

# THE Devil's River NEWS

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## Baseball Tryouts Slated for March 4

It is time to sign up for Junior and Senior league baseball. 13 - 15 year olds are eligible for Junior League and 16-18 year olds are eligible for Senior League. We need to find out how many players we will have in order to decide which league to play in and how many teams we may have. We have a few options, such as 13 & 14, 14 & 15, or 13 to 15 and 16 to 18 years old leagues; but, we need to send in our applications for the league or leagues we will participate in this summer. All young men are wel-

come to play. The fee will be \$35 per player and we will get started around the middle of April. You can fill out an application at Business Basics in downtown Sonora. **Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at the Softball Field. If you are playing J.V. or Varsity baseball with the Broncos, you can try out around your schedule!**

The umpire clinic that was canceled will be held next year.

## Hospital District to Hold Election

The Sutton County Hospital District will be having an election on May 6, 2000, anyone interested in running for Board Member for Pct. 1, Pct. 3 and two Members at Large, come by Kathy Knight's office at the hospital and pick up an application. The applications may be picked up Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., beginning February 21, 2000 and ending March 22, 2000.

## Lady Broncos Bi-District Champions



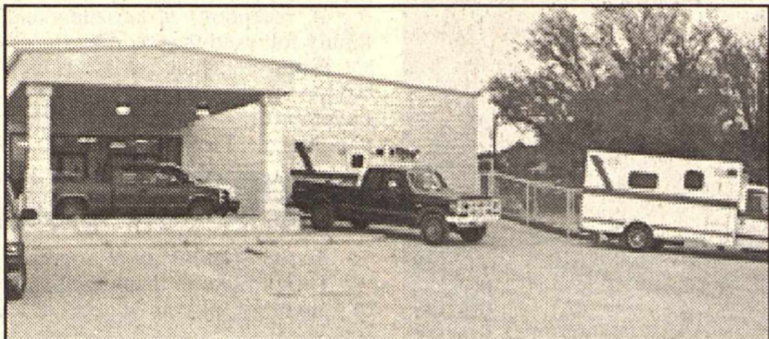
The Varsity Lady Broncos secured a Bi-District Championship by defeating Iraan, 56 - 52 on February 14, 2000. For more on the end of the season see *Lady Broncos page 5*

## Concho Valley EMS Expo 2000

On Saturday, Feb. 19th, the Concho Valley EMS Expo was held at the Sutton County Civic Center with 285 attending. Included in these were vendors representing hospitals, ambulance sales and service companies, a book company, colleges and companies that handle different types of equipment for hospitals and ambulance services. There were also 5 speakers.

The speakers were Scott Bolleter, Damon Benton, Bill Justice, Mike Grill, and David Phillips. These speakers go all over the United States speaking to the Medical Community.

People attending for continuing



education came from Sutton County, Schleicher County, Crockett County, Kimble County, Tom Green County, Irion County, Sheffield, Val Verde County, Edwards County, Frio Canyon,

Iraan, Ft. Stockton, Mason County, Brownwood, McCulloch County, Washington County, Rankin, Carlsbad, Lubbock, Crane and Ballinger.

## Cancer Survivor



Irene Friess - Survivor - 7 years

by Storie Sharp

The cancer survivor of the week is Irene Friess. Irene was born in Zactecas, Mexico, but moved to Sonora when she was 10 years old, so Sonora is home to her. She is well known for her flower shop, *Flowers by Irene*, that she owns and operates on Railroad St. She acquired the shop in 1977 and says that all her wonderful customers that have been so nice is the reason she has been in business for 22 years. Irene married Turney Friess in 1987, together they have two grandchildren. She has 3 children from a previous marriage, Claire, Gladys, and George and a son-in-law, Robert Noreiga. She also has two step-children, Paula and Clay Friess. Two of Irene's 3 sisters also reside in Sonora, Rosemary Perez and Lilia Gallegos. Thereza Flores lives in Houston.

In 1993, because of continuous sinus and allergy problems, Irene was having her third surgery done on her sinus area when a small tumor was found. She was curious as to why she didn't seem to feel better after the surgery, and the doctors told her of the find at her follow up appointment. She was diagnosed with Lymphoma, located inside her sinus. Irene's first step in fighting the cancer was to travel to Tijuana, Mexico, to the Contreras Hospital. While in Tijuana she was treated with a non-toxic treatment called laetrile. Everything appeared to be gone, but she was still having some trouble. Irene said that she believes that she would have had to continue this treatment for it to fully have gotten rid of the cancer, but she returned to the United States. It took 5 months to find the larger tumor

that was located behind her eye. The tumor didn't show up on any scans until it grew to be bigger than the eye. It was in 1994 that she began the chemotherapy treatments at St. John's in San Angelo.

Irene is now free of cancer, but still has her bad days. She said she is thankful everyday to have another day and she considers herself lucky to have caught the initial cancer at an early stage because it is such an aggressive type.

An estimated 64,000 new cases of Lymphoma were reported in 1999. Symptoms of this type of cancer include enlarge lymph nodes, itching, fever that can come and go in periods of several days or weeks, night sweats, anemia, and weight loss. There is Hodgkin's lymphoma and Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and there is no known prevention for either. Risk factors can involve reduced immune function and exposure to certain infectious agents. Persons with organ transplants are at higher risk due to altered immune function. Other than alternative methods that can be researched, treatment for Hodgkin's disease includes chemotherapy and radiation. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, if caught early, can also be treated with radiotherapy in a localized lymph node. Later-stage patients are treated with chemo or with both chemo and radiation.

For questions regarding lymphoma, or any other type of cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 915-944-2509. For local services or questions regarding the ACS Relay for Life call Shanna at 387-3378 or Noemi at 387-3029 in the evenings.

## City Council Approves Bid for Fire Truck

On the 15th day of February, 2000 the city council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session with the following to wit: JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, James Blackman, Councilmember, Kyle Donaldson, Councilmember, Butch Campbell, Councilmember, Gloria Lopez, Councilmember, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Elizabeth Wallace, City Attorney, Becky Covington, City Secretary.

Others attending all or part of the meeting were Chris Croy, Tony Lane, Rick Taylor, James McLaughlin, Justin McGeath, Kelly Owens, Ann Kay, Shelly Hughes, Sharon Tinsley, Rex Ann Friess, Russell Green, Juanita Mesa, Sue Moore, and Jim Garrett.

The council meeting was opened at 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Brent Gesch, City Manager, gave the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance" followed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting on January 11, 2000 and Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2000 with one correction being made; the date of the regular meeting held in January was on the 18th instead of the 21st. Motion carried.

The monthly tax collection report from Sutton County Appraisal District was presented for review. The report showed 84.5% of taxes collected through January.

Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser of the Sutton County Appraisal District, requested \$4,963.62 of 1999 budget access funds be retained for upgrade to computer system. A motion was made and seconded to approve the funds. Motion carried.

Mayor Hernandez opened the public hearing to hear comments on uses of the hotel occupancy tax rev-

enue that is received to directly enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. Ann Kay, Main Street Manager, and Shelly Hughes, President of the Main Street Advisory Board, gave an overview of the Main Street Program and the goals for the Historical Downtown Area for the year 2000. No other comments were made, therefore, the Mayor closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular city council meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Chamber of Commerce Hotel/Motel Tax budget in the amount of \$66,642.75 for fiscal year 2000-2001. A second was made and motion carried.

Mayor Hernandez opened and read bids for a 2000 year fire truck. A motion was made to approve the low bid of \$27,689.00 for a C7H042 truck from Pollard Chevrolet, Big Springs Texas. Motion carried.

After discussion regarding the authority to amend the Main Street Advisory Board Bylaws, a motion was made to leave that authority with the Main Street Advisory Board and not have the city council approve any amendments. Motion carried.

A motion was made to proclaim Mr. and Mrs. John Tedford as the Sonora Main Street representatives at the National Main Street Program to be held in Boston, Massachusetts in April. Motion carried.

A motion was made to order a regular city election to be held on May 6, 2000 for the purpose of electing a Mayor (City at Large) and a Councilmember from Ward 1 and a Councilmember from Ward 2.

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## Texas' Growth Depends on Water Supply

By Jeff Wentworth  
State Senator, District 25

The third drought in four years continues its stranglehold on Texas, searing range land and manicured lawns with equal intensity.

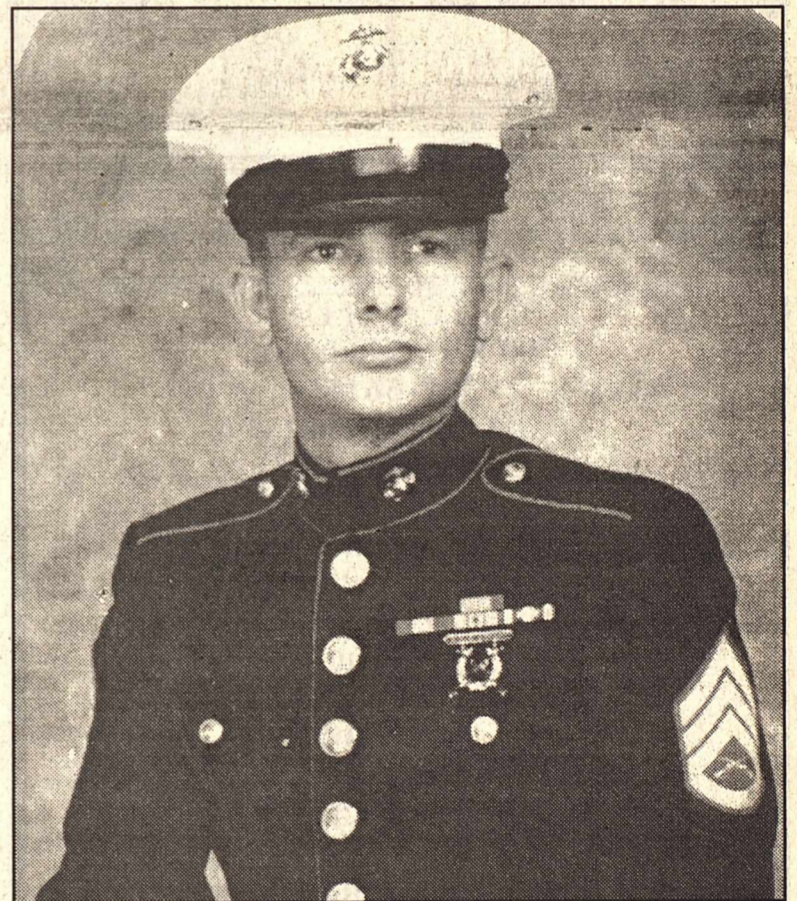
Last year was the driest on record. One rancher observed that even after a rain the ground is still so dry he can turn over a few inches of top soil and find a dirt clod hard enough to strike a match on.

