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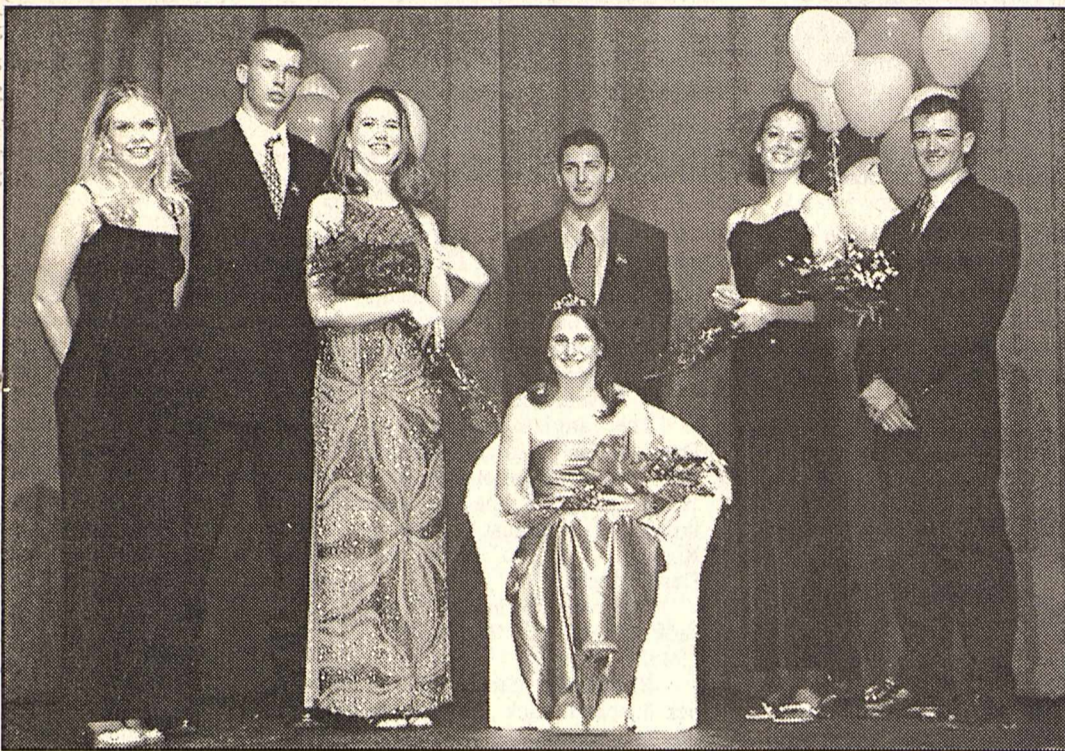
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Downtown Lions Club Crowns New Queen



2003 Lions Club Queen Court: 2002 Lions Club Queen, Ashley Parker, Trapper Valliant escort of Elizabeth Elliot - 1st Runner-up, Scottie Moore escort of 2003 Lions Club Queen Brea Hughes, and Morgan Hobbs 2nd Runner-up with escort Landon Brockman.

by Storie Sharp

Excitement and anticipation were in the air Monday night at the Sonora High School as twelve Junior and Senior girls vied for the 2003 Sonora Downtown Lion's Club Queen crown. After an individual interview session with the judges, the Ladies were escorted to dinner by their handsome escorts. This year's Senior Queen Contestants and their escorts were: Koda Armke escorted by Justin Sims, Amy Gutierrez escorted by Luis Segura, Jr., Kara Hard escorted by Dustin Martin, Katrina Hernandez escorted by

Emmanuel Lopez, Morgan Hobbs escorted by Landon Brockman and Shannon Vick escorted by Josh Hopkins. The Junior Queen Contestants and their escorts were: Elizabeth Elliott escorted by Trapper Valliant, April Flores escorted by Chris Martin, Brea Hughes escorted by Scottie Moore, Kelly Kearney escorted by Wilson Wallace, Tamika Marshall escorted by Stevie Hernandez and Cady Taylor escorted by David Cook. The judges watched as the girls were seated and as they dined on their meal of Chicken strips, fish,

green beans, mashed potatoes and dessert, catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse.

After the meal, Lions District Governor Virgil Poloczek welcomed the parents and guests and told a little bit about District 281. There are 60 clubs in this District, consisting of 28 counties. Lionism does a lot for children, including the crippled children's camp in Kerville that caters to crippled, diabetic and the recently added terminally ill children. The Lions also fund an eye clinic in Acuña, MX, where glasses are

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Monty Price Plane Wreckage Found - No Survivors

By: Michael Marizzo
Justice and Law Reporter
The Arizona Daily Sun

A hiker descending Schultz Peak on Sunday discovered the wreckage of a plane carrying four people that was reported missing near Flagstaff Jan. 8.

There were no survivors. The twin-engine Piper PA-23 was en route from Las Vegas to Midland, Texas, when it disappeared from radar around 12:20 p.m. on Jan. 8.

Hundreds of searchers had scoured an 81-square-mile area of the Flagstaff region by air and on foot for 11 days without success.

The plane was registered to the Cowboy Church of the American West in Midland. Family members have identified the passengers as Pastor Monty Price; his wife, Susan; their son, Jake; and Lendon Stovall, who was identified as Jake's girlfriend.

The hiker, Frank Eargle, 29,

a self-employed computer technician living in Flagstaff, found the plane shortly after 4 p.m. at an elevation of 9,400 feet on the south side of Schultz Peak, about 10 miles north of Flagstaff. He used a cellphone to call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

"I wasn't up there looking for an airplane," he said late Sunday night. He had hiked the area before.

The sun was setting below the ridge as Eargle was dropping down the south face of the mountain above the Weatherford Trail.

He stopped, noticing what looked like pieces of trash on the side of the mountain.

"But I was thinking it was an odd location for garbage," he said. "Then I started seeing larger pieces -- they looked like siding."

Then he saw the tail of the

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Sims Named To Academic All-State Team



Sonora Bronco Justin Sims has been named to the Academic All-State Football Team. The Sr. played Defensive End and Tight End for the 2002 Sonora Broncos. Justin is the son of Jimmy and Mary Jean Sims.

Management Change At First National Bank of Sonora

The Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Sonora, Texas, has named Michael V. Hale to the position of Acting President of the First National Bank of Sonora, including its San Angelo branches.

Hale previously served as Senior Vice President and has over 25 years experience of professional banking and financial experience with The First National Bank of Sonora. He succeeds John R. Childers who is exiting the organization.

Ronald J. Cox, Chairman of the Board of the 102-year-old bank said, "Given Mr. Hale's depth of knowledge and experience with our organization, we know customer service will remain our top priority, both in Sonora and at the San Angelo Banking Center. We anticipate a seamless and orderly transition." San Angelo Banking Center is the operating name for The First National Bank of Sonora's branch locations at 5710 Sherwood Way and 2502 Southland in San Angelo.

"We thank Mr. Childers for his ten years of service in helping us build a strong bank," added Cox, "and we wish him well in his future endeavors."

"We found that the Board of Directors and the previous management leader had significant philosophical differences about the Bank's governance, policies and strategic direction, and we were not able to reach consensus on priorities and procedures," said Cox. "We appreciate Mr. Childers' contributions, but are



Board taps Michael V. Hale to serve as acting President.

unwavering in our belief that our Bank should continue its singular focus as an independent community bank dedicated to serving the citizens of Sonora and San Angelo."

Cox explained, "We've had this vision of community service since our founding here in Sonora 102 years ago. Our goal is to make sure that our Bank retains its identity, priorities, vision and security for the next 102 years."

Hale and his wife, Rita, are long-time Sonora residents. A graduate of the masters' program at Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business, Hale will serve as Acting President and assume operational oversight responsibilities while the Board conducts a search that will include

both internal and external candidates.

"Rest assured," Hale said, "our customers will continue to receive the same high quality professional services they need in an atmosphere of family warmth and professionalism. Customers can expect business as usual, both in Sonora and at the San Angelo Banking Center locations."

Cox added, "We are working to assure that our employees have a positive work environment which offers professional growth opportunities, and we will remain true to our founding mission as a locally-owned, independent bank dedicated to providing financial services and solutions for our Sonora and San Angelo customers."

Sonora Chamber of Commerce To Host Daddy/Daughter Date Night

Dads, put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a night on the town with that special little lady in your life - your daughter!

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is hosting the first Daddy/Daughter Date Night on February 11, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center.

