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## A Successful Hunting Season in Sutton County

by Will Allison, Sutton County Game Warden

When Storie Sharp asked if I would like to submit an article describing this year's hunting season in Sutton County, I gladly accepted her offer thinking that this would be an easy assignment. As I reflect over all the hunting activity that has kept me so occupied since archery season began way back in late September, I feel that a person could safely say that this has been a successful hunting season. But just what is a successful season anyway? That is a question not easily answered in a couple of sentences... at least not by me.

If you measure a hunting season by the condition of the deer harvested within the county, then you must stay that it was above average. Most of the deer that I inspected were fat and had a very healthy hair coat. Those who allowed their bucks to reach maturity prior to harvest were most often rewarded with a nice set of antlers. Cases in point, Lee Johnson's 178 and Larry Finklea's 171-class Boone & Crockett deer as seen in a previous edition of this paper! Furthermore, these were not the only two nice deer taken in the county. I inspected many other trophy deer that caused me to be green with envy, in particular, one really nice drop-tined buck.

But what if you didn't take a whitetail that more closely resembled an elk, does that mean that you had an unsuccessful season? I would think not. For instance, there was a young boy in one hunting camp who, without a doubt, was the happiest hunter you would ever hope to meet. Upon seeing me drive up, this young man came charging out to meet me and proceeded to excitedly describe every minute detail of his hunt. Even though there were many other hunters to check in this camp, all other business had to be put on hold until I inspected his deer. There, right alongside several beautiful bucks, was the biggest trophy in the entire camp.... his doe. He was now a certified, card-carrying member of the camp for he had now harvested his first deer! His hunting season had been an overwhelming success.

There are others though, who never harvested a deer, but had a great season none-the-less. For instance, those hunters who traveled to Sutton County from all points of the U.S. for the sole purpose of taking a crack at one of our beautiful Rio Grande turkeys seldom returned home without something to show for their efforts. Merchants, and small businessmen also benefited, as our successful hunting season progressed and the hunters came calling.

I'm also reminded of a conversation I had with a local rancher (name withheld). When asked if he still had his troublesome group of hunters on the ranch, he replied that he had replaced them with a new, more law-abiding group. Then, with ever-widening smile, the rancher stated that the new group paid more, were more enjoyable, were better about not tearing up his roads during muddy conditions, and were careful to take only mature animals. In short, this rancher had experienced what he considered to be a perfect hunting season. He had generated enough income to carry him

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## Fabulous Fling Ding Fiesta

by Storie Sharp

Sonora's favorite age-old tradition - Fling Ding, was held on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at the Sonora Wool and Mohair warehouse. Ladies and Gentlemen from all over Texas joined the 135 local members for an evening of dancing and visiting with friends.

This year's theme for the dance was *Viva La Fiesta*, with sombreros, sarapes, señoritas, piñatas and a Mexican village transforming the walls of the warehouse into a festive party scene.

*Reunion*, a variety band out of Austin, set the tone for a great party with fun music that packed the dance floor - playing everything from classic torch songs made for couples, to jump-on-your-feet-and-boogie disco.

Revelers in the back bar area were entertained by the tra-



ditional tunes of Mrs. Holden from Ozona, Texas.

Eye-catching ensembles that could give the Golden Globe's red carpet fashions a run for their money adorned the lovely ladies and the men looked just as classy in their Tuxedos and suits.

Although the crowd seemed a bit smaller than years past, the place was still packed with partyers, all of whom appear to have had a great time and are already looking forward to next year.

For more Fling Ding fun see page 7.

## City Council Approves Department Budgets

The City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 21, 2003. The following council members were present: James Stephen, Mayor, Vivian Mears, Gloria Lopez, Virgil Polocsek, and James Blackman. Others attending all or part of the meeting were Beth Wallace, City Attorney, Brent Gesch, City Manager, Becky Covington, City Secretary, Tony Lane, Alta Alewine, Justin McGeath, LaDonna Wardlaw, Mary Ann Kay, Delyse Jaeger, Chief of Police Mike House, Larry Lynch, Al Elliott, Ruthie Bounds, Shelly Hughes, Jeffrey McCormick, Marlyn Young, Jess Harper, Joy Galbraith, Storie Sharp, Juanita Mesa and Judge Sessom.

After Mayor Stephen called the meeting to order the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2002 were approved as written.

An application from the Sutton County Appraisal District for a tax refund of

\$47.19 due to an assessment error that was discovered when property sold on parts of lot 4 thru 6, Block 21E was approved.

The Volunteer Fire Department reported the following activity for the fourth quarter 2002: Total Alarms - 11; Structure Fires - 1; Grass Vehicle Fires - 4; Rescues - 3; Trash Fires - 1; False Alarms - 1; Total Man Hours - 67.5; County Man Hours - 37.5; City Man Hours - 30, and City Fires - 5. Upon a motion made by Polocsek and a second by Mears the report was approved.

Becky Covington, City Secretary, gave the quarterly investment report advising interest rates are still declining and it has had an impact on the city's revenue. She reported two of the city's certificate of deposits had been renewed at a low interest rate of 1.79%. The investment report was approved in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act following

a motion made by Polocsek and a second by Lopez.

Mayor Stephen opened a public hearing at 2:05 p.m. to receive comments on possible uses of hotel occupancy tax to enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. There being no comments, Mayor Stephen closed the public hearing.

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. quarterly financial report for hotel occupancy tax use was approved.

The Council discussed the new signage and decorative wall planter on Highway 277 and Ann explained how funds have been earmarked for the project. The Council then approved the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. hotel occupancy tax budget for fiscal year April 1, 2003.

A motion was made by Mears, with a second by Lopez, to approve a Letter of Agreement with the Texas Historical Commission repre-

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## Scouts Race For Fun At Pinewood Derby

The Sonora Boy Scouts Pack 19 held their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 18, 2003. Scouts and families filled the Sutton County Civic Center to see who had the fastest car this year.

The Pinewood Derby is one of the most popular events in Cub Scouting. Every year more than a million boys and parents team up to carve, decorate, weigh, adjust, fret over, and finally race a Pinewood Derby car. The first Pinewood Derby was held in 1953 by Cub Scout Pack 280C of Manhattan Beach, California.

The purpose of the Pinewood Derby is to help the Cub Scout build a team relationship with their parent or helper, experience the sense of accomplishment and the excitement of competition, learn Win/Lose good sportsmanship, and to have fun. The model cars are made of wood to specified dimensions, created, carved, assembled, and decorated by



Pinewood Derby winners: 1st place: Michael Stephens, 2nd place: Cody Barber and 3rd place: Cody Snyder.

Cub Scouts under the guidance of the parents or helpers. The cars are gravity powered and run down a special track.

The winners are chosen on a double elimination basis, with two third places knocking the racer out of competition.

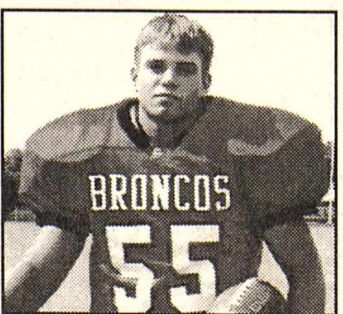
This year's third place winner was Cody Snyder, second place went to Cody Barber and the first place

winner was Michael Stephens.

The following certificates were also awarded before the races began:

Best Design - Jesse Amador; Best Looking - James Bean; Best Paint Job - Daniel Nicar; Most Unusual - Dustin Covey; Most Creative - Phillip Stephens and Most Outstanding - Stanley Gaytan.

## Bloodworth Chosen For All-State Teams



Sonora Sr. Bronco, Thomas Bloodworth was recently named to the AP All-State and Texas Sports Writers All-State Football teams. The Bronco Linebacker was a three year starter and will graduate this year. He is the son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth.

## Sutton County Makes Grand Showing At Kerrville

Sutton County Youth dominated the Angora Division of the Hill Country show in Kerrville last weekend. Showmanship buckles were awarded to the Junior Showman Laura Martin and Senior Showman Landon Brockman. Emily Earwood received a buckle and silver goblet for showing the Overall Grand Champion Goat of Show and Reserve Champion Goat of Show. Meredith Earwood was awarded the Chance Armke Memorial Scholarship for Premier exhibitor and received a silver tray, belt buckle and a \$4000 college scholarship, she also had the Reserve Champion Commercial goat.

In the Commercial Angora show Sutton County youth placed as follows: Doe kid; Laura Martin 3rd & 12th. Pen

of 3; Laura Martin 4th. Yearling Doe; Meredith Earwood 1st, Laura Martin 4th & 6th. Aged Doe; Laura Martin 3rd. Reserve Champion Commercial Goat; Meredith Earwood.