State reservoirs are the lowest in 22 years, and 60 of the state's public water systems are under mandatory water restrictions. In addition to its physical impact on land and livestock, the drought has a devastating fiscal effect, costing the state \$10.7 billion in 1999.

On February 1 when the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Appropriations met to discuss drought issues, a National Weather Center meteorologist stated that as the result of La Nina, current weather trends aren't good for Texas.

Because Texas' future growth and prosperity depend on an available water supply for a population that is expected to double by 2050, in 1997 the 75th Legislature passed a comprehensive water bill. The bill requires that regional water planning groups work with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Texas Natural Resource

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## Veteran Tommy Arnwine

Submitted

Tommy Arnwine joined the United States Marines in 1968. He joined under the 180-day delay program in order to complete commitments of a nightclub band he was on tour with at the time. After leaving the band in Honolulu, Hawaii, he reported to Boot Camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

While involved in Infantry Regiment Training, the last part of boot camp, at Camp Pendleton, California, he received word that his wife had given birth to twin sons (which would be a real challenge on military pay).

Upon completion of Boot Camp, he was assigned to the 5th Marine Division Band at Camp Pendleton, California. This band consisted of a 60 member unit with several members holding Bachelor's and one with a Master's degree in music. During his time at this unit, the band performed at many military and civilian functions in southern California and the West Coast. In 1969, he was chosen to be a member of the combined 110 piece Marine Band to perform in the Rose Bowl Parade at Pasadena, California.

After a short leave in May of 1969, he reported back to Camp Pendleton for more infantry training prior to leaving for the Republic of South Viet Nam. Upon completion of this training he was transferred to the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force Band at Da Nang, Viet Nam.

After one month "in country" this band was integrated into the 3rd Marine Division Band which was being pulled back to Okinawa, Japan and out of the War Zone.

Four members of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force Band, however, were requested by the Commanding Officer of the 1st Marine Division Band to become a part of that unit and remain in Viet Nam. Arnwine was one of those four.

The 1st Marine Division Band, aside from daytime duties as a Band, was in charge of perimeter guard on Hill 327 outside Da Nang. Basic "Rifleman" being the main duty of all Marines, this meant nights in the jungle on patrols and other duties required to maintain perimeter integrity. During the day the Band performed for "troop moral" and various military ceremonies.

Another smaller band was formed from members of the 1st Marine Division Band, which was referred to as the "Bush Band". Arnwine was again chosen for these duties and had the opportunity to tour many parts of Viet Nam not normally covered under requirements for the regular bands. One of the main duties of this band was to perform for the "Combined Action Platoons" which consisted of setting up a squad of Marines in a Vietnamese village to work with the "PFs" or "Popular Forces". This band stayed in the field and were trucked or helicoptered in to the

See *Veteran* page 6

## Sonora Church Directory

<p><b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> Rick Sanchez 504 Santa Clara 387-2035</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Terry Bishop, Minister 304 N. Water 387-3190</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim 404 E Oak 387-2951</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Rev. Ted W. Harris 404 E. Poplar 387-2955</p> <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466</p> <p><b>JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS</b> St. Ann's Street 387-3600</p> <p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366</p> <p><b>NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER</b> Jerry &amp; Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241</p> <p><b>LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.</b> Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN</b> Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock</p> <p><b>PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED</b> Randy Greenwood Pastor 509 Amistad 387-5266</p> <p><b>ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278</p> <p><b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS</b> 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018</p> <p><b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Monty Price Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.</p>
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### Weddings



**Bible - O'Brien**

Brandi Bible and Jimmie O'Brien of San Angelo, Texas were married Saturday, February 5, 2000 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Draper in San Angelo. Tim Dobbs of the Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa officiated.

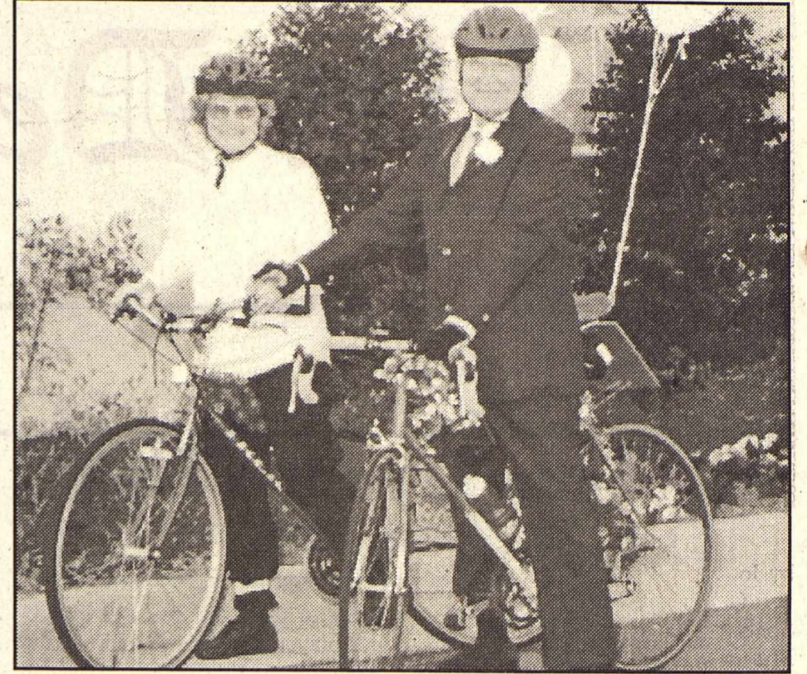
Brandi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frisby Bible of Sonora. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Draper of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bible of Santa Anna. Jimmie is the son of Sue Wallace and Jim O'Brien of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McVey of Grape Creek.

Maid of honor was sister of the bride, Ashley Bible of Sonora. Bridesmaid was Michele Smith of San Angelo. Flower girl was Shalinda Darter of Grape Creek. Attending the guest book was Angela Draper of San Angelo.

Best man was Jace Watson of Carlsbad. Groomsman was Juan Jimenez of San Angelo. Ring bearer was Curtis O'Brien of San Angelo.

Brandi is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and is employed by Community MediCenter in San Angelo. Jimmie is a 1992 graduate of Miles High School and is employed by Marine Offshore Drilling of Houston.

The couple is residing in San Angelo, Texas.



**Regeon - Babcock**

Kenneth Babcock and Blanche Taylor Regeon were united in Holy Matrimony with a double ring ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2000, at the Holiday Inn Express in Fayetteville.

The Rev. Bobby McMahan performed the ceremony and Rick Massengale provided the music. Vocalists were Rhonda Weatherup, daughter of the bride and Lisa Thurman, granddaughter of the groom.

Her son-in-law John Phillips gave the bride away.

A reception, for friends and family followed the wedding.

Family included Mrs. Nancy Taylor, mother of the bride from Fayetteville, GA., the bride's daughters, Nanetta and John

Phillips with their daughters, Jessica and Jamie from Sealy, Texas, Resa Regan with her daughters Jesse and Jodie from Senoia, GA., Rhonda and Michael Weatherup with children Chelse and Zachary from Brooks, GA., Edith, groom's sister and Bob Grinnell from Horseshoe Bay, TX, Sherry, groom's daughter and Jack Phillips from McCamey, TX, with their children, Shelly Shackelford from Wink, TX, Lisa Thurman from Fountain Valley, CA, Chris and Kristin with baby Micha and the groom's great-granddaughter from Cedar Creek, TX.

The bride and groom, who are members of the Fayette Biking for Life Club, left for their honeymoon riding their bicycles.

### Card of Thanks

To the Community of Sonora, I would like to thank the parents, student body, and entire community of Sonora for all your support in leading the Lady Broncos to a great season.

The support of the community and parents of Sonora contributed so much to our victories. I would like to personally thank all elementary, junior high, high school students and teachers for their support. I would also like to thank the local businesses and community for their enthusiasm. It meant so much to the Lady Broncos and myself to see everyone in the community taking the time to make signs, decorate, and stand on the sidewalks of Sonora to see us off. Without the support of everyone, the Lady Broncos would not have made it as far as we did. Hopefully, next year the Lady Broncos can surpass this years accomplishments. It is my wish that all individuals or teams of Sonora, at some point, are able to experience the emotional thrill that you experience when your community supports you. Sonora has done for the Lady Broncos.

I also would like to send a special thanks to Officers Routh and Dudley, along with the entire Sonora Police Dept. and Carl and Melissa Teaff and the Sonora Fire Dept. for taking the time out of their day to escort the Lady Broncos out of town during their playoff season.

Lastly, I would like to thank all coaches, teachers, fellow students, and ALL my team members, players, and managers, for all your help and hard work in this years great accomplishments; and to the Lady Broncos Seniors of 2000, I will miss you all very much.

