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Local 4-H and FFA Members Do Well at San Angelo Stock Show

Submitted

Sutton County 4-H and FFA members did very well at the San Angelo Stock Show this past week. Leading in the junior placings at the show were Chance Armke with the Grand Champion Angora Buck of the Angora Show, which had twice as many participants as last year's show. Thia McKissack exhibited the Champion and the Reserve Champion fleeces of the Junior Wool Show. In the Open Mohair Show, Meredith Earwood exhibited the Grand Champion Fleece and Emily Earwood exhibited the Reserve Champion Fleece of Mohair. Hensel Matthews exhibited the Champion and Reserve Champion fleeces in the Open Wool Show.

In the Junior Market Goat Show, Brandy Neff led the local placers with a 12th place goat and a 23rd place. These placings were in classes that exceeded 100 animals in the class, as the San Angelo Market Goat Show was the largest goat show ever held in the world with over 1200 entries and some 800 goats actually being

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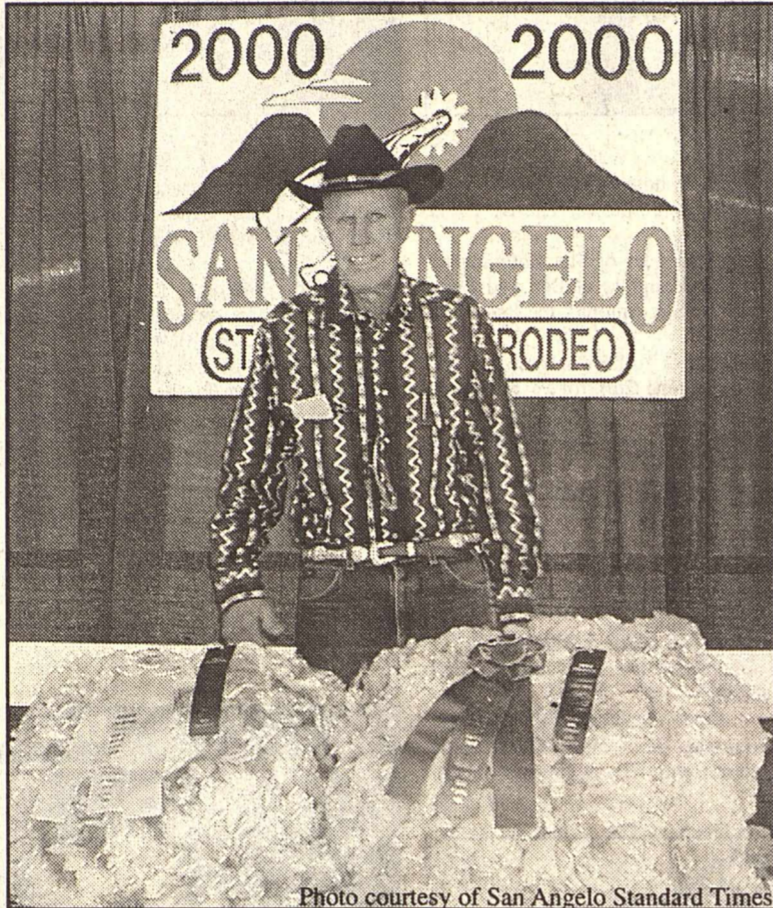


Photo courtesy of San Angelo Standard Times
Hensel Matthews

WTU Changing Operations

The announcement of changes in operations, made by WTU last week, will affect two local jobs for sure. Full time customer service associate Carolyn Warden and temporary employee Carla Garcia both hold positions that will be phased out. As of right now, the service department will remain as is. The changes are being made to position the company for the state of retail competition in Texas.

WTU President and General Manager Paul Brower said that after September, WTU local office will no longer provide traditional customer transactions, including bill payments. He noted that customers will continue to have company access through its Customer Service Center, which provides service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via a toll-free telephone number.

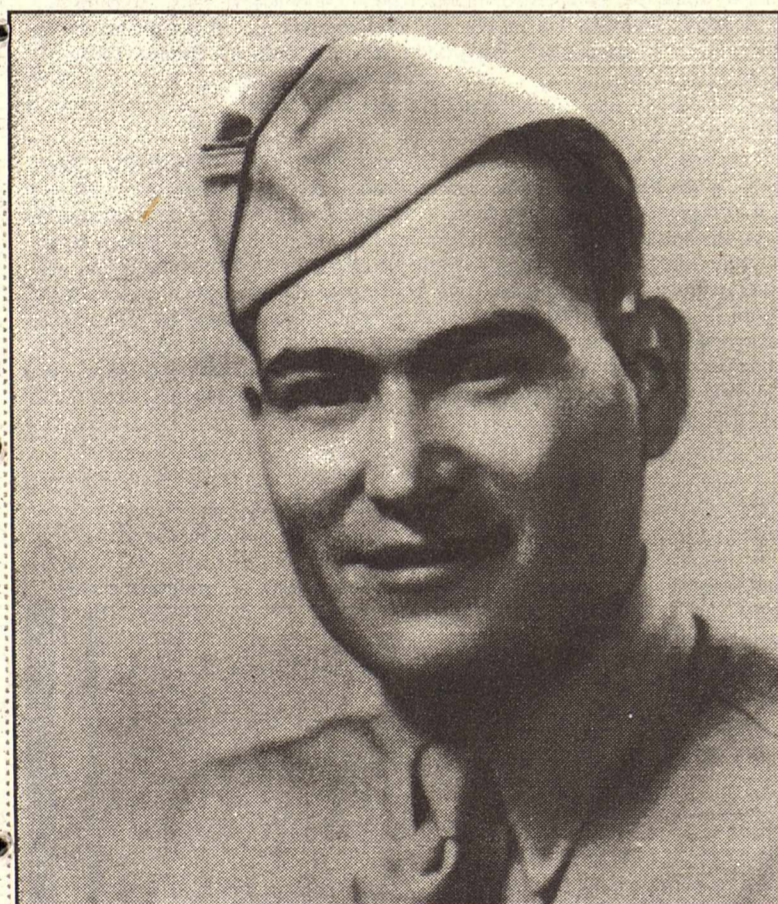
"A changing business environment and changing customer needs

are reshaping our business," Brower said. "WTU will continue to work in partnership with communities through its economic development activities, volunteerism, contributions and customer service. The company is following an industry trend in making use of new technologies to provide more options in customer service."

Brower said that to promote fair competition, utilities must separate their operations. This requires a reevaluation of the services offered by WTU. As a result, WTU's merchandise program no longer fits with its business priorities.

He added that now WTU customers have more options in paying their bills, including: Mail, Automatic bank drafting, the internet (www.csw.com), pay stations in many communities and credit card or ATM card via the telephone.

Salute to the Veterans



Pedro "Pete" Chavez

The Sonora Main Street Program salutes Pedro Chavez. He entered into the Army on June 16, 1942, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He served in battles and campaigns in North France, Normandy, Central Europe, the Ardennes, and the Rhineland. In England Pedro was put in the nose of a B24 to man machine guns for 18 months, until the war was over. He was decorated with six Bronze Battle Stars, ETO, a Unit Citation, and a Good Conduct Medal. We thank you for the time you served in the armed services and

all that you have given to this country and our community.

Please share our stories and photos with the Sonora Main Street Program. A Memorial Day Exhibit and Celebration are planned for May 29, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. The Goodfellow Air Force Base will be sending an Honor Guard to open the activities for the celebration. If you need more information please contact Ann Kay at 915-387-2248 or go to Business Basics at 112 N. Concho to have your photo copied and leave your story.

GAME NIGHT

It's time once again for the fun-filled Hospital Auxiliary Game Night. On March 24, 2000, everyone is invited to participate in an evening of entertainment that you can help make a wonderful and valuable evening.

