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ACS Relay For Life Kick Off

Once upon a time, everyone lived happily ever after...Cancer Free!

That is the ultimate goal of the American Cancer Society and is why the ACS Relay For Life is held each year. This "celebration of life" brings the Sutton County community together in a unified effort to fight cancer.

The Relay for Life Committee has been meeting and are already working hard to make this year event the best yet. The date has been set for May 16-17, 2003 at the Bronco Stadium. The theme of this year's Relay for Life in Sonora is "Storybooks" - where we will all be working to 'close the book on cancer' and making efforts to ensure everyone lives 'happily ever after...Cancer Free'. Each team will be asked to represent their favorite Storybook - this can be anything from Nursery Rhymes (Humpty Dumpty, There Was An Old Woman Who Lived In A Shoe, etc), to Fairy Tales (Dumbo, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, etc), to your favorite series (Hank the Cow Dog, Nancy Drew Mysteries, Clifford the Big Red Dog, etc). Use your imagination and get creative! With this theme comes a new challenge, let's make it one for the books - the history book that is. Your participation and support will help guarantee that this Relay for Life is bigger and better than ever before!

An official Relay Kick-Off Baked Potato Lunch will be held on Friday, February 21, 2003 at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in being a team captain, being on a team, underwriting or being a sponsor is invited and encouraged to join the ACS Relay for Life Committee for lunch and learn more! Baked potatoes with all the toppings, tea and dessert will be provided for participants.

Hospital Board Approves Authorization of Medical Clinic Contract

The Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, held their regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2003, in the Annex at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Lewis Allen, President, Sherrill Dannheim, Vice President, Lenora Pool, Virginia Epps, and Maria Carrasco. Also present were Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, Keith Butler, Administrator, Ben Epps, Carolyn Lara, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

The meeting was called to order and the regular meeting
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School Board Renews Contracts

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Monday 10, 2003.

Present for the meeting were: President Tryon Fields, Board members Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, and Tom Payton. Others present were Superintendent Brant Myers, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Rex Ann Friess, and John Williams. Absent from the meeting was Board member Sam David Hernandez.

The Ag Department students and teacher, Michael Kissire, brought over their newly constructed trailer for the board members to see.

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Bi-District Champion Lady Broncos



2002-2003 Lady Bronco Bi-District Champions

Everyone says that all good things must come to an end and the Lady Bronco Basketball season has done just that. With a record of 17 and 15, the ladies had a remarkable season.

Getting off to a rough start, they did not let themselves become discouraged. By simply

picking up their heads and never quitting, the season that looked lost at the midway point, was turned completely around.

From the start of the first Grape Creek game to the end of the Area Playoff game against third-in-the-state ranked Shallowater, the Lady Broncos played as a team.

By bringing home the first Bi-District Championship of the year, the Ladies proved to be successful. Believing in themselves and with the support of all their fans the Lady Broncos truly had a season to remember.

Lady Bronco Seniors

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Pack 19 Enjoys Blue & Gold Banquet

The Blue & Gold Banquet for Pack 19 was held on Monday, February 17, 2003 at the 4-H Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Scout leaders, scouts, their parents and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Don Longoria, Pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church gave the evening prayer. Cubmaster, Jan Stephens welcomed everyone to the banquet. Assistant Cubmaster, Claudia Dempsey recognized all the Den leaders with certificates of appreciation, and each of the dens then performed a short skit. Tigers, Wolves, Bears, 4th & 5th grade Webelos entertained guests with some comical songs and skits.

Laurie Smith, Assistant Cubmaster, introduced the BSA District Executives. Mr. Dennis Luellen, Assistant Scout Executive and Michael Mitchell, District Executive of the Concho Valley Council came from San Angelo to help celebrate the birthday anniversary of the Boy Scouts. They gave a brief talk about the "Friends of Scouting" program and the various ways of contributing to the Boy Scout program. Laura Bedwell handed out the recent advancements to all the scouts who had earned beads and badges. In closing, the scouts all joined together to recite their Cub Scout Motto.....Do Your Best!



Pack 19 Leaders work hard for our Scouts.

Makin' A Run For It

by Storie Sharp
If you've driven out Miers Road early in the last few months you might have seen two women running down the side of the road. No they weren't broke down and trying to make it to town for a meeting and they

weren't being chased by any wild hogs. They were Carol Pope and Erika Campbell preparing for the Austin Motorola Marathon that was held on February 16, 2003.

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Carol Pope and Erika Campbell proudly display the medals they were awarded for finishing the Austin Motorola Marathon, while cheerleader Julia Pope gives encouragement.

Sonora Stars Shine in 'Dust and Denim'



If you missed last Thursday's musical salute to West Texas, 'Dust and Denim' benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center you were left in the dust. Local talent, and those that were roped in to it, brought the house down at the Sonora High School Auditorium, entertaining crowds with one-of-a-kind show directed by Donna Trammell of Denton, Texas. Local ranchers, merchants, bankers, teachers, children and more belted out songs about life in West Texas. The heat, the need for rain, pot-luck dinners, buzzards, pick-up trucks, and so much more were the hot topics, with each song bringing a roar of laughter from the audience.

The talk around town is

that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show and were very impressed with their friends and colleagues that only had a week of practice! Who knew there was so much talent (or try) in one little West Texas town?

All proceeds from the show went to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The WTRC provides physical and occupational therapy, speech & language pathology services, industrial rehabilitation and back to work programs, audiological and hearing aid services, orthotic and prosthetic services and equipment, home medical equipment sales and rentals, social services and support to patients and their families.

For more 'Dust and Denim' fun see page 6

Chamber of Commerce Deems Daddy/Daughter Date Night Successful



Dancers take a break from dancing to wave at the camera.

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce members were in agreement that the first annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night was a hit. This was the first topic of discussion at the February general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, February 13th.

Members present for the meeting were President Beth Snyder, Frank Wamble, Lynn Sahr, Michael Samuels, Mike Healy, Keith Butler, Mickey Schaefer, Sue Moore and Storie Sharp.

Keith Butler reported that the celebration went better than anyone on the committee

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Special Account Set Up For Sonora Police Officer's Family

Officer Eric Byrne's 3 1/2 week old son, Riley, was hospitalized last week in San Antonio's Children's Hospital with RSV. During that time they found complications with his gastro-intestinal tract that are life-threatening and require surgery. They have been in San Antonio for 2 weeks and will be there for several more. Officer Byrne is new to the Sonora Police Department and not yet eligible for any medical leave with pay.

This is a time when we as a community need to help support one of our law enforcement officials that devote their life to protect ours. A special account has been established on behalf of the Byrne family to help with medical, as well as other expenses. Contributions can be made at The Bank and Trust.

Prather Brothers Join U.S. Army

by Storie Sharp

With talks of war on everyone's mind, it is not unusual for many young men to be thinking about joining the military. Many parents will be both proud and heartsick as their son, or daughter makes that decision.

