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## EMS Says Farewell To Three

On Monday, February 3, 2003 the Sutton County EMS met for their regular business meeting. Ada Castilleja, having completed her three month probation period, was voted in as a member of the Sutton County EMS. Congratulations Ada!

A resignation letter from Pat Campbell was read. Pat has been an active member of the Sutton County EMS for a total of 26 years. He is a Paramedic and holds a Coordinators License, Instructors License, CPR License and has taken numerous courses in advanced emergency care. He has been a strong advocate of continuing education and advancement, which has resulted in a number of other members' advancement to EMT-I (Intermediate), and Paramedic certifications. During his time with the SCEMS, Pat has coordinated numerous EMT classes in Sonora, as well as Big Lake, Eldorado, and Ozona. He has also applied for and obtained several grants acquiring more modern and advanced equipment, which has resulted in better and more advanced pre-hospital care for all Sutton County residents without the added expense to the taxpayers.

Pat has accepted a job with the Texas Department of Health as an EMS Program Specialist. He will continue to call Sonora his home, but will work out of the San Angelo TDH office. Pat will be missed, but we wish you well on your new job.

The EMS met on February 17th for their regular training meeting.

Maray Cearley, an EMS member and dispatcher for the Sutton County Sheriff's Office gave a very informative program on radio codes and signals. The EMS extends many thanks to Maray for the class.

Resignation letters were then read from Pascal Allison and Carla Weaver. Pascal has been with the SCEMS for eleven years. In addition to being an EMT Pascal is certified in Basic Trauma life support, Advanced Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Carla joined the EMS in 2000. Both of these EMS will be missed.

The EMS will meet on February 23rd for their advanced training meeting at Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

## SHS Seniors Exhibit In Their Final Stock Show

Five Sutton County 4-H members represented Sutton County at the San Angelo Stock Show in the Angola Goat Show. Two of these young people are SHS seniors and this was their final stock show after many years of dedication, hard work and leadership in this project. Shane Benson, who has been in the Angola project for 7 years, and Landon Brockman, who has been in the project for 12 years, have been excellent examples to the other members of our 4-H club of what the purpose of a 4-H project is and how important it is to complete the project. The 4-H family will miss these two young men and we want to take this opportunity to wish you luck in the future.

Landon exhibited 5 goats and Shane exhibited 3 goats along with Cash Jennings, who exhibited 7 goats, Hunter Jennings who exhibited 4 goats and Laura Martin who exhibited 4 goats. Sutton County placed as follows: Yearling Bucks: Cash Jennings 3rd place; Aged Bucks: Laura Martin 3rd place; Cash Jennings 5th place; Doe Kids: Landon Brockman 1st and

## Ballot Applications Available For Upcoming Elections

Filing is currently under way for the City Council and School Board general elections to be held May 3.

Monday, Feb. 17, was the first day for filing an application for a place on the ballot, as well as the first day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy.

Those wishing to be a candidate must find an application by 5 p.m. on March 19. A regular write-in candidate must declare candidacy before 5 p.m. on March 24.

March 4 is the first date to apply for a mail ballot, and application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25. Early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 16 and will continue until April 29.

In city elections, two aldermen positions will be on the bal-

lot. Terms will expire for Councilmembers Vivian Miears, Ward 1 and Gloria Lopez, Ward 2. City secretary, Becky Covington, confirmed that both have refiled for election.

Terms are for two years and candidates may pick up application packets at City Hall during regular business hours.

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees will have three At-large positions on the ballot. Terms are expiring for Tammy Favila, Tom Payton and Scott Jacoby. All three have refiled for re-election.

Terms are for two years unless otherwise specified and ballot applications may be picked up at the Administration Office.

Elections will be held on May 3, 2003.

## Yorba Joins The Few, The Proud, The Marines

Lizzette Yorba, the daughter of Ruben & Nelda Yorba, recently gave Sonora another reason to be proud. She became one of the few, the proud, she joined the United States Marine Corps. Lizzette is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School where she was active in Spanish Club, Band, Spirit Crew, Nursing, Choir, and the Lighthouse Baptist Youth Group.

Lizzette's brother, Cpl. Alfonso Covarrubiaz with H&S MCAS ATCF in Camp Pendleton, California encouraged and assisted her along the way. Lizzette's strength and determination was apparent when she was awarded a Gold Coin by the Commanding Officer in charge of the initial strength test given during her inspect for processing. This feat was outstanding for someone of such small stature, proving that size is no issue when you have determination and inner strength.

