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Sonora and Sutton County Designated As Enterprise Zone

by Storie Sharp

Justin McGeath, manager of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, announced this week that Sonora and Sutton County has just received the designation from the State as a Texas Enterprise Zone.

The purpose of the Texas Enterprise Zone Program is to encourage job creation and capital investment in areas of economic distress. The program provides communities with an economic development tool to offer state and local incentives and program priority to new or expanding business in these designated areas.

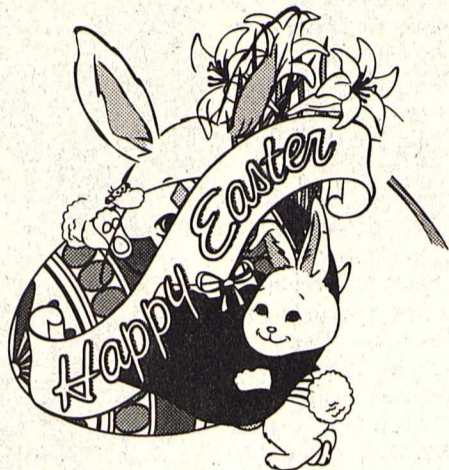
This designation allows for a refund of state sales or use taxes paid on machinery and equipment, building materials, labor for the rehabilitation of existing buildings, and electricity and natural gas purchased for use in the enterprise zone. Smaller incentives are also offered.

The process of becoming a Texas Enterprise Zone consisted of city and county agreements,

as well as the State approval. Local governments are responsible for nominating an area for enterprise zone status. The Texas Department of Commerce reviews the enterprise zone application, determines that the area meets certain criteria and makes the designation. Once designated, an enterprise zone remains in effect for a period of seven years at which time reapplication can be made.

The Enterprise Zone here in Sonora includes the city and portions of Sutton County. A business must be located within these boundaries to qualify for assistance. If you would like to find out if you are located within the Enterprise Zone you can contact Justin McGeath at the S.I.D.C. office on Eaton Hill or by calling 387-6280.

McGeath said the advantages of being a part of this program are obvious, "the business has an opportunity to put money back in their pocket if they are planning on expanding and will help draw new businesses to this area."



Sonora Children:
Don't forget to grab your baskets and have Mom, Dad, Grandpa or the Easter Bunny of your choice drive you over to the Sutton County Park for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2002.

Older kids (4th grade and up) are reminded to head up to the top of Eaton Hill for a special Treasure Hunt.

Scooters will be given away to 3 lucky winners before the morning is over!

Commissioners Vote To Increase Ambulance Rates

by Storie Sharp

At Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, County Judge Carla Garner asked that the Commissioners make a decision on how to handle the Port-A-Potty situation at Allison Park. Road and Bridge Department Manager, Oscar Chavez reported that people were already calling to request the restrooms be put out at the park for the Easter week-end holiday. Garner informed the Court that if the County puts them at the Park for Easter and leaves them from now until the summer is over the costs are astronomical. She advised that in the past the County has taken the potties to the park for the week-end as a courtesy to visitors, then brought them back and later took them back to the park when school let out for the summer. This helps to cut down on the cost and maintenance of them. One suggestion was made that the County possibly should charge to visit the park if they were going to supply the toilets all the time. This was not agreed on because of the additional manpower that would be needed. After much discussion on what was best for the visitors of the park, the residents in the area and for the County, it was decided to take the potties to the park for the Easter holiday and then remove them until the summer holiday begins.

The Treasurer's report and monthly bills were all approved as presented. It was brought to the Court's attention that some prickly pear removal and brush work was needed at the County Dams. The commissioners agreed to check into finding someone to spray the area.

Judge Garner opened and approved bids for Road and Bridge materials.

Garner informed the Court that a church group had requested use of the Dance Slab area to hold a 3 day revival. She stated that she was unsure of allowing this because of the separation of State and Religion. County Attorney David Wallace informed the Court that it should be fine as long as they charged the group as they did with any other group. It was mentioned that some more information would be needed before agreeing to this because of liability issues and the length of time requested.

Sheriff Joe Fincher requested that he be allowed to advertise for the hiring of a Deputy in his office. The court approved the request upon a motion by Milton Cavaness, seconded by Belia Castaneda.

EMS Director, Pat Campbell informed the Board that currently Sutton County was charging lower rates than any of the surrounding EMS units and that because of changes in Medicaid and general inflation that it was time to look at going up on the charges. After a discussion on upcoming changes in what charges were allowed and how these would affect our unit, it was decided to go from \$100 for Basic and Advanced Life Support transfers to \$275 for Basic and \$325 for Advanced. The cost of \$3 per mile was increased to \$4.25 per mile.

Having no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

Be Prepared For Bad Weather

The following information has been prepared to explain how you may protect yourself and your family in case of an area emergency, and is the first of a series. We suggest discussing this plan with your family and then placing it in the front of your telephone directory or another convenient place. Our primary threats to life and property in Sutton County and the City of Sonora are severe storms, tornadoes, and hazardous material spills. Other informative material will follow on flash flooding, lightning, high pressure pipeline blowouts, heatwaves and cold weather. It's normal to want to spend time on more pleasant things. Disasters are easy to disregard when they are not threatening to you, but not easily forgotten when they strike you. This information is to help inform you of measures you can take in advance or that can be used even if you are surprised by a sudden emergency.

The citizen is responsible for making adequate preparations to protect himself. He is primarily responsible for his own safety and those for who he is personally responsible.

The officials of Sutton County and Sonora hope this information will be helpful and informative to you.

City and County Authority

The responsibility of the county and City is to inform the public of emergency hazards in our area and to help save lives and protect property when disaster strikes.

The Sutton County/Sonora Emergency Management Service as organized in 1982 for the purpose of establishing a structured emergency plan. The plan utilizes county/city officers, employees, public figures, and local resources to the maximum possible extent during a large scale emergency.

After the basic plan was put

into effect, detailed annexes have been added to the plan giving specific duties and responsibilities to individuals and organizations, such as evacuations, temporary shelters, and emergency information. Parts of the basic plan and annexes are exercised yearly.

The manpower and resources in our city and county would be greatly taxed if we had any large scale emergency. The emergency program has coordinated all efforts to make the transition from a disaster situation back to normal living go as smoothly as possible for the citizens that would be effected.

Public Warning

The local KHOS Radio Station is the primary Warning System for Sutton County and Sonora. Emergency vehicles' sirens and Public Address Systems will be used if necessary, or if time allows, as a back-up to the radio station.

There is a manually operated siren located on the roof of the Fire Station at 500 Concho and a manual siren located at the City Maintenance Workshop located on the hill behind the Sheriff's Department. These two sirens will only cover a very small portion of the community.

When necessary to use the siren methods, the warning tones are as follows:

Signal:
Three to five (3-5) minute steady tone.

Meaning:
Attention or alert of hazardous situation to the general public.

Action:
Take cover and tune your radio and/or television to local station. Listen for public address systems on emergency vehicles.