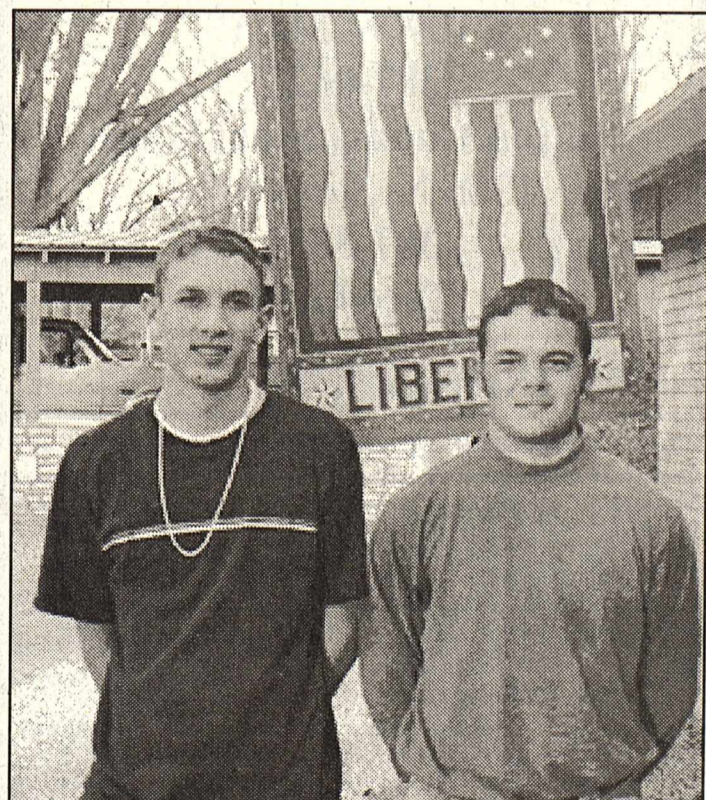
For Allen and Patti Prather of Sonora, those feelings will be doubled come June since both of their boys, Heath and Seth, have enlisted in the United States Army.

Seth, 17 and the youngest, decided a long time ago that the military was where he wanted to go. Heath, 18, didn't make that decision until listening to his brother's recruiter, Sergeant First Class Jeff Farmer. The invaluable training, job skills and educational opportunities that the Army offers made the choice seem ideal for both Prather boys.

Seth was initially interested in joining the Marine Corp, until Sergeant Farmer made his visit. Allen Prather said that Sergeant Farmer was more than a recruiter for his sons, he has become like a big brother. He checks up on the boys on a regular basis and offers assistance and encouragement.

Heath will leave on June 12, 2003 for Ft. Jackson, S.C. for 9 weeks of Basic Training. He will then be transferred to Ft. Lee, VA for 8 weeks of school. Seth will leave a week later on June 17, 2003 for Ft. Leonard Wood, MO for 18 weeks of Basic Training.

These decisions did not come easily for their mom, Patti. She said that in the beginning



Seth and Heath Prather will proudly serve their country with the U.S. Army.

she told the recruiters they could come talk all they wanted, but they weren't getting her babies. After listening to all that her sons were being offered she agreed that this was the right decision for her boys.

Allen agreed that it was a good choice and he feels confident that his boys will excel, receiving supervision, discipline and responsibilities that those going off to college aren't guaranteed. He knows that they will return home more mature, with experience for their future

endeavors. Allen also recommended that any young man or woman that is unsure about future plans should think about visiting with a recruiter.

Since the brothers have volunteered they were given a choice of fields. Heath has chosen to join the 92 Yankee as a Unit Supply Specialist. Seth has joined the 95 Bravo - Military Police.

The Prather boys have chosen to "be all that they can be". Sonora should be proud of these young men and wish them well.



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

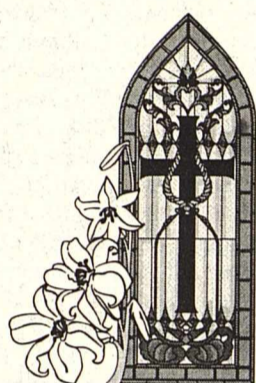
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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
1306 Savell St.
387-5215



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank all the merchants and the KHOS radio station that helped the Main Street Merchants and Radio Valentine's Promotion.

The sponsors of the Valentine Promotion include Edna's House of Beauty, Alco, Gifts Galore & More, Sonora Caverns, Lisa's Flowers, Flowers by Irene, Petal Pushers Flowers, Rosey Bud Florist, Dairy Queen of Sonora, Pizza Hut, La Mexicana Restaurante, Sutton County Steakhouse, Taco Grill, image apparel, Team Graphics, Tedford Jewelry, Busy Bees Department Store, Parker Lumber "Do It Best", KHOS Radio, First National Bank, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County and the Devil's River News.

The sweetest hearts winners were announced as follows: Monday - Dustin Martin/Ashley Parker, Tuesday - Carlos/Toni Gallegos, Wednesday - James Freeman/May Dell Moore, Thursday - Lauri/Jack Smith, Friday - Johnny/Pauline Ringold.

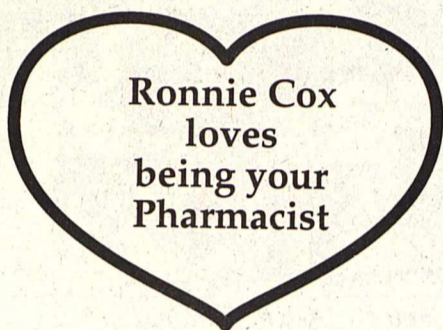
The great gifts that were given included a fudge from Sonora Caverns, pens and cups from KHOS Radio, chocolate cherry kiss delight blizzard from Dairy Queen, massage from Edna's House of Beauty, candles from Gifts Galore & More, gift bags from Alco, flowers from Flowers by Irene, Lisa's Flowers, Petal Pushers and Rosey Bud Florist, also a meal for two from Taco Grill, La Mexicana, Sutton County Steakhouse, Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen of Sonora. And a special thanks to Vivian, Donna and the KHOS Radio Station for free air time.

The family of Aurora Gutierrez would like to thank our friends and relatives for all their support during the illness and upon the death of our beloved Mother.

We really appreciate all the kindness extended to us during this difficult time. God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Willie Gutierrez and Family, Jesus Gutierrez, Polo Gutierrez, Everardo Castro and Family, Tomas Perez and Family, Ruben Samaniego and Family, Lupe Gutierrez and Family.



Two-tour Vietnam Veteran Eugene Lasky and Veteran Danny Ellison helped the Best Western Sonora Inn honor President's Day on Monday, February 18, 2003 by raising a new American Flag. Best Western Manager Kimberly Ellison (no relation between the two) is proud to have the new flag that is larger than the one that was currently flying.

Senior Center News

- Feb. 24 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, carrots, cornbread, fruit cup with strawberries & bananas, lemon pie.
- Feb. 25 - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky fruit mix.
- Feb. 26 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, carrot raisin salad, jello with fruit.
- Feb. 27 - Beef stew with vegetables, peas, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, vanilla pudding.
- Feb. 28 - Smothered chicken, baked potato, fried okra, roll, sliced peaches.

Senior Menu

- Feb. 24 - Bingo! After lunch.
- Feb. 25 - Leave to HEB Camp. Sign up now.
- Feb. 26 - HEB Camp
- Feb. 27 - Come back from HEB Camp! Kooking with Kelly! Noon! Nutrition Education.
- Feb. 28 - "Free" Citrucel Clear Mix Sampling Program with The Senior Network, Inc. Noon.

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.



Pauline Ringold was the Valentine's Day winner of the Sonora Merchant's Association Sweetheart Give-Away.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Sonora Firemen and Ladies Auxiliary would like to announce the winners of their Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest.

Pre K/Kindergarten Division

- 1st - Madison Wolfe, 2nd - Kaitlyn Gibbens, 3rd - Kamrie Martinez

Primary Division (1st-2nd Grades)

- 1st - Cody Barber, 2nd - Olivia Banda, 3rd - Hagen Mangham

Intermediate Division (3rd - 4th Grades)

- 1st - Clayton Parks, 2nd - Selena Mesa, 3rd - Jasmine Daniels

Middle Division (5th - 6th Grades)

- 1st - Pecos Roberts, 2nd - Rosario Moreno, 3rd - Samantha Adkins

Junior High Division

- 1st - Kari Nicholas, 2nd - Nick Shurley, 3rd - Amanda Berry

High School Division

- 1st - Veronica Hernandez, 2nd - Thia McKissack, 3rd - Laura Word

We would like to thank the S.I.S.D. teachers and all who submitted a poster. The winning posters will be entered in the District Competition and then those winners will advance to the State Level.

