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Eighth Grade Lady Colts Leave Behind Great Record

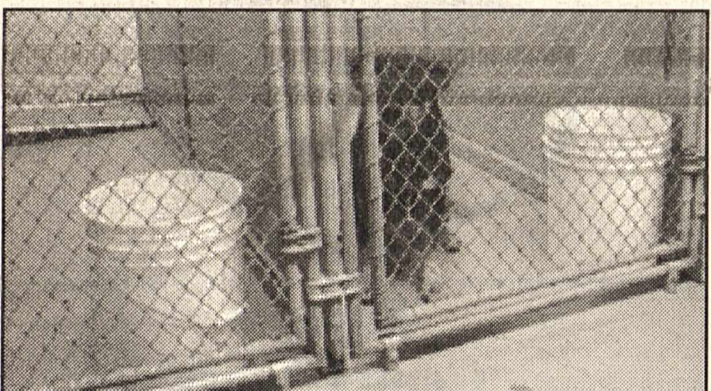
The 8th grade Lady Colts have had a remarkable 2-year season. As 7th graders, they were undefeated with a record of 15-0, winning both the Wall and Junction tournaments. This year, the Lady Colts won the Llano tournament, placed 2nd in the Wall tournament and had an overall record of 11-4. Pictured above are: Jena Teasley, Brandy Neff, Allyse Edmondson, Meghan Krieg, Madeline Higdon, Felicia Gamez, Amanda Berry, Taylor Liverman, Stacy Sanchez, Kayla Fields, Jamie Duran and Mackenzie Perez. Congratulations Lady Colts! We look forward to watching you as Lady Broncos.

Friends and Neighbors To Star In Dust and Denim

Dust and Denim - a musical salute to West Texas, benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. This musical review, starring your friends, neighbors and local merchants, is directed by Donna Trammell of Denton, Texas. Each song gives tribute, or tribulation, to life in West Texas.

Admission is \$15.00 per person and tickets are available at The Devil's River News, The Bank & Trust and The First National Bank. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind, made-for-Sonora show!

What You Need To Know About Rabies



This dog is quarantined to ensure he does not have rabies.
Submitted by Patti Strauch, DVM

With the abundance of skunks in Sutton County it is important that residents be aware of the threat of rabies, a disease often carried by the skunk.

You can be infected with the rabies virus if you are bitten by an animal that has the disease. You can also get rabies if the saliva from a rabid animal contacts your mucous membranes or any open wounds you might have. If you have such contact with a rabid animal, only a series of shots can keep you from getting the disease.

Signs of rabies include:

- Animals that have a change in behavior.
- Wild animals which seem to be friendly or tame.
- Wild animals - coyotes, foxes, bats, skunks, and raccoons - which you do not usually see in the daytime.
- Animals that have a hard time walking, eating, or drinking.
- Excitement or meanness in animals.
- Animals that bite or scratch at an old wound until it bleeds.

If a pet is infected with the rabies virus, the way it acts may change. A friendly dog might want to be alone. A shy dog might want attention. Rabid dogs often become mean, roam, make strange noises and attack people and other animals. Rabid animals may drool, and they sometimes swallow stones, sticks, or other things.

Later, as the rabid animal gets even sicker, it might have trouble chewing, swallowing, drinking or walking. It may not be able to close its mouth, and may appear to be choking. Never try to clear the throat of an animal with these signs. If you see an animal acting this

way, call the local animal control agency right away.

Rabies can be prevented by having a veterinarian vaccinate your dogs and cats against rabies. By law, you need to do this every year. Keeping your pets vaccinated protects you and them. Restrain your pets, do not allow them to roam. Avoid contact with wild animals and with dogs and cats you do not know. Do not approach strange dogs or cats. Do not try to hand-feed wild animals and do not keep them as pets. Do not touch sick or injured animals. Call and report them to an animal control officer.

It is very important that everyone, especially children, know how to prevent rabies.

If an animal bites you, follow these steps. They may save your life.

Quickly and thoroughly wash the bite with soap and water. Rinse it well.

See a doctor as soon as possible. The doctor will decide if you need treatment to prevent rabies.

