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Don't Forget To Spring Forward This Week-end!! Daylight Savings Begins Sunday.



The families of the Bronco Tennis team worked the concession stand at the Sonora Middle School Tennis Tournament to raise money for the teams. The group sold burritos, Bar-B-Q sandwiches, drinks, sweets, pickles and candy bars. \$363.50 was raised and donated to the team. Pictured above are Patti and Allen Prather, along with Nancy and Bob Brockman donating the money to Coach Larry Jennings and Coach Micah Allen.

Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the pool this summer can contact Melissa Teaff, by April 7, at 387-2773 or 387-2452. CPR and First Aid classes will take place in April. Lifeguard classes will start in May.

Cancer Society Collecting Cans For Cancer

The American Cancer Society held its March meeting on the 15th. Mrs. Virginia Epps called roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

Kendra Vyvlecka reported that there was currently \$47.50 in the bank. \$150.00 had been transferred in February and \$100.00 would be transferred for March. Vyvlecka also reported that there was \$118.75 in the relay account, with \$113 of that in donations. An additional \$3200 had been pledged so far.

Cheryl Chevalier reported that she was receiving cardboard cut-outs and movie posters from the Video Store, to use as decorations at the Relay "Night at the Oscars." She also informed everyone that she had secured a DJ and a sound system for the evening, and that the drama students had agreed to participate by appearing as various "movie stars." It was decided to ask the Boy Scouts to help with the serving of coffee. The San Angelo Outlaws mascots have also agreed to take part in the fun by coming to walk and interact with the crowds. It was agreed to have activities again, throughout the night, but the team captains will be responsible for having their teams participate.

Storie Sharp told how several people were working on getting

autographed items from singers, actors, sport stars, etc. in order to hold an auction. Anyone with "connections" is encouraged to contact Storie at 387-2507!

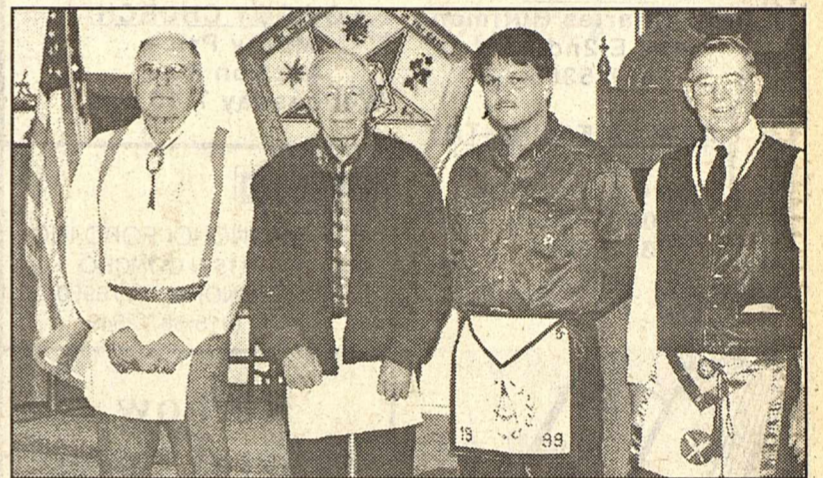
Board President, Tamra Wolfe, said the "cans for cancer" program was underway. All businesses are asked to place a receptacle to collect aluminum cans that will be recycled for money to go to the American Cancer Society. Currently there are barrels at the bus stations and in front of the County Annex Building. Anyone interested in putting a barrel at their place of business to collect cans, call 387-2507, 387-3462 or 387-3269. If you have some cans you would like to have picked up, call us and we'll come get them.

There will be a team captain meeting on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Health Department. Team registrations are due April 12. As of now, there are nine teams signed up for the Relay, anyone interested can still sign up.

Kendra McCown, District Representative, concluded the meeting by informing everyone about how the money raised is used locally to help people in our area, as well as on research that is done in many areas of Texas. McCown told that it is being considered to bring a researcher to the San Angelo area.



On Thursday night, March 18, 1999, 23 Masonic members of the Dee Ora Lodge #715 witnessed the presentation of a 50 yr. Service pin to George Wallace.



Past Master, LP Bloodworth, 50 yr. Service pin recipient George Wallace, District Deputy Grand Master Bill Clark, and Milton Caveness, District Instructor.

Happy Easter



Sutton County Health Department Achieves 90%



Noemi Samaniego, Maria Carrasco, RN, and Dorothy Jimenez are proud to display this Texas Department of Health Clinic Assessment Award that the Sutton County Health Department was presented with for achieving a 90% clinic vaccination rate. This means that the clinic has been successful in the timely vaccinations of about 90% of the babies in our area. The ladies at the clinic have worked very hard to reach this goal, which is a great achievement in an area like Sutton County. Payment on these vaccinations is decided based on a sliding scale fee. The support of the community is important in order for this service to continue.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tickets Go On Sale April 1

Individual tickets for the annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet will go on sale April 1. Tickets will be \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office at 707 N. Crockett, or from any of the board of directors. The 1999/2000 board of directors are: Kelly Owen, Linda Love, Tim Thorp, Yolanda Avila, Gerry Ingham, Hershel Davenport, Brad Hughes, Lise Miller, Pam Haynes, Steve McCarn, Donnie Weaver and Tommy Arwine.

This year's banquet is set for April 22, at the 4-H Community Center. The evening will begin at 6:30 P.M. with hors d'oeuvres and the main program beginning at 7:00

P.M. The banquet committee has decided to add the hors d'oeuvre party, so this schedule may differ from earlier schedules that have been advertised.

The theme for the banquet will be an evening with the stars. If you would like to dress up as your favorite star, you are encouraged to do so. If you elect to play it a little more conservative, that's perfectly fine as well. The dress for the evening will be casual.

If you have never attended the Chamber Banquet before, this will be your chance to get in on the fun, while honoring our local business people. This should be a night of good food, great company, and most definitely lots of laughs.

"Ports-to-Plains Corridor" Meeting

On March 23, 1999, concerned Sutton County citizens met with the representative of the "Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition Group in the new 4-H Civic Center in Sonora. The representatives from Lubbock, TX, introduced by Mr. Tommy Arwine, were: Tommy Gonzalez - Mng. Director of Civic Services, Mike Reeves - Vice Pres.,

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Molly Irvin - City Mng. Office of Lubbock.

The City of Lubbock, TX on behalf of a coalition of supporters, initiated an effort to pursue a corridor study for a potential international trade route that originates

See "Ports-to-Plains" - page 6

Annual Community Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt Set For Saturday

By Justin McGeath

The Sonora Merchants Association would like to remind everyone that the community Easter Egg hunt will be this Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 A.M. on the courthouse lawn. All children third grade and under are invited to participate in the egg hunt. There will be a grand prize given in each age division to the lucky hunter who finds the prize egg. First National Bank and The Bank and Trust have donated a grand prize for the Easter Egg hunt.

The scavenger hunt will begin shortly after the start of the egg

hunt. The scavenger hunt is reserved for any child between the fourth and eighth grades. The grand prize for the scavenger hunt will be a bicycle in each age division. The scavenger hunt will be divided into two age divisions. Also and Town & Country have donated the two bicycles for the scavenger hunt.

The festivities will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M., so it is advised to arrive a little early so that everyone can be registered by 10:00 A.M. Everyone who registered will be eligible for the drawing for a 3-foot party sub, compliments of Sonora Subway.

District U.I.L. Results

Submitted

Sonora placed 3rd Overall in Eldorado at the District U.I.L. meet.

Accounting

Clint Bowers, David Mayer and Dustin Dillard-1st place Team; Dustin Dillard-1st place; David Mayer-3rd place and Clint Bowers-5th place.

Journalism

Andi Allen-1st place- News Writing; Dustin Dillard-2nd place- Editorial; Stacey Becknell-4th place-Feature Writing; Dustin Dillard-4th place-Headline Writing.

Prose

Zac Kerbow-1st place and Jamie Teasley-5th place.

Number Sense

Isaac Ramos-4th place

Calculator

Joe Flores-6th place

Computer Science

Kim Bustamante, Isaac Ramos,

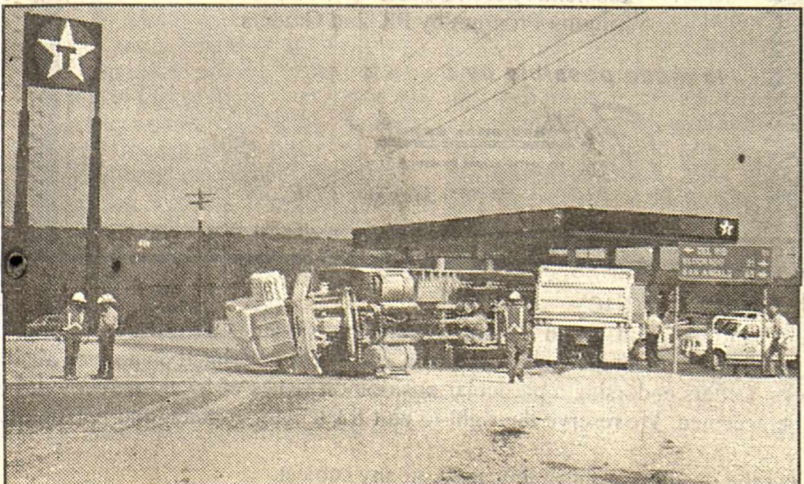
Peggy Everett-2nd place Team and Kim Bustamante-5th place.

Ready Writing

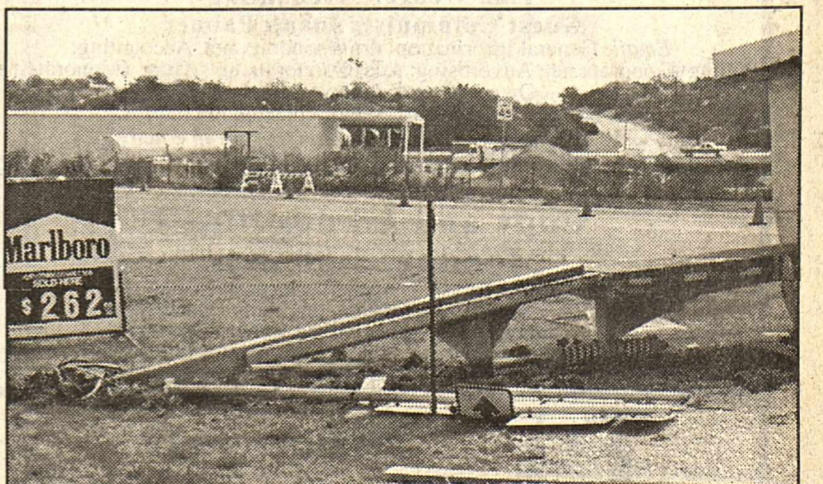
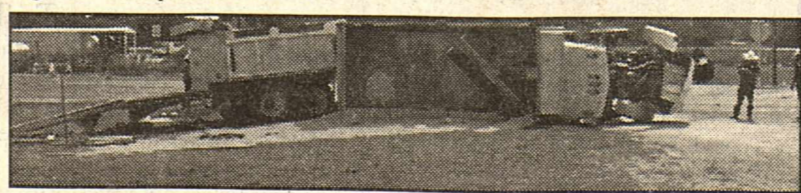
Alan Nicholas-3rd place
Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Bryce Williams-3rd place.

