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Lady Broncos Clip Eagles, Clinch Play-Off Slot



Staff photo

Lady Broncos are on their way to the play-offs! - see Lady Broncos Story page 5

Hudspeth Welcomes New Physical Therapist



Tammy Gentry

submitted

Physical Therapist Tammy Gentry has joined the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital health care team. Tammy was raised in Aspermont, Texas and received her undergraduate education at Lubbock Christian University and West Texas A&M in Canyon. Tammy completed her Physical Therapy training at Texas Tech University in May 1997.

Tammy comes to Sonora from Abilene where she was employed by West Texas Rehabilitation Center at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Tammy is married to Clay Gentry who is a Physical

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SHS Reaches Exemplary Status In TAAS

Sonora High School received good news from the Texas Education Agency last week regarding the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests that were given to Sophomore students on February 19, 20, and 21. All passing rates were at the highest level attainable for each test and each student population subgroup.

In reading, Sonora High students scored 99 percent mastery, in math 93 percent mastery,

and in writing 96 percent mastery. The test scores are high enough to give SHS exemplary status in the Academic Excellence Indicator System which rates schools and districts for accountability and public information.

"I can't say enough about how proud I am of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our students and faculty" said Principal Doug

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One-Act Play Takes Marvin's Room to State

submitted

On Friday, May 3, 2002 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., the cast and crew of Sonora High School's One-Act Play *Marvin's Room* by Scott McPherson will make an appearance on the STATE stage. After a four year struggle, director Cody Eoff will be taking nine cast members and four crew members plus assistant director Jerrilyn Ward to Austin to compete in the 76th Anniversary State One-Act Play Contest. This accomplishment was earned after Friday night's advancement from the Regional Contest. At Regional S.H.S. received five acting awards. Announced on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast were Tan Cade and Genny Cramer. The All-Star Cast awards went to Sean Fields, Tori Valliant and Margie Becknell. Other cast members include Justin Routh, Andrew Barthelemy, Heather Lawson and Landon Brockman. Crew members for this year are Amy Gann, Stetson Hall, Beau Hughes and Hanna Scott Allison.



The cast and crew would like to say a special thank you to all parents, families, teachers and community members for the continued support. Staff photo

Hudspeth Hospital Awarded Hospital Development Grant



Staff photo

The Texas Department of Health awarded Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital a \$9,739.00 Hospital Development Grant. The grant funds were made available to hospitals that maintain trauma designation. The grant funds provided 75% of the funding toward the purchase of a NPT-7 Arterial Blood Gas Analyzer. Funds for this grant come from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment.

Arterial blood gas analyzers are required equipment to maintain Level IV trauma designation. The new analyzer will utilize an optical cartridge, which will greatly reduce the cost per test. Keith L. Butler, CEO stated, "with the use of optical cartridge technology, the new arterial blood gas analyzer will utilize fewer supplies thus reducing the cost of hundreds of dollars. The hospital is excited to have the new equipment and to be able to provide this state-of-the-art testing at a much lower cost to our patients". The equipment requires little maintenance and requires no contact with the blood sample thus reducing risk to laboratory personnel.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital maintains a full service, CLIA certified laboratory. Routine outpatient laboratory services are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital healthcare team is ready to provide you with excellent service. For more information, please telephone 387-2521. Se Habla Español.

Teams Raising Money For Relay For Life

The 2002 American Cancer Society Relay for Life is gearing up to be great! The teams are working hard to reach the public and raise money for Cancer research, education, advocacy and service. The good thing is they are doing all this while having fun! Make plans today to attend the annual Relay for Life, starting at 6:00 p.m. on May 3, 2002 at the Bronco Stadium with the "Survivors Lap".

There will be great food, music and fun throughout the rest of the evening, with the event ending at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

If you can't be at the Relay and still want to be a part of this year's event you can support the teams by stopping by one of the following fund raisers -

April 26th - 8:00 a.m. - First National Bank Bake Sale in the FNB founder's room. You can order one of Roberta's great Chicken Spaghetti Casseroles in advance at 387-3861.

April 28th - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Samaniego Family is having a "Game Day" Carnival at the St. Ann's Church with fun activities for everyone, young and the young at heart. There will be fun activities and games to enjoy.

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Sutton County Child Welfare Board Celebrates Child Abuse Prevention Month



The Sutton County Child Welfare Board members are from left to right: (back row) Amy Davenport, Candy Davis, Noemi Samaniego (middle row) Kay Friess, Kelly Thorp, Sue Moore, and Alex Gonzales (front) Mayor JoAnn Hernandez. Not pictured are Jeryl Fields, Father Bill Duboisson, Ben Solis, Cory Marshall, Shanna Petty, and Keith Butler. Staff photo

Proclamation

WHEREAS, More than 28,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in Fiscal Year 2001; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor do hereby proclaim the month of April 2002 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonora, Texas, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

PROCLAIMED this 16 of April, 2002.

JoAnn Hernandez
JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor
City of Sonora, Texas



Sonora Students Travel To State Science Fair



Embre Smith, Steven Barthelemy, Kristina Hernandez, Erin Newton and Nash Traylor represent Sonora at the State Science Fair.

submitted

On April 11-13, 2002 five students from Sonora Middle School traveled to Arlington for the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair at the Arlington Convention center. In order to go to the state fair, the students had to place in the Sonora science fair and also get a first or second place in the regional fair in San Angelo. Those attending were Embre Smith, Nash Traylor, Erin Newton, Kristina Hernandez, and Steven Barthelemy. These students were interviewed by

judges and had to explain their science projects. They were able to view the science experiments of students from all over the state of Texas and meet many students. A trip to Six Flags Over Texas was a part of the activities for the students and they enjoyed all the rides. An awards breakfast was held on Saturday morning and the students each received a special participation ribbon. We are very proud of these students and feel that Sonora was well represented at the State Science Fair.

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Production of high-quality food, fiber and other products substantially depends on our ability to manage our soil and water resources. To educate the public about the importance of responsible soil and water stewardship, the Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts is sponsoring an awareness campaign from April 28 - May 5, 2002.

The theme for this year's event, "The Gift of Trees," will reinforce the importance of encouraging tree maintenance and growth in preserving soil fertility and preventing erosion. It is equally important that we have a sufficient supply of high-quality water to ensure the productivity and well-being of the citizens of this great state.

I urge all Texans to recognize the importance of ensuring that we are wise stewards of this great land for generations to come. The future of the Lone Star State begins today and the responsibility lies with us now to build a solid foundation for our children and grandchildren as they assume the reins of leadership.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 28 - May 5, 2002,

Soil and Water Stewardship Week

In Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 8th day of March, 2002

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas



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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAPTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

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404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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201 N. Water
387-2466

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387-5713

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Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
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707 Glasscock
387-5886

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Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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229 W. Plum
387-2278

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

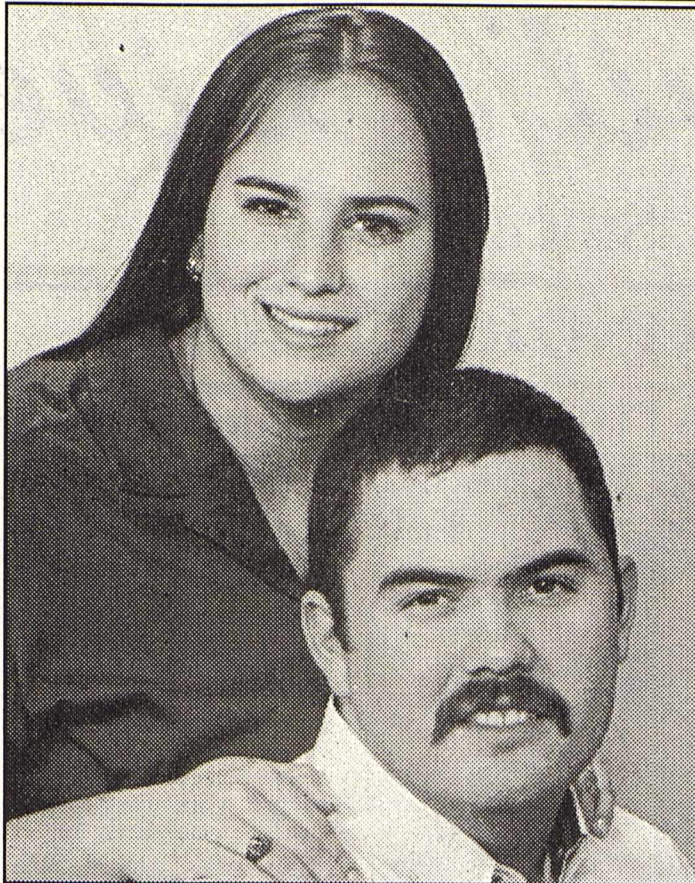
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511 Cornell
387-5207



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387-2266

Engagement



Word - Routh

Japha Marie Word and Matthew Wayne Routh of Sonora, Texas will be married April 5, 2003. Parents of the engaged couple are Larry and Kay Word of Sonora, Texas, Mike Routh of Sonora, Texas and Beverly and H.A. Baity of San Angelo, Texas. Miss Word is a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School. Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School.