The Women's Hospital Auxiliary will again be sponsoring their fundraising Game Night. The tickets are \$5.00 each and a light supper will be served. Door prizes and game prizes will add to the fun and excitement. The evening begins at 7 o'clock on March 24th. Everyone is invited to attend. The funds will go to help with items needed at the hospital and the nursing home.

School Board Elects 2000-2001 Calendar

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora I.S.D. met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2000.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the insufficient check she had informed the Board about at the February meeting had been collected. President Cade expressed the Board's appreciation to Mrs. Friess for her efforts and she, in turn, commended local banker Harold McEwen for his help in the matter. Mrs. Friess concluded her report by stating that 96.3% of the 1999 levy had been collected.

A discussion followed regarding Friess' prior request to retain a portion of the 1999 excess budget for computer technology. The Board unanimously approved.

Board member Tom Payton corrected the minutes of February 7th to reflect that he had received 18.25 training hours, not Tryon Fields.

Current bills in the amount of \$141,920.76 were unanimously authorized for payment.

Budget amendments were unanimously approved following a presentation by the business manager and the Board unanimously approved Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston, and Barr as the audit firm for the audit year ending 8/31/00.

The Superintendent reviewed DEC (Local) in order to clarify certain points and a motion was made and approved to amend it as recommended.

The board unanimously approved the following election officials: Juanita Mesa, Precinct 1 Judge (replacing Joyce Jimenez who was appointed in February); Maria Mesa, Precinct 1 Alternate Judge; Marie Hollmig, Precinct 2 Alternate Judge; Missy Jimenez Anderson, Precinct 3 Alternate Judge; and

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Fire Danger Outlook Bleak - Keep Your Guard Up

The Texas Forest Service warns that the fire danger outlook for much of the state remains bleak and that all Texans should keep their guards up against wildfires. Only the Central, North and East Texas regions received significant precipitation from the passage of the cold front across the state late last week. Drought comparisons between 1996, a year that the state experienced a severe and devastating wildfire outbreak, and this year reveal that most areas of the state are experiencing equal or greater

drought conditions this year.

Texas will likely see a return to a drier and warmer weather pattern, more typical of a La Nina, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville. He noted that climatologists from the Climate Prediction Center are calling for a strong La Nina event to impact Texas weather into late spring and early summer.

"This forecast is not good news for those areas of the state already experiencing severe drought hazard

and extreme fire hazard," declared Spencer. "Those areas with high to extreme fire danger include the Panhandle, South Plains, Concho Valley, Permian Basin and Far West Texas, as well as portions of South Texas."

The fire risk coordinator observed that some green-up of grass is underway in areas that benefited from the recent rains. He added, though, that if additional significant precipitation isn't received, the vegetation green-up is not likely

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Cancer Survivor Looks Forward to Relay

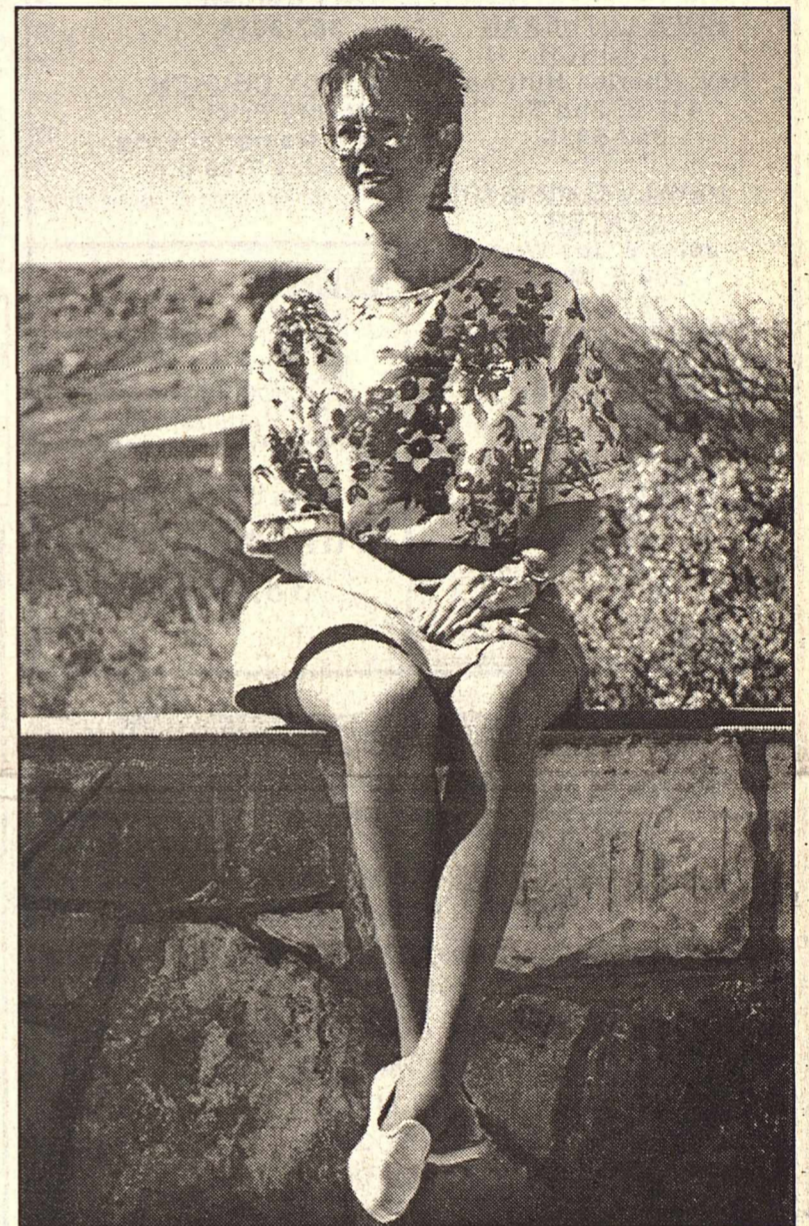
Karen Harrell Davis grew up in Sonora and graduated from Sonora High School in 1973. She lived in Sonora until she moved away to go to Business School in Corpus Christi and later moved to San Antonio. Even though she doesn't live here now, Sonora will always be home to her. She was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1970. She was 15 years old. Her right leg was amputated above the knee and she now wears a soft flexible socket. The development of artificial limbs has come a long way as you can see by the picture. Which leg do you think is artificial? Hard to tell, isn't it?

Cancer research and prosthetic research has come such a long, long way over the years. Karen is very grateful for the money the Cancer Society raises for research and she is hopeful that in the near future, no one will need to face any form of amputation when confronted with cancer.

Karen looks forward to returning to Sonora for the second time to participate in the May 5th Cancer Walk. She will be celebrating her 45th birthday on May 7th and looks forward to seeing her mother, Dorothy while she is here. Both Dorothy, and Karen's husband Bill will be walking at the Relay.

Cancer that begins in the bone is called primary bone cancer. Osteogenic Sarcoma usually occurs in the long bones of the body and is the most common type of bone cancer in young people. It usually occurs between the ages of 10 and 25 and more often in males than females.

Symptoms of bone cancer tend to develop slowly and undetected, depending on the type, location, and size of the tumor. Pain is the most frequent symptom of osteosarcoma, but sometimes it manifests itself as a general weakening of the area. Because of the lessened strength, osteosarcoma can sometimes be misdiagnosed as a neuro-muscular



Karen Harrell Davis

problem. There are some cases where a firm, slightly tender lump can be felt and still others where the tumor can interfere with normal movement.

Early prostheses were typically fabricated from iron by military

armorers for unfortunate battle victims. Later, sockets made of light, strong wood such as willow prevailed until the introduction of moldable plastics and plastic laminates in recent decades. The end of WWII

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Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Adelita L. Alvarez was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 5-8, 2000 in San Antonio, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State Univer-

sity, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation,

Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Country Courts, Deferred Disposition, Landlord Tenant Issues, Hot Checks, Probable Cause, Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues and Legal Research.