Also participating from Sonora were Bryce Williams, Kristen Hardgrave, Caleb Taylor, Cody Ainsworth, Cameron Sims, Tori Valliant, Margie Becknell, Manuel Campos, Cassi Cole, Pokey Samaniego, Stacy Fox, Sloan Holley, Breg Hughes, Peggy Everett, Russell Dempsey, Kasey Miller, David Benson and Wes Baumgardner. The coaches were Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Cook, Miss Keel, Mrs. Davenport, Mr. Eoff- U.I.L. Director, Mrs. Glasscock, Coach Creek, Mrs. Drysdale and Coach Dukes.

Gravel Truck Nearly Takes Out Texaco



Thursday, March 18th, Earl Leach of Big Springs, TX lost control of this gravel truck on the west bound exit ramp #400 when his brakes failed to work. Greg Stuart who witnessed the accident said the truck was traveling about 60 or 70 miles an hour when it came off of 110 and lost control about where the road curves. The truck skidded sideways through the stop sign at the 277 intersection and the front half of the vehicle flipped when it hit the curb in front of the Amigo's Texaco. The "tag along" trailer came unhitched and kept going, but stopped itself when the trailer hitch dug into the ground. The trailers were fully loaded with about 78,000 lbs. of gravel. The driver crawled out of the cab unharmed and was later jailed for driving with a suspended license.



Sonora Church Directory

<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p>CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Dobbs, Minister 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E Poplar 387-2955</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N Water 387-2466</p> <p>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p>	<p>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W Plum 387-2278</p> <p>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Sessom 511 Cornell 387-5215</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH Monty Price Auction Barn Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>
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Obituary

David Martin

Mr. David Martin, age 69, of Roosevelt, died Sunday, March 28, in Sonora following a lengthy illness. Services were at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Graham Funeral Home in Junction. Burial was at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday in the Blanco Cemetery in Blanco. Pallbearers were Ian Hufton, Paul Gray, Randle Martin, Philip Hufton, Steve Gray and Brandon Martin.

Mr. Martin was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 24, 1929. He moved to Roosevelt in 1973, where he was a collector and trader in antique cars and documents. At the time of his death David was the Adjutant of Junction's Frontier Guard Camp #996, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Survivors include two sons, Bruce Martin of Sonora and David Martin of Hawkins, Texas; 2 daughters, Thalia Hufton of Hawkins and Joyce Gray of Eastland; 2 sisters, Helen Hurley of Arizona and Alice Jett of Missouri; and 10 grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

WOW! What a great concession stand we had at the Sonora Middle School tournament this weekend. Thanks ever so much to Patti and Allen Prather for all their donations and time they spent getting ready for the concession stand. A special thanks to Ronnie Bowers, True Value, Sarah Cariens, Sandy Ainsworth, the Fitzgeralds, the Perez family, Dianne Benson, and all the parents who baked sweets. Coach Jennings and the tennis team were delighted. Thanks ever so much!!
Bob and Nancy

The Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone for all the generous contributions of time and money to help make "Game Night" our most successful fund raiser of the year. We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their wonderful help: Barry Limbocker, First National Bank of Sonora, Tim Thorp, State Farm Insurance, KHOS Radio, Ronnie Cox, The Devil's River News, The image, Rafter 'L' Ol' Sonora, Lisa's Flowers, Mike Hale, Jim Stephens, The Chamber of Commerce, Evelyn Zook, Susan Bloodworth, Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, The Bright Spot Beauty Shop, Bronco Ford and Sutton County Steakhouse.

The Sonora High School Track Department appreciates the volunteers and parents who furnished the concession stand at the junior high track meet. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for all their hard work. Everyone has worked together through these hard times to be sure our athletes are being fed on road trips. The athletes, the coaches, and Sonora ISD are grateful for the help.

Thank you to all persons, townspeople and parents, who helped make the Sonora Colt Relays a success. The field event helpers, pickers, timers, and off season coaches were called, and will be called again, to help run off the meet. Many people don't realize how many people it takes to have a track meet. The Sonora Track Coaches truly appreciate all the people who were involved.

Respectfully yours,
Sonora Track Coaches

Thank you to the Sonora E.M.S. for all their help. The people who were there at the scene, to all who sent flowers, food, cards and phone calls during the loss of my husband and my stay in the hospital. Thanks to Kerbow Funeral Home for all their help. Thanks to Mike and Debbie House for being there.

Sincerely,
Edwina Taylor and Family

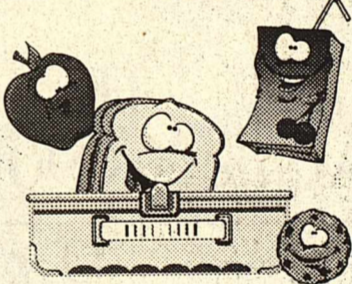
What a wonderful God we have... Who so wonderfully strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. II Cor. 1:3-4

The family of Carolina Estrada wish to express with sincere gratitude for all the prayers, calls and kind words during our time of suffering and at the loss of our loved one.

Thank you and God Bless
The Estrada Family
Ramon, Juanita, and Victoria

Elementary News

School Holiday- April 2 and 5- Enjoy your family!
Sonora Elementary will host a Book Fair during the week of April 12-16. Students will take home information as the Book Fair approaches. The Sonora Elementary P.T.A. will have a meeting on April 19 at 6:30. A music program will be provided by Mrs. Everett, the music teacher, and the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade and second grade students. We look forward to a wonderful performance.



School Lunch Menu
April 5 - April 9

Breakfast

Mon.- School Holiday!
Tues.-Biscuits, eggs & ham, juice or fruit
Wed - Muffins, juice, fruit
Thurs.-Pancake pups, syrup, juice or fruit
Fri.-Egg & potato or ham burrito, juice or fruit

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfast

Lunch

Mon.- School Holiday!
Tues.- Hot dogs, chili & cheese, French Fries, fruit
Wed - Soft tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, beans, brownies
Thurs.-Sub sandwiches, ham & cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, cookies
Fri.-Hamburger / Cheeseburger lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cake

Dining Out Directory

- Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118
- Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616
- La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy. 277
387-3401
- Los Jarritos
605 S Crockett
387-2838
- Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Av.
387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd.
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country-Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

- April 1 - Easter Party and Bingo! After lunch.
- April 2 - Center will be CLOSED for Good Friday.
- April 5 - Bingo!
- April 7 - World Health Day!
- April 8 - Sign up to visit Nursing Home Friday after lunch.

Senior Center Menu

- April 1 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad
- April 2 - Closed for Good Friday!
- April 5 - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onions, oven French fries, carrot salad, fresh apple
- April 6 - Chicken & rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, chocolate cake

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for all others.

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Community

- April 2
Good Friday
- April 3
Sonora Merchants Association
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. (Please come 15 min. early)
Courthouse Lawn
- April 4
Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
at The Depot

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

- April 5-11
Public Health Week
- April 7th: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Alco
Diabetes & Blood Pressure Check
- April 16
A.C.S. Fundraiser - Night Golf Scramble
sponsored by The Outlaw Gang
- April 19
Elementary P.T.A. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Singing Program by PK-2nd Graders

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Ask the Historical Society



Will Carver, Harvey Logan (Kid Curry), Henry Longabaugh, Ben Kilpatrick and George Leroy Parker

April 2, 1901
by Jo-Ann E. Palmer
In the Sutton County Burial Park there is a small white stone that reads "April 2, 1901." There is no name or other dates on the stone. It sits there, a silent marker of the grave of William Richard Carver, a notorious outlaw who rode with Black Jack Ketchum and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Let's go back and take a look at just who this man was.

About 1863, George Alfred and Martha Jane Rigby Carver moved from Missouri to Texas. George's father, William Carver was appointed sheriff of Comanche County on September 22, 1865 by Governor A. J. Hamilton. The first child born to George and Martha was a daughter, Frances Emeline Carver. She was born in Comanche County on January 9, 1866, two months before her grandfather resigned his office of sheriff. The Carver family was well liked and respected by the general public in Comanche County.

On September 12, 1868, little Emeline got a baby brother. He was named William Richard Carver, after his grandfather the former sheriff. (Both births are verified by two family Bibles and Federal Census Records.) Things were pretty quiet for most of his first year of life but that situation didn't last for long. Somehow George Carver managed to get himself caught up in one of the early battles of the Sutton-Taylor feud. Two men were killed and George was wounded in the battle. Word quickly spread that men must "choose up sides or get out." George feared that his wounds would lead people to his door seeking retribution. He felt it was best if he leave his family to avoid further bloodshed. George and his father, William, fled to Kansas leaving behind Martha and her two babies.

George did a good job of covering his trail and was never sought out in the two deaths but he also never bothered to contact his wife and let her know where he was or how he was. Several years after he left, Martha was told that George had been killed in a buckboard accident. So on April 16, 1872, Walter Scott Causey and Mrs. Martha Jane Rigby Carver became man and wife in San Antonio. Richard Carver, brother of George, wrote a letter in later years in which he stated that George had not been killed in any accident. He did return, finally, and found Martha newly married and happy so he quietly left, never revealing his presence, and was never heard from again. I have a copy of this letter in the Carver file.

George and Martha had the following Children: Desdemonia Azilee born on July 4, 1874 died February 22, 1893; Walter Lee "Bud" born on May 31, 1876 deceased; Silas Emmett born July 29, 1881 died September 29, 1935; Susan Samantha born February 13, 1884 died November 17, 1884; Jessie DeWalt born February 22, 1886 deceased and Percy Leroy "Roy" born February 23, 1888 or 89 died March 28, 1910. George also raised William Carver and Frances Carver. The family had settled on a ranch in the Pipe Creek - Lake Medina area of Bandera County. George raised all the children well and was thought very well of in the community. His step-son, Will was recalled as being "a quiet, nice boy... a good horseman... and good looking."

On November 8, 1880, Frances Carver married Frank Hill and moved away. Young Will, 12 years old at the time, missed his sister. With all the siblings at home and hard times, Will decided it was time for him to leave home and seek his fortune. Along with his uncle, Dick Carver and a neighbor, he went off and hired out on west Texas ranches. Now Uncle Dick was quite a character in his own right, he had served time in the penitentiary for mail robbery and was not the best of examples for an impressionable young man. But George and Martha gave in to his pleas and allowed him to leave with Uncle Dick and become a "real cowboy."

