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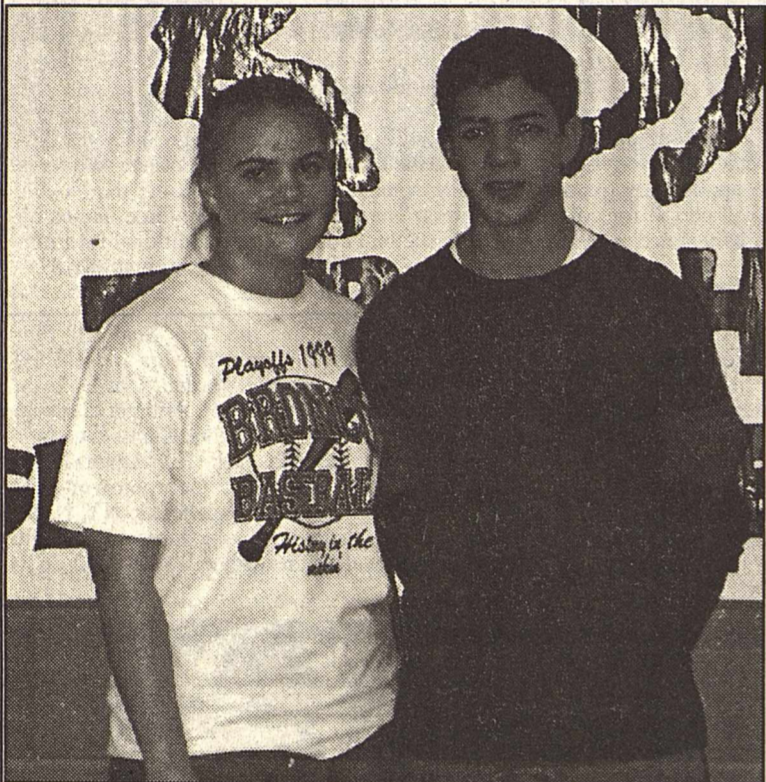
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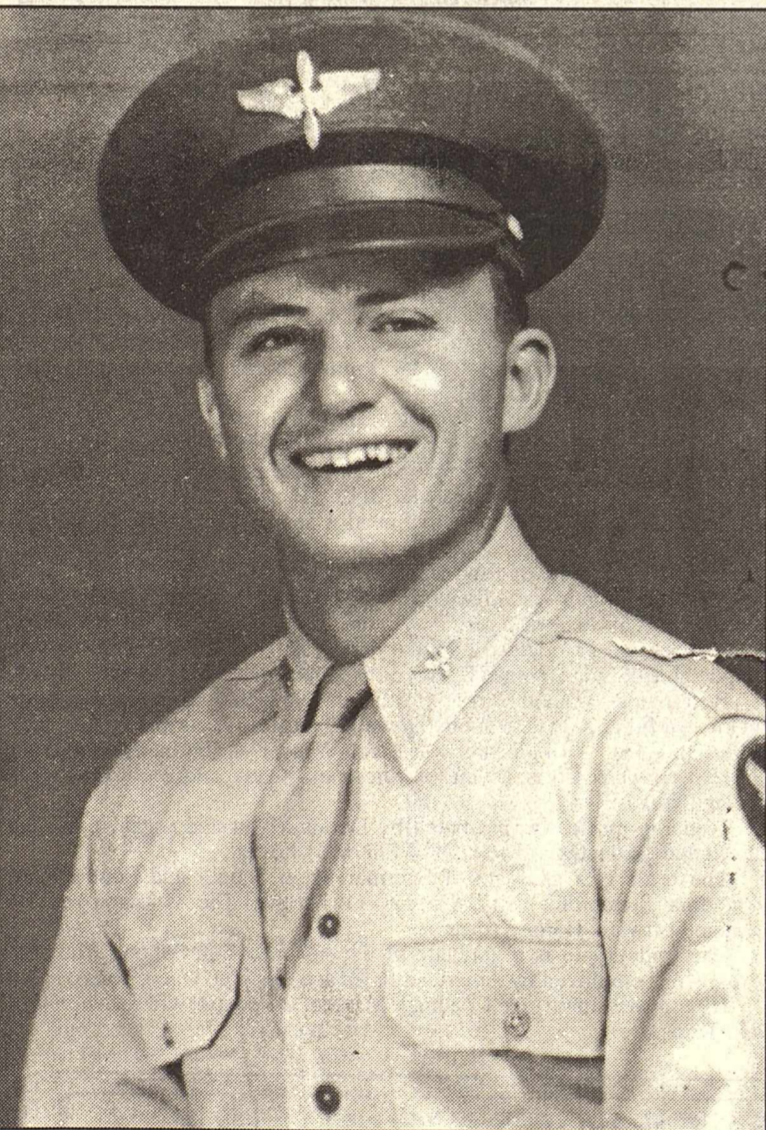
Thursday, February 10, 2000

## Jones & Kramer Receive Sportsmanship Award



The NFHS and its member high school associations, in collaboration with the National Basketball Association and the Women's National Basketball Association, are proud to present the NFHS/NBA/WNBA Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Program. As the fourth year of the program begins and a new millennium is entered, the emphasis on sportsmanship, respect and teamwork are critical to the improvement of citizenship in our society. The NBA and WNBA have shown their dedication and commitment to this ideal, with continuing support of the NFHS sportsmanship initiative. Collectively, the NFHS, NBA, and the WNBA share in the belief that interscholastic athletics provide an effective learning experience that no other curriculum can replicate. The recipients of this year's NFHS/NBA/WNBA award are Cindy Jones and Ryan Cramer.

## Veteran Honored



HERSHEL DAVENPORT----WWII/Korean War Veteran

Submitted  
Hershel enlisted in the Army Air Corps, on November 18, 1942. He was assigned to 6 weeks Basic Training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, after which he went to Ft. Collins, Colorado, to Clerical School. On completion, he applied for Aviation Cadet School. There were no openings at that time so, on April 10, 1943 he was assigned to Headquarters 7th Air Force, 73rd Fighter Squadron, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii for clerical duties.  
On August 5, 1943 he was appointed as an Aviation Cadet with assignment to Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., to begin training. Training was continued at Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Massachusetts and then Courtland Army Air Field, Courtland, Alabama. This was followed by intensive gunnery training at Las Vegas Air Corps Base, Las Vegas, Nevada. He was then assigned to Bombardier Training at Big Spring

AFB, Big Spring, Texas, graduating as one of the top 6 cadets out of a class of 166 on May 31, 1945.

Hershel reported to Chandler AFB, Williams, Arizona as an instructor. While there he was selected to Radar/Bombardier School and was assigned to Yuma AFB, Yuma, Arizona and completed training September 20, 1945. By this time the A-bombs had been detonated and the war was over. He expected immediate discharge but was sent to Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas, where he was separated from the service on November 21, 1945 and put into a 5 year inactive service status.

On November 21, 1945, he received orders to report to Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas on December 21, 1950. "Merry Christmas from Harry Truman!!" He was assigned to Ellington AFB,

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### Hepatitis A Vaccine Clinic

All the children that received their first Hep A vaccination on July 31st will be required to return for the 2nd dose on Saturday, February 12. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## S.I.S.D. School Board Addresses Concerns

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora I.S.D. met on Monday, February 7, 2000. Rex Ann Friess, County Tax Assessor/Collector reported that a returned check from a large company in town may cause the school to be short approximately \$244,000 of the money budgeted on the estimated tax income. Friess said that her office is working on this situation to see what can be done to avoid the total loss. In another order of business, Friess requested that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the Tax/Assessor office retaining a portion of the refunded money from the 1999 budgeted amount that wasn't spent, to upgrade computers.