Catch Some Radical Rays



Radical Rays Tanning Salon, located at 114 North Concho, held its grand opening on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Radical Rays is open from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday and by appointments on weekends. Owner Rhonda Martin invites everyone to come check out the new beds and get an all over tan to prepare for summer fun. Pictured here at the grand opening are: Tonya Brown, Ann Kay, Kelly Owen, Ladonna Snyder, Justin & Michelle McGeath, Joyce Harris, Skyla, Haley, Jacie, Treka, Torie and Juanita Vickers, Carol and Don McMeans, Sue Flynn, Terry Martin, Corey Avila, Rebecca Peterson.

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387-2955

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Weddings



Barton - Curry

Jessica Barton and Charles Michael "Chuck" Curry, both of San Marcos, were married Feb. 26, 2000, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown. The Rev. Lou Flesner officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Eddie and Judy Callender of San Antonio and James and Glenda Barton of Sonora. She is the granddaughter of Ben and Ruby Alexander of Luling, Eddie and Barbara Callender of San Antonio, the late Mary Ruth Barton and the late James Theodore Barton.

The groom is the son of Dewayne and Janice Curry of Yorktown. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Foulds of Yorktown, Mrs. Jaurene Curry of Pasadena and the late Charles Curry.

Michelle Howell attended the bride as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Gartman, Kelly Barton and Erin Reese. Craig Gartman served as ring bearer. Bob Curry served as best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Sievers, Justin Urban and Luke Curry.

Ushers were Joey De Luna and Anthony Thompson.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Community Hall in Yorktown.

Following wedding travel to Cancun, the couple will reside in San Marcos. The bride is a graduate of Bay City High School. She is employed by Central Texas Medical Center in the surgery department.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. He is employed by Capital Dialysis in San Marcos as a registered nurse, and at Central Texas Medical Center as an R.N.



Purvis - Hughes

Laura Elaine Purvis and Ladd Sterling Hughes were married February 26, 2000, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Stephen and the Rev. Gary Brown officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Purvis of Sonora. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Jim Hughes and Ms. Nancy Hughes, both of San Angelo.

Maid of honor was sister of the bride, Kari Purvis of Sonora. Bridesmaids were Jenny Kneuper, sister of the bride and Lori Hughes, sister of the groom, both of San Angelo. Flower girl was Lindsey Cowser of San Angelo.

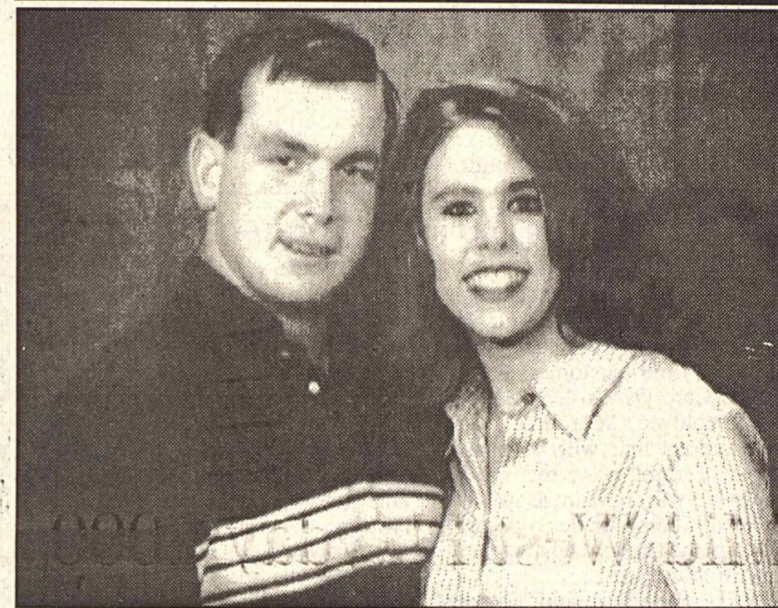
Best man was brother of the groom, Lane Hughes of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Brandon Zesch and David Sirmons, both of San Angelo. Ring bearer was Collin Cowser of San Angelo. Ushers were Charles Kneuper and Warren Baker, both of San Angelo, and Shane Webb of Bronte.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Angelo State University in December 1999.

The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of San Angelo Lakeview High School and received a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1999 from Angelo State University. He is pursuing a master's degree at Angelo State University.

After a wedding trip, the couple will live in Christoval.

Engagement



Wall - Deel

Brownwood - Krystal Wall and Shane Deel of Sonora will be married May 20, 2000, at Central United Methodist Church.

Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. Curt Wall of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Don Deel of Sonora.

Miss Wall is a graduate of Brownwood High School and is attending Angelo State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sonora High School and is a candidate for May graduation from Angelo State University, with a bachelor's degree in English and Kinesiology.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers, calls, and cards during Bethany's recovery. We are thankful to all our friends and to the Churches of Sonora. A special thank you to Barry and Linda, and as always, Pat and Robert.

Thank You,
Bethany, Faye, and Donnie Deel

On March 6, 2000, the Sonora Schools P.T.A. held a "Share Your Talent Show", at the Elementary Auditorium following a business meeting of the P.T.A. I wish to express my gratitude to those who helped make the evening a success. To all the students, who shared their talents on that evening, I give you a large thanks for your willingness and hard work to prepare. To the members of the P.T.A., who helped prepare for the evening, I appreciate your dedication to the students of Sonora. To the Sonora Dairy Queen, I thank you for your generosity in providing coupons for the participants of the program. To Gary Hardgrave, I thank you for providing lights to shine upon the concluding performance of the evening. Once again to all who worked together to provide an evening of fun and entertainment: thank you, thank you, thank you.

Susan Nicholas
Program Chairman
Sonora Schools P.T.A.

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green. Birthday Party for March Babies!
- Mar. 20 - Bingo! First Day of Spring!
- Mar. 21 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 22 - The Senior Network, Inc. Type II Diabetes Ed. Video Seminar Program! At Noon.
- Mar. 23 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Program at Noon.

Senior Center Menu

- Mar. 17 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, crackers, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk.
- Mar. 20 - Chicken fried steak, oven fried potatoes, carrots, roll, vanilla pudding with fruit, milk.
- Mar. 21 - Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodle zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, white cake with caramel icing.
- Mar. 22 - Pork chops, buttered noodles, carrots, bread, tossed salad, applesauce, milk.
- Mar. 23 - Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, orange juice, apple crisp, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Card of Thanks

I am writing this letter to thank the Fire Department, the Police officers, and everyone who came to our rescue the other night during the early morning fire at our house.

By the Grace of God, I was able to save my children's life and my own as well. We should all be thankful that we have a Fire Department and Police Department that are so efficient in their line of duty.

If it were not for them, my kids and I would no longer have a house we could call home.

Thanks, Mike Routh for the use of your coat and blanket and allowing my children to use your car to sit in during that devastating time.

Thanks, Chris Croy for being there. Also thanks to your wife for letting me borrow her clothes.

There were so many Fire Department Volunteers here I can't name you all, but THANK YOU SO MUCH!

It's times like this that make you realize how important all of you are to our community.

God Bless every one of you,
Loraine Surber

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387-3401

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Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
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Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
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- March 15**
Lenten Luncheon at St. John's Parish Hall
12:00 (Noon) - 1:00 p.m.
Hosted by St. Ann's Catholic Church
- March 16**
Ram Testing Field Day
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The Community Calendar

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- March 24**
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Feliz Cumpliaños Eulojia



Eulojia Flores celebrated her 98th birthday on Saturday, March 11, 2000. The big event was held at the Sutton County Senior Center, where Eulojia was surrounded by family, fun, and lots of good food! Pictured from left to right are her children, Juan, Yolanda, Jaime, Maria and Ruben, with Eulojia in the middle. Many more!!!

Police Reports

March 7 - A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of Joseph Preston Burch Jr. of Vancouver, Washington. Subject was arrested on a warrant out of Vancouver for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and transported to the Sutton Co. jail.