Sutton County Family Caregiver Information Center to Open at Senior Center

The grand opening of the Sutton County Family Caregiver Information Center will be held Thursday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m., at the Sutton County Senior Center, 201 East Main, in Sonora.

If you are an adult child helping your elderly parents, a wife or husband caring for your elderly, ill spouse, a friend assisting an elder, frail neighbor, or a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are a family caregiver and information is now available to help you help your loved one.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley has furnished Sutton County with books, written materials, a TV/VCR, videos and an internet accessible computer to provide information to friends and family members who are caring for older loved ones and grandparents and older relatives raising children. Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association and the County Extension Service will be available to answer questions and provide information about services available for family caregivers.

The Area Agency on Aging will also be hosting the annual "Answers on Aging" community meeting in conjunction with the grand opening of the Family Caregiver Information Center. Representatives with expertise in areas of general interest to senior citizens will be available to answer questions and discuss citizens' insights, concerns and thoughts on the needs of the county's older population.

School Lunch Menu • Feb. 24 - 28, 2002

Breakfast

- Mon. - Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice.
- Tues. - Cheese toast, juice or fruit.
- Wed. - Cinnamon roll, fruit.
- Thurs. - Toast, fruit or juice.
- Fri. - Hot oatmeal, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Beef and bean burrito with chili, vegetable salad, buttered corn, rice krispie treat.
- Tues. - Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, carrot sticks, apple.
- Wed. - Chalupas with bean and cheese, tossed salad, rice, jello with fruit.
- Thurs. - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, hot roll, strawberry with bananas.
- Fri. - Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, ice cream cup.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering
109 W. Main
387-0623

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

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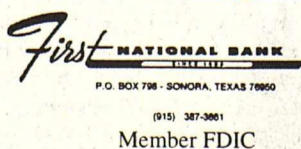
Community

Feb. 20 - 21
Tumbleweed Smith Book Signing
Bank & Trust

Feb. 21
ACS Relay for Life Kick-Off
St. John's Episcopal Church • 12:00 Noon

Feb. 22
Sonora JV Baseball Tournament

The Community Calendar



Calendar

Feb. 24
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

Feb. 24
Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex
Feb. 27, 28 & Mar. 1
Dry Devil's River Classic
Baseball Tournament

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When did John Hurst die?

A. John Hurst, for forty years a resident of Sutton Co., died at his home in Sonora Tuesday night, January 31, 1928, after an illness of about one year, at the age of 51 years. Death was the result of sarcoma, a fleshy tumor or cancer which started in the arm.

Mr. Hurst came to Sutton Co. with his parents when he was 13 years old and had been a continuous resident of this county since that time. In his early youth he engaged, with his father, in the well drilling business here, and later went into ranching on a partnership basis with Judge Louis Wardlaw.

Mr. Hurst was born in Milam Co., Texas on November 15, 1876, the son of Pharis and Matilda Hurst who came to Texas from Ohio. He is survived by his widow and one son John, one brother Bud Hurst of Ft. Stockton and three sisters, Mrs. Ada Meinicke, Ozona, Mrs. C. O. Hetherington, Udall, Kansas and Mrs. Julia Roberts, Hereford, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hurst residence in Sonora, Rev. J. A. Stephen of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in Ozona on Wednesday afternoon.

Q. When was the old deer processing plant on Water St. built?

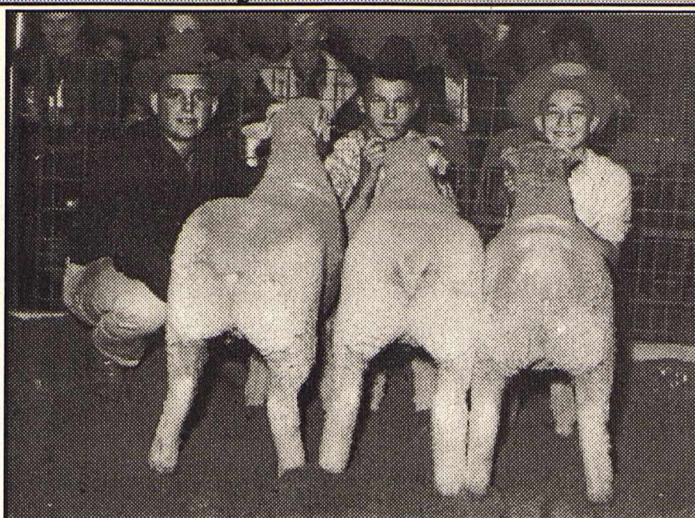
A. The old plant was built as a West Texas Utilities Ice Plant in 1928. E. R. Hoppe of Abilene Construction was the chief engineer. The building was designed to be 60 by 70 feet, facing Water Street. It was designed to be 20 feet from the street and would house the offices of West Texas Utilities in Sonora and a display room, a fixture room with model kitchen adjoining, and a large storage room. A five ton ice plant was

built adjoining the office. A large ice vault and two cold storage rooms for the convenience of produce and market material were provided. All machinery in the plant was electrically driven. Automatic chutes were installed to transfer the ice from the storage vault to the retail platform in front of the plant. It was expected that at a later date a 66,000 volt transmission line from Ozona to Sonora would be connected to an auxiliary electric generating station on the property. It was hoped that the line would be completed by April 1, 1928.

In the February 3rd issue we found that Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken was elected president of the Sonora Woman's Club; Mrs. Will Wilkinson, vice president; Mrs. E. E. Sawyer recording secretary; Mrs. Orion Brown corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson, treasurer and Mrs. Lem Johnson, parliamentarian.

The Sonora Water and Light Co. moved their offices from the Savell building to the Ware Bakery. Mr. Eaton said accounts due them could be paid at Ware's Bakery but not to bother Mr. Ware.

Coach Halcombe said they are tentatively planning a track meet at the high school with both senior and junior divisions. Coach Halcombe's Sonora High School Bronchos steam roller rolled over the Menard five here Monday afternoon to the tune of 50 to 23. The game was slow and uninteresting until Coach Halcombe removed his entire first string and substituted his "midget" quintet. A. Hollmig, for the Bronchos was high point man with 20 counters. He was followed by R. E. Taylor with 8 points. The first string the passing of Streigler and A. Hollmig was the feature, while Williamson and Pete Taylor played a splendid floor game for the substitutes. Waters from Menard was their high point man with 8 points. A feature of the game was the battle at center between the Streigler brothers,



Do you know who these people are?

Howard of Sonora had the edge over his brother from Menard.

G. W. Stephenson, a prominent breeder of registered Angora goats, became a great grandfather Sunday morning when a 10 1/2 pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George D. Chalk.

Over 500 people attended a dance at The Sonora Motor Company Monday night. A new Ford coupe and a sport coupe circled the building for a few minutes, giving the crowd their first view of the little cars. The success of the dance in every particular; music, building, management, etc. was assured by the foresight and planning of Sam, Fred and Charlie Hull, proprietors of the company.

The plans submitted by B. M. Morgan of the firm of Korn and Morgan, architects, submitted plans for the new First National Bank building which were accepted by the building committee.

The building will be erected at the corner of Main and Concho Streets and is expected to cost approximately \$40,000.

584 cars and 163 trucks were registered in Sutton County as of February of 1928. At Stites Motors one could buy the following Chevrolet vehicles: The Coach \$5.85; The Touring or Roadster \$495; The 4 Door Sedan \$675; The Sport Cabriolet \$665; The Imperial

Landau \$715; The Utility Truck with chassis only \$495 and The Light Delivery Truck with chassis only \$375. Chevrolet has just announced that their four millionth Chevrolet, a 1928 coach built 363 days after the three millionth vehicle came off the assembly line, rolled off the assembly line at Flint, Michigan on January 11, 1928.