Paul Chevalier with the Elementary Facilities Committee, reported that the committee has evaluated the Elementary facilities and determined that professional assistance (i.e. architectural) is needed in order to make any further decisions about existing facilities. The board asked that the committee do further research to get some figures from architects to see what financial obligations the community might incur on this project.

The minutes from the January 10, 2000 meeting were approved, as well as the payment of current bills in the amount of \$311,723.34. A budget amendment regarding revenue received from donations and grants was approved.

The board approved a certifica-

## Sweetest Hearts

The Sonora Middle School Student Council is sponsoring the annual Valentine's Dance for its students. The theme this year is "Peace, Love, and Valentines". Part of the tradition for the dance is for teachers to nominate 8th grade students for "Sweetest Hearts", who have shown themselves to be good citizens and upstanding students at Sonora Middle School. The student body then votes for their favorite from the nominations and the boy and girl with the top number of votes are announced as "Sweetest Hearts" at approximately 9:00 p.m. the night of the dance. The nominees for this year's female "Sweetest Heart" are Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of Al & Sandra Elliott; Megan Fitzgerald, daughter of Wade & Cheree Fitzgerald; Paola Garcia, daughter of Carmen Garcia; Crystal Guerra, daughter of Jesse & Regina Guerra; Dainah Hernandez, daughter of Alfredo & Kingkuer Hernandez; Marilyn Holman, daughter of Jimmy & Sharon Holman; Brea Hughes, daughter of Brad & Chandra Hughes; Tamkia Marshall; daughter of Oscar & Kathy Marshall; Evangelina Martinez, daughter of Refugio & Sylvia Martinez; Nicole Samaniego, daughter of Connie Samaniego; and Susanna Street, daughter of Mike & Robin Street. The male nominees for this year's "Sweetest Heart" are Peter Duran, son of Manuel & Rachel Duran; Ervey Hernandez, son of Domingo & Maria Hernandez; Stevie Hernandez, son of Esteban & Hermelinda Hernandez; Tanner Matchus, son of E.J. & Cherry Matchus; Scottie Moore, son of Mike & Sue Moore; Tom (Trapper) Valliant, son of Tom and Brenda Valliant; Wilson Wallace, son of David & Beth Wallace; and Devon Yearout, son of Carol Evans

tion for shared services in Region 15 and set the school trustee election for May 6, 2000. Election officers were appointed and it was approved to grant the Hospital District's request to share election workers and expenses.

A discussion took place regarding changes being made to the sick leave and workmen's compensation policy, as well as a question regarding maternity leave compensation. It was agreed by the board to make the changes necessary to make the DEC policy current and nothing more.

Board training hours were reported as follows: Dayton Armke - 13 1/2 hours, John Barker - 6 hours, Jesse Bustamante - 8 hours, Clay Cade - 5 hours, Tryon Fields - 14 1/2 hours, Sam David Hernandez - 5 hours and Tom Payton - 18.5 hours.

Dr. Harlan reported that a new requirement had been posted regarding open meetings of the school board. The Superintendent Report must be itemized by subject to be reported on. He also reported on attendance and how the high school had the greatest decrease in the number of students to date. When asked why, Principal Steve McCarn stated that it was mostly due to students leaving to live with other relatives. Harlan also presented each board member with a plaque

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## Survivor of the Week

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This week's Cancer Survivor is Mrs. Gloria Miers. Gloria was born and raised in California, but after visiting the nice little town of Sonora, she decided to move here in 1978. Gloria met Royce Miers soon after, and they were married in 1980. In May of this year they will celebrate 20 years of marriage. Gloria has one son, Bryce Matthews, who resides in Denver, CO. Currently, Gloria and Royce are raising their granddaughter, Danielle Matthews, who is a 6th grader at Sonora Middle School. The Miers' owned and operated the Branding Iron Smokehouse in Sonora for 15 years.

In July of 1988, Gloria was diagnosed with Intraocular Melanoma, when a tumor was found in her right eye during a routine eye exam. They sent her to a specialist in Dallas, where her right eye was removed and she became a part of a study plan on Melanoma of the eye. Gloria was the part of the study that received no radiation, and she recently received a letter informing her that as of now, research has found no differences in the recovery of those that had or had not taken the radiation treatments.

Gloria said that if the tumor that was found in her eye had been found in any other part of her body it would have been considered very small, but in the eye it was more prominent.

After the removal of her affected eye, Gloria went to an Oculist, who made her a prosthesis eye. There have been no recurrences since the removal, and in July of 2000 Gloria will celebrate 12 years of being cancer free.

Gloria commented that cases like hers show that just because you hear the "C" word, doesn't mean it's all over. You can, and many do, survive.

Intraocular Melanoma is a rare type of cancer that is found within the globe of the eye in the uvea. There are two types of cells in intraocular melanoma tumors: spindle cells and non-spindle cells, the

## Concho Valley EMS Expo 2000 Coming to Sonora

The EMS Expo 2000 will take place on Saturday, February 19, 2000. The expo, which is for people in the medical field, will be kicked off on Friday, February 18th with a B-B-Que dinner at the Sutton County Slab, for all those that will be attending on Saturday. The expo, being held at the Sutton County Civic Center, will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The EMS is hoping to have around 300 participants attend the expo. There will be people from all over Texas, as well as Oklahoma. The conference is for continued

education hours for EMS personnel, nurses and physicians. Speakers that will be participating in the EMS Expo 2000 are Scott Bolleter, EMT - Paramedic for San Antonio AirLife, Damon Benton, EMT - Paramedic with Bound Tree ALS Medical, Bill Justice, FF, EMT - Paramedic with the Oklahoma City Fire Department and David E. Phillips, B.S., EMT - Paramedic with the City of Beaumont.

For additional information contact the Concho Valley EMS Expo 2000 at (915) 947-6181.

## Diabetes Support Group Coming Soon

The Sonora Diabetes Awareness committee held an organizational meeting on Monday evening at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

The Diabetes Awareness Committee will encourage prevention of diabetes by sharing of information through the local media, through events such as the Health Fair and by distribution of pamphlets in the community.

Also, emphasis will be placed on early detection and treatment for those who contact diabetes; and on enhanced treatment and assistance as the disease progresses.

A support group will be formed for diabetics and/or their family members to encourage sharing of information, to assist with the emotional difficulties associated with chronic illness, and to build a buddy

system to help with the behavior modifications required for successful treatment of diabetes.

Anyone who would like to participate in a diabetes support group may call Lydia Martinez or Maria Carrasco.

Statistics developed by the Texas Department of Health indicate that approximately 12% of the residents of Sutton County are diabetic, though a third of these are unaware of their illness.

Members of the Sonora Diabetes Awareness Committee are Noemi Samaniego, Ronnie Cox, Beverly Williams, Diana Green, Carol Evans, Lulu Escamilla, Maria Carrasco, Lewis Allen, Diane Dower, Lydia Martinez, Charlie Graves, Suzanne Steves and Mike Villanueva.

latter being more difficult to treat. The cause of intraocular melanoma is uncertain, though research has found that it is possibly linked to many things including viruses, exposure to certain chemicals, nicotine exposure in men, and hormonal factors may play a role in women. Light skin color, easily sunburned skin, intense exposure to sunlight and light coloring of the iris have also been observed as possible links. All these links are undergoing further research.