Sincerely,  
Heather Felts # 45, Senior 2001  
Sonora Lady Broncos  
Basketball 1999-2000 Bi-District Champions

The family of Telesforo Gonzalez would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to all friends and family members for being so thoughtful. Whether it was in the form of prayers, moral support, food, flowers, phone calls and love during this difficult time.

Thank you to all the Ladies of St. Ann's for the meal prepared for our family members and friends. And all those involved in preparing the services. May the Lord bless each and every one of you for all that you have done for us.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Gonzalez, Avila and Munson Families

I would like to say thank you to everyone for your visits, calls, and cards you sent to me while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you to everyone that has come by for a visit at home while I'm recovering. Last but not least to my family for all their love and support they have given me after my surgery. I have really appreciate all that has been done with all my heart.

Sincerely, Norma Gonzales

**Ronnie Cox**  
would like to be  
your pharmacist.

### Obituaries



**Nancy Taylor**

Nancy Taylor, 89, of Fayetteville, Georgia, formerly of Sonora, Texas was laid to rest Wednesday, February 16, 2000 in Sonora Cemetery.

### Willis Minnick

Willis Minnick, 62, of Lake Brownwood died January 13, 2000, in a Brownwood hospital.

Memorial services were held Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Lake Brownwood. Arrangements were by Heartland Funeral Home.

He was born August 10, 1937, in Sonora and had been a resident of Tamarack Mountain and Odessa before moving to Lake Brownwood six years ago.

He was a retired construction engineer, a Baptist and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Minnick of Lake Brownwood; two sons, Danny Rhyme of Eastland and Dean Minnick of Strawn; two daughters, Kathy Rhyme of Abilene and Laverne Cox of Eastland; a sister, Florrie Adams of San Angelo; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Senior Center News

- Feb. 28 - Bingo!
- Mar. 3 - AAA Reports due! Beltone "Free" Hearing Tests  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. FMI Call 387-3941

### Senior Center Menu

- Feb. 28 - Beef tips with rice, carrots, fruit cup, cornbread, banana with strawberries, lemon pie.
- Feb. 29 - Chicken breast with gravy, baked potato; okra, roll, peach half.
- Mar. 1 - Liver with onions, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, apple juice, pecan pie.
- Mar. 2 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.
- Mar. 3 - Chicken fried steak, with gravy, oven fried potatoes, roll, carrots, vanilla pudding with fruit.

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

## Dining Out Directory

- 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 Ave  
387-5552
- Sutton County Steakhouse  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833
- Town & Country Subway  
610 S. Crockett  
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen  
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### Community

- Feb. 28  
Abstinence Program  
7:00 p.m. Intermediate Auditorium
- March 6  
P.T.A. Meeting & Talent Show  
6:00 p.m. Elementary Auditorium

### The Community Calendar

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### Calendar

- March 14  
Lions Club Broom Sale
- March 17  
Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary  
Game Night

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## Ask the Historical Society



4th of July in Sonora, 1923.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Was there anything in the Sonora papers on the death of a Mrs. Felix Mann in late 1920.

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, December 25, 1920

Mrs. Fannie Mann, wife of Felix Mann, died at her home in San Angelo Thursday, December 16th, aged 65 years, 11 months and 9 days. She was a pioneer of West Texas, having been born at Weatherford, January 8, 1855.

The family is well known in Sonora having resided here a number of years ago. Deceased is survived by three sons, Clay, Walter and Arthur, and three daughters, Mrs. E. F. Tillman of Fort Worth, Mrs. Geo. Mann and Mrs. Rhodes Runkles of San Angelo, Mrs. Mary Ann Adams of Sonora was her eldest sister.

Hanging on my bulletin board I have a question asking for information about a family named Gatlin that once lived in Sonora. Until today I couldn't answer the question but have found the following in the same newspaper as above: Miss Leone Gatlin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gatlin of Del Rio was married at the Methodist Church in

that city Wednesday, Dec. 15th, to Julius Polk Coleman of Austin. The Gatlin family lived in the eastern part of Sutton County a few years ago and Mr. Gatlin is a well known ranchman of the Del Rio country.

Another issue of note is that Sonora Park Association was inviting everyone to their First Annual Cowboy Celebration and Roundup to be held Dec. 24 - 28 to be held at the new park where there is no obstruction to ropers or riders and ample grandstand for spectators. Over \$600 in prizes were to be given away for goat roping, broncho busting and steer riding.

Football games and other entertainments were to be held during the week. A Christmas tree for children under age 15 was also to be held at the school auditorium on Friday evening when presents would be distributed and a musical program rendered by various clubs and churches.

Q. Do you have anything on the shooting of Bob Gibson around 1910?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, May 15, 1909

A phone message was received Friday morning that Bob Gibson, a

nephew of Bob Peacock of Sonora, had been shot three times and died instantly and that Adolfo Flores was also killed and another Flores wounded in the leg.

The shooting occurred after the Boogey Red Show at San Angelo, and is said to have been done by a member of the show, named Clayton. Clayton was shooting at Gibson and the Flores men were shot accidentally. It was not learned what caused the trouble or whether or not Gibson did any shooting. Bob Gibson was for many years a well known cow man of the Sonora country.

In the same issue I found this humorous story on Max Vander Stucken who married Maud Turney and died in 1928: Max Vander Stucken had childhood recalled to him at the school exercises this week and remarked (confidentially) his first experience before the public was to stomp his toe on the usually (hastily arranged) carpet on the stage, fall his full length on the floor and get up and remember every line of his speech. At home the folks bragged about how well, under the circumstances, he had done. It swelled his head and the next time (he thought) he was so smart that he did not study his part and instead of falling down walked out and forgetting his lines and ran off the stage. That was Max's last appearance as a public speaker. After that when his fond parents would want Max to be good and say a speech for the visitors, Max would be found hiding around the wood pile (the only time he was ever known to be there).

Q. When did West Texas Utilities buy the electric light plant from the Eatons?

A. Devil's River News, Friday, March 30, 1928

A public service to the people of Sonora which has extended over a period of 15 years comes to a close

on April 1st when the local power system passes from the hands of its present owners, W. F. Eaton and his son John Eaton to West Texas Utilities. Work on the new utilities building here is nearing completion, with two 150 h.p. Diesel powered dynamos already installed and more material arriving daily via. The high line from Sonora to Eldorado, which will supply the latter with power, will be completed within 45 days. Work on the Ozona high line will be started as soon as the lambing season is over.

In the same issue we find the following articles of interest: The newly organized Sonora Construction Co., charter for which were granted last week to W. L. Aldwell and E. F. Vander Stucken and Roy Aldwell, is the owner of 35 by 100 ft. site on Main St. and Concho Avenue, on which land the new \$70,000 First National Bank is to be built. The land brought a consideration of \$2,000. Note: This is the site and building we now call City Hall.

Final work was done this week on the extensively remodeling and repairing job which has been underway on the Hotel McDonald for the past two months, according to W. W. Miller, Jr., in charge of the work. The hotel now has forty-four guests rooms, six bathrooms, hot and cold running water to most of the rooms, electric refrigerating systems in the dining room and many other new features. A noticeable improvement in the appearance of the hotel was effected through the stuccoing of the entire outside of the building. The stucco is brown and set off with blue paint trimming. The structure can accommodate 95 in the rooms and more by setting up beds in the halls and on the porches during the rodeo and race meet.

The distinction of possessing the first of a new line of Ford cars to be delivered to Sutton County went to Wesley Sykes late this week. The car is a sport-coupe, acclaimed by many as the pick of the line and was driven here from Dallas by Sam Hull. Mr. Hull stated that the Ford Motor Company Dallas branch is assembling these cars at the rate of 50 per day and that the maximum of 400 cars daily will be reached at an early date.

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@sonorax.net. You may also call me at 915-387-2855.

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Renee Cavin bride elect of Jake Kimbrel  
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Renee Cavin bride elect of Jake Kimbrel

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## Boy Scouts Travel to Camp Fawcett



On February 4, 2000, the Boy Scouts of Troop 19 left for a camping trip at Camp Fawcett, located at Barksdale, Texas. Boy Scouts attending this campout were Brandon Munn, Frank David Gallegos, Roland Solis, Tyler Talley, Warren Wallace, Embre Smith, Ty Love, David Adkins, Tom Valliant, Israel Mendoza, Wilson Wallace, Justin Odom, Shawn Odom, Joseph Ainsworth, Laramie Hall, Stevie Hernandez, and Devon Yearout. Special guests were 5th grade Webelos Cub Scouts who will soon be crossing over into Boy Scouting: J.J. Galindo, Shane Love, Steven Sandoval and Travis Valliant. Adult leaders were Lewis Allen, Carlos Gallegos, Johnny Solis, Tim Talley, Jack Smith, Julio Galindo, David Love, Calloway Hall and David Wallace.

The campers spent the weekend working on a service project at Camp Fawcett. They were busy with clearing the campsite and chopping cedar. Thanks to the assistance of Lewis Allen, all were expert cedar choppers by the end of the weekend. The boys also worked on their hunting skills as they became avid armadillo hunters!

The weather was cold, with 20-degree nights, but everyone stayed warm with hot chocolate, coffee and hot tea. The cold weather did not interfere with sleep, as the boys

reported a snoring contest was going on between the adults! All enjoyed the camp food, especially Tim Talley's special recipe for cobbler.

This campout may have set a troop record for Scout brothers as there were four groups of brothers attending: Ty and Shane Love, Shawn and Justin Odom, Tom and Travis Valliant and Wilson and Warren Wallace.