The manual siren is occasionally set off at the fire station for a fire call or testing. These tones will be short, less than a

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Chamber Of Commerce Readies For Annual Awards Banquet

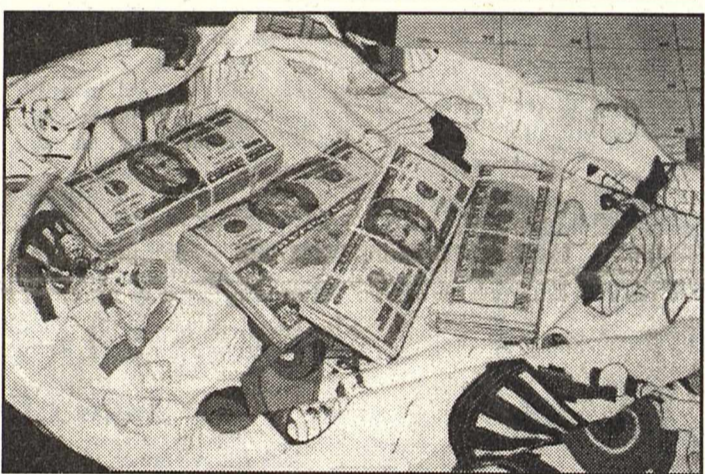
by Storie Sharp

The 2002 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. The annual banquet is held to honor local members of the community as: Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Employee of the Year, Organization of the Year, Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year and the "Spotlight on Sonora" award. The winners of these awards are nominated and chosen by chamber members each year and receive an honored plaque along with the title.

A dinner will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse and serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tables of 10 are on sale now for \$150 or individual tickets can be purchased for \$15 per person, from Linda Love at 387-3833 or Lolabeth Jones at 387-5577. For more information you can also call The Devil's River News office at 387-2507.

The event promises to "Rock" Sonora and be a "Blast from the Past!"

Mystery Money Found Hidden In Child Carrier



This large bundle of money was hidden in this child's blanket and placed in a child baby seat.

by Storie Sharp

Last week, State Trooper Norbert Ortiz stopped a 1996 Jeep Cherokee for following too close on Hwy 277, 7 miles South of Sonora. After interviewing the driver, Ortiz became suspicious and requested to search the vehicle. Verbal consent was obtained and upon searching the rear portion of the vehicle Trooper Ortiz discovered \$27,900 in the lining of a baby carrier that was holding a 5 month old infant. All occupants of the vehicle denied knowledge of the currency. Juan Noyola and Cerena Coronado both were arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Money Laundering. The infant, along with two other small children were released to the custody of a third female that was also in the vehicle. The currency and the vehicle have been turned over to the 112th District Attorney's office and forfeiture proceedings are pending.

Trooper Ortiz, who was assisted by Trooper Joe David West and Trooper Randy Flint of San Angelo, stated that this method of transporting money and or drugs in baby seats is, unfortunately, very common. This reckless disregard to a child's safety is used in hopes of playing on the officers sympathy for the child in hopes that their criminal behavior will not be discovered (they believe/hope that the officer won't disturb a resting baby). Law enforcement is aware of this ploy and it seldom works.

Urban and Rural Services Come To Town



Urban and Rural Services held their Grand Opening on Wednesday, March 20, 2002. The company offers Digital satellite TV systems as well as home phone service from Delta Phones, Inc. Representing the Urban and Rural Service were: front row, from left to right are Chad Neuman, Brenda Neuman and Wayne Neuman. In the back row are employees (from left to right) Carlos Gamez, Lingo Sanford, Karie Rennels and Annette Castro. Visit Urban and Rural Services at 114 North Concho Ave. or give them a call at 387-5900.

Collision On Main Street Sends One To Hudspeth



Witnesses to a two car accident at the intersection of Main St. and Crockett Ave. say that the failure to yield the right-of-way was the cause of the collision. The driver of the vehicle traveling on Main St. ran a red light, resulting in the side impact from the red Mustang traveling down Crockett Ave. The driver of the hit vehicle was transported to Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital where she was treated and released with minor injuries. There were no other injuries reported.

Screening, Prevention Can Lower Colon Cancer Rates

In recognition of March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month the Sutton County Unit of the American Cancer Society has provided the following information:

New cases of colon cancer, and deaths from it, are dropping in the US, but not as fast as they might if more people used life-saving screening tests that can prevent the disease, and if more people led healthier lifestyles, say experts.

"Less than half of all Americans who should, are using the screening tests recommended," said Durado Brooks, MD, director of colon and prostate cancer prevention programs for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

That's unfortunate, because one of the recommended tests, colonoscopy, actually can help prevent the disease, Brooks noted.

And other tests can find it

before it shows symptoms, when it can be most successfully treated, he added.

Colonoscopy Finds Polyps to Prevent Cancer

With colonoscopy, a doctor passes a very thin, flexible, lighted tube with a tiny video lens through the rectum into the colon while the patient is drowsy from medication. The doctor then views the inside of the colon on a screen.

If pre-cancerous growths (polyps) are seen, they are removed then through the colonoscope, preventing them from developing into colon cancer later. Almost all colon cancers begin with such polyps, Brooks noted.

The ACS screening guidelines recommend colon cancer screening starting at age 50, because over 90% of colon cancer occurs in people 50 or over, said Brooks.

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
Pastor Isai Oviedo
509 Amistad
650-3121

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

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-5207



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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

On Sunday, March 10, 2002, Roland Solis celebrated his Eagle Scout ceremony at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Followed with a reception at the Parish Hall.

We want to give our sincere thanks to everyone who helped Roland throughout the years to obtain his Eagle Scout rank. Without your help it would not have been possible. We are grateful to all the people that attended and made the ceremony special. Thanks to everyone who helped in one way or another. Special thanks to the ladies who helped serve, the choir, and for all the cards and gifts.

Johnny, Viola, Roland and Evelyn Solis

My trail to Eagle Scout has been very long and hard, but it would have been more difficult if I had not received help from many people. I feel that attaining this rank would be impossible to do alone. I want to thank God for helping me throughout these years.

First, of all I would like to thank all my previous boy scouts and cub scout leaders. Mr. Lewis Allen, my scoutmaster, without him I wouldn't be receiving this honor. Thanks to the leaders who helped with summer camps and camp outs: Mr. Lewis Allen, Mr. Carlos Gallegos, Mr. Tim Talley, Mr. David Wallace, Mr. Calloway Hall, Mr. Jack Smith, and my Dad. Special thanks to my den leaders Mrs. Sandi Ainsworth, Mrs. Beth Wallace and Mrs. Rhonda Hall. Also, thanks to Mrs. Florie Gonzales and Mrs. Maria Mesa for helping me.

Next I would like to thank all the Sutton County Commissioners and Sutton County Judge Carla Garner for giving me permission to do my Eagle Scout project.

Thanks for the donations from Mr. Arturo Sanchez, Mr. Larry Lynch, and Mr. Oscar Jimenez. Also, thanks to my dad and Israel Arravelo for helping me with my project.

Third, I would like to thank Mrs. Betty Hernandez, Mr. Ben Solis, Miss Delia Samaniego, Father Bill DuBussion and my parents for sending letters of recommendation. I chose these people because of their great influence.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents for all their



Eagle Scout Roland Solis, son of Johnny and Viola Solis.

assistance and encouragement. They kept me moving whenever I felt like slacking off. My father was at my side when I planned and carried out my Eagle Scout Project. My mother has always been eager to help me with whatever I needed. They both have put together my Court of Honor. I feel grateful to have them as parents.