Lizzette was sworn in at a ceremony in Dallas, Texas at the Military Entrance Processing Station. She flew out that same day for Parris Island, SC. Also referred to as "Boot Camp," Recruit Training is the 13-week process that transforms a young person with the courage to succeed into a mature, highly disciplined, and fully capable Marine. Marine Corps recruits are trained not only physically and mentally, but morally as well. Forming the bedrock of any Marine's character are the Core Values—Honor, Courage and Commitment.

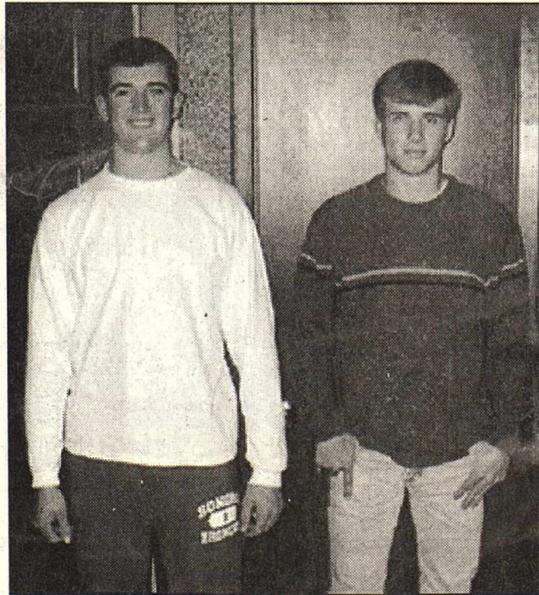
On the way to becoming a

Marine, Lizzette will be trained in the art of self-mastery, acquiring self-discipline, the courage to undertake difficult tasks, and a steadfast commitment to overcoming the challenges before her. The Marines will become her family, and her faith that led her to this decision will keep her strong during this time of war talk and world unrest.

Lizzette's tentative graduation date, pending all goes as planned at Boot Camp, is May



Lizzette Yorba (above) worked hard to receive the gold coin (below) for her superior performance on a strength test.



4-H Senior Members, Landon Brockman and Shane Benson.

3rd place; Laura Martin 5th place; Yearling Does: Cash Jennings 12th place, and Aged Does: Landon Brockman 3rd place. Landon also won the showmanship award.

4-H projects are a great way to make friends and learn many lessons. Ask any of the members mentioned above!

See more San Angelo Stock Show results on page 5.

## Heritage Intervention Program Hold "Vaquero" Graduation

Sonora, TX- The Heritage Intervention Programs, Inc. (HIP), held its 5th Annual "El Campo de los Vaqueros" Cowboy Camp Graduation for Sutton and Crockett County Youth at Sonora Middle School Cafeteria on Saturday, February 22, 2003. The proceedings started at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Five (5) volunteer adult mentors and ten (10) youth received recognition and graduation certificates after attending summer camp. The group traveled to Brownsville, Texas in June for a week long stay at Camp Lula Sams Environmental Preserve. Family and friends were on hand to enjoy the lunch and offer encouragement and congratulations.

Honored guest and HIP Board Chairmen, General John Q. Taylor King Ret., was the commencement speaker, traveling down from Austin, Texas. Joining Mr. King was David Galvan, Director of Youth Intervention programs.

HIP gave special recognition to Commissioner Mike Villanueva and Alex Gonzales for five years as Vaquero HIP mentors. Unfortunately, due to a death in the family, Commissioner Villanueva was unable to attend the proceedings. He was greatly missed, but his dedication and commitment to the Vaquero program do not go unnoticed. Alex also has offered many years of support and guidance for the young men



Vaquero Camp graduates receive their certificates at a special ceremony. From left to right: HIP Director David Galvan, Abraham Rivera (8th grade), Jacob Ibarra (8th grade), David Lane (6th grade), J.J. Galindo (8th grade), General John Q. Taylor King Ret. Front row: Saul Benson (2nd grade) and Dakota Daniels (3rd grade).

involved in the program. He is also greatly appreciated.

The statewide HIP programs are designed as yearlong prevention programs for youth ages 7-13. Using the discipline, pride, and perseverance of the Vaquero as a model, this program seeks to enhance personal responsibilities and self-esteem in young men through a message of anti-drug, anti-gang, stay-in-school-and-be-somebody. The program is set up to mentor participants on a weekly basis with the group attending, an outing of some Vaquero significance once a month. The camp, El Campo de Los

Vaqueros, offers activities such as horsemanship, horseback riding, roping, archery, canoeing, swimming, repelling, team building sports, life skills and discipline development skills.