On February 8, 2000, the troop held elections. Elected as Senior Patrol Leader was Wilson Wallace, with Laramie Hall elected Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. The new Quartermaster is Israel Mendoza, Chaplain Aide is Tom Valliant, Historian is Norbert Ortiz, Librarian is Devon Yearout, Bugler is Stevie Hernandez, Scribe is Joseph Ainsworth and Troop Guide is Justin Odom. The patrols elected leaders also. Wolverine Patrol leader is David Adkins, Cobra Patrol Leader is Frank Gallegos, with Ty Love serving as Assistant Patrol Leader and the Rattlesnake Patrol Leader is Warren Wallace with Tyler Talley serving as Assistant Patrol Leader.

Troop 19 congratulates the new leaders and wishes to thank all of the adults who helped with the camp-out. Thanks also to the community for their continued support of our Scouting program.

Samantha Martinez Castro would like to announce the birth of her baby sister Savannah Martinez Castro born on February 3, 2000 at 12:56 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs. and was 19" long. Proud parents are Sammy and Sonia Castro. Maternal grandparent are Armando and Lydia Martinez, Aunts Selina and Senida Martinez. Paternal grandparents are Demetrio and Angelica Castro, Uncles Louie and Guero Castro. She is also welcomed by her cousin Louie, four Great-Grandmothers, three Great-Grandfathers, and numerous great aunts and uncles.

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## Social Security News

Submitted

The Social Security retirement age is going up and the effects will be felt for the first time this year. "Most people do not know changes were made sixteen years ago in the Social Security Amendments of 1983. The full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later was raised in gradual steps from age 65 to 67," said Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"The change was part of a package of changes made by a bipartisan Congressional committee to curtail program expenses," Franki said. "People are living longer and are drawing Social Security benefits longer, creating unanticipated costs for the Social Security system."

If you were born before 1938, you will still be eligible for your full Social Security retirement benefit at the age of 65 and reduced benefits as early as age 62. However, those born in 1938 who retire "early" this year (age 62) will find their benefit amount of reduction increased from 20 percent to 20.8 percent.

Beginning in 2003, full retirement age for those born in 1938 or later will increase. For example, the full retirement age-for those born in 1938 will increase to 65 years and two months.

"There are disadvantages and advantages to taking your benefit before your full retirement age, so contact Social Security before you decide to retire," urges Franki.

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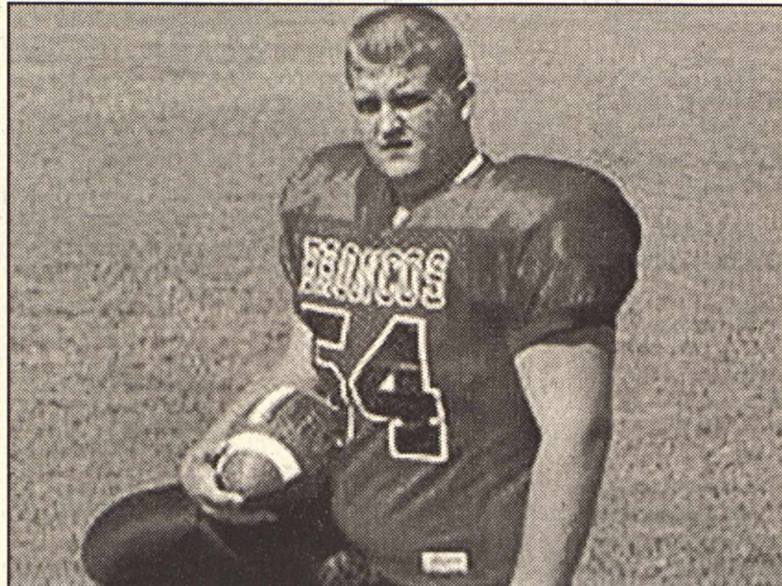
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**February 27**  
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**February 29**  
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**March 1**  
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**Lock Signs with Hardin Simmons**



Submitted  
 Sonora High School's Brady Lock has signed a letter of intent to play football for Hardin Simmons University this fall. Brady is the son of Tom and Cheryl Lock of Sonora. Brady played offensive center for the Broncos. He was a two year starter at that position and helped the Broncos to a 23-4 record in those years. Brady was selected to the 1st Team All-District Squad in 1999 as well as Academic All-District and Academic All-State. Brady is also a member of the High School Baseball and Track Team.

**Police Reports**

**Feb. 14 - Theft of Service** - Officer received a call in reference to a theft of service at Skinny's convenience store that led to the arrest of two juveniles for theft of service and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Both juveniles had been reported missing out of Nederland, TX. Agencies assisting were Texas Dept. of Public Safety officer Ben English, and Sutton County Deputies Oscar Chavez and Bob Hartman  
**Feb. 18 - Property Found** - Officer received a call to go to the 400 block of W. 4th Street to speak to a complainant who wished to report that he had found a gun lying on the ground. The officer tagged the gun and placed it in safekeeping.  
**Feb. 18 - Possession of Controlled Substance** - Officer received a call to assist a motorist unlocking a vehicle, which led to the arrest of Jeffrey Fox of Portland, Oregon for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.  
**Feb. 18 - Criminal Mischief** - Officer was patrolling the High School parking lot when he observed the back glass of a red Pontiac Sunbird completely shattered. Officer contacted owner of vehicle about the incident and investigation continues.

**F.Y.I.**

The Sonora Band Booster meeting will be Thurs. March 2nd at the Intermediate Auditorium. The highlight of the evening will be the 6th grade band performance at 6:00 p.m. A short meeting will follow the mini-concert. Parents or guardians of all High School and Middle School band students are encouraged to attend.  
 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!!

The San Angelo Girls Fastpitch Association (SAGFA) will be holding a 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 clinic 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.  
 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.  
 The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 1st Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

**Elementary News**

The Elementary PTA meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sonora Elementary Auditorium. Due to the 4th grade TAAS test on Tuesday, Feb. 22, the meeting and Talent Show have been postponed. The students need to be well rested for the tests. Therefore, schools are advised to eliminate school activities the night before the TAAS Tests. We want to give our students the opportunity to do their very best!  
 We appreciate everyone's cooperation and concern and regret any inconvenience this may have caused. We look forward to an informative meeting and a great Talent Show on March 6th.  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR THE 4TH SIX WEEKS!!**  
 3rd Grade-Mrs. Park's Class -- 98%  
 4th Grade-Mrs. Wallace's Class -- 98.6%  
 5th Grade-Mrs. Herring's Class -- 97.9%

**Star Party Planned for Fort McKavett**

Submitted  
 Members of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (JSCAS) plan to host a Star Party on Saturday, March 4, and the public is invited to come and enjoy this event. Fort McKavett offers some of the best night skies for viewing the stars, planets and astronomical features.  
 The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. Saturday with a series of lectures by members of the JSCAS. These lectures typically include photos and valuable information regarding the celestial bodies in our West Texas night sky and astronomy in general. Most of the JSCAS members work for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and enjoy amateur astronomy. The extraordinarily dark sky of the Fort McKavett area first attracted JSCAS in the fall of 1997 making this their fifth star party at the park.  
 After the lectures at 5:00 p.m., the public will be able to view the telescopes and orient themselves to the park before it gets dark. After dark, visitors can go from telescope to telescope viewing different features of the night sky. We ask visitors to arrive at the park before 5:00 p.m. to be registered and orient themselves to the park. Please bring a flashlight, a red lens material will be distributed at the Visitor's Center to allow you to see your way around the park and from telescope to telescope.  
 Regular admission fees, \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, apply to the event. There will be concessions available for purchase during the event. This event could be canceled due to the weather so please call in advance. For more information call 915/396-2358.

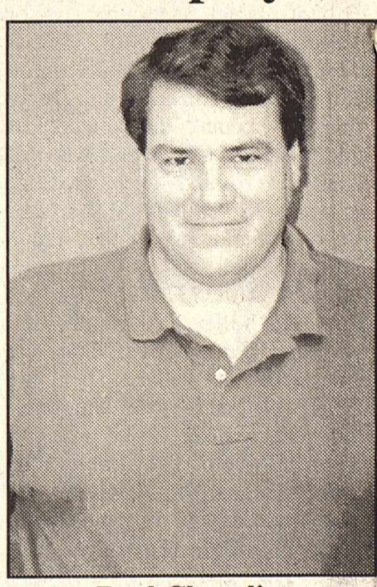
**Buckle Up Your Kids**



Kelly Thorp, with the Sutton County Extension Agent's office set up a "Child Passenger Safety" display in the Alcol parking lot on February 18, 2000. The display was in celebration of Child Safety Week. Thorp provided information on how to properly restrain your child in a car, as well as how to choose the right safety seat. Texas law says children under the age of two must ride in a safety seat. Infants from five to 20 pounds must ride facing the rear of the vehicle and reclined at a 45 degree angle to receive the full protective benefit of a safety seat. Never put a rear facing child in front of a passenger air bag. Toddlers from 20 to 40 pounds should ride facing forward in a convertible safety seat or harness system. Pre-schoolers from 40 to 60 pounds should be restrained by a belt positioning booster seat which use a lap-and-shoulder safety-belt systems. Children 12 & under should ride properly restrained in the back seat, where it is almost always the safest place for children. If you have question regarding Child safety you can contact Kelly at the Extension office at 387-3604.

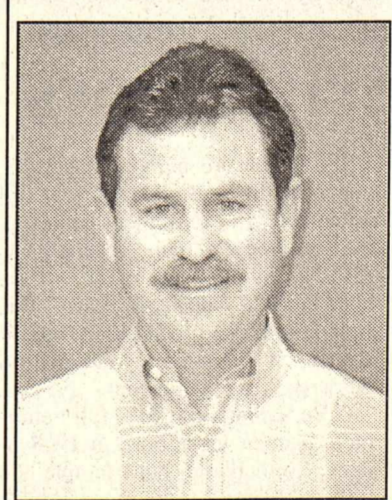
**TxDOT Recognizes Employees**

Paul Chevalier, Area Engineer of the Sonora Area Office, serves as chairman of a committee that received an award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).  
 The Employee Recognition Committee created a program that honors an outstanding employee of the quarter. Chevalier, along with 10 committee members, were recognized at a recent supervisors meeting for their efforts in implementing the employee recognition program in the San Angelo District. The group was presented a Quality Team Recognition Award from AASHTO. This program recognizes high performance teams that are worthy of being imitated.