Thanks to all who have helped with this celebration. Thank you all for coming and God Bless you all.

Roland Solis

Obituaries

Gene Shurley

Gene Shurley, 75, born Nov. 15, 1926, died Friday, March 22, 2002. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with burial to following at Sonora Cemetery.

Gene said his early life was spent in the back of a Model "T" Ford, driving with his parents back and forth from their home in San Angelo to the ranch south of Sonora. In 1931, after the death of Gene's father, J.T. Shurley, Mrs. Shurley moved her family to the ranch, which she managed herself. She later bought other ranches and was known as one of the best ranch women in the area. Gene fondly remembered his childhood. Growing up, our home was at the ranch. He learned to speak Spanish about the same time he learned to speak English. In those days, the livestock had screw worms and stomach worms, and during the summer they rode all day, every day, rounding up two or three pastures each day. They had 25 or 30 saddle horses that were crippled, back blistered or girt rubbed. It may have been one of the most pleasant periods of his life.

One summer, he went to town only three times. Many days, Gene and his brother, Jerry, would have all three meals with the ranch hands. Pedro Samaniego was so kind and gentle. He taught Gene more about livestock than he learned at Texas A&M University and elsewhere. All ranching families had to drive to school since there were no school buses, therefore Gene began driving at the age of 12. He had to get special permis-

sion to get a driver's license.

After serving in the United States Army during World War II, Gene graduated from Texas A&M University in the class of 1948, then returned to the ranch to raise a family. He loved raising his son, Scott, and daughter, Suzanne, and teaching them about ranching. His family, like other pioneer families, were "survivors" of the drought of the '50s and screw worms. Gene stated that looking into the steely eyes of a banker can be every bit as unnerving as looking into a gun fighter's 45! Gene raised cattle, sheep, goats, and the love of his life — registered quarter horses.

Gene served as a Sonora Independent School board trustee for 12 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Sonora Dee Ora Blue Lodge, the American Heart Association, American Quarter Horse Association and other civic organizations.

Gene was preceded in death by his beloved son, Scott Thomason Shurley, and other family members.

Gene is survived by his daughter, Suzanne Shurley Huddleston and husband, Doug, of Sonora; sisters, Billie Pipkin of San Angelo and Margaret Moffatt of Shreveport, LA; a special nephew, Mark Shurley of Fredericksburg and wife, Kathy; granddaughters, Zane Martin, Kristen Shurley, Kayla Shurley and Whitney Martin; one great-grandson, Dawson Martin Guthrie; and many nieces, nephews and friends who will miss him greatly. We will forever miss being called his "Little Doll."

Ray Holmes

Earl Ray Holmes, age 76, of Sonora went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 24, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Patsy Sue Holmes and his son, Lonnie Ray Holmes.

"Ray," as he was known, served in the United States Army during World War II. Ray was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Ray is survived by three sisters, Pauline Ringgold, Betty

Jo Hawkins and Fayrene Johnson; one daughter, Pam Bolt and husband, Steve Bolt; daughter-in-law, Becky Holmes; two grandsons, Stoney and Chad Holmes; two granddaughters, Brook Gerber and Chris Badgett; and four great-grandchildren, Morgan, Shea, Dusty and Trinity.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 26, at 1 p.m. in Sonora Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Jim Stephen. Kerbow Funeral Home

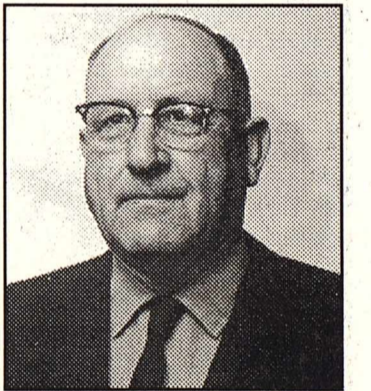
Jack Elton Trainer

Jack Elton Trainer, 91, died March 14, 2002 in Del Rio, Texas.

He is survived by his sons Jack E. Trainer of Island Park, ID, Tom A. Trainer of Colorado Springs, CO, Gene B. Trainer of Grand Junction, CO, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bill M. Trainer, his wife, Imogene, and was the last of twelve brothers and sisters.

Jack was born October 14, 1910, to Fred Trainer and Rena Adams in Sonora, Texas and lived there many years. For the past 25 years he and his wife lived in the Rough Canyon area of Lake Amistad, Del Rio, Texas. He was employed by



Brown Construction Co. eventually working as a superintendent for refinery construction, and later owned two drive-in restaurants in the Houston area. The family has requested to please make any donations to the charity of your choice.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Town & Country Subway
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Town & Country - Country Kitchen
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Senior Center News

Apr. 1 - Bingo!
Apr. 3 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509. AAA reports due.

Senior Menu

- Apr. 1 - Roast chicken, egg noodles, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler.
- Apr. 2 - Pork chops with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple waldorf.
- Apr. 3 - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, roll, peach half, cake.
- Apr. 4 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, oven French fries, steamed carrots, apple.
- Apr. 5 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, zucchini squash, garlic bread, juice, cake.

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

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Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 707 Glasscock • 387-5886

Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Community

Mar. 29 & Apr. 1
School Holidays

Mar. 30
Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Hunt
Sutton County Park • 10:00 a.m.

Mar. 31
Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
The Depot Amphitheater

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

Apr. 2
Minor League Baseball/Softball Try-Outs
5:30 p.m. • County Park

Apr. 11
Sonora Chamber Banquet
6:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center

Apr. 20
A. C. S. Relay for Life Golf Tournament
8:00 A.M. • Sonora Golf Course

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Ask the Historical Society

Due to the recent illness of JoAnn, we are re-running one of her most requested articles on Will Carver.

by JoAnn E. Palmer

The Black Jack Ketchum Gang was well known and greatly feared throughout Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Black Jack, Sam, Will Carver, Elzy Lay, Ed Bullion among others comprised the gang. They were credited with the attempted holdup of the International Bank of Nogales, Arizona in August of 1896 and the robbery of a number of small post offices in southwestern New Mexico. During this time Will kept close contact with the Hill, Causey and Byler families. He often visited Bandera County and family records show he spent an extended holiday with them over Christmas in 1896.

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

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

It seems Will Carver and Ben Kilpatrick had bragged about their "expertise" in handling dynamite. When assigned the job in this robbery their handling of the explosives resulted in shredded currency. The gang still managed to net about \$30,000 in torn bills and some jewelry before heading to their Hole in the Wall hideout. Maybe Will wasn't happy with his share of this take because he returned to Black Jack Ketchum and was in on the robbery of the Colorado and Southern Flyer on July 11, 1899. The gang escaped

with about \$50,000 but only as far as Turkey Canyon where they were tracked down by Sheriff Ed Farr and his posse. Now some people claimed that Will killed Farr at Turkey Canyon, but most Western Outlaw Association Members agree that it was Harvey Logan who fired the fatal shot. After this robbery Elzy Lay was captured, tried and found guilty of the killing of Farr and given life. Sam had been wounded and captured and died from blood poisoning. The gang fell apart after the death of Sam.