This will be an evening of fun, food and family for girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade and their Dad, Grandfather or guardian. Tickets are on sale now at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$6.00 per person. Tickets will be \$8.00 per person at the door.

A photographer will be set up to capture the special memory, offering 5x7 photos for only \$6.00 each. Additional picture packets will be available for the low cost of \$10, \$13 and \$25.

Carnations will also be on sale to adorn that special dress your daughter chooses to wear. Light snacks will be served.

For more information please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.



Keith Butler and his daughter, Emily, enjoyed a Daddy/Daughter Date Night in San Angelo (many years ago).

Hospital Board Continues Plans For Medical Clinic Expansion

The Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, met on Monday, January 13, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. for their regular meeting, in the Annex at the Hospital. The Following Directors were present: Lewis Allen, President; Sherrill Dannheim, Vice President; Maria Carrasco, Preston Faris, Lenora Pool, Virginia Epps, and Mike Healy.

Also present were Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District; Keith Butler, Administrator; Sheila Richter, Carolyn Lara, Ben Epps, a Troop of Boy Scouts, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

The meeting was called to order and minutes from the December 9, 2002 meeting were

approved as written.

Ms. Friess presented an application for a tax refund from a taxpayer, in the amount of \$23.47. There was an assessment error on the lot size and this was not known until the property sold. A motion was made by Healy, seconded by Dannheim to approved the refund in the amount of \$23.47. Motion carried.

Mrs. Richter gave the Quarterly Quality Assurance report for September, October, and November. She advised that there are several issues still being monitored and that the Quarterly Review of Critical Access Services were given.

Mrs. Pool reported that she and Mrs. Epps had attended the Medical Staff meeting on

December 17, 2002. She advised that Mr. Butler had given an update on the Cardiac/Pulmonary rehab department. Mrs. Pool stated that at the January Medical Staff meeting re-credentialing would be done along with the appointment of the Chief of Staff for 2003.

Mr. Butler advised that the plans for the expansion of the Medical Clinic building were moving along. Butler advised that Dr. Pajestka had gone over the plans and some changes were made. The architect should have the revised plans ready this week. Healy made the motion to move on with the concept of the expansion of the Medical Clinic

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Los Compadres Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

by Ram Perez

Los Compadres Club celebrated their 25th anniversary on November 29, 2002 at the Sutton County Civic Center. The theme was black and white. The decorations were black table covers with silver tinsel and miniature silver 25's scattered throughout the tables. Centerpieces were square mirror platters with champagne bottles and cups on top with silver tinsel. Clear lights were used throughout the area. A wall of pictures from 1977 to the present was displayed at the entrance. The formal attire consisted of black or white. Music was provided by Romaldo Cervantes and Grupo Estillo from Ozona, Texas. A special intermission program was presented by the band with guest singers George and Sam David Hernandez, and Armando Dominguez playing trumpet.

During the first intermission the current club members were introduced, members are: Harold and Benita Martinez,



Members from left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Sam David Hernandez, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gallegos, Mr. & Mrs. David Sanchez, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Casillas, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Armando Dominguez, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Martinez, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Bustamante, and Mr. & Mrs. George Hernandez

directors, Sam David and Betty Hernandez, co-directors, Ram and Rosemary Perez, Frank and Lilia Gallegos, Joe and Irene Casillas, Armando and Terry Dominguez, David and Mari Sanchez, Ralph and Dora Gonzales, Jesse and Mary Bustamante, George and Joann

Hernandez.

To honor the original charter members, the club provided them with a limousine to take them to the "Fandango", as the dance is called. Upon arriving at the Sutton County Civic Center, the charter members were greet-

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Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
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
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

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

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
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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

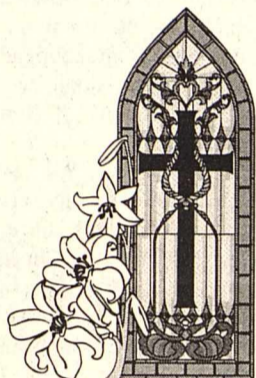
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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
Pastor Mike Dixon
511 Cornell
387-5207



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

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

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering
109 W. Main
387-0623

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

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Cards of Thanks

The Sutton County 4-H Club Leaders would like to thank all the Kerrville Stock Show participants for all their hard work in vying for the *Herdsman Award*. This group of young boys and girls worked very hard, and were extremely dedicated to the competition for this award. We want them to know how much we appreciate all their efforts and contributions to this project.

Thanks also to our project leaders, and all the parents who helped to organize and accomplish this huge undertaking.

Our 4-H Club participants represented Sutton County with great pride in this event and should be very proud of their accomplishments.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Susie Moore for taking time out of her busy schedule to come and assist us with our display by painting our theme on the boards for us. We really appreciate all your help.

Sincerely,
Sutton County 4-H Club Members

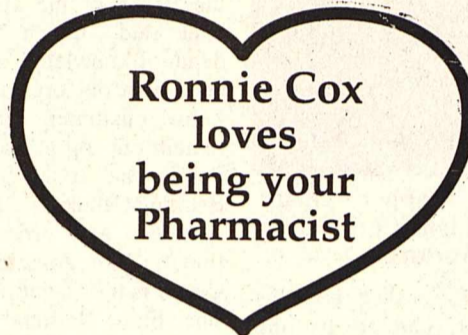
We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Pajestka, Keith Butler, Diana Green and the Nursing Staff for helping Phillip while being transported to San Angelo.

A special thanks to my Grandparents Pedro, Alicia Virgen; Aunt and Uncle Norma and Alex Gonzales and cousins AJ and Desiree for being there when we needed them the most.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Dermody and Irene Casillas, the Sonora Elementary School for the balloons and stuffed animal. The Sonora Elementary teacher Mrs. Bloodworth and students who sent Get Well Cards.

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers and visits during Phillip's Hospital stay.

Thank you,
Phillip Onofre
Felipe, Lynn and Shelby Onofre



School Lunch Menu • Jan. 27 - 31, 2002

Breakfast
Mon. - Breakfast burrito, assorted juice or fruit.
Tues. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice or fruit.
Wed. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Cinnamon roll, assorted juice, fruit.
Fri. - Cheese toast, assorted juice, fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, buttered peas, apple.
Tues. - Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello with fruit, roll.
Wed. - Soft beef taco, cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, dressing, silver white cake.
Thurs. - Beef BBQ on bun, French fries, vegetable salad, chocolate chip cookies.
Fri. - Pepperoni pizza, buttered corn, carrot/celery sticks, pudding/topping.

Senior Center News

Jan. 27 - Bingo!
Jan. 29 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Education at noon.

Senior Menu

Jan. 27 - Beef tips with mushrooms and gravy, rice, green beans, cornbread, fruit cup with strawberries, bananas, lemon pie.
Jan. 28 - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli with cheese, bread, chunky mix fruit.
Jan. 29 - Tuna salad sandwich, tomato soup, carrot/raisin salad, applesauce, brownie with nuts.
Jan. 30 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, jello with fruit.
Jan. 31 - Taco salad with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad with tomatoes, taco shells, peach cobbler.

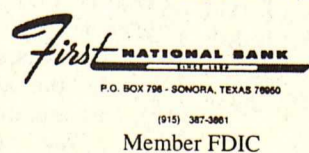
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Menu is subject to change.

Community

Jan. 27
Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
P.T.O. General Membership Meeting
6:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



Obituaries

Maria Del Refugio Sepeda

Our Lord called Maria Zapata Sepeda (Cuca), home to be with him on January 14, 2003. Cuca was born January 25, 1936 in Sonora Texas, to Maria and Thomas Zapata.

She is survived by her husband, Roberto Sepeda, her very special daughter, Melva Puga, three wonderful sons Baldo Favela, Jaime Favela and Harvey Sepeda and a son that preceded her in death, Rudolfo Sepeda. Two brothers, Roberto Zapata and Thomas Zapata of Sonora, Texas. Three sisters, Imelda Castillo of Dalhart, Texas, Gloria Esquivel and Amada Zapata of Fort Worth,

Texas. She also has a sister, Josefita Arterburn that preceded her in death from Granbury, Texas. Cuca is survived by 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Cuca lived the majority of her life in Sonora and later on moved to Dalhart, Texas. Cuca spent most of her life caring for other people and that is what made her the loving person that she was. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, Jan. 15 at Primera Iglesia Bautista at 2pm. Burial followed at Sonora Cemetery.