Ranch records show that in June of 1889, Will and Dick joined the hands of the Sixes Ranch located outside Sonora in Sutton Co. Another person working at that time

was Bass Outlaw. A young man named George Hamilton was hired on. He was a tubercular youngster and a greenhorn which left him open to a lot of teasing by the other hands. George had a lot of trouble handling jobs assigned to him and was often picked on by the bullies of the outfit. Will felt sorry for the young George and helped him by topping off the wild horses assigned to him and getting the bullies off his back. This was the start of a friendship that would last Will's lifetime. Will came to know many local people during this time. He came into town on days off and through his work in the area knew W. L. Aldwell, George Whitehead, E. R. Jackson and many others, including a few of the local bartenders and storekeepers. He was well liked by the people of Sonora at this time. He was known as a good worker, well mannered, great bronco buster and a man who was good with a gun. He was never known to cause any trouble in Sutton Co. and made quite a few friends.

While working out at the Sixes, Will Carver came into contact with Ketchum, Kilpatrick and Byler family members. Jack Byler, son of Elliott R. and Serena Byler, introduced Will to his sister Viana. Will fell in love with Viana and wanted to marry her but the elder Bylers didn't think he was good enough for their daughter. The young couple prevailed and Viana E. Byler and William Carver were married in San Angelo on February 9, 1892.



Viana Byler

Viana was only 17 and didn't live to see her 18th birthday, she died from pregnancy complication on July 22, 1892. Will was only 23 himself and grieved deeply for the loss of his young wife and child. He was heartbroken and seemed to not care any longer about what happened to him in life.

Will Carver gave up working on ranches and started on a path that would lead to trouble in his life. He and Sam Ketchum and another cowboy teamed up in a joint saloon-gambling venture in San Angelo. Now Sam was known to walk a fine line between the law and illegal activities and Will associating with him lumped him in the same category with the law. So it wasn't surprising when a situation occurred, Sam and Will were accused and forced to go on the run.

It seems that Sam and Will had an on going battle with John N. "Jap" Powers over gambling debts at the saloon. Now somehow when Powers was killed on December 12, 1895, allegedly by two men, the law looked to Sam and Will as the murderers. Running from the law, because no one would believe their innocence, Sam and Will joined up with the Black Jack Ketchum gang and since they felt they didn't have anything to loose, they became heavily involved in gang activity. In the following year the truth came out that Jap Powers had been killed by the widow Powers and her lover J. E. Wright but it was too late for Sam and Will. They were already too deep in gang activity to return.

The Black Jack Ketchum Gang was well known and greatly feared throughout Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Black Jack, Sam, Will Carver, Elzy Lay, Ed Bullion among others comprised the gang. They were credited with the attempted holdup of the International Bank of Nogales, Arizona in August of 1896 and the robbery of a number of small post offices in southwestern New Mexico. During this time Will

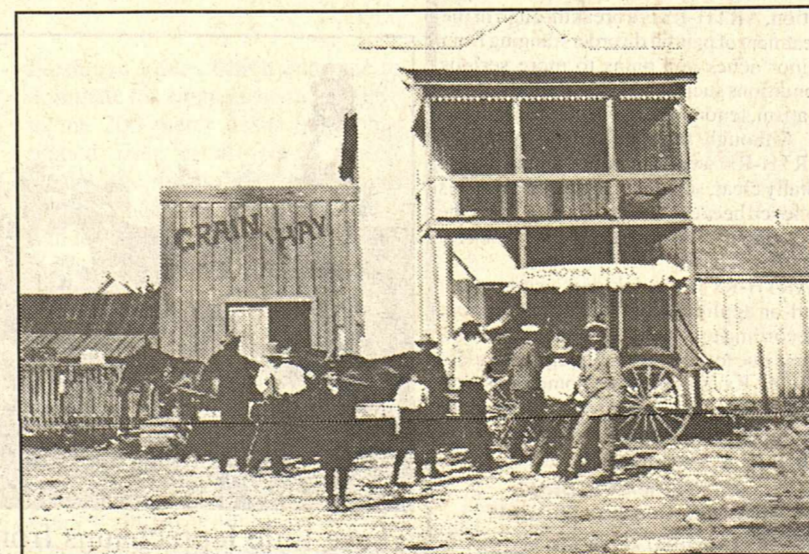
kept close contact with the Hill, Causey and Byler families. He often visited Bandera County and family records show he spent and extended holiday with them over Christmas in 1896.

In May of 1897 the Ketchum gang robbed the Southern Pacific train in Lozier, Texas on May 14, 1897 but we find no mention of Will participating in this robbery. On September 3, 1897 Sam, Tom Ketchum, Ben Kilpatrick and Will stopped the Colorado Southern Gulf Express at Folsom, New Mexico and netted about \$3500. We next find the gang on November 6, 1897, robbing the Santa Fe Railroad at Grants Station, Cibola County, New Mexico and netting about \$100,000. With plenty of loot in hand they retreated for a rest at Captain William French's W. S. Ranch, an often used hideout of the Ketchum Gang and other outlaws. It was here that Will met Butch Cassidy and other members of the Wild Bunch. They didn't stay for long because they robbed the Southern Pacific Railroad train #20 at Stein's Pass, New Mexico. It was here that Ed Bullion, Will's nephew from his marriage to Viana was killed. This death resulted in Will making a trip to his ex-in-laws where he again met Laura Bullion, Ed's sister. Ed and Laura were the children of Fereby Byler Bullion, Viana's oldest sister. The two children had grown up in the Byler household with Viana and Laura had a remarkable resemblance to her deceased aunt Viana. Will started to court Laura and visit the family between robberies.

The Black Jack Ketchum gang next held up the Texas and Pacific train in Stanton, TX. Will wasn't happy with his partners and met up with the Wild Bunch and participated in their train robbery of the Union Pacific Overland Flyer #1 on June 2, 1899 at Wilcox, Wyoming.

It seems Will Carver and Ben Kilpatrick had bragged about their "expertise" in handling dynamite. When assigned the job in this robbery their handling of the explosives resulted in shredded currency. The gang still managed to net about \$30,000 in torn bills and some jewelry before heading to their Hole In The Wall hideout. Maybe Will wasn't happy with his share of this take because he returned to Black Jack Ketchum and was in on the robbery of the Colorado and Southern Flyer on July 11, 1899. The gang escaped with about \$50,000 but only as far as Turkey Canyon where they were tracked down by Sheriff Ed Farr and his posse. Now some people claimed that Will killed Farr at Turkey Canyon but most Western Outlaw Association Members agree that it was Harvey Logan who fired the fatal shot. After this robbery Elzy Lay was captured, tried and found guilty of the killing of Farr and given life. Sam had been wounded and captured and died from blood poisoning. The gang fell apart after the death of Sam.

Will Carver was reported in San Angelo on August 5, 1899 by the local paper. He was next seen at the Winnemucca National Bank in Nevada on September 19, 1900 where he and Harry Longabaugh and Harvey Logan stole \$32,640, mostly in \$20 gold coins. After this robbery the gang decided things were getting too hot for them and it was time to break up the gang. They



The building where Will Carver was located.

headed south to Texas, separately, where Will would stop and see Laura Bullion and promising marriage, get her to go to Fort Worth and San Antonio with him. It was at this time that Will discovered that although Laura looked like Viana the resemblance ended there. He broke it off with Laura and she started working for an old friend of the Wild Bunch, Fannie Porter, a madam in San Antonio.

Will Carver was now using the alias Bill Casey. One of Fannies girls, knowing that Will had lots of money and seemed lonely, struck up a friendship with him. Callie May Hunt, a. k. a. Lillie Davis wanted to marry a rich man that could provide for her and help her clear her name with her family in Palestine, Texas. Callie's friend Annie Rogers teamed up with Harvey Logan and the couples traveled to Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and back to Fort Worth where they rented an apartment at the Maddox Flats.

Ben Kilpatrick, Harry Longabaugh and Butch Cassidy met up with Will, Harvey and the girls in Fort Worth and decked out in their "Sunday Best" the group had their picture taken by John Swartz, photographer. Swartz was so proud of this picture he put a copy of it in his front window where it was spotted by Fred J. Dodge, a Wells Fargo & Co. detective. This picture would be the downfall of the Wild Bunch. Dodge sent it out for other law officers to identify the men. He knew Will Carver was in the picture but wasn't sure of the others. The gang had no knowledge of what Dodge was up to and Will using his alias of Casey married Callie May Hunt on December 1, 1900. Callie mailed



Will Carver

the marriage license to her father "to clear my name at home and show them I was married." Harvey and Annie joined Will and Callie on a honeymoon trip to Denver, Colorado, Shoshone, Idaho and finally returned to Fort Worth via Denver. Callie would later tell Pinkerton Detectives that Will treated her well, bought her diamond earrings worth \$225, new clothing, and a fur sack worth \$30. They had stayed in the best hotels, including Browns', Palace Hotel in Denver. The girls had no idea the trip had been used by Will and Harvey as a cover for their retrieving hidden loot from some of their robberies. Three weeks after the wedding Will gave Callie \$167 in gold coins and sent her home on December 23, 1900 to Palestine. Callie revealed the names of the Wild Bunch members to the Pinkerton Detective Agency on December 4, 1901 using the Fort Worth photo. She then told her family she never really loved Will and disappeared from history.

Will visited his family over Christmas and supposedly gave his stepfather some money in gold coins. He then went to Eden to find Ben Kilpatrick and hopefully start a new gang. He mailed a letter from Christoval with \$70 in it to Callie and another letter was sent from San Angelo to Callie. This is proved by Pinkerton records. He met up with Harvey Logan and they hired a rubber-tired buggy and traveled the area posing as horse buyers and possibly casing local banks as possible hold up sites. It is known that they stopped at the First National Bank of Sonora and exchanged several \$20 gold coins. They camped by the Sixes Ranch but made the mistake of stealing a fresh quarter from some freshly killed beef and drew the notice of the local law.

Will and Harvey decided to lay low for a while and headed toward Ben Kilpatrick's family ranch to plan their next heist. On March 27, 1901 Harvey Logan shot and killed

Oliver C. Thornton at the ranch. Will, Harvey and Ben and George Kilpatrick went on the run and Sheriff Howze wired their description to local area law officers.

Sheriff E. S. Briant of Sonora alerted by the description was ready for the gang. Most of you know the story of how Boosie Sharp spotted them and alerted the Sheriff Briant. Briant, Constable W. D. Thomson and Deputies Henry Sharp and J. L. Davis walked into Captain Jack W. Owens Sonora Bakery with their guns drawn, when the smoke settled both outlaws were wounded and on the floor. Will died from his wounds, was identified by his old friends and buried in the local cemetery. His sister, according to a signed affidavit of

a family member, placed the marker on his grave.