Will Carver was reported in San Angelo on August 5, 1899 by the local paper. He was next seen at the Winnemucca National Bank in Nevada on September 19, 1900 where he and Harry Longabaugh and Harvey Logan stole \$32,640, mostly in \$20 gold coins. After this robbery the gang decided things were getting too hot for them and it was time to break up the gang. They headed south to Texas, separately, where Will would stop and see Laura Bullion and promising marriage, got her to go to Fort Worth and San Antonio with him. It was at this time that Will discovered that although Laura looked like Viana the resemblance ended there. He broke it off with Laura and she started working for an old friend of the Wild Bunch, Fannie Porter, a madam in San Antonio.

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

Ben Kilpatrick, Harry Longabaugh and Butch Cassidy met up with Will, Harvey and the girls in Fort Worth and decked out in their "Sunday Best" the group had their picture taken by John Swartz, photographer. Swartz was so proud of this picture he put a copy of it in his front window where it was spotted by Fred J. Dodge, a Wells Fargo & Co. detective. This picture would be the downfall of the Wild Bunch. Dodge sent it out for other law officers to identify the men. He knew Will Carver was in the picture but wasn't sure of the others. The gang had no knowledge of what Dodge was up to and Will using his alias of Casey married Callie May Hunt on December 1, 1900. Callie mailed the marriage license to her father "to clear my name at home and show them I was married". Harvey and Annie joined Will and Callie on a honeymoon trip to Denver, Colorado, Shoshone, Idaho and finally returned to Fort Worth via Denver. Callie would later tell Pinkerton Detectives that Will treated her well, bought her diamond earrings worth \$225, new clothing and a fur sack worth \$30. They had stayed in the best hotels,



Schwartz Photo taken in Ft. Worth - L. to R. standing - Will Carver, Harvey Logan (alias Kid Curry). L. to R. seated - Harry Longabaugh, Ben Kilpatrick and George Leroy Parker.

including Browns' Palace Hotel in Denver. The girls had no idea the trip had been used by Will and Harvey as a cover for their retrieving hidden loot from some of their robberies. Three weeks after the wedding Will gave Callie \$167 in gold coins and sent her home on December 23, 1900 to Palestine. Callie revealed the names of the Wild Bunch members to the Pinkerton Detective Agency on December 4, 1901 using the Fort Worth photo. She then told her family that she never really loved Will and disappeared from history.

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

Will and Harvey decided to lay low for a while and headed

toward Ben Kilpatrick's family ranch to plan their next heist. On March 27, 1901 Harvey Logan shot and killed Oliver C. Thornton at the ranch. Will, Harvey and Ben and George Kilpatrick went on the run and Sheriff Howze wired their description to local law officers. Sheriff E. S. Briant of Sonora alerted by the description was ready for the gang. Most of you know the story of how Boosie Sharp spotted them and alerted the Sheriff Briant. Briant, Constable W.D. Thomason and Deputies Henry Sharp and J.L. Davis walked into Captain Jack W. Owens Sonora Bakery with their guns drawn. When the smoke settled both outlaws were wounded and on the floor. Will died from his wounds, was identified by his old friends and buried in the local cemetery. His sister, according to a signed affidavit of a family member, placed the marker on his grave.

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

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

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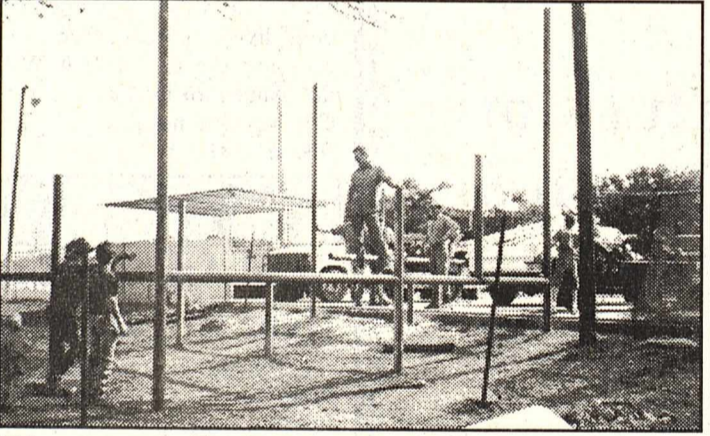
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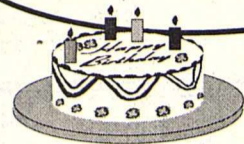
It's A Girl
 Kathryn Jo Wardlaw was born at Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas March 16, 2002 at 11:49 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 2.9 ozs. and was 21" long.
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Main Street Traffic

by Ann Kay

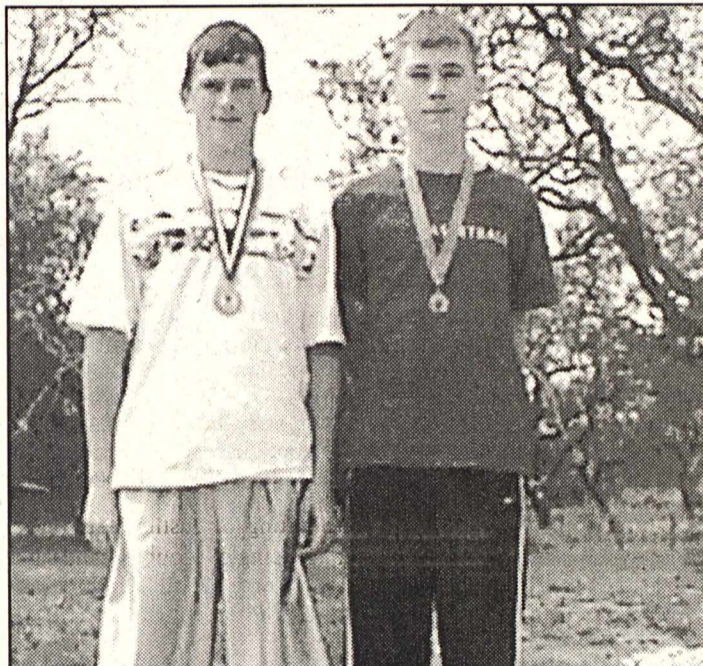
The Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program are proud to announce that this program is now a recognition of exemption under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 501(c) (3) exemption is a great benefit for grants.

Main Street is working on many projects to promote Sonora as a place to stop and visit the Old West. One of the projects coming up is the new "Welcome to Sonora" sign at the corner of Crockett Street and Hwy 277. The sign will be made of rock, and flowers will be planted to show the beauty of our home. TxDot will be a partner in designing and building this planter box and "Welcome to Sonora" sign.

Don't forget about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Hunt, on March 30, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. The egg hunt will be at the Sutton County Park and the Treasure Hunt will be held up on Eaton Hill.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program and the Sonora Merchants would like to express our appreciation to the sponsors: The Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Gifts Galore & More, Dairy Queen, The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, Alco, Business Basics and Town & Country Stores. In conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt, the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be having their annual baked goods sale for everyone to purchase their Easter sweets.