The Registered Angora Show started with Buck Kid; Meredith Earwood 1st & 2nd, Emily Earwood 5th, Landon Brockman 8th, Shane Benson 15th, Laura Martin 25th, Cash Jennings 27th. Yearling Buck; Emily Earwood 1st & 5th, Meredith Earwood 8th & 9th, Cash Jennings 10th. Aged Buck; Meredith Earwood 3rd & 5th, Laura Martin 7th, Cash Jennings 10th. Champion Registered Buck; Emily Earwood. Doe Kid; Landon Brockman 3rd & 5th, Emily Earwood 4th & 7th, Meredith Earwood 6th & 10th,

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## The State of Our District



Congressman Henry Bonilla

This week, President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to an attentive audience. These are tumultuous times and I believe it was the speech our nation needed to hear.

In his national address, President Bush reminded us of the tremendous accomplishments made over the last year. But all the time, the president expressed that we still have a long road ahead of us. He presented a blueprint for our nation's success. I believe that with this vision, our nation can and will remain focused and strong.

Much like the president reviewed the state of the Union, I've taken the opportunity to review the state of the 23rd Congressional District. And I have good news: The state of our district is STRONG!

Growth statistics show that cities in our district are growing at a rapid pace. This record growth is providing more economic opportunities for people throughout the 23rd Congressional District. Growth means more jobs, better opportunities for small business owners, and continued economic development. Our district universities are expanding and health care facilities are providing better service, more doctors and nurses and greater coverage for all patients.

By working with the local border patrol, we're keeping our borders prosperous and safe. If all goes well, the border will become open for additional commerce brought by Mexican trucks in the very near future and border towns will reap the economic benefits. Our farmers and ranchers are seeing

improvements in grants and research programs that help bolster their profitability. And our local military service-members are enjoying improvements in salary, base renovations and retiree commitments.

Yes, the state of our district is strong. But we must remember that "no man is an island." The issues affecting our nation also affect our state and our district. And while I will always look out for the needs of the 23rd Congressional District, I am also committed to keeping a watchful eye on the needs of our nation.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am dedicated to rebuilding our national defense. We must continue to support our men and women in uniform who have taken an oath to defend and protect our nation. As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true commitment for our armed services.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee I oversee hundreds of state and national agriculture programs. Last year's Agriculture bill was great news for Texas agriculture producers. Many of the programs funded will directly impact farmers and ranchers in the 23rd district and throughout our great state, as well as our nation. I remain dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy.

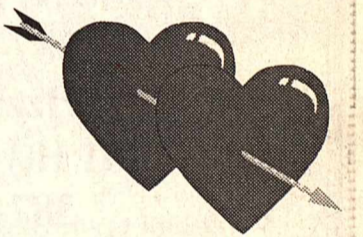
Beyond my subcommittee positions in the House of Representatives, I want each of you to know that I will not back down on the issues I have fought for since my first days in Congress. We must continue to provide meaningful tax relief to the people of America -- especially considering our current economic conditions. Now

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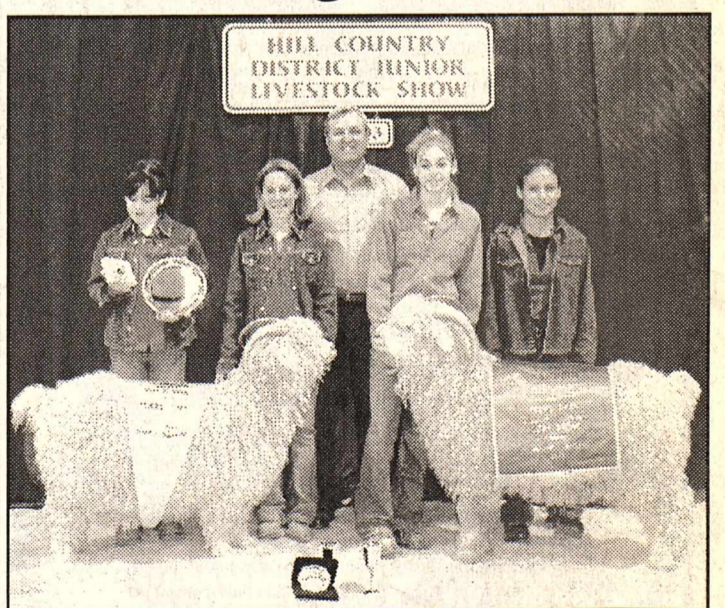
## Share Your Sentiments And Sign Up Your Loved One To Win

Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./ Main Street Program and the Merchants of Sonora would like to invite you to visit one of the participating businesses to sign up your special person or sweetheart so they can be in the drawing for the Valentine Gift Packages that will be given out during the week of February 10-14, 2003. Winners will be announced between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. each morning on KHOS Radio and the Devil's River News will print some of the sweet messages that you would like to share about that special person in your life. The Valentine Gift Packages will have candy, flowers, dinner for two and surprise goodies. The Merchants of Sonora would like to thank you for all the support you show them by Shopping Sonora!

Participating businesses are: Gifts Galore & More, Corner Drug Store, Caverns of



Sonora, Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, Petal Pushers Flowers, Flowers by Irene, Rosey Bud Florist, Dairy Queen of Sonora, Sutton County Steakhouse, La Mexicana Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Taco Grill, image apparel, Team Graphics, Tedford Jewelry, Busy Bee Dept. Store, Parker Lumber "Do It Best", KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank & Trust, and Sonora Office Supply.



Meredith Earwood, Kelsey Watkins, Preston Faris, Emily Earwood and Maria Vaquera show off the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Angora Goats in Kerrville.





## 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  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

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

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

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

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

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

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

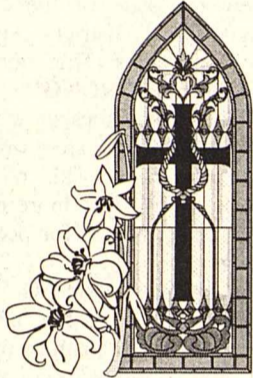
**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886

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

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

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Mike Dixon  
511 Cornell  
387-5207



**Kerbow Funeral Home**  
387-2266

### Cards of Thanks

*The road we travel through life is not smoothly paved all the way. And the sun doesn't always bring rainbows to brighten every day. But with faith and friends, we can make it through even the darkest night. Because when we believe - rainbows often appear to fill our lives with beautiful sunlight.*

Mary Alice Michaels

Although our hearts are breaking, we find comfort knowing we live in such a great community with so many caring friends and neighbors, who love Chance and this family so. Thank you, to all, for the flowers, food, cards, all the hard work, but mostly, thank you for sharing memories, thoughts and prayers of someone so very dear and precious to us.

Dayton, Pamela and Koda Armke

We the family of Jessie Favila wish to thank all our friends and all the people for their support during our time of sorrow. We want to thank you all for the food and flowers you sent and your sympathy and prayers. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God bless and keep you always,  
The Family of Jessie Favila

On behalf of the Avila Family, we would like to extend our appreciation to all of you who showed your love and support for our family during our time of grief. Your visits, the food that was prepared, flowers that were sent and your homes you so warmly opened to the family, demonstrated your sincere love and hospitality.

Thank you for being with us in honoring and remembering our most dear and beloved father, and grandfather, Prajedeiz Avila.

The Sonora High School golf teams would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their support and contributions that made our 5th annual Polar Bear Classic the success that it was. Your interest in the youth of our community is greatly appreciated.

Sonora Golf Club  
Location Builders  
Rafta W. Feed  
Creek Swabbing and Roustabout  
Teaff Oil  
Sonora Contractors  
Charles Howard Construction  
Grider Trucking  
Devil's River Internet  
Caverns of Sonora  
Doyle Morgan Insurance  
Don & Teri Bamert  
Best Western Inn  
Ronda's Styling Haus  
Wanda Neville  
Joe Longoria  
Pool Company  
Farm Bureau  
John & Robin Downing  
First National Bank  
Golf Auxiliary  
Multi-Chem Group  
Circle "S" Automotive  
NAPA Auto Parts  
Ol' Sonora Trading Post  
Live Oak 66  
Pizza Hut  
KHOS- FM 92.1  
G & L Tool  
Joe Casillas  
Joe David West  
John Barton

Gulley & Son  
Alco  
Team Graphics  
Ray Canales  
Brad Hull  
Suzanne Alley  
Mike House  
Gary Hardgrave  
Lonnie Baggett  
Don Spiller  
Kelly Spiller  
Oscar Marshall  
Larry Hernandez  
Jimmy Sims  
Jerry Don Balch  
John Duke Hudson  
Kelly Martin  
Steve Tackel  
Frannie Tackel  
Brandon Duncan  
Thomas Hanson  
Brant Myers  
Clyde Dukes  
Tom Gray  
Brenda Gray  
Jim Baily  
Devoe Smith  
Scott Alley  
Randy Sparks  
Greg Fierro  
Jesso Cook  
Savell Shannon  
Manuel Pared  
Chuck Baily

### Obituaries

#### Aurora E. Gutierrez

Aurora Esquivel Gutierrez, 85, of Sonora, Texas died on Sunday, January 26, 2003 in a San Angelo hospital.