March 8 - Officer was dispatched to the Landmark Apartments where complainant advised that someone had broken the back window out of his vehicle. Investigation continues.

March 9 - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of Wardlaw St. in reference to a fire. Upon arrival, owner advised that the fire was located in the west side of the house. The Sonora Voluntary Fire Department arrived and put the fire out. No injuries were reported.

March 10 - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Manor in reference to a lost or stolen billfold. Complainant advised that he was unaware of when he had lost the item.

March 12 - Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of Cornell Ave. to speak to a complainant, who advised that someone he knew had damaged the front door of his residence and a mailbox and he wished to file charges. Investigation continues.

March 12 - Officer was dispatched to Skinny's Convenience store in reference to a theft. Upon arrival clerk advised that someone in a White Ford Bronco had pumped \$28.97 worth of fuel and had driven away without paying. The clerk informed the officer that the vehicle was heading west on I-10. Attempt to locate the vehicle was negative and Crockett County Sheriff's office was notified. The Crockett County Sheriff's deputy located the vehicle and two arrests were made. Lori Elaine Solano and Magdalena Toni Jones, both of Florida were arrested for theft, taken to Crockett County Jail and later transported to the Sutton County Jail.

PTA Hosts Talent Show

The Sonora Elementary PTA had their business meeting on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Business that was discussed included fundraising activities. The Sonora elementary students have recently completed a fundraiser that involved selling items from a catalog. The next fundraiser will be a spaghetti supper that will be held in conjunction with the next PTA meeting. Plates will be sold to adults for \$5.00 and children for \$2.00. More details about this meeting will be provided at a later date.

Following the business meeting, the second annual PTA Talent Show was presented. This was a great success with approximately 16 of Sonora's finest elementary Talents performing. Those that participated were Katrina Trevino, Mackenzie Hirt, Coyer Dermody,

Jose Casillas, Dustin Duhon, Pedro Gloria, Cody Perez, Alyssa Favila, Karley & Lindsey Frasier, Stephanie Coronado, Bianca Trevino, Girl Scout Troop #104, Victoria Robles, Marc Hernandez, Marcus Perez, John Duke Hudson, Taylor Liverman, Alexie Ortiz, Sharee Johnson, Kindra Bounds, Mandy Astilleja, Chasady Garcia, Madeline Higdon, Daisy Perez, Delma Tovar and Kyla Turney. These students should be commended for their courage to perform in front of their families and friends. Sonora PTA would like to thank the people who attended and who supported their cause. The PTA encourages anyone who hasn't attended to join us for the next meeting. Join our efforts to give our students the best education possible.

F.Y.I.

Parents, please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend: Thursday, March 30th from 2:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Orientation meeting at the High School, parents are invited to attend. Thursday, March 30th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. MANDATORY Parent/Student meeting at the High School; we will be discussing graduation plans, credit, attendance requirements, etc. Friday, March 31st from 8:45 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Junior High Social Studies classes. 8th graders will complete registration forms for next year; parents are invited to attend their child's class.

There will be a book club meeting for the adult members group on March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Library. We will be adopting our book list for Summer/Fall 2000. If you have a favorite author or title be sure to bring them. If you are interested in becoming a member of our book club please feel free to join us. Our only requirement is that you must love to read! For more information call the library at 387-2111 or Kelly Thorp at 387-3101

Editorial

by Storie Sharp

Slow Down! It seems that quite a few young people in Sonora are in a big hurry to get somewhere?! You drive down our residential streets so fast you must always be running late. Of course, you must not get much accomplished since you seem to be driving back & forth down the same streets at that high rate of speed. For instance, the little car with the loud music that ran a 10 year old boy off the street this weekend, causing him to wreck his bike and skin his knees. You were in such a hurry you didn't even notice! There are also the boys in the little truck that hit the speed limit sign in my front yard Friday night. What if my 3 year old little boy had been standing by my car when you peeled out and those rocks that your tires threw everywhere had hit him? Or worse yet, what if you had lost control of your truck and ran over him or ran into my house?! Did you ever think about something like that? I doubt it.

I've heard lots of people complaining about these cars racing around their neighborhoods. One person even said he was going to start throwing big rocks at them to slow them down. Now, I know that is not the way to handle this situation, but what is it going to take? Hurting an innocent bystander?

The police have tried to help when they receive the calls, but it doesn't seem to be doing any good. I know we ALL drive too fast at one time or another, but please remember that children live and play in these residential areas that you are speeding through.

If you are in such a hurry all the time maybe you need to leave earlier, or if you're just bored with the speed limit, maybe you should consider finding a race track to play on!

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Join the Booster Club in honoring the Spring Sports Athletes of S.H.S. on Tuesday, March 21 at the Bronco Baseball field. The coaches for baseball, track, golf and tennis will introduce The Broncos and Lady Broncos immediately following the Varsity Baseball game against Wall (approx. 7:00 p.m.). The concession stand will be open for your game snacks, so come out and enjoy a night of Bronco Baseball and support our spring sports athletes.

The Halloween Dance Club will meet at The Bank & Trust community room on Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be regarding the spring dance.

Player Applications and Coaches Forms for Major and Minor League baseball can be picked up at Devil's River News or at Business Basics. Last day for sign ups is March 30, 2000! Girls and boys Major League try-outs will be held March 30th at 5:30 P.M. at the Softball Field. Girls and boys Minor League try-outs will be held April 4th at 5:30 P.M. at the Softball Field. The registration fee per child is \$25.00. For more information call 387-6127 (day) or 387-5008 (evenings).

Relay For Life - May 5 - 6. For team information call 387-2507.

The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary meets the 1st Monday of each month, at noon, at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Any parents interested in helping with the dance for the graduating seniors. Class of 2000, to be held at Sonora Civic Center on May 27th, please contact Mary Lou Solis @ 387-6003 or Ida Loera @387-9408.

Drama Department to Perform The Rainmaker



Pictured above is Andi Allen in her role of Lizzie Curry

The Sonora High School Drama Department has been busy preparing for this year's One-Act-Play contest to be held on March 31, 2000 in Ozona. The company will be performing *The Rainmaker* by N. Richard Nash.

The Cast features Andi Allen, Shane Tinsley, Sean Fields, Josh Everett, Justin Odom, Tim Warden, and Manuel Campos. The Crew, consists of Russell Dempsey, Chris Green, Margie Becknell, and Walker Thompson. The show displays the relief from drought in both a drought-ridden town and a drought-ridden girl.

Prior to the contest, the One-Act-Play will be holding a live performance on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. To help cover costs, we will be charging a small fee of \$1.00 for both students and adults. Please make plans to come and support the youth of Sonora and the Drama Department.

This years play is under the direction of Speech/Drama teacher Cody Eoff.