Dessie Couch

"And God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away" Revelations 24:4.

The angels rejoiced as Dessie Couch was called home to be with our Lord on Saturday, January 18, 2003. She came into this world on August 8, 1926, in Roswell, N.M., to Adrian and Dana Wright.

She was married to Walter Jack Couch on October 16, 1945.

She was met in heaven by her husband, Jack Couch; one brother, Adrian; one grandchild, Wesley Couch; one great-grandchild, Zachary Hulsey; and her maternal and paternal parents.

Left to cherish her memory are three sons, Jimmy, Danny and wife, Martha, Richard and wife, Kathy; one daughter, Glenna and husband, Roy Hulsey; 16 grandchildren,

Wesley Couch (deceased), Jimmy Jack, Joyce and husband, Dannie Ferguson, Anna and Justin Couch, Rebecca and husband, David Love, Charlene and husband, Glenn Hocutt, Daniel and wife, Elva Hulsey, Stephanie, Paul, Shawn, Patrick and Randy Couch, Monty and wife, Jenny, Timothy and wife, Cary Couch, April and husband, Chris McCall; and 24 great-grandchildren, Taylor and Mason Ferguson, Shelby Couch, Ty, Clayton, Kylie and Dakota Love, Ashton and Paige Johnson and Ethan Hocutt, Zachary Hulsey (deceased), Jordan, Chelsey, Noah and Morgan Hulsey, Zylee Couch, Garon, Dalton and Wyatt Couch, Kierstin, Jacob Couch and Alexis McCall.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, in Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas. Graveside services followed at 4:00 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery in Gustine, Texas.

Dripping Paint

I knocked on the door and a lady answered the door with paint in her hair, on her clothes and even dripping from her hands. We were inviting people to a Bible study and worship service down the street. I shared with her about my problems with alcohol and not knowing Christ as a youth. All of a sudden she started crying and after several minutes she said she was an alcoholic and trying to quit. It had cost her, her husband and almost her children. She did say that she had accepted Christ as her Savior when she was a teenager but had drifted away and had not been to church in a long time. I shared that after I accepted Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17) I had "get new friends (1 Corinthians 15:33 non-drinkers) and different habits (1 John 2:1-30) like attending church regularly, reading my Bible and I even got in a home Bible study. There was one other thing that I did, I prayed and asked God to help me (1 John 1:9; I mean it took a lot of prayer). After a little success and some failures God gave me victory and I haven't had a drink in over twenty-five years. Praise God (John 8:36). I told her God could deliver her from whatever problem (Philippians 4:13, maybe not easy, but not impossible). See you in Church next Sunday.
Brother J

Speech Meet Seeks Volunteers

On February 7th and 8th Sonora High School will host the 57th Annual Speech and Academic Practice Meet. This tournament requires a lot of assistance from the community to be the successful competition for which it is currently known.

This year's contest will be under the direction of Renee Casey, Theatre Arts teacher at the high school. Preparation has been under way since before Thanksgiving but due to the fact that there are many things to be done, help from the community is being requested. The main thing needed for the tournament will be judges in the speaking events. Anyone can qualify to judge these events and a workshop is being planned prior to the tournament to answer any questions and clarify the rules in each contest. A judge's packet will also be made available as a source of reference in all speaking events.

However, we also need other helpers in the roles of: contest managers, timekeepers, hospitality workers, information workers and registration workers. We are strongly encouraging anyone who feels that they will be able to help in any way during the tournament to contact the office of Speech and Drama at 387-6533 ext. 313.

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Calendar

Jan. 30
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have anything on the wedding of Dave Joy and Maude Taylor?

A. Devil's River News, May 8, 1920 - On Wednesday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Dave Joy and Miss Maude Taylor were united in marriage at the Baptist church, the pastor Rev. S. F. Marsh officiating. Mr. Sam Adams a cousin of Mr. Joy's and the bride's sister, Miss Veria Taylor were the only witnesses of the ceremony. These fine young people are of the Cedar Hill and Copperas communities, the groom being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Joy and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Taylor. They are well known in Junction as they are often here visiting and on business. A host of friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Joy much pleasure and usefulness in their wedded life; and surely the Lord has set the seal of his approval on the founding of righteous homes. Junction Eagle

We found some other weddings in this issue: Miss Edith Icy Trainer and Howard Peters were married at 8 o'clock p.m., Monday, May 3rd, 1920, Rev. S. C. Dunn officiating. The wedding was at the brides home and because of the illness of her father, she was given away by her grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Trainer. The bride was charming in blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns. Miss Reta Ross acted as bridesmaid and Luther Peters, the grooms brother acted as best man. Iced punch and cake were served to those present by Mrs. C. A. Trainer and Mrs. E. J. Pierce.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trainer and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances who wish her all the happiness in life. During the past few years she has been intimate with the joys and sorrows of most of the people of the community through her position as operator at the phone office and in that capacity has made many friends by her accommodating and attentive disposition.

The groom, Howard Peters, is a young man of industrious habits who served his country through the war in an honorable manner. Before the war he was employed in the garage business here and is a capable mechanic. The News with other friends congratulate him in the winning of his lifes partner. They will make their home here.
Mrs. Clara Lee Hagerlund

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plane intact. From what he noticed of the fresh burns on the plane and on the shrubbery around the crash site, the crash had occurred fairly recently.

He moved to a clearing, where he used his cellphone to call 9-1-1. He remained at the scene for the next 1 1/2 hours as a Department of Public Safety helicopter hovered overhead, fixing the location of the crash.

Eargle said there were no downed trees at the scene and there was no snow on the plane.

Much of the plane had burned on impact with the side of the mountain, said Chief Deputy Bill Pribil of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office sent a deputy sheriff and two volunteers to spend the night guarding the plane until this morning.

Officials plan to remove the bodies from the wreckage today, Pribil said. They will be taken to the Coconino County medical examiner, where they will be identified, he said.

"This brings closure to the family and to the search teams," said Incident Commander Randy Servis of the Sheriff's Office.

Over 250 people, including 125 soldiers from the Arizona National Guard, had participated in the search this past weekend. Search and rescue teams came from all over Arizona to comb the forest, while DPS helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft flown by volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol looked down from above. Officials also used military satellite technology in the search.

After staging a re-creation



3rd Grade Class of 1943-1935 - Ruth Warner: Teacher, Robert Wilson, Jr., Johnnie Franks, Paggie Raming, Billie Lee Ross, Herman Kites, Edith Babcock, Emery Lee Harris, Clarence Smith, J.T. Jackson, Katherine Cartright, Delma Lea Long, Patsie Nesby, Rober Asque, Betty Lou Shoemake, Lorine Fambrough, Alta Perl Lively, Dorothy Mae Bricker, Clarence Andrew, Frank Nickles, R.W. Wallace, Loes Morris, Marjorie Crowell, Elizabeth Taylor, Edna Lee Wilson, Manda Wall, Juanetta Chadwick, Lora Dell Ory, Bernice McKee (Editor's note: These names were hand written and may not be spelled correctly - I apologize for any mistakes.)

and Michael J. Murphy, both of Sonora, were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. Father H. M. J. Wirtz. The ceremony was performed at the priest's house in the presence of a few chosen friends and relatives including Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Murphy, Miss May Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nabors.

Mr. Murphy is well known in San Angelo and is a brother of J. G. Murphy of The Standard. He is the editor of the Devil's River News published at Sonora. Following the ceremony the bride and groom returned to their Sutton county home. San Angelo Standard, May 3, 1920.

Mrs. W. B. Keesee is in receipt of a letter from her son Wallace Keesee in which he states he is in Government service on the S.S.S. President at present at Seattle but that his address is San Francisco. He sends love to all Sonora friends. Mr. and Mrs. Keesee are also in receipt of his discharge papers from the Marines, a medal of good conduct and a medal for expert rifleman with the probability of other decorations yet to come.

Q. Is G. P. Hill III buried in the Sonora Cemetery?

A. Sutton County Burial Park by Nelson Diversified indicates that Giles Peck Hill III was born on December 3, 1931 and died on January 22, 1932. He died in San Angelo.

Devil's River News of January 29, 1932 states: Giles Peck Hill, III, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles P. Hill, Jr., was buried here Friday afternoon of last week. The baby, one and

one half months old, died in a San Angelo hospital Friday morning, after it had been taken there earlier in the week, following a period of sickness here. The baby bore the name both of its father and grandfather, both of whom are Sutton county ranchmen.