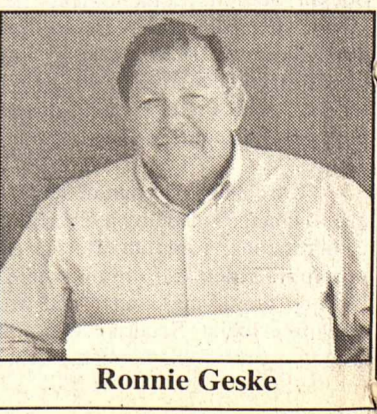


Paul Chevalier  
 another committee of TxDOT employees who represent the maintenance, engineering, and administrative services of the San Angelo District that includes 298 employees in 15 counties.

According to Chevalier, the San Angelo District was the first district of the 25 TxDOT districts to initiate an outstanding employee program selected by co-workers. The quarterly winner is selected by  
 Billy Bob Galbreath, design technician in the Sonora Area Office, was recently awarded a Service Award from the Texas Department of Transportation.  
 Galbreath received a framed certificate for 10 years of service with the department. He is employed in the San Angelo District that includes 298 employees in 15 counties.  
 Ronnie Geske recently completed the New Employee Orientation program at the San Angelo District Office. Geske was hired in January as an engineering tech for the local area office.



Billy Bob Galbreath  
 Ronnie Geske



# J.V. Boys Undefeated in District

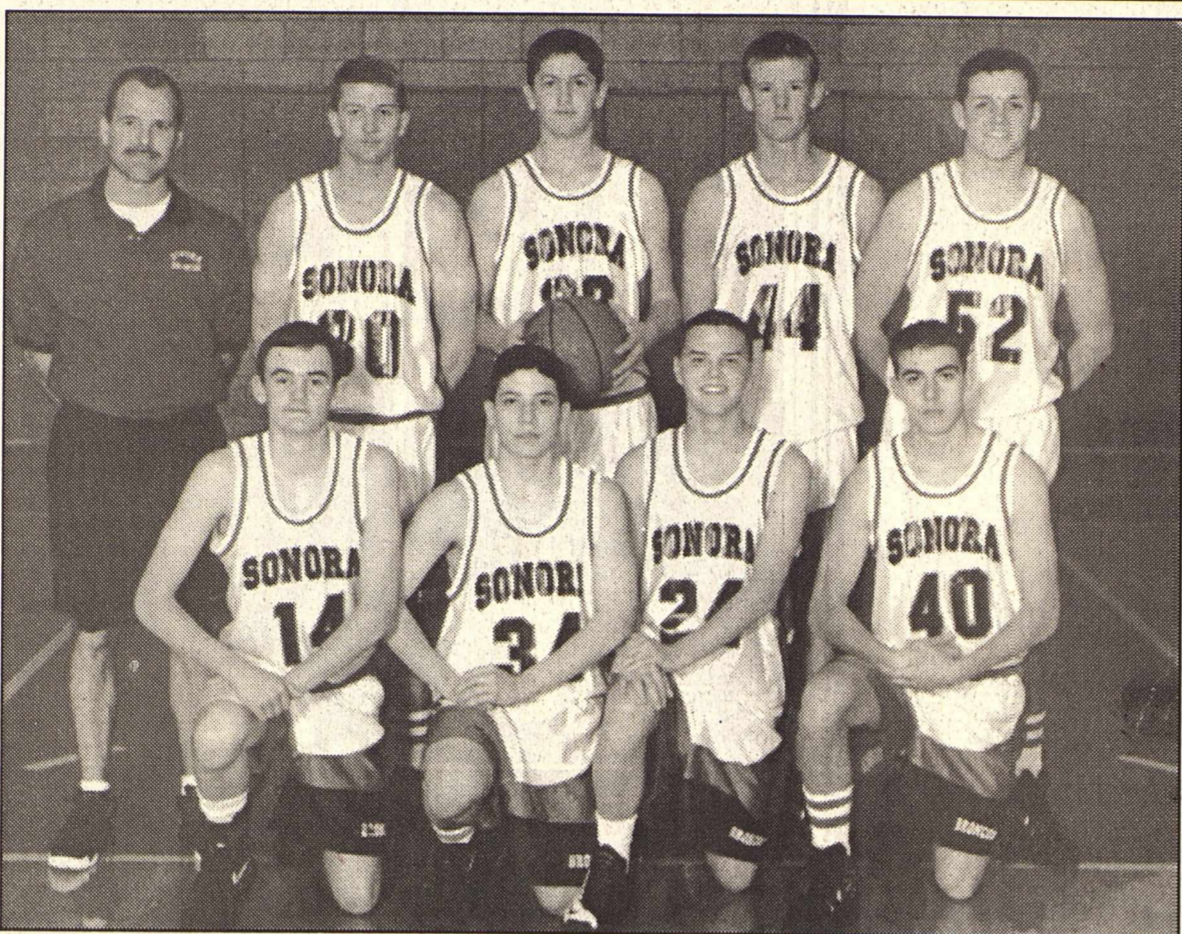
Submitted  
The Sonora J.V. "A" Broncos traveled to Eldorado on February 4, 2000, where they defeated the Eagles 78 to 51. Scoring for the J.V. Broncos were: Cameron Sims - 21 pts., Matt Torres - 16 pts., Ryan Hardgrave - 13 pts., Pete Samaniego and Chance Dillard - 10 pts., Justin Routh - 5 pts., Tan Cade - 3 pts.

The J.V. "B" team traveled to Eldorado on the 7th of February where they also defeated the Eagles, with a final score of 63 to 36. Scoring for the J.V. boys were: Dustin Martin - and Douglas Yocham - 16 pts., Justin Sims - 8 pts., Emmanuel Lopez - 6 pts., Louis Segura - 4 pts., Caleb Gulley, Balde Hernandez, and Ross Sanchez - 3 pts. each, Wylie Wagoner and Brandon West - 2 pts. each.

On February 8, 2000 the J.V. "A" team hosted Wall J.V. The Broncos defeated the Hawks 60 - 43. Scoring for Sonora were: Matt Torres - 15 pts., Pete Samaniego - 13 pts., Ryan Hardgrave - 10 pts., Cameron Sims - 8 pts., Chance Dillard - 6 pts., and Justin Routh - 5 pts.

Junction was the place of the next victory on February 11, 2000. The final score was 50-17. Scoring for the J.V. Broncos were Chance Dillard - 10 pts., Ryan Hardgrave - 9 pts., Pokey Samaniego - 8 pts., Tan Cade - 6 pts., Cameron Sims and Justin Sims - 4 pts., Justin Routh - 3 pts.

The final game for the J.V. Broncos was against Ozona on the 15th. Sonora defeated the Lions 52 -



24. Scoring for Sonora were: Chance Dillard and Ryan Hardgrave - 12 pts. each, Cameron Sims - 9 pts., Tan Cade - 8 pts., Justin Routh - 7 pts., and Pokey Samaniego - 4 pts.  
The Sonora High School Junior

Varsity basketball team completed a very successful season, going 10-0 in district play, and 17-1 for the season. Their only loss came against Clyde during pre-district. The team was coached by Bruce Hirt. Team members starting out the season

were Tan Cade, Chance Dillard, Ryan Hardgrave, Ed Mayfield, Justin Routh, Pete Samaniego, Cameron Sims and Matt Torres. These players will have much to contribute to next year's varsity and junior varsity teams.

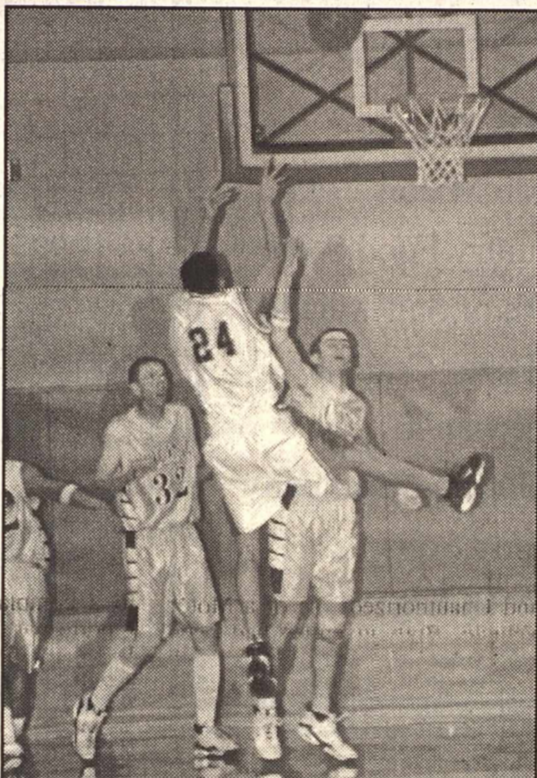
# Broncos Headed for Area Championships

The Broncos traveled to Junction on February 11, 2000 to take on the Eagles. Sonora defeated Junction 55 - 40. Scoring for the Broncos were James Elliott - 14 pts., Bryce Williams and Russell Dempsey - 11 pts. each, Riley Crain - 10 pts., Isaac Ramos - 5 pts., Ernie Perez and Sloan Holley - 2 pts. each.

