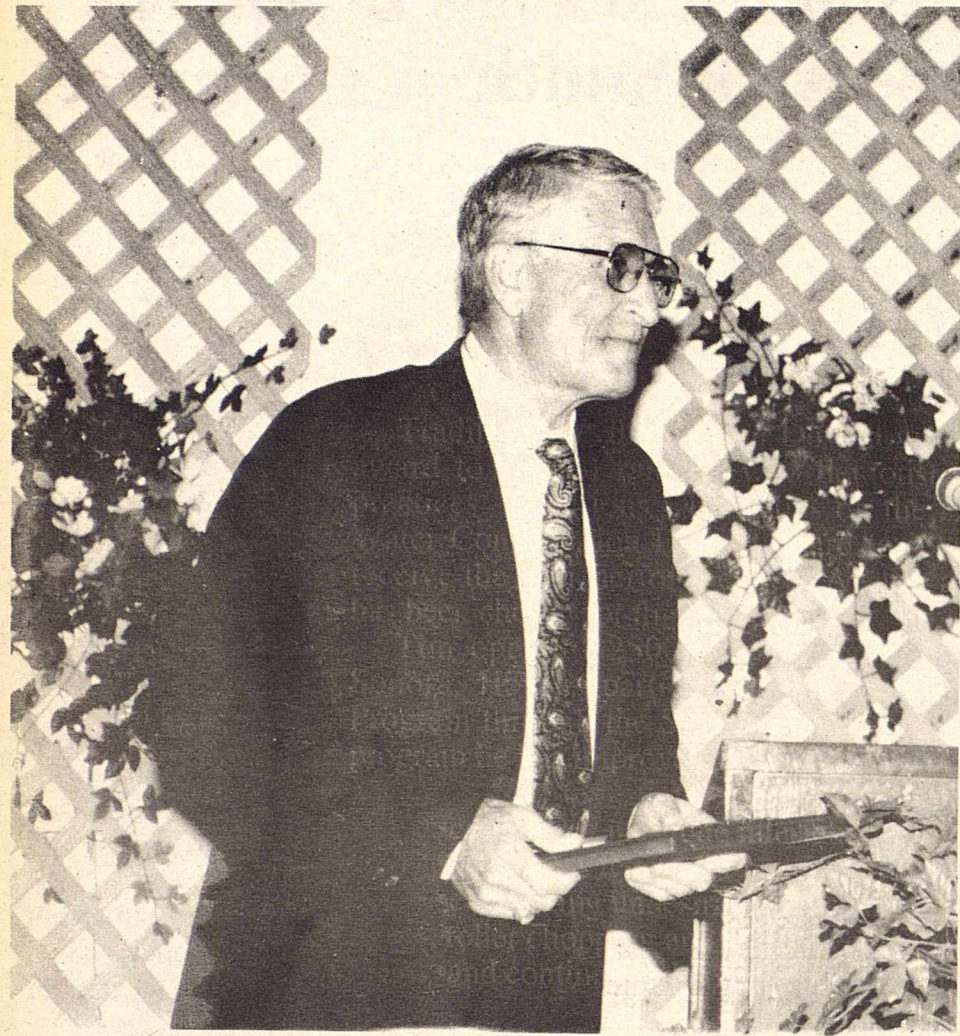
Sutton County Steak House

1306 N. Service Rd. 387-3833

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Sonora Chamber of
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wishing them
continued success!**

Wallace Law Office

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Master of Ceremony - Joe Lane



Pianist - Terry Mikeska

Conservation Rancher of the Year - Tim Thorp



Traditionally, the Sonora Downtown Lions Club presents an award to a local rancher who demonstrates good conservation practices. The Lions Club relies on the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District board to select the person who will receive the Rancher of the Year Award, and this year Tim Thorp has been chosen for this award.

Tim operates 2500 acres of family rangeland southwest of Sonora. He has participated in the Great Plains Conservation Program through the Soil Conservation Service, and through this program he has improved the land by:

- controlling mesquite infestation with aerial spraying;
- built cross fences for better distribution of livestock;
- eradicating undesirable brush through root plowing, roller chopping and then reseeding with native grasses;
- and continues with a wildlife habitat management program.

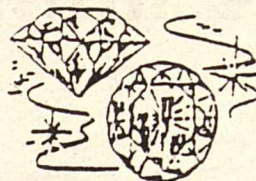
Tim's concern for proper management, and his efforts to give back to the land" make him worthy of the 1995 Conservation Rancher of the Year Award.

Thank You
 We extend our
 gratitude to the
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 time and effort they
 put into benefiting
 our community.



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Chamber of Commerce Manager - Sharon Key



Chamber Secretary - Raynette Rogers

Banquet Speaker - Rick Smith



A Went Texas native, Rick is a columnist and reporter for the San Angelo Standard Times.

Rick has spent most of his adult life working for newspapers, including the Standard Times, the Austin American-Statesman and the Sherman Democrat. He has also worked for TV and radio stations, taught college English courses, and has written plays that have been produced in theaters ranging from the Uvalde Opera House to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Rick has a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University--where he worked on the university paper with Lewis Allen, pastor of Sonora's Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian. Rick received a Master's degree from West Texas A & M University in Canyon.

Rick has won a number of writing awards during his career but he says that his biggest accomplishment was that he once rode a bicycle across the United States and never once had to ask for directions.

He is married to June Hubbell Smith, a Ballinger native who ins an associate professor, of communications at Angelo State University. They have two daughters, "both brilliant and beautiful!"

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