Obituary

Life-time rancher, John Marvin Hutto, age 80, passed away April 15, 2002 in Lubbock, Texas. Marvin was born on the family ranch at Carta Valley, Texas, on September 16, 1921. His parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hutto. Marvin served during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He married Margaret Reed of San Antonio on April 25, 1949. She passed away on November 13, 1998. Marvin is survived by daughter, Debbie Hutto and son, Chris Hutto of Del Rio; daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Danny Hinds of Lubbock; grandchildren, Shannon Kay Colburn of Lubbock, Todd Colburn of San Antonio, Texas, Zachery and Margaret Victoria Hinds of Lubbock, Texas; brothers Ray Hutto and Toots Hutto of Del Rio and Carta Valley, Texas. Services were Friday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church in Del Rio. Burial was at the Carta Valley Cemetery at Carta Valley. Pallbearers were Martin's nephews, Roy Lee Hutto, Bo Hutto and Byron Watts; others were Kenneth Hayes, Tuffy Whitehead and Danny Hinds. Honorary Pallbearers were Morris Taylor, Donnie Mills, Frankie Studer, John Pontius, Hilary B. Doran and Finous Doran. Services were under the direction of G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home.

Wedding



Smith - Lock

Heather D'Ann Smith and Brandon Ross Lock, both of San Angelo, Texas, were united in marriage on Saturday, January 5, 2002 at four o'clock in the afternoon, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall, Texas. Monsignor Larry Droll and Pastor T. Wayne Price officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Mason, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Holmes of Harper, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Smith of Mason, Texas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock of Sonora, Texas. Music for the ceremony was provided by organist, Mrs. Diane Deatherage and soloist, Dr. Tamera Watson of San Angelo. Dr. Watson sang "The Wedding Song" while the candelabras were being lit and grandparents were seated. "The Parent's Prayer" was sung while the mothers of the bride and groom lit the unity candles. Processional music was "Pachelbel Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel. "Bridal Chorus" by Richard Wagner interrupted upon the announcement of the bride. The song "From This Moment" captured the bride and groom lighting their unity candle. The recessional music was "The Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Holmes read scriptures and prayers selected by the bride and groom.

Arches of candelabras and drapes of white tulle provided the background for the altar. The altar arrangement featured the unity candle, draped with an array of Virginia roses, accented with electric blue delphinium. Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected an exquisite gown of white satin duchess. The gown featured a jeweled sweetheart neckline and illusion long sleeves. The drop waist flowed into a full skirt, with a stunning cathedral train lavished with Venice lace. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white Virginia roses accented with electric blue delphinium. Serving as the bride's Maid of Honor, was her sister, Miss Briggett Smith, of Mason. Mrs. Cheyanne Holmes, cousin of the bride, of Bandera, Texas served as the brides Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids wore floor length gowns of royal blue satin and carried a single long-stemmed Virginia rose. Miss Caitlin Felts of Mason and Miss Grace George of Austin were the flower girls. They were attired in white satin dresses, resembling the bride, and carried white satin baskets. Serving as the groom's Best Man, was his brother, Mr. Brady Lock of Abilene. Mr. Koby Smith, brother of the bride, of Mason, served as groomsman. Ring bearers were Mr. Josef Urbanski of Arlington and Mr. Layne Holms of Bandera. Ushers for the ceremony were Mr. Duane Holmes and Mr. Tim Holmes of Harper, Mr. David Holmes of Bandera and Mr. Phillip Richer of San Angelo.

A reception and dinner followed the ceremony at the St. Ambrose Church Hall. The hall welcomed guests into a Winter Wonderland, featuring live fir trees, snowdrifts and white lights. Individual tables were draped with royal blue tablecloths, adorned with mirrored tiles, hurricane lamps, and white rose petals. Multitudes of white candles displayed various heights, illuminated the serving table, which was draped and skirted with white linen. Members of the house party included Amber Walter, Monica Swenson, Barbara Holmes, Meisha Jordan, Judy Brister and Beverly Whitehead. After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple is at home in San Angelo, Texas.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to offer my heartfelt appreciation to all my beloved friends and relatives, who during my recent back surgery, gifted me with flowers, food, visits and above all prayers for my recovery. I thank God for seeing me through this and giving me such kind and thoughtful friends. Que dios los bendiga. My husband Joe also says Muchas Gracias!
Elvira Garcia

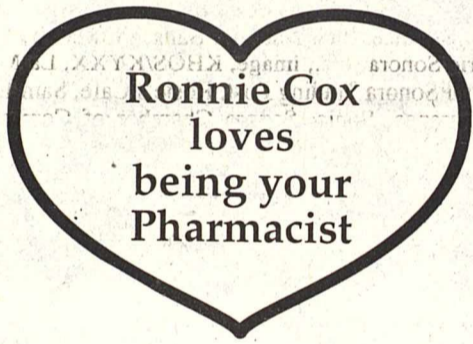
Heartfelt Thanks! Our thanks to everyone who participated in the blood drive sponsored by Sutton County E.M.S. on Monday, April 8, 2002.

Larry Lynch, Carla Crites, Belia Castaneda, Kandace Lynch, Johnny Hudson, Janalyn Jones, Donald Surridge, Clifford Brister, Tammy Gentry, Yolanda Avila, Joe Fincher, Jackie Smith, Lewis Allen, Maria Castillo, Alissa Adkins, Rebecca Becknell, Robert Higdon, Steven Wagner, Adelita Alvarez, Duwayne Castro, Martha Alvarez and Charlotte Higdon.
United Blood Services

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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
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
- Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169



Senior Center News

- Apr. 29 - Bingo!
- Apr. 30 - JCOA
- May 1 - TRAX VAN to San Angelo!
- May 2 - Crafts after lunch!!
- May 3 - AAA Reports due. Run errands and pay bills. A.C.S. Relay For Life Bronco Stadium 6:00 p.m.

Senior Menu

- Apr. 29 - Hamburger on Bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, oven French fries, steamed carrot, apple.
 - Apr. 30 - Fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, roll, cookie.
 - May 1 - Pork chop with gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, tossed salad with tomato, roll, peach cobbler.
 - May 2 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, bread, jello with fruit.
 - May 3 - Beef and cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, fruit salad.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Community

- May 1
SHS Girls Softball Area Playoffs
4:00 p.m. • Lubbock High School
- May 3-4
A.C.S. Relay For Life
Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m.
- May 4
Bond Election
- May 6
6th Grade Culture Fair
6:30 p.m. • Civic Center

The Community Calendar



Member FDIC
207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

Calendar

- May 9
F. F. A. Banquet
High School Auditorium • 6:30 p.m.
- May 19
Baccalaureate Services
8:00 p.m. • S.H.S. Auditorium
- May 24
S.H.S. Graduation
8:30 p.m. Bronco Stadium

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We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Did the Devil's River News report on the 1927 Rocksprings tornado?

A. Devil's River News, Friday, April 15, 1927 - Rocksprings that was, is no more. This charming ranching community, county seat of Edwards County, with substantial rock and concrete business blocks, two story courthouse, also of rock, and with attractive residences where the wealthy ranch owners from the surrounding country headquartered, is a mass of twisted ruin. Debris from splintered walls and roof that once sheltered human families littered the streets and surrounding country.

This change from a peaceful, pleasant and happy community that has existed some thirty years, growing and improving to the extent that its modern fire-proof business building and pretty residences, its new \$80,000 high school building and its less than a year old, \$50,000 stand pipe, furnishing water for the City of Rocksprings, was the pride of the entire county, to the scene of the present is unbelievable to behold.

This new school building is now a heaping mass of stone, this all steel stand pipe is twisted into a thousand forms as though it was so much paper. The pretty homes of the town have either entirely disappeared or are minus roofs, windows, porches and even rooms. These fire proof business houses that have been built the past few years at enormous cost have succumbed to a foreign enemy, wind.

The citizenship of Rocksprings is that of ranch people. They have courage, they are progressive and are capable. They have applied these faculties for years in building their town and businesses and had succeeded to an extent well

known over Texas. They have spent the efforts of a lifetime, lots of them, in building and progressing and then to have it all wiped away in five minutes.

But the loss of property is of no consequence when the real damage of the storm is noticed. These pretty buildings can be rebuilt but the lives of some sixty good people are gone forever. Not hardly a family in Rocksprings that has had a loss of a life in their family and those few families spared are overcome in the loss of their friends and neighbors. The real loss of life is not known at this time but the number could not add to the ghastly effect of the present or to the horrorfulness of the incident as a whole.

The people of Sonora heard of this terrible event at about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. The La Vista Theater was packed with people seeing the picture, "The Winning of Barbara Worth." The picture was at a stage when the Colorado Dam had burst and was overflowing the country, taking life and property in its wake, when the news was flashed on the screen that our neighboring city of Rocksprings had been wiped out by a cyclone, that lots of lives were taken and that they were calling for help. The people in the theater were dumbfounded, each and every one read this announcement with the same thought and same look of apprehension upon their faces. As soon as the meaning of it all had partially dawned upon them they left the show, many preparing to answer the summons.