Some say Frances didn't include his name because she was afraid his grave would be desecrated by souvenir hunters. All I know is that a once good man turned bad finally found rest from pursuit in a six foot hole in the Sutton County Burial Park. His money and living by the gun brought him nothing but an infamous reputation and short life. His grave and life story serve as a good example of what young people should not do with their lives.

Copies of the True Story of Will Carver can be purchased at Al Elliot's office on Main Street.



Will Carver is laid to rest

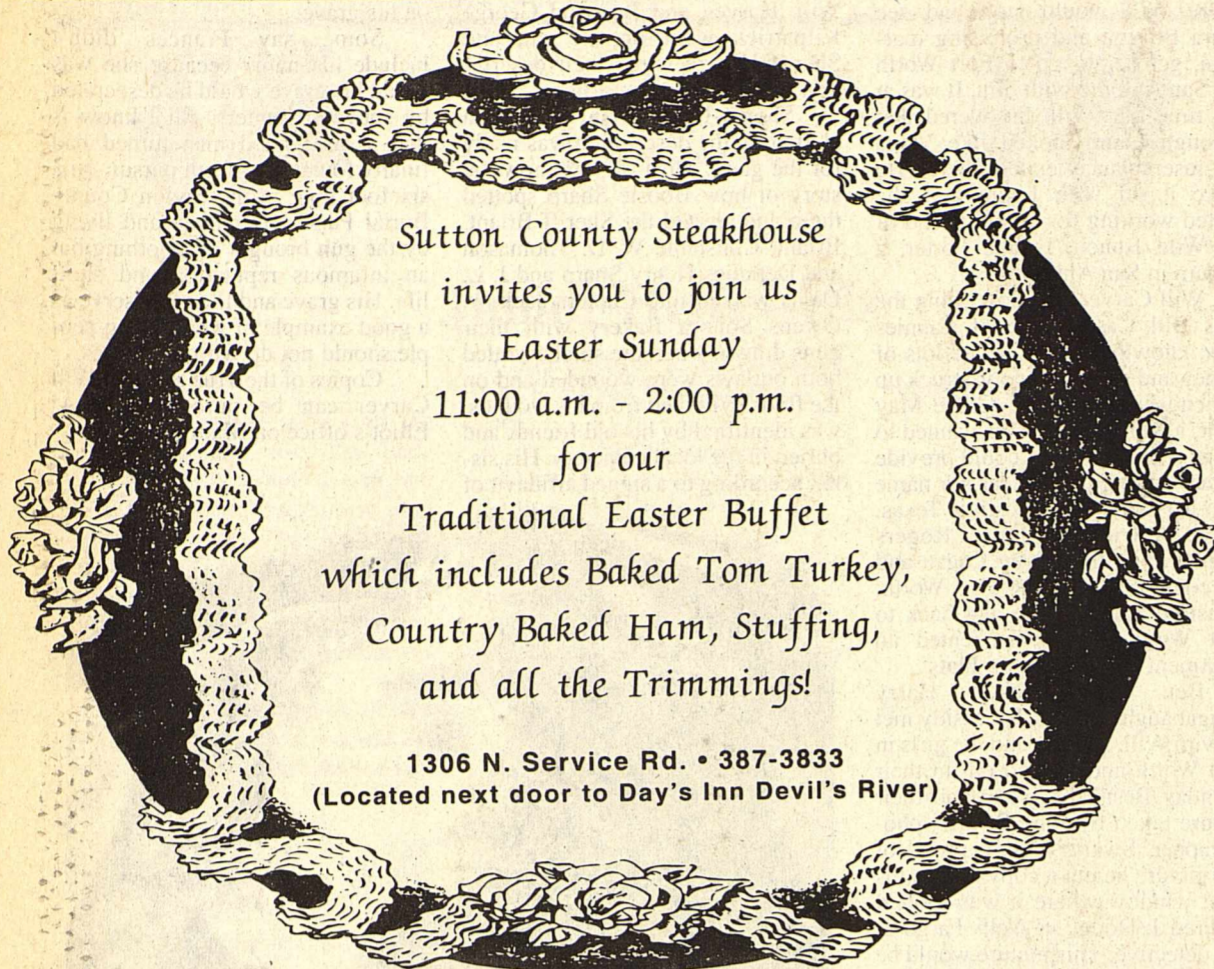
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April 2 - Good Friday 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion

April 3 - Holy Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 - p.m. Confessions
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

April 4 - Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

St. John's Episcopal Church
Holy Week Schedule

April 1, MAUNDY THURSDAY
Eucharist an Stripping of the Altar 6:00 p.m.

April 2, GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross and Solemn Vigil
12:00 noon 'til 3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and
Communion from reserved sacrament

April 3, HOLY SATURDAY
Service of prayer and meditation 10:30 a.m.

April 4, EASTER - HE IS RISEN!
Sunrise Service at the Depot 7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Easter Party
Lighting of the Pascal Candle and Easter Eucharist
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4:00 p.m. Easter Eucharist



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I made my grand entrance to this beautiful world on March 9, 1999 at Community Medical in San Angelo, Texas. My Marine Daddy, stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif. made it in 5 minutes before I arrived. At 6 lbs., 11 ozs. and 18 1/2" long. My proud parents are Patty and Alfonso.

The Lord God blessed me so very rich with my whole family! I was greeted by my Grandparents, Ruben & Nelda Yorba from Sonora, Joaquin & Nena Covarrubiaz from Eldorado, my aunts and uncles Lizzette, Sandra, Erika, Eliazar, Lizzy & Donnie from Sonora, Kenny, Sonia, Joaquin & MaryLou from Eldorado, Carrie from Maryland, Joe, Christina & Ruben from San Angelo, Rick from Richmond, Virginia & Beka & Lorena from Rosenberg. My Great-Grandmothers Maria Leija from Sonora & Beatrice Aguilar from Eldorado.

I will make mud pies with my cousins help! Natalie & Jessica from Rosenberg, Sydney from Eldorado, and our favorite Mark Antony from San Angelo.


Sonora, I Love You because you saw my Great-Grandma, Grandma, my mom and now me grow up in this beautiful town. We have to go with my Dad soon but I will return!



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April 6
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Virginia Barrera

April 7
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Easter Frasier
Mariana Hiniojosa

Little Dribblers Results

3-19-99:
Lil' Broncos vs. Royals
Lil' Broncos:
Danielle Fox-10, Felicia Castillo-2 and Brooke Northcott-4.
Royals:
Kristina Hernandez-2 and Michelle Hernandez-2.

Blue Devils vs. Rockets
Blue Devils:
Mason Martinez-4.
Rockets:
Cameron Cox-2, Clint Cearley-19, Brian Payton-4, Embre Smith-8 and Steven Duhon-2.

Stallions vs. Panthers
Stallions:
Morgan Martinez-3 and Ryan Martinez-10.
Panthers:
Matt Mabry-2, Lito Trevino-10, Liano Luna-4, Aaron Gaytan-2 and J.T. Downing-4.

Comets vs. Jewels
Comets:
Bo Amber Gentry-8, Meghan Krieg-6 and Alex -6.
Jewels:
Bianca Sepeda-1 and Delma Tovar-7.

Shooting Stars vs. Slammers
Shooting Stars:
Kayla Fields-8, Gabby Alvites-2 and Vikki Tovar-4.
Slammers:
Madeline Higdon-4, Jamie Duran-4, Alison Carroll-2.

Lazers vs. Toon Squad
Lazers:
Tara Green-2, Adriana Castillo-4, Christine Sanchez-4 and Rikki Riley-2.
Toon Squad:
Tissie Wagoner-12, Cerrissa Hernandez-2, Amanda Word-2 and Deidra Warden-12.

3-20-99:
Lazers vs. Lil' Broncos
Lazers:
Tara Green-4, Desirae Morriss-Bolt-4, Rikki Riley-4, Jillian Gulley-5 and Adriana Castillo-6.
Lil' Broncos:
Kaleena Samaniego-2 and Danielle Fox-4.

Twisters vs. Royals
Twisters:
Debra Martinez-6, Alyssa Ibarra-6, Kayla McBride-5, Lauren Smith-1 and Erika McClintock-2.
Royals:
Christina Hernandez-2 and Hillary Rushing-2.

Tar Heels vs. Raptors
Tar Heels:
Adam Hopper-2, Dustin Creek-5, Trent Reiner-6 and Anthony Longoria-2.
Raptors:
Clayton Hicks-4, John Healy-2 and Austin Wagoner-2.

Lil' Broncos vs. Toon Squad
Lil' Broncos:
Kaleena Samaniego-4 and Brooke Northcott-1.
Toon Squad:
Tissie Wagoner-2, Amanda Word-2, Cerrisa Hedgecock-2 and Deidra Warden-4.

Tar Heels vs. Rockets
Tar Heels:
Adam Hopper-8, Dustin Creek-6, Anthony Longoria-3 and Jacob Adams-2.
Rockets:
Clint Cearley-6, Bryan Payton-2, Embre Smith-3 and Steven Duhon-2.

Lazers vs. Twisters
Lazers:
Jillian Gulley-6, Adriana Castillo-6 and Desirae Morriss-Bolt-2.
Twisters:
Alyssa Ibarra-2 and Debra Martinez-15.

Toon Squad vs. Royals
Toon Squad:
Dee McGee-2, Amanda Word-3, Deidra Warden-10 and Kathy Ibarra-6.
Royals:
Catherine Herrera, Courtney Caruthers-5, Kristina Hernandez-2 and Hillary Rushing-2.

Blue Devils vs. Raptors
Blue Devils:
Mason Martinez-4, Roland Solis-3, Cullen Parker-3, Frank Gallegos-2 and Andrew Barthelemy.
Raptors:
Austin Wagoner-1, Clayton Hicks-6, Hilton Bloodworth-3 and Steven Barthelemy-3.

Dixie Chicks vs. Jewels
Dixie Chicks:
Allyse Edmondson-12, Heather Hughes-2, Jennifer Gonzalez-4 and Carrie Nicholas-2.
Jewels:
Bianca Sepeda-8, Chelsea Martinez-2 and Delma Tovar-2.

Stallions vs. Rockets
Stallions:
Morgan Martinez-2, Ryan Martinez-2 and Travis Valliant-4.
Rockets:
Robert Guerra-6, Austin Sanchez-6, Danny Trevino-10, Evan Gully-6 and Alex Perez-4.

Slammers vs. Comets
Slammers:
Jamie Duran-2, Madeline Higdon-5 and Alison Carroll-2.
Comets:
Meghan Krieg-10, Mandy Castilleja-2 and Chasady Garcia-2.

Rockets vs. Panthers
Rockets:
Austin Sanchez-16, Robert Guerra-12, Danny Trevino-4 and Evan Gully-10.
Panthers:
Lito Trevino-9 and Zadrion McGee-2.