Funds for HIP Programs are in part from a grant from Texas Rural Communities, The Meadows Foundation, The Sutton and Crockett County Probation Department, the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, St. Ann's Catholic Church, St. John's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Special thanks to HIP field coordinator Ben Solis.

## Ports-To-Plains Announces Corridor Funding

The Ports-to-Plains Coalition received another round of good news this week when it learned the Omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress included some funding for the Corridor.

"This is great news for Ports-to-Plains and all our membership," said Ports-to-Plains Chairman Randy Neugebauer. "Our Congressional delegation is to be commended for all their hard work. We have been working with them and their staff to bring these projects to fruition since last year and it has paid off."

Mr. Neugebauer cited the efforts of Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn of Texas, Allard and Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, Inhofe of Oklahoma, Dominici and Bingaman of New Mexico as well as Chairman (Representative) Combest, and Thornberry, Stenholm, Smith, and Bonilla of Texas, Udall of New Mexico, Lucas of Oklahoma as well as Musgrave and Schaffer of Colorado.

Mr. Neugebauer also stated that the Ports-to-Plains Task Force members, local elected officials and interested businesses from Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio to Limon Colorado all played a role in this success. "Without our members and the local support we enjoy from one end of the corridor to the other we would not be standing here today with this good news. Last year we were able to garner \$9.2 million in project funding along the Corridor. This years total of over \$11.6 million brings us just that much closer to completing the dream," Neugebauer said.

Projects funded in 2002 include: Corridor Management Plan - Planning - \$1,700,000; Midland Reliever Route - Engineering - \$1,000,000; New Mexico US Hwy US 64/87-Engineering - \$1,000,000; Big Spring Reliever Route-Engineering - \$2,000,000; West Laredo Multimodal - Various - \$3,500,000 for a TOTAL of \$9,200,000 in 2002.

Projects funded for 2003 include: Sterling County, TX- Imp. to SH 158 4 - 1 a n e

See Ports-to-Plains page 7

## Shop Lost In Structure Fire



The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Monday at Wayne Sawyer's Office and Cabinet Shop at the end of Pecan St. The building was a complete loss, as were 90% of the contents. No injuries were reported, as Sawyer was not there at the time of the fire. The cause for the fire is unknown at this time. The Volunteer Fire Department and local Law Enforcement worked diligently in freezing temperatures and their efforts are to be commended.

## City Council Approves Contract With County To Help Fund TRAX Van

The City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session on February 18, 2003 at City Hall with the following present: James Stephen, Mayor; Councilmembers Vivian Miears, Gloria Lopez, Virgil Polocsek, Councilmember, James Blackman; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Becky Covington, City Secretary. Others attending all or part of the meeting were Tony Lane, Justin McGeath, Mike Healy, Don Longoria, Harold Martinez, Mark Maples, J.J. King, Judge Sessom, Judge Garner, and Ann Kay.

Mayor Stephen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Judge Sessom delivered the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Polocsek made a motion that the minutes for the Special Meeting held on December 13 be approved with a correction being made to Vivian Miears last name. Lopez made a second and the motion carried.

The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2003 were approved as written. Upon motion made by Miears and a second made by Polocsek, the Sutton County Appraisal District reports for December and January were approved.

See City Council page 7

## Tumbleweed Smith Gathers Stories For 'Sounds of Texas'



Tumbleweed Smith talked with local rancher, George Wallace during his visit to Sonora, gathering fuel for his syndicated 'Sounds of Texas' radio show. The Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Program proudly hosted the visit and hope to have Tumbleweed visit again soon.



## 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

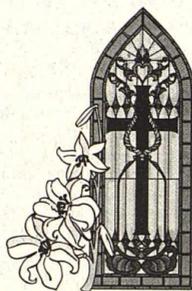
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

### 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

A big thank you to our friends in Sonora who participated in the Dust and Denim Show - the cast, stage crew, committees, sponsors, and the audience. Your enthusiasm was wonderful. We appreciate your part in helping raise funds to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. This was a truly a great experience.

Virgil Polocek, Joy Galbreath, John Tedford, Ann Kay, Renee Casey and Jim Stephen.

I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to my mom Jeannie, my sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and J.B., my niece and nephew Meghan and Michael Ryan and friends Patty and husband Alfonso and family for attending my graduation ceremony from the U.S.M.C. Words cannot express the gratitude I felt to have my family and friends with me on my graduation day. It made it more special.

Thanks to all of you for your letters and cards you sent to me while I was at boot camp and for all your prayers and words of encouragement. To the children of St. Ann's Church First Grade CCD class for their card they sent me. Thank you!