With this column you will find a photograph, one of hundreds that have no names on them that are in our files. Over the next few weeks we will be running some of them in the hopes our readers will call our offices or the paper and help us get names on these pictures. The first is three young men proudly displaying their sheep at a stock show. Please call if you know who they are.

Thank you!

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to schs@sonorax.net "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to You may call them in to 915-387-5084 on Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Fridays. We have photos from the 1950's to the 1990's that need names on them. Many are sports shots taken by the newspaper at the Sonora High School. If you have a little time stop by and see if you can name any of the people in them.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Alvarez would like to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Tammy Jean to Donny Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Yocham, Sr. They will be married February 22, 2003 in Sonora.

Tammy is a 2001 graduate of Ozona High School. Donny is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School and is currently employed by Halliburton Energy Services. The couple will reside in Sonora.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As you may all know, Officer Eric Byrne and family have been struck with one of the worst types of downfall a parent can ever experience. They did not get to enjoy their little package of joy "Riley William Byrne" for very long at home, as he was put in the San Antonio Methodist Children's Hospital for RSV and now has a been diagnosed with a major reflux disease and must be operated on soon for him to live a productive life. I know in my heart that God is, and will, continue to take care of little 'Riley', as He has so far.

Now I would like to thank many people for the support, love and prayers that I have seen in this town. The owner of Landmark Apartments has gone beyond his call of duty. He has requested for me to send him some of the Byrne Family's bills to be paid (which I did very graciously) and they will not be charged rent until all four are home and free of illness. The First National Bank employees have gone beyond their call of duty by donating their time of listening to me tell them about the Byrne family and giving their personal money towards little Riley to help with bills.

The Bank and Trust has also gone beyond their call of duty by setting up an account for little Riley for our town to turn in cash donations to help them out.

The City of Sonora is working hard behind the scenes to try and help the Byrne family also. I want to thank the Lighthouse Baptist Church for the love and support you have show this family. We have had their daughter (Erica) for about a week and a half, passing her around our Church family, giving her a familiar face, loving her, nurturing her and taking her to see her mom and dad. These little gifts we have all given go farther than anyone could every imagine. When Jesus speaks about how we "should all love thy neighbor", I know now we are becoming that community. Please continue to pray for the Byrne family as they will be in San Antonio for at least 3 to 4 more weeks more. We also appreciate any gift you may have for this family. God Bless each and every one of you and Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Jana Dover

Clarification Notice

To whom it may concern, the Melissa Guerra that was in the San Angelo Standard Times last week is NOT the Melissa Guerra Castillo formerly of Sonora. Please stop bothering my family with phone calls asking if it was me. My number is in the San Angelo phone book and I know the people spreading these rumors know where I live, where I work and probably even know my phone number! Instead they are asking everyone else but me. You can sure call me since some of you are so eager to spread rumors. Obviously some of you don't have anything better to do than talk about other people! This weekend I was in Sonora, but not because I was out on bond, leaving my child with my family since I was fixing to go to jail. I was in town to visit my brother who was in from Austin (for those of you that need an explanation as to why I was in Sonora) and by the way, all my family is here so most of you probably know that I'm usually in town once a month visiting my family! Again, please stop and ask the correct person before you decide to spread rumors and be sure you are getting your information from a reliable source.

Melissa Castillo

Ministerial Alliance To Sponsor Community Lenten Lunches

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will sponsor Community Lenten Lunches during the season of Lent again this year. All luncheons will be open to the entire Sonora community and friends. Serving will begin at noon each Wednesday and will feature a meditation by the pastor of the church furnishing the meal. St. John's Episcopal Church will furnish the host facility at their Parish Hall, 404 NE Poplar.

The schedule of the luncheons and the church serving the meal are:

- 3-05: New Hope Baptist Church
- 3-12: St. Ann's Catholic Church
- 3-19: Good Shepherd Presbyterian & Trinity Lutheran
- 3-26: St. John's Episcopal Church
- 4-02: First United Methodist Church
- 4-09: First Baptist Church
- 4-16: Lighthouse Baptist Church

Donations for the work of the Sonora Ministerial alliance will be accepted.

Sonora Lions Club Plans To Clean Up The Town

The Sonora Lions Club Annual Broom and Mop Sale will be Tuesday, March 18, 2003 in front of the Sonora Post Office and City Hall.

One of the best known projects held each year by most Lions Clubs is the annual Broom & Mop Sale. The sale includes a wide variety of both household and commercial cleaning products that are assembled by the blind.

The Sonora Lions Club makes available sponges, door-mats, brooms of all types, a

variety of mops, squeegees and many other supplies for spring cleaning. From a yard rake to a heavy push broom, you'll find it at the broom and mop sale.

In addition to helping provide a vocation for the blind, the proceeds of this sale help benefit the cost of eye exams and eye glasses for children in need.

Advance sale order forms will be available in next week's issue of The Devil's River News.

Spring Like Weather Brings Out The Young-At-Heart



A biting wind didn't keep 86 year old Maria Ramos from taking advantage of a sunny day this week. Recent rains have grass growing already and Maria felt that it needed to be mowed, and she wasn't waiting for someone to come do it for her. Let this be a lesson to you kids - that chores aren't so bad, they keep you young!

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Girl Scout Cookies are still available - all flavors. Call any Girl Scout leader, Melissa Velez 387-2145, Tammy Favila 387-3661, Michelle Lipham 387-2354 or Lise Miller 387-6369. The last day to buy will be March 1st.

The **Chance Arme Memorial Fund** is being administered through the Sutton County Community Trust. Any donations can be made in care of Joann Jones at the First National Bank, PO Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950.

The next **Grief Support Group** will meet **Tuesday, March 11**, 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.

A mandatory **Little League, Tball, and Softball coaches meeting** will be **Monday, February 24th**.

The **Annual Lions Club Broom Sale** will be held on **March 18th** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in front of the Post Office and City Hall.

Beginning Wednesday, March 5, 2003, **Thunderbird Transit** will begin making scheduled trips to **San Angelo for Medical appointments and/or shopping**. The trips are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. The bus will start picking up passengers at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return from San Angelo at 2:00 p.m. This time schedule might change from month to month. Please call now at 387-2509 to make reservations, seating is limited. Don't forget this includes Medicaid and Medicare appointments.

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.

Daisy Troop #215 will meet 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.

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.

The **Depot** may be rented by calling the **Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084**. Open Mondays, Tuesday until noon and Fridays.

Gamma Phi Members Enjoy Book Reviews

The regular meeting of **Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma** was held on **February 11, 2003** at the **Sonora Middle School snack bar**. **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** is an educational, honorary, professional organization founded in **Austin, Texas** in **May of 1929**. The meeting was called to order by **President Lindy Valkonen**. Eighteen members were present. After the business of the meeting was conducted, dinner was served. The program of the meeting was presented by **Donna Hill**. She presented an excellent review of books. Two of the books by **Dave Pelzer**, were titled **The Child Called It** and **The Lost Boy**. These books are a sober telling of a life of an abused child and how it was like being a foster child. To not leave the meeting in such a serious tone, **Mrs. Hill** also read parts of **Fannie Flag's Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man**. She had also shared a brief description of the nonfiction book **Portrait of a Killer** by **Patricia Cornwell**. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

Happy Birthday

- February 20** - Becky Allison, Charlotte Longoria, Candi Taylor, Valerie Gonzalez
- February 21** - Hector Garrilo, Melissa Duhon
- February 22** - Ben Ingham, Kate Jennings, Jacque Baker, Lewis Baker
- February 23** - Katrina Ramos, Curtis Lipham, Karen Hill
- February 24** - Charlie Gandar, Chris Castro, Amanda Berry, Brad Legan
- February 25** - Philip Bedwell, Ralph Gonzales, Jr., Gene Gibbens, Velma Tyler, Kari Bowers
- February 26** - Joe Flores, Jerry Northcott, Justin Sims, Mike Sanchez, Rosemary Perez, Valerie Rennels, Trey Rushing

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Tumbleweed Smith To Tell Texas Tales

Don't forget that **Tumbleweed Smith** will be at **The Bank & Trust** on **Thursday and Friday**.