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 2,200 new cases of eye cancer will be diagnosed in 2000. It is an extremely rare type of cancer. This type of cancer can occur in any age person, but is most likely to occur in people age 50 or older.

Symptoms sometimes include a change in position of the globe of the eye within its socket, bulging of the eye, a change in the way the eye

moves within the socket, pain in or around the eye, changes in vision, decreased sight, pain. Regular eye exams are by an ophthalmologist are important.

The types of treatment that are offered for eye cancer include: Surgery to remove the tumor, portions of the eye, or the entire eye (enucleation), radiation therapy, and photocoagulation (use of a tiny laser beam to remove cancerous cells).

Since this is such a rare type of cancer, studies are still being done to find out more information, or if you have questions regarding intraocular melanoma, or any type of cancer, you can call the American Cancer Society at National 1-800-ACS-2345. For local services or questions regarding the ACS Relay For Life call Shanna at 387-3378 or Noemi at 387-3029 in the evenings.



Gloria Miers and "Tooter"

## Sonora Church Directory

<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	<b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Terry Bishop, Minister 304 N. Water 387-3190	<b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock
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<b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955	<b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466	<b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518
<b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600	<b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018
<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366	<b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Monty Price Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
<b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241	
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### Dining Out Directory

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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 Ave  
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

## Obituaries

### Byron Jennings

Byron Reed "Buster" Jennings, 87, of Sonora died Tuesday, February 1, 2000, in a San Angelo hospital. Graveside services were held on Thursday, February 3, 2000 at Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. He was born May 22, 1912, in Brown County. He worked for the Mayfield Ranch and at the Caverns of Sonora. Survivors include a son, Reed Jennings of Sonora, a brother, J.B. Jennings of Belton; two sisters, Frankie Loman of Utopia and Jessie Loman of Hondo; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### John Benson

John E. Benson, 81, of Winters died Monday, January 31, 2000, in a Ballinger nursing home. Graveside services were held at Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Winters Funeral Home. He was born October 22, 1918, in Henrietta and was a longtime resident of Winters. He was a truck driver and a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include a son, Jimmy Benson of Midland; a daughter, Donna Benson of Sonora; and three grandchildren.

### Rod Richardson

Rod Richardson was born September 1, 1926, in Sonora. He passed away Friday, February 4, 2000, at home. Rod graduated from Texas A & M University in 1947 after being interrupted by World War II and remained a lifelong supporter. He was a Rambouillet sheep breeder in Pecos County since the 1930's and sheep were Rod's joy. He worked all his life to breed a better Rambouillet sheep. Rod was a lifelong director of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, a past director of American Rambouillet Association and Pecos County State Bank. Rod is survived by his wife, Marie; three daughters, Ann Giardini of Waco, Mary Jo and Mike Jernigan of Iraan and Jackie and John Edwards of Stephenville; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were held Monday, February 7, 2000 at the United Methodist Church with the Reverend Steve Swisher officiating and interment in Restland Cemetery. Arrangements are by Richard W. Box Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bill Brown, Dr. Frank Craddock, Dr. Gil Engdahl, John Foley, Lynn Kiesling and H.C. Noelke. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Ed Franks, Alpheus Herral, James D. Johnson, Gerald Porter, Jerry Puckett, Dr. Maurice Shelton, David Slaughter and Louis Woodward. The family requests memorials be sent to West Texas Boys Ranch.

## Card of Thanks

Our deepest appreciation for all the many acts of kindness, thoughts, cards, visits, food, flowers and memorials demonstrated during this past week in San Angelo and Sonora for Durwood and his family. Words cannot express our gratitude for the highly efficient and capable care by the Sutton County E.M.S., Dr. Calderon, the staff at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, the MediVac crew, and the E.R. and I.C.U. staff at Shannon Hospital. Your love and support mean so much. We know Sonora is a wonderful place and its people have a special spirit that comes straight from the heart!  
Wanda Neville and Family

## Elementary News

February 11th & 14th are school holidays. Sonora I.S.D. is conducting a community survey. The purpose of the survey is to gain community input as the district plans and works for continued improvement. Community members will be randomly selected and surveys will be mailed. Community members who do not receive a survey, but would like to provide input, may pick up a copy at the Sonora I.S.D. Administration Office. Surveys need to be completed and returned to the office by February 18, 2000.

## Basketball Camps

Blue Chips Basketball Shootout is coming to Rice University on Saturday, March 11, 2000. Registration is between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. The games will begin at 9:00 a.m. This one-day Shootout is a high exposure event designed for the student athlete who aspires to play at the college level. Each athlete will have the opportunity to compete against quality competition during the NCAA "live" period for college recruiters. The athletes will play three games on teams that are coached by area basketball coaches. For additional information or an application, please call our site director, Janet Guinn at 281-875-0563 or Sports Camp, Inc. at 610-446-3636.

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7 - 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Raleigh, NC, Boiling Springs, NC, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, Farmville, VA, College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call (704) 372-8610 ANYTIME.

## Wedding



### Myatt - Dowell

Betsy Myatt and Shane Dowell of Dallas, Texas were married Saturday, January 29, 2000 at Rhae's Mill Baptist Church in McKinney, Texas with the Rev. Roy Martin of Fanin County Baptist Church, Bonham, Texas officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myatt of Sherman, Texas. Her grandparents are Mary Barker and the late Z.V. Barker of Sherman, Texas and the late Sarah Smith. The bridegroom is the son of Vance Luckie of Midland, Texas and Bobby Dowell of Austin, Texas. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Surridge and the late Bobby D. Kincaid of Sonora, Texas; Modell Dowell and the late James Dowell of Junction, Texas and Irma Luckie of San Angelo, Texas. Matron of honor was Misty Cardwell of Sherman, Texas. Bridesmaids were Tanya Gunville of Sherman, Texas, Terah Persichitte of Arlington, Texas and Angela Copeland of Trenton, Texas. Flower girls were Kirsten Chapdelaine of San Antonio, Texas and Stephanie Myatt of Sherman, Texas. Best man was David Curry of Midland, Texas. Groomsmen were Vance Luckie of Midland, Texas, Bobby Dowell of Austin, Texas and AJ Langdon of Midland, Texas. Ring bearer was Jacob Weaver of Sherman, Texas. Ushers were Chris Myatt of Sherman, Texas and Will Luckie of Midland, Texas. Wedding music was presented by Donna Myatt and organist, Mickie Martin and Garland Cardwell, all of Sherman, Texas. The bride is a graduate of Sherman High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Oklahoma. She is employed by Lawson Software, Dallas, Texas. The bridegroom is a graduate of Greenwood High School, Midland, Texas. He is employed by American Sales and Service, Waco, Texas. After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will reside in Red Oak, Texas.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

### School Lunch Menu Jan. 14 - Feb. 15

**Breakfast**  
*Mon.*- Happy Valentine's Day! NO SCHOOL!  
*Tues.*- Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, juice or fruit.  
*Wed.*- Sweet rolls, juice, fruit.  
*Thurs.*- Biscuits, honey or jelly, juice or fruit.  
*Fri.*- Egg & ham burrito, juice or fruit.  
**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**  
*Mon.*- Happy Valentine's Day! NO SCHOOL!  
*Tues.*- Spaghetti with meat sauce, fried okra, Texas toast, apple crisp.  
*Wed.*- Beef & bean burritos, tossed salad, rice, pinto beans, cookies.  
*Thurs.*- Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, tartar sauce, green beans, fruit.  
*Fri.*- Hamburger/Cheeseburger lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, cake.