Also, special thanks to my Aunt Amalia and my sisters Bianca and Blanca and Dad for a great homecoming for all the preparations and a very delicious meal.

The best way God expressed His love for me was through you Mom and Dad, my sisters, my niece, nephew and all your prayers.

God bless all of you. Thanks for everything.  
John David

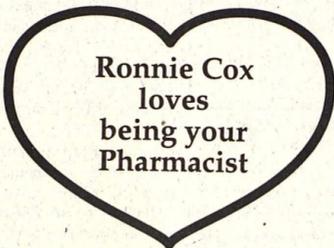
We would like to thank our family and friends who attended the Mass and supper in honor of John David Lozano on his graduation from the U.S.M.C.

Also, thank you for all the cards and gifts received. Thank you Father Bill for the lovely Mass and to Adolfo Alvarez, Patsy Samaniego, Benita Martinez and Lydia Galindo for the wonderful music and songs.

Special thanks to Amaila Galindo, Frances Reyna, Edwina Gandar and Bobby Mata for such a delicious meal. To all who have called and visited John David at home to offer their congratulations, especially all those from out-of-town. We are so grateful for such loving family and friends.

God bless you all!

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lozano,  
Bianca and Blanca, Jennifer, J.B. and Family



## Hold On

Last week some of our friends decided to have an afternoon get together for hamburgers. The women were inside the house while the men were outside with the boys. One of the ladies brought her little daughter outside and said, "watch out for her and don't let her get in the mud". As soon as her little girl (not yet 2) started walking, you guessed it; she headed straight for a mud puddle, so I quickly went over to help her. To help, I reached my hand down to her and she took hold of it. We started walking slowly and I kept telling her, "don't let go". We made it safely to dry ground. Watching her holding on to my hand reminded me about our relationship to God. God has already reached down to us (Jesus on the cross-John 3:16; Romans 5:8;9) but we must be willing to reach up to him even if it is just a little bit, (Romans 10:13, John 1:12). When we reach up he will lead us and watch over us. Are we holding on to His hand? Recently it has been prayer (asking) for God to take hold of me, not just my hand but all of me and for him to lead me (James 4:8-10). See you in Church on Sunday.  
Brother J.

## Senior Center News

- Mar. 3 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings.
- Mar. 4 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, jello with fruit.
- Mar. 5 - Oven broiled pork chops with gravy, noodles, tossed salad, carrots, bread, applesauce.
- Mar. 6 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding.
- Mar. 7 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cherry cobbler.

## Senior Menu

- Mar. 3 - AAA Reports due. Bingo!
- Mar. 4 - Exercise anyone? Need Seniors to sign up!
- Mar. 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509. Ash Wednesday.
- Mar. 6 - Crafts for Easter. Sign up now!
- Mar. 7 - Run errands and pay bills! Call Lilia 387-3941.

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

\*Menu is subject to change.\*

## Obituaries

### Antonia Bianueba

Antonia Ramon Bianueba, 82, passed away Friday, February 21, 2003 in Del Rio. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2003 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were with Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include 3 sons, Miguel Villanueva of Sonora, Frank Villanueva of San Angelo, and Manuel Villanueva of Lubbock, 2 daughters Mary

Soto and Belinda Villanueva, both of Del Rio, 19 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Adrian Villanueva, Harvey Villanueva, Mike Villanueva Sr., Edward Soto, Fonzie Villanueva, Amalio Villanueva. Honorees Pallbearers were Jesse Soto, Harry Soto, Mike Soto, Henry Villanueva and Manuel Villanueva, Jr.

### Ann Tippitt Mann

Ann Tippitt Mann entered into rest February 19, 2003 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born September 22, 1911 to parents Homer J. and Laura Tippitt. She was a member of a long-time ranching family of Sutton Schleicher and Edwards County.

She was also a member of the First Methodist Church of Eldorado, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jack Mann and two sisters Velma Amacker and Homer J. Cowden.

She is survived by two daughters Lois Mann Jordan of Yoncalla, Oregon. Judy Mann McDonald of Sonora, Texas; two grandchildren Jack Jordan of Minnesota, Melinda Powers and husband Rick of South Carolina; three great-grandchildren; and also one sister June Lynch and husband William of

Dallas, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends, Elizabeth and Jesse Chavez of Sonora, Texas.