Dixie Chicks vs. Shooting Stars
Dixie Chicks:
Allyse Edmondson-8.
Shooting Stars:
Kayla Fields-3.

Jewels vs. Slammers
Jewels:
Bianca Sepeda-8.
Slammers:
Madeline Higdon-4, Teresa Castillo-2 and Jayme Duran-6.

Shooting Stars vs. Comets
Shooting Stars:
Kayla Fields-4 and Johnell Casparis-4.
Comets:
Chasidy Garcia-6, Bo Amber Gentry-4, Adriane Perez-4 and Meghan Krieg-4.


School Board Candidates

Precinct 1:
Jessie Bustamante

Precinct 2:
(A 2 year term)
Joe Casillas
Tryon Fields

Precinct 3:
(A 3 year term)
Dayton Armke

At Large:
(A 1 year term)
Tom Payton
Billie Renfro



These little leprechauns from local Day Cares participated in arts and crafts at the Sutton County Library last week in preparation for St. Patrick's Day.

News From Angelo State

Stacey Becknell from Sonora High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

F.Y.I.

Girls Softball tryouts will be Tues. April 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the S.C. Softball field. Ages 8-10, 11-13. F.M.I. - Sam Hughes - 387-5008 or Mike Krieg 387-5700.

Maunder Thursday Communion Service. Thursday, April 1 @ 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Plan to be with us as the First United Methodist and Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian churches join to present a special service of word, table, and music to commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK - APRIL 5 - 11th. As Part of Public Health Week there will be Diabetes & Blood Pressure Checks outside of the Alco Discount Store on Hwy 277 on Wednesday, April 7th from 3 - 5 p.m. For more information call 387-5720 or 387-2234.

Any Cancer Survivors interested in participating in the 1999 Relay For Life, please contact Shanna Petty at 387-3378.

Anyone interested in Piano Lessons, please call 387-5788 for more information. Possible out of town teacher interested in teaching in Sonora.

Book Sale sponsored by the Sonora Woman's Club, Benefiting the Sutton County Library. Bestsellers, fiction, non-fiction, childrens, youth, paperbacks, reference and magazines. April 1st through May 31st.

The Sonora Outlaw Gang will be hosting a 6 person night golf scramble on April 16, 1999, starting at 5:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person - All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

The Thunderbird Transit welcomes you to catch a ride when you need transportation. Thunderbird offers student and senior citizens rates. Our vans are equipped to assist the physically challenged and offer priority seating for Medicaid clients at no cost. For further information or reservations, please call your local Thunderbird office in Sonora 387-2509.

Order Seed Now! February thru April is the optimum time to seed rangeland with native grass seed or to establish a low maintenance lawn of buffalograss. You can order from the Edwards Plateau SWCD by calling 915/387-2730 or by coming by our office at 301 S. Crockett in Sonora.

The First United Methodist Church of Sonora holds a Prayer & Praise Service every Wednesday evening. These "come as you are" Wednesday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Come join us at the corner of Oak and Water streets.

All Ladies in the community are invited to attend a Bible Study beginning Wed., January 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Free childcare is available. The study will be "Lord, Only You Can Change Me" by Kay Arthur. This is a light Bible study open to all ladies with any or no Bible knowledge. The study will be held weekly - come prepared for fellowship, new friends and learning more about God. For more information call Linda Savell at 387-2592.



Track



Junior High Girls

Submitted
7th Grade:

The 7th grade girls kept the team trophy at home. The Lady Colts scored 142 points to win first place for the second week in a row. Iraan placed second with 139 points. Other team competing were Reagan County, Junction, Eldorado, Wall and Ozona. Congratulations Lady Colts.

A special thank you to all parents and students who worked the track meet and helped make it a success.

Long Jump

Ruby Galindo-2nd place. Elizabeth Elliott and Kelly Kearney.

Running High Jump

Elizabeth Elliott-1st place. Danielle Dobbs.

3200 Meter Run

Laura Word-1st place, Susanna Street and Amelia Moreno.

400 Meter Relay

April Flores, Tamika Marshall, Jessica Martin and Brea Hughes - 6th.

800 Meter Dash

Danielle Dobbs-6th. Treva Smart and Michelle Weingart.

100 Meter Hurdles

Ruby Galindo-1st, Paola Garcia-2nd and Perla Perez-3rd.

100 Meter Dash

Kelly Kearney-3rd, April Flores-6th and Karina Hernandez.

800 Relay

Kelly Kearney, Ruby Galindo, Perla Perez and Elizabeth Elliott-1st place.

400 Meter Dash

Danielle Galindo, Treva Smart and Evangelina Martinez.

300 Meter Hurdles

Paola Garcia-2nd and Perla Perez-4th.

200 Meter Dash

Elizabeth Elliott-1st and Brea Hughes-5th.

1600 Meter Run

Laura Word- 2nd, Danielle Dobbs-3rd and Nicky Samaniego.

1600 Meter Relay

Kelly Kearney, Ruby Galindo, Brea Hughes and Elizabeth Elliott-1st place.

Shot Put

Kate Higdon-6th. Tamika Marshall and Dainah Hernandez.

Discus Throw

Kate Higdon-6th, Dainah Hernandez and Tamika Marshall.

Triple Jump

Cady Taylor.

8th Grade:

The 8th Grade girls scored 83 points to place third at the Colt Relays. The Lady Colts had a great evening running. The girls are ready for this district track meet on April 8th at Wall. All the girls should be healthy and ready to run.

Long Jump

Mayra Martinez

Running High Jump

Morgan Hobbs-1st and Shannon Vick.

2400 Meter Run

Virgilia Rojo-6th place.

400 Meter Relay

Amanda Sanchez, Crystal Galindo, Katrina Hernandez and Mayra Martinez-5th place.

100 Meter Hurdles

Morgan Hobbs-6th place.

100 Meter Dash

Crystal Galindo, Katrina Hernandez and Maura Chavez.

800 Relay

Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Amanda Sanchez and Koda Armke-2nd place.

400 Meter Dash

Maura Chavez-4th and Shannon Vick.

300 Meter Hurdles

Morgan Hobbs-2nd place.

200 Meter Dash

Ashley Parker-3rd, Maura Chavez and Katrina Hernandez.

1600 Meter Run

Virgilia Rojo-5th place.

1600 Meter Relay

Koda Armke, Ashley Parker, Amanda Sanchez and Morgan Hobbs-2nd place.

Shot Put

Leandra Perez-6th, Shannon Vick and Maura Chavez.

Discus Throw

Koda Armke-1st, Morgan Hobbs-4th and Leandra Perez.

Triple Jump

Amanda Sanchez.

Sonora Boy's Golf Team Wins At Home

Submitted

In the final pre-district tournament, Sonora's varsity golf team won the first place trophy on its home course on Saturday, March 27. Whether the tournament would be played at all was in doubt, with the chance of rain at 90%. Beginning right on schedule, the first nine holes were played in a light shower, with moderate winds and chilly temperatures. The rains held off during the second nine holes, allowing the eight teams to finish and tally scores. With a team total of 318, Sonora took first, followed by Alpine 327, Ozona 338, Sonora #2 team 341, Eldorado 366, Brady 378, Reagan County 402 and Rocksprings 453.

Two Sonora golfers tied for 1st

place medalist honors, forcing a sudden-death playoff. Tommy Gutierrez and Ryan Hardgrave, tied at 77, played even on the first hole of sudden death. The gallery loved the head-to-head competition! Going on to a second play-off hole, Tommy putted in for a birdie over Ryan's par and was awarded 1st place medalist. A golfer from Ozona with a score of 79 claimed 3rd place medalist. Other Sonora scores were Jared Percifull 81, Cole Cearley 83, and Jason West 83. The Sonora #2 team's individual scores were Jacob West 80, Jacob Percifull 85, Chris Weingart 86, Ryan Cramer 90 and Eddie Wallace 130. The team would like to express its appreciation to the Sonora Golf Club for hosting the tournament. Also, a special

thanks goes to Tom Clifton and the Sonic, and the Coca-Cola Company, for helping with food and drinks. Our appreciation also to the parents and adults who so generously offered their time to make this tournament a success.

Earlier in the week, Sonora traveled to Iraan and captured the 2nd place trophy with a team score of 330. Approximately ten teams were entered in the competition. Individual scores were Ryan Hardgrave 79, Cole Cearley 81, Jared Percifull 84, Jason West 86 and Tommy Gutierrez 89. Ryan's 79 earned him 3rd place medalist.

District play is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, at Bentwood and on Thursday, April 15, at Riverside. Good luck, Broncos!

You Win Some, You Lose Some

Submitted

The Bronco baseball team traveled to Wall on March 23, 1999, to open district 2-AA play against the Hawks. The Hawks stranded eleven Bronco base runners to defeat the Broncos 6-2. Bryce Williams pitched well in the loss for the Broncos, and was relieved by Lupe Ramon. Wall's sophomore left-hander, Ronnie Martinez came on in relief of starter Cory Braden and struck out three Bronco hitter to get out of a bases-loaded jam, and the Broncos could never rebound. The Hawks took advantage of some timely hits, bases on balls, and two untimely errors to score their six runs. Martinez struck out 9 Broncos in his 4 innings of relief, and he also hit a solo homer. The Broncos are in action at 6:00 p.m. Friday in a non-district home contest against

Reagan County, before returning to district action next Tuesday and Thursday against Eldorado and Ozona, respectively, in two 5:00 home games.

The Week's Games:

March 23, 1999
Wall 6, Sonora 2
Eldorado 11, Junction 7
Ozona - Open

After plating two runs in the bottom of the first inning, the Bronco bats were silenced by Reagan County pitcher Buck Ramirez until the bottom of the ninth inning, when Tanner Fields drove in Edgar Gonzalez with two outs in the extra-inning affair. A great pitching performance by Bronco sophomore Nick Lozano for eight innings and relief by Carlos

Sanchez in the ninth inning in combination with some stellar defense by the Bronco fielders, kept the Owls in check until the game-winning hit. Next action for the Broncos is a key District 2-AA matchup with the Eldorado Eagles on Tuesday at 5:00 at the Sutton County Park. The Eagles are currently leading the district race with victories over Junction, 11-7 and Wall, 11-4.

Last Week's Games:

March 23, 1999
Sonora-2, Wall-6,
Eldorado-11, Junction-7
Ozona-Open.
March 26, 1999
Eldorado-11, Wall-4,
Junction-5, Ozona-2,
Sonora-3, Reagan County-2
(Non-district).

Sonora Colts - Boys

Submitted

Boys Results from Colt Relays '99

7th Grade:

Scottie Moore-1st place in High Jump with 5'8".

Scottie Moore-2nd place in Long Jump.

Zed Snodgrass-6th place in Shot Put.

Zed Snodgrass-2nd place in Discus.