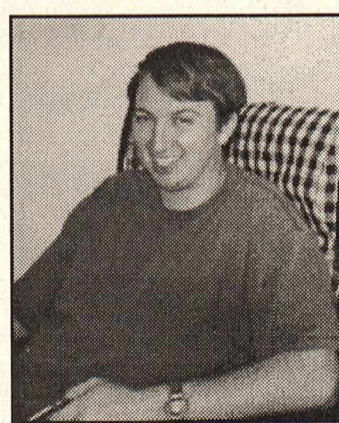
The **Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, T-Saucer Ranch, Dairy Queen of Sonora, The Devil's River News and The Bank & Trust** would like to invite everyone to stop by the lobby of **The Bank & Trust** on **Thursday, February 20, 2003** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or **Friday, February 21** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tumbleweed Smith is the producer of "The Sound of Texas", a radio series. There's nothing shy about storyteller **Tumbleweed Smith's** love for **Lone Star folklore** - it's **Texas big!** **Smith** will be signing his new book on east Texas folklore, **UNDER THE CHIN-ABERRY TREE**, while visiting and gathering stories from local "characters".

Gutierrez Named To UT Dean's List

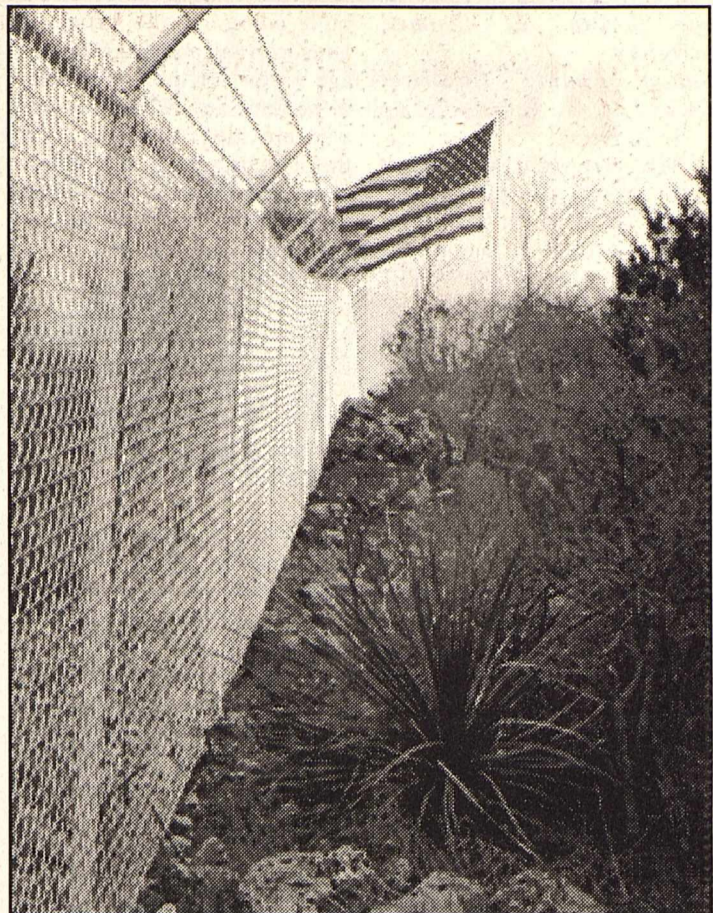
William Thomas Gutierrez, a student at the **University of Texas at Austin**, has been selected for the **Deans List** for the fall semester. **William** was selected for obtaining a **GPA of 4.0**. He is the son of **Rosa and Willie Gutierrez**.

Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts Names Nicholas To Dean's List



Alan Joseph Nicholas earned the distinction of "Dean's List Student" based on his performance for last semester. This recognition is based on your semester grade point ration of 3.75 or higher and the completion of 15 hours or more (only 12 hours are required of first semester freshmen and in the summer term). The **College of Liberal Arts** takes pride in the quality and accomplishments of its students. The faculty and administration appreciate the effort required to perform at this level.

Eaton Hill Gets A Safety Fence



by **Delyse Jaeger**

Improvements are continuing on **Eaton Hill**. The latest is the addition of a **safety fence** at the **flagpole**. Other ongoing projects include the construction of a **tiered watering system**, improvements to **birding stations** with the planned addition of an enclosed viewing structure, and a **native plant garden**. Also, the **Ministerial Alliance** is sponsoring a **meditation and devotional site** that is currently under construction. **Sonora's Brownie Troops #104 and #297** toured the **Sanctuary** earlier this month and will be completing an **enhancement project** for the park. Last but not least, **lights** have been ordered to replace those that were stolen last week and our **flag** will again adorn the **night sky**. Many thanks to everyone for their participation in these projects.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the SIDC. Hit the trails!
 Photo by **Delyse Jaeger**

Blue and Gold Banquet Honors Scouting



Wolf Cubs: Monica Buitron, leader, Yvonne Lopez, assistant leader, Kevin Buitron, Ryan Contreras, Blake Esparza, Erasmo Esquivel, Nolan Kinder, John Lopez, Michael Sanchez, Lino Villanueva perform their skit about scouting at the **Blue and Gold Banquet, February 17, 2003**.

Running from page 1

Pope began running marathons five years ago and this was the first of such events for **Campbell**. Both ladies say they run for **fitness and mental release**. "My day doesn't feel complete if I don't exercise and I like to run," said **Pope**. **Campbell** agreed that running has become a way of life for her and she enjoys the inner peace she receives.

The **Motorola Marathon** is a **USATF certified** and sanctioned point-to-point course featuring some of **Austin, Texas'** most prominent landmarks. It is slightly downhill (approximate 400 ft. elevation loss) from start to finish and has been recognized by **Runner's World** as one of the nation's fastest courses.

This is the first time that **Carol** has run with a partner and she commented that "having someone to run with is much easier, the training has gone much smoother than the four prior times I ran." The girls practice the **18 Week Hal Higdon Training Program**, which consists of a gradual increase in mileage each week. The key to this and any marathon training program is the long runs on **Wednesdays** for these ladies, which build from 10 miles in **Week 18**, to 20 miles in **weeks 8, 6, and 4**. (After that, you taper to get ready for the marathon in **Week 1**.) Although the weekly long runs get progressively longer, every third week is a "stepback" week, where they reduced mileage to allow themselves to gather strength for the next push upward.

The pair agreed that anyone can run a marathon if they put their mind to it. Yes, it is time consuming, but even full-time mothers of two school age children (**Carol** is the mother of **Julia and Cadesman**) and people with busy work schedules (**Erika** is a lecturer at **Angelo State University** and the owner of **Sonora Office Supply**) can find time to train.

Pope and Campbell agreed that there is some pain that goes along with such feats. They both lost toenails and suffered many sore muscles during the training process. They didn't let this stop them though, they just changed shoes and kept on running. Once the training had begun, the two were determined to complete the run in **Austin**. "It's not about the time, it's about the sense of accomplishment," stated **Pope**.