Describe the animal that bit you - the kind, size, and color - to the doctor, local health authority, or animal control officer. Tell children to get help from a policeman, school guard, or other adult. Try to locate the animal or keep track of it if you know where it lives. Remember what it looked like.

The local health authority needs to have the biting dog or cat tested for rabies or quarantined for 10 days. If the quarantined dog or cat is alive 19 days after the bite, it could not have given you rabies.

Biting skunks, bats, foxes, coyotes, and raccoons must be tested for rabies. If you are bitten by another kind of animal, the local health will decide if it needs to be tested or observed for rabies.

Glen Fisher Named To National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Board

Washington, DC, January 28, 2003 - Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the appointment of Glen Fisher of Sonora, Texas, Chase Hibbard of Montana and Paul Lewis of California to serve as members of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) Board of Directors. The NSIIC is managed by this Board of Directors that is appointed by, and reports to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Board of Directors consists of 7 voting members chosen from the sheep and goat industries and the respective Under Secretaries for Rural Development and Research, Education and Economics who serve as non-voting members. Mr. Fisher will serve in a position reserved for active producers of sheep or goats in the United States and Mr. Hibbard and Mr. Lewis will serve in positions reserved for individuals with "expertise in finance and management." Their term of service will begin at the annual meeting on February 10, 2003.

The three Board members who are leaving the Board are Pierce Miller of Texas, Larry Becker of Wisconsin and Bill Bonde of California. Mr. Miller and Mr. Bonde have filled position reserved for individuals with finance and management expertise and Mr. Becker has served as an active producer. All three members have served two terms and are not eligible for reappointment.

Glen Fisher is the manager of Askew Ranch and owner operator of Fisher Ranching in Sonora, Texas. He has been actively ranching for 25 years and manages 1,800 ewes and 400 mother cows. He has a BS in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech and a Masters in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State. He served as an Economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for 5 years and has 19 years experience managing wool and mohair marketing wool houses. He is the immediate past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. and is currently the Chairman of the American Sheep Industry Association Wool Council.

The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC), or Sheep Center, was authorized in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide financial assistance through a variety of funding mechanisms for the enhancement and marketing of

See Fisher page 6

Shuttle Columbia Loss Hits Close To Home

by: Robin Street

The Fort McKavett staff joins our country and the world in mourning the loss of the seven men and women who so bravely gave their lives in their quest for exploration of space frontier. These men and women were returning from a 16 day mission aboard the Shuttle Columbia, when tragedy struck over East Texas.

We are affected personally by the death of David M. Brown, Mission Specialist 1, who was returning from his first adventure into space. Dave is a longtime "Friend of Fort McKavett," and as a member of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (JSCAS), spent many nights at Fort McKavett exploring space with a telescope. He had in his possession a Fort McKavett patch, bringing together the exploration of the 1850's frontier Fort McKavett is known for, and the exploration of today, sometimes known as the "final frontier."

Several of our JSCAS friends were on hand for the launch on January 16th. Becky Ramotowski snapped this photograph from 5 miles away. We were excited for them, and especially for Dave, as he began the Mission for which he trained so long and hard.

NASA, SPACEHAB, and members of the STARS Academy had been preparing for the STS-107 mission for over two years. With the debut of SPACEHAB's Research Double Module on this flight, over 100 experiments took place on board the U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia.

Seven talented astronauts flew this critical research mission. They included Mission Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William "Willie" McCool, Payload Commander Michael Anderson, Mission Specialist 1



Above: Photographer Becky Ramotowski was 5 miles from Cape Canaveral on Jan. 16, 2003, when she captured this picture of the Space Shuttle Columbia (STS - 107) leaving Earth. The Columbia and crew were lost during return entry, 16 minutes before landing Feb. 1, 2003.

Right: David M. Brown, Mission Specialist 1.



Kalpna Chawla, Mission Specialist 1 David Brown, Mission Specialist 3 Laurel Clark, and Payload Specialist 1 Ilan Ramon.

Their efforts will not be in vain, for once the grief subsides, the exploration will continue. A new day will begin.

Essence of a New Day
This is the beginning of a new day
You have been given this

day to use as you will
You can waste it or use it for good
What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it
When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever
In its place is something that you have left behind...
Let it be something good.
Unknown

Volunteers Needed For 57th Annual Speech Meet

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 underway 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.