On the 15th Sonora hosted the Ozona Lions and suffered a tough defeat, with the final score being Ozona 40, Sonora 31. Scoring for the Broncos were Bryce Williams - 10 pts., James Elliott - 7 pts., Riley Crain - 6 pts., Sloan Holley - 3 pts., Russell Dempsey and Ernie Perez - 2 pts., Isaac Ramos - 1 pt. This finished the Broncos district play, leaving them with an overall record of 18-12, 6-4 in district play, taking 3rd place.

Pecos was where the Broncos started their playoff games against Anthony. The victory of 56 to 42 made the Broncos Bi-District Champions and improved their record to 19-11 in regular season, 6-4 in district play and 1-0 in the playoffs. Scoring for the Broncos in Pecos were: Bryce Williams and James Elliott - 10 pts. each, Isaac Ramos and Russell Dempsey - 9 pts. each, Riley Crain - 8 pts., Ernie Perez - 5 pts., Sloan Holley - 3 pts., and Ryan Cramer - 2 pts.

The Broncos play in the Area Championship game against Hale Center in Big Spring on Thursday the 24th at 7:30 p.m. Good Luck Guys!

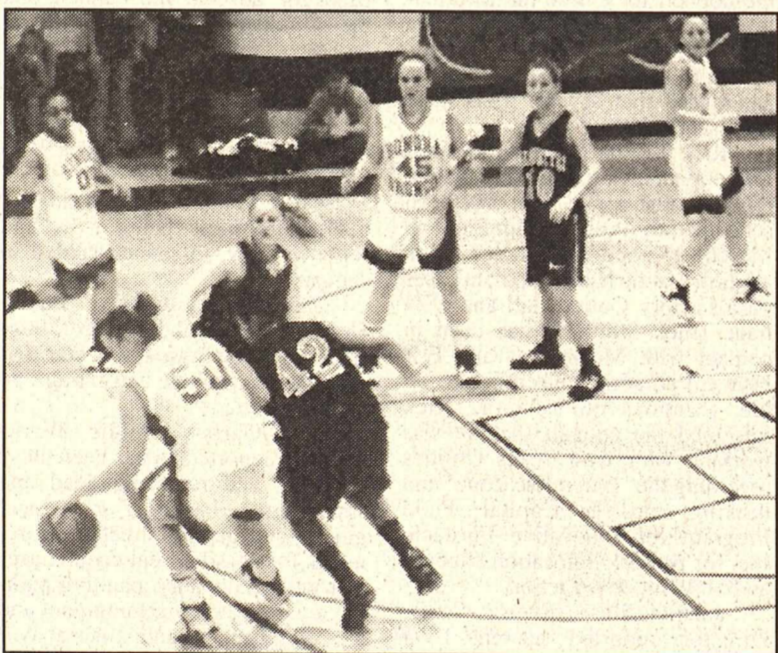


# Lady Broncos from page 1

The Lady Broncos traveled to Irion County to take on Iran in the Bi-District Championships on February 15, 2000. Sonora defeated Iran 56-52. Scoring for the Ladies were: Kim Marshall - 4 pts., Sarah Ball - 2 pts., Kara Eaton - 14 pts., Cindy Jones - 11 pts., Heather Felts - 10 pts., Japha Word - 12 pts., and Kasey Miller - 3 pts. Kara Eaton was chosen as Offensive player of the game and Japha Word was Defensive player.

On February 18th, the Ladies traveled to Snyder to take on Farwell for Area Championship. The girls took a hard loss and were defeated 77 to 41. Scoring for Sonora were Cindy Jones - 13 pts., Kara Eaton - 10 pts., Heather Felts - 9 pts., Kim Marshall - 6 pts., Koda Armke - 2 pts. and Veronica Velez - 1 pt.

This ended the 1999 - 2000 season for the Lady Broncos. Thanks for a great year Ladies!



Japha Word handles the ball against the Hornets, while teammates, Kim Marshall, Heather Felts and Kara Eaton wait for a pass.

# Exciting Study Abroad Available to Sonora Students

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Students who choose to study abroad are not the only ones who benefit. By hosting an AIFS Academic Year in America international student, Sonora families can earn up to \$1,000 towards exciting study abroad programs or up to \$500 on summer or winter travel/study programs. In this way, students and individual families can experience all the

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**Thurs.** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, carrots, fruit.  
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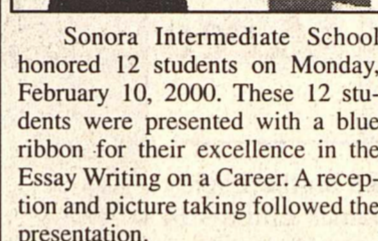
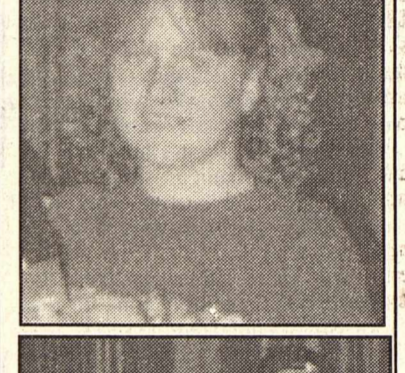
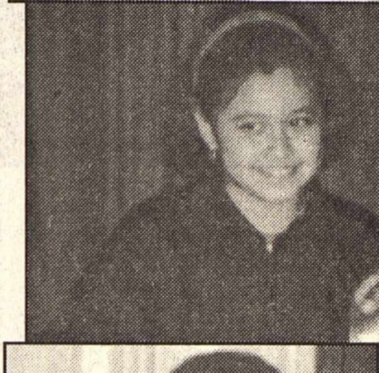
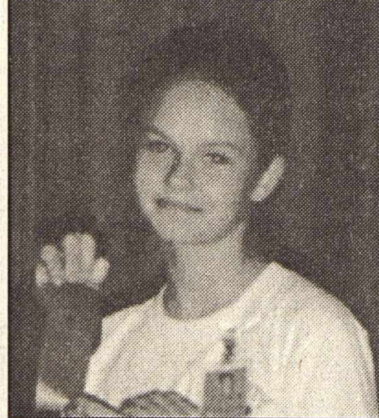
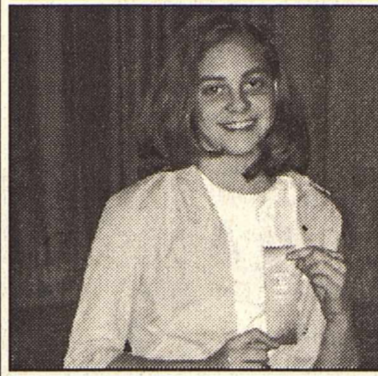
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| Virgil Polocek             | Main Street Program        |
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|                            | Carlos Gallegos            |

## Students Recognized for Career Essays



Sonora Intermediate School honored 12 students on Monday, February 10, 2000. These 12 students were presented with a blue ribbon for their excellence in the Essay Writing on a Career. A reception and picture taking followed the presentation.

The Concho Valley Partnership/Prep. Tech Department out of San Angelo, under Cynthia Laekey, ran a career contest.

The contest required the students to interview an adult with an interesting job and write an essay.

The Sonora Intermediate had 12 of the best. Congratulations students, great job!

A big thanks goes to our community members that gave of their time; allowed our students to inter-

view them. With these essays the Concho Valley Partnership Program will publish a book called *Careers In The Concho Valley*. The book will include the student's essay and the picture of them and the person they interviewed.

The 12 winners were with their interviewee were: Delma Tovar/Melinda Patton, Mackenzie Perez/Carolyn Earwood, Meghan

Krieg/Landa McEntire, Chasady Garcia/Ronaldo Cervantez, Eric Welch/Paul Turney, Jaimee Duran/Leila Bouhassiss, Alison Carroll/Beth Wallace, Starlyn Chadwick/Mike Routh, Marc Hernandez/Marcos Perez, Madelin Higdon/Kelly Thorp, Victoria Tovar/Mrs. Lambert, Erika Hernandez/Harry Mata.

## City Council from page 1

Motion carried. Brent Gesch, City Manager, presented a rough draft of new ADA job descriptions and personnel policy for the council to review. He ask the council to review the information for further contention at the next regular meeting.

Beth Wallace, City Attorney, announced that several trials have been scheduled.

Rick Taylor, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Manager, reported that a site visit has been scheduled for Project Clamshell on March 14 and 15. Also, Rick advised that he has set up data bases on a Factory Outlet Mall and a 24 hour Truck Stop. He has been in contact with McDonalds and E-Z Heat Corporation concerning possible locations in Sonora. Rick informed the council that he was working with West Texas Utilities regarding the "Enterprise Zone" and looking into a Capital Fund Program for Innovative Plastech, Inc. for possible relocation expense and building construction.

Juanita Mesa, Senior Center Director, reported serving 1694 meals and making 493 van trips for January. She advised that the AARP

meeting was a success, the van is still making one trip per month to San Angelo, and she has scheduled the birthday party for next Friday.

Ann Kay, Main Street Manager, advised the council that the sprinkler system at the Depot had been repaired and the big tree has been trimmed and paid for by the Historical Society. Also, Ann advised that she has been working on the Veteran Exhibit and a Web Site.

Tony Lane, Airport Manager, advised business being slow and reported only 43 planes landed in January.

James McLaughlin, Public Utilities, advised he has been busy repairing fire plugs, sewer clarifier, installing a manhole and fixing line stoppages.

Jim Garrett, Public Works Director, reported he has been busy repairing and replacing dead end street signs, installing curbs and gutters and getting street measurements for possible seal coating project with the county, painting parking areas at the swimming pool and repairing benches and tables at Will Carver Park.

Sue Moore, Public Housing,

reported housing six families in December, sending out twenty five letters and having twelve families on the waiting list.