In the same issue: A Junior Health Club, composed of children in the Mexican school has been organized under the direction of Miss Lucille Stone, district health nurse, teacher at the school. Officers of the new club are Victoria Monreal, president; Lupe Contu, vice president, and Vicenta Sanchez, secretary. There are 28 members.

J. N. Lewis, mail carrier between Uvalde and Loma Vista, who has established somewhat of a reputation as a slayer of wild animals, went into Uvalde last week with a large javelina which he killed with a 22 caliber rifle. Seeing a bunch of hogs cross the road ahead of his car, made ready for the "hunt," but when he arrived at the place the pack was some distance away. Lewis picked out one of the largest animals in the bunch, and killed it with three well directed shots from a distance of about 80 yards. Some months ago Lewis exhibited a huge bobcat which he killed while on one of his daily trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Gibbs, of the east end of the county, were in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Gibbs, who is an uncle of Mrs. Ira Shurley, was sheriff of Mason county for 16 years and of Kimble county 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead and their little

daughter Rosemary, and son, Bill; accompanied by Mr. Whitehead's father, Walter Whitehead of Del Rio, and Miss Thelma Cowser, governess at the ranch, were in town for a brief period Tuesday afternoon for supplies. They went from Sonora to the B. M. Halbert ranch for a short visit.

For food bargains call E. F. Vander Stucken Co., Inc at 53 or 190. You can get a Crowther Pear Burner for only \$15 at the Gilmore Hardware Co. Need a prescription filled, call A. & W. Drug Store at 255. You get delicious meats at the City Market. Mrs. Totsy Barton owner and W. O. Ray manager. If you'd like to convert your open porch into a glass windowed room call West Texas Lumber Co at 148. At Sonora Motor Co, phone number 135 you can get an wash-grease-oil change for \$2.65 a valve and ring job with parts extra for \$8.75 and a complete motor overhaul including reconditioning of cylinders, adjusting connecting rods and main bearings plus installing new piston rings, pins and fibre timing gears, refacing, grinding valves for \$29 with 5 quarts of oil free.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, 307 E. Oak St., Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us at 915-387-5084 Monday, Tuesday mornings or Fridays or give me a call at home any other day at 387-2855. Thank you very much to those who sent their dues or donations recently.

Happy Birthday

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- January 25 - Guadalupe Mendez, Amanda Sanchez, Diana Green, Tori Harris
- January 26 - Yvonne Lopez, Pixie, Haily Berry, Cody Gann, Rhonda Blackman, Pat Gillit, Doug Bawcom
- January 27 - Timothy Young, Michelle Cramer, Hunter Lawson, Sierra Samaniego, Katrina Sanchez
- January 28 -
- January 29 - Jody Luttrell
- January 30 - Lewis Allen, Jeremy Surber, DeVoe Smith, Noah Moore IV, Jason Geske, Tonya Brown
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Benson Named To Schreiner's Dean List

Kerrville - Schreiner University has named a student from Sonora to its Dean's List.

Allison Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benson of Sonora, was named to the roster of high-achieving students for the Fall 2002 term.

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes, must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average, and have at least 12 hours' credit for the term.

Schreiner University is a primarily residential liberal arts university in Kerrville, Texas. The school is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Schreiner grants a master's degree in education and baccalaureate degrees in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

It's A Boy! Riley William Byrne



is welcomed by his sister Erica. Proud parents are Tiffany and Eric Byrne. Maternal Grandparents Joe and Shirley Lewey. Paternal grandparents are Marilyn Byrne, Donald and Sue Byrne. Riley was born January 8, 2003 at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, TX at 1:52 p.m. 7 lbs. 9.1 ozs. and 19" long.

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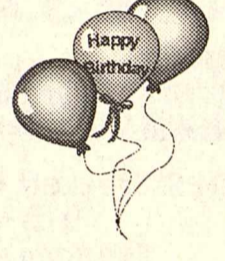


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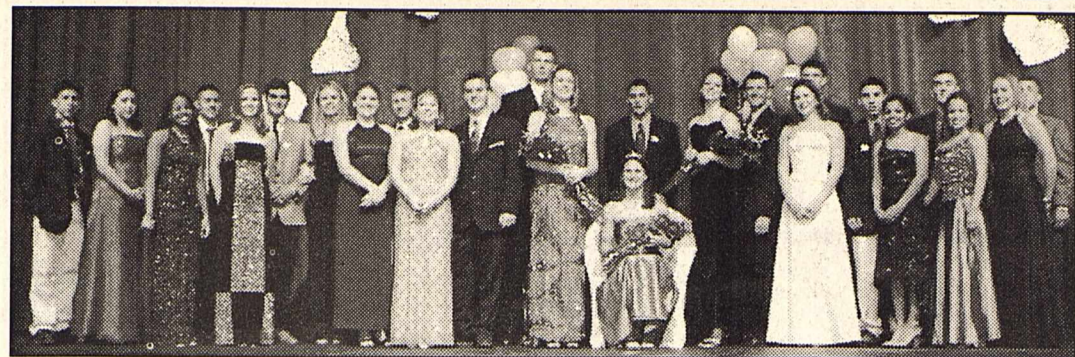
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Lions Club from page 1



Lions Club Queen Contestants and escorts: (l-r) Emmanuel Lopez, Katrina Hernandez, Tamika Marshall, Stevie Hernandez, Cady Taylor, David Cook, 2002 Lions Club Queen Ashley Parker, Shannon Vick, Josh Hopikins, Kara Hard, Dustin Martin, Trapper Valliant, 1st Runner up - Elizabeth Elliott, Scottie Moore, 2003 Lion's Club Queen Brea Hughes, 2nd Runner up - Morgan Hobbs, Landon Brockman, Koda Armke, Justin Sims, Luis Segura, Jr., Amy Gutierrez, Chris Martin, April Flores, Kelly Kearney, and Wilson Wallace.

built on a 50-50% deal with the Lions International. Doctors visit the sites and provide technical services free of charge. The Lions also help with the eye glass recycling center in Midland, Texas. These are just a few of the many projects that the Lions are a part of each year.

Polocek then introduced this year's judges for the Queen's contest, Past District Governor, Sabino Garcia and his wife Elizabeth, and Past District Governor Joan Caldwell and her husband Bill. Mrs. Caldwell has additional ties to Sonora, her grandson is the Bronco Head Coach, Jason Herring. Virgil also told every-

one about the upcoming 75th Anniversary of the 281st District, that will be celebrated here in Sonora, in conjunction with the 75th birthday of Lions Club President, Robert Duran.

He then introduced the 2002 Lions Club Queen, Ashley Parker, who went on to be the 1st runner-up in the District

contest held in San Angelo. The mic was then handed over to Master of Ceremonies, Conrad Archer and the event moved into the auditorium.

To the accompaniment of the piano, played by Charlotte Wilson, each young lady was introduced as she crossed the stage. A small curtsy was done for the judges in the middle of the stage, before the participant exited the other side. As each girl made her way, Conrad told a little about them, including their hobbies, accomplishments and admirations. Sleeping seems to be a main hobby of teenage girls?!

After the final contestant was introduced the judges went out to make the very difficult decision while the audience was entertained by the S.H.S. Speech and Drama Department. Landon Brockman and Trapper Valliant acted out the first scene of the one-act play, "Of Mice and Men", that they will be performing in competition. The

one-act play is in the early stages and props consisting of "cowboy" gear are much needed if anyone is interested in donating. If this preview was only in the early stages, then Sonora is sure to do well at this year's competition because the boys did a great job!

The judges finally returned with their decisions and Ashley Parker said her final thank you's as Lion's Club Queen and prepared to crown the new queen. Second runner-up was Miss Morgan Hobbs, first runner-up was Miss Elizabeth Elliott and the 2003 Lions Club Queen is Miss Brea Hughes. Brea is the 16 year-old daughter of Brad and Chandra Hughes. She is active in FFA, NHS, Basketball, track, softball and 4-H. She is a Junior at Sonora High School and will represent the Sonora Downtown Lions Club at the District competition later this year, as well as many other duties. Congratulations to all these young ladies.