Sonora Middle School Chooses Sweetest Hearts Candidates



Sweetest Hearts candidates for 2003 were nominated by teachers for their endearing qualities. Winners will be chosen, one boy, one girl, by their peers and will be announced Thursday night at the SMS Valentine's Dance at 9:00 p.m.

The candidates are (in alphabetical order):
Amanda Berry, daughter of John and Kellie Berry
Emily Butler, daughter of Keith and Rosie Butler
Chealsey Daniels, daughter of Anna Daniels
Allyse Edmondson, daughter of James and Tibba

Edmondson
Jaimee Duran, daughter of Manuel and Rachel Duran
Kayla Fields, daughter of Tryon and Cindy Fields
Taylor Liverman, daughter of Bobby and Shannon Liverman
Brandy Neff, daughter of Scott and Linda Neff
Mackenzie Perez, daughter of Zeke and Jana Martinez and Joe Perez
Stacy Sanchez, daughter of David and Mari Sanchez
Kaija Valkonen, daughter of Tony and Melinda Valkonen
Mackenzie Watkins,

daughter of Cindy Gilcrease
Jose Casillas, son of Joe and Irene Casillas
Marc Hernandez, son of George and JoAnn Hernandez
Shane Love, son of Dave and Becca Love
Steven Lozano, son of Sesario and Sulema Lozano
Aric McGee, son of Martin and Geneva McGee
Abraham Rivera, son of Lurdes Garcia
Nick Shurley, son of Marvin and Wanda Shurley



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

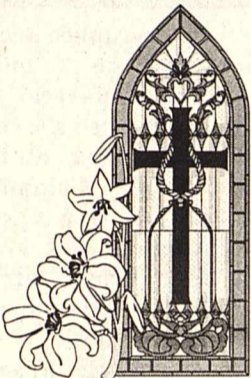
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls, and help while Mandy went through her surgery. We knew when we moved here 15 years ago that this was a close community and in this last week we have really felt how close and loving all of you all are. Thank you seems so small compared to what you all gave us. Thank you Sonora and Sutton County.

Cliff, Danine and Mandy Brister
Tony and Mary Ellen Lane

Thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, visits and the wonderful food during my stay at the hospital and after I got home. I am deeply grateful for such loving family and friends.
Ruth Gibbs

We, the family of Luciana D. Virgen wish to extend our appreciation to all who helped in any way during the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

We wish to send a special thank you to Kerbow Funeral Home for their services, the doctors and nurses at Columbia Medical Center, the pallbearers and the church choir.

We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all that helped in catering the reception that followed the funeral service in the Parish Hall and Father Bill for the comforting messages.

For all who sent the beautiful floral arrangements, the abundance of food, the cards with expressions of sympathy, and those who visited the home, or called with words of condolence, and your prayers. God bless you.

Alfred Virgen, Sr.
Letty and Ron Blanchard
Freddy and Blanca Virgen and Family
Tommie Sanchez and Family
Lilia Virgen

Obituaries

Martha Brown Keng



Martha Brown Keng, the mother of Dr. Jan Keng Warner of Karnes City, died at 7:20 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2003 at Morningside Ministries Nursing Care in San Antonio.

Mrs. Keng, 85, had been a resident of San Antonio for the past five years. Prior to that she had resided in Sonora for more than 50 years.

She was born to the late Loy and Bessie (Elam) Brown on June 4, 1917 in Lampasas County. Mrs. Keng was a graduate of Tarleton College. In 1937 she married Edward Burette (E.B.) Keng. They lived their first years together at College Station where Mr. Keng completed his education at Texas A & M University. In 1944 the couple moved to Sonora where they spent the rest of their lives together.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Sonora, Mrs. Keng was also an associate member of the Texas A & M University Ex-Students Association and a former member of the Sonora Woman's Club. She was also an accomplished seamstress and an avid bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a sister, Marie Kautsch; and a brother, Loy Gene Brown.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Keng is survived by a granddaughter, Beth Warner Hull and her husband, Stephen, of Kansas City, KS; a grandson, Rev. Gaston Warner and his wife, Dr. Lacey Warner, of Durham, NC; two great-grandchildren, Holly and Zach Hull; four nieces and a nephew.