### Senior Center News

- Feb. 12 - Buy tickets from any C.O.A. members! \$5.00 & \$2.50 donation. Dance with Old Tyme Country Band.
- Feb. 14 - Valentine Party - chose your sweetie & bring them to party! We will have Bingo / door prizes / cake!
- Feb. 15 - City Council 2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- Feb. 18 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program at Noon.

### Senior Center Menu

- Feb. 14 - Salisbury steak, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches.
  - Feb. 15 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, roll, pear with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.
  - Feb. 16 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, coleslaw, chocolate cake with chocolate icing.
  - Feb. 17 - Vegetable beef stew, spinach, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding.
  - Feb. 18 - Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, cornbread, bread pudding with raisins.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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## Community

**Feb. 11**  
Committee on Aging Enchilada Supper  
6:00 p.m. Senior Center followed by dance featuring music by Old Tyme Band  
**Feb 11 & 14**  
School Holidays

The Community Calendar

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## Calendar

**Feb. 21**  
P.T.A. Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Elementary Auditorium  
**Mar. 14**  
Lions Club Broom Sale

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## Ask the Historical Society



**Does anyone know anything about this picture?**

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have any information on James Cornelius Smith, wife Nancy Brown Smith. He was supposed to be Sheriff of Sutton Co. somewhere around 1870-1900? Also do you have any information on James Edward Barrows?

A. According to Mr. R. Robert Wright, Rt. 1, Box 12550, Weatherford, Texas 76086, Cornelius, "C. C.", "Nick", Smith was married 3 times. His first wife was Mary Ann Brown and they had the following children: John Wm. Smith (25 Dec. 1863 - 25 Sept. 1939) who married Mary Addline Gaines (2 Feb. 1884 - 1 May 1944); Martha Ann "Mattie" Smith who married in September of 1882, Sam L. Merck (1853 - 1930); Benjamin I. Smith who married L. A. "Allie" Fulcher on 25 Dec. 1891; Amos Smith who supposedly died single in 1890; Suse Smith who married Calvin Collier of Junction; Cornelius Smith who married Minnie Barrows; Edd Smith (1878 - 1932) who married Eunice Henderson (1877 - 1937). Mr. Cornelius Smith took as his second wife a Mary Bishop, cousin of Mary Ann Brown, who already had one son John Bishop from her prior marriage. Then at the age of 75 or 80 Cornelius Smith took a third wife, Mary or May Cooper. Mr. C.

C. Smith is buried in Grandfalls, TX.

My records indicate that J. Cornelius Smith, son of C. C. Smith had a wife named Minnie Barrows who died in 24 Nov. 1969 at the age of 89 and had graveside services conducted there on Wed., 26 Nov. James E. Barrows (26 March 1886 Junction - 26 July 1970 San Angelo was married to Minnie Wall (25 July 1887 Junction - 24 Aug. 1969 San Angelo) on June 10, 1910 in Del Rio. Minnie had lived most of her life in Sonora and moved to San Angelo in 1955. James and Minnie had the following children: Lillie Barrows (4 May 1913 Sonora - 22 March 1993 San Angelo); Josie who married a Ramsdell; Mary who married a Cavaness; Thelma who married a Garza; Viola who married a Maples and John. Note: Minnie Wall was the daughter of Edward Watson Wall (1844 Cambridge, Mass. - 1912 Sonora) and Ollie Melvo Cooper (1878 Jones Co., Miss. - 1939 Sonora).

I found no record of C. C. Smith ever being elected Sheriff of Sutton County. I did find that he was a well driller and with his father-in-law, S. Merck, drilled the well on the Courthouse lawn in Sonora. He was a cattleman, well driller, cedar brush cutter. In 1896 while residing in Edwards Co, he

had a hack run over his right leg causing a break between the knee and ankle while visiting his daughter Mrs. Sam Merck at her ranch. He also had a blacksmith shop with Merck at one time in Sonora. He also helped drill wells in Crockett, Val Verde and Kimble County. There was no mention of a Nancy Brown anywhere in my records. The Smith and Merck families were two of the earliest families to settle in Sonora.

Sam Merck, wife Mattie A. Smith, did serve as Deputy Sheriff of Sutton County under B. W. Hutcherson and was a scout and ranger in Co. D. of the Texas Rangers under Captain Dan Roberts and this might be where the mixup regarding the sheriff came from.

If any of my readers have any further information on the Smith or Barrows family please drop a note to Phyllis L. King, P.O. Box 190, Camp Wood, TX 78833.

Q. How did R. H. Lockhart die?

A. Devil's River News, March 20, 1897

About 11 o'clock p.m. on March 12th, Pony Lockhart came to Sonora and reported to Deputy Sheriff Caruthers that he had just been informed that a Mexican had been shot and his brother's flock of

sheep found loose on the range and his brother Bob Lockhart was missing and thought killed. The body of R. H. Lockhart was found on the Guest ranch the next morning. He had been shot in the right side of the back and through the head, the ball entering near the hair on the right side of the forehead. The officers think the head shot was made while Lockhart was on the ground as the bullet ranged through the head and into the ground. The bullet that shot Lockhart in the back ranged down.

A Mexican named Jose Silas who had been herding sheep for Thomas Moss claimed a dispute had arose between himself and an American about the range and that the American shot at him four or five times and that his fourth shot had hit him in the left thigh. He claimed he had shot the American three times and was satisfied he had killed the American. Christo Mendez a herder working for Dock Word was arrested as an accomplice in the case and they were both held for an examining trial.

While the body of R. H. Lockhart was being brought to town it was supposedly jostled by a wagon load of Mexican workers on their way to work for A. R. Cauthorn. Harsh words were exchanged and one of the Mexicans pulled a gun on Pony Lockhart. Pony shot one of the Mexicans. Both men were arrested and Lockhart placed under a \$200 bond and the Mexican, who owned the gun, Ramon Carillo was placed under a \$150 bond to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Q. Is Angeline Ogle buried in Sonora?

A. Angeline Ogle born 15 March 1837, died May 9, 1899, is buried in the Sonora Cemetery but we do not have an obituary on file as there are no papers for that date.

Q. Are David and Elizabeth Baker buried in Sonora?

A. No David S. Baker 1847 - 1937 and Elizabeth C. Baker 1848 - 1912 are buried in the Comstock Cemetery.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P. O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net. You may also call me at my home phone, 915-387-2855

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## Family and Friends Honor Ruth Shurley

Ruth Shurley was joined by approximately 90 friends and family as she celebrated her 88th birthday on February 1, 2000 at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Pictured here with Ruth are: (standing) H.L. Bodenhamer, Scott Shurley, Donald Allison, Gene Shurley, Robert Allison, Billy Shurley, Kay Bosch, Rachael Nixon, Gene Nixon, Suzanne Shurley, Emily Shurley and Mike Shurley. (kneeling or sitting) Mimi Allison, Patricia Bodenhamer, Ruth, Christian Bodenhamer, Calib Nixon and Chloe Bodenhamer.