The next knowledge of the event came from Kerrville by Junction to Dr. A. G. Blanton asking that help be sent. And the next message came saying that fifty people had lost their lives and scores seriously injured. Every one, no doubt, drew on their imagination as to the seriousness of the catastrophe. But no one drew an imaginary pic-

ture that was one-half as horrible as the one in reality. The twelve cars of Sonora people, including a doctor, trained nurse and much medicine and supplies, were delayed in getting to Rocksprings till about 7 o'clock the next morning by muddy roads and running water. But the crowd arrived there in time to gaze upon the most weird, ghastly, horrible scene of their lives. A pretty little city laying in ruins, streets covered with debris and rubbish and much of this covered with blood. Wounded people laying here and there calling for aid and the collection of dead growing rapidly. The dead were gotten together in the Owens Store and the First State Bank and were laid out as found awaiting identification. Practically all of them were badly mutilated some beyond identification. Nearly all had bones broken and all showed signs of having had their bodies hit by heavy objects. Among the dead were some of the most prominent people of Edwards County. And here and there were babies who had probably been killed in their mothers arms. Among the number were Mexicans whose homes had been lifted from the face of the earth.

And behind the Bank in a wool storage house used as an emergency hospital the scene was even more pitiful. Many doctors were working over bodies diligently and reverently trying to stay the breath of life. Cries of pain were heard here and there as nurses were trying to soothe the many injured. The room was crowded with people there trying to identify the wounded, seeking the whereabouts of relatives and friends. And on the courthouse square a large number of Mexicans huddled while attendants dressed their wounds and offered them nourishment. The wounded and dead were in the courthouse, Balentine Hotel and everyone

was trying to do everything possible.

The true test of courage was shown by the people of the city of sorrow in their work after the storm til now. Those of the town who were so fortunate in escaping death or serious injury immediately entered the search for the dead and wounded, carrying the fight through the next day. Producing lights of every kind the search soon revealed the true aspect of the situation. Realizing their homes and businesses were gone, finding friends and many times relatives dead or dying, trying to take care of the injured and to comfort them, intermingled with the piteous screams of women, the cries of injured and the frightened babies and the cry for help and assistance by all did not deter these people but spurred them on in their tireless patient efforts to serve the needy.

Miss Amanda Eastland, daughter of Hi Eastland of Sonora, who is teaching in the Rocksprings school year, was in the Balentine Hotel at Rocksprings when the cyclone broke there Tuesday evening. Miss Eastland came out with a minor scratch as all other of the fifty odd people in the Hotel came out of the storm, without serious injuries or loss of life. Story to be continued in next weeks paper.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. Students working on local information in their scholarship reports please do not wait till the last minute to call. We can't answer six different questions and conduct interviews with six different people in two or three days time. Thank you!

Professional Secretary's Week

Vote for your Secretary to be recognized as one of Sonora's Outstanding Secretaries

Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 28th

One Secretary will be chosen each weekday on the air at KHOS. Winners photos will appear in the Devil's River News

Participating Businesses/Voting Places:
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Two Miracles instead of one...
Two special lives have just begun

April 8, 2002

Michael Ram Acosta
5 pounds, 5 ounces
17 1/2 inches
12:30 p.m.

Matthew Ram Acosta
6 pounds, 9 ounces
20 inches
12:31 p.m.

The boys are welcomed by their big sister Meghan, proud Parents Ramiro and Melissa Patlan Acosta. Maternal Grandparents Manuel and Linda Patlan, Paternal Grandparents Ramiro and Estella Acosta, Maternal Great-Grandmother Jesusita Lumbreras, Paternal Great-Grandmothers Andrea Acosta and Esperanza Arredondo.

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Presents God Bless America

Carolyn's students are hard at work in the studio preparing for their annual recital. This year has the special theme "God Bless America". The dancers will be performing to your favorite patriotic, gospel and inspirational music. The advanced dancers performing solos are Ashley Doran, Marilyn Holman, Kayla Garcia, Emily and Meredith Earwood, Kimble Luna, Laura Martin, Kari Nicholas and Steely Ingham.

Please join them Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium along with other dancers: James and Melissa Freeman, Kelsey Harris, Claire Wideman, Baylee Griffin, Cacy Thompson, Kali Mendez, Bianca Fay, Sydney Burnham, Elizabeth Griffin, Kaci Lewis, Leslie Levario, Stella Ingham, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Tiffany Vandiver, Micaela Moore, Kelsey Favila, Chanel Martinez, Olivia Banda, Rose Karnes, Amber West, Serena Lee Allison, Chelby Ramos, Marrisra Prieto, and Chelsey Lou Campbell.



Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward III are pleased to announce that he is a Grandfather again! Printed below is a copy of the birth announcement which he would have sent to each and every one of you personally, but his joy would have overloaded the U.S. Mail!



We joyfully announce the birth of
Amon Michael Guinan
7 lbs. 7 oz. 20 in.
February 21, 2002 Dallas, Texas

Anne and James Guinan
and Daniel

Tedford Jewelry

Bridal Registry

Kathy Cooke bride elect of Chris Hathaway
Gayla Frederickson bride elect of Michael Thornton
Mrs. Justin Condra nee Donette Wertz
Rodolfo and Toni Duran Charo

Gifts Galore & More

Bridal Registry

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Rodolfo and Toni Duran Charo

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First Baptist Church, Sonora announces....

Spring Spiritual Renewal

May 5 - 6

Sunday: 11 AM and 6:30 PM
Monday: 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM
(Lunch served 11:45 - 12:15 on Monday...
Service: 12:15 - 12:45)

HEAR

Dr. Levi Price • Pastor,
First Baptist Church, El Paso, TX

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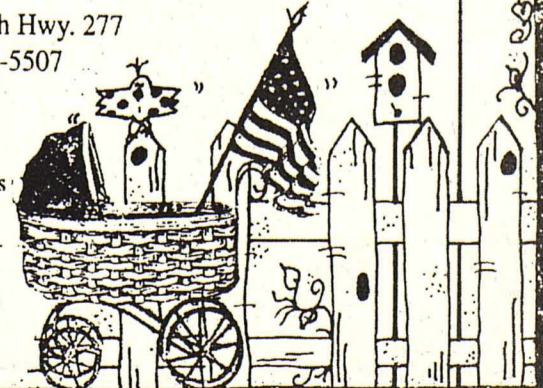
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a teacher at Sonora Elementary and could not attend the meeting last Monday due to a family situation, but am very concerned by some misconceptions expressed at the meeting concerning the condition of the buildings. Granted, many old buildings are used in other places, but that does not remedy the situation we teachers face. I have had four rooms in the past six years. Three of them leak badly, either from the ceiling, the floor or the wall. Two are in the Old High School and one is in the end of the Little Gym. Several hundreds of dollars worth of books and materials have been destroyed. My experience is only one of many among the teachers. Patching the roof has not solved it.

We deal with elementary children who have been relocated to former high school classrooms and structures that are not up to standards in many ways. We must also send children down 3 flights of stairs unsupervised for bathrooms as girls and boys are in opposite ends of the basement. The walls and roof leak and the basement classrooms smell very badly due to moisture, mildew, and old bathroom floors which never really dry out.

Primary has been dealing with leaky roof and plumbing problems for years. Contrary to some ideas, efforts have been made to patch things, but no major structural repairs have been done to the current Elementary buildings in the twenty-one years I've taught here. We were assured when the great shift was made to the new High School that these buildings would be redone to suit elementary needs. It hasn't happened and now we face mandatory ADA requirements. This community may not think the money should be spent, but something must be done and we must start somewhere. Now is better than later as the petroleum money is still here, but it won't be long. I would have preferred the plan presented in the fall, but think the present one has merit.

There was a community committee begun two years ago to help plan, but most of the community members dropped out and those who were left did their best to come up with a viable remedy to a bad situation which will only get worse if the voices who say, "If they didn't take care of what we have, why should we spend more?" prevail. We need more legal size rooms; accessible restrooms, new roofs, and better security for our children. The world is not the same as it was 20, 30 and 40 years ago and neither are these buildings.

I urge everyone to consider these problems and vote your conscience on May 4.