Mrs. Keng's ashes will be interred at graveside services to be held at 10:30 a.m. on February 14 at the Sutton County Cemetery in Sonora with Rev. Gaston Warner officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Sonora; Habitat for Humanity of Durham, 215 N. Church Street, Durham, N.C. 27701; or a charity of choice.

Mr. Kelly Kearney

Mr. Kelly Kearney, 82, of Odessa, Texas passed away February 2, 2003. Mr. Kearney was born October 6, 1920 in Mitchell County, Texas and was a resident of Odessa, Texas for the last 10 years.

Mr. Kearney was married to Billie Steele on November 8, 1992, in Odessa, Texas. He was a member of the Church of Christ, a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Army and a Rancher in Menard from 1969 - 1995.

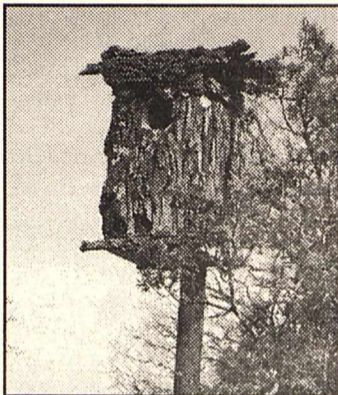
He was preceded in death by his father Lem Kearney, June 5, 1982 and his mother Ludy Kearney, March 3, 1994.

He is survived by his wife,

Billie Steele of Odessa, Texas; daughter, Kay Kearney Trimble of Junction, Texas; son, Kent Kearney of Sonora, Texas; brother, L.C. Kearney, Jr. of Sundown, Texas and three grandchildren, Justin Trimble of Junction, Texas, Kasey Kearney and Kelly Kearney, both of Sonora, Texas; 3 step-daughters, Betty, Norma and Carol, numerous other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were Monday, February 3, 2003 at Palava Cemetery with Ed Houston officiating. Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

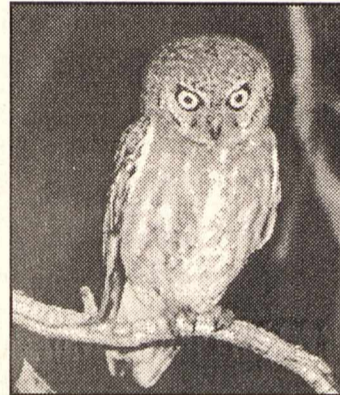
Rooms for Let - For Owl-lets That Is



Elf Owl house on Eaton Hill.

The Elf Owl nesting boxes are up on Eaton Hill and we eagerly await the intended guests. Carol Love's 7th and 8th grade GT class will be monitoring the boxes, but we would love to hear from anyone who may catch a glimpse of this tiny bird of prey.

Elf Owls measure only 5 to 6 inches, have short tails, with spots above the shoulders, white eyebrows and yellow eyes. They lack ear tufts and are most commonly seen at dusk when they

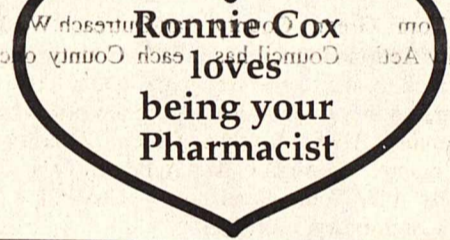


Elf Owl. Photo courtesy of The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds - western region.

emerge to hunt large insects and occasional lizards.

The call of the Elf Owl is rapid and high pitched, similar to a puppy yipping. If you are fortunate enough to spot an Elf Owl, please contact Delyse Jaeger at 387-2061.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Come on out and explore the hill!



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

Daddy/Daughter Date Night 2003

Daddy/Daughter Date Night
February 11, 2003
Sutton County Civic Center
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
K- 8th Grade

\$6.00 per person (in advance)
\$8.00 per person (at the door)

Sonora Chamber of Commerce
387-2880

Senior Center News

Feb. 10 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, cornbread, citrus fruit cup.
Feb. 11 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, rolls, pears with pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.
Feb. 12 - Salisbury steak with gravy, beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches.
Feb. 13 - Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffin, bread pudding with raisins.
Feb. 14 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, carrot cake.

Senior Menu

Feb. 13 - Start crafts for St. patrick Day and Easter. Need volunteers and Ideas!
Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb. 17 - Center closed for President's Day!