### Free Poetry Contest Open to Sonora

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the international Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Sonora area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 30, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Ely.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19908, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 2000. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

## EMS Report

1-1-00 - Accident - Hwy 277 South, 6 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-1-00 - Accident - IH-10 420MM - No Accident found - Unit 100

1-1-00 - Accident - Miers Road 6 Miles, patient refused service - Unit 100

1-1-00 - Accident - Santa Clara Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-2-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

1-2-00 - Medical - Rock Ave. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-3-00 - Medical - Hwy 290 East, 8 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-6-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

1-7-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102

1-9-00 - Accident - Hwy 1691, 7 miles - Unit 100

1-9-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

1-11-00 - Accident - IH-10 425MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 100

1-12-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

1-12-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 100

1-14-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Nursing Home to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102

1-14-00 - Medical - IH-10 419 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-14-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

1-16-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to VA Hospital Kerrville Texas - Unit 101

1-19-00 - Medical Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102

1-19-00 - Medical - Crockett Street Patient refused service - Unit 100

1-20-00 - Medical - Shannon Medical Center to Hudspeth Nursing Home - Unit 102

1-23-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

1-23-00 - Medical - Tom Green to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-25-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

Community Hospital - Unit 101

1-25-00 - Medical - Sutton Ave., Patient refused service - Unit 100

1-26-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital - Unit 101

1-26-00 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-27-00 - Medical - Poplar Street to West Texas Medical - Unit 102

1-27-00 - Medical - St. Anns Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100

1-27-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to St. Anns Street - Unit 102

1-28-00 - Medical - Sutton Ave. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100, Unit 101

1-28-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

1-28-00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101

1-29-00 - Accident - Hwy 277 South, 10 miles, Patient refused service - Unit 100

1-29-00 - Medical - East Second Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101

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This event will be held on Sunday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. at the Menard Country Club.

A luncheon will be followed by the book fair, at which attendees may purchase autographed editions of the authors' books. A portion of book sales will be donated to the library building fund and Sharon Murphy of Houston will conduct the event.

Tickets for the luncheon and book fair will be \$50 each and space is limited. Advance reservations can be made by calling Marjorie Russell at 396-4621. There will also be \$10 tickets available for the book fair only.

Authors that are participating in the event include well-known West Texas author **Elmer Kelton**, as well as **Mike Blakely, David Marion Wilkinson, Ken Hodgson, Ken Casper, Preston Lewis and Jane Vaughan.**

**Diabetes Clinic**  
 February 16, 2000  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 (Glucose Check)  
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 1:00 p.m. - English  
 2:00 p.m. - Spanish  
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**F.Y.I.**  
 Sonora I.S.D. is conducting a community survey. The purpose of the survey is to gain community input as the district plans and works for continued improvement. Community members will be randomly selected and surveys will be mailed. Community members who do not receive a survey, but would like to provide input, may pick up a copy at the Sonora I.S.D. Administration Office. Surveys need to be completed and returned to the office by February 18, 2000.

The Sonora Elementary PTA will be hosting their February meeting on Monday, February 21, 2000. We will have our regular business meeting and feature a "Talent Show" program by students from Kindergarten through Fifth grade. We encourage any student wishing to participate in the show to contact Susan Nicholas, Program Coordinator, to pick up a registration form.

**Baseball:** sign ups for Jr. (13 & 14 yr. olds) and Sr. (15 & 16 yr. olds) League Baseball at Business Basics starting now. For more information call Clay Hicks 387-3286.

**Umpire Clinic** will be on Saturday, Feb. 19th at 9:00 a.m. for anyone interested in umpiring Little League or High school Baseball. Can receive certification. For more information call Clay Hicks at 387-3286.

**Annual Lions Club Broom Sale** will be Tuesday, March 14th at City Hall.

**ANYONE interested in having a team in the 2000 American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life"** please contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507 or 387-3925. Don't miss out on a fun way to work for a cure!!

**Carolyn McMeans is offering Appalachian Clog Dance Lessons** for adults at Carolyn Earwood's Dance Studio on Main St. Registration will be Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m. No partner required. Call 387-9315.

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be holding two Players' Clinic on March 4th, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each date at the 29th Street Complex. All girls from ages 4 to 18 who are beginners to experienced players are welcome to attend either or both of the "FREE" clinics. The clinics will focus on instruction in batting, fielding, catching, and pitching. Bring your glove, water, and a friend. Any questions, please call Gary Causin at 915-653-9888.

**Census Testing** will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the EMS building.

The 2000 American Cancer Society Golf Passes are now available. 450 rounds of golf at 273 courses throughout Texas. The cost of a pass is \$35.00. Please call Lou Faulks at 387-3269.

**Academic Excellence**

Submitted by Baylor University  
 Michele Cramer was named to the 1999 fall session Dean's Academic Honor List. Cramer was among 1,981 students named on the list. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Submitted by Southwest Texas State University  
 Southwest Texas State University announces that Kelli Downing of Sonora, Texas earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall semester. SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimal GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List."

Submitted by Texas Tech University  
 Kristi Burge and Megan Mayer were two of the more than 3,700 Texas Tech University students that qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who were enrolled 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List. Kristi qualified for the Dean's List and Megan made the President's List.

Ryan Healy was one of the more than 1,500 students that received degrees during the fall 1999 commencement exercises. Ryan received a Bachelor of Business Administration.

**Dinner and Dance to Celebrate Valentine's Day**

Everyone is asked to make his or her plans to attend the dinner dance at the Senior Center.

On Feb. 11 an enchilada supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dance at the Senior Center. The Sutton County Committee on Aging will provide the supper and the music will be furnished by Sonora's own "Old Tyme Band".

**Community invited to PTA Talent Show**

Sonora Elementary PTA will be hosting a "Share Your Talent Show", during the February 2000 meeting. Local students from grades Kindergarten through 5th are invited to participate in this show and share their talents with our community. There will be a brief PTA business meeting at the Elementary Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21st, followed by the Talent Show at 7:00 p.m. Entry forms can be obtained at either of the elementary school offices and are due by Feb. 15, at either one of the offices. There will be a dress rehearsal/screening on Feb. 17th. Participants will be notified of the time of rehearsal after entry forms have been received. For more information please contact Susan Nicholas at 387-5669.

The community is invited to come support these young students as they entertain us with a unique variety of talent.

**Jumping Rope for the Heart**

Submitted  
 Jump Rope for Heart is an educational event sponsored by and benefiting the American Heart Association and the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Students collect contributions and then jump rope for a set amount of time. They receive prizes based on the amount of contributions they turn in.

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the Sonora Intermediate School will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart from February 21 - February 25, 2000 during their physical education classes. Last year Sonora Intermediate raised approximately \$4500.00.