The girls did finish on **Sunday**, and they did so in the top 60% of the runners. Their morning started off with a cold front blowing in, dropping temperatures to 37°, with a wind chill of 30°. There were about 6,400 runners vying for room on the track, making for packed streets. "The first half was fairly easy, and went by pretty fast" stated **Campbell**, but the last half wasn't so easy. A stiff headwind pushed at the runners during the last portion of the race, but it didn't push hard enough to stop them. **Carol** and **Erika** finished the race in 4 hours, 44 minutes and 12 seconds. Both girls had cheering sections waiting at the finish line. One fan, **Carol's** cousin, has been at all but one of her marathons. She runs reconnaissance, meeting up along the course with refreshments and encouragement. **Carol** says she can't run a race without her.

Erika remarked that having an experienced training and running partner really helped her through the program, "I have really benefitted from **Carol's** knowledge and she has cheered me on and helped me avoid common mistakes that beginners make."

So the hard work paid off and the goal was met, what's next for the two? **Carol** and **Erika** both are entering the lottery for bids in the **NYC Marathon** in **November**.

Sonora City League NEW Picture Schedule

We have re-scheduled pictures due to the Lady Broncos Playoff Games Friday. Scherz Studios from San Angelo will be here to take pictures Friday, February 21st. All packets will contain a 5 x 7 individual picture, a 5 x 7 team picture, and 8 individual trading card pictures. These packets will cost approximately \$20.00 and you may add a button with your player's picture in it for \$4.00. These prices include sales tax. All player's pictures will be taken and you may purchase them or not when they come in. If you have any questions, call Shelly Hughes at 650-9538.

Friday, February 21st Please Note Your Team's Time May Have Changed

- 4:30 Buh-Bye--Candise
- 4:45 Sparks-Stephanie
- 5:00 Hot Shots-Michelle
- 5:15 No Doubt-Gerraro
- 5:30 Lakers-Mindy
- 5:45 Knights-Nelda
- 6:00 Longhorns-Joe
- 6:15 Gators-Tim
- 6:30 Hot Chix-Devoe
- 6:45 Toon Squad-Lisa
- 7:00 Rockets-Lynn
- 7:15 Hot Tamales-Casey
- 7:30 Blaze-Joleta
- 7:45 Bulls-Cox
- 8:00 Zebras-Juanita M
- 8:15 Magics-Juanita G
- 8:30 Mavericks-Roland

Mandatory Meeting For City League Coaches

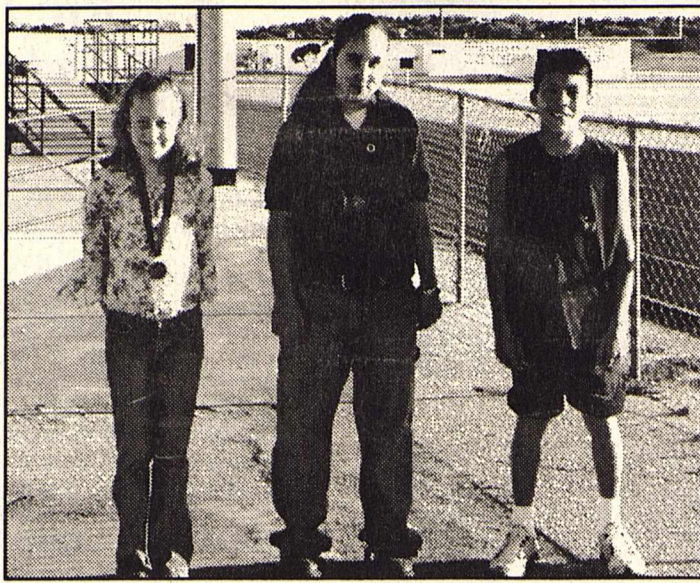
submitted
Sonora City League will be having a MANDATORY meeting on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm for any person interested in coaching or helping with T ball, Little League, Softball and Pony League baseball in the Devon office in the Mercantile Building, located on Main Street. During this meeting, application forms must be filled out and photo ID's copied for anyone that is going to be involved in any of these programs. The Little League National Organization has made it mandatory for this information to be on file before any person can be allowed to coach in one of its leagues. Sonora's organization is a member of this national organization so we must abide by its rules and regulations.

Also, the T ball field will be moved to the park between the softball and baseball fields. The City League is in need of volunteers to help with the project. There are certain procedures that must be taken to maintain all fields and this information will be shared at this meeting. Please plan to be present at this meeting if you are interested in being involved in these programs. Call Julie Martin at 387-5136 and leave a message if you want to coach and cannot attend this meeting.

Lady Broncos from page 1

The Lady Broncos advanced to the second round in the Playoffs after defeating Tornillo, the runner up out of District 1-2A last Tuesday. The Lady Coyotes never knew what hit them when the Lady Broncos took to the court, defeating them 75 to 38. Sonora took off in the first quarter, putting a large gap between the two teams, 19 to 5. The second quarter was more of the same, with the Lady Broncos dominating the court, scoring 13 to Tornillo's 5. There wasn't much change in the next quarter, with Sonora having 27 to the Lady Coyotes' 7. The Lady Coyotes did push ahead by 1 in the fourth quarter, 17 to 7, but it wasn't near enough to catch up with the Ladies in Red! Brea Hughes led the scoring for the Lady Broncos against Tornillo, with 17 points on the board. Morgan Hobbs followed with 12, Kara Hard and Ashley Parker each had 10, Tamika Marshall had 6, Elizabeth Elliott 5, Shannon Vick 4, Brittany Longoria 3 and Cady Taylor, Amanda Sanchez, Paola Garcia and Missy Longoria each had 2. The game against Shallowater didn't end so well for Sonora, with the Lady Mustangs winning 75 to 54. The Lady Broncos put up a strong effort, but the #3 ranked Shallowater team was just too much for them. Tamika Marshall led the Lady Broncos with 18 points, followed by Hobbs with 15, Parker with 13, Hughes 6 and Hard 2.

Three Advance to Regional Free Throw Competition



Morgan Smith, Bianca Sepeda and Riley Sanchez are proud to wear their hard earned medals from the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship District competition.

The Annual Knight of Columbus Free Throw Championship district competition was held in Sonora on Saturday, February 8, 2003. Winners from the local Free Throw Championship went up against the top shooters from Eldorado and Ozona.

Three Sonora students won their age division and will continue on to the Regional meet to be held in Wall on Sunday, February 23, 2003. If any of

these students win their age bracket at Regionals they will go for the State Championship Title in Austin, Texas.

Sonora's winners were: Morgan Smith with 17 out of 25 shots sunk; Riley Sanchez with 16 out of 25 made and Bianca Sepeda with 19 out of 25 baskets. All of the participants did a great job and should be proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to Morgan, Bianca and Riley. Good Luck in Wall!

Junior Varsity Broncos End Season With Loss Against Eldorado

The Junior Varsity boys finished their season with a disappointing loss against the Eldorado Eagles 52-57. When these teams met earlier in the year the Broncos won by a commanding 25 points. Eldorado had a very high percentage shooting game and they had the lead the entire game.

Clint Cearley had a season high 27 points to lead the Broncos. Steven Duhon had 8 while Cullen Parker came off the bench scoring 6. Also scoring for the Red was Austin

Wagoner with 5, and Embré Smith, Dustin Creek and Boomer Galindo each with 2.

The Broncos had a very successful season with a record of 13-10. They won third in the Wall Tourney and Consolation in Iraan. They were a great group of boys that always played with heart and determination. Other team members were Cameron Cox, Chris Perez and Nash Traylor. The Broncos were coached by Fred Buchanan.

School Board from page 1

Additionally, Mr. Kissire gave information regarding upcoming stock shows and concluded his remarks by thanking the Board and the community for their support of the Ag Program.

John Williams, the Pfluger and Associates architect, gave a lengthy report regarding the progress of the construction project. He stated that 100% of the construction documents will be finished by April 15 and that construction will begin June 1.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that the collection rate stood at 93%, down 3% from the same time in 2002. Ms. Friess informed the Board that the top ten taxpayers had already paid and that the attorneys were actively pursuing delinquent taxes.