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.

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Community

Feb. 7
SISD School Holiday
Feb. 7 & 8
S.H.S. Speech Meet
Feb. 11
Daddy/Daughter Date Night
7:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center

The Community Calendar

First NATIONAL BANK
P.O. BOX 788 - SONORA, TEXAS 76950
(915) 387-3881
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Calendar

Feb. 13
West Texas Rehab "Dust & Denim"
7:00 p.m. • High School Auditorium
Feb. 27
Mandatory coaches and volunteer Meeting
for any coach, manager or volunteers for
T-Ball through Pony League, Boys & Girls.
6:00 p.m. • Devon Energy Office

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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.
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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Ask the Historical Society

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

Jim Davenport continued: The next day Pink Taylor and I with 40 head of horses, including Jim's horse which belonged to Half Ranch, started to the general round-up at Marathon, Texas. When we got within two or three miles of Marathon we were driving our horses after dark, when all at once several men threw their guns down on us and told us to halt. We asked them what was the big idea. They said they were guarding all roads for Jim Davenport. We laughed and told them Jim was in Mexico by that time; told them about the fight at Dobie Walls; first they had heard from Davenport. We told them that we had his horse with us. This verified our story so they all quit looking for him. Jim was afterwards captured by Bill Johnson in Mexico, brought back and sentenced in El Paso - given only five years. Some wanted to acquit him, but compromised by giving him five years. The evidence showed that he did kill Mr. Hereford because he had been fired from the ranch. The Big Bend was wild and wooly "them" days.

The names of the cowboys in camp that night were: Pink Taylor, Jeff Davenport, Jack Duncan, John A. Ward, Henry Reynolds, Rozell Pulliam and myself and the two rangers, Bass Outlaw and Joe Meyers and Jim Davenport. Pink Taylor moved off to Louisiana; don't know where Jeff Davenport went; Jack (Dick) Duncan was hanged by the neck 'til dead, at Eagle Pass for killing a family - tying rocks to bodies and throwing them in the Rio Grande River; John Ward lives in Sonora, Texas, deals in fine Angora goats, has some of the finest stock in the country. Henry Reynolds had a stock ranch in the Alpine was buried there about 1929. Poor Rozell Pulliam was killed by Jim Gillespie in the Post Office at Alpine about 1912. Bass

Outlaw was killed by John Selman about 1896 - Bass was deputy U. S. Marshall at the time, John Selman was constable of Precinct No. 1. In some ways the two officers clashed and shot it out. Don't know where Joe Meyers went to; Jim Davenport was killed at Cotulla, Texas by Ranger Captain Will Wright about 1899 while resisting arrest. And Old Man Hereford lies peacefully by the Pena Colorado.

Articles in one book and several papers had the following to say about John Allen Ward:

John Allen Ward, former livestock man of San Angelo, Texas, was an internationally known figure in the ranching world. He was engaged in the stock raising business in Sutton County, Texas for twenty-five years, operating mainly in this county, with another ranch north of San Angelo and a third near Kerrville. On these holdings he ran Hereford cattle, Rambouillet sheep, registered Angora goats, cow ponies, and hogs, specializing in goats. He was one of the first to export Angoras to South Africa, and was the first to show them at the San Angelo fair. He raised the highest-priced Angora bucks ever sold, the price of \$3,000 having never been equaled or excelled. (Note: At the time of this article.)

Mr. Ward operated a 15,000 acre ranch. He settled in this section permanently in 1893. He did much to improve goat breeding in West Texas and developed Angoras with long fleece, which won first place at all shows where they were exhibited. He was elected president of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association in 1927.

John Allen Ward was born on October 20, 1869, in Gonzales County, Texas, to L. T. Ward, a stock farmer, and Ellen Lacklin Ward. His education was acquired in Gonzales County. His education was acquired in Gonzales County. As a boy he worked for Capt. J. B. Gillet, who became one of



Charles "C.T." Travis Turney, b. 1-5-1858 in Coryell Co. - d. 1930, buried in Las Cruces N.M., was a Sutton County rancher in the 1890's.