Rosary was Monday, January 27, 2003 at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She is survived by 4 sons and 3 daughters; Jesus Gutierrez of Sonora, Texas, Antonia Castro of Sonora, Texas, Hipolito Gutierrez of Sonora, Texas, Yolanda Perez of Mertzson, Texas, Guadalupe Gutierrez of Sonora, Texas, Guillermo (Willie) Gutierrez of Sonora, Texas and Connie Samaniego of Sonora; a brother Miguel Esquivel of Mexico; sisters Consuelo Garcia of Ozona, Texas, Petra Salazar of Fort Worth, Texas, Refugia Guerra of San Antonio, Texas, Leonor Gutierrez of Jimenez, Mexico, Maria Solis of Piedras Negras, Mexico.

She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and her favorite nephew, Juan Garcia of Ozona, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her late husband Guillermo Gutierrez, Sr., brothers Ernesto Esquivel and Santiago Esquivel both of Mexico.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Eddie Castro, Lee Castro, Duwayne Castro, Chris Castro, Tommy Gutierrez and nephew Juan Garcia.

*The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I lack  
In green pastures you let me graze;  
To safe waters you lead me;  
You guide me along the right path  
For the sake of your name  
Even when I walk through a dark valley,  
I fear no harm  
For you are at my side  
Your rod and staff give me courage  
You set a table before me  
As my enemies watch;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup over flows.  
Only goodness and love will pursue me  
All the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
For years to come.*

#### Dorothy Pope

Dorothy Wilson Pope was born on February 21, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Ogden Wilson in San Antonio, Texas.

She passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2003, in Sonora, Texas.

She began her education at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio and completed her education at the University of Texas at Austin.

She was married to Walter Cadesman Pope III on October 21, 1950, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo. Dorothy was a member of the Fort Concho Museum, 20th Century Club and the Supper Club of San Angelo. She was a faithful parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church and a longtime member of its Altar Guild. Dorothy also served for 10 years as a member of the Sonora Independent School District School Board. Dorothy was an ardent conservationist and confirmed believer in ranch life.

Dorothy is survived by her three children, Janet, Andrews and husband, Joe, Cora McGowan and husband, Wally,

and Walter Cadesman Pope IV and wife, Carol; seven beloved grandchildren; Cally, Ogden, Richard, Audrey, Dorothy Anne, Cadesman and Julia; her sister-in-law, Patricia Wilson; a nephew, Cam Wilson and wife, Lydia; a niece, Hope Huffman and husband, Jamie; and two cousins, Gay Braswell and husband, Don, and Ann Beauchamp and husband, Phil.

A memorial service was at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas, with Rev. Monte Jones officiating.

Pallbearers were Murph Compton, Corky Eckert, Lawrence Finklea, Howard Brittain, Curry Campbell, Ben Ingham, Rocky Jones, Dr. Mike Keller, Richard Andrews and Ogden McGowan.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Concho Valley Home for Girls or a favorite charity.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for their compassion and unconditional loving care.

### 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

### Senior Center News

- Feb. 3 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomato, roll, pineapple rings.
- Feb. 4 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, green salad, roll, cherry cobbler.
- Feb. 5 - Oven broiled porkchops with gravy, noodles, carrots, tossed salad, bread, peaches.
- Feb. 6 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, jello with pears.
- Feb. 7 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.

### Senior Menu

- Feb. 3 - Bingo!
- Feb. 6 - AARP Tax Aide 11:00 a.m. - ? Call Center for appointments. 387-5657.
- Feb. 7 - Run errands and pay bills! Call Lilia 387-3941

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.\*

Ronnie Cox loves being your Pharmacist

### School Lunch Menu • Feb. 3 - 7, 2002

#### Breakfast

- Mon. - Waffles, syrup, juice or fruit.
- Tues. - Grilled cheese, juice or fruit.
- Wed. - Muffin, juice or fruit.
- Thurs. - Pancake on stick, syrup, fruit or juice.
- Fri. - Speech Meet. Student Holiday!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

- Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, peach cup, hot roll.
- Tues. - Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, jello with fruit, Texas toast.
- Wed. - Crispy tacos (beef), cheese, salad, pinto beans, strawberry short cake.
- Thurs. - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, topping.
- Fri. - Speech Meet. Student Holiday!

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### Community

#### Jan. 30

Gifts Galore & More  
Business After Hours • 5:30 p.m.

#### Feb. 4

City Wide Meeting for ALL T-Ball  
Parents and Coaches  
6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

#### Feb. 7

SISD School Holiday

The Community Calendar



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### Calendar

#### Feb. 7 & 8

S.H.S. Speech Meet

#### Feb. 11

Daddy/Daughter Date Night  
7:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center

#### Feb. 13

West Texas Rehab "Dust & Denim"  
7:00 p.m. • High School Auditorium

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### Letters To The Editor Policy

The Devil's River News encourages letters from its readers. Letters should be to the point, typed if at all possible and signed. Name, address and telephone number should be included for verification purposes. Letters will be printed on a space available basis. Letters should stick with issues, and not simply be personal attacks. Letters endorsing a particular position on issues of local interest will be accepted, however letters endorsing a candidate for political office will not be accepted.

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

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net



### Ask the Historical Society

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

share some info on John Allen Ward with us. He gave us 8 pages of info that included 2 which were a copy of the "Frontier Times" article. Thanks Albert!

"A fight in the Big Bend" as told by H. J. Bowles of San Antonio, in "Range and Field"

Q. My ancestor, Christopher Columbus Neal, born September 11, 1831 to Benjamin Smith Neal and Annie Walker Neal, enlisted in the 9th Texas Infantry as a private in First Battalion Texas Sharpshooters. He made sergeant and was transferred to Burnet's Battalion on February 20, 1863. He died at the Confederate Hospital in Marksville, Louisiana in March of 1863 from pneumonia. Where would he be buried?

A. Your ancestor was probably stationed at Fort DeRussey and taken to the hospital when he became ill. March was not a good time to be ill in this area. There had been record breaking rainfall and many troops became ill or due to extreme dampness, cold and many had their wounds become infected due to the mud and unsanitary conditions the rainfall caused. To top it all off there was also an outbreak of smallpox at that time. The hospital was inundated with patients during this time frame and there were an unusually large number of deaths. With the rain and soaked ground it was very hard to transport bodies home for burial and most of the patients that died were buried in or around a private cemetery at what was then the edge of town. The cemetery was called the Cushman Cemetery and is still in Marksville but it is on private property and not open to the public. Most of the graves of those who died at the Confederate Hospital were not marked and there is no map or written record of the burials. I am afraid that finding the exact grave of any soldier that was buried in or around the Cushman Cemetery during that time frame is an almost impossible task.

Q. Do you have a copy of the story on Jim Davenport fighting it out with Bass Outlaw and Joe Meyers in the Big Bend?

A. I knew that I had read this in the "Frontier Times" but couldn't find which issue it was in. I remembered that John Allen Ward was at the battle, so I asked Albert Ward if he could

On a hot summer day in 1886 I was riding all day up Faslangas Creek from mouth of Grand Canyon on Rio Grande River. Rozell Pulliam was with me. We had been down to visit Rozell's father, Uncle Bill Pulliam, who camped down there to keep our cattle out of Mexico. We reached the Old Dobie Walls about sun down - this was G-4's Headquarter Camp. Captain J. B. Gillet was foreman, but at that time he was away visiting his family in El Paso, leaving Pink Taylor in charge. Captain Gillet was one of the very best foremen that ever lived, too, by the way.

As Rozell and I rode up to camp we saw some of the cowboys preparing supper, others attending horses. Also we saw two Rangers there, Bass Outlaw and Joe Meyers. I was acquainted with both of them so I asked: "What are you Rangers doing here?" They said "Some horses have been stolen up country and we are looking for the thieves." They told all the boys that except Pink Taylor. They told him confidentially that old man Hereford had been killed by Jim Davenport at Marathon; called him out to his gate and shot five times. Mr. Hereford had fired Jim, and everyone supposed that Jim had killed him for that reason. Jeff Davenport, his brother, was working for the G-4 outfit. That is why the Rangers came, thinking that Jim would come to where his brother was working.