Happy Birthday

March 16
 Ida Loera, Nell Wallace, ChaCha Brooks, Mackenzie Dierkes, Alma Sanchez

March 17
 Carmen Ramirez, Fina Hernandez, Kevin Gann, P.J. Reyes

March 18
 Linda Cervantez, David Cook, Heather Hughes, Emilio Espinosa, Sylvia Castro, Debra Constanancio

March 19
 Chris Chavarria, Josie Gonzales, Oscar Perez, Joe Casillas

March 20
 Henry Gandar, Les Sahr, Luther Creek, Kasey Miller

March 21
 Kathleen Moore, Irma Luna, Doyle Morgan

March 22
 Rita Lopez, Paula Zaragoza, Kent Kearney, Jason Surber, Jarod Franks, Rita Lopez, Evan Collins

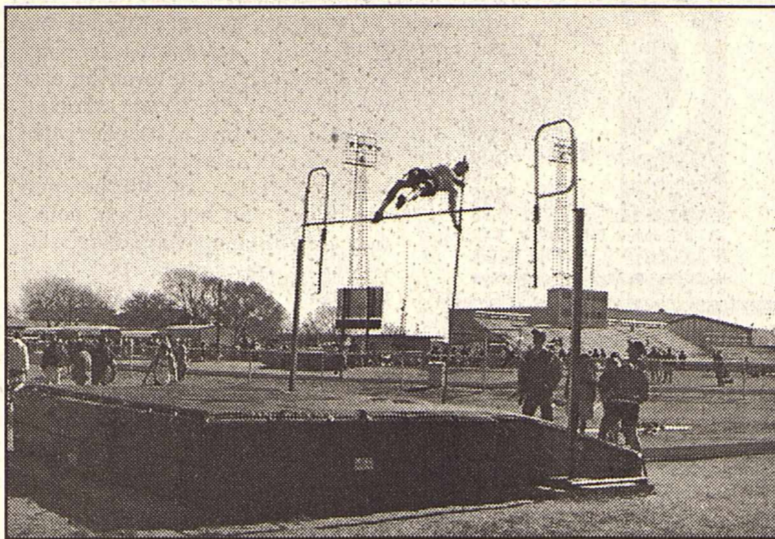
Bronco Tracksters drop to Third at Plateau Relays

Submitted
The Varsity Boys Track Team traveled to Eldorado and had a great start at their invitational meet. The team scored a total of 55 points in the field events. The running events started a little different as the 400 meter relay had a problem and dropped the baton. The Broncos had a very difficult time recovering those points and placed third to Iraan and Winters.

The field events were led by Andy Sanchez and Riley Crain, as they won their individual events. Riley won the triple jump with a jump of 41' 10 1/2". Andy continued his winning streak as he threw a personal best of 540 in the shot put. Caleb Taylor broke into the scoring in the shot put as he placed sixth with a throw of 42'. In the discus, Stetson Hall and Dustin Patino scored points for the Broncos. Stetson threw the discus 141'05" to place second and Dustin threw it 132'0 to place third. James Elliott and Curtis Sanders finished fourth and fifth in the high jump. James and Curtis both cleared 5'10" and went out at 6'0". The pole-vaulters had a good day as they placed third and fourth in their events. Sloan

Holley vaulted a jump of 10'6" to place third and Josh Hopkins vaulted 10'0 to finish fourth in their event. Rounding out the scoring was Juan Rodriguez in the triple jump as he placed sixth in his event. The team was able to score points in all the field events except the long jump.

The running events were a little different story as the team was missing a couple of key members and also due to some bad luck. James Elliott was the only member of the running crew to win his event. James won the 200 meters in a time of 22.78. Zacharias Rojo had a fantastic day as he placed second in both his events. Zacharias ran a personal best 10:19 in the 3200 meter run. Rojo was able to cut 11 seconds off his time. In the 1600 meter run, he ran a personal best of 4:45.23 to also place second. Carlos Ramirez ran a 54.08 to place fourth in the 400 meter run. In the 300 meter hurdles freshman Juan Rodriguez ran a 44.28 to place fourth. Placing fifth in the 1600 meter run was Curtis Sanders. Curtis ran a 5:01.43 to score two points for the team. Finishing in sixth place were Graham Bloodworth and Jason Moore. Gra-



Josh Hopkins vaulted 10'0 at the Eldorado invitational meet.

ham ran the 100 meters in the time of 11.61 to score for the team. In the 800 meter run Jason Moore ran a 2:10 to also score a point. The highlight of the night was the 1600 meter relay. Iraan and the Bronco team met up again to finish off the night. The Bronco squad was beaten by Iraan last week, by only 5 seconds. Sonora took another second but the team was beaten by only hundreds of a second. The

teams time was 3:29.76, which was six seconds faster than last week. The squad was a little disappointed to finish third, but ended up having a few personal bests. The team also proved that they could run a good 1600 meter relay. To win track meets it also takes a team effort that requires ALL team members. The team will travel next to Ozona for competition in the Lion Relays.

Local Scholarships for Sonora High School

It is that time of year to start thinking about helping our high school senior students finance their college/technical education. If you would like to provide a scholarship for a deserving high school senior, please call Christy Bell, Counselor at Sonora High School, at 387-6533. Any and all funds will be appreciated.

Earn College Credits While in High School

Sonora High School will be holding a meeting on Monday March 20th, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium to discuss the possibilities of offering dual credit courses through Texas Tech University. Mr. Gib Weaver, from Texas Tech University, will be on hand to discuss dual credit classes and to answer any questions and concerns that parents/students may have. This meeting is for any and all parents of high school students in grades 8-12. Please plan to attend.

Lady Colts Finish 3rd

submitted
The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to Eldorado on Friday, March 10, 2000 to compete in the Eldorado Relays. Overall the girls scored 107 points and placed 3rd. Individually the results are as follows:

Chelsea Seaton placed 5th in the Long Jump and 1st in the Triple Jump.

Kenia Gutierrez won 1st in the 2400 Meter Run, Alyssa Ibarra was 3rd and Erica McClintock was 4th in the 1600 Meter Run.

The team of Courtney Caruthers, Danielle Fox, Brook Northcott and Debra Martinez placed 5th in the 400 Meter Relay.

The team of Kenia Gutierrez, Debra Warden, Erica McClintock and Chelsea Seaton placed 4th in the 800 Meter Relay and in the 1600 Meter Relay, Kenia Gutierrez, Debra Warden, Amanda Word and Chelsea Seaton also placed 4th.

In the 800 Meter Dash, Alyssa Ibarra was 4th, in the 100 Meter Dash, Brook Northcott was 2nd, Tara Green was 6th in the 400 Meter Dash and Chelsea Seaton was 3rd in the 200 Meter Dash.

Debra Martinez won 1st in the Shot Put and Danielle Fox was 3rd.

In the Discus Throw Debra Martinez was 1st, Adriana Castillo was 2nd and Cathy Herrera was 4th.

Future Scientists Found at Middle School Science Fair

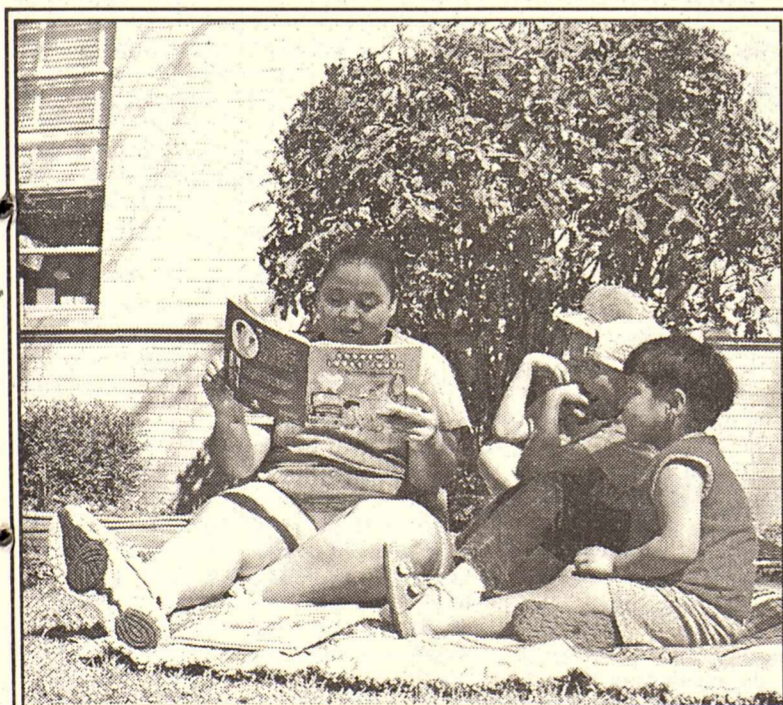
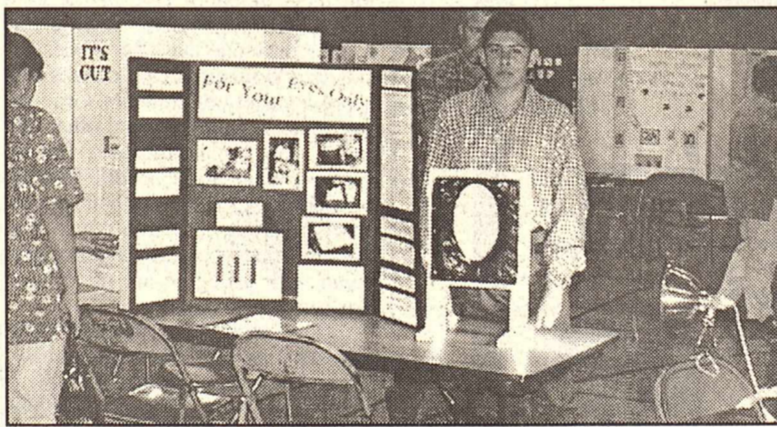
The Sonora Middle School Science Fair 2000 was held on Thursday, March 9th. Everyone that participated did a great job. Award winners were as follows:

- Physics:**
1st - Tyler Talley
2nd - Noemi Fay
3rd - Nash Traylor
4th - Will Crittendon
5th - Nicolas Favela
- Environmental Science:**
1st - Brian Payton
- Medicine/Health:**
1st - Warren Wallace
2nd - Tom Valliant
3rd - Danielle Fox
- Zoology:**
1st - Mandy Brister
2nd - Alisha Covey
3rd - Jessica Collins
4th - Justyn Gray
5th - Chris Perez
- Engineering:**
1st - Cameron Cox
2nd - Clayton Hicks
3rd - Joseph Ainsworth
4th - Jack Turney
- Microbiology:**
1st Place- Kate Higdon
- Math:**
1st Place- Susanna Street
- Botany:**
1st - Megan Maxwell
2nd - Embre Smith
3rd - April Flores
4th - Angie Ibarra
5th- Hillary Lawson
- Earth Space:**
1st - Elizabeth Elliott
2nd - Dainah Hernandez
3rd - Megan Fitzgerald



Pictured above are the winners of the 2000 Science Fair. Below is Norbert David Ortiz displaying his project on "What is the effect of your brain on visual perception".

- 4th - Marilyn Holman
5th - Brea Hughes
- Behavioral/Social Science:**
1st - Norbert Ortiz
2nd - Marisol Fraire
3rd - Christina Hernandez
4th - Courtney Caruthers
5th - Chelsea Seaton
6th - Allison Higdon
- Biochemistry:**
1st - John Healey
2nd - Tanner Matchus
3rd - Candise Martin
4th - Danielle Mathews
- Chemistry:**
1st - Tissie Wagoner
2nd - Erin Newton
3rd - Ruby Galindo
4th - Kathryn Pacheco
5th - Desirae Boldt
6th - Stevie Hernandez



Students at the Primary School enjoyed an afternoon of reading with their parents in celebration of "Read Across America" day held on March 2, 2000.

4-H News

The March 4-H meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Virgil Polocok, assistant manager for the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, will present the program on "how to do your part to save our water supply." Refreshments will be provided by the junior and senior officers.

The Meat Goat project group will meet prior to the general meeting. Please be there by 6:00 p.m. for a short review of stock show results and discussion concerning spring and summer jackpots. Record book material will be available, and your questions will be answered concerning record book completion.

There will be a meeting of the 4-H Citizenship Project directly fol-

lowing the general meeting. If you have not signed up for this project it's not too late.

This year, Sutton County 4-H Health Project is very fortunate to have a group of EMTs willing to teach the basics of CPR and First Aid. If you are interested in this project please call the Extension Office by March 24th. There must be at least 10 participants in order for this project to take place.

The Sonora Wool & Mohair Show & Judging Contests will be June 20 - 22. A schedule of all the Judging contests is included in the March 4-H Newsletter. Practice for Sutton County 4-Hers wanting to participate in these events will start on March 28, 2000.

Concho Valley Basketball Registration

The Concho Valley Competitive Basketball Association in San Angelo, Texas is currently undergoing spring registration for the April - June season. It is for boys and girls in grades 3rd - 12th and focuses on teaching good sportsmanship and competitiveness to preteens and teens in San Angelo and surrounding areas. The cost is \$40 for 3rd - 4th graders and \$55 for 5th - 12th graders. The registration deadline is March 10, 2000. Late registration will continue through March 17. For more information call 915-949-1994 or e-mail the CVCBA at President@cvcba.com.

Sonora Broncos Junior Varsity Baseball Schedule

March 20 • Grape Creek Here - 5:00 p.m.

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Sonora Broncos Varsity Baseball Schedule

March 16, 17 & 18 • Alpine Tournament - There - TBA
March 21 • Wall - Here - 5:00
March 24 • Central JV - San Angelo - 4:00

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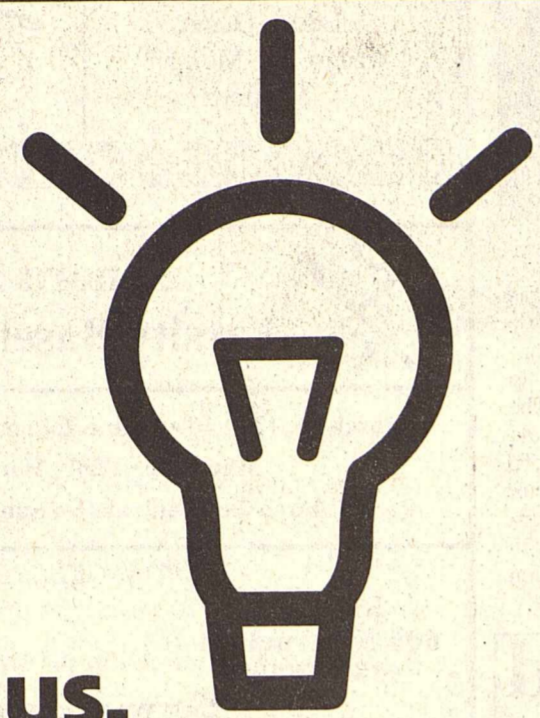
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Fires from page 1

to be sustained. Wildfires have destroyed several structures and threatened many more across the state over the past two weeks. Firefighters attribute many of these fires to people's carelessness with debris burning, smoking materials, spark-producing equipment, and hot vehicle pollution control equipment. Firefighters in the Abilene area believe that falling hot metal from a disintegrating engine on a B-1 military jet caused several grass fires. The wildfires scorched an estimated 180 acres and threatened some structures before being contained by a combination of area fire departments and other local and state equipment and personnel.

The Texas Forest Service asks all Texas residents and visitors to use extreme caution with all potential wildfire ignition sources, and to abide by outdoor burning bans that remain in effect.

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Russell Green reported that in our area since January 1, 2000 to February 29th there have been 10 brush fires reported.

Survivor page 1

signaled the beginning of a revolution in socket design, primarily a result of 2 forces: (1) Aggressive new research into biomechanics and improved materials and (2) Introduction of formal education and board certification programs for prosthetists.

Today's certified prosthetist is well-prepared not only to design and fabricate the best possible socket for a patient's amputation level, vocation and lifestyle, but also to serve as a proactive member of the rehabilitation or clinic team. Significant development in A/K (above knee) socket design over the past several years has been the application of soft, flexible materials to form a comfortable inner socket within a strong rigid outer frame. The so-called flexible socket design has proved to enhance comfort, and thus function, for many amputees.

Junction Campus Offers Freshman Classes

Educational opportunities are improving for our region with the addition of Freshman Core Classes, to the Junction campus of Texas Tech University. This summer for the first time, freshman English, college Algebra, Political Science and Texas History are being taught at the TTU campus in Junction. Instructors are faculty from the Lubbock campus. Each course is a 3-hour credit class and is taught in three weeks time. Students will attend classes for 3 hours a day Monday through Friday. College Algebra and English are taught the first summer semester, June 5 through 23 and are taught mornings. Political Science and Texas History are taught July 10-28, the second summer semester. The scheduling is still not firm, but it is assumed that the second semester classes would be taught either in the afternoon or evening, depending on the most demand. Due to the condensed format, students will be able to take only one class per semester.