Los Compadres from page 1



Los Compadres original charter members were treated to a limo ride to the 25th anniv. Fandango. Charter members from front to back are: Nilda Hernandez, Eva and Ricardo Perez, Lydia Galindo, Valentina Gallegos, Cladio Flores, and Josie and Ralph Gonzales.

ed by the current members and their guest. The charter members were introduced during the first intermission as well. These members are: Ricardo and Eva Perez, Ralph and Josie Gonzales, Lydia Galindo and the late Pedro Galindo, Valentina Gallegos and the late Francisco "Kiko" gallegos, Claude Flores and the late Elodia Flores, Vicenta Lopez, and Polo Cervantes. These couples started Los Compadres Club and the Fandango in 1977. They established by-laws, and these by-laws continue to be in

place. Vicenta Lopez was not able to attend due to health reasons, but she sent a letter to express her appreciation and to encourage the current club members to keep on. The letter was read to guests. Past members were also recognized.

The "by invitation only" event was attended by approximately 400 guest. The club wishes to thank the charter members and all the invited guests that attended. A special thanks to the directors for another successful year.



George and Sam David Hernandez and Armando Dominguez entertained the crowd by joining in on a few notes with Romaldo Cervantes and Grupo Estillo.

Workforce Board Partners With Industry Leaders To Address Nursing Shortage

On January 22, 2003 the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and the Chief Executive Officers of fourteen area organizations will join together to sign a Memorandum of Understanding committing resources to a community plan addressing the serious shortage of nurses in the San Angelo area. The partners represent public schools, high education, medical centers, hospitals, and both public and private medical providers. This

"Nursing Focus Group" has been working since February of 2002 to support the Concho Valley's largest and fastest growing industry.

The Concho Valley is projected to add 35 Registered Nurses, 10 Licensed Vocational Nurses, and 25 Nurses Aide jobs due to growth in the industry over the next five years. In addition to the new jobs it is predicted that 45 nursing positions per year will open due to replacement. This means total of 575

vacancies over the next five years. With a growth rate of 30.4% the Concho Valley ranks 4th in the State in the need for Registered Nurses. Considering that local nurse education programs conferred only 91 nursing degrees in the year 2002 the Concho Valley faces a serious nursing shortage.

The medical industry accounts for over \$400,000,000 in annual salaries in the Concho Valley with an estimated \$81,260,886 budgeted for nurs-

F.Y.I.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night - February 11, 2003 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for girls K-8th grade and their fathers, grandfathers or guardians. \$6.00 per person in advance, \$8.00 per person at the door. For more information call Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

St. Ann's Catholic Church will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts from Jan. 27 - Feb. 12. Orders can be picked up Feb. 15 at St. Ann's Parish Hall. Profits will benefit a new Parish Hall. Orders may be placed with the 4th grade confirmation class, 6-9 communion class or the Friends of St. Ann's Hall. Contact Annette Castro at 387-2278 or Delia Samaniego after 5 p.m. at 387-3029.

The next Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank & Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of someone close to you, you are urged to attend. For more information contact Kathy Hearn at 387-2593 or 387-2096.

There will be a Sonora ISD District Site Base Meeting on February 4th @ 5:30pm in the Sonora Middle School Library.

Free Tax Help Feb. 6, 2003 at the Sutton County Sr. Center from 11:00 a.m. until ?. Please call FMI 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Little Dribblers Practices 3rd-6th grade boys will practice from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the 25th. 3rd-6th grade girls will practice on the same day from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jason Ball Runs HP Houston Marathon

by Storie Sharp

Jason Ball doesn't call Sonora home, but he's here most of the time. Ball is a full time employee at Location Builders, where he has worked for over one year.

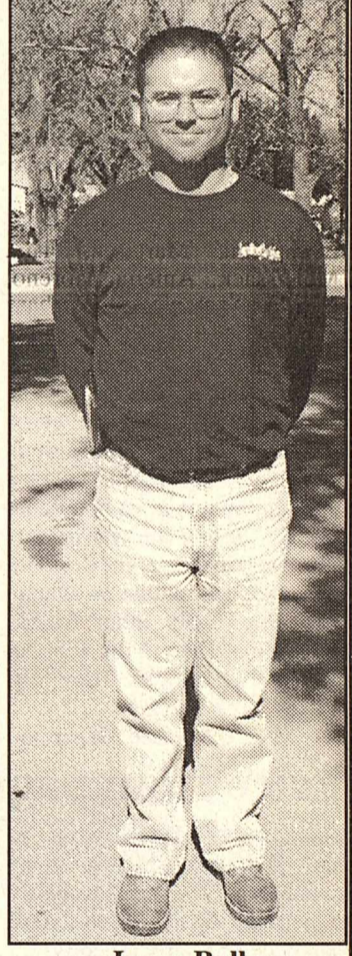
Distance isn't a problem for the 27 year old San Angelo resident, he likes traveling. But his favorite mode of transportation these days are his own two feet.

Jason began running in 1999 as a way to lose weight, he and his dog went out for a run and became addicted. That health kick turned into a full time hobby for Ball, who competed in the 26.2 mile HP Houston Marathon on Sunday, January 19, 2003.

The HP Houston Marathon, a Running USA founding member, is the nation's premier winter marathon, annually attracting participants from all 50 U.S. states and several foreign countries. In 2002, nearly 15,000 runners took part in four marathon weekend events (marathon, half-marathon, four-mile run and children's run). The HP Houston Marathon offers the only closed marathon course in Texas and is ranked among the top five in the nation by the Ultimate Guide to Marathons for fastest course, organization and crowd support. More than 5,000 volunteers organize the race, which is Houston's largest single-day sporting event.

This was the third marathon for Jason, the first being in Houston in 2000 and the second in Dallas, TX. His training consists of 6 to 8 months of runs, working into long runs once a week. Slowly he works his runs up to 31/2 hour long runs, building his endurance and stamina. He was very confident that he would complete the HP Houston Marathon on Sunday.

"About mile 22 you start questioning your sanity, then at mile 24 you realize 'Man, I'm going to finish this' and it's a great feeling," Jason said.



Jason Ball

Jason finished the race in 4 hours, 23 minutes and 25 seconds.

High technology and the power of the Internet kept race fans up-to-date on each runner's progress in the HP Houston Marathon. Sensors tied to the runners' shoe laces triggered receivers at the start/finish line and at interval points along the course. Race officials said that at one time the marathon's Web site was getting as many as 1,200 hits per second. Viewers of the race's Web page could enter an individual runner's name or number and see on a detailed course map the latest timing point passed, the runner's split times and estimated finish time. This technology will be available at other marathons coming up (see next week!).

Sonora High School Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll Freshmen

All A's
Freshmen - Hilton Bloodworth, Mandy Brister, John Healy, Kristina Hernandez, Ty Love, Julia Lugo, Anabel Perez, Kali Roberts, Embre Smith, Lauren Smith, Luis Tovar, Jack Turney, Warren Wallace

Sophomores - Courtney Caruthers, Dustin Creek, Karla Dominguez, Tara Green, Laramie Hall, Allison Higdon, Chelsea Seaton

Juniors - Joseph Ainsworth, Elizabeth Elliott, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Hanna Allison, Zed Snodgrass, Sheryl Strauch,

Seniors - Israel Arevalo, Koda Armke, Shane Benson, Gabby Duran, Kesha Frasier, Ervey Hernandez, Josh Hopkins, Manuel Lopez, Jared Parks, Heath Prather, Brandon West

A's & B's

Freshmen - Desiree Alvarado, Casey Arredondo, Steven Barthelemy, Desirae Boldt, Tina Covey, Cameron Cox, Swade Draper, Boomer Galindo, Filemon Garza, Jillian Gulley, Jeb Hunt, Hillary Lawson, Candise Martin, Christina Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Kayla McBride, Dee McGee, Maricela Moreno, Erin Newton, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Christopher Perez, Zane Porter, Maggie Ramirez, Trent Reiner, Kaleena Samaniego, Christine Sanchez, Angel Silva, Ivan Silva, Roland Solis, Nash Traylor, Julie Villanueva, Tissie Wagoner, Sandra Yorba

Sophomores - David Adkins, Andrew Barthelemy, M.J. Brown, Jackie Castillo, Chris Castro, Clint Cearley, Benny Frazier, Ana Govea, Kenia Gutierrez, Marco Gutierrez, Jennifer Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Erika McClintock, Brian Payton, Yesenia Portillo, Lance Roberts, Amanda Samaniego, Austin Wagoner, Garrett Watkins, Amanda Word