Chris Croy, Chief of Police, reported attending the Pipeline Group in San Angelo, working sexual assaults, attending District Court and working a lot of accidents. Chris also reviewed the council on a possible TxDOT grant of \$3,000 that could be used for overtime during Holidays for seat belt enforcement.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, advised that medical insurance claims were running about the same amount as the premiums paid and the city could possibly be looking at another rate increase, come October. Becky, advised that the staff had been busy working on changing the computer for the rate changes and getting ready for Election 2000.

Brent informed the council that Census 2000 had kicked off and they were looking for Enumerators to hire locally and were paying very good wages.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hernandez closed the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

## Our Tree Maintenance Draws Praise From Those Who Know Best.



**WTU RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMITMENT TO TREES.** At WTU, we've been named a Tree Line USA Utility by the National Arbor Day Foundation. We're proud to be one of the 38 U.S. utilities presented with this award. Recipients demonstrate a creative commitment to scientifically proven pruning methods, tree planting and public education.

Because falling limbs and branches are so often responsible for outages during inclement weather, WTU utilizes pruning methods which help ensure electrical service reliability. Our pruning techniques preserve the health of our trees while allowing power lines to run unobstructed (see illustrations at right).

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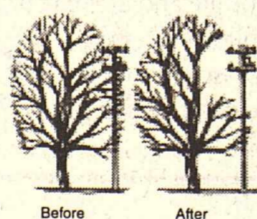
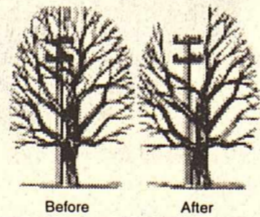
At WTU, we believe one of the best things about being the power company... is having the power to do good.

Together, we can help ensure that WTU tree maintenance draws praise well into the future.



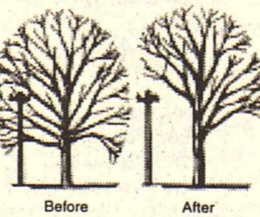
### Through or V Pruning.

Through or V pruning creates a branch-free hold through the tree's canopy, allowing utility lines to pass through while maintaining the tree's natural beauty and structure.



**Side Pruning.** Side pruning is used when trees are situated beside utility lines. A section of the tree's canopy is removed to allow utility lines to pass through the tree unobstructed.

**Under Pruning.** Used on large, structurally-sound trees whose lower branches interfere with utility lines. By carefully removing selected lower branches from all sides, a balanced appearance can be maintained.



## Veteran from page 1

"Villes". During his time in Viet Nam, Arnwine was awarded the Viet Nam Service medal, the Viet Nam Campaign ribbon, and the Combat Action Medal.

Released from active duty in June of 1970, Arnwine returned to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Business. He remained a member of the Inactive Marine Reserve during this time.

Upon graduation, he and his family moved to Amarillo, Texas where he became a full time member of the Marine Reserve.

He served this 4th Marine Division Unit in many facets including truck driver, mechanic, Motor Transport Chief, and First Sergeant.

His main mission for the unit was as a Recruiter in the Amarillo area for prior service Marines enlisting in the Marine Reserves.

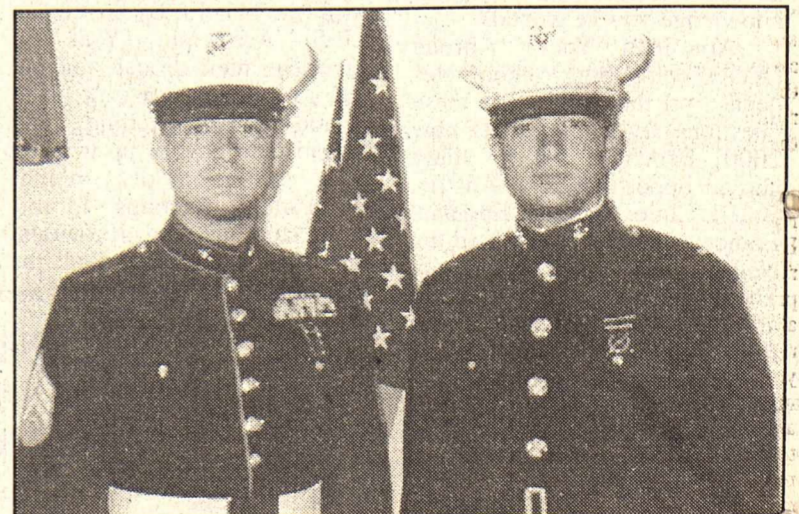
With this Unit he was active in exercises at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and at 29 Palms, California, where he received a "Meritorious Mast" for duties as First Sergeant and as Responsible Officer for the Unit.

In June of 1975, Arnwine was transferred back to San Diego, California as a musician with the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Band. During the time with this organiza-

tion, he was chosen again to be a member of the 110 piece composite band for the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California in both 1976 and 1977. He also had the opportunity to perform before many dignitaries and celebrities such as Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Mr. Midendorff, Bob Hope, Art Buckwald, Lowell Thomas, Angie Dickinson, General Doolittle, comedian Jonathan Winters, many of the NASA Astronauts and others including performing for one of Billy Graham's Crusades in San Diego.

Along with the Viet Nam medals received, he received the National Defense Medal, Rifle Expert award, marksmanship award with the pistol, good conduct medal, 2nd award and was Honorably Discharged from the Marines in 1977.

Shane Arnwine, one of the twin sons born during the boot camp years is now a Sergeant with the Marine Reserves and a Gulf War Veteran. The other twin son, Shannon Arnwine is currently on active duty with the Marines as a 2nd Lt. stationed in Quantico, VA.



Shane and Shannon Arnwine

# The Hacking Must be Stopped



by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla - Last week, some of our nation's largest Internet companies were temporarily sidelined by the recent sophomore frenzy of computer hacking. This is no small problem. As a matter of fact, it is an enormous problem, that can easily affect Americans and all people around the world equally.

Effortlessly, these hackers were able to penetrate the systems of some of our most advanced Internet companies, like Yahoo!, Amazon.com, Buy.com, and eBay. Their attacks reduced pensions, investments and savings as the New York Stock Exchange and our technology index, Nasdaq, had hefty consecutive day drops. The attacks on these companies were largely confined to "denial of service" acts in which hackers jammed the systems with ample amounts of worthless information, creating a severe slow down in response. Experts estimated the attacks cost companies \$2 billion in lost revenue and added security. As serious as that is, further attacks with far more disastrous implications cannot and should not be discounted.

The denial-of-service attacks are more difficult to prevent than traditional computer virus attacks.

They are comparable to a malignant cancer. Once they have entered the system, their ability to multiply and spread quickly infect-

ing and damaging other areas in the system is simple.

The FBI put out a report early last week which found that it's easy for the wrong people to get their hands on everything they need to mount these attacks. The report also described the attacks as elementary, "not something that takes a great deal of sophistication to do." This is scary and something must be done to stop it.

Today it might be attacks on the systems of companies. Tomorrow it could be something far more devastating, like attacks on the Department of Defense.

The United States and the rest of the world cannot afford for that to happen.

The inherently open and trusting nature of the Internet should not be compromised because of a few bad apples. This is why I intend to propose legislation that will deter hackers from attempting these malicious crimes on our government's computers. The only deterrence hackers tend to respect and understand are stricter prison penalties. My legislation will impose a mandatory five year penalty on anyone who intentionally hacks into a government computer, with no chance of parole.

I intend to send a message to all hackers who are looking for a new criminal challenge: if you dare hack into a government computer, you had better be prepared to commit five years of your life to federal prison.

# Conservation Easements Rescuing Private Property Or The Ruination Of Future Generations?

By J. Zane Walley, Article and research funded by a grant from the Paragon Foundation

## CEs HIGHLY COVETED BY U.S. REGULATORY AGENCIES

Is a CE valuable? The Feds sure want them. An example lies in recent federal agency taking-actions. They have devised a method to take conservation easements without paying a dime. Brent Mitchell, Director of the Atlantic Center for the Environment, Massachusetts, notes that an agricultural landowner is soon to be assessed a monetary fine by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wild Service for violation of the Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts. The agencies are interested in offering a settlement package in lieu of the fine to include the "donation" by the landowner, of riparian easements on the property which was disturbed. Brent Mitchell was distressed by this action. Not over the right or wrong of federal agencies seizing private property under the auspices of their regulations, but rather how it would be viewed by the public.

Mr. Mitchell stated "Several questions have arisen. Who should hold the easements? A local land trust holding the easement presents the appearance of the federal government coming into an agricultural valley, condemning land and handing it over to a private non-profit. The state or a federal agency might be the most palatable entity to hold the easement."

Tim Howell, an U.S. Government environmental attorney, states that federal agencies can take conservation easements in lieu, or as a part of the penalty process. He noted, "This option falls under the EPA's supplemental environmental project (SEP) policy. A SEP is an environmentally beneficial project which a violator voluntarily agrees to perform as part of a settlement of an enforcement action. In return, EPA agrees to reduce the monetary penalty that would otherwise apply as a result of the violation(s)." Attorney Howell also noted that "Some federal agencies may hold such easements."

Bluntly stated, it seems that EPA and other regulatory agencies can issue an ultimatum. "Give us the most valuable portion of your property rights or well take your money!" Furthermore, the responsible federal agency can assign those rights and the power to enforce the restrictive covenants to an environmental organization such as the Sierra Club or The Nature Conservancy.

At present some commercial lenders take a dim view of loaning monies on properties that have lost the most valuable asset, the potential for future development and change. The con-forces contend that because of the vastly diminished value of the land, any Ag operation will eventually fail, because as any farmer and rancher knows, his best business ally is his banker. The pro-easement side contends that land with existing CE's are becoming a highly sought after asset which increases the loan value.