**Police Reports**

- Jan. 30 - **Sexual Assault** - In reference to a sexual assault case that occurred on Jan. 29, 2000, Armando N. Robles was arrested for sexual assault and is out on \$35,000.00 bond awaiting a Grand Jury indictment.
- Jan. 31 - **Theft** - Officer was dispatched to Alco Department store in reference to a theft. Investigation led to the issuance of a citation for theft.
- 2-1-00 -- **Accident** - An officer was dispatched to the 400 MM off-ramp in reference to an accident. Subject involved in the accident lost control of the vehicle and rolled the vehicle into the median. Subject was not injured.
- 2-1-00 -- **Criminal Mischief** - An officer was dispatched to the 200 block of S. Crockett in reference to criminal mischief. Upon arrival, officer noticed a broken window in the building. Complainant advised that he was unaware of the date and time when the window had been broken.
- 2-1-00 -- **Disorderly Conduct** - An officer was dispatched to 1717 Tayloe in reference to disorderly conduct. A complainant was filed and transferred to Municipal Court.
- 2-2-00 -- **Assault** - An officer was dispatched to the 900 block of E. 2nd St. in reference to a family disturbance. Upon arrival officer located complainant. Complainant advised that her husband had assaulted her. After further investigation Joshua Wayne Burns was arrested for Assault and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.
- 2-3-00 -- **Criminal Mischief** - A complainant wishing to report that his vehicle had been keyed contacted an officer. Investigation pending.
- 2-3-00 -- **Assault** - An officer was dispatched to Sutton Co. Sheriff's Office to meet with a complainant. Complainant advised that a known person to her had just assaulted her. Complainant did not wish to file charges, but wanted the incident documented.
- 2-3-00 -- **Accident** - An officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Main St. and 100 block of Crockett Ave. in reference to an accident. Upon arrival officer located subjects involved and no injuries were reported.
- 2-6-00 -- **Theft of Service** - An officer was dispatched to Shot's 6 in reference to a theft. Clerk advised that an unknown person in a green Ford pickup had pumped \$33.00 worth of fuel and driven away without paying. Attempts to locate vehicle were negative.

**Happy Birthday**

- February 9**  
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- February 14**  
 Salvador Garza, Ethan Harper, Adrianne Casillas, Matt Escalante, Magdalena Tobias, Susana Vaquera
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# Basketball

## J.V. Lady Broncos Have Undefeated Season

The J.V. Lady Broncos have had a busy season thus far and are currently 8 - 0 in District play. The Ladies' season record is 19 - 3. Following are stats from the month of January and February:

**1-4-00 - vs Grape Creek**  
Final Score: Sonora 31, G.C. 30  
Scoring for the Broncos: Morgan Hobbs - 8 pts., Kara Hard - 6 pts., Shalayne Hobbs and Kacci Lewellen - 4 pts. each, Heather Lawson, Ashley Parker, Amy Gann, and Shannon Vick - 2 pts. each, Desiree Gonzales - 1 pt.

**1-7-00 - vs Junction**  
Final Score: Sonora 46, Junction 22  
Scoring for the Broncos: Ashley Parker - 13 pts., Amy Gann - 12 pts., Morgan Hobbs - 10 pts., Monica Lira - 4 pts., Shalayne Hobbs - 3 pts., Heather Lawson - 2 pts.

**1-11-00 - vs Ozona**  
Final Score: Sonora 29, Ozona 27

Scoring for the Broncos: Monica Lira - 8 pts., Ashley Parker and Heather Lawson - 6 pts. each, Desiree Gonzales - 4 pts., Shalayne Hobbs and Kara Hard - 2 pts. each, Shannon Vick - 1 pt.

**1-14-00 - vs Forsan**  
Final Score: Sonora 46, Forsan 20

Scoring for the Broncos: Shalayne Hobbs and Morgan Hobbs - 8 pts. each, Shannon Vick - 7 pts., Kara Hard and Amy Gann - 5 pts. each, Kacci Lewellen - 4 pts., Lorena Lopez, Desiree Gonzales, and Ashley Parker - 3 pts. each.

**1-18-00 - vs Wall**  
Final Score: Sonora 39, Wall 37

Scoring for the Broncos: Morgan Hobbs - 14 pts., Heather Lawson - 7 pts., Ashley Parker - 4 pts., Desiree Gonzales - 3 pts., Shalayne Hobbs, Lorena Lopez, Kacci Lewellen and Amy Gann - 2 pts. each.

**1-21-00 - vs Eldorado**  
Final Score: Sonora 55, Eldorado 34

Scoring for the Broncos: Ashley Parker - 16 pts., Morgan Hobbs - 12 pts., Kara Hard - 8 pts., Shalayne Hobbs, Kacci Lewellen



J.V. Lady Broncos, led by Coach Dukes, have had a great season!

and Shannon Vick - 4 pts. each, Heather Lawson and Amy Gann - 2 pts. each.

**1-25-00 - vs Junction**  
Final Score: Sonora 44, Junction 31

Scoring for the Broncos: Morgan Hobbs - 13 pts., Heather Lawson - 11 pts., Kara Hard, Monica Lira and Kacci Lewellen - 4 pts. each, Shalayne Hobbs, Desiree Gonzales, Ashley Parker and Amy Gann - 2 pts. each.

**1-28-00 - vs Ozona**  
Final Score: Sonora 21, Ozona 20

Scoring for the Broncos: Shalayne Hobbs and Ashley Parker - 6 pts. each, Monica Lira and Desiree Gonzales - 4 pts. each, Amy Gann - 1 pt.

**2-1-00 - vs Forsan**  
Final Score: Sonora 37, Forsan 18

Scoring for the Broncos: Heather Lawson, Desiree Gonzales, and Monica Lira - 7 pts., Kara Hard and Ashley Parker - 4 pts., Amy Gann, Kacci Lewellen and Shannon Vick - 2 pts. each.

**2-4-00 - vs Eldorado**  
Final Score: Sonora 46, Eldorado 32

## J.V. Broncos Get the Jump on the Lions

The J.V. "A" Broncos traveled to Ozona on January 28, 00, where they defeated the Ozona J.V., 38 to 34. Scoring for the Broncos were: Ryan Hardgrave - 17 pts., Cameron Sims - 8 pts., Pokey Samaniego - 7 pts., Matt Torres - 5 pts., and Chance Dillard - 1 pt.

The J.V. "B" boys also played Ozona on the 28th, defeating them 60 to 31. Scoring for the Broncos were: Douglas Yocham - 16 pts., Louis Segura - 10 pts., Caleb Gully - 9 pts., Wylie Wagoner - 8 pts.,

Coach Dukes said that the girls were trailing at halftime, by the score of 25-17, but they outscored Eldorado 22-3 in the 3rd quarter to win the game. This win brings the season record to 20-3 and the District record to 9-0.

Scoring for the Broncos: Amy Gann - 10 pts., Monica Lira and Ashley Parker - 9 pts. each, Heather Lawson - 8 pts., Kara Hard - 7 pts., and Desiree Gonzales - 3 pts.

Emmanuel Lopez and Balde Hernandez - 4 pts. each, Dustin Martin - 3 pts., Brandon West, Justin Sims and Jorge Guerra - 2 pts.

The J.V. "A" team traveled to Forsan on February 1, 00. The Broncos defeated the Buffalos 37, 33. Scoring for the Broncos were: Cameron Sims - 11 pts., Matt Torres and Ryan Hardgrave - 8 pts. each, Pokey Samaniego - 5 pts., Justin Routh - 3 pts., Chance Dillard - 2 pts.

## Broncos Dominate the Buffalos

The Varsity Broncos traveled to Forsan on February 1, 00, where they dominated the Buffalos. Final score for the evening was Sonora 70, Forsan 51. There were 20 total steals and 32 total rebounds in the game. Scoring for the Broncos were: Anthony Luna - 25 pts., Riley Crain - 11 pts., Sloan Holley - 10 pts., Russell Dempsey - 8 pts., Isaac Ramos - 5 pts., Bryce Williams & Edgar Gonzalez - 4 pts. each, Ed Mayfield - 3 pts.