A special thanks to Cathy Howell and caregivers of Nix Private Care, Ellen, Janie, Margarita, Henrietta, Annette, and Monica. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2003 at Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Animal Defense League, 11300 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, Texas 78217 or charity of one's choice. Visit our website at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) for more information. Arrangements conducted by Sunset Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Highway, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

### Martha Ann Baze McLeod

Martha Ann Baze McLeod of Llano passed away on Friday, February 21, after a long and courageous battle against ALS.

Martha was born November 28, 1956 in Mason, Texas to Billy White Baze and Bobbie Schmidt Baze.

She was preceded in death by her father on May 25, 2000.

She was raised in Mason where she was a member of the Methodist Church. Martha attended Mason Schools, graduating in 1975. She was an avid girl scout and served as Junior High Cheerleader. She was a wonderful cook and before she became ill with ALS had a catering service. Martha was a loving mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and friend. Her struggle against ALS was an inspiration to others as she was never complaining and never felt sorry for herself.

Martha is survived by her son, Mark McLeod and wife Desiree of Llano, her mother, Bobbie Baze of Mason and her sisters Ebbie Sutton and husband Quade of Sonora, Rebecca Lehmburg of Mason, and Susy Walker and husband Jimmy of San Saba. She is also survived by 2 grandchildren Michelle McLeod and Regan McLeod, and uncle Gordon Schmidt and her nephews Bill and David



Lehmburg of Lubbock and Clay Walker of San Saba. Among the many people that were very special to Martha are her cousin and care-giver Carol Jordan, care-giver Janet Nunez and special nurse Carol Evans.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m. at Mason Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Gooch Cemetery in Mason. Serving as pallbearers were Daniel Gainer, Jon Luchini, Mike Starks, Mike Clark, Elton Hiley, and Matt Baker.

For those desiring to send memorials the family would recommend the ALS Foundation.

### School Lunch Menu • Mar. 3 - Mar. 7, 2003

#### Breakfast

- Mon. - French toast, syrup, fruit or juice.
- Tues. - Scrambled eggs, biscuits, juice or fruit.
- Wed. - Grilled cheese, juice or fruit.
- Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice.
- Fri. - Cinnamon roll, orange wedges or juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

- Mon. - Chili dogs, tator tots, cheese, fruit.
- Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, salad, applesauce cake.
- Wed. - Bean chalupas, cheese, cole slaw, Spanish rice, jello with fruit.
- Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, fruit, hot roll.
- Fri. - Fish burger, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, fruit icee.



## 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. 27, 28 & Mar. 1

Dry Devil's River Classic  
Baseball Tournament

### Feb. 27

S.M.S. Science Fair • 7:00 p.m.

### Mar. 5

Lenten Luncheon  
St. John's Parish Hall • 12:00 Noon  
hosted by New Hope Baptist Church

The Community Calendar



Member FDIC

## Calendar

### Mar. 10

County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

### Mar. 18

Annual Lion's Club Broom Sale  
8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

City Hall • U.S. Post Office

### Mar. 24

County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

is made possible by:



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207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

### Letters To The Editor Policy

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

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

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## Ask the Historical Society

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

**Note:** The Sutton County Historical Offices are located at 307 Oak St, Sonora, TX, and open Monday, Tuesday mornings and Friday; our telephone number is 387-5084.

**Q.** Do you have any information on the Mayfields?

A. Wilma Friend wrote the following story for "Sutton County History 1887 - 1977." J. W. "Jess" Mayfield was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Andrew Mayfield I, in 1857, in Janes Chapel, a small community near Valley Mills, and Clifton, Texas, in Bosque Co. John Andrew was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Mayfield who settled in Denton Co. in 1851. The early Mayfield family came from Kentucky and only went back there for visits. Jess Mayfield was raised in Bosque Co. and later leased land there near Hamilton, Texas on which he raised horses and mules and began his horse trading career. He married Ellen Louis in June, 1876, and to this union, one son was born, Louis Mayfield. After the death of Ellen Louis, Jess Mayfield married Nancy Roena Wallace, May 15, 1882. To this union, one son was born, Ed. C. Mayfield, on September 28, 1884, also in Bosque Co (married Zena Wheat (1884-1978) on 12-30-1909, died 12-3-1959). Then, in 1887, Jess and Rena Mayfield with their son, Ed, came to Fort McKavett. There he sold horses and mules to the Cavalry. A year later, the family moved to the Sonora area and settled at Lost Lake east of Sonora. A few years later the family moved to Sonora and owned the Mercantile Store but continued to operate their ranching business. Jess Mayfield passed away in 1932.