West Texas' largest ranch operators. At that time Mr. Gillett was in charge of the G 4 Ranch. Mr. Ward went "up the trail" many times for this outfit. After that he ran a small store in the hill country. He then came to West Texas locating in the Big Bend area; after a short stay he returned to West Texas to remain permanently.

Mr. Ward married Miss Virginia Putman, daughter of John Putman, a ranchman of Shackelford and Baylor Counties, Texas, on November 15, 1893, at Wrightsboro, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ward became the parents of eight children: Blanche, Lloys, John Allen Jr., Rufus C., Edna, Roy P., and Rip Ward.

Mr. Ward was president of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association; and belonged to the Woodsmen of the World. His pastime was the old-time fiddling, which he enjoyed and encouraged. Mr. Ward passed away at the age of 59, on January 6, 1929, at Junction, Texas, after being stricken suddenly with appendicitis. His passing was the occasion of genuine grief among the people who knew him and his associates in the livestock

business. An eminently successful man in his line of work and in his business enterprises, his reputation for honesty and fair dealing was a byword. His companionable nature and genial disposition won him friendship wherever he went. His funeral services were attended by hundreds, and the memory he left is that of a good and universally loved man.

Mrs. Ward died at her home in San Angelo in 1953, at the age of 80. She had attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was buried beside her husband in Block 71, Lot 12 of the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas.

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@sonorax.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.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program Information Available

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

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

The Tom Green County Community Action Council has

an Outreach Worker that goes to each County once a month. If you would like to apply for this program please contact the Tom Green County Community Action Council at:

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

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

- 12 month billing history of heating and utility bills.
- Current original bill.
- Social Security Card for all family members and persons living in the households.
- Income verification for everyone in the household, weekly - Last 4 ck. stubs, bi-weekly - last 2 check stubs. Monthly last check stub.
- Identification card date of birth.

CEAP will be in Sonora at the Senior Center on April 15th, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Hilderbran Named Chairman of State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee

Austin - State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, was named Chairman of the House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources by House Speaker Tom Craddick today. In addition to being named chairman, Hilderbran was also named to serve on the House Committee on Ways and Means.

As Chairman of the State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee, Hilderbran will oversee matters ranging from the development and promotion of international and interstate tourism to the creation, operation and control of state parks, the preservation of wildlife and fish and the regulation and control of hunting and fishing to the promotion, development and regulation of the state's cultural and historical resources, as well as Texas' image and heritage. Hilderbran's committee will also have oversight of such state agencies as the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Commission on the Arts.

"I am eager to begin working on promoting the tourism and heritage of our great state," Hilderbran said. "This position will allow me to shine a spotlight on the already rich historical, cultural and recreational character of the Texas Hill Country and District 53."

As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Hilderbran will oversee any legislation dealing with the state's revenue of taxes.

"I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Ways and Means Committee," Hilderbran said. "As a member of this committee, I will be working on issues that not only affect the citizens of my district, but also have an impact on the entire state."

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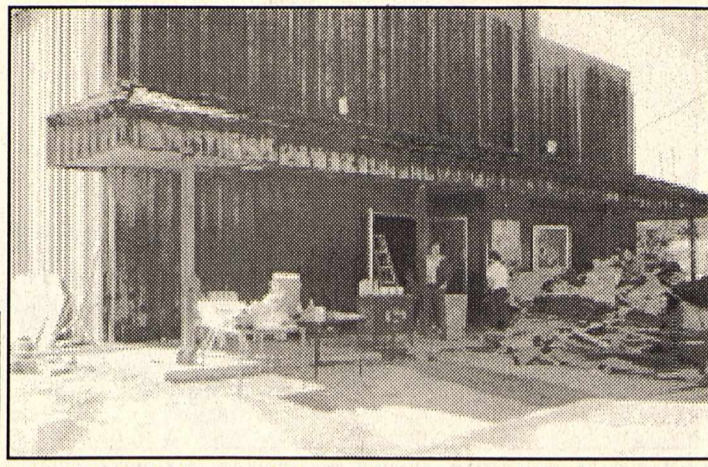
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New Plans For A Familiar Old Spot



The old movie theater will soon be the home of The Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Over 60 volunteers, ranging in ages from 5 to 70 years old, were on hand last weekend cleaning out the old movie theater and the surrounding grounds. Over 12,000 pounds of debris were removed and hauled off. The building and land has been purchased from L.P. Bloodworth by The Lighthouse Baptist Church and will soon be turned into their House of Worship. Don Longoria, Pastor, stated that they are hoping to hold their first service in the new building Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary will eventually seat 300 people and a nursery and Sunday School classes will be put upstairs. The extensive remodeling job is being assisted by many generous donations of equipment and materials from local businesses and individuals. The new Church will replace an eye-sore at the west entrance of Sonora, giving a warmer welcome to travelers coming to town.