Thank You,
Anita Spiller

The following letter was submitted from the Sutton Co. EMS

Dear Patrick,

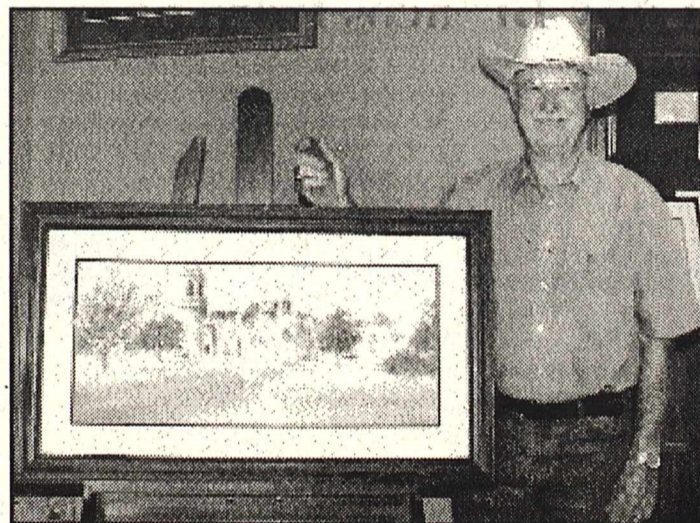
The staff of the United Blood Services would like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the blood drive sponsored by Sutton Co. EMS. During the blood drive, we interviewed 25 people, collected 20 units of whole blood. Because we are able to process each unit of blood into various components, this blood will aid in the recovery of as many as 60 patients in West Texas hospitals.

Your personal support of the community blood program is very much appreciated - not only by United Blood Services, but by the many people who need blood each and every day. You really do make the difference!

Once again, many thanks for your continued support and please extend our heartfelt thanks to those individuals who gave the "Gift of Life".

Sincerely,
Sherry Morton
Community Relations Representative

Rowland To Teach Watercolor Demonstration



Ken Rowland proudly displays a piece of his artwork.

Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program, The Bank & Trust, Sonora Art.com and the Sutton County Steakhouse would like to invite you to a reception on Friday, April 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bank & Trust in the lobby,

where Ken Rowland will demonstrate watercolor painting. Participants will see how the many colors can come together to create a picture that will come alive before your very eyes.

There will be a workshop on Saturday, April 27, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Office at 204 Main Street. The cost for the workshop is \$20.00 and lunch is included.

Hope to see you there!

First Baptist Church To Host Spring Spiritual Renewal

submitted

First Baptist Church of Sonora has announced that Dr. Levi Price of El Paso, TX and Mary Beth Edwards of Atlanta, TX are the leaders for its *Spring Spiritual Renewal* on May 5-6. Sunday, the special services are set for 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, a noon service is planned for 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., with lunch being provided from 11:45 - 12:15. The Monday evening service is at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor T. Wayne Price and the First Baptist family invite the community to worship with them, believing that the leadership for the *Spring Spiritual Renewal* is among the most spiritually prepared and very finest in America.

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Gamma Phi Scholarship Information

submitted

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education and provides services to the educational community. Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in Austin, Texas, May 1929 by women educators. The Gamma Phi chapter consisting of members from Sonora and Rocksprings was organized Dec. 6, 1941. It continues to honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

The deadline for applications is May 17, 2002.

Please contact June Williams for an application at 387-2108 or e-mail her at:

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April 27

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The Sutton County Appraisal District Board of Directors is notifying the public that the Appraisal District staff will be performing duties as required by the Texas Property Tax Law. If you have a concern, please notify the appraisal district office at 300 E. Oak St. or call 387-2809 and leave a message if no one is available to answer your call.

The Sonora Golf Club is now accepting bids on an antique Coca-Cola beverage cooler. Deadline for bids will be Friday, June 7th, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Bids may be turned in at the Pro Shop.

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.

Anyone who is interested in participating in Walk Across Texas please call Kelly Thorp at 387-3101. We will begin walking on May 3rd so get your team together today!

The Sonora Golf Club will sponsor a Junior Golf Clinic on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. The fee is \$20.00. For more information and registration call the Sonora Golf Course at 387-3680.

The West Texas Championship Cook-off is raffling off a Gas Grill for \$1.00 a chance. The grill can be viewed at CellularOne. Tickets can be purchased at Stagecoach Grill and Cantina, CellularOne, or at the Cook-off on June 1st. Need not be present to win.

The 2002 Yearbooks are on sale for \$30. The price will increase on May 1st. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. You can call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext 315 for more details.

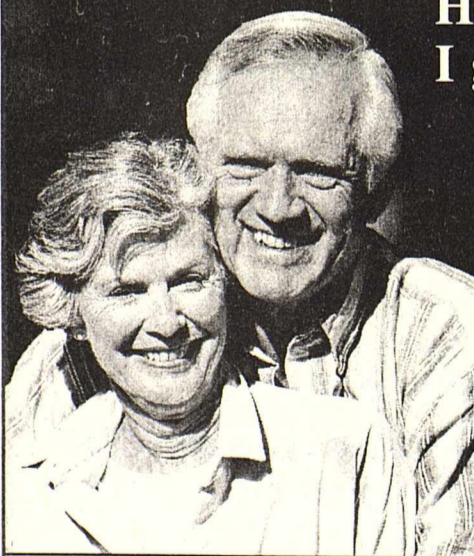
1st Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church Men's Class "D" Only. May 18 & 19, 2002 at the Sutton Co. Softball Complex. Double Elimination. Deadline for entry is May 13, 2002. Entry is \$125.00 per team. Awards will be given for 1st through 3rd place (trophy & shirt). 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 West Texas Championship Cook-off Committee is looking for judges for the 2002 Championship cook-off on June 1st. Judges are needed for Brisket, Goat, Chicken, Ribs, Chili, Beans, Pies and Margaritas. If you are interested in being a judge please call Storie at 387-2507.

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

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The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Ashley Trachelle Parker of Sonora, Texas has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership and Service.

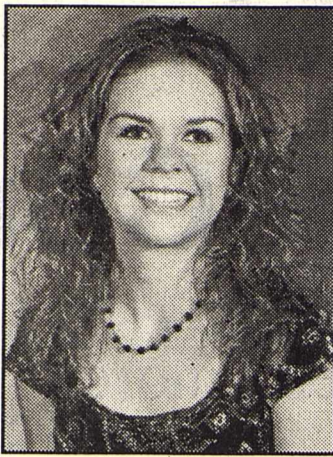
This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Ashley, who attends Sonora High School, was nominated for this national award by Christy Bell, a counselor at the school.

Ashley will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclu-



sive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Ashley is the daughter of Guy and Laticia Parker of Sonora.

Broncos Still In Playoff Picture

by: Tryon Fields

Last week; the Broncos, even though losing to the Mason Punchers on Tuesday, kept pace with the Junction Eagles for a play-off spot. Both teams finished the week with 5 wins and 3 losses with two games to go. The Broncos received a win on Tuesday by virtue of a forfeit over the Eldorado Eagles and will play Wall on Friday. Junction played Mason on Tuesday and will close with the Eagles of Grape Creek. The wild card in the mix is the Mason Punchers; who could force a three way tie for two play-off spots if they should defeat Junction.

On Tuesday, the Red Hosses traveled to Mason to face the Punchers. A buzz saw is what the Broncos found. A near perfect pitching job by Puncher, Keith Jackson, kept the Bronco bats at bay. Jackson faced 17 Broncos; giving up 1 run on 0 hits; striking out 7 and walking 1. The sole Bronco run came on an error, a wild pitch, and a passed ball that allowed Tan Cade to score. Mason's bats pounded out 13 runs off of 12 hits and 1 walk by the Bronco pitching staff. Justin Sims of the Broncos recorded his second loss in District 2-2A play. Sims pitched for 4 1/3 innings facing 28 Punchers; giving up 12 runs, 11 hits, 1 walk, and struck out 1. Sonora 1 - Mason 13.

Friday, the Broncos rebounded with a win over the Grape Creek Eagles. The Bronco bats, which had been stymied on Tuesday, came alive on Friday. Ten hits accounted for 9 runs in the 7th inning game. Three Broncos; Justin Sims, Tan Cade, and Doug Yocham each had two hits apiece. Sims and Israel Arevalo each had two RBI's each. Doug Yocham picked up his second win in district and his third on the season. Yocham went 5 innings facing 23 batters; giving up 3 runs on 4 hits, striking out 3 and walking 3. Justin Sims in relief; faced 11 batters in 2 innings, giving up 2 runs on 2 hits, walking 2 and striking out 3. Sonora 9 - Grape Creek 5.

The Red Hosses will only play one game this week; and it will be in Wall on Friday. Game time is at 4:00 p.m. Depending on the outcome of this game and the one between Junction and Mason will determine when the Broncos play again. The Red Hosses could possibly play on Tuesday or Saturday of next week.

GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!!

THINK PLAY-OFFS!!!!
P.S. Congratulations and good luck Lady Broncos in your upcoming play-off game with West Texas High - Stinnett!!!!!!



I Got it!

Errors Cost J.V. Broncos Game Against Grape Creek

by Maray Cearley

Last Monday the Bronco's Junior Varsity traveled to Grape Creek to take on the Eagles. They went 6 1/2 innings for a losing effort 3-8.

Clint Cearley went the distance for the red, striking out 6, walking 2 and giving up 6 hits.

Offensively in the first inning, the Broncos went 3 up and 3 down. Laramie Hall started the second with a single up the middle followed by an infield hit by Dustin Creek. Garrett Watkins hit one to the shortstop for a fielder's choice which scored Hall. Brian Payton hit a line drive down the third base line for a double which in turn scored Creek. After 2 innings the score was tied 2-2.