After supper we made down our beds and went to sleep. About ten o'clock that night Jim Davenport rode into camp, he and his horse starving for water. He got off his horse, started for the water bucket hanging under the arbor. About that time the Rangers awoke



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and saw him and said, "Halt!" Jim had his Winchester on his arm and he threw it in position, he and the Rangers firing at the same time. There was an old camp wagon standing there and the Rangers got behind it, and shot over it and Jim squatted down and emptied his gun. He would have killed the Rangers had it not been for the old wagon. As it was he hit both of them with shattered lead glanced from the iron on the wagon. After all had emptied their guns Jim walked off in the dark and the Rangers came back to their beds for more cartridges, then the battle was over.

Rozell and I were sleeping near the wagon and during the fight I thought the boys were shooting at pole cats, as the "varmints" had been coming into camp at night. Seems as though I was the last one to wake up. I could see no one but the two Rangers at the wagon. One of the bullets from Jim's gun hit the ground near our beds and knocked gravel all over us.

John Ward came running by me and I said, "Hold on John! Tell me what's the matter!" John kept going toward the horse corral. I asked, "What's all the shooting?" He said, "Don't you know Jim Davenport and the Rangers have been fighting?" After the fight it took some thirty minutes for all the boys to get back to camp. Then we picked

the shattered lead out of the Ranger's heads. The rangers pressed all of us boys into service, some to guard Jim's horse which was lying down with the saddle on. They sent John Ward and me to look for the Rangers' horses.

Next morning Bass Outlaw said: "You will find Davenport shot. I think I hit him in the stomach the second shot." The Rangers started back to their headquarters the next morning. Jim was out on a hill, full two miles of camp. After they left he came into camp, and sure enough he was shot, flesh wound in the side low down. The boys cooked him some "grub", gave him a fresh horse and he went on to Mexico. In crossing the river his horse drowned so he had to get another one. He also lost his pistol in the river.

To be continued in our next column.

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. Monday, Tuesday morning, and Friday you may reach me at the Sutton County Historical Society Office/Archive building, 307 Oak Street, at 915-387-5084. Other days of the week give me a call at home at 915-387-2855



Sonora, Texas in 1915

### Foster Grandparents Needed In Our Area

The Foster Grandparent Program of the Concho Valley Council of Governments is looking for individuals 60 years of age and older who are interested in being tutors and/or mentors to children in the Concho Valley and The Devil's River News area. Volunteers must be interested in working 20 hours a week at a local facility, and must love interacting with children. Income-eligible volunteers receive a tax-free

stipend, transportation reimbursement and excess insurance coverage. The stipend is NOT counted as income and therefore does not affect or interfere with social security benefits, SSI, housing or any government program. Individuals interested in learning more about the Foster Grandparent Program may contact the Area Agency on Aging in San Angelo at 915-223-5704 or toll-free at 877-944-9666.

### Championship Ring

I saw the winners of a previous superbowl showing off their championship rings. There have been a lot of football players but only a few are wearing Championship rings. They received that award after a lot of training, pain, heartaches, self-sacrifice and effort. Seeing those rings reminded me of what could be in store for many Christians (1 Peter 5:4, 2 Timothy 4:8). Non-Christians will not get any rewards, just punishment (Matthew 25:41, John 5:29). God wants all Christians to live in a way (to be champions for him) that honors him and to do his will. In football you may play one way (on the field) and live differently off the field. It's not that way in the Christian life. On the field (going to church) and off the field (at work, home or play) is the same, no double standards. Jesus lived his whole life in perfect obedience to the Father and just before he was crucified he said he was about to finish his work on earth (John 17:4). No, Jesus won't be wearing a superbowl ring but he will be wearing a beautiful crown and his title will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:12&16). We ought to have the same goal as Jesus and maybe one day we will be in the champion's circle (1 Corinthians 9:24,25, James 1:12). See you in church on Sunday.

Brother J

Matty would like to welcome her baby brother  
**Hayden Everett**  
He was born on  
Monday, January 13, 2003  
4:40 a.m. at Shannon Hospital  
Hayden weighed 7 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs.  
and was 19" long.  
Proud parents are  
Jed and Amy Davenport.  
Paternal Grandparents are  
Jerry and Freida Kay Davenport.  
Maternal grandparents are Clara Talley  
and the late Tommy Talley.



### CASA Program Seeks Recruits For Volunteer Training

San Angelo, Texas - The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program is currently recruiting for spring volunteer training. Spring training begins Feb. 17th, but due to the application and interview process, those interested in volunteering should register now for the training.

The tragedies and horrors of child abuse seem more prevalent than ever, but Concho Valley community members can do something to make difference in the lives of abused and neglected children in our own community.

CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children while their home placement are determined in court. Judges depend upon the input of CASAs to help them make well-informed decisions about where the children will live, for how long and under which conditions; which services and treatment will be ordered,

and/or which steps will be taken to reunite the child with the birth parents or place the child in a new family.

The CASA volunteer training will provide 30 hours of in-depth training on a variety of issues from Substance Abuse to Case Management to Family Violence. At the conclusion of the nationally recognized training, District Judge Rae Leifeste will "swear in" volunteers as official Guardian Ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The local CASA program serves and needs volunteers from counties throughout the Concho Valley, with the greatest need in Tom Green and Runnels Counties.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and pass a criminal background check. Call 653-HOPE (4673) for more information or to register for volunteer training.

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**Sonora Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is scheduled for January 30, 2003 at The Corner Drug Store/Gifts Galore & More! The hosts will be The Corner Drug Store/Gifts Galore & More and the Sutton County Steakhouse. The Business After Hours will begin at 5:30 PM and last until 7:00 PM. We encourage all Chamber members to come and enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres compliments of The Corner Drug Store/Gifts Galore & More and the Sutton County Steakhouse. This is a great chance to laugh with Ronnie and sample some of Linda's wonderful cookin'.

**Kearney Makes The Grade At LCU**

Lubbock - Kasey Kearney of Sonora has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2002.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

The number of LCU students named to the list has increased dramatically in recent years due to a stronger emphasis on campus toward academics. The administration has developed new programs over the last several years to help students in completing their academic responsibilities, including the Academic Support Center, which offers free student tutoring and University Studies, a program to help new students become successful independent learners.

Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a quality education in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities. LCU is ranked in Tier Two of US News and World Reports Best colleges. The university offers 37 bachelor's degree programs and six master's degrees with a record enrollment this year of over 1860 students.

**Main Street Traffic**

**"Tumbleweed Smith" To Visit Sonora**

"Tumbleweed Smith" is coming to Sonora February 20-21, 2003. The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Sonora Main Street Program, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County and KHOS Radio would like to invite you to come and visit with "Tumbleweed Smith" at The Bank & Trust of Sutton County on February 20, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited to come visit for a while. Smith will have a book signing on February 21st in the lobby of The Bank & Trust of Sutton County.

Mark your calendar and help us welcome "Tumbleweed Smith" to Sonora.

**S.M.S. GT Class Builds Elf Owl Houses For Eaton Hill**

by Delyse Jaeger  
 A new project is under way on Eaton Hill. Sonora's 7th and 8th grade GT class is heading up the project in hopes of identifying a special bird nesting on the hill. The object of their efforts is the tiny Elf Owl. Described as "sparrow-sized", elf owls measure only five to six inches and are the smallest owls in the world. According to Dr. Maxwell of ASU, nesting sites have been identified to the north and south of Sonora. Mrs. Love's class is attempting to establish the first documented nesting of an elf owl in Sutton County. If successful, the students will make a contribution to science and also add a feather (a small, owl feather) to Eaton Hill's birding hat.

The class assisted Mr. Wayne Webb in constructing the nest boxes to exact specifications, and will monitor the boxes throughout the nesting season. In addition, the students will monitor several wren boxes.

The Bewick's wren is a common resident of Eaton Hill. We are excited about this new project.

Other species recently sighted on and around the hill are cedar waxwing, golden-fronted woodpecker, Bell's vireo, brown towhee, cardinal,



Bottom (L to R): Hunt Wagner, Chelsea Martinez, Abraham Rivera, Nick Shurley, Taylor Liverman; Top: Laura Martin, Stacy Sanchez, Colton Moore, McKenzie Perez, Chealsey Daniels, and Starlyn Chadwick.

robin, loggerhead shrike, blue-bird and a probable eastern phoebe. Our list is growing!

If the weather continues to cooperate, we are anticipating a brilliant display of wildflowers this Spring. The trails are currently lined and often covered with emerging bluebonnet plants. For anyone interested in participating in an Eaton Hill photo contest, categories being considered are the flag, wildflowers, wildlife, vegetation, birds, portrait and most unusual.