Cox and Parker Continue Winning In K.O.C. Free Throw Contest



Cameron Cox and Cullen Parker competed in the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw contest at St. Edwards University in Austin Saturday the 16th of March. The boys advanced to the state competition by winning first place in their respective divisions (Cox in the 14 year old boys division and Parker in the 13 year old boys division) at the Sonora contest, the district contest in Ozona and the regional contest in Wall. In Austin they competed against the winners of the other 13 regions of the state in their divisions. Cox won 3rd medalist in the 14 year boy division making 25 of 30 free throws.

News From the Neighbors

52nd Annual Easter Pageant To Be Held In Junction

The 52nd annual Easter Pageant will be presented in Junction under the stars at the amphitheater under Lover's Leap beginning at dark, approximately 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30. Over 70 volunteer actors, wearing brightly colored costumes, will portray the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The cast and crew is comprised of people from all facets of the community; bankers, nurses, carpenters, and housewives, just to name a few. These individuals have dedicated countless hours of their time to keep this tradition alive. In addition to the actors, there are many others that work behind the scenes to bring this production to life. These include a director, narrators, lighting specialists, sound technicians, and grounds keepers. Pageant members wish to stay anonymous in hopes to remain focused on the purpose of bringing renewed

faith to all those who attend the representation.

The Easter Pageant also relies on the support of local organizations. The EMS and Junction Volunteer Fire Department provide refreshments for the crowd and the Boy Scouts assist with parking, and handing out programs the night of the pageant.

The Kimble County Tourism Board provides a generous donation each year for advertising expenses. The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce provides information to anyone planning to visit the Junction area.

There is no charge for admission, however, donations are accepted during intermission to cover the costs of maintaining the amphitheater, props and costumes. For questions concerning the pageant, please call Larry Trimble at (915)446-2564 or Lisa Brown at 446-2347.

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- March 29 - Latricia Parker, Claire Healy, Weldon Champion
- March 30 - Roy Luna, Andrew Heap, Jerimy Lipham, Lesa Galindo
- March 31 - Darien Lopez, Anna Garza, Kelsey Favila, Michael David Sanchez, Shelly Hughes, Lizette Lira, Ryan Hill, Simon Murillo
- April 1 - Chance Armke, Daisy Lira, Michael Stephens, John Stergon, Tommy Arnwine
- April 2 - Janalyn Jones, Bianca Aboud
- April 3 - Yvette Gamez, Fabian Guzman, Jack David Johnson, Janie Mabry, David Fisher, Matt Glasscock
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The Village Market Relay For Life Bake Sale will be Friday, March 29, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. - till it's all gone. There will be Lots of Easter goodies. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, March 30, 2002 at 10:00 AM. The Sale will take place at the County Park, (in front of 4-H Civic Center). There will be homemade goodies just in time for Easter guests. All proceeds will benefit the hospital and the community.

The West Texas Stunners Fast Pitch Softball Team is taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts. This is a fund raising event for the team. The donuts are \$6 a dozen and will be available on April 15, 2002. To place your order call any team member or Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

1st Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church Men's Class "D" Only. May 18 & 19, 2002 at the Sutton Co. Softball Complex. Double Elimination. Deadline for entry is May 13, 2002. Entry is \$125.00 per team. Awards will be given for 1st through 3rd place (trophy & shirt). Consolation Prizes will be given as well as an MVP award. There will also be a Home Run Derby. For more information call Joe San Miguel at 277-1662 or Joseph Jenkins at (830)765-0406.

The American Cancer Society Golf Tournament will be April 20th at the Sonora Golf Club. Tee time will be 8:00 a.m. for a 4 or 5 person scramble. Entry fees will be \$25 per person. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. To enter or for more information call Storie at 387-2507.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be May 3-4th at the Bronco Stadium. For more information or to make donations call Storie at 387-2507 or Kim at 387-5666.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday April 23, 2002.

Sutton County 4-H Range & Wool/Mohair Judging - For more information call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Minor League Try-outs for Girls Softball and Boys Baseball will be Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at the County Park Facilities at 5:30 PM. Please have a copy of your child's birth-certificate and the money for registration. If you have any questions you may call Danni Price at 387-2507 or Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

If you or your company would like to purchase a table at the 2002 Chamber of Commerce Banquet, please contact Linda Love at 387-3833 or Lolabeth Jones at 387-5577. Come see how "Sonora Rocks"!

The Hospital Auxiliary Cookbook is on sale now for \$12 at the following locations: The Devil's River News, The Corner Drug Store, image apparel, The Bright Spot, Sonora Art.com, Sutton County Extension Agents (Civic Center) and the Sutton County Steakhouse. All proceeds will benefit the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital.

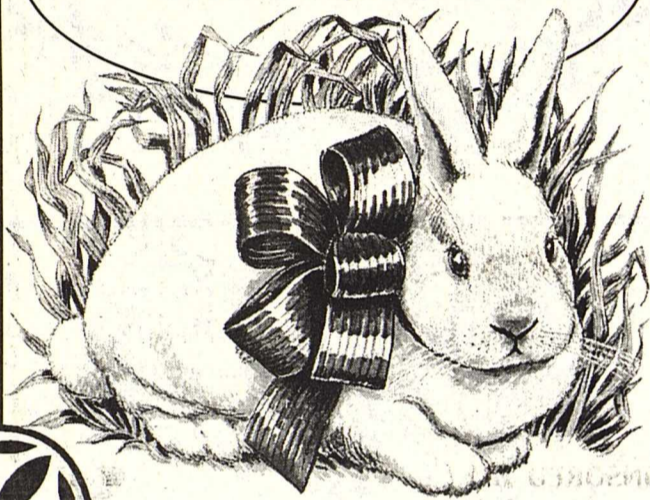
Walking Aerobic Classes, Call Annette at 387-3120 or Juanita at 450-4181 for more information.

The Miers Home Museum and the Old Jail will be closed until June 1, 2002 for repairs. The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. Please contact Al Elliott at 387-3529.

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Lady Broncos Win Iraan Golf Invitational

submitted by Chad Russell

The Sonora Lady Bronco golf team won the Iraan Invitational with a 364 total. Iraan was second with 421 total. Reagan County was third with a 425 total. Genny Cramer won medallist honors with an 82. Ashley Vickers was 2nd with an 86. Other individual scores were Leslie Gamez - 92, Missy Longoria - 104, and Jaly Mabry - 110.

Broncos Finish Third at Iraan

submitted by Chad Russell

The Sonora Bronco golf team finished third at the Iraan Invitational with a 329 total. Iraan won the tournament with a 319 total and Van Horn was second at 320. Individual scores for the Broncos were: Chris Martin 76, A.J. Hernandez 80, Brandon West 85, Stetson Perez 88, Dustin Martin 93 and Heath Prather 93.

7th Grade Lady Colts Go For Gold At Home

submitted by Kathy Marshall

The 7th grade girls won the Gold Medal at the Colt Relays last week. The field events were good to the girls, with four first places.

Meghan Krieg was 1st in the High Jump, with Courtney Chandler 3rd.

In the Long Jump, Amanda Berry was 1st and Erika Hernandez was 3rd.

Berry was 3rd in the Triple Jump, with Kayla Fields finishing 5th.

Fields took top honors in the Pole Vault, finishing in 1st place.