Wilson Wallace-4th place in Pole Vault.

Carmelo Gomez-3rd place in 2400 Meter Run.

Chris Martin, Wilson Wallace, Scottie Moore and Zed Snodgrass placed 4th in the 400 Meter Relay.

Scottie Moore-3rd place in the 110 Meter Hurdles.

Zed Snodgrass-6th place in the 100 Meter Dash.

Carmelo Gomez, Wilson Wallace, Joe Olden and Scottie Moore placed 6th in the 1600 Meter Relay. The team had a total of 54 points and placed 6th.

8th Grade:

Reyes Garcia-2nd place in the High Jump.

Emmanuel Lopez-1st place in the Long Jump with 17'9 1/4".

Juan Rodriguez-4th place in the Long Jump.

Juan Rodriguez-2nd place in the Triple Jump.

Dustin Martin-6th place in the Triple Jump.

Israel Arevalo-1st place in the Shot Put with 41'8 1/4".

Tom Bloodworth-3rd place in the Shot Put.

Jared Parks-5th place in the Shot Put.

Brandon West-4th place in the Discus.

Jared Parks-5th place in the Discus.

Josh Hopkins-1st place in the Pole Vault with 9'0".

Douglas Yocham-2nd place in the Pole Vault.

Landon Brockman-3rd place in the Pole Vault.

Dustin Martin, Tom Bloodworth, Eloy Torres and Juan Rodriguez placed 1st in the 400 Meter Relay with a time of 48.83.

Louis Segura-1st place in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:24.

Ervas Torres-4th place in the 800 Meter Run.

Seth Prather-5th place in the 800 Meter Run.

Emmanuel Lopez-1st place in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a time of 18.50.

Ervas Torres-5th place in the 110 Meter Hurdles.

Tom Bloodworth-2nd place in the 100 Meter Dash.

Dustin Martin-5th place in the 100 Meter Dash.

Reyes Garcia-3rd place in the 400 Meter Dash.

Louis Segura-6th place in the 400 Meter Dash.

Emmanuel Lopez-1st place in the 300 Meter Hurdles with a time of 45.86.

Landon Brockman-3rd place in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

Tom Bloodworth-5th place in the 300 Meter Hurdles.

Juan Rodriguez-1st place in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 24.90.

Eloy Torres-3rd place in the 200 Meter Dash.

Reyes Garcia-5th place in the 200 Meter Dash.

Seth Prather-5th place in the 1600 Meter Run.

Eloy Torres, Reyes Garcia, Emmanuel Lopez and Juan Rodriguez placed 1st in the 1600 Meter Relay with a time of 4:00.36.

Point Totals:

Sonora-200

Reagan County-150

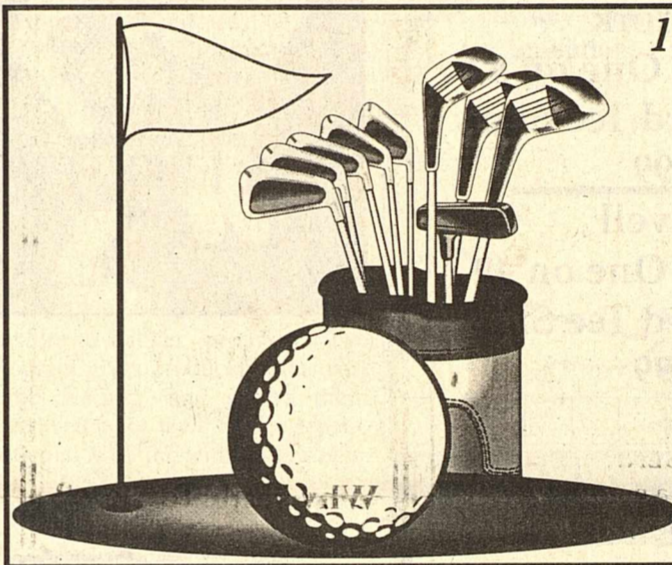
Ozona-82

Wall-75

Iraan-21

Junction-18

Congratulations to all who participated and a special thanks to everyone who helped make our track meet a success.



1999 Sonora Golf Schedule

Girls

District Rounds

April 8 - Bentwood (San Angelo)

April 15 - Riverside (San Angelo)

Boys

District Rounds

April 8 - Bentwood (San Angelo)

April 15 - Riverside (San Angelo)

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1999 Sonora Tennis Schedule

Jr. High Team

April 3 - Eldorado

April 17 - Ozona (District)

High School Team

April 2 - 3 - Mason

April 10 & 14 - Eldorado (District)

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What a soggy weekend! The Sonora Lady Broncos' Track Team traveled to Abilene for the All City Track Classic on March 26 and 27, at ACU. Missing two key Freshmen this week, we were struggling to have enough girls for relay teams. The Lady Broncos stick together, though. Any member of the team who was not full in her events was willing to fill in where she was needed. The meet was rained out before the finals had started.

The only final race that was run was the 3200 Meter run. Shalayne

Lady Broncos

Hobbs placed 2nd in Division IV with a time of 12:49.8, a personal best for Hobbs.

In the prelims, the 400 Meter team of Lorena Lopez, Kara Eaton, Sarah Ball, and Daisy Mireles qualified for the finals with a time of 53.6. The 800 Meter Dash was run by Mirabel Capuchina, Heather Lawson, and Stephanie Hard. All three improved their times from last week, which was a positive, considering the wet chilly weather. Eaton, with a nagging quad strain, was substituted in the 800 Meter Relay prelims by Heather Lawson who had

just finished the 800 Meter Dash. The team of Lorena Lopez, Heather Lawson, Sarah Ball, and Daisy Mireles qualified for the finals with a time of 1:59.9.

Even though we were rained out for the finals, this was still very beneficial to us because ACU is where the Region 1 Track Meet is held and we got a chance to see other teams in our region that we don't normally compete with.

Be sure to come out and support us Thursday night at the Bronco Relays. Field events start at 2:30. Prelims and finals will follow.

Broncos

The Bronco Track Team made a giant step as they ran away with the San Angelo Relays. The San Angelo Relays is one of the biggest relays in the state. Many view these relays as a measuring stick as how they are to do for the remainder of the year. The Broncos, along with about 20 other teams, took many young men to compete and only had a certain amount of competitors make it to the finals. Sonora had 7 individuals and two relay teams qualify.

In the field events Andy Sanchez continued his domination as he threw the 12 pound shot 53'11 1/4 inch to win the event. Andy set the tone as how the Broncos were going to do for the remainder of the day. Andy's throw also places him in the top five in AA division in the state. Riley Crain also placed third in his favorite field events. Riley has done well in his event this year but

only jumped a 39'9". All the triple jumpers were jumping into a 20 mile per hour wind. Riley's best jump this year has been a 41'6".

The running events finals were cancelled because of weather on Saturday. The judges decided to award the competitors their medals and places according to prelim times that were run on Friday night. The running events were paced by Zacarias Rojo who placed second in his specialty, the 3200 meter run. Zacarias continue to improve on his time from last week, as he ran a blistering time of 10:45. Zacarias has taken about 50 seconds off his time since the first week. The 400 meter relay team of Danny Solis, Tom Jacoby, Graham Bloodworth, James Elliott ran a 44.24 to place fourth in that event. In the 800 meter run, Zane Smart ran a 2:04.28 to place first in that event.

Freshman James Elliott continue to dominate his event as he ran a 22.88 in the 200 meter dash. James has placed first in all track meets, except one, in the 200 meter dash. In the 1600 meter run Curtis Sanders ran a 4:55 to place fourth in his events. The 1600 meter relay team of Graham Bloodworth, James Elliott, Anthony Renfro and Zane Smart ran a 3:30.50 to win the event. This was their best time for the year as they took about five seconds off their previous best.

Winning the San Angelo Relays is going to be a confidence booster for the young Sonora team. The team will be hosting their track meet this week on Thursday, April 1. The Bronco Relays will host Ozona, Eldorado, Junction and Iraan.

1999 Sonora Bronco Track Schedule

Junior High Track

April 2 - Open

April 8 - Wall (District)

Boys & Girls

April 9 - Iraan

April 16 - Sonora (District)

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JUNIOR VARSITY

Sat. April 3 - Brackettville - Location Brackettville - 12:00 p.m.

Tues. April 6 - Menard Varsity - Location Bronco Field - 4:30 p.m.

Mon. April 12 - Reagan Co. - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.

Mon. April 19 - Junction - Location Junction - 6:00 p.m.

Fri. April 23 - Junction - Location Bronco Field - 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY

Thurs. April 1 - Ozona - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.

Tues. April 6 - Junction - Location Junction - 5:00 p.m.

Fri. April 9 - Wall - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.

Tues. April 13 - Reagan County - Location Big Lake - 4:30 p.m.

Tues. April 20 - Eldorado - Location Eldorado - 5:00 p.m.

Fri. April 23 - Ozona - Location Ozona - 5:00 p.m.

Mon. April 26 - Junction - Location Bronco Field - 5:00 p.m.

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Ports -to- Plains from Page 1

along the Texas-Mexico border, between Brownsville and Del Rio and proceed through Lubbock and on to Denver, CO.

Corridor studies within this regional area have been conducted in the past, but these studies tend to focus on transportation issues alone. With the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1991, a new generation of studies were initiated, taking into account expected trade activities along a particular corridor and analyzing the available transportation.

The purpose of this study was to: 1) analyze trade & transportation issues together, 2) determine if a case can be made to support a Ports-to-Plains Corridor; and 3) recommend the specific routes that would comprise the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that through review of numerous transportation and trade studies, the following observations and conclusions were drawn supporting the Corridor: 1. Connection to less congested ports of entry. 2. Lack of Highway/Interstate congestion. 3. Growing trade within the Ports-to-Plains Corridor vicinity. 4. Emerging economic markets. 5. Stretching the infrastructure investment. 6. TEA-21 High Priority Corridor designation. (This designation of the "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century" places the Corridor on the National Highway System and makes it eligible for

National Highway System funds.) 7. Inclusion in Texas System of Trunk Highways. 8. Mexico's transportation improvement plans. 9. Intelligent Transportation Systems Initiatives in the Trucking Industries.

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition is expanding and growing with support from government officials, towns and private organizations. Contribution of over \$342,000 have been made by cities and counties along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor in Texas, Colorado and Oklahoma.

After the slide presentation, those present were invited to ask questions. Of course the primary question was whether Del Rio to Sonora, US 277, would be designated the primary corridor. Unfortunately, Sonora and 277 are part of Phase II which will not become a reality for at least five to six years.

Phase I, given immediate priority by the State of Texas and the Federal government will be a corridor from Laredo to Junction to San Angelo and on to Lubbock.

Sonora, to become part of the coalition working towards a Phase II major highway, would pay \$1,863. These funds will pay for lobbying efforts and brochure printing. The speakers are paid by the City of Lubbock and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Further discussion and information will certainly be forthcoming.