Juniors - Megan Berry, Oscar Chavez, Naomi Fay, April Flores, Danielle Galindo, Jennifer Gonzales, Crystal Guerra, Stevie Hernandez, Kelly Kearney, Leticia Leos, Evangelina Martinez, Thia McKissack, Amelia Moreno, Nicole Samaniego, Barbara Solis, Susanna Street, Cady Taylor, Tom Valliant, Maria Vaquera, Michelle Weingart

Seniors - Thomas Bloodworth, Albert Borrego, Landon Brockman, Amanuel Capuchina, Maribel Deluna, Crystal Galindo, Judy Gutierrez, Kara Hard, Katrina Hernandez, Morgan Hobbs, Josh Hopkins, Brittany Longoria, Dustin Martin, Sergio Moreno, Leandra Perez, Seth Prather, Adriana Ramirez, Danny Ramirez, Virgilia Rojo, Amanda Sanchez, David Sanchez, Justin Sims, Shannon Vick, Laura Word, Douglas Yocham

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Hanna Scott, Luis Segura, Angel Silva, Ivan Silva, Justin Sims, Treva Smart, Embre Smith, Lauren Smith, Zed Snodgrass, Sheryl Strauch, Cady Taylor, Nash Traylor, Jack Turney, Maria Vaquera, Miguel Vaquera, Susana Vaquera, Shannon Vick, Julie Villanueva, Wilson Wallace, Garret Watkins, Amamda Word, Sandra Yorba,

1st Semester Honor Roll 2002-2003 All A's

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Juniors - Joseph Ainsworth, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Hanna Allison, Sheryl Strauch, **Seniors** - Shane Benson, Gabby Duran, Kesha Frasier, Josh Hopkins, Manuel Lopez, Leandra Perez, Brandon West,

1st Semester Honor Roll 2002-2003 A's & B's

Freshmen - Desiree Alvarado, Casey Arredondo, Mandy Brister, Desirae Boldt, Felicia Castillo, Tina Covey, Cameron Cox, Perry Draper, Steven Duhon, Filemon Garza, Jillian Gulley, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Julia Lugo, Mason Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Kayla McBride, Dee McGee, Maricela Moreno, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Anabel Perez, Christopher Perez, Zane Porter, Maggie Ramirez, Trent Reiner, Kali Roberts, Vanessa Salazar, Christine Sanchez, Angel Silva, Ivan Silva, Roland Solis, Luis Tovar, Julie Villanueva, Tissie Wagoner

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1st Semester Perfect Attendance 2002-2003

Desiree Alvarado, Casey Arredondo, Andrew Barthelemy, Shane Benson, Desirae Boldt, Mandy Brister, Clinton Cearley, Oscar Chavez, Tina Covey, Dustin Creek, Isaiah Cutler, Diego DeLuna, Perry Draper, Peter Duran, Naomi Fay, Megan Fitzgerald, Frank Gallegos, Matt Glasscock, Jennifer Gonzales, Crystal Guerra, Caleb Gulley, Amy Gutierrez, Marco Gutierrez, Laramie Hall, Kristina Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Danielle Hudson, Brea Hughes, Bobby Jackson, Ty Love, Bianca Lozano, Tamika Marshall, Candise Martin, Chris Martin, Christina Martinez, R.C. Mata, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Trent Reiner, Jose Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Virgilia Rojo, Vanessa Salazar, Kaleena Samaniego, Amanda Sanchez, David Sanchez, Uriel Santana, Luis Segura, Angel Silva, Justin Sims, Sheryl Strauch, Jack Turney, Maria Vaquera, Miguel Vaquera, Wilson Wallace, Amanda Word

Ozona Lions Push Past Broncos

The Sonora Broncos traveled West on Tuesday, January 14, 2003 where they met up with the Ozona Lions.

The first quarter saw the Broncos take the lead, 17 to 12, but the Lions charged back in the second quarter, leaving the first half score at 30 to 26 in favor of the Lions.

Both teams came back to the court with new energy after the half, battling basket for basket, for a tied third quarter, 38 to 38.

The battle continued into the fourth quarter, causing Dustin Martin to foul out. The Lions proved to have just a little more push at the end of the fast paced game, barely pushing past the Broncos for a 55 to 51 victory.

Justin Sims played hard and led the Broncos with 17 points and 4 rebounds, with Chris Martin right on his heels with 16 points and 3 rebounds. Caleb Gulley and Doug Yocham each had 8 points and 2 rebounds and Dustin Martin had 2 points.

Two of C. Martin's baskets were from the three-point line and Gulley had a three pointer also.

Virgil Burge and Clyde Duke named Chris Martin the Defensive Player of the Game and Justin Sims the Offensive Player.

J.V. Broncos Have Tough Week - Lose Two

by Maray Cearley

The Junior Varsity boys played two very evenly matched games last week with both having the same outcome.

On Tuesday they faced neighboring Ozona. This game had many lead changes and after 3 quarters of play Sonora led by one. That's when the game came down to who could make their free-throws. Shooting only 24% from the charity stripe, the Broncos lost 38-44.

Leading the Broncos was Lance Roberts with 16 points. Austin Wagoner had 7 points and was leading rebounder with 9. Others scoring were: Clint Cearley 6, Steven Duhon

4, Embre Smith 3 and Boomer Galindo 2.

On Friday the boys faced Grape Creek. This game was also very close, with the final buzzer finding the Broncos trailing by one, 51-52.

Roberts had another excellent game, scoring 17. Cearley was close behind with 16 points and 8 rebounds. Wagoner once again led the Red with 9 rebounds, while adding 6 points. Galindo had 4, and Duhon and Dustin Creek each had 1.

The Broncos will finish the first half of District this week with Reagan County and Eldorado. Support your Broncos.

Lady Broncos Unable To Cage Ozona Lions

by Kathy Marshall

The Lady Broncos traveled to Ozona on January 14, 2003, where they once again played a very outstanding game. The Ladies led almost the entire game, but they were not able to cage the Lady Lions who kept on roaring until they overcame by 3 points for a final score of 45 to 42 in favor of Ozona. Leading the way for the Lady Broncos was Tamika Marshall with 15 points, followed by Morgan Hobbs with 14, Kara Hard with 9 and Ashley Parker and Paola Garcia 2 points each. The girls made 8 of 13 attempted free throws. Marshall was named the Offensive Player of the Game and Hobbs was the Defensive Player. Great job Ladies! Keep up the good work.

Lady Broncos Ground Grape Creek Lady Eagles

by Kathy Marshall

On Friday, January 17th the Lady Broncos brought down the Grape Creek Lady Eagles 69 to 54. The Ladies played as a team, watching and supporting each other. Ashley Parker broke out with an excellent game, scoring 20 points. Even with one Lady Bronco home sick the team stayed strong and dominated the court. The Ladies realized that if they play as a team then the outcome will be great. Following Parker's 20 point lead was Morgan Hobbs with 18 points, Tamika Marshall with 10, Brea Hughes with 9, Cady Taylor 8 and Elizabeth Elliott and Paola Garcia 2 each. Parker was chosen as the Offensive Player of the game and Hobbs was once again the Defensive Player.

7th Grade Wall Hawks Too Much For 7th Grade Colts

By: Danni Price

The 7th Grade Colts traveled back to Wall on Monday the 20th. The Colts did not fair as well this time as they did last weekend during the Wall Jr. High Tournament. The Colts did not meet this Wall 7th "A" team during the tournament, but they did play them earlier in the season at home. Unfortunately, Monday evening had the same end result as the first time these two teams met.

The 1st quarter of play was not a strong one for the Colts, they started slow, scoring only 4 points, while the Hawks scored 10. The 2nd quarter was one of the slowest that the Colts have had this year. They just could not get any offense going and they had too many turnovers. Wall, however, had no problem on the scoring end, they put up 13 more points to bring their score to 23. The Colts only sank 1 free-throw to add to their 5. The score at the half, Colts 5, Hawks 23.

After a break at half-time, the Colts started the 3rd quarter looking ready to go. But, as it turned out, the Hawks had other ideas. The Hawks, who are a very tall, strong team, kept working themselves into scoring position. These Hawks were very good in the paint as well as under the rim. They continuously got off good shot after good shot,

AND they followed their shots in and were able for the most part to get their own rebounds. The Colts did the best they could guarding these much taller players, but when trying to be aggressive defensively, they would get called for the foul. The Colts scored 5 in the third and the Hawks tripled that and scored 15. The score was 10 - 38 at the end of the third.