**Project Graduation Works To Keep Students Safe**

The Sonora High School graduating class of 2003 will be celebrating their graduation on May 30, 2003 with a free, all-night, drug and alcohol-free celebration for graduating seniors. This chaperoned party provides a safe, yet fun environment for our children and shows them that they can have a great time and celebrate their achievements without alcohol or drugs.

The junior and senior parents are organizing the all-night, alcohol-free, drug-free graduation party and your help is needed. Donations of money or merchandise for prizes are being accepted. Your help in getting involved to make the 2003 Project Graduation an exciting, fun and safe evening is greatly appreciated.

If you or your business would like to donate a prize or a cash donation to help "Project Graduation 2003" be a success, please donate when you are contacted by a parent or forward your donation to PROJECT GRADUATION 2003, 410 S.E. Crockett Street, Sonora, TX 76950. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737 or Beth Wallace at 387-5786.

**ACS Relay For Life - A Team Event To Fight Cancer**

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is just around the corner. Get your team together and call Jody Luttrell at 387-6230 or Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

The Sonora Elementary PTO team is off and running, don't get left behind - sign up today!!!

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**EMS Continue Training at January Meetings**

submitted  
 On Monday, January 6, 2003 the Sutton County EMS met for their regular business meeting. Their regular training meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2003. Pat Campbell, EMT-P, gave a very informative training on the use of restraints for behavioral problems that the EMS personnel may encounter during an ambulance run.

On Monday, January 27th, the EMS met for an advanced training meeting. Doug Meador, EMT-P, from Ozona, presented a program on pediatric IV's. The program was educational and everyone benefited from the lesson. The EMS would like to thank Pat and Doug for their time and effort presenting the programs. A special thank you also goes to Hannah Henderson, Katie and Jamie Braley, Trent Harris, Davien Vasquez and Kaden Kinder for being excellent patients.

**F.Y.I.**

There will be a city-wide T-Ball meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at the Elementary Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to discuss the moving of the T-Ball field to the County Park. All parents and coaches of T-Ball aged children should attend this brief meeting.

The Scouts of Pack 19 will be hosting our annual BLUE & GOLD BANQUET on February 17, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Civic Center. For any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821.

Daisy Troop #215 will be meeting as follows: 2/6/03 from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut and 2/20/03 from 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut.

Dust and Denim - A musical salute to West Texans, benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Sonora High School Auditorium, starring your friends and neighbors, directed by Donna Trammell of Denton, Texas. Admission is \$15.00 per person. Tickets available at The Devil's River News, Bank & Trust and The First National Bank.

Sonora Elementary is collecting Box Tops, used Cellular Telephones and used ink-cartridges. You may drop any of these items off at either elementary office.

The Sutton County Hospital District will not hold an election this year. There are no Directors with terms expiring in 2003. The next election for the Hospital District will be held in 2004.

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.

It is time once again to plan for the Sutton County Senior Center's annual trip to HEB Camp. Dates for this year are Feb. 25th thru Feb. 27th, 2003. We will be staying at Singing Hills near Leakey, Texas. The fee for camp will be \$45.00 this includes transportation, meals, and insurance. Please RSVP by Feb. 15th. Also We will get sponsors to pay for camp for those who can't afford the cost of camp. Please let the Center know as soon as possible so we can make plans to attend. Come by the Center or call 387-5657 or 387-3941.

St. Ann's Catholic Church will be selling Krispy Krems 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.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesday February 25, and March 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival - A Bluegrass Reunion, March 21-23, 2003, Big Lake, Texas. Reagan County Community Building Indoor Stage. Admission - Friday \$8, Saturday at 12:00 noon - \$12. FMI call 915/884-3650.



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J.V. "A" Lady Broncos Ground The Reagan County Owls

The J.V. "A" Lady Broncos defeated Reagan County on January 21, 2003, with a final score of 44 to 36. The game was close all the way through, with the Lady Broncos barely leading at half-time, 20 to 19. The third quarter opened up and the Lady Broncos scored 11 points to Reagan County's 9.

to increase their lead during the 4th quarter, ending the game 44 to 36. This great team effort was led by Tissie Wagoner with 10 points. Debra Martinez, Tara Green and Savannah Hedgecock all followed with 6 points each. Amanda Word led the rebounds with 5, followed by Missy Longoria with 4 saves.

Sonora Middle School Honor Rolls and Perfect Attendance

- 3rd Six Weeks All A Honor Roll 5th Grade: Bethany Berry, Edna Dominguez, Meredith Earwood, Cash Jennings, Cassie Krieg, Sterling Love, Jordan Miller, Mario Oliden, Alicia Reedy. 6th Grade: John Duke Hudson, John Pecos Roberts, Vickie Torres. 7th Grade: John Downing, Emily Earwood, Kayla Garcia, Heather Hughes, Kimble Luna, Laura Martin, Kari Nicholas, Marcus Perez, Laurant Schaefer, Hunt Wagner. 8th Grade: Amanda Berry, Chelsey Daniels, Cody Perez, Stacy Sanchez.
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A/B Honor Roll 5th Grade: Tyler Creek, Cecilia Garcia, Erica Granados, Amy Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Sarah Hernandez, Monica Sanchez, Michael Stephens, Kati Chavez, Alyssa Favila, Paul Faz, Kasey Gutierrez, Pedro Ramirez, Leandro Aguero, William Anderson, Juan Capuchina, Sara Gillit, Joshua Salazar. 6th Grade: Clinton Hudson, Maria Moreno, Steven Pacheco, Jeffrey Crites, Kaitlyn Henderson, Steely Ingham, Mikael Samaniego, Derek VanWinkle, Samantha Adkins, Karley Frasier, Reynaldo Gaytan, Yolanda Sanchez, Jessica Snyder, Monica Traylor, Joshua Barnes, Lyndsey Frasier, Senida Martinez, Corey Roberts. 7th Grade: Danielle Rodriguez, Zenon Acosta, Edwardo Garcia, Elbe Samaniego, Michael Chavez, Raquel Escalante, James Moore, Tyler Stewart, Kelsey Watkins, Chelsea Martinez, Whitney Perez, Kyla Turney. 8th Grade: Jose Casillas, Marc Hernandez, Taylor Liverman, Steven Lozano, Justin Northcott, Nicholas Shurley, Emily Butler, Meghan Krieg, Nathan Mungia, Mackenzie Perez, Shanna Porter, McKenzie Watkins, Starlyn Chadwick, Jamiee Duran, Allyse Edmondson, Kayla Fields, Jennifer Gonzales, Madeline Higdon, Aaron Nitsch, Aric McGee, Brandy Neff, Delma Tovar, Kaija Valkonen.
Perfect Attendance 3rd Six Weeks 5th Grade: Aimee Chavez, Meredith Earwood, Janeth Aparicio, Dustin Neff, Leanna Velez, Jose Dominguez, Juan Capuchina, Rayonna Blackman, Gerardo Mesa, Bianca Trevino, Tyler Creek, Tomas Gomez, Monica Sanchez, Cassie Krieg, Martin Campa. 6th Grade: Kimberly Gonzales, Maria Leos, Sharee Johnson, Azeneth Villanueva, Valerie Gonzalez, Everett Contreras, Corey Roberts, Lyndsey Frasier, Reynaldo Gaytan, Ivan Chavez, Samantha Adkins, Senida Martinez, Karley Frasier, Westley Lipham, Dora Araujo. 7th Grade: Paula Zaragosa, Kelsey Watkins, Anthony Sanchez, Julio Samaniego, Danielle Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Kayla Garcia, Troy Ramsey, Toby Ramsey, Edwardo Garcia, Zenon Acosta, Elbe Samaniego, Colton Moore. 8th Grade: Shane Love, Jaimee Duran, Jacob Ibarra, Erica Hernandez, Rudy Sanchez, Cody Perez, Julio Galindo, Brandy Neff, Amanda Castilleja.

Broncos Lose By 1 To Reagan County

The Sonora Broncos played another close game on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 against the Reagan County Owls. The Broncos played very hard, making it a very exciting game down to the last seconds. The game could have gone either way, but when the final buzzer sounded, it was the Owls who took home the win by 1 point.

Reagan County started off strong, leading the Broncos 15 to 8 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter became a tighter game, with the Broncos narrowing the gap, for a score of 21 to 25 at the half-time buzzer.

The Broncos hit the floor running in the second half and took over the lead, 37 to 35 at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter proved to be the decision maker for the game. Reagan County pushed back into the lead. Doug Yocham was sent to the bench after fouling out. In the last seconds of the game Chris Martin's 3 point shot put the

Broncos within one point of Reagan County. After the shot, Coach Hanson called a time out. The Owls threw the ball in with Justin Sims stealing it, and passing it to Dustin Martin for a shot. Martin missed the first shot and the buzzer sounded before he could attempt a second shot after rebounding his own shot, putting the final score at 48 to 49 in favor of Reagan County.