A second phase of construction for the Lighthouse congregation will begin after the Church is completed, which will include a family life center. The center will have Basketball, Volleyball, Pool tables and many more games for the youth of the community to enjoy.

The Lighthouse congregation is ever growing and welcomes anyone and everyone to join them in Worship on Wednesdays and Sundays. Pastor Longoria smilingly refers to the Lighthouse as a place for any and all denominations and encourages anyone that has been out for a while and is looking for a place to worship to give them a try. The Lighthouse is currently located at 707 Glasscock (across from Multi-Chem).



Lighthouse members volunteer their time and energy to gut and clean the old movie house to be turned into a Church.

Happy Birthday

- February 6 - Jose Casillas, Shirley Badgett, Jalys Mabry
- February 7 - Pamela Armke, Christopher Lindsey, Peter Young, Michelle Crites, Diane Keller, Preston Lopez
- February 8 - Ann Kay, Keith L. Butler
- February 9 - JoAnn Palmer, Boomer Galindo, Dora Fuentez, John Lopez III, Katie Braly, Joyce Jimenez, Roberta James
- February 10 - Cam Campbell, Dana Young, Sarah Gutierrez, Garry Hull, Suzanne Steves, Patti Prather, Lorena Lopez
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- February 12 - Petie Lewis, Jed Davenport, Eddie Favila, Scott Neff

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Air Force Airman Cervantez



The information received on Air Force Airman 1st Class Lionel Cervantez, Jr. last week was incomplete. Lionel, Jr. is the son of Lilia and Lionel Cervantez, Sr. of Sonora and the brother of Leanna Gutierrez of Round Rock, TX and Linda Vitela of Cedar Park, TX.

F.Y.I.

GED classes are meeting at the Middle School building every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you've come before, come on back any time! If you would like to register as a new student, please come on Tuesday! For more information, call Laura Bedwell at 387-7190.

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.

The 2003 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

The 2002 Varsity Football Highlight Tapes are now on sale for only \$15 from the S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class. The tape contains all of the best plays edited to the best music. We also have highlight tapes from the 96 - '01 seasons. Call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

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 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.

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. 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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Prospective Students Invited to Sample ASU Life During "College Days" Feb. 15

Angelo State University will host "College Days" on Saturday, Feb. 15, to provide prospective college students a view of the genuine education available to them at ASU. In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to a free lunch and will be offered complimentary tickets to the Rambelle and Ram basketball games that night against Texas A&M - Kingsville in the Junell Center/Stephens Arena. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of the campus will then be conducted, including a stop at the Food Service Center for the complimentary lunch. After lunch students and their families will return to the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents. Special information sessions also will be presented for students interested in ASU pre-professional programs, including nursing, physical therapy, pre-law and pre-health professions. Throughout the even ASU faculty, staff and students will be available to welcome guests to campus and to answer their questions about all aspects of student life at ASU. College Days Coordinator Bonnie Stennet said the event is an opportunity for prospective students to get acquainted with ASU, its faculty and the educational experience it offers. The school year's final College Days program is scheduled April 5. For more information on College Days, contact the Office of Admissions at 915-942-2058.

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Chamber of Commerce Welcomes the New and Treats the Old



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce pulled out the "Welcome Wagon" last week to greet new business and Chamber members, Parker Lumber Do-It-Best. Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ladonna Wardlaw, Senior Citizen Representative Jack Johnson, and Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, Mickey Schaefer (above) treated Parker Lumber manager, Elaine Kiser to a bag of goodies and written information about Sonora and Sutton County.