The fourth and final period of play, the Colts scored 10 points allowing the Hawks only 4. This just proves that these Colts never give up. We might not have had the size that these Wall Hawks did, but we most definitely have the drive and determination of winners. Scoring and Rebounding for the Colts were as follows: Zadrian McGee with 10 points, Alonzo Pena 8 Points, 7 Rebounds, Riley Sanchez 1 Point, 2 Rebounds, Morgan Martinez 1 Point, Clayton Sahr 1 Rebound, Colton Moore 3 Rebounds, and Hunter Lawson with 1 Rebound. The Colts have 2 more games left in their season, and a tournament in Llano this coming Saturday, next Monday the Colts will play the Ozona Lions here at home. Go Colts! Good Luck in Llano!

Fouls Cost Broncos The Game Against Grape Creek

The Sonora Broncos played a tough game against the Grape Creek Eagles on Friday, January 17, 2003. With fouls being called for almost every move the Broncos made, it was tough for our boys to really show what they had. At one point in the first half, Sonora had 15 fouls to Grape Creek's 3.

The Eagles took the lead in the first quarter, 19 to 10, and never allowed the Broncos to catch up. The first half ended with a score of 34 to 27 in favor of Grape Creek.

The Broncos came back on the court ready to fight back and just weren't given the chance. The Eagles widened the gap in the third quarter, 50 to 41 and that led to a very unfortunate 4th quarter. Justin Sims, Doug Yocham and Chris Martin all fouled out. Trapper Valliant and Scottie Moore weren't far behind with 4 fouls each and Dustin Martin and Caleb Gulley each had 3 fouls under their belt at the final buzzer. This did not, however, keep the Sonora boys from fighting hard to the end, for a final score of Grape Creek 69, Sonora 63.

Caleb Gulley led the scoring with 19 points, sinking 3 from the three point line, followed by Chris Martin with one 3-pointer and a total of 17 points. Doug Yocham had 8, Trapper Valliant 7, Dustin Martin 5, Scottie Moore 4 and Justin Sims 3.

Gulley and C. Martin were 2 for 2 and Sims and D. Martin were 1 and 1 at the free-throw line.

J.V. "A" Lady Eagles Fall To J.V. "A" Lady Broncos

The Lady Broncos J.V. "A" team started out strong in the first quarter on January 17th, overpowering Grape Creek 13-6 and never quit. The girls can attribute this win to team effort. Savannah Hedgecock led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Debra Martinez with 10 points. Other's scoring for the team were Perla Perez and Tissie Wagoner with 6 points, Tara Green with 4 points, Kayla McBride with 3, Kali Roberts and Amanda Word each with 2 points, and Jillian Gulley with 1 point. The J.V. "A" Lady Broncos are now 4-1 in District play. They take on Reagan County on January 21 and Eldorado on the 24th. Keep up the good work girls!

SISD Participates In Leukemia & Lymphoma Society "Pennies For Patients" Program

Students at Sonora I.S.D. are participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" program, which raises funds to find cures for Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma research, for patient services. Pennies for Patients is one of the Society's National School & Youth Program™. It has a double benefit in that it allows students to develop compassion and learn the value of helping others while they are working for a good cause.

For a second year, pop recording artist Mandy Moore will serve as the program's National Honorary Chairperson. "At the end of the last school year, I made a commitment to continue to work for this important cause," Ms. Moore said. "I participated in the School & Youth Programs when I was in school, and continue to be very passionate about supporting the important work of the Society." To reinforce her commitment, last May Moore visited the top fundraising school in the country to congratulate and recognize the students for their fund raising activities.

The Sonora High School "Pennies for Patients" Program will run for a three week period from January 14th to February 4th. The class collecting the most pennies and spare change in the school will receive a pizza party. Computers and other electronics and sports equipment will be presented to the top schools in each area.

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 Ozona • Here • 5:00 p.m.

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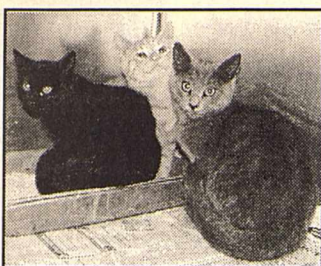
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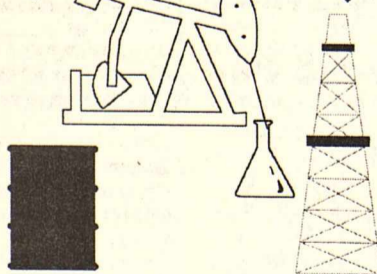
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Meat Goats Stamping Into Texas Pastures

by: Steve Byrns

During the past five years, more patches of Texas pasture seem to have sprouted redheaded, white-bodied goats. What gives? Where did they come from and what are folks doing with them?

The animals are Boer goats or their near relatives, a breed that was first brought into the United States from Africa in 1993. Soon after the first Boer arrived in Texas, promoters and speculators began hyping their market appeal.

Like chinchillas, emus, and ostriches, the goats enjoyed the immediate success that such fads first ignite. But unlike the others, the Boer is thriving, because it has an established commercial value that's easily redeemable at the nearest auction barn.

Dr. Rick Machen, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock specialist at Uvalde, said the goats have other traits producers love.

"They're prolific, with high birth rates," said Machen. "They're also gentler than most of our native Spanish goats. They can grow faster and bigger, which means they can be sold sooner. Thanks to the Boer's influence, meat goat prices have held steady for several years, which isn't true for other livestock.

"Also unlike other livestock, the meat goat isn't tied to the grain market. It can go to slaughter directly off pasture without the added feeding expense. Fast-growing ethnic markets in America also are increasing the demand for goat. And they're great for brush control, which is a real issue throughout Texas."

Machen, along with Drs. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist, and Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station geneticist at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, have been heavily involved with meat goat research since the first Boers arrived.

And the results of their work are in high demand, as the meat goat industry, now considered one of the fastest-growing segments of U.S. agriculture, continues to flourish.

In Texas, the meat goat is dominating the whole sheep and goat industry. Over the past 10 years, Craddock said, Angora goats and meat goats have swapped places. A decade ago there were about 1.3 million Angora goats in Texas and up to 300,000 meat goats. Now, just the opposite is true. Last year was the first time goats had ever surpassed sheep in total numbers in Texas.

"We talk about flooding the meat goat market, but that hasn't hurt us," said Machen. "We have a tremendous export potential," he added, pointing out that export demand is only being met three or four months in a year.

Besides, he noted, despite the rapid increase in domestic production, the United States imports more than 12 million pounds of goat meat a year, a figure that has quadrupled in a dozen years. Pioneering meat goat projects are nothing new to A&M livestock experts.

Back in 1989, two Extension livestock specialists in Corpus Christi, Dr. Joe Paschal and Dr. Wayne Hanselka, developed the nation's first Extension meat goat educational programs using the indigenous Spanish goat. The two began the South Texas Meat Goat Initiative with financial support from the Texas Department of Agriculture and from what is now the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"We started a series of educational activities in Texas, Canada, Australia and Mexico," said Paschal. "These efforts included meetings, bulletins and the sponsoring of research projects in grazing, brush control and meat yield and quality at Texas A&M University at Kingsville and Sul Ross State University at Alpine.

"With our little project, we had unknowingly set the stage for the success of the Boer. Once the Boer arrived, it seemed like everyone became quite interested in meat goats."

Today, A&M meat goat research centers largely on the Boer. Named for the Dutch word for farmer, the goat was developed for high fertility, high growth rate, and superior meat production in South Africa nearly 100 years ago. Most sport the trademark white body topped by a red head.

"The timing of the Boer goats' arrival to Texas couldn't have been better," said Craddock. They arrived shortly before the death of the Wool Act maimed our Angora goat industry. Wool prices soon tanked along with mohair, and cattle returns were rock-bottom. Ranchers with clouds of Angoras that they had bred for generations were scratching their heads wondering just what to do with them.

Redheaded billies soon began cropping up, but no one here had any experience with them. They were too expensive at first for ranchers to experiment with. That's when A&M livestock experts got involved.

With the cooperation of several breeders, Waldron conducted breeding research trials. Working with Angelo State University at San Angelo, Waldron and his Extension colleagues designed an annual performance test aimed at furthering the meat goats' efficiency.

"We've had several hundred go through the test," the scientist said.