It is hoped that the classes will serve a variety of students. Graduating seniors, students from other colleges who are in the area for the summer only, high school students who have completed their sophomore or junior year and others who want to start a college career or continue with a degree are all encouraged to apply.

The application process varies with the student's academic background. Texas Tech director of admissions is currently working on a "special visiting student" status for persons still in high school. High school seniors will be admitted to a program only and would not have to meet as high a standard as if they were to apply to Texas Tech University. High school students will have to pass the TASP test and have taken either the SAT or ACT. Students from other colleges would most likely have to prove they were in good standing at their present college, but not have to present transcripts or test scores. Other potential students with some or no college background may have to undergo some testing, depending on their educational experiences.

The course costs are approximately \$300 for tuition and fees. Books will be extra and will be available for purchase at the Junction campus. Final word on admissions requirements is still pending, but this information should be available soon. Any high school student who hasn't taken the TASP test can do so on April 25 at the Texas Tech University at Junction. Sign up deadline is March 31. Please call for details. Anyone interested should contact Martha Richardson, Associate Director of Activities at the Texas Tech University at Junction campus. The phone number is (915)446-2301 and office hours are M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stock Show from page 1

weighed into the show. The meat goat industry continues to be one of the few bright spots in agriculture today and is equally attractive to 4-H and FFA members as a project.

In the Junior Market Lamb Show, which had over 600 entries, the highest placing was by William Renfro with a third place. William also placed another lamb in the top 15, as did Brad

Mogford. In the Registered Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show, Nash Traylor placed his TRSBA futurity ewe lambs 7th and 8th.

Beau Hughes exhibited two barrows in the show and some of the other meat goat participants included John Duke Hudson, Wylie Wagoner, Jeremy Lipham and Jena Teasley.



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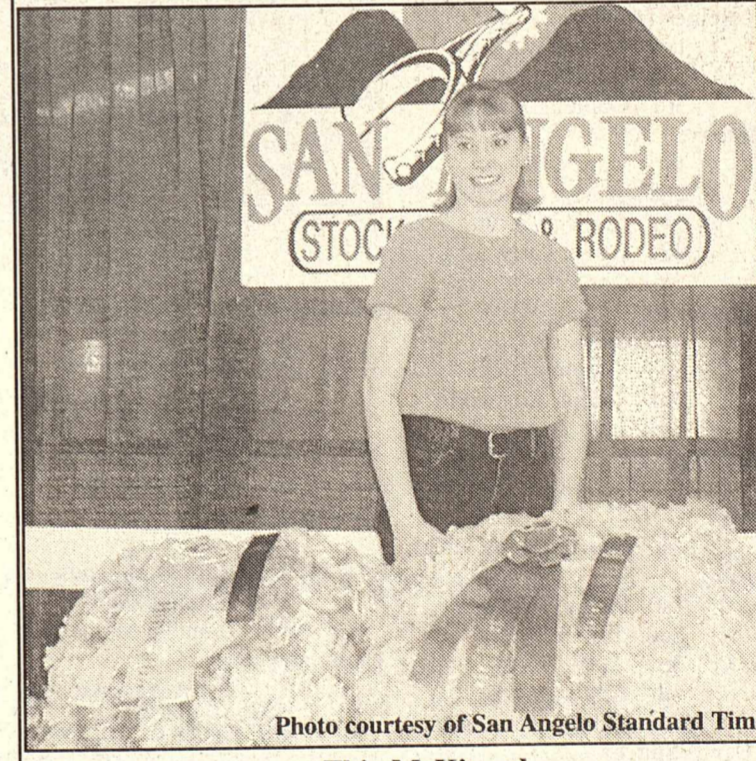


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School Board from page 1

Josie Emiliano, Precinct 4 Alternate Judge.

Textbook Custodian Donna Hill reviewed the textbook list for 2000-2001. The board unanimously approved the textbooks for 2000-2001.

Dr. Harlan announced that before the Superintendent's report, he would like to state how proud he was of the High School and the Middle School for being awarded the Texas Successful Schools Award. The total of the awards is \$2300.00 and Harlan commended the principals for a job well done. Enrollment figures were listed as follows: High School - 271, Middle School - 215, Intermediate School - 207, and the Primary School - 243. Dr. Harlan also gave information regarding the state mandated appraisal of principals. It was the consensus of the board to provide the funding for this training out of the money budgeted for staff development.

Intermediate School Principal Kelley Hirt reviewed the proposed

2000-2001 school calendar. She stated that this calendar had been developed by the District Site Based Committee and was a combination of calendars designed by the various campuses. Following discussion, the board unanimously approved the 2000-2001 school calendar.

Mr. McCarn, the High School Principal, gave information regarding a parent meeting scheduled for March 20th at the High School to inform parents about dual credit courses.

Visitor, Mr. Paul Stephens, asked questions regarding the school calendar and expressed his opinions about the early start date and staff development days.

After going into closed session, the board reconvened and unanimously approved the hiring of Jerry Barker as Band Director for 2000-2001. They also unanimously approved the rehire of professional personnel for 2000-2001.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ruining Peter To Pay Paul



About \$1.8 trillion will be spent by the government this year. Congress has to approve the ways the money is spent, to make sure it's being used in the best ways possible. Otherwise, problems occur - problems like the one that's just been exposed at the United States Department of Agriculture.

Here's what happened. Maybe they were tired of having to explain how it wanted to spend your money, maybe they were afraid Congress would never go for the program, but the USDA set up a boondoggle called the Urban Resources Partnership (URP) behind Congress' back. For six years, more than twenty million dollars was taken from other programs at the USDA, and used to fund the URP. Checks were written to pay for, among other things, Sierra Club members' outings, wall murals, and urban habitat classrooms. Checks were even written to pay the salaries of people working for the URP - a program that legally was not supposed to exist.

According to a report recently released by the USDA Inspector General's office, "the Department did not select cities/areas...on a competitive basis." In fact, the report said two of the main criteria used to decide whether a city would get URP money were "political support" and the "strength of Congressional delegation."

By the spring of 1999, Texas farmers were in the middle of what would turn out to be the driest year in more than four decades. Carl Anderson, a Texas cotton marketing expert, told the San Antonio Express-News it was, "...another year on the edge, and we would think that unless some really substantial help comes, we're going to see some more farmers forced out of agriculture."

Even as farmers across America were buckling from the strain of cheap imports and parched land, the USDA continued to rob congressionally authorized programs to fund the URP. At the same time, the USDA told anyone who would listen that the agency did not have enough money to pay its employees' salaries, or loan farmers money they desperately needed to plant crops. In April, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman said he had to use money meant to be used for salaries to shore up the account used for loan assistance. However, he lamented that, if Congress did not give the USDA more money quickly, "...we will be looking at office closings and furloughs."

Some of the grants handed out by the URP were no doubt worthwhile. But there are reasons agencies are not handed blank checks with no explanation required. The USDA should have ensured it could pay the bills it had before looking for new places to spend your money.