Brandy Neff won the Shot Put and Bianca Sepeda was 3rd in the Discus.

In the running events, Allyse Edmondson finished 3rd and Fields was 4th in the 100m run.

Anabell Perez finished 5th in the 800m run, with Felicia Gamez right behind her in 6th.

In the 1600m run Alexie Ortiz ran for 2nd place and Perez pulled in at 6th.

Ortiz also finished 2nd in the 2400m run.

Krieg placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles and Gamez was 6th in the 300m hurdles.

Hernandez was the 1st place winner in the 400m run.

In the 200m run Berry finished 2nd and Chandler came in at 4th.

All of the Lady Colt Relay teams finished first with Fields, Edmondson, Chandler and Berry in both the 400m relay and the 1600m relay and Fields, Edmondson, Krieg and Hernandez in the 800m relay. Way to go girls!!

Other members of the 7th grade team that participated in this meet included Emily Butler, Mandie Castilleja, Stacy Sanchez, Kaija Valkonen, Jennifer Gonzales, Melinda Lopez, Mackenzie Perez, Madeline Higdon, Taylor Liverman, Alison Carroll and Delma Tovar. Their next meet will be the Ozona Relays, followed by the District Meet on April 5, 2002. Good luck ladies.

Broncos Win On Home Course

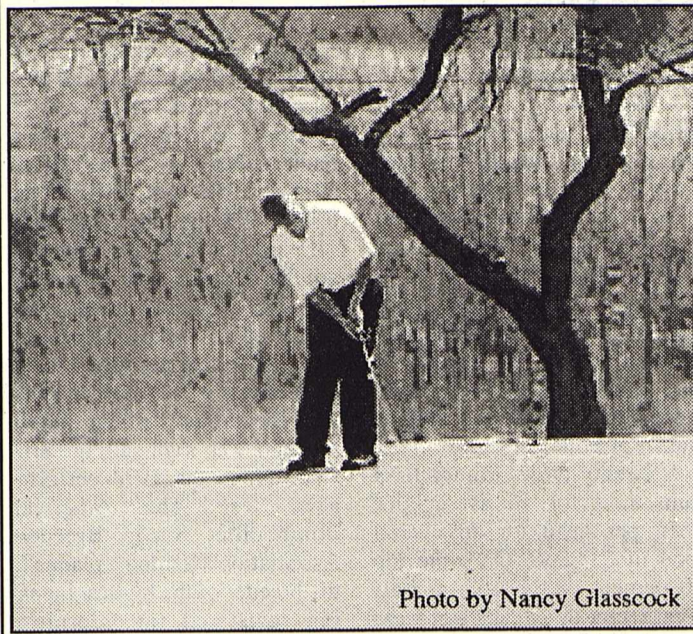


Photo by Nancy Glasscock

Brandon West puts one in at the Sonora Invitational.

submitted by Chad Russell

The Sonora Bronco golf team were the big winners at the Sonora Invitational with a 328 total. Ozona was second at 342 and Iraan was third at 351. Arron Garza of Ozona was first medallist with a 76. Chris Martin of Sonora was second with a 78. Stetson Perez, also of Sonora, was third with an 81. Individual scores for the Broncos were: Chris Martin 78, Stetson Perez 81, Brandon West 83, A.J. Hernandez 86, Dustin Martin 88 and Heath Prather 92.

Bronco Baseball Has Rough Week

by Tryon Fields

Last week, the Sonora Bronco Baseball team came up short in both games that they played. On Tuesday, the Red Hosses traveled to Fort Stockton and faced a well seasoned 3-A Panther squad.

Take away one inning and the Broncos might of had a chance to win this outing. Five errors in the third inning aided the Panthers in scoring five runs that eventually led to the Panthers winning the contest by a score of 8 to 4. Of the 8 Fort Stockton runs only 2 were earned; while all four of the Broncos tallies were earned. Bronco left hander, Doug Yocham recorded his first loss of the season giving up the 8 runs on 4 hits while walking 6. The hitting of Justin Sims (3 for 4; single, double, and a triple plus an RBI), Sean Fields and Scottie Moore (both going 2 for 4) was not enough to overcome the deficit. Thus giving the Broncos their first loss of the season.

On Friday, the Broncos opened District 2-2A play in Junction. This time the inability

ty of the Broncos to catch up to the excellent pitching of Bobby Adams spelled doom.

Adams pitched a seven inning shut out; faced 27 Broncos, struck out 9, walked 5, and hit a batter in the 3 to 0 victory. Once again the error bug bit the Broncos. Junction scored 3 runs with only 1 of these being earned. The three early Bronco errors led to the first 2 runs by the Eagles. The Bronco starter, Scottie Moore picked up the loss; going 3 innings, giving up the 3 runs on 3 hits while walking only 1 of the Junction batters. In relief, Justin Sims pitched three innings giving up 2 hits and striking out 7. (note: These 7 strike outs boost Justin's strike out totals to 55 on the season.) The Red Hosses stranded 6 base runners, with 4 of these being in scoring position.

This week's schedule includes Mason, which the Broncos played on Tuesday, and on Friday Sonora will be in Grape Creek to face the Eagles at 4:30 p.m..

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J.V. Baseball Opens District Play Against Junction

by Maray Cearley

The Junior Varsity Baseball team opened district play last Friday against the Junction Eagles.

Clint Cearley went the distance, pitching for 6 innings. He struck out 7, walked 3 and gave up 6 hits. The Eagles crossed the plate 6 times, 2 of which were earned. Behind the plate for the Broncos was Laramie Hall. The Broncos showed much improvement defensively.

Austin Wagoner and

Eliazar Yorba each had catches that kept the Eagles from extra bases.

The Junction pitcher was one of the best the Broncos have faced this year. He allowed only 2 singles both which were by Diego Cardona. The Broncos left 7 stranded on base. Garrett Watkins and Wagoner both were credited with a run batted in. The final score was Sonora 2 Junction 6. The boys will face Junction again this week before the Easter holiday.

Injuries Hinder Broncos at San Angelo Relays



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Chance Armke takes off in the 100m run in San Angelo.

submitted by Eddie Favila

The Broncos traveled to San Angelo last weekend to compete in the San Angelo Relays and despite injuries the boys still finished 13th with 19 points.

Stetson Hall finished 3rd in

the Discus with a throw of 162'5" and Chance Dillard also took a third place in the High Jump with a leap of 6'.

In the running events Bill Renfro finished 4th in the 100m and 5th in the 200m and Chance Armke was 6th in the 100m.

Sonora's Top Guns Compete In Val Verde County Rifle Invitational



John Duke Hudson, Steely Ingham, Lauran Schaefer and J.T. Downing shot well in Del Rio. Photo submitted

Sonora 4-H'ers traveled to Del Rio in early March to take part in the Val Verde Co. 4-H Invitational Rifle Meet. The group competed against teams from Val Verde, Kinney and Crane Counties. Competitors fired .22 caliber rifles at targets set at a distance of 50 feet. Shooters had to fire from three positions, standing, kneeling and prone (lying down) and were required to shoot at three targets with a 10-minute time limit per target. In the Junior Division Hudson finished 2nd, Downing was 3rd, Schaefer was 7th and Ingham finished 8th.