The Board and Superintendent reviewed current bills in the amount of \$231,902.60.

At this point in the meeting, President Fields announced that for the convenience of administrators, the Board would enter closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 to discuss the evaluation and re-hire of campus principals, Athletic Director and Special Education Director and the update of the fall review of personnel. President Fields stated that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:16 p.m. with member Tammy Favila having left to attend another meeting. A motion was made by Jesse Bustamante, seconded by Scott Jacoby, to extend the contracts as recommended for the Campus Principals, Athletic Director, and Special Education Director. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 13, 2003 meeting.

The Superintendent stated that enrollment stood at 899 and that attendance was down from the same time in 2002 due to the continued problem of illness.

Mr. Myers then reviewed maintenance projects for the district as follows:

Campuses: repairs have been completed on all doors district wide and broken windows have been repaired;

Extra-curricular: the light bulbs will be replaced on all vertical poles at the various playing fields; work is ongoing on getting the windscreens up at the different district tennis courts; dugout boards have been replaced and will be replaced;

and new scoreboards will arrive on February 19;

Housing: the district is waiting for quotes on a sprinkler system for the Castle Hill complex and then landscaping will begin. Myers then reviewed information regarding school funding and concluded his report by giving preliminary figures on projected values.

A motion was made by Jacoby, seconded by Jennings, to approve the bid from ARC Abatement for the asbestos abatement project. The motion carried unanimously.

President Fields announced annual board training hours as follows: Jesse Bustamante, 10.00; Tammy Favila, 18.50; Tryon Fields, 12.75; Sam David Hernandez 10.00; Scott Jacoby, 14.75; Barbara Jennings, 19.50; and Tom Payton, 14.75. Additionally, Fields commended members for completing their hours, especially the newest member, Barbara Jennings.

Superintendent Myers reviewed the highlights contained in Update 69. Bustamante moved that the Board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 69. The motion was seconded by Payton and carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Jennings, seconded by Payton, to order a school trustee election for May 3, 2003 for the purpose of electing three (3) members at large and to approve the election officials as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Board President Fields commended all personnel and UIL Coordinator Renee Casey for their excellent work with the annual Sonora Speech Tournament. Fields then read a thank you card from Amy Davenport for flowers the Board sent when her baby was born and also read a card of appreciation from the Armke's family for the Board's floral tribute.

Member Payton congratulated the Varsity Girls Basketball Team for their district success and wished them well during their playoff run.

The Board also expressed its thanks to the Ag students and sponsor for the excellent job they did building the new trailer.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Emmanuel Lopez



Emmanuel is the 18 year old son of Manuel and Lydia Lopez. He is a Senior and will be in the middle of the baseline at the Shortstop position.

Emmanuel's favorite food is pork ribs and his favorite song is "Running the Streets" by TuPac. When he grows up, Emmanuel wants to be a Psychologist.

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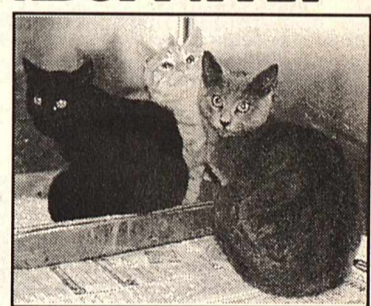
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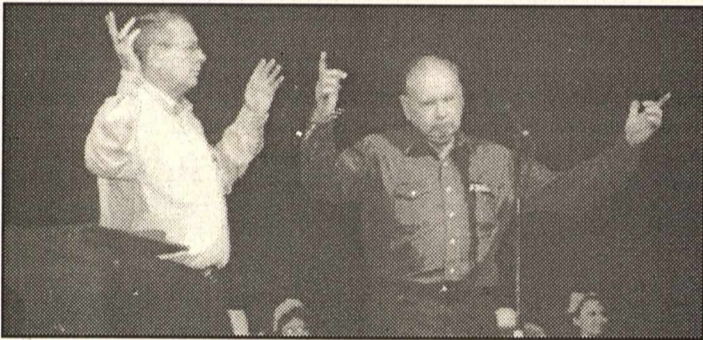
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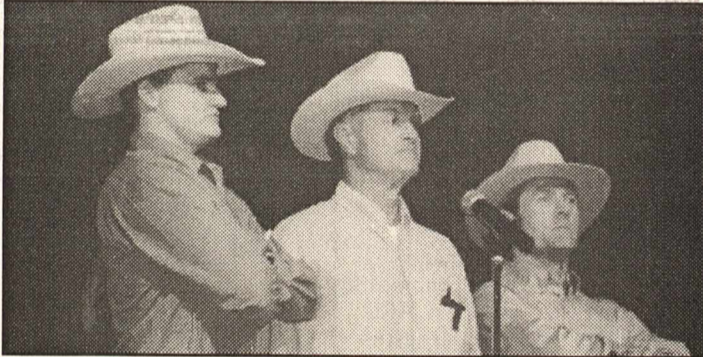
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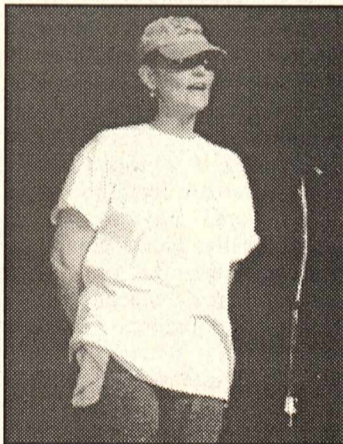
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USDA Requests Public Comments On New Conservation Security Program

Orlando - USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight today announced that the advance notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments on the Conservation Security Program (CSP) will be released for publication to the Federal Register. This is a new program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

"The advance notice gives the public the opportunity to comment on key issues that have been raised regarding implementation of the program. The issues are presented in the advance notice.

"Comments gathered during the 30-day comment period will help us develop a proposed rule," Knight said. "Then, the public will have another opportunity to provide input during the comment period for the proposed rule before a final rule is published. We want this to be the best program possible."

CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to conserve and improve soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life on tribal and private working lands - cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pasture and rangeland, as well as certain forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.

"The intent of CSP is to support ongoing conservation stewardship of agricultural lands by providing assistance to producers to maintain and enhance natural resources," Knight said. "CSP has a unique role among USDA conservation programs. It identifies and rewards those farmers and ranchers who meet the highest standards of conservation and environmental management on their operations, creates powerful incentives for other producers to meet those same standards of conservation performance on their operations, and provides public benefits for generations to come.

Comments must be received in writing within 30 days of the date the advance notice is published in the Federal Register. The advance notice and additional information on CSP can be found at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002/products.html.

Range Society Raises Concerns About Report Evaluating Grazing Management In Yellowstone

by Leonard Jolley, Rangeland Mgt. Specialist, Society for Range Management.

A recent report evaluating elk management on the northern range of Yellowstone National Park may adversely affect the management of public and private rangelands, according to the Society for Range Management (SRM). That report, released by the National Research Council (NRC), found that human influences have caused an increase in the wintering elk population of Northern Yellowstone, and as a result, willows, aspen and cottonwoods have been prevented from growing to full size for many decades. However, the report concluded that elk have not caused irreparable damage to Yellowstone's northern range and concluded that natural conditions are best preserved by minimizing human influence.

For thirty years, Yellowstone scientists maintained that the northern elk herd was not influenced by EuroAmerican settlement, and maintained that elk had no significant impact on the northern range. Yellowstone scientists recently acknowledged declines in willows and aspen, but attributed those declines primarily to climate change and fire suppression. The NRC report found no evidence to support those positions.