Junction Livestock Auction

Monday - 03/13/00
 Sheep and Goats: 6,519
 Ago: 14,216 Year Ago: 5,829
 Compared to last week: All classes of sheep mostly steady except slaughter ewes 1.00-3.00 lower. All classes of stock and feeder goats steady. Slaughter Spanish kids 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter Spanish nannies steady. Slaughter Spanish billies and muttons 3.00-5.00 higher. All classes of slaughter Angoras mostly steady. Demand good. Trade active. Supply included 15 percent sheep including near 400 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep:
 Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: 40-65 lbs old crop unshorn 89.00-98.00; pkg new crop 40-65 lbs 110.00.
 Stock Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: unshorn 80-120 lbs 42.50-47.00; unshorn baby tooth 51.50-55.00.
Slaughter Sheep:
 Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 65-85 lbs old crop 89.00-99.00, pkg 101.00; pkg new crop 108.00.
 Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3: 38.00-47.00; Good 2-3: 55.00-61.00; Bucks:

42.00-54.00, pkg fancy 65.00; Muttons: 68.00-78.00
Stock and Feeder Goats:
 Spanish Goats:
 Nannies: Young 61.00-69.00, aged 45.00-55.00.
 Angora Goats: Young nannies 65.00-67.00, aged 42.00-56.00.
Slaughter Goats:
 Spanish Goats: Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lbs 82.00-96.00, few 17.50-23.00 per head; Good: 40-95 lbs 98.00-112.00.
 Nannies: 50-125 lbs 61.00-71.00, aged 50-100 lbs 45.00-55.00.
 Muttons: 90-120 lbs 75.00-77.50. Billies: 80-150 lbs 82.00-88.00.
 Boer: Nannies: few fancy 71.00-77.00; Billies: few fancy 87.00-94.00.
 Angora Goats: Kids: 15-35 lbs 80.00-88.00; 35-85 lbs 86.00-103.00.
 Nannies: 50-100 lbs 57.00-65.00, thin 40-100 lbs 42.50-55.00; Muttons: fat 50-125 lbs 72.00-81.00, thin 40-100 lbs 55.00-65.00; Billies: 50-150 lbs 65.00-73.00, thin 50-125 lbs 45.00-55.00.
 Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Producers Livestock Auction

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 Cattle and Calf Auction:
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Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 130.00-140.00; 300-400 lb 115.00-125.00, few 125.00-131.00; 400-500 lb 104.00-115.00, few 116.00-122.00; 500-600 lb 95.00-105.00, few 106.00-111.00; 600-700 lb 85.00-96.00, few 100.00-102.00; 700-800 lb 81.00-87.00. Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 122.00-132.00; 300-400 lb 101.00-115.00; 400-500 lb 95.00-104.00; 500-600 lb 85.00-95.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-85.00; 700-900 lb 70.00-78.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 119.00-127.00; 300-400 lb 105.00-116.00, few 116.00-119.00; 400-500 lb 94.00-104.00, few 104.00-107.00; 500-600 lb 84.00-94.50, few 95.00-101.00; 600-700 lb 83.00-89.00; 700-800 lb 77.00-82.00. Medium and Large 1-2

200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 94.00-105.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 75.00-84.00; 600-700 lb 72.00-83.00; 700-800 lb 68.00-75.00.

Slaughter Cows:
 Percent Lean
 Breakers 75-80% 1100-1550 lb 36.00-42.00, few 43.00-45.00.
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 Lean 85-90% 800-1000 lb 33.00-37.00.
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 Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head:
 Medium and Large 1-2 580.00-670.00. Medium 1-2 445.00-570.00.
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 Source: USDA-TEXAS Dept of Ag Market News

Fun Facts

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed, a program costing the government more than \$500 million dollars.

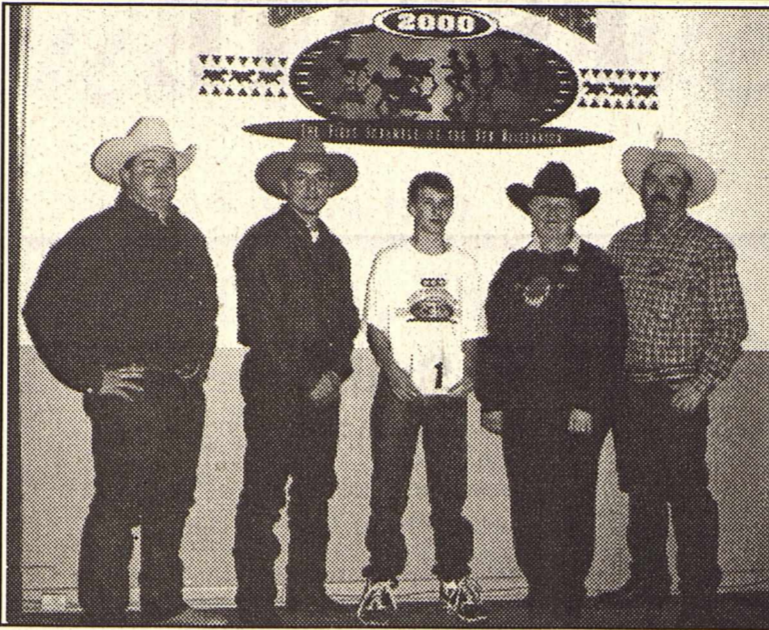
And now the results are in: Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent; Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent; Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent).

In the state of Victoria, homicides with firearms are up 300 percent. Figures over the previous 25 years show a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms (changed drastically in the past 12 months). There has been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly. Australian politicians are on the spot and at a loss to explain how no improvement in "safety" has been observed after such monumental effort and expense was successfully expended in "ridding society of guns."

But you won't see this data on the evening news or hear your governor or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information. It's time to state it plainly: Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws only affect the law-abiding citizens.

Orange County Register, Letters to the Editor Section 8/4/99

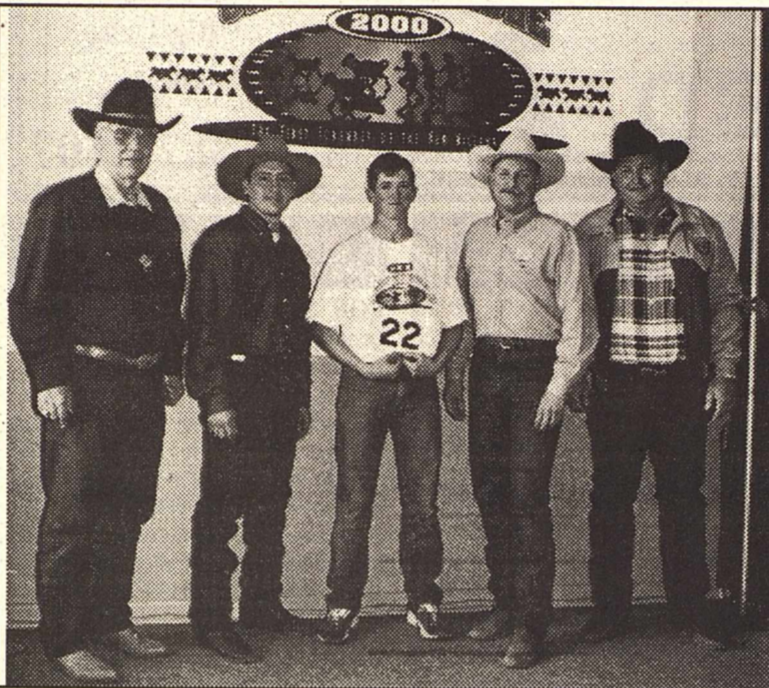
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Livestock Shows & Calf Scramble

As a sponsor of the 2000 Calf Scramble Event at the 51st Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, H-E-B along with the Calf Scramble Committee, are helping the youth of Texas grow and prosper in their agricultural endeavors. Shane Benson was a winner in the February 12, 2000, 7:30 p.m. performance. Shown congratulating him are (L-R) Travis Tausch, Duane Garza, #1 Shane Benson, Rosemary & James Alexander.

Below - Landon Brockman was a winner in the February 12, 2000, 1:00 p.m. performance. Shown congratulating him are (L-R) Team Captain Jim Dockery, Duane Garza, #22 Landon Brockman, Superintendent Mark Medbury, & Phil Roeber.



Rig Locations as of March 10, 2000

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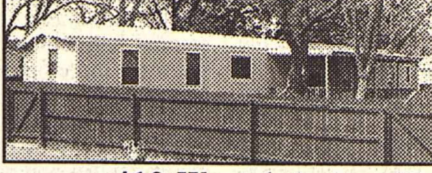
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