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Urbanites Are Texas' New Agricultural Entrepreneurs

by Jeff Wentworth

State Senator, District 25
 Although Texas' great agricultural heritage extends back to the days of the Spanish land grants, modern agriculture bears little resemblance to the farms and ranches of 200 years ago.

Helicopters rather than horses may be used to round up cattle. Tractors have replaced mules, but one thing that has not changed is Texans' love of the land. Texans often dream of owning a little piece of land, and the dream has come true for thousands.

From 1995 to 2001, the number of small farms increased by 10,000, according to information provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Most of these "farms" are 50 acres or less, and many were purchased by urbanites.
 Once in the country, Texas' newest land owners wanted to keep their agricultural-use tax exemption, and they turned to TDA for help. In response to their requests, TDA developed and is continuing to develop programs for rural entrepreneurs who are willing to "think outside the box."

Some land owners have turned their acreage into weekend retreats with bed and breakfast cabins. Others are clearing the cedar and mesquite from their land and selling it to furniture makers, while others have planted wildflowers and turned their farms into nature walks.

Farmers are growing wildflower crops for seed; however, one almost untouched industry is growing flowers for the cut-flower market.

Every year, Texans spend about \$234 million on fresh cut flowers, yet 99 percent of the cut flowers are grown out of

state. TDA developed the Cut Flower Manual to help Texans who may be interested in this market.

Grape growers for the wine industry also receive help from TDA in marketing and growing. The 77th Texas Legislature in 2001 also made it possible for Texas wineries to ship wine to customers within the state.

In the past two decades, Texas wine production increased until Texas became the country's fifth-leading wine-producing state with more than 40 wineries, many in Senate District 25.

Texas' agricultural entrepreneurs also are growing olives, raising dairy goats, planting corn mazes and even selling rocks off their land. TDA has a field staff to help new and long-time farmers and ranchers turn their dreams into at least a few dollars or hold onto their old dreams and their family's land. Information is available at www.agr.state.tx.us or by calling TDA Rural Economic Development toll free at (877) 428-7848.

This entrepreneurial mind set reflects the spirit that enabled Texas' earliest farmers and ranchers to survive and thrive. During National Agriculture Week, March 17-23, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized and honored 114 Texas farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production for 100 years or more, including 18 located in Senate District 25 counties.

I am proud of our district's rich agricultural heritage and of the new agricultural entrepreneurs who are carrying on a tradition that began more than two centuries ago. You represent the best of Texas.

Sonora Ram Test Sees Good Prices

by Steve Byrns

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 SONORA - Top animal bloodlines drew premium prices, March 14 during the Annual Sonora Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Two Rambouillet rams sired by superior animals from past years' tests led this year's sale offering. Both animals were purchased by the Sawyer Ranch of Sonora.

Twenty-three Rambouillet rams sold for an average of \$650 per head for an overall total of \$14,950. Only the top 30 percent of the 157 animals completing this year's test were eligible for the sale.

The high selling ram consigned by C&S Menzies, Menard brought \$1,650. He was an offspring of "C&S Menzies 2464," a certified ram from the 1999-2000 performance test. This year's high seller completed the test at 271 pounds for an average daily gain of 0.97 lbs.

The second high seller, an "Our Father's Place Ranch" ram from Fort Stockton, was sired by "OFP 829," the high-indexing ram of the 1998-1999 performance test.

Along with the two high-sellers, the Sawyer Ranch also bought four more animals for a total of \$5,775 on the six head, making the ranch the sale's volume buyer. Other volume buyers were Judy McDonald of

Sonora, who bought four head, and Wayne King of Bronte, who purchased three. The test's high-indexing ram, owned by Our Father's Place, was not offered for sale. The ram finished the test at 289 pounds, averaging 1.15 pounds gain per day. His adjusted clean fleece weight was 18.1 pounds with a staple length of 6.1 inches. The fleece measured 20.6 microns on the animal's side.

The sire of this high-indexing ram was high-selling certified ram in the 1994 performance test. The American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association awarded a plaque to the breeder of the highest indexing registered ram. Jernigan Ranch of Iraan won this award for Jernigan 8766, offspring of a certified ram that Jernigan tested in 2000.

The test has been conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here since 1947. It features Rambouillet rams from some of the world's top flocks. Animals are evaluated on rate of gain and desirable fleece characteristics during the 140-day test.

For more information on the Annual Ram Performance Test and for a complete listing of test and sale results, contact Dr. Dan Waldron, test coordinator at (915) 653-4576 or check out the ram test web site at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm>.

Chairman Bonilla Briefs Texas Farm Bureau

Address Accomplishments, Goals of 107th Congress -



Chairman

Henry Bonilla met last week in his Washington, DC office with members of the Texas Farm Bureau. Mr. Bonilla used the meeting as an opportunity to discuss accomplishments, address goals and stress the importance of Texas agriculture.

"I always welcome the opportunity to sit down with the Texas Farm Bureau and discuss the issues that affect their daily lives," said Chairman Bonilla. "There are several pieces of legislation that will greatly affect the Texas agriculture industry. This meeting is a chance for me to explain the legislation, get feed-back and answer any questions."

In today's meeting, Mr. Bonilla addressed the pending Farm Bill conference, crop insurance reform, and farm policy and conservation. The group also discussed the recent Senate vote regarding CAFE fuel efficiency standards, which

will exempt pick-up trucks from any CAFE standard increase.

Mr. Bonilla also stressed the importance of passing Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China. "American livestock producers are the most competitive in the world. International trade - as long as it is free and fair - is a key to the success of our agriculture industry. Increasing trade with China will go a long way toward expanding overseas markets for our agriculture products," said Mr. Bonilla.

As a member of the House of Representatives Appropriations subcommittee on Agriculture, Mr. Bonilla plays an important role in the funding of agriculture projects. Mr. Bonilla worked successfully last year to secure more than \$58 million in agriculture assistance for livestock owners.

"The United States agriculture industry generates an estimated 21 million jobs and represents 16 percent of our gross national product. I will continue to do whatever it takes to ensure that this important industry continues to grow and remain strong for generations to come," said Mr. Bonilla.

Looks Can Be Deceiving: Weed Resembles Wildflower, Threat To Ag Production

by Blair Fannin

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 COLLEGE STATION - Beautiful wildflowers growing along Texas' roadways will be enjoyed by many this spring season, but looks can be deceiving.

Nestled among these spring flowers is a blue-flowered form of branched broomrape, a parasitic weed that looks much like a wildflower, but is a threat to agricultural production if not properly contained.

"It's a plant that's geared for survival," said Dr. Mike Chandler, a weed science researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The branched broomrape stands just 4 to 12 inches tall. It's best recognized by its yellow straw-colored stems and blue snapdragon-like flowers. It germinates in response to chemicals released by the root system of a broadleaf plant. Once attached to the host plant, it

begins to suck away water and nutrients, leading to stunted growth.

"The plant germinates from December to February and emerges 45 days after germination," Chandler said. "It emerges as a plant from February through May. In only 21 days it can produce thousands of seed."