Nancy Roena Mayfield, known to Sonorans as Rena, was born in Bell Co. in 1863, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace. Her father was serving in the Civil War at the time and Rena was born at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike and Nancy Ann Casey. They returned to Bosque Co. when the war was over to find all their cattle and livestock gone. They operated land a few miles south of Norse, Texas. Her family settled in this community in 1857. She grew up with two brothers, Joe Wallace and Rufus Wallace and Sudie, Lucy and Beulah. Sudie married W. B. Keese in February 1892. They lived near Hurst Springs before coming to Sonora. Lucy married Ed Grimland who operated the Sonora Mercantile. Beulah came to Sonora to visit and later married Curtis Allison, December 29, 1908. They had one son, George Edward

Allison. Beulah Allison passed away August 5, 1910. George Edward who was nine months old at the time of his mother's death, made his home with Rena and Jess Mayfield. Rufus Wallace later worked for Jess and lived in a dugout on the open range. Later, he returned to Clifton, married and had a daughter, Willie Mae. Joe Wallace also came to Sonora but moved to Rocksprings and married Mattie Fleisher but returned to Hamilton to make their home. Rena had another brother, Tom, who worked on the railroad. Rena Mayfield passed away in 1950. She gave a home to so many that it was called "The House by the Side of the Road."

In a previous column we had written the following on Fountain and John C. Mayfield: John Andrew Mayfield (1855-1911) married Mary Elizabeth Jane Simmie Odle and they were the parents of three boys and six girls, all born in Valley Mills, Bosque Co., Texas. Valley Mills was John Andrew Mayfield's home base of operation but he also had land in Sutton Co. area and in order to teach the ranching business and help him, he would bring the children with him each summer to this area. When John Carter and Fountain Tolbert were 9 and 10 years old he would send them with herds of horses he had raised, along with several hands to Sutton Co. They boys would later move to the Sutton Co. ranch, which they operated for several years before moving to Val Verde Co. Cart bought land 5 miles south of Juno in 1905 and Fount bought 22 sections on the Pandale Rd. in 1910. They were among the earliest ranchers to use wire net fencing, constantly upgrading their properties and tried to provide for future generations by using early day conversations measures.

Fountain Tolbert Mayfield was born on January 12, 1877 in Bosque Co., TX. He married Beulah Mae Bruton/Brewton on September 24, 1903. They had a son, John Thomas Mayfield, in 1905. Beulah Mae was born November 9, 1844 and died Tuesday, April 7, 1908 at 2:05PM. She was buried in the Sonora Cemetery on April 8, 1908 with her unnamed baby. Fountain (Fount) Mayfield died in Del Rio on June 5, 1948 and is buried in the Sonora Cemetery. John Thomas married Marion Brauer and they had the following children: John Thomas, Jr., Marion Katherine, Louis Font and Ellen Anne.

John Carter (Cart) Mayfield was born in Bosque Co., TX on October 20, 1878. He married Sue Peters (10-29-1879-7-14-1944) in 1900 in Valley Mills. They had two children, John Carter (Jake) Mayfield (1884-1994) was married to Mary Savannah Fort on March 24,



Last week's gentlemen have been identified as John Paul Friess, Tom Glasscock and Mark Jacoby. Can anyone tell us who these ladies are?

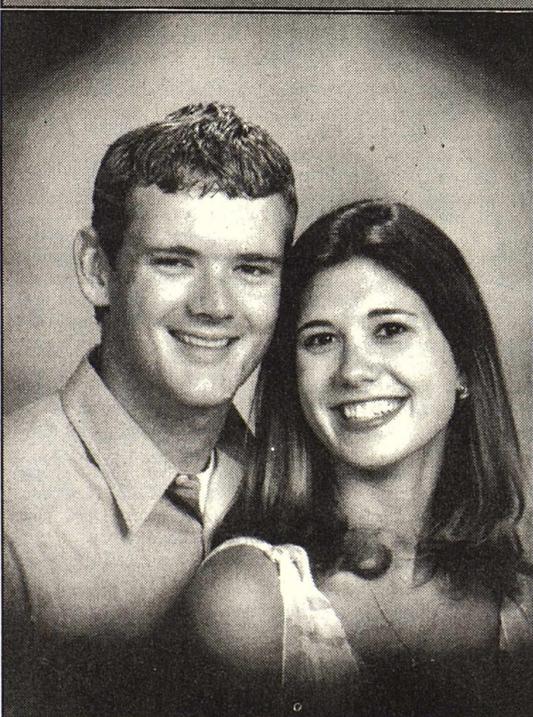
1942 and Mary Irene Mayfield who married J. O. Taylor, Jr. in 1935. John Carter, Sue and Jake Mayfield are buried in the Mayfield Cemetery south of Juno that was constructed by Ramon Guerro Cantu in 1984 and dedicated on Thanksgiving of 1984 by Bro. John Cash, Baptist Minister, under the direction of the late Jake Mayfield. Jake and Mary Savannah had 4 children, John Carter III, William Travis, Grace Irene and Robert Scott. J. O. Taylor, Jr. and Mary Irene had 2 sons, J. O. III and John Edward.