On the 4th, the Broncos traveled to Eldorado to take on the Eagles. The Broncos took a hard loss, with a final score of Eldorado 66, Sonora 54. Scoring for the Broncos were: Anthony Luna - 16 pts., Riley Crain - 12 pts., Bryce Williams - 8 pts., Russell Dempsey and James Elliott - 6 pts. each, Isaac Ramos and Ernie Perez - 4 pts. each. Coach Lowe chose to recognize the entire team as the Players of the Week and the Gatorade Will to Win Athlete this week is Riley Crain.

## Lady Colts Have Close Game With Eldorado

The 7th Grade "A" Lady Colts lost a close game to Eldorado Monday, February 7, 00. Coach Sessom said that Defensively the Lady Colts played very hard. Offensively, they had a great first quarter but had a difficult fourth quarter. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Deidra Warden - 6 pts., Amanda Word - 4 pts., Danielle Fox

- 3 pts., Chelsea Seaton, Alyssa Ibarra and Debra Martinez - 2 pts. each. The Final score was Sonora 19, Eldorado 20.

The 7th - 8th team combined Monday night to play Eldorado B. The final score was Sonora 6, Eldorado 4.

## Lady Broncos Playing Hard Ball

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 00 the Sonora Lady Broncos traveled to Forsan to meet the Lady Buffaloes. The Lady Broncos came ready to play, as was evident during the entire game. Kara Eaton had a strong defensive game, as did Japha Word. Cindy Jones had a great game, including three 3-point shots and she lead the scoring for the Lady Broncos. Heather Felts played really well during this game, as she has all year. The score at the final buzzer was Sonora 50 - Forsan 35. KHOS announcers, Virgil and Jason picked Cindy Jones as the Offensive Player of the game and Kara Eaton as the Defensive Player of the game. Scoring for the Sonora team were: Kim Marshall 7, Morgan Hobbs 4, Sarah Ball 4, Kara Eaton 2, Cindy Jones 15, Heather Felts 8, Japha Word 8, and Kasey Miller 2. Congratulations Ladies!

came up short at the buzzer, with a final score: Sonora 46 - Eldorado 60. Offensive Player of the Game was Kim Marshall and Defensive Player of the Game was Sarah Ball, as picked by the KHOS crew. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Kim Marshall 11, Sarah Ball 7, Kara Eaton 7, Koda Armke 2, Cindy Jones 3, Heather Felts 6, Japha Word 8, Kasey Miller 2. The District Record for the Sonora Lady Broncos is 5 wins and 4 losses. The Ladies play their last regular district game on Tuesday, Feb. 8, in "The Shoot" at Sonora High School. If Sonora wins, this will secure 3rd place for the Lady Broncos. If Sonora has a loss, then they will be tied with Eldorado for 3rd place and there will be a play-off game. GOOD LUCK LADIES!

On Friday, the Eldorado Gymnasium was the sight for the game between the Lady Broncos and the Lady Eagles. This was a tough game for the Lady Broncos, as they had a hard time making their shots go in. Offensively, Kim Marshall played a consistently good game, as did Japha Word. Sarah Ball was so quick on her feet that she kept the defensive game going. The Lady Broncos had a strong defensive game but



## Math & Science Club Adding Up Wins

The Sonora High School Math & Science Club has competed in four academic meets this year. The first two were U.I.L. sanctioned events. Their first meet was in Ozona on January 15, 2000. At this meet the Computer Science Team, consisting of Russ Dempsey, Cody Ainsworth, and Isaac Ramos, received second place. The following week the Math & Science Club competed in Eden. The Computer Science team made another strong showing.

This time they received first place. They did this by sweeping first through fourth in the individual category. Russ Dempsey came home with a gold medal for individual in Computer Science. Alan Nicholas received second. Receiving third place was Cody Ainsworth. Last, but not least, Isaac Ramos came in fourth place. In the Mathematics category Russ Dempsey came in second and Cody Ainsworth received fourth. Cameron Sims received first in Number Sense

and Isaac Ramos came in fourth. On January 29, the Club traveled to Andrews to compete in their first Texas Math and Science Coach's Association (TMSCA) meet of the year. At this meet, Justin Sims placed seventh in Calculator in the ninth grade small schools division. Joe Flores received ninth place in Calculator in the eleventh grade small schools division. He also placed sixth in Science in the eleventh grade small schools division. Wes Baumgardner

competed in Mathematics in the twelfth grade small schools division and received eighth place. Participating in the eleventh grade small schools division in Number Sense was Cameron Sims. He placed sixth. The Sonora Math & Science Club is participating in meets most of the weekends of the next couple of months to prepare for the State TMSCA meet in San Antonio and the District meet.

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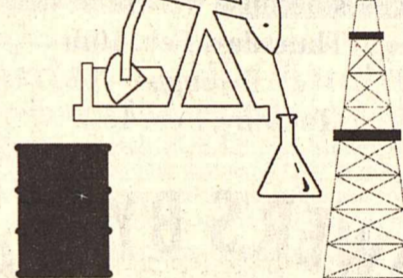
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## Local Youth Get "Locked-In" For A Night of Fun

Submitted

On Friday, February 4th, five sponsors from the Lighthouse Baptist Church, and one recruit, took sixty youth on an overnight trip to a Lock-In in San Angelo.

The action packed evening started when everyone met to board the chartered bus. It's first designated stop was Eldorado. In Eldorado everyone unloaded to watch and support their Lady Broncos and Bronco Basketball teams. After watching two hard fought basketball games, the night was just beginning. Everyone climbed back on the bus, plus some that were picked up in Eldorado. The final head count was 60 Sonora youth and six tie-dyed t-shirts.

Once in San Angelo, our wonderful bus driver Leo, thinking that we didn't get out of town much, gave us a very sweet tour of San Angelo. We even got to see the old Sears Building. However, we had bigger and better places to be, and people to see! So, off to Mr. Gatti's we went, the first of three places we would be "locked-in" throughout the evening. Once at Gatti's we were filmed by local news stations as we unloaded off the bus. (Word must have gotten out about the infamous tourists in town.) This is where it got interesting! The 60 kids went on in like they owned the place and began to eat, play games, and eat some more as they mixed and mingled with the other ELEVEN HUNDRED YOUTH! This is exactly why the sponsors had on the tie-dyed t-shirts, so the youth group could easily spot us in a crowd. In reality, there were only six of us and we were trying real hard not to lose each other. We kept up with each other real well and our youth had no problems spotting us. In fact other sponsors were envious because, if nothing else, we looked like we knew what we were doing, all in our matching tie-dyed t's!

While eating pizza, Chris Green made sure everyone knew

he was proud to be a Bronco! He didn't seem to care how many green Wall Hawks shirts were around him, he was still proud to be a Bronco! ( Way to go Chris!)

**One a.m.** Saturday morning, we found ourselves counting heads and walking over to our second designation of "lock-in" - Tinsel Town. A couple of the sponsors were doing anything to stay awake and have a good time, so they took it upon themselves to start a friendly game of "Tag, You're It".

There was much debate on which of the three movies being offered in the theaters to watch. THIRTEEN HUNDRED YOUTH (notice we picked up an extra two hundred at this point) walked in and out of every theater until they decided to go back to the original theater they had started in. Meanwhile, the tag game was getting pretty big.

Morgan Hobbs said she liked the crowd participation in her theater. They did the wave and whistled at all the good looking characters in the movie. She said it made the movie more fun to watch.