The Chamber of Commerce also held their quarterly "Business After Hours" last week, with Cox Drug, Gifts Galore and More, and Sutton County Steakhouse hosting (below). Guests were treated to scrumptious snacks provided by the Steakhouse while browsing through the gift shop. The drawing was held for \$450 for one local business that had a representative present. There was no winner this time, so the pot increases to \$550 for the next "Business After Hours". These quarterly get-togethers are hosted by two different businesses each quarter. All Chamber of Commerce members are invited and encouraged to attend these evening gatherings. Watch the Devil's River News for the next date.



Public Notices

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 9:00 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.

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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.

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

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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.

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For Sale: 1991 Ford Explorer, 100,000+ miles, needs transmission repair, otherwise good condition. See at 301 S. Crockett Ave. or call 387-2639. Submit sealed bid by February 10, 2003 to: Sutton County UWCD 301 S. Crockett Ave. Sonora, Texas 76950.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now calling for bids for a new 2003 vehicle for the Police Department. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "BID - Police Vehicle" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to February 18, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further information contact Brent Gesch, City Manager, at 915 387-2558: 2x-2/6-2/13

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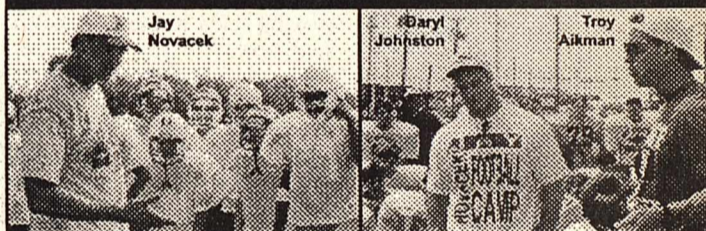
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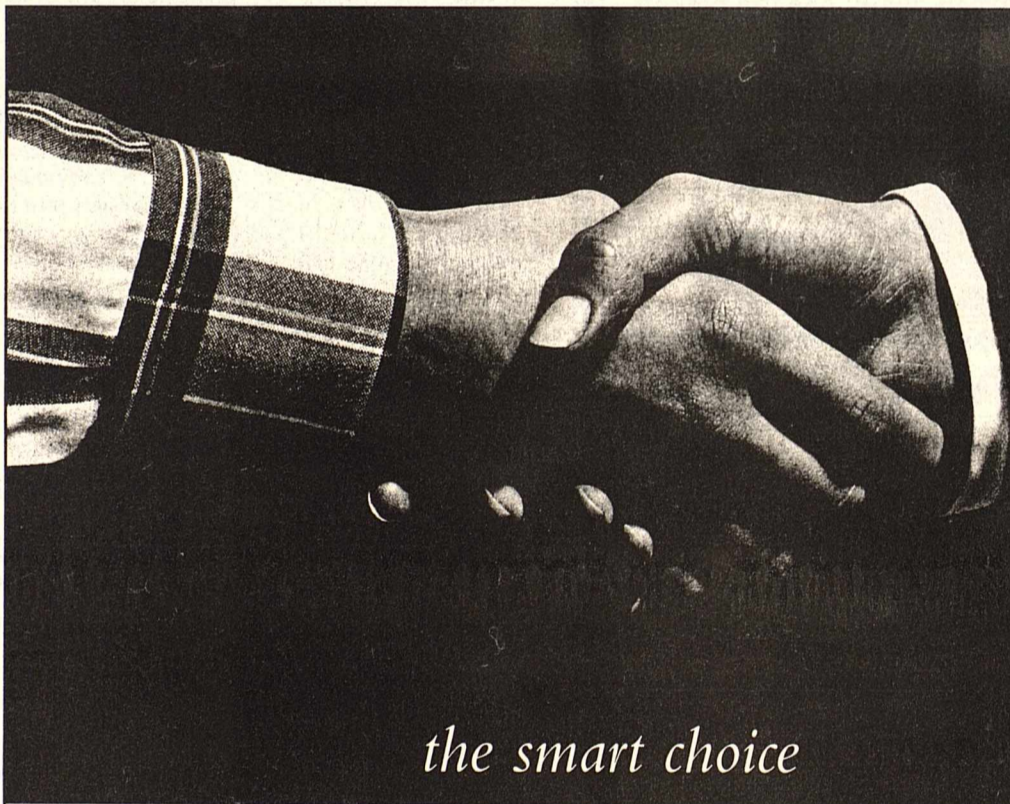
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