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will be holding a demonstration Monday, April 12, in the new 4-H Center at 7:00 P.M. The SCA is an educational historical recreation group interested in history from 600 A.D. to 1600 A.D. Our interests include but are not limited to Calligraphy, Heraldry, brewing, Costume/Dance, Cooking, Sewing, Arts, Architecture, and Combat. Anyone interested in seeing this or other demonstrations is welcome to come. For more information call Jamie Bozeman 387-5375.

Police Reports

3-22-99: **Harassment**- Officer was dispatched to Shot's #6 in reference to a harassment. Complainant advised a known person was entering the store and harassing the clerk. Suspect was notified and advised of complaint.

3-24-99: **Accident**- Officer was dispatched to Hwy. 277 North and East Frontage Road in reference to a truck turned over. Upon arrival Officer noticed a dump truck turned over on the median and partially in the roadway. A pup trailer was beside the over turned truck still

upright and fully loaded with gravel that had broken away from the dump truck. The driver of vehicle advised his brakes had gone out while exiting from the Interstate. A check was submitted on driver's license and was returned as suspended. Subject was transported to Sutton County Jail for driving while license suspended.

3-28-99: **Unattended Death**- On Sunday, March 28 a death was reported.

Texas Department of Human Services 1998 Annual Report

The state spent a total of \$1,071,618 last year for major welfare programs in Sutton County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$188,962 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$25,606. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and

issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because the absence or disability of one or both parents. Nursing home costs of approximately \$583,118 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$239,677 for Medicaid related services and \$34,255 for non-Medicaid related services," Mrs. Evans said.

LEPC Reviews Annexes

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met at 1:00 p.m. in the Sutton County EMS Training Room, Thursday March 25, 1999.

Annexes G and H were reviewed after all members received their copies.

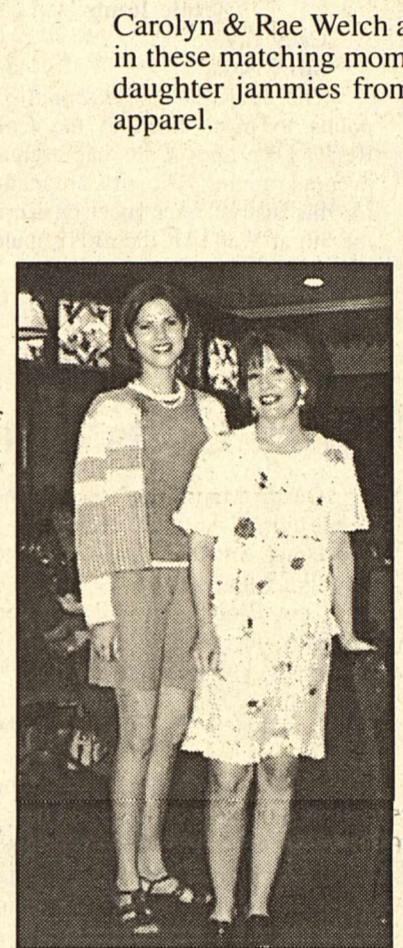
Members and visitors in atten-

dance were Carla Garner, Chris Croy, Donna Keese, Allan Prather, Russell Green, George Keese, Tom Payton, Danny Hardin, Vivian Mears, Ronnie Cox, Treva McReynolds, Patrick Campbell and Harold Martinez.

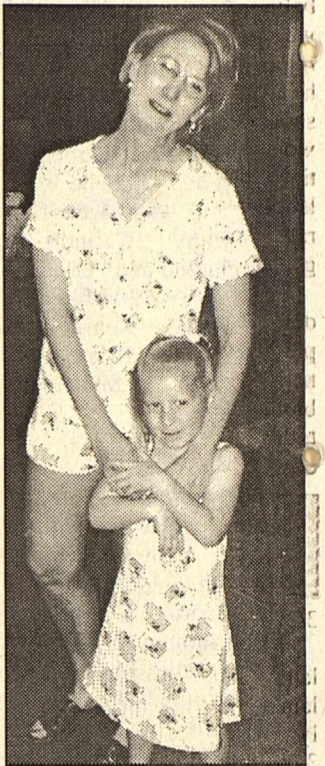
Style Show Displays Spring Fashions



Kaitlyn Gibbons & Stella Ingham modeled vacation wear for little ones from Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions and Gifts.



Carolyn & Rae Welch are cozy in these matching mommy and daughter jammies from image apparel.



The luncheon style show took place Friday, March 26th, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

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Protecting Americans From Missile Attacks



By U.S. Congressman, Henry Bonilla
When soldiers rush onto a battlefield, they carry a lot more with them than guns, bullets and grenades. They know their job is not just defeating the enemy, but also protecting themselves in the process. To help protect themselves they wear specially designed boots, flak jackets and helmets. If they are at risk from dangers like chemical and biological weapons, they wear special body suits and gas masks.

Whenever our military is called upon to go into combat, commanders know that protecting their soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen is fully half the battle.

American civilians, however, are rarely directly in the line of fire. It has been over half a century since a foreign enemy has successfully attacked a target within America's borders. Since then, we have been lulled into a false sense of security.

Dramatic advances in weapon technology, as well as our impressive performance in the Persian Gulf War, have led many Americans to believe we are better protected than we really are. We know that with our military today, enemy troops would be destroyed before they reached our shores. We know that enemy aircraft would be shot from the sky before they could drop bombs on our homeland. But with the spread of long-range (or ballistic) missile technology, it's a whole different story.

There is no ballistic missile defense system protecting the people of the United States. If a rogue nation decided to launch a nuclear, biological, or chemical missile at us today, we have no way of shooting down that missile and stopping it

from obliterating a city and killing innocent people.

Our only response at this point would be to launch a strike of our own. Some critics think that it wouldn't make sense for a country or a tyrant to attack the U.S. and invite our wrath. But why would we want to put our people at the mercy of the logic of Saddam Hussein, Libya's Muammar Kaddafi, Iran or the fanatic totalitarianism of North Korea. These countries have been working tirelessly to develop the ability to strike American cities with long-range missiles. And countries like China and Russia already have the ability. You could say we have never been less safe in our own country.

Just because we don't have a ballistic missile defense system now, doesn't mean we can't develop the technology to deploy one. Ronald Reagan believed we could do it. He saw the wisdom in such a national defense. Critics called his plan "Star Wars", but his program made great advances in missile defense technology. In the last few years, we've seen a de-emphasis on a national missile defense system. But the spread of missile technology into the hands of hateful tyrants has brought home the reality of our situation.

Last week, both the House and Senate passed a resolution making it "the official policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense".

We would not think of sending our troops onto a battlefield unprotected. And in the same sense, we cannot allow our country and the American people to continue to be at risk from a missile attack. The world is a dangerous place. We must act now. If we do not, the consequences are unthinkable.

Junction Livestock Auction

3/29/99

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 6.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes mostly steady. Stocker Spanish nannies 3.00 lower. All classes slaughter Spanish 6.00-12.00 lower. All classes slaughter Angora 10.00-15.00 lower. Supply included around 10 percent sheep including near 150 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 55-70 lb springers 85.00-88.00; 65-85 lb old crop 64.00-74.00 CWT.

Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 95-140 lbs 62.50-65.00 CWT. Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3 41.50-45.50 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: Young nannies 24.00-32.00 per head. Half Boer kids 50-75 lbs 90.00-140.00 CWT. Slaughter Goats:

Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 72.00-80.00; 35-65 lbs 75.00-86.00, Good 62.00-70.00.

Nannies: 75-100 lb fat nannies 49.00-59.00, thin nannies 35.00-47.00.

Muttons and Billies: 80-110 lb muttons 58.00-78.00; 85-140 lb billies 65.00-74.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 75-120 lb fat muttons and billies 41.50-50.00; fat nannies 42.00-48.00; 35-60 lb kids and yearlings 60.00-68.00; thin nannies and muttons 33.00-43.00 CWT. Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Texas Community Futures Forum

Submitted

An Open Forum or planning meeting is again planned and sponsored by the Sutton County Extension Program Council for Tuesday, April 6, 1999. This statewide effort will be held locally to allow residents to prioritize a list of actions which might be done to enhance the quality of life for those same residents in Sutton County. This meeting will be held at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center beginning at 6:00 P.M. In order to make preparations for the meeting you are asked to notify the extension office at 387-3101 by 5:00 P.M. on April 5 if you will be able to attend this meeting. Some 90 citizens turned out for the last meeting in February '97 and the committee looks forward to another strong planning effort like the first meeting which resulted in many improvements for Sonora and Sutton County.

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J. Cleo Thompson; 8,000', Vaughan 82-#1, Patterson Drilling.
New Enron O&G/Midland; 6,300', M K Daniel #17, Patterson Drilling.

Sutton County

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New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 5,500', Leo H McMillan 108-#14, Patterson Drilling.

Edwards County

New C F Qualia; 3,500', Stewart #2, Cleere Drilling.

Terrell County

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Sonora Ram Test Completes Successful Program

by Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu

A good two-inch rain and an actively bidding crowd of a hundred helped make this year's annual Sonora Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale a success.

The test has been conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station since 1948. It features Rambouillet rams from some of the world's top flocks. Animals are tested on rate of gain and desirable fleece characteristics.

Twenty-two Rambouillet Rams sold for \$13,700 and averaged \$622.73 per head. Bill Pfluger of San Angelo bought the high selling animal from Our Father's Place at Fort Stockton for \$2,025. The commercial ram completed the 140-day test at 308 pounds for an average daily gain of 1.01 pounds.

Robert Pfluger, also of San Angelo, bought the second high seller, another Our Father's Place ram, for \$1,525. Robert Pfluger was a volume buyer with his purchase of three head for a total of \$2,200. Jimmy Condra of Sonora was also a volume buyer with three head purchased for \$900. The third high-selling ram was bought by B&C Ranch Company of Mertzon for \$1,275. The ram was raised by Hellwig Rambouillets of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Our Father's Place had the top three indexing rams this year. The top animal, which was not sold, finished the test at a whopping 327 pounds; averaging 1.08 pounds gained per day. His adjusted clean fleece weight was 15.5 pounds with a staple length of 5.8 inches. The fleece measured 21.8 microns on the animal's side and 23.5 microns on the britch. His index score was 132.

"Overall, we were pleased with the test and sale," said Dr. Dan Waldron, the test's coordinator. "The rams get better every year. This is the best set of rams I've seen since I've been here. I had some mixed feelings about the sale. People paid well for animals they thought were superior but didn't bid on those they felt were not. There were some really top animals with superior genetics that were had at bargain prices, but that's the way an auction sometimes goes.