If we tried to list all the descendants of J. A. Mayfield and give stories of their lives we would need to write a book on the family instead of just this little column. If you need more information stop by the Sutton County Historical Society offices at 307 Oak Street, the rock house right next to the Miers Home Museum or contact the Bosque County Historical

Society. The Sutton County Historical Society offices are open Monday, Tuesday morning and Fridays.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You can stop by the offices at 307 Oak St. when we are open or give me a call during office hours at 387-5084. You may also call me at home on days off at 387-2855 on other days. Items you wish to donate should be left at Al Elliott's office if the society offices are closed or with Jo-Ann Palmer. No one but officers are authorized to accept donations for the society. So please, only give items you wish to donate or monetary donations to Eddie Sawyer, Kelly Owen, Al Elliott or Jo-Ann Palmer. We are all listed in the phone book, but Jo-Ann or Al are usually the easiest to find as we live in town.

## Engagement



Levi Pool and Christy O'Mealey

Mr. Ronnie O'Mealey and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hubbard are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christy O'Mealey to Levi Pool, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pool.

Christy graduated from Medina Valley High School in 1998 and received her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University in 2002. She is currently working at Alamo City Eye Physicians in San Antonio while preparing to pursue her masters in Physician Assistant Studies in the fall.

Levi graduated from Sonora High School in 1996 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Agbusiness from Texas A&M University in 2001. He is currently working for American Sales and Service, Inc. in San Antonio.

The couple will be married on April 12, 2003 in Dewees, Texas.

## Texas Tales Told By

### Tumbleweed Smith

## Wheelchair Balladier Knows His Place

Tumbleweed Smith

Dr. Marian Mustoe teaches geography at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He was intrigued recently by a National Geographic study that revealed eleven percent of Americans, Canadians and British residents between the ages of 18 and 24 couldn't find their own country on a map. Twenty-four percent of that populace couldn't find Iraq.

"Geography is not just the study of maps, where students learn the names of towns or countries for tests, then forget them after the course. There has to be something of significance before the location means something," says Dr. Mustoe. "It was that way in Grenada. Once the war started, people began to notice it."

He is a native of Washington state and grew up with an appreciation of music. He plays the musical saw, guitar, flute and harmonica. He sometimes entertains his students.

"For me it's always been a blessing to be able to sit down and play the guitar. It releases my inner energy. It's kind of a tradition with me to sing a few songs to lighten everybody up at the beginning of a semester. Ever since I've taught I've always played my guitar and sat around and sung songs."

He incorporates sounds and voices in his teaching. "It's because I like to play with recorders. I just enjoy that. I can record chickens in West Texas and record chickens in Maine and there's a difference. And when you quote somebody, you normally read it right from the book. But sometimes I like to change my voice a little bit and record it like it was

Christopher Columbus or somebody like that. Then I play the recording of that person and it's interesting how students are not listening to me any longer, they're listening to the person on the recording."

Marian writes folk songs. Some are on the radio and have won awards.

"My big hits have been songs about frogs and stuff like that. I had a song called WOODEN FROG FOR CHRISTMAS which is actually played a lot around the world."

One of his songs is called BUZZARDS OF STEEL.

"It's a song about people who live in West Texas and work in the oil industry. And the buzzard is this thing going up and down, right?"

The words go something like this: "Was out in West Texas where the buzzards are steel. Deep in the ground they find their next meal. And the working man prays those buzzards won't starve. 'Cause as long as they're drinking, you're driving your car."

Marian has a PhD from Texas A & M University. While he was just getting started in his doctoral work, he developed Multiple Sclerosis and gradually lost the use of his legs.

"It was quite a blow. My wife left me and I became a single parent. I lost everything in a flood and all sorts of things happened. If you look at it one way, I guess I got a lot of material for sad songs."

Today he is taking medicine to slow down the deterioration. "I can walk like a drunk with a cane or a walker. I spend most of my daylight hours in my wheelchair. But it's fast chair. I don't miss much."

Marian is one tough cookie. With his kids, his students and his wife Kathy he finds plenty to sing about.