Branched broomrape was found in 22 Texas counties in 2001. Branched broomrape can pose a threat to agricultural pro-

duction in both crop and rangeland.

"With a crop, like in a hay meadow where a rancher is trying to grow legumes or vetches for hay, (broomrape) could actually lower their productivity since it is living off of the water and nutrients of the broadleaf plant (such as vetch)," said Dr. Mary Ketchersid, a pesticide safety education specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

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"With winter legume pastures, it has the potential to cut down on production in that pasture."

The branched broomrape could lead to reduced production in another important agricultural market in Texas -- the vegetable industry.

"Some parts of the world have lost the ability to grow vegetables," Ketchersid said.

Since the branched broomrape relies on host plants for survival, a tomato plant would be a prime target.

"In the Middle East, they once grew both winter and summer crop of tomatoes," Chandler said. "They no longer can grow a winter crop (because of the presence of branched broomrape.) This is why it's very crucial to keep it contained where it's found. If it's not contained, then it could get into our vegetable growing areas and would basically shut these growing areas down."

Carol Motloch, plant protection quarantine officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said "if it gets into the Winter Garden area of Texas, the losses could be quite substantial."

The branched broomrape was first discovered in Texas in Karnes County.

Individuals mowing cemetery plots have picked up the broomrape seed on their lawnmowers. When they returned

home with their mowers, the seed and other remnants of branched broomrape were dropped on their own lawns.

However, major spreading of branched broomrape has been done by highway right-of-way mowers.

"In many situations, broomrape is found along the right-of-way where machinery has been parked or where a rotary blade has cut the broomrape and then hit a pole or bump and scattered the seed," Ketchersid said.

Transportation officials are currently experimenting with different chemical applications on roadways in an attempt to contain the branched broomrape. So far, Roundup has been the only effective means of control, but this must be applied before the broomrape plants emerge.

An individual who happens to spot the weed is encouraged to leave it in the ground and not risk spreading the seed, Ketchersid said.

"Don't dig it up," she said. "If you see one, put a stake in the ground and call someone on our list and tell them that you've seen it and where."

General control of the weed consists of physically removing the branched broomrape plants, followed by treating the area with low rates of Roundup and planting false host crops.

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo Contract 6074-32-001 for CULVERT MAINTENANCE in SUTTON County, etc will be received on April 19, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on April 19, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$174,566.46.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 6098

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for a 2002 or later Vehicle for the Police Department. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950.

All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "Bid - Police Vehicle" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to April 8, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further information contact Brent Gesch, City Manager, at 915-387-2558.

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Listen to your television or local radio station during the weather watch. Please do not call the Sheriff or Police Department for weather updates. These lines should ONLY be used to REPORT severe weather. The numbers are 387-2288 and 387-3888. Remember: Call only to REPORT severe weather.

Temporary Shelters

Specific emergencies some-

times cause people to evacuate from their homes. The emergency management office has established a Shelter Plan and appointed Shelter Officers to manage the program.

These shelters are set up according to needs, such as location from the disaster and number of evacuees.

If an emergency occurs that would cause mass evacuation, facilities would be publicly announced. In most incidents evacuees choose to stay with relatives or friends if possible.

Shelters will be announced on the radio or by public address system. Please do not call the local law enforcement agencies.

Evacuation
If evacuation occurs, directions for evacuation will be given over the radio station. Included will be the necessary information on routes to take, where temporary shelter will be located, and other direction and control items.

School in Session

Please do not go to school if there is a school evacuation. Stay tuned to the local radio station. Your appearance at school will waste precious time and hamper evacuation of all the children. School authorities will bus the school children to a safe location and give instructions for them to be picked up.

Helpful Numbers

All emergency departments in Sutton County and the City of Sonora strive to protect its citizens daily and a joint effort is being put forth in case of disaster.

911 is a 24 hour telephone number for reporting emergencies.

Things to Take to Temporary Shelters When Time Allows:

1. Water - One quart per day per person preferably using plastic containers with lids.
2. Food - Canned or sealed packages. Include food for those people on special diets, infants, and the elderly.
3. Sanitation Supplies -

Soap, wash cloths, towels, diapers, tampons.

4. Medicines - Regularly taken prescription drugs, first aid supplies.

5. Infant supplies - Formulas, canned milk, bottles, blankets, clothes.

6. Eating Utensils - Paper or plastic.

7. Clothing - Changes in case you get wet.

8. Bedding - Blankets, pillows, coats, sleeping bag.

9. General Equipment - Battery powered radio, flashlights, spare batteries.

10. Miscellaneous - Books, magazines, writing materials, games.

Colon Cancer from page 1

Those with a personal or family history of colon cancer should discuss with their doctor how much earlier than 50 to begin screening and how often to do it, he said.

Too often people don't get screened because their doctor doesn't mention it unless the patient asks about it, and the patient may not be aware of the tests' life-saving benefits, or think they have no way to pay for it, Brooks noted.

But many private health plans pay for screening, and Medicare now pays for colonoscopy so people should use the tests, noted Brooks.

"We're now losing more than 56,000 lives every year to colon cancer, and that number could be cut in half if everyone got screened as the guidelines suggest," said Brooks.

Healthy Lifestyle Can Lower Colon Cancer Risk

Colleen Doyle, director of nutrition and physical activity for the ACS, said a healthy lifestyle can also lower a person's chances of developing colon cancer. Doyle said studies show these tips the most valuable:

* Eat five or more servings of vegetables and fruits daily — this can cut risk by 30% by providing protective substances not all available in vitamin pills because they're not all identified yet.

* Avoid eating a lot of red meat — it can raise risk by 50%, partly because of the kinds of fats in it.

* Exercise moderately (walk quickly, for example) at

least 30 minutes most days. More intense exercise for longer periods is likely to lower risk even more.

* Don't be a couch potato — being inactive raises risk 70%. Activity speeds food through the digestive tract faster so cancer-causing substances don't have time to form or stay long in contact with cells.

* Avoid being obese (grossly overweight). Obesity raises colon cancer risk by 50% because it ups hormones that promote rapid cell growth.

* Don't drink more than one alcoholic drink daily — doing so raises risk by 40%.

* Don't smoke — smoking raises risk by 50%, because it inactivates proteins that normally control cell growth.

Scientists believe more than half of all colon cancer cases could be prevented, noted Brooks.

If more people get screened regularly and live healthy lifestyles, tens of thousands of lives could be saved every year, he added.

"That's a goal we can reach, and that we all should keep working towards," Brooks concluded.

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Closing Date: 05-31-02 at 5:00 p.m.
Location: US 277 North, Sonora, TX

Must be a full-time student in an educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution. For those applying for positions located at the Sonora Area Office, driving a state vehicle will be required, therefore applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid drivers license. **Educational requirements: For those applicants who are interested in the Summer Engineering Tech II through V positions they must be enrolled in an engineering related degree program and have the required college semester hours:**
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 Tech IV 59 college semester hours
 Tech V 90 college semester hours

A Completed Summer Application is Required. For additional information and job description call Human Resources at 915-944-1501, go to any TxDOT Office or visit our Internet home page at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/> An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for the above jobs may call Human Resources at 915-944-1501. You may also call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 512-416-2977. **An Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer**

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