Trapper Valliant led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Caleb Gully with 11. Chris Martin and Doug Yocham each had 7, Scottie Moore had 6 and Dustin Martin and Luis Segura each had 2.

Gully had three 3-pointers, and Chris had the one.

Justin Sims had the most rebounds, followed by Valliant, Moore and Gully.

Moore was 2 for 2 from the free throw line.

Trapper Valliant was named the Defensive Player of the Game and Caleb Gully was named Offensive Player.

Broncos Soar Over Eagles for First District Win

On Friday, January 24, 2003 the Sonora Broncos had their first District win, defeating the Eldorado Eagles 55 to 43.

The Broncos took the lead in the first quarter and never let it go, leading at the end of the first by 4, 13 to 9. The second quarter the Broncos kept the same pace, ending the half with a lead of 28 to 16.

The boys stayed strong for the second half, ending the 3rd quarter 42 to 27, with Doug Yocham and Trapper Valliant leading the rebounds. Luis Segura and Stevie Hernandez came off the bench to help the Broncos defensively in the win, for the 55 to 43 victory. Trapper Valliant led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Caleb Gully with 13, having 3 from the 3 point line. Doug Yocham had 9 points, and Dustin Martin and Scottie Moore each had 5 points. Moore also had a 3 pointer. Justin Sims had 4 points and Chris Martin had 3.

Yocham was named the Defensive Player of the Game and Valliant was Offensive Player.

J.V. Lady Broncos Bring Down The Lady Eagles

The J.V. "A" Lady Broncos improved their District record to 6-1 by defeating the J.V. Eldorado Lady Eagles on January 24th.

The Lady Broncos played great team defense and held the Lady Eagles to only 21 points, for a final score of 38 to 21. Savannah Hedgecock led the team with 10 points, followed closely by Missy Longoria, Kali Roberts and Jillian Gully with 6 points each. Roberts led the team on defensive rebounds, while Chelsea Seaton led with offensive rebounds. Great game Ladies, keep up the good work!

J.V. Broncos Win Two In A Row

The Sonora Junior Varsity boys finished the first half of District Play with 2 victory's.

The first win was against the undefeated Reagan County Owls, 60 - 43. Sonora forced many turnovers and controlled the boards both offensively and defensively.

The Broncos also had 3 in double figures. Clint Cearley led the Red with 18 points and 8 steals. Lance Roberts had 13 points, while Dustin Creek added 11. Other scorers were Cameron Cox 7, Embre Smith 5, Austin Wagoner 4, and Steven Duhon 2. Boomer Galindo was the leading

rebounder with 7.

The second victory came at the hands of the Eldorado Eagles, with a 66-40 victory for the Broncos. Leading the Broncos was Duhon with 18 points and 11 rebounds, with Roberts followed closely with 17 points, 10 rebounds. Others scorers were Cearley 7, Creek 6, Wagoner 4, Galindo and Smith each with 4, Chris Perez 3, Cullen Parker 2 and Cox 1.

This week Sonora travels to Wall on Tuesday and then on Friday they play their last home game, taking on the Ozona Lions.

Go Broncos!

7th Grade Colts Drop Two In Llano Tourney

The 7th Grade Colts traveled to Llano on Saturday, January 25th to compete in a one-day tournament.

Their first game was Saturday at noon against the Mason Punchers. The Colts lost this game 18 to 29. Scoring and Rebounding for the Colts were as follows: Alonzo Pena 8 Points, 11 Rebounds, Clayton Sahr 5 Points, 2 Rebounds, Morgan Martinez 3 Points, 1 Rebound, Hunter Lawson 2 Points, 1 Rebound, Zadrrian McGee 5 Rebounds, J.T. Downing 2 Rebounds, and Colton Moore with 1 Rebound.

The second game was at 3:00 against the Llano Yellow Jackets. The Colts also lost this game 9 to 40. Scoring and Rebounding for the Colts were: Zadrrian McGee 4 Points, 10 Rebounds, Clayton Sahr 3 Points, Alonzo Pena 2 Points, 4 Rebounds, Morgan Martinez 2 Rebounds, and J.T. Downing 2 Rebounds.

Ozona Lions Tame 7th Grade Colts

The 7th Grade Colts hosted the Lions from Ozona on Monday, January 26th. The Colts were slow to start, and unfortunately came up short at the final buzzer. Final Score: Sonora Colts 21, Ozona Lions 40. Scoring for the Colts were: Zadrrian McGee 9 Points, Alonzo Pena 3 Points, Riley Sanchez 3 Points, Hunter Lawson 3 Points, J.T. Downing 2 Points and Dalton Dover 1 Point. Rebounding for the Colts were: Zadrrian McGee 16 Rebounds, Alonzo Pena 10 Rebounds, Hunter Lawson 2 Rebounds, Morgan Martinez 1 Rebound and J.T. Downing 1 Rebound.

The Colts will play their last game of the season next Monday, February 3, 2003 in Grape Creek.

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7th Grade Boys Feb. 3 Grape Creek • There 5:00 pm
8th Grade Boys Feb. 3 Grape Creek • There 6:15 pm

Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

- 2003 VARSITY Jan. 31 Ozona • Here • 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 Grape Creek • There 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 Playoffs
IVA Jan. 31 Ozona • Here • 5:00 p.m. Feb. 4 Grape Creek • There 5:00 p.m.
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Important: T-Ball meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at the Elementary Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to discuss the moving of the T-Ball field to the County Park. All parents and coaches of T-Ball aged children should attend this brief meeting.

Little Dribblers 3rd and 4th Grade Teams

Sonora City League Little Dribblers 3rd and 4th grade boy's teams have been chosen as follows:

- Lakers Coach: Mindy Castaneda, Asst.: Romy Castaneda Players: Osauldo Castaneda, Marcos Gamez, Robert Hernandez, Word Hudson, William Otwell and Davis Virgen
Bulls Coach: Gina Moore, Asst.: Rosario Tovar and Daneyra Gloria Players: Dustin Covey, Colyer Dermody, Stephen Dominguez, Jorge Gaytan, Braxton Snyder, Phillip Stephens, Nathaniel Villa
Rockets Coach: Lynn Hinsley Players: Kevin Barron, Ethan Morriss, Kyle Patlan, Bailey Joe Pennington, Ricky Samaniego, Ryan San Miguel
Knights Coach: Manuel Tobias, Asst. Nelda Tobias Players: Dustin Crittendon, Damian Lopez, Preston Lopez, Stefan Ortiz, Garrett Smith, Cande Tobias
Practice will be on February 1, 2003 at the little gym as follows: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Knights 1:30 - 3:00 a.m. - Rockets 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Bulls 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Lakers

Little Dribblers 3rd and 4th grade girls' teams were chosen as follows:

- Sparks Coach: Stephanie Powers Players: Ana-lesa Samaniego, Kelsey Taylor, Whitley Hernandez, Jennifer Sanders, Paige Calvillo, Valeria Buitron, Leandra Castaneda, Raynnie Lockaby
Buh-Bye Coach: Candise Patlan Players: Evelyn Solis, Selena Mesa, Karina Trevino, Alex Galindo, Ashley Perez, Courtney James, Kash McGee
The Toon Squad Coach: Lisa Karnes Players: Hunter Jennings, Sarah Carillo, Crystal Hidalgo, Dulce Acosta, Kallie Humphrey, Rose Karnes, Maci Zuniga
Hot Chix Coach: DeVoe Smith Players: Aliana Castro, Delilah Aguero, Ashley Guerra, Joanna Garza, Lizette Lira, Morgan Smith, Marilee Reyna

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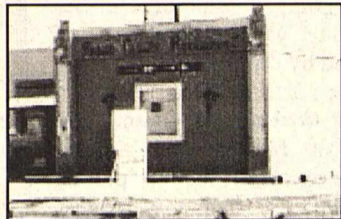
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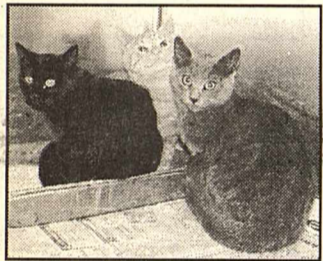
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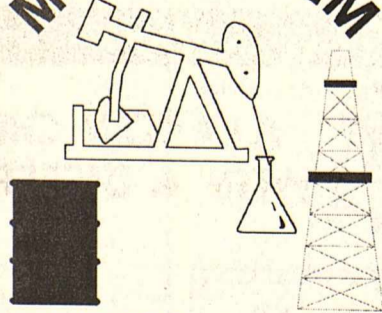
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**Kerrville Show from page 1**