In the next column, I will interview a cross section of bankers and lenders for their views on the influence of CE's on loan value.

To contact the author with your opinions on CE's, email me at [fre@pvtnetworks.com](mailto:fre@pvtnetworks.com) or write, J. Zane Walley, The Paragon Foundation, P. O., 161, Lincoln, NM 88338.

# AGRIBUSINESS

## Producers Livestock Auction

Thu Feb 17, 2000

Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 3350; Last Week: 2446; Last Year: 3241;

Compared with last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs weak. Trading active, demand good. Quality full range from plain to attractive. supply included 55 percent calves, 15 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent stock cows and pairs and 15 percent yearlings; of the feeders 60 percent were steers and 40 percent heifers.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 123.00-128.00; 300-400 lb 112.00-123.00, few 123.00-125.00; 400-500 lb 102.00-112.00, few 112.00-115.00; 500-600 lb 93.00-103.00, few 105.00-108.00; 600-700 lb 83.00-93.50, few 95.50-98.00; 700-800 lb 78.75-87.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 111.00-122.00; 300-400 lb 100.00-112.00; 400-500 lb 90.00-102.00; 500-600 lb 83.00-83.00; 600-700 lb 75.00-83.00; 700-900 lb 70.00-79.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 97.00-107.00; 400-500 lb 92.00-103.00; 500-600 lb 82.00-93.00, set 95.00; 600-700 lb 81.00-88.00; 700-800 lb 74.00-78.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 95.00-105.00; 300-400 lb 88.00-97.00; 400-500 lb 84.00-92.00; 500-700 lb 71.00-82.00; 700-800 lb 68.00-74.00.

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean Breakers 75-80% 1050-1435 lb 35.00-40.50. Boners 80-85% 900-1250 lb 36.00-39.50. Boners Hi-Yld 80-85% 1000-1200 lb 40.00-41.50. Lean 85-90% 800-1000 lb 33.00-36.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2000 lb 45.00-48.50; low-dressing 1100-1700 lb 39.50-45.00. Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium and Large 1-2 590.00-670.00. Medium 1-2 410.00-580.00. Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 690.00-720.00.

Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 540.00-680.00.

Stocker and Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 700-900 lb 58.00-62.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 900-1100 lb 45.00-53.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1250 lb 35.50-40.00 cwt; (aged) 800-1100 lb 34.00-37.50 cwt. Source: USDA

## Junction Livestock Auction

Monday - 02/21/00

Sheep and Goats: 5,270 Year Ago: 4,705

Compared to last week: Slaughter and feeder lambs steady. Slaughter ewes and bucks 1.00-5.00 higher. Spanish slaughter goats 2.00 lower. Nannies steady. Billies and muttons steady to 3.00 higher. All classes slaughter Angoras 1.00-3.00 higher. Trade active. Demand good. Supply included 9 percent sheep including near 350 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: 40-60 lbs 90.50-101.00, new crop to 110.00; 60-80 lbs 90.00-97.00, new crop 104.00-114.00.

Stock Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: 80-120 lbs 51.00-55.00. Pairs: 40.00-45.00 per head. Barbados: Ewes: 41.00-53.00.

Slaughter Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 80-125 lbs 76.00-83.50. Slaughter Ewes: Utility to Good 2-3: 80-130 lbs 53.00-57.00; Utility: 120-150 lbs 38.00-49.50; Bucks:

100-155 lbs 35.00-45.00. Barbados: Lambs: 35-65 lbs 68.00-75.00; Ewes: 60-80 lbs 41.00-53.00.

Bucks: 60-80 lbs 48.00-59.00. Stock and Feeder Goats: Spanish Goats: Nannies: Young 52.00-56.00, few 47.00-50.00 per head. Billies: 80-150 lbs 69.50-74.00, few 86.00.

Angora Goats: Nannies: unshorn 49.00-57.00. Slaughter Goats: Spanish Goats: Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lbs 89.00-103.00; 35-65 lbs 90.00-104.00.

Nannies: Young 60-120 lbs 55.00-75.00, thin 47.00-56.00. Muttons and Billies: 75-165 lbs 68.00-80.00, few 90.00.

Angora Goats: Kids: shorn 40-50 lbs 91.00-97.00; 50-70 lbs 87.00-96.00; Nannies: 48.00-65.00; Muttons: 50-90 lbs 63.00-76.00, few to 84.00. Source: USDA

## New Mexico Wolf Reintroduction

by J. Zane Walley

The highly controversial Gila Wilderness Wolf Reintroduction Program is coming to a scalding boil in Silver City and Reserve, New Mexico, on March first and second. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be holding meetings in those towns to get the public's view on turning the predators loose at four locations in Grant and Catron Counties.

The target population for wolves in the Gila Wilderness is set at one hundred. According to Tom Fuller, Associate Professor, & Director of Environmental Biology at the University of Massachusetts, it will take enormous amounts of meat to feed that many wolves. He noted, "Over the course of a year a single wolf requires some 15-20 deer to survive. They hunt in packs, using a military precision that enables them to be successful predators. The Professor also stated, With its loose-limbed gait a wolf can cover up to 50 miles in 24 hours."

The sheer amount of food and range needed to sustain the predators

deeply concerns Caren Cowan, Executive Secretary of the New Mexico Cattlemen Association. She contends that FWS used flawed science in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that they are using to sanction the release of Mexican wolves. "The EIS is flawed, badly flawed!" Cowan contends, "The EIS claims that one hundred wolves will only kill one to 34 head of livestock per year. Where is the science in this? These wolves have been fed and raised by humans. How can the FWS determine that they will suddenly just start eating wild game?" Cowan has a strong message for ranchers. "Be there! Don't miss these meetings. Your presence is vital!"

The meetings are scheduled March 1, in Reserve, New Mexico at the Community Center, 7 - 9PM and March 2 in Silver City, New Mexico at Western New Mexico University Light Hall 7 - 9 PM. Pro-wolf Environmental Groups plan rallies at each of the hearings.

## Rig Locations as of February 18, 2000

Crockett County New Union Pacific Res; 6800', Sutton 15-#13, Patterson Drilling. New Larron Energy Corp; 3000', University 21-#2F, Rod Ric Drilling. Edwards County Rio Tex Inc.; 9000', Pfluger #1, Cleere Drilling. Marshall & Winston; 7600', Holman-Fagan #4203, Patterson Drilling. Sutton County New Concho Res.; 9000', Whitehead #6-2, Cleere Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8400', Mayfield 45-#9, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 8475', Mayer #26, Patterson Drilling. New Louis Dreyfus; 5450', ???, Patterson Drilling. Terrell County Bass Enter/Midland; 15000', Mitchell 533-#1, Key Energy Drilling. Conoco/Midland; 13000', Alex Mitchell 1-#7H, Nabors Drilling. New Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500', Geaslin 199-#10, Cleere Drilling. Athanor Texas; 9000', Mitchell Unit 6-#6, Cleere Drilling.

For complete report contact: Scott Huggins, Rig Location & Permit Report Service (800) 627-9785



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## Water from page 1

Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in the management of the state's rural and urban water supplies.

TWDB provides assistance to groundwater districts that are formulating water-conservation and drought-management plans. TNRCC issues licenses and permits and partially funds rain-enhancement or cloud seeding operations.

Seven cloud-seeding projects, covering approximately 36 million acres in West and South Texas are currently permitted by TNRCC for 2000. The projects are part of a long-term, water-management strategy to replenish aquifers and meet the needs of agriculture, industry and municipalities.

Research indicates that cloud seeding can result in a 10 percent to 20 percent rainfall increase. The West Texas Weather Modification and the Edwards Aquifer Authority projects include 13 of the 17 counties in Senate District 25.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority plans to begin cloud seed-

ing March 1 over a 6-million acre target area that includes Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina counties in Senate District 25. Gillespie and portions of Llano also could benefit from the project.

The authority has committed \$500,000 to the project's 4-cent-an-acre cost with TNRCC reimbursing half the expenses.

The West Texas Weather Modification Association's rain-enhancement program is in its fourth year of operation, embracing seven counties, including Sutton, Schleicher and part of Tom Green.

The economic benefits of cloud seeding are incalculable. One study indicates that in terms of crops and cattle, the regional economy would increase by \$4 million and personal income by more than \$2 million, with more than a half million dollars saved in irrigation costs.

Water is our most vital natural resource. Together we must conserve it, manage it and enhance it to ensure that Texas' finite water supply will meet its future needs.

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**Wanted**

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For Sale: 12x20 Walk-in Cooler/Freezer on skids. Asking \$7,000. Call 915-853-2261 or 915-853-2544 ask for Kurtis.

Garage Sale: Saturday, February 26, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; (1 mile South on Hwy. 190 East on FM Ranch 2596, McIntosh Road) Saddle, Riding Tack, Rifle, Compound Bows, Feeder w/hayrack, Posts, Tin, Dog House, Air Conditioner, Chairs, Boat, Motorcycle, Clothes (All ages) & Misc. Items.

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FOR SALE: Complete 10' Satellite Dish with upgraded electronics. IQ Prism with Video Cypher II Plus. 392-3256.

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**Public Notice**

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a part-time, maximum 32 hour week, Animal Control Officer. Employee will be required to enforce animal and rabies control and licensing permit regulations within the municipality. Applicant should have a valid Texas Drivers License, be able to read and write, and prefer someone who likes working with animals. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer. 2217b

**Public Notice**

**Bids For Sutton County Medical Insurance**  
 Sutton County is requesting bids for their group medical insurance program. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2000. Bids will be opened on March 13, 2000, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be mailed or delivered to the Sutton County Judge by 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2000. Bids should be marked "SEALED BID" and should be mailed to: Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please call or write to the Sutton County Auditor, Charles Graves, Box 16, Sonora, TX 76950, 915/387-5380. 2224b

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