In the third, Broncos' Peter Duran, Cearley and Hall all

reached base on hits but were then left stranded.

The fourth started much like the previous with singles by Stevie Hernandez, Watkins and Payton with Hernandez being the only Bronco to cross home plate. In the bottom of the inning the Eagles capitalized on several Bronco errors, scoring 4.

In the last three innings the Broncos only reached base twice, singles by Diego Cardona and Hernandez while the Eagles added two more runs.

The Bronco highlight was a double play in the fifth inning with Duran (SS) to Watkins (2B) to Payton (1B).

The Broncos only have 2 remaining games, both against the Wall Hawks. This week they travel to Wall and then next Monday will be the Season Finale at home.

Sonora High School Students Make the List

All A's Freshmen
Courtney Caruthers, Adriana Castillo, Dustin Creek, Karla Dominguez, Allison Higdon, Erika McClintock, Brooke Northcott, Chelsea Seaton

Sophomores
Oscar Chavez, Elizabeth Elliott, Brea Hughes, Tamikaa Marshall, Evangelina Martinez, Dusten Rawls, Hanna Scott Allison, Zed Snodgrass, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street and Trapper Valliant

Juniors
Amanda Sanchez and Shannon Vick

Seniors
Rogelio Cardona, Genny Cramer, Amy Gann, Desiree Gonzales, Heather Lawson, Jalys Mabry, Kasey Miller, Tori Valliant, Ashley Vickers, and Byron Williams

All A's & B's Freshmen
David Adkins, M.J. Brown, Vicente Colmenares, Benny Frasier, Tara Green, Laramie Hall, Jennifer Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Mariela Mata, Brian Payton, Amanda Samaniego, Austin Wagoner, Garrett Watkins, Amanda Word

Sophomores
Joseph Ainsworth, Megan Berry, Rosalinda Centeno, Jessica Collins, David Cook, Danielle Galindo, Denevra Gloria, Jennifer Gonzales, Sheena Head, Dainah Hernandez, Ervey Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Marilyn Holman, Kelly Kearney, Leticia Leos, Melissa Lugo, Scottie Moore, Amelia Moreno, Nicole Samaniego, Cady Taylor, Amy Vandivere, Wilson Wallace, Laura Word

Juniors
Koda Armke, Matt Glasscock, Morgan Hobbs, Brittany Longoria, Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Leandra Perez

Seniors
Chance Armke, Margie Becknell, Ashley Bible, Ruben Brown, Tan Cade, Manuel Campos, Pedro Capuchin, Laurie Clark, Chance Dillard, Sean Fields, Leslie Gamez,

Reyes Garcia, Jorge Guerra, Stetson Hall, Shalayne Hobbs, Beau Hughes, Kasey Kearney, Monica Lira, Jerry Lopez, Reyna Moreno, Bill Renfro, Justin Routh, Tyler Seaton, Eddie Wallace

Perfect Attendance
David Adkins, Joseph Ainsworth, Hanna Scott Allison, Israel Arevalo, Koda Armke, Chance Armke, Andrew Barthelemy, Matthew Batchelor, Shane Benson, Thomas Bloodworth, Delilah Borders, Landon Brockman, Tan Cade, Adriana Castillo, Evelyn Castillo, Ponciano Castillo, John Chris Castro, Clint Cearley, Oscar Chavez, Laurie Clark, Genny Cramer, Dustin Creek, Diego DeLuna, Maribal DeLuna, Chance Dillard, Karla Dominguez, Gabby Duran, Peter Duran, Elizabeth Elliott, James Elliott, Sean Fields, Megan Fitzgerald, Benny Frasier, Crystal Galindo, Danielle Galindo, Ruby Galindo, Matt Glasscock, Denevra Gloria, Jennifer Gonzales, Crystal Guerra, Caleb Gully, Amy Gutierrez, Stetson Hall, A.J. Hernandez, Stevie Hernandez, Jennifer Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Allison Higdon, Morgan Hobbs, Shalayne Hobbs, Danielle Hudson, Beau Hughes, Brea Hughes, Kasey Kearney, Kelly Kearney, Manuel Lopez, Jerry Lopez, Ricky Lumberas, Dustin Martin, Evangelina Martinez, Erika McClintock, Kasey Miller, Scottie Moore, Amelia Moreno, Reyna Moreno, Sergio Moreno, Brooke Northcott, Ashley Parker, Yesenia Portillo, Heath Prather, Seth Prather, Dusten Rawls, Bill Renfro, Justin Routh, Amanda Samaniego, Nicole Samaniego, Amanda Sanchez, David Sanchez, Chelsea Seaton, Tyler Seaton, Treva Smart, Zed Snodgrass, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street, Cady Taylor, Tom Valliant, Tori Valliant, Maria Vaquera, Vicki Vara, Eddie Wallace, Michelle Weingart, Brandon West, Byron Williams, Amanda Word, Laura Word

Lady Broncos from page 1

By: Danni Price

The Sonora Lady Broncos outscored the Eldorado Lady Eagles 17 to 4, to secure a Play-Off position. This is quite an accomplishment, considering that Sonora is in its sophomore year of U.I.L. High School Girl's Softball competition.

Tamika Marshall went the distance for the Lady Broncos going 5 innings, walking 4, striking out 1 and giving up 4 runs. In the first inning, Sonora stalled and came up empty in the runs scored department.

The second inning started with a Base on Balls by Marshall, followed by Ruby Galindo getting hit by a pitch. Brea Hughes up to bat next, with two on base. Hughes hits a Single, scoring both Marshall and Galindo. Heather Lawson was next at the plate and was able to reach 1st after receiving 4 balls. Koda Armke was the 5th Lady Bronco to reach base after receiving a walk. With 3 base runners, Denevra Gloria stepped up and hit a Two-bagger scoring Hughes, Lawson and Armke for the 3rd, 4th and 5th run.

The third inning started out similar to the previous one, with Marshall arriving on 1st with a walk. Lawson then came up to bat and hit the elusive Triple scoring Marshall for the 6th run. Armke was hit by a pitch and awarded 1st Base. She would be stranded there, as she was not allowed to score.

In the fourth, Debra Martinez walked, Gloria was hit

by a pitch, and Ashley Parker walked. Martinez and Gloria were both able to cross the plate on an Eldorado error. Hughes then hit a Double, which allowed Parker to score the 9th run.

The fifth inning proved to be the Lady Eagles undoing, and the icing on the cake for the Lady Broncos. Armke was walked, Adrianna Castillo Singled, Martinez walked and Gloria hit a Single that drove in Armke. Parker also hit an RBI Single, scoring Castillo and Martinez. Marshall then took one for the team as she was awarded 1st, when she was hit by a pitch. Galindo then Doubled, clearing the bases and scoring Gloria, Armke and Parker. Hughes then walked, Lawson Singled and Armke walked. Castillo then hit an RBI Single, scoring Lawson and Armke. Hughes was thrown out at the plate.

The game was called in the 5th, due to the 10-Run rule. The Lady Broncos played a great game offensively and proved to be very patient at the plate, drawing 10 Base on Balls, 4 Hits by Pitch and scoring 17 runs to Eldorado's 4.

The Lady Broncos now advance to the Play-Offs and receive a Bye in Bi-District play. Sonora will play West Texas High School (Stinnett) for the Area Round on May 1st at 4:00 P.M. at Lubbock High School in Lubbock, Texas. Good Luck Girls! Play Hard, Play Ball!

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School Lunch Menu • Apr. 29 - May 3, 2002
Breakfast
Mon. - Grilled cheese, juice.
Tues. - Muffin, fruit, juice.
Wed. - Biscuits, sausage or ham, juice.
Thurs. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, fruit, juice.
Fri. - Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice.
Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
Lunch
Mon. - Pizza, corn, carrot and celery sticks, pineapple bits.
Tues. - Corndog, tator tots, beans, fruit.
Wed. - Baked ham, green beans, fruit salad, hot roll.
Thurs. - Beef & cheese taco, salad, refried beans, grapes.
Fri. - Chili cheese dog, French fries, fruit, peanut butter cookie.
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11 Questions for Tax Payers of Sutton County

1. Why has Timely and Adequate Maintenance been ignored in Sonora Elementary School?
2. Why was there no Adequate Insurance over the years to cover Leakage and other Damage?
3. Is it legal to lease school property (the metal buildings) when classrooms are critically needed?
4. If the clay roof tiles are a main problem, why is the New Metal Roof in the Sonora Middle School, which replaced the offending roof tiles, now leaking?
5. What was the cost of reseeding the football field and repairing the Teacherage?
6. What have been the Main Priorities of Sonora ISD over the years?
7. Have GRANT SOURCES FOR FUNDING SCHOOL REPAIRS & RENOVATION been ACTIVELY RESEARCHED and APPLIED FOR - NOW, and in the past? How many?
8. Have Independent Structural Engineers examined the proposed changes in leveling and raising grades on the school renovation plans, i.e. leveling the big mound of earth (the berm) between the old high school and the gym, and the new raised parking lot? Has there ever been flooding in the basement of the old high school?
9. Has the Texas Historical Commission been consulted about any proposed changes to the Rock Building, a historical landmark? This agency is there for FUNDING, as well as for advice and counseling.
10. If the Bond Election passes, who will be the qualified consultant as to the INTERIORS of all renovated buildings, i.e. paint, colors, tile, window treatment, etc.?
11. If the Bond Election passes, who will be the qualified Sonora on site supervisor for all phases of construction?