"It's the largest of its kind in the United States. Breeders are making tremendous progress. Every year the test animals improve, which is starting to help the overall quality of this region's goats. Some of the animals on the test now are gaining almost a pound per head per day. We are striving to help producers learn the genetic capabilities of their animals in this environment."

The A&M experts have become the leading national authorities on small ruminant performance testing design, and their guidelines are now the industry standard. Universities in Oklahoma and Georgia are currently conducting meat goat performance tests using the San Angelo formula.

Waldron is also studying ultrasound loin area measurements in live goats. If successful, breeders could determine superior meat characteristics in live animals. This would be a boon to producers trying to determine the true meat qualities of prospective breeding animals. It would also help buyers more accurately assess a live animal's fat-to-muscle ratio.

Extension's 4-H youth program is another area in which the industry is enjoying tremendous growth. Craddock said since the early 1990s youth shows have paralleled the industry's growth. The 11,000 or so goats shown annually in Texas will surpass the more traditional lamb youth projects by almost 2,000 animals this show season.

"That's incredible when you think about it," he said. "We had no meat goat classes at any major Texas shows until 1990, while we've been showing lambs for generations."

Craddock and Machen have developed goat production trainings that have drawn crowds from across the state. "Goat Gathering" programs held in Kerrville during the summers of 1999 and 2001 each attracted some 500 participants.

Utopia's 4D Ranch/Lone Star Boer Goats supplied animals for a chef-prepared meal for food editors prior to the 2001 event. The ranch's owner Feral Davis of Midland and his manager, Bob Duke, enjoy an active relationship with Extension.

"Extension has really helped us in a lot of ways," said Duke. "They've helped us market our animals and pursue several successful marketing schemes. Extension has put a lot of good information out there on the health, care and nutrition of goats. They've shown the value of goats as a way to diversify livestock operations. They've done a lot of educational work on breeding stock selection, fencing and predator control."

Craddock and Machen said field days are helping serve growing numbers of small-scale goat producers new to livestock husbandry.

"There's a major shift in land ownership going on in Texas today," said Machen. "Just look at the Hill Country and the I-35 corridor. In the last 10 years any ranch that's sold has usually been subdivided into small-acreage home sites. The new owners need some type of livestock enterprise on those parcels to maintain an agricultural exemption on their property taxes. Meat goats fill that niche very well -- perhaps better than any other livestock."

"Like many small-scale producers in the cattle business, profitability is not their number one driving factor. Probably first is the ag exemption and second is the ranching lifestyle."

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The four-hour training program will be followed by the test, which will be administered by Mr. Cain Cline, Pesticide Specialist from the Texas Department of Agriculture. After passing the test, applicants can mail an application form and the \$50 license fee to receive a license.

It is highly recommended that participants purchase a Private Applicator Study Manual prior to the course to assist individuals with course preparation. The manuals may be purchased from the Kimble Co. Extension Office (\$20.00).

Please note that this program is for acquiring a license only. No continuing education units (CEU) will be offered for this course.

Bonilla To Co-Chair Border Caucus in 108th Congress



Henry visits with the new Border Patrol in the 23rd District. Co-chair of the Border Caucus, Henry represents almost 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressmen Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX) and Henry Bonilla (R-TX) will again co-chair the Congressional Border Caucus in the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress (2003-2004), advocating for the interests of border communities in Washington.

"Our nation has changed dramatically over the last two years," said Chairman Bonilla, powerful Chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. "And with a changing nation comes a changing border environment. The terrorists are not playing by the old rules and neither should we. I look forward to working again this year with my friend Solomon Ortiz. As co-chairs of the Congressional Border Caucus we will move forward and find new ways to protect our borders. Our combined influence will keep our borders strong and prosperous for many years to come."

"As Sept. 11 touched everything about our government, it also profoundly affected border policy," said Ortiz. "The borders became the focus of everyone in government and national security. This affects a number of things in border communities - everything from the conduct of international trade, to how border students are treated, to getting local judicial organs reimbursed for services they perform

at the request of the federal government. The border needs effective advocates in Congress to meet the challenges before us in this century."

Bonilla and Ortiz have chaired the Border Caucus in the House of Representatives since 1997. Their active leadership in this informal, bi-partisan caucus has brought the unique challenges of the border before authorities at the highest levels of government. Several accomplishments include:

- Convinced Mexico to abandon a car deposit on cars coming from the north

- Convinced Mexico to withdraw a proposal to implement tax provisions which would affect U.S. companies operating maquiladoras along the border

- Introduced legislation calling for equality among NAFTA partners for personal allowances in purchasing duty-free merchandise

- Led House efforts to extend the October 1, 2001, deadline to convert old border crossing cards to laser visas ... extension was eventually included in the Enhanced Border Security Act And Visa Entry Reform Act

- Reversed administration decision to allow part time commuter students to continue attending U.S. border colleges/universities.

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Hospital Board from page 1

Building. Epps seconded the motion and it carried. Butler then advised that a contribution from the Industrial Development Board might be forthcoming to help with the funding for the Medical Clinic. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Butler work with the Industrial Development Board on this contribution.

Butler advised that he was going to apply for a grant in the amount of \$50,000, with the Hospital matching \$5,000 for help with the conversion of the Nursing Home building into a new hospital. Dannheim made the motion of support to proceed with the application for the Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Loan Fund Grant project. With a second from Carrasco, the motion carried unanimously.

Butler informed the Board that the lab had had their CLIA inspection on Wednesday and Thursday, last week. This inspection is done every two years for laboratory compliance. He stated that Henry Ramos and staff had done a very good job and on the Surveyor's exit the lab had only minor deficiencies.

Butler stated that with Diana Green leaving for Physician's Assistant school next week, Mary Beth Luttrell, RN, had been appointed as Director of Nurses, as of January 1, 2003.

He went on to advise that a Texas Department of Health Hospital Development grant had been received for \$20,000 for help in updating to digital x-ray equipment. The hospital will also be receiving a Small Hospital Improvement grant in the amount of \$9,763.39 from ORCA, also for help in updating to digital x-ray equipment.

Butler reported that the accounts receivable was up approximately \$7,000 in December. He stated that \$115,150 had been collected and revenue was down from the previous month. Any self-pay accounts with no payment in 45-60 days after service will be forwarded to a collection agency.

The Board was informed that the CPA firm that prepares the cost report had advised Mr. Butler that a percentage of the cost of moving the Hospital to the Nursing Home building could be recouped over several years after completion. The percentage of Medicare patients would be the major factor in the formula of the recoupment of cost.

Mrs. Knight presented the November financial statement. She advised that the Hospital had a Net loss from operations of \$553, with a \$41,535 profit for total net income for November.

Upon a motion by Pool, seconded by Epps, the Board approved the December expenditures.

The Board then expressed their appreciation to Mr. Butler for his involvement in the Community and the EMS, as well as the fine job of managing the Hospital. The Board also expressed how pleased they were to have the Boy Scout Troop attend the meeting. Mrs. Epps expressed how well her Mother had been taken care of during her stay in the Hospital.

Workforce Board from page 4

enter and advance in the nursing profession. The second goal is to work with High School counselors and youth training providers to assist them in understanding the critical needs of the industry, and to develop programs that will prepare and encourage youth to enter the profession. The group has also developed strategies to encourage industry leaders to address the workforce culture within their respective facilities and the community in order to support and retain career nurses. The plan also calls for community partnerships to develop and finance an aggressive image campaign.

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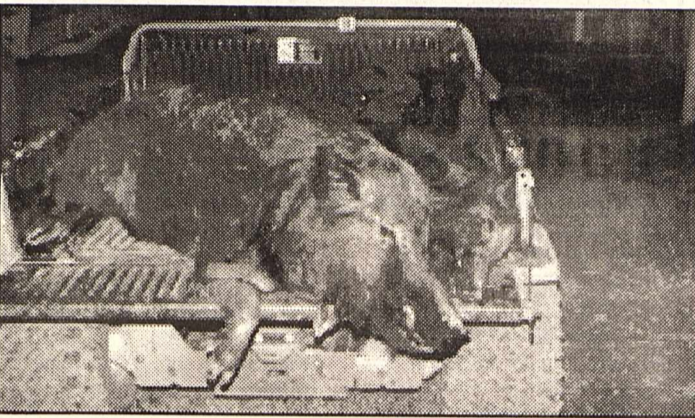
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DATED January 6, 2003, at Sonora, Texas. By Joe Fincher, Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas. Bob Hartman, Deputy.

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