**Three a.m.** Saturday morning found us back to counting heads and loading up the bus to go to the final place of "lock-in", the Sunset Mall. All the stores were locked up tight, but there was full access to the inside of the mall. There were two stages set up for Christian rock bands BOMFOG and Broken Pottery.

Brandon West and Justin Sims both agreed that they like the bands the best. While the bands played, the out of control game of tag continued.

There were all kinds of games set up to play throughout the rest of the morning hours. Emily Matchus must hold the world record on how fast she climbed the Gigantic Rock Climb and Seth Prather still has a rope burn from trying to beat Jared Parks on the obstacle course.

Everyone is still talking about how Jake Percifull and Tan Cade got in so much fun-loving trouble on every game they played!

**Five a.m.** and there are some of the brightest smiles and some of the most tired eyes yet!

**Six-thirty a.m.** It's time to count heads, grab breakfast and go home. But, wait, we can't be one short! We had counted heads all night and not come up short once! There is one missing, so Clint Cearly went one direction and Dustin Martin went in another to try and locate Brian Payton. Thirty minutes later, while we were trying to think of a way to tell Pam we lost her son, Jenny Hunt finds Brian asleep with others who found the night to be too long!

**Eight-thirty a.m.** we arrive back in Sonora, where Cady Taylor says she is ready to catch up on some sleep.

Everyone is still wondering if Pokey Samaniego got that phone number or not?!!?

Thank you goes out to the Lighthouse Baptist Church for sponsoring this trip and chartering the bus. Thank you to Robin "how did I get into this" Street, Jana "make a drill sergeant buckle in the knees" Dover, Jan "I was only supposed to go to Eldorado" Stephens, Lori "Where does the bus driver think he's going" Newton, Keith "this was your bright idea anyway" Wallace and Debra "tag you're it" Hobbs for wearing the tie-dyes! We would also like to thank Marla Percifull with Team Graphics for helping find the perfect shirt. Last we thank all the Sonora youth who were bold enough to go out and try something new and different. You are the ones that made this trip the success it was! TAG, YOU'RE IT!"

## Meeting Will Discuss Texas Highway Trunk System

A meeting to discuss possible changes to the route selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System, a network of four-lane divided highways, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15, by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Open house will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the public meeting at 7:00 in the Vehicle Titles Registration Bldg. located at the San Angelo District Office at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd. The meeting will include a review of the trunk system and the current selection criteria. TxDOT staff will take comments regarding possible additions to the selection criteria. A review system is needed to monitor population changes and ensure the trunk system meets the original intent.

## School Board from page 1

for their service on the board.

Comments from visitors were begun by a concerned parent regarding the bomb threat situation that occurred on Friday, January 28, 2000. The concern was that nothing was in place as to how to handle the situation and that the children remained in the facilities. Dr. Harlan informed everyone in attendance that a policy regarding bombs was indeed in place and that the policy had been followed. Harlan told how the call had been received at the Superintendent's office, not a specific building, thus it was not made clear where the bomb was supposed to be. The administration had contacted the police and all of the campus principals and a "sweep" was done looking for anything suspicious or out of place. Concerns regarding the prank were addressed and are still being addressed by the school and the police. Chief of Police, Chris Croy reported that since this event has taken place, he has found that some of the school staff was uncomfortable with doing the sweep themselves. Croy reported

that he would like to implement a "sweep team" that, in the event of something like this again, a volunteer from each campus would work with the police to make a clean sweep of every building. The board and administrators agreed that this was a good idea, so as to ensure that the person making the sweep is comfortable with the task being asked of them. It was also agreed that there should be further crisis intervention training for everyone. Harlan also informed everyone that not only were there policies on handling bomb threats, but many other emergency situations as well. It was agreed by all present that more public education on the policy would help deter many concerns in the future.

The final order of business before the board went into executive session was board comments. Tom Payton commented that he had attended the band concert and was impressed. The board then went into executive session regarding annual evaluation of campus principals, Athletic Director and Special Education Director.

## Veteran from page 1

Houston, TX for a 2 month Radar/Bombardier Refresher Course. In March 1951, he again reported to Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas where B-29 crews were formed and crew training began. In May, 1951 further training was received at Topeka AFB, Topeka, Kansas. Upon completion, in August 1945, he was assigned to Camp Stoneman, California for immediate assignment to Kadena AFB, Okinawa.

When crew training began at Randolph AFB they were under orders of Strategic Air Command and the assignment at Kadena was to be 3 months or 25 missions over Korea. The "refresher" course at Ellington was training for a certain radar range at Kadena, this was changed to a different range. Hershel happened to learn this new range quickly, so he was named Squadron Radar Officer, 28th Bomb Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group, 20th Air Force. This meant he not only flew with his own crew, but with new ones as instructor. When his crew went on R & R in Tokyo, he had to remain at Kadena.

Hershel's crew flew 32 missions, he got in 38. They were awarded the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster for lead crew on pinpoint bombing missions. The crew flew a "non-fit for combat" B2-29 home to McClelland AFB, Sacramento, California arriving March 7, 1952. They "babied" #2 engine from Honolulu only to have all 55 gallons of oil drop out of #43 engine upon landing. Base mechanics had to use a stick to measure the remaining fuel.

After a 14 day delay en route,

he was assigned to 33rd Bomb Wing, Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. He was next sent to Randolph AFB, for separation on May 18, 1952.

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I've chased the shouting wind along and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue

I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace, Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untresspassed sanctity of space,

Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

The author, John Gillespie Magee, Jr., age 19, and American volunteer with the Royal Canadian Air Force, was killed in action December 11, 1941.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society", P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give us a call at 915-387-2855. For more information on how to have your Veteran honored, contact Ann Kay at 387-2248.

## Texas Comptroller Reminds of Sales Tax Exemptions

Austin  
Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Texas farmers and ranchers should be aware of sales-tax exemptions on some purchases of equipment, machinery and feed for on-farm use.

"When farmers and ranchers have to tighten their belts as a result of a natural disaster, every penny counts," Comptroller Rylander said. "If farmers and ranchers have questions about the sales tax exemptions, I encourage them to call 1-800-252-5555."

Rylander said a listing of exemptions is available at the [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) web site. She encourages farmers and ranchers to pay attention to their sales slips to make sure they aren't charged sales tax on eligible exempt items.

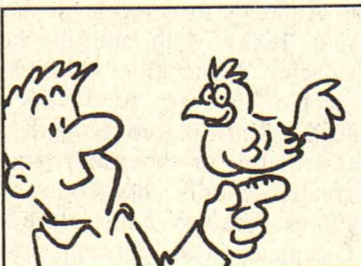
Staff from the Comptroller's office presented information about

the drought's effect at a joint hearing of Senate Finance and House Appropriation on Tuesday.

Rylander said farming directly represents 1.4 percent of Texas gross state product. When combined with agriculture-related industries - such as food processing, agricultural services, lumber and wood, textiles and paper - that figure more than doubles, totaling 3.5 percent of the gross state product.

"Agriculture's contribution to the state's economy is more than \$21 billion," she said. "That figure doesn't take into account the multiplying effect direct farm income and farm-dependent manufacturing has on the state's retail activity and service jobs."

"My office will continue to monitor the drought and its effect on the economy," Comptroller Rylander said.



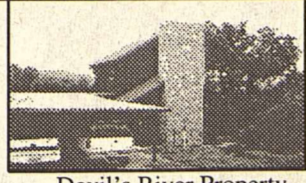
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