Some Considerations

Unless the wood floors in the Rock Building are rotten, one might sand them, stain them, and put a number of coats of polyurethane on them. Mop with cold water and buff them. If the Bond Election passes, Tax Payers do expect assurances that necessary maintenance will be done this time - in time.

Pol., Adv., Concerned Citizens,

Walter and Dorothy Pope P.O. Box 1123 Sonora, Texas 76950

Ben and Virginia C. Epps P.O. Box 976 Sonora, Texas 76950

Scholarship Golf Tournament Scheduled For May 4

The 5th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held at the Sonora Golf Club on Saturday, May 4, 2002 with a 1:00 p.m. tee time. Green fees will be waived. The 1st place team names will be added to the plaque.

Entry fees for the 18 hole scramble are: \$100 for a 3 person team, \$150 for a 4 person team and \$200 for a 5 person team. All proceeds will go to provide college scholarships to deserving Sonora High School Seniors who participate in the High School Golf program. Call the Pro Shop at 387-3680 or John Adams at 277 5740 for more information.

Thank You

A huge "THANK YOU" to the following people who helped make this years banquet such a "rockin'" success!

These terrific people are: Tonya & Charlie Brown, Joyce & Richard Ridgeway, Sue Moore, Justin & Michele McGeath, Ladonna Wardlaw, Lynn & Les Sahr, Storie & Mickey Sharp, Jody & Mary Beth Luttrell, Tori Valliant, Kelly Thorp, Kasey Kearney, Darla Lipham, Rhonda Walsh, Shirley Snyder, Keith & Rose Butler, Mickey Schaefer, Mike Samuels, Ben Solis, Frank Wamble, Rick Taylor, Lolabeth Jones, Paul Stephens, Randy Wuest, Tom Bedwell, Ed Newton, Glenda Lowe, Steve Hall, Marlyn & Matthew Young, Erica Morriss, Danni Price, Linda Love, Ann Kay, and Conrad Archer. Also, a big "Thank You" to all the participants in the "Table Decorating Contest".

Without the many hours of planning, painting, building sets, costume making and just plain hard work, this fun evening would not have been possible. All of these people volunteered their time to help put this event together for the enjoyment of the community. Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

On behalf of the Sutton County Relay for Life Committee I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the people that braved the 8:00 a.m tee time to play in the Annual Cancer Society Golf Tournament. We tried something different this year and had a morning tournament in hopes to draw a larger crowd and thus, make more money for the Cancer Society. Unfortunately, it was too early for most and didn't work out as we planned, but those that were there had a great time! Thanks to all the ACS Board members who baked tasty treats. Wayne Webb cooked another WONDERFUL meal, donating his time and talent - Thank you again Wayne! We would also like to thank the Sonora Golf Club for allowing us to use the course and a special thanks to Brooke, for being their and putting up with us!

I personally would like to thank the greatest bunch of friends and committee members a person or group could have. If it weren't for the commitment and help of people like you none of these great events would be possible!

Thank you,
Storie Sharp
Relay for Life Chair

Los Compadres Club would like to thank all the people that supported our Fish Fry Fund Raiser.

Thank You,
Los Compadres Club

I would like to thank the City of Sonora, Laurie Garza and all the volunteers who donated their service and time to the "Sonora Clean Up Weekends". Many small rural communities in Texas have lost their sanitary landfills and residential property becomes cluttered with all kinds of junk and trash.

However, it did not take long in Sonora for one person to start the ball rolling and then everyone wants to pitch in and straighten out the problem. I believe this community has started something good and I look forward to seeing how much more cleaning can be done on the next Sonora Clean Up Project.

Again, the citizens of Sonora have pulled together to accomplish a much-needed goal in our community.

Thanks to all who worked so hard.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all of the Cub Scouts and Den leaders of Pack 19, as well as the volunteers and parents that have donated countless hours into helping the Scouts with all their projects, advancements and numerous outdoor activities. The continued support and encouragement that Sonora has given to the Scouts is truly overwhelming, not to mention the dedication and commitment that each Scout has shown to the community.

I have been a Den leader for the past five years and Cubmaster for the past 15 months and I have truly enjoyed the time that I've spent with all of the boys and their families. Sonora should be very proud of these young achievers. Again, thank you for the wonderful experiences I have had with the scouting program and best of luck to the new Cubmaster of Pack 19, Jan Stephens.

Sincerely,
Tibba Edmondson

I would like to say thank you to so many friends that prayed, visited, called, sent cards and food during my recent foot surgery.

I know that God will bless you all. Special thanks to Lydia Galindo, Tina Gonzales, Jodina Chavez and Cristina Flores. We are forever grateful to have such good friends.

Love you all,
Nilda Hernandez

A special "THANK YOU" to the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and their family members who gave of their time on Saturday morning, April 13th to participate in the city-wide clean up effort. Trash will be picked up on Hwy. 277 North, on Hwy. 290 West and in the areas where I-10 and Hwy. 277 North intersect. Many thanks to Keith Butler, Lolabeth Jones, Brant Myers, Mike Samuels, Joe Schaefer, Luran Schaefer, Mickey Schaefer, Ben Solis and Frank Wamble. These folks were doing their part to "Keep Sonora Beautiful" and should be commended for their hard work!

Beth Snyder
President 2002-2003

Exemplary from page 1

Bawcom. "Our kids (who tested this year) made some extremely high scores and were determined to meet this goal that we set at the beginning of the school year."

Bawcom said early indications point to a possible exemplary high school and a strong contribution towards making Sonora ISD an exemplary dis-

trict. The official AEIS ratings and reports will not be issued until June. Other contributing factors effecting a schools rating are their attendance rate and dropout rate from the previous school year. Schools must have an attendance rate of 95 percent or above and less than 1 percent dropout rate for the year to stay in the exemplary range.

Weatherization Program To Assist Sutton County

The Weatherization Program, under the direction of the Tom Green County Community Action Council, will assist low-income persons, particularly those who are Elderly and Handicapped, improve their home energy efficiency and lower utility costs by protecting the interior of the house from external extremes of temperature. Improvements are intended to conserve energy, and are not for rehabilitation, renovation, or beautification.

A Pre-assessment of the home is done, everything is entered into the Easy For Texas Audit and that determines what will be done to your home to save the most energy. Weatherization techniques include: insulation (attic, if roof does not leak), caulking, weatherstripping, thresholds, window glass, windows, doors, glazing, water heater blanket, insulation for hot water pipes, gaskets for wall outlets, vents or turbines when vents cannot be installed, storm windows on the north and east sides of the house, and rebuilding rotted out window frames. The Weatherization Program does not assist with electrical, plumbing, roofing, add-on additions or storm doors.

The Homeowner and or renter understands that all the work will be of professional quality and that the work is provided charitably and gratuitously and not for sale or consumption, and thus without any warranty and or guarantee. On rent houses the landlord must agree to pay 25% of all Weatherization costs.

To apply for this program come by our office or call for an application:

Guadalupe Neighborhood Center
1100 N. Martin Luther King Dr.
San Angelo, Texas 76903
Phone 915/653-1680

A verification of income must be received by this office before any determination of eligibility or non-eligibility can be made. The Guideline for the Weatherization Program is based on family size and income:

Family Size	Yearly Income
1	\$11,075
2	14,925
3	18,775
4	22,625
5	26,475
6	30,325
7	34,175
8	38,025

Above 8 members add \$3,850.00 for each member.

Counties serve by the Tom Green County Community Action Council Weatherization Program: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, McCulloch, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

Comprehensive Energy Program Offered For Senior Citizens

The Tom Green County community Action Council has now received funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the CEAP Program. This Program is handled by the Tom Green County Community Action Council in a ten (10) county area, which includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, and Sutton Counties. The goal of the CEAP program is to make the client more self-sufficient so that they will be able to pay their own utilities.

In order to qualify for the Program the client's total annual gross income must be less than 125% of the current Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, with at least one U.S. Citizen or Legally-admitted Resident Alien. Households with Elderly, Handicapped and Children under the age of six (6) years with a Fuel Consumption of at least fifteen (15%) percent of their income will be given first priority.

The Tom Green County Community Action Council has an Outreach Worker that goes to teach County one or two times per month. If you would like to apply for this program please contact the Tom Green County Community Action Council at:

Guadalupe Neighborhood Center
1100 N. Martin Luther King Dr.
San Angelo, Texas 76903
Phone 915/653-1680

There will be no any traveling until June or July. Call

the office now.

Not every client will qualify for the CEAP Program. In order to be considered for the CEAP Program the client must provide copies of the following to leave with the case worker.