"I think the respectable prices paid for the rams reflect a

growing optimism in the sheep industry. The prices were a little lower this year than in our last sale in 1997 that averaged \$693 per head, but lambs were bringing record prices back then. They're not now."

Those attending the field day also heard from Tim Kooek of Wool Sacks Inc. of Fredericksburg. He's the U.S. supplier for the new plastic packaging products the wool industry is beginning to use. Burlap has long been the product of choice for wool bags used on the ranch, but world standards are demanding the use of plastics, which are less contaminating.

Wayne Snyder, manager of San Angelo's Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, gave a favorable update on the plant.

"We're now planning a \$1.5 million dollar fabrication expansion at the plant," said Snyder. "With it we'll be able to package a consumer-ready product with the Ranchers' Lamb label. It will be ready to sell, we'll even price it, all the stores have to do is display the product."

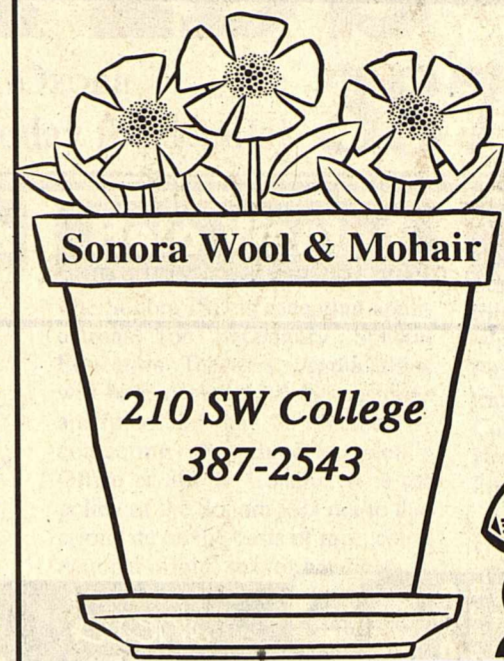
Snyder said the plant will soon buy lambs on the rail instead of buying them live as they now do. He said the change will be good for the feeder who is supplying the right type lamb with the proper finish.

"We're still seeing some lambs that are a little on the fat side," he said. "Once we start buying them on the rail, we'll be able to pay a little premium for the yield grade 2 and 3 carcasses that don't carry so much fat. It will be better for us, because the least amount of fat that goes into the final package, the better."

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, said July 22-23 will be the delivery dates for the next Pasture-to-Packer program. The program gives producers a taste of lamb feeding, and shows them whether or not their flocks genetic potential is in line with today's market.

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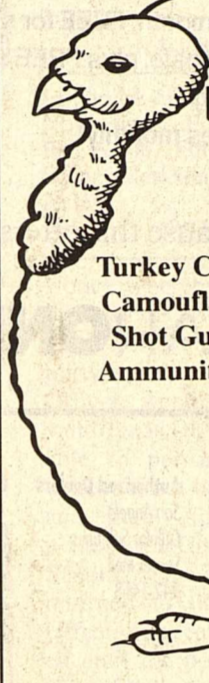
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Jim Bob Altizer - A Real Cowboy

Submitted

In 1998 a memorial fund in honor and in memory of Jim Bob Altizer and Blanche Altizer Smith was established. Jim Bob and his wife Minnie got into the ranching business in the fifties. Because of a long drought, Jim Bob had to support his ranching land with winnings from roping at rodeos. He became an expert roper and a World Champion for both calf roping and steer roping. You can find him in the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Blanche, Jim Bob's sister, was at his side helping him shoulder to shoulder. She was a Girls Rodeo Hand and a member of the Cowgirls Hall of Fame. Together they reached out to cowboys both young and old.

In the eighties Jim Bob and his friends held ropings every October in Del Rio, Texas. Ropers from all over the country came to see if they could out rope the world's best roping champions. Jim Bob donated all of the proceeds, over \$90,000 to the West Texas Boys Ranch. Jim Bob was a true believer in helping this Ranch in its goal to give young boys a fresh start. He often took these boys out personally on hunting trips. He has played a vital role in the success of the Ranch. Even today his memory and his financial assistance are strong at work.

The West Texas Boys Ranch is a real working ranch that not only provides a home to 40 school age boys, but it offers guidance, structure and opportunities through a family based program.

Located just 17 miles west of San Angelo, over 1,300 boys from across the state have called the 963-acre Ranch home. In 1947, the San Angelo Optimist Club, several civic groups, organizations, foundations and individuals joined together to establish the Boys Ranch Co-op of West Texas. The name was later

changed to the currently familiar and widely known "West Texas Boys Ranch".

The Ranch depends on these organizations for financial support. Through almost 50 years as a basic child care facility; the Ranch has operated solely from the charitable contributions of people like Jim Bob Altizer who want to help these boys.

In 1997 Jim Bob Altizer died at the age of 65 and Blanche followed in 1998. Their legend lives on in the Jim Bob Altizer and Blanche Altizer Smith Horse Endowment Fund. This fund makes it financially possible for boys to learn the responsibilities of horse rearing, riding, training and maintenance. These boys are taught skilled horsemanship and the intrinsic values of horses. "These kids are riding everyday. Because of the Altizer endowment we are able to fully utilize our horse program," state Jim Kavanagh, President of West Texas Boys Ranch. "We are so grateful for all the funds that have made our continual 52 years of service to the

boys a success."

The ranching tradition has been carried on through his wife and the children of Jim Bob Altizer. Minnie now handles the Altizer ranch and Sherry, their daughter lives and works on her ranch today in Sonora, Texas with her husband Ben. Jim Bobs' son, Mac and his wife Kathy own a successful rodeo producing company. In 1998 Mac won an award for best rodeo producer in the United States.

In 1998 The Bank & Trust helped the endowment fund with a generous contribution of \$20,000. "We think the Ranch is a great place for boys to grow and learn. We want to help our future generations to get a good start in life," stated Bill Cauthorn, Chairman of The Bank & Trust. Jim Bob Altizer was on the Board of Directors for the Bank & Trust for 25 years and also served as a Founding Director of Westex Bancorp Inc., holding company for the Bank. The Bank & Trust hopes that the friends of the Altizers throughout the country will contribute to the endowment to help keep it running.



Many of Jim Bob Altizer's family and friends were on hand when The Bank & Trust generously contibuted \$20,000 to the Altizer Endowment Fund for the West Texas Boys Ranch.

Ranch Women Still Being Honored

Submitted

Gladys Wyatt Reiley was born May 24, 1896 on the C. D. Wyatt Ranch in Sutton County, Texas. She was the firstborn child of pioneer ranchers Christopher Denton (Chris) and Zadie Baker Wyatt. Gladys' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker were earlier pioneer ranchers in Sutton County. Gladys and her brother Henry rode their horses from their parents ranch to school about three miles away to Owensville, Texas.

Gladys married John Phillip Reiley on August 3, 1913. They lived on various Reiley ranches until about 1914 when they purchased the Owensville Ranch in north-east Sutton County. Gladys and John had five children: Floreine, Beavely, John William, Pat, and Winnie Lynn.



Gladys Wyatt Reiley

Allie Halbert, the first born child of Robert and Battie Halbert, was born in Eldorado. By the time of her arrival on March 31, 1914, her parents were already established as ranchers. At an early age, she moved with her parents to the family ranch in Sutton county. Her only sister, Bobbie, was born in 1918.

Allie came into this world with an inborn love of the land and of ranching. As soon as she was old enough to help on the ranch, she recalls getting up at about 4:00 a.m. to go out to catch the horses. As soon as the sun arose, she was ready to accompany her father on horseback. Mrs. Halbert packed a lunch for them so that they could put in a full day.

Allie graduated from school in Sonora and then went to SMU where she received a Bachelors Degree in Home Economics. While at SMU, she met and married Clifford McBride. During their 20 years of marriage, although ranching was not their primary source of income, they ran small operations in Dallas and later in California. Clifford died in 1954, and Allie returned to her parent's ranch east of Sonora that she loved so much. For a time, she single-handedly ran the ranch and supported her three children, Robert Michael, Patrick, and Linda. Eventually, she hired some ranch help, but continued to take an



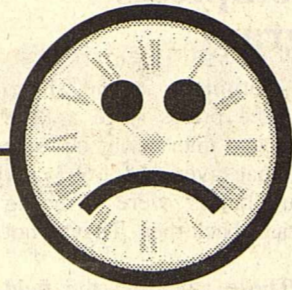
Allie Halbert Askew

active part in the running of the ranch.

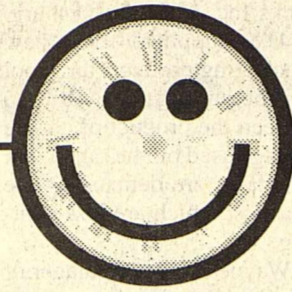
In 1959, Allie married Vestel Askew. Allie & Vestel still operate a portion of the ranch. They raise sheep, angus cattle, and Allie's pride & joy - polled herefords descended from her father's famous herd. She visits the ranch as often as possible,

and she keeps all the records for her registered polled herefords. Her daughter & son-in-law are now ranching alongside the Askews. Ranching is "in her blood", along with a bond to the land that will never diminish. Throughout her 85 years, she has passed on her respect for the land to many.

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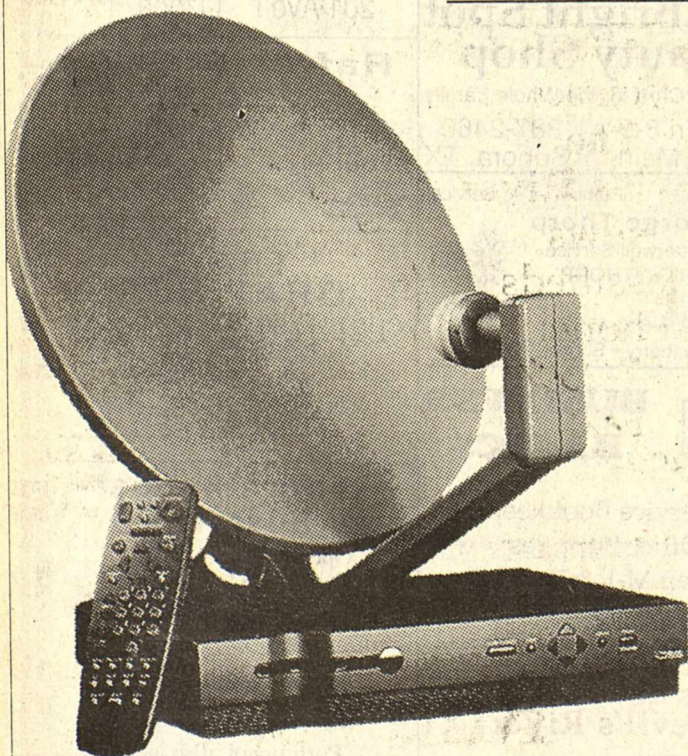
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