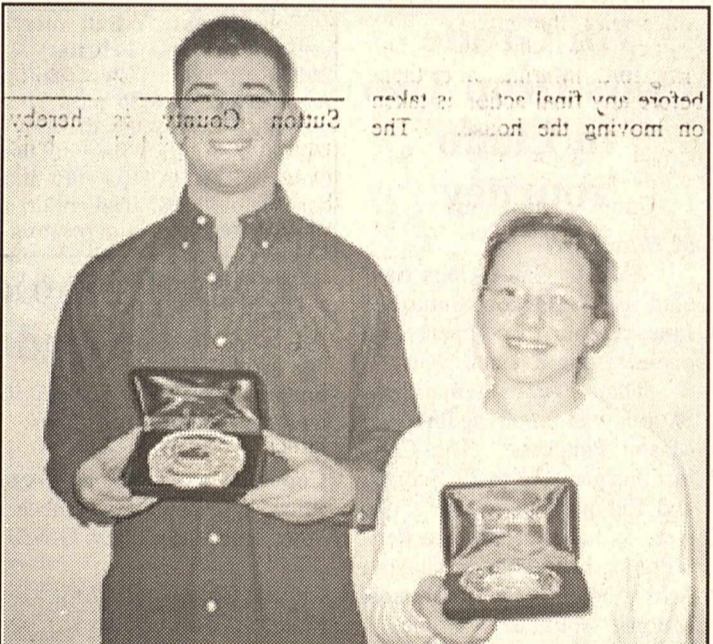
**Bailey Joe Pennington won a Blue Ribbon in the Meat Goats 3rd Class - Division 1.**

Laura Martin 9th & 28, Shane Benson 14th & 21st, Cash Jennings 29th. Yearling Doe; Emily Earwood 2nd & 9th, Meredith Earwood 3rd & 8th, Cash Jennings 12th, Laura Martin 17th, Hunter Jennings 19th, Kelsey Watkins 20th. Aged Doe; Emily Earwood 1st & 9th, Meredith Earwood 4th & 7th, Landon Brockman 5th, Hunter Jennings 11th, Cash Jennings 13th, Maria Vaquera 19th. Champion Registered Doe, and Overall Champion Doe; Emily Earwood. Emily's Yearling Buck and Aged Doe went on to win Overall Champion Goat of Show & Reserve Champion Goat of Show. Also exhibiting Angora goats was Dustin Neff.

Twenty-five 4-H Meat Goat exhibitors competed in Kerrville on Friday, January 17, 2003. There were 15 classes within 3 divisions. Bailey Joe

Pennington fared best in our group by winning a class and a division championship. Gunter Pennington also placed a goat high in his class with a second. Other top finishers were Pecos Roberts 10th, Chelsey Lou Campbell 10th, John Duke Hudson 7th, Word Hudson 7th, Steely Ingham 4th & 6th, Stella Ingham 8th, and Colton Moore 3rd. Bailey Joe's goat made the premium sale so he brought home a nice check along with the championship.

In addition to those 4-Hers mentioned above, others competing were Mandy Brister, Chance Campbell, Colyer Dermody, Sidney Dermody, Tyler Edmonson, Paul Faz, Cash Jennings, Hunter Jennings, Kylie Johnson, Rose Karnes, Madison Myers, Ethan Morriss, Stephani Morriss, Dustin Neff, Cademan Pope, and Kaija Valkonen.



**Landon Brockman was awarded the Senior Showmanship Buckle and Laura Martin the Junior Showmanship Buckle in the Angora Show at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show.**

**Successful Hunting from page 1**

through yet another year, his family home place had been treated with more respect, and the ranch's wildlife resources had been managed in such a way as to almost guarantee future trophies. After meeting his hunters, it was evident that they were equally pleased with the property, for they were talking about securing a long-term lease at the time of my last visit.

Perhaps we could use the number of deer harvested as a method of judging a season's worth. Just how many deer were harvested in the county this year, who knows!

However, according to Jock Dutton, his processing

business handled approximately 100 more deer this year as compared to last year's total. From this information, we might guess that this was a successful season in terms of more meat for the pan. I will use this opportunity to point out that many of the deer harvested were donated by hunters to individuals in our community who needed the meat. Thanks guys.

For others it might not be the size of the antlers, the pounds of meat, the number of animals harvested, or the length of the turkey's beard that matters, however. Were you successful because you spent time with family or friends in a

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**New Dominion;** 8450' Mayer - 3 - #5 Patterson Drilling.  
**New Dominion;** 7900' Kirby - 1 - #10, Patterson Drilling.  
**New Dominion;** 7750' Lilian Bell Glasscock #3103, Patterson Drilling.

**New Dominion;** 7700' Kirby - 2 - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
**New KCS Resources;** 7150' Sawyer - 129 - #13, Patterson Drilling.

**New Dominion;** 6300' Meckel - A - #58, Patterson Drilling.  
**New Dominion;** 6200' Shurley #82, Patterson Drilling.  
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**Texaco E&P;** 9500' CE Davidson Jr. - B - #34, Nabors Drilling.  
**New Harrison Interests;** 10000' WA Thomason #5, Patterson Drilling.  
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**Paramount Energy;** 16800' Foote-Whitehead - S74 - #1, Patterson Drilling.

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**New Phillips Pet.;** 9875' Cauthorn - B - #3 H, Patterson Drilling.

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**New Par Minerals Corp.;** 8000' Richardson #1, Key Energy.



**Commissioner Combs Announces Rural Business Workshop**

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center, AEP-West Texas Utilities and the Lower Colorado River Authority to host a workshop on rural business development.

The workshop, West Texas Business Opportunities, is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, in Alpine and will provide entrepreneurs, business owners, ranchers, agribusinesses, business professionals and the community an opportunity to learn about rural business development, e-commerce and marketing. The conference begins with a reception sponsored by AEP-West Texas Utilities at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Reata Restaurant, 203 N. Fifth, in Alpine.

The workshop begins at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 27 in the University Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Registration cost is \$35. To pre-register, call Jana Hunter at (915) 837-8694 or TDA Rural and Agribusiness Development Specialist Jack Stallings at (915) 859-3942.

"Operating a business is a

major effort, and rural business management can be extremely challenging. This workshop can help folks identify resources they can use to help their businesses become more successful," Combs said.

The program will include professionals in the field of rural business development and also feature panels consisting of rural Texas business people who will share their experience and expertise with those who attend.

The morning session will begin with Kendall McDaniel, an economist from the Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The Center serves as the Federal Reserve's focal point for research on rural and agribusiness issues.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be the keynote speaker at the workshop luncheon. Commissioner

Combs has a cow-calf operation on her family's 100-year-old ranch in Brewster County and is familiar with the challenges facing rural business people.

The workshop luncheon will feature products from Davis Mountains Organic Beef and Permian Sea Shrimp Co., which are both GO TEXAN companies.

**Texas Agri-Women To Install Officers At Annual Meeting**

Members of Texas Agri-Women from over the state will gather in Uvalde on February 8 for their annual meeting and installation of officers. The affair, which will begin at the Uvalde Country Club at 6:30 p.m. is hosted by the Uvalde chapter, TAW. Shirley Wilde of Uvalde is president of the chapter. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., after which a business meeting will be conducted by outgoing TAW president, Vickie Hargett of Del Rio. Hargett will also install the new officers.

Virginia Friesenhahn of Knippa will be the new state president. Other officers include Denise Rhodes, Austin, 1st vice-president; Judy Beloit, Lytle, 2nd vice-president; Shirley Wilde, Uvalde, 3rd vice-president; Leigh Ann Sanderlin, Knippa, 4th vice-president and Agri-Gram editor; Eva Sanderlin, Knippa, corresponding secretary; Brenda Romans, Uvalde, corresponding secretary; Pat Magee, Uvalde, treasurer. Hargett as past president, will be parliamentary.

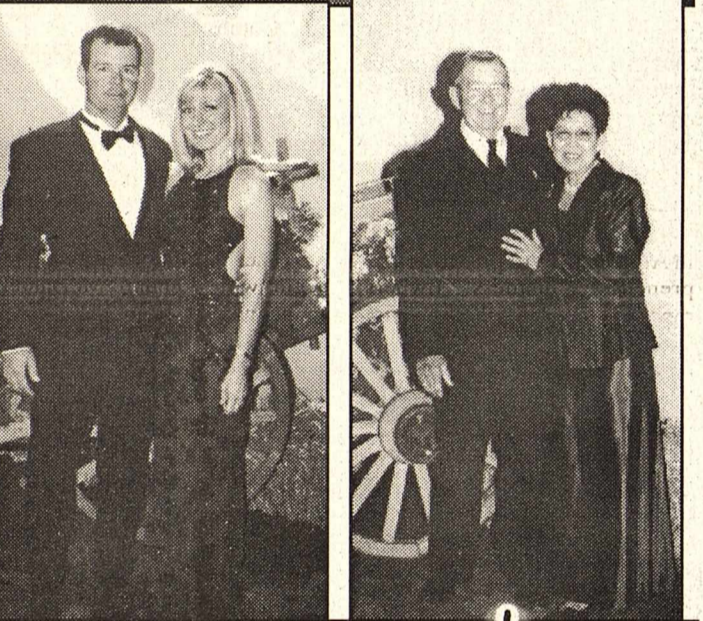
Texas Agri-Women is an organization whose goals are to educate the public, the legislators, and themselves about issues affecting agriculture. For more information, call Wilde at 830/278-3109, or e-mail, swilde@medinaec.com.

**REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCT. 1, 2002 TO DEC. 31, 2002**

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 1,500,460.72	\$ 522,153.03		\$ 626,983.48		\$ 1,395,630.27
FMFC	\$ 190,730.12	\$ 108,159.10		\$ 169,942.82		\$ 128,946.40
Flood Control	\$ 21,881.40					\$ 21,881.40
Law Library	\$ 9,326.32	\$ 995.00		\$ 1,041.75		\$ 9,279.57
Lateral Road		\$ 13,043.04				\$ 13,043.04
State Trust Funds	\$ 45,247.23	\$ 27,320.55		\$ 44,394.77		\$ 28,173.01
State Arrest Fees	\$ 264.50	\$ 2,066.80		\$ 1,989.60		\$ 341.70
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 249,714.66	\$ 1,651.20		\$ 20,488.00		\$ 230,877.86
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,335.11	\$ 69.55				\$ 7,404.66
Appellate Fund	\$ 568.81	\$ 295.00		\$ 668.81		\$ 195.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 15,917.04	\$ 143.29		\$ 1,725.00		\$ 14,335.33
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 3,344.11	\$ 143,802.32		\$ 73,162.00		\$ 73,984.43
						<b>TOTAL \$ 1,924,092.67</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	\$ 341.70	FMFC	\$ 56,064.57	General	\$ 267,916.20	
Appellate Fund	\$ 195.00	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,404.66	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 14,335.33	
General 1st National	\$ 2,419.98			CTHSE RENOVATION	\$ 73,984.43	\$ 422,661.87
Money Market Accounts (General)	\$ 1,428,548.97	(FMFC)				\$ 1,501,430.80
CD Accounts (General)		(FMFC)				
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 1,924,092.67</b>



## Fling Ding Fiesta Fun



## Bonilla from page 1

more than ever, we also need to look out for the small businesses of America. They are the back-bone of our country. Small businesses should be protected so they have the opportunity to grow and flourish. I'll also continue my work on the Texas/Mexico border; I'll aim for better health research funding; and of course, I'll shoot for the stars when it comes to educating our nation's children.

After almost a decade of commitment to these issues, we've seen remarkable results. But we're not finished. This year will bring us one step closer to accomplishing our goals and making the 23rd district better than ever.

## City Council from page 1

senting the city's commitment to continue as a graduate city in the Texas Main Street Program for 2003. The motion carried.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce quarterly financial report for hotel occupancy tax use was approved as presented.

The Council then discussed in length budget line items concerning beautification of the entry ways, scheduled events, and Christmas lighting and promotion. The Council asked that Christmas decorations be planned early so that Sonora is decorated by December. A motion was then made by Poloczek, with a second by Mears, to approve the Sonora Chamber of Commerce hotel occupancy tax budget for fiscal year April 1, 2003 to March 30, 2004 as presented.

Jeffrey McCormick, Certified Public Accountant, presented the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation annual audit report for the 2002 fiscal year. Mr. McCormick advised the SIDC conformed to accounting principles as applicable to governmental units and went over significant components of the audit. He reported that sales tax revenue had increased. The council questioned the SIDC's idea of moving the Eaton Hill House off the premises and the historical value of the house. Justin explained that the Eaton Hill committee is examining options concerning the house. The Council asked that the SIDC bring forth information to them before any final action is taken on moving the house. The annual budget report was approved as presented.

Upon motion made by Mears and a second by Poloczek, a request from Steve and D'Arcy Wagner, 202 N. Concho, Block F, Lots 2 & 3, to replat Tract A, B, C, of Lot 2 and Lot 3, save and except the northeast 10.00 feet of Lot 2, Block F, was approved.

A discussion was held concerning the request from West Texas Gas, Inc. to renew a franchise agreement that is set to expire on March 15, 2003. The Council asked that a representative from the company come to the next meeting to negotiate the rate and terms. The item was tabled until next month's meeting.

Upon a motion made by Poloczek and a second by Blackman the 2001 TCDP - Water Storage Improvements under the City's Texas Community Development Program Contract Number 72178 and authorizing final payment to Tank Builders Inc. was approved.

Approval was given to accept a donation for an electric roaster and a microwave oven from the Senior Center Support Group and a thank you was given to Blackman for his money contribution towards the microwave.

Authorization was given to bid bids for new vehicle for the police department.

Upon a motion made by Poloczek and a second by Mears, it was decided not to lease the agriculture farm for one year until improvements could be made to the property.

A RESOLUTION was approved to request that the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas remove a bill to be introduced by State Representative Sid Miller providing for the retention of an exemption allowing plumbing work in cities of less than 5,000 inhabitants to be performed by unlicensed plumbers.

Jess Harper, with the Concho Valley Council of Governments, gave a report on auto theft, equipment theft, and anti-theft devices. She advised that two new programs are now offered through the project - Community-wide VIN etching and information to civic organizations meetings. Also, she reminded them of the HEAT Program and went over the advantages.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Stephen closed the meeting.

er to accomplishing our goals and making the 23rd district better than ever. It goes without saying that America is facing new and different challenges. With these challenges come important, new goals that we must attend to. President Bush has set forth his goals for our nation and now you and I must set goals for our district. By standing together we will prove that these goals can be accomplished. We will prove that we are a united district and united nation, prepared to work together for the good of America.

## Public Notices

Sutton County is hereby requesting for sealed bids on the following:

- 1.) 150,000 gallons of AC/5 Asphalt
  - 2.) 2,500 Tons of Grade #4B Rock Non-coated
  - 3.) 3,000 Tons of Grade #3B Rock Non-coated
- Sealed bids will be opened on March 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For Specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Administrator, Oscar Jimenez, 915/387-3010 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, 915/387-5380.

2x-1/29-2/5

Sutton County is hereby requesting bids for their group medical insurance. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2003. Bids will be opened on March 10, 2003, at 9 a.m. at the County Commissioners Court regular meeting at the Sutton County Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be marked "Sealed Bid" and can be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please call or write Sutton County Auditor, Maura Weingart, Post Office Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950, 915/387-5380.

2x-1/29-2/5

Sutton County is hereby requesting sealed bids on bulk oil and gas for all county departments. The grades of fuel needed are listed as follows: Taxable Diesel, Off Road Diesel, and Unleaded. Sealed bids will be opened on March 10, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Please deliver or mail "Sealed Bids" to Judge Carla Garner, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please contact county auditor, Maura Weingart, 915/387-5380.

2x-1/29-2/5

Sonora ISD will accept bids on the following list of vehicles. Bids will be accepted at the Admin. Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until Feb. 4, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Contact Danny Hardin concerning condition of vehicles or to make arrangements to view the vehicles if needed. Bids must be marked "VEHICLE BID". Sonora ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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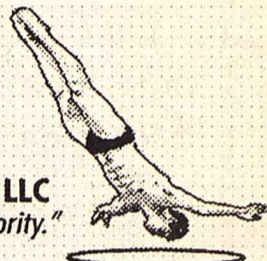
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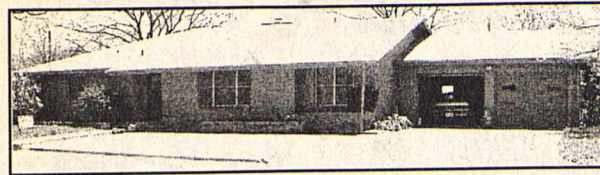
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP.**  
To any unknown heirs of ELODIA JIMINEZ FLORES, Deceased, their executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, and to all persons interested in the Estate OF: ELODIA JIMINEZ FLORES, Deceased  
No. 1266, County Court, Sutton County, Texas

Claudio Flores filed in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, on the 17th day of January, 2003, an Application for Determination of Heirship

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date of publishing this citation, the same being the 10th day of February, 2003, at the Sutton County Annex Building in Sonora, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under the hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Sonora, Texas, this 22nd day of January, 2003.  
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