1. 12 month billing history of heating and utility bills.
2. Current original bill.
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5. Identification Card Date of Birth.

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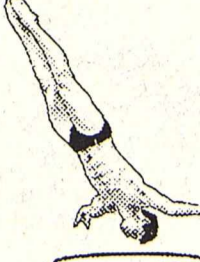
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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM January 1, 2002 TO March 31, 2002

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	1,257,856.83	1,002,046.33		677,033.98	20,870.00	2,066,999.18
PHFC	360,630.88	282,255.25		177,605.00		472,321.13
Flood Control	5,181.40		12,700.00			21,881.40
Law Library	5,767.32	450.00		2,020.50		8,196.82
Lateral Road	13,044.20			3,200.00		9,844.20
State Trust Funds	65,355.72	56,311.52		65,221.22		56,446.02
Sixes Arrest Fees	3,515.82	1,966.59		4,475.60		3,006.81
Employee Benefit Fund	238,950.66	7,650.00	7,500.00	3,372.00		250,728.66
Sutton County 911	7,132.55	66.15				7,198.70
Appellate Fund	165.00	141.19				306.19
Sheriff Seizure Fund	6,211.76	2,421.56		665.48		7,967.84
Courthouse Renovation	95,365.82	53,861.66	670.00	149,715.90		181.58
					TOTAL	2,905,098.93
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	3,006.81	PHFC	81,206.16	General	110,971.70	
Appellate Fund	306.19	Sutton County 911	7,198.70	Sheriff Seizure	7,967.84	
General Inv. National	1,256.20			COURTSE RENOVATION	181.58	
Money Market Accounts (General)	2,301,288.38					212,615.08
CD Accounts (General)						2,692,483.85
TOTAL						2,905,098.93

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2001, you won't need to reapply for 2002 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2002. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2001, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: 387-2809

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:
 Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.

¿Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2001, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2002—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2002. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 2001, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30^o de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes: 387-2809

Si desea mas información, visítenos y obtenga una copia gratis de "Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos"

ó escriba a
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Governor Proclaims Soil and Water Stewardship Week for April 28 - May 5



Governor Rick Perry proclaims Soil & Water Stewardship Week.

TEMPLE, Texas, April 18, 2002 — Governor Rick Perry proclaimed Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas for April 28 - May 5, 2002 to promote wise and responsible stewardship of our soil and water. Perry met with the Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) on April 3, 2002 to sign the proclamation declaring the Soil and Water Stewardship Week dates.

Governor Rick Perry declares Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Texas.

In the proclamation, Perry urged all Texans to recognize the importance of ensuring that we are wise stewards of this great land for generations to come. The proclamation stated that the future of the Lone Star State begins today and the responsibility lies with us now to build a solid foundation for our children and grandchildren as they assume the reins of leadership.

The Soil and Water Stewardship Committee of the ATSWCD sponsors the awareness campaign to educate the public about the importance of responsible soil and water stewardship.

Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activi-

ties offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact. The theme of this year's observance is "The Gift of Trees". This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources. It stresses the need for all people to work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care.

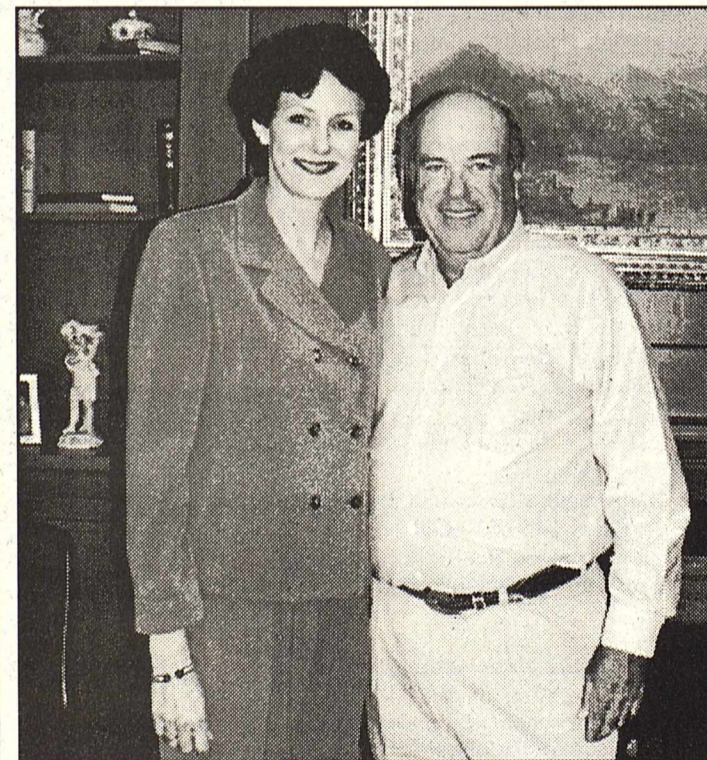
The National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week in the United States since 1955, in cooperation with the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Informative material on the Soil and Water Stewardship Week theme is distributed each year through local conservation districts to clergymen, lay leaders, civic and educational organizations and to individuals interested in participating in the celebration.

Information and materials for the 2002 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained from your local soil and water conservation district or the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board at 254-773-2250.

Susan Combs Visits Sonora

A campaign fundraiser honoring Susan Combs, Republican Candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at the home of Claire & Allan Richards.

Susan Combs, a fourth-generation rancher, was sworn into office in 1999 as the state's 10th Commissioner of Agriculture and is the first woman to hold this position in the state's history. In January 2002, Susan was named Leader of the Year in Texas Agriculture for 2002, by *Progressive Farmer*, a national agriculture publication. In the short time Susan has served as Texas' Agriculture Commissioner, she has built a growing and positive record of achievement. She became an ex-officio member for all sixteen water planning groups, developed NFACT, opened communications with the four Mexican states bordering Texas to improve joint economic ventures and help fight pests, diseases and more. Combs understands the concerns of farm and ranch families because, like them, she makes her living from the land. You can find out more about Susan Combs at www.susancombs.com.



Susan Combs and Allan Richards

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Sutton County
 New Dominion; 8650' Mayer - 3B - #9, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 8300' Simmons Ranch #28, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 8300' Mayer - 15 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
 Dominion; 8650' Mayer - 3C - #14, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 8100' Kirby - 184 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 7700' Kirby - 183 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 6500' Meckel - A - #45, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 6200' Davis - C - #27, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 6200' Ned Dunbar #57, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 6100' Ned Dunbar #58, Patterson Drilling.
 New Dominion; 6050' Fields - 20 - #14, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett County
 New RME Petro Co; 8000' Union Pacific -B - #13, Patterson Drilling.
 Henry Petroleum; 6000' Archer #1, Big Dog Drilling.

Terrell County
 Exxonmobil; 16000' Banner Estate #26, Patterson UTI.
 Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500' Monroe NE - 181 - #3, Lariat Drilling
 Conoco; 13000' Creek Ranch - 12 - #5, Nabors Drilling.
 EOG Resources; 9800' Noelke - 4 - #2H, Patterson Drilling.
 New BP America Prod.; 6200' Goode Estate - B - Unit #5, Key Energy.
 New Athanor; 13000' Mitchell - 3 - #1, Nabors Drilling.

Schleicher
 Unit Petroleum; 7100' University - E - #1, Heart Land Drilling.
 TXP, Inc.; 3500' Bush-Thompson - 140 - #3, Heart Land Drilling.

Val Verde
 New Rio-Tex, Inc.; 12500' Leonard - 37 - #2, Patterson Drilling.

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New Regulation Intended to Protect Horses

Horse enthusiasts with limited area on which to keep their animals can now be assured that nearby horses have tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). EIA, also referred to as "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever," is an incurable disease that can be carried by biting flies from infected equids (horses, mules, donkeys or asses) to "clean" animals. While most infected animals appear healthy, some may die from the virus. Other equids will develop chronic, recurring health problems, such as debilitating weight loss, fever, depression, weakness and swelling of the legs. There is no cure or approved vaccine for EIA, and treatment is limited to providing comfort to the sick animal.

Through close contact, biting flies can mechanically carry viral-laden blood from one animal to another. EIA does not affect humans or animals other than equids, she explained. "Owners may call the TAHC headquarters or their TAHC area office, to request assistance with this regulation," said Dr. Logan. "A TAHC representative will first ensure that the complainant's animals have up-to-date EIA test documents. Then, TAHC staff will canvass neighboring premises to gain compliance with the testing requirements."

To combat the spread of EIA, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory authority, in response to citizen petitions, has enacted a new regulation that requires equids to have had a negative blood test for EIA within the previous 12 months, if the animals are boarded, stabled or pastured within 200 yards of equids owned by another person.

Concerned owners approached the TAHC commissioners several months ago with a petition, asking for this new regulation," commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director. "Because many horse owners in Texas have small plots of land, they wanted to be assured that their animals would not be near potentially infected equids." Dr. Logan stressed that although EIA-infected equids do not spread the disease

Current TAHC regulations require equids to be test-negative for EIA within the previous 12 months, if they are hauled to assemblies, such as fairs, shows, exhibitions, rodeos or trail rides. The 12-month EIA test rule also applies to equidae undergoing a change of ownership or entering the state. EIA-positive equine are permanently identified with a "74A" on their left shoulder and must either be euthanized, sold to slaughter or provided to an approved research facility, or remain quarantined for life, at least 200 yards from other equidae.