According to the president of SRM, Rod Heitschmidt, "In spite of finding fault with a major portion of the Yellowstone research program, the NRC committee charged Yellowstone with conducting future research that monitors ecological changes and advised that Yellowstone define indicators of unacceptable change." Heitschmidt adds.

"It is ironic that Yellowstone would be asked to conduct research on future changes when for three decades Park research failed to find that elk had any impact at all."

The SRM is concerned the NRC report did not review the entire accumulations of scientific evidence, nor did the committee define criteria of what would constitute irreparable damage. Says Heitschmidt, "It appears that the committee arrived at some conclusions based on personal values rather than solid science."

Adds Heitschmidt, "Yellowstone has a major influence on public perceptions about how natural conditions are best preserved. As an international society promoting science-based range management, SRM is concerned about how a flawed NRC report may also contribute to flawed public perceptions about range management."

American Cancer Society Picks Up Meetings After Holidays

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Unit of the American Cancer Society met at the First National Bank on Monday, February 17, 2003. This was the first meeting of the New Year, with the last meeting being held in November. Present for the meeting were ACS Board Members, Erica Morriss, Storie Sharp, Ada Castilleja, Lou Faulks, Betty Stephen, Smith Neil, Loma Surber, Noemi Samaniego, Lucille McMillan and Maria Carrasco.

In the absence of Mrs. Vestal Askw, Storie Sharp reported that \$555 in memorials had been sent in by Allie for the month of January. This is an increase over the last turn-ins and does not include some that would have been sent individually. There was no treasurer's or patient's service report.

Lou Faulks reported that she had taken golf pass information to the newspaper and radio. She also reported on the Great American Smokeout that was held in November. Lou and Noemi had set up a table at the T&C Village Market and handed out information about cancer and cancer prevention. They also passed out packages of cookies with the logo "Smart Cookies Don't Smoke!" The Sonora High School nursing students also assisted with handing out information. Lou and Noemi then traveled to the Elementary School and to local businesses handing out cookies and stickers to the kids, reminding them Not to Smoke.

Storie Sharp then updated the Board on the plans for the 2003 Relay for Life. This year's event will be held on May 16th & 17th at the Bronco Stadium. The theme for this year's Relay

is "Storybooks", with the motto of "Working together to ensure everyone lives happily ever after... without cancer." Sharp said that the volunteer Relay committee was already working hard and that some new faces had joined the committee this year, adding their ideas and efforts to the loyal ones that have worked so hard over the years.

Brian Lutz, the American Cancer Society Representative from San Angelo gave the staff report. Brian read aloud some statistics about American Cancer Society Research that funds from Relay for Life assist. It's not about the money... It's about what the money does:

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- The use of the drug Gleevac for the treatment of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia is possible because of research
- Tamoxifen reduces Breast Cancer by 45%
- Mortality rates are on the decline

- Current ACS Research grants in Texas total \$14,179,000, with 51 research grants
- More people survive cancer today than ever before!

Brian then concluded the meeting by reporting that he would be leaving the ACS and would no longer be the Sutton County Representative. The Board wished him well on his future endeavors and expressed sincere gratitude for all that he has done for our community in the last year.

Hospital Board from page 1

minutes of January 13, 2003 were presented for approval. Maria Carrasco made the motion to approve the minutes with one correction, page 2, paragraph three, the first sentence to read "Mr. Butler reported that the accounts receivable was up approximately \$7,000 from the previous month's report". Sherrill Dannheim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Friess reported that collections, as of January 31, 2003, were 92% collected. This is down 3% from this time last year. Ms. Friess stated that collections for all entities were down this year.

Upon a motion by Dannheim, seconded by Pool, the Board approved the Medical Staff's appointment of Charles Pajestka, M.D., as Chief of Staff for the calendar year 2003.

Lenora Pool made the motion to approve the Medical Staff's continuation of privileges for the Active Staff and the Consultant Staff. Virginia Epps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Butler reported to the Board that he had received the contracts from the architects for the expansion of the Medical Clinic building and the Hospital. He requested that the contract for the Medical Clinic be approved as soon as possible, due to the time frame of getting the project started. Upon a motion by Epps, seconded by Carrasco, the Board gave the authorization for Butler and the Hospital Attorney to authorize the contract for the clinic project with the architect firm. Discussion was held regarding the steps in the process of starting the details for the Clinic building.

Butler advised that the contract for the Hospital construction would be more detailed. This contract will be discussed at a later meeting.

Butler then reported that the accounts receivable was up \$32,000 from December, but the revenue for January was up by approximately \$64,000 from December. He advised that the Office Staff was working diligently on the delinquent

accounts, along with working on Insurance that has been filed with no activity in 45-60 days.

Butler advised that he had attended the Sonora Industrial Development Board meeting and gave a presentation requesting a contribution of \$25,000 to the Hospital District, for help with the funding for the Medical Clinic expansion. He advised the Sonora Industrial Development Board had awarded the Hospital District the \$25,000, upon approval of the City Council.

Butler advised that the Office of Rural Community Affairs had approached him regarding hosting a Physician Recruiting & Retention workshop to be held in Sonora at the Hospital, April 5, 2003. ORCA is having three workshops in Texas, and we will be the host of one.

Butler reported that he had attended a Bio-Terrorism workshop in San Angelo last week. He stated that every Hospital in Texas would be receiving \$11,000 to prepare for any Bio-Terrorism act. Funds will be used for decontamination equipment.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for December 2002. Patient revenues were down from November, with the expenses being down approximately \$4,000, from November. There was a \$3900 loss, from operations, for the month of December.

Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to approve the January 2003, expenditures. Carrasco seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Butler advised the Board that the Sutton County Health Foundation had received their IRS designation. The Foundation will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2003. Matt Lewis will speak to the Board of Directors regarding how the San Angelo Community Area Foundation was organized.

With no further business, Sherrill Dannheim made the motion to adjourn. Epps seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Chamber of Commerce from page 1

expected, with over 180 tickets sold. All the young ladies were dressed up and their "Dates" presented them with carnations, posed for pictures and danced till their feet hurt. The event was profitable for the Chamber and plans are already underway for a Mother/Son dance.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved, along with the financials and bills for last month.

Beth reported that the "Business After Hours" hosted by Gifts Galore and More, Cox Drug and The Sutton County Steakhouse was well attended. The winners were not present to win the cash prize, so the pot will increase for the next quarter.

Butler reported that the nominating committee had chosen four prospective Chamber of Commerce Directors to replace outgoing directors and all had agreed.

Beth reported on the "Welcome Wagon", stating that two new businesses had been visited. Mickey Schaefer also reported that some individuals had been contacted at home

with the package of goodies and a "Welcome". She suggested that maybe this be re-evaluated because some individuals didn't seem to like strangers visiting their home. It was suggested that possibly only new home owners be individually contacted.

Plans for a Cinco De Mayo celebration are underway, but with the absence of Ladonna, no official report was given.

Beth then reported the resignation of Chamber of Commerce Manager, Ladonna Wardlaw. Her last day will be March 15th. The Board of Directors met Monday and decided that they would not advertise for a replacement at this time, as other options are being considered. A lengthy discussion was then held regarding the options that the Chamber of Commerce may consider in the future. A meeting has been requested with the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Association and members of the City Council to discuss possible options that would be best for the community.

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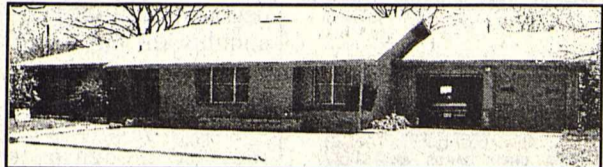
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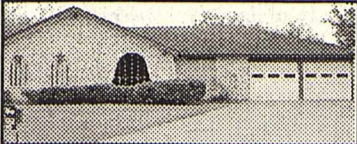


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