Roadway Roundup



Local Law Enforcement, Animal Control and passers-by on Hwy. 277 S. took part in a roadside round-up on Thursday, April 18th after several calves fell out of a moving cattle trailer going down the road. Pushing the calves down the road with vehicles and attempting to keep them from getting hit by on-coming traffic proved to make for quite a rodeo. The wayward dogies were finally corralled with the help of horseback riders and all were returned to the owner of the truck and trailer.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

District: San Angelo Contract 6083-01-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in SUTTON County, etc will be received on May 23, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on May 23, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$78,876.00.

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.

NPO: 6259 State Office

Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 District Office(s)

San Angelo District District Engineer 4502 Knickerbocker Rd San Angelo, Texas 76904 Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be

part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Invitation For Bids

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Incorporated will receive bids for construction of a wall and planter until 5:30 P.M., May 2, 2002, at 204 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas.

The successful bidder must provide a copy of owners and contractors protective liability coverage and provide a copy that certifies that the contractor provides workers' compensation insurance coverage for all employees of the contractor working on the project.

Friends of Historic Sonora, Incorporated reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

ORDINANCE OF ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO OFFICE OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE AND ORDERING THAT NO ELECTION BE HELD AND PROVIDING FOR POSTING OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS: Section 1: Upon receiving certification from the City Secretary on March 26, 2002, that each Candidate to the office of Mayor and City Councilmember is unopposed for election to office, and that only one candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot for Mayor: James B. (Jim) Stephen; only one candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot for Ward 1: Virgil A. Poloccek, and only one candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot for Ward 2: James Blackman, the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas, does hereby declare each unopposed candidate elected to office.

James B. (Jim) Stephen, Mayor

Virgil A. Poloccek: City Councilmember, Ward 1

James Blackman: City Councilmember, Ward 2

Section 2. It is further declared that an election will not be held for the offices of Mayor and City Councilmember of Ward 1 and Ward 2 of the City of Sonora.

Section 3. The City Secretary of the City of Sonora is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of this ordinance of unopposed candidates to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 16th day of April, 2002. JoAnn Hernandez Mayor Attest: Becky Covington City Secretary

Invitation For Bids

The City of Sonora will receive bids for 2001 TCDP-Water Storage Improvements until 2:00 p.m., May 14, 2002 at City Hall, Sonora, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m., May 14, 2002.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: Construction of one (1) 0.406 MG glass-lined, bolted steel or welded steel ground storage tank and all related piping and appurtenances to provide potable water storage for the City of Sonora.

Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 2500 South Willis, Ste. 202, Abilene, Texas 79605.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$75.00 with Hibbs & Todd, Inc., for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is

not refundable.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Sonora or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Sonora for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

Public Notice

Re: Property located at 1204 Tayloe, Sonora, Texas On April 16, 2002, the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas held a public hearing to determine if the building located at 1204 Tayloe, Sonora, Texas is an unsafe building.

The City Council determined that said building is an unsafe building and ordered that it should be removed or demolished on or before May 16, 2002. A complete copy of said order is on file in the office of the City Secretary.

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The Sutton County Appraisal District Board of Directors is notifying the public the Appraisal District staff will be performing duties as required by the Texas Property Tax Law. If you have a concern, please notify the Appraisal District office at 300 East Oak Street or Call 387-2809 and leave a message if no one is available to answer your call.

Teams from page 1

April 29th - Alco's Breakfast Burrito and Bake sale at 8:00 a.m. in front of Alco. There will be burritos, coffee cake, cinnamon rolls and more to get your day started.

May 1st - The First National Bank "Lunch in the Pocket Park" on Main Street (next to the Bright Spot) from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sandwich plates (chicken salad, club and more) will be served for a suggested donation of \$6.

The Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team will be raffling off a TV/VCR at the 2002 Relay for Life. For tickets or for more information call 387-3588 or Denine at 387-6322. Buy your chance today!! All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The T & C Village Market Relay for Life team will be raffling off two prize packages from local businesses for \$1 a chance. Prizes will include many great prizes from local businesses. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Therapist from page 1

Therapist employed by West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Ozona. Tammy and Clay are excited about the opportunities they have in Sonora. "We love small communities and are happy to make Sonora our home. Everyone here has been very welcoming".

Tammy brings to our community a wealth of experience and knowledge in preventing injuries and in restoring function following illness or injury in all age groups. Tammy also had a great deal of experience

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The Physical Therapy Department is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Don't travel to San Angelo for your physical therapy needs. Allow Tammy to assist you here at home. Insurance counseling and pre-approval services are available. Please consult with your physician regarding physical therapy and its benefits to your health. For more information, please call (915)387-2521. Se Habla Español.

March EMS Report

- 3-1-02 - Medical - Ranch Road #2597, 27 Miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-2-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
3-3-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
3-4-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 102
3-4-02 - Medical - Menard Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-5-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
3-5-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 102
3-5-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
3-5-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 102
3-7-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
3-8-02 - Accident - Hwy 277 N., 6 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-8-02 - Accident - Hwy 277 N., 6 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101
3-8-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 102
3-12-02 - Accident - Hwy 277 S., 17 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-13-02 - Medical - IH-10 Service Road to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-13-02 - Medical - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-13-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
3-13-02 - Medical - Faye Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-14-02 - Medical - Faye Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-14-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Crockett County Care Center - Unit 102
3-16-02 - Accident - IH-10 North Service Road to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-16-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 102
3-17-02 - Accident - Hwy 277

- South to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-17-02 - Accident - Orient Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-19-02 - Accident - IH-10 388 MM, Patients refused service - Unit 101
3-19-02 - Accident - IH-10 412 MM, Patient refused service - Unit 100
3-19-02 - Medical - Calle Castillo Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-22-02 - Medical - East First Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-25-02 - Medical - Hwy 277 North to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-25-02 - Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-25-02 - Accident - Ranch Road 1691, 5.5 miles to Hudspeth - Unit 100
3-26-02 - Stand-by - Hwy 277 Structure Fire - Unit 100
3-28-02 - Accident - Hwy 277 S., 10 miles to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-28-02 - Medical - East First Street to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-29-02 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
3-30-02 - Accident - IH-10 411 MM to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-30-02 - Accident - IH-10 411 MM to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 patients - Unit 101
3-30-02 - Accident - IH-10 412 MM, No transport - Unit 102
3-30-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
3-31-02 - Medical - Hwy 277 N. to Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
3-31-02 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101

Unopposed Hospital Board Candidates Sworn In

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors, held on Monday, April 8 was opened with Kathy Knight, Board Secretary certifying that all Board candidates running were unopposed. The candidates for the May 4th election are Lenora Pool, Pct. 2, Sherrill Dannheim, Pct. 4 and Virginia Epps, At-large.

Following this declaration, Lewis Allen made the motion to approve the order, declaring the election for May 4, 2002 to be canceled and the Directors listed above to be elected to office. Mrs. Knight then gave the oath of the Statement of Elected Officers to the newly elected directors.

Board members present for this meeting were Alvis Johnson, President, Lewis Allen, Vice President, Virginia Epps, Lenora Pool and Mike Healy. Also present for the meeting were Tammy Gentry, Physical Therapist, West Texas Rehab; Carolyn Lara; Keith Butler, Administrator; and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

Minutes from the March 11th meeting were approved and there was no business from the Sutton County Appraisal District.

Keith Butler introduced Tammy Gentry, Physical Therapist for West Texas Rehab. Gentry moved to Sonora to work in the Physical Therapy department of the hospital. Her husband is also a Physical Therapist, who will be working at the West Texas Rehab in Ozona, Texas. The board welcomed Gentry to Sonora and to the Hospital staff.

The Nursing Service, Emergency Room and Dietary policies and procedures were presented to the Board for their annual review. There were no major changes in the manuals presented. Pool made the motion to approve the policies and procedures as presented. Epps seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Butler gave the accounts receivable report and advised that they were down some from last month. He advised that the accounts receivable were being worked very diligently.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for February, 2002. She reported revenue was over budget and that the expenses were well within budget.

A discussion was held regarding the expenditures for March 2002. Epps made the motion to approve the March expenditures. Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Under Board comments, Butler was complimented on how nice the Hospital looks. Butler advised the Board that the rooms upstairs are nearly finished, and he hopes to have an open house in May.

With no further business, Mike Healy made the motion to adjourn. Pool seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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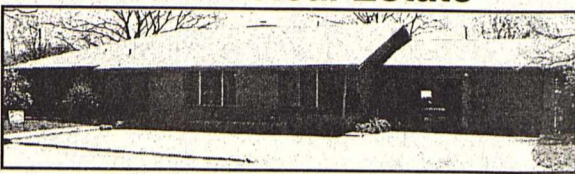
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