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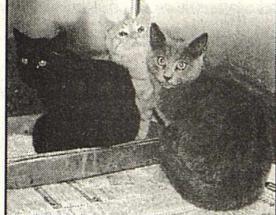
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**F.Y.I.**  
 The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Lunch hosted by New Hope Baptist Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on March 5, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited

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 Armke 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.

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.

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.

**Happy Birthday**  
 February 27 - Jack Smith, Yolanda Campos  
 February 28 - Tyler Smith, Monica DuRussel, Brianah Creek, Larry Seymour, Sam Tidwell, Marilyn Holman, Jose Buitron, Rose Butler  
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**Dinner With Tumbleweed Smith**



by Storie Sharp  
 Some of Sonora's own "characters" joined special guest Tumbleweed Smith for dinner at the T-Saucer Ranch Country Retreat on Thursday, February 20, 2003. Much needed rain put a little damper on Tumbleweed's book signing held earlier in the afternoon at The Bank and Trust, but it didn't dampen spirits for an enjoyable evening. Lolabeth and Cleve T. Jones, owners and operators of the T-Saucer served up a great meal of Chicken-K-Bobs wrapped in bacon, baked potatoes with cheese, bean and frito salad, cheese jalapeño bread and cherry cobbler. Tumbleweed got an earful of local color as everyone laughed and visited.

Friday, after a treat of breakfast at Rosie's with the "coffe shop" group, Tumbleweed interviewed some of Sonora's storytellers to use on his syndicated radio show "Sounds of Texas". He also signed some more copies of his new book "Under the Chinaberry Tree" before taking off for his next appointment in Ft. Davis.

**Lozano Successfully Completes Marine Corps Training**

John David Lozano graduated from Marine Corps recruit training, successfully completing 12 weeks of training.

Lozano spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignment, which included first aid, uniform regulation, combat water survival, marksmanship, martial arts combat and assorted weapons training.

Lozano received instruction on the Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment and what words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Lozano ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution that culminated with a ceremony when the recruits are addressed



as "Marines" for the first time. He is a graduate of Sonora High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lozano of Sonora.

**Be Aware Of Severe Weather**

On Wednesday March 5, 2003, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will issue a practice TORNADO WARNING through NOAA Weather Radio, and the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The purpose of this drill is to give everyone an opportunity to practice their tornado procedures. A practice Tornado Warning will be issued at approximately 9:00 a.m., and follow up cancellation Severe Weather Statement will be issued at around 9:15 a.m.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is observed March 2-8, but everyone should be aware of severe weather year round.

While storms in North Texas are usually at their most severe during the springtime, severe thunderstorms can form any time of the year bringing with them tornadoes, lightning, large hail, damaging wind, and flash flooding. During the springtime Texans tend to increase their outdoor activities placing them at greater risk of injury or death when severe weather approaches. All Texas residents should know what to do when severe weather threatens whether in the outdoors or at home, at school, at work, at play, or in a vehicle.

Flash Flooding kills more motorists and rescue workers each year across the U.S. and West Central Texas when motorists take that chance to cross a flooded road. In addition, our children who play near flood waters are at risk from flash flooding. Remember whether you're on foot or in your vehicle the National Weather Service urges you to - TURN AROUND DON'T

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Tornadoes can strike your area any time of day or night. You should have a way to receive a warning whether at work, home, church, asleep, outside or in your car because many deaths have occurred because tornado victims had no means of receiving a warning. Recent statistics prove that people in mobile homes are most at risk from tornadoes. In 2000, approximately 8% of all US residents live in mobile homes. From the period 1991-2002, approximately 47% of all tornado deaths occurred in mobile homes.

NOAA weather radio functions like a smoke detector and warns you anywhere and anytime. This is a special device that will automatically alert you of tornadoes, flash floods and severe thunderstorms while you are away from your favorite radio or TV station. You can buy one at most electronic stores.

A Tornado, Severe Thunderstorm or Flash Flood Watch means conditions are favorable for a Tornado, Hail Storm, Damaging Winds, or a Flash Flood.

A Warning means that a Tornado, Hail Storm, or Damaging Wind Storm is very likely or imminent, and a Tornado, Hail Storm, or Damaging Wind Storm has been detected on radar or has been reported by our SKYWARN Storm Spotters.

Know the name of your county and those around you, as well as all the roads. If you don't know the roads, have a map handy.

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**Parents - Be part of the Breakfast Equation!**

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Please join us at school for breakfast during National School Breakfast Week, March 3 - 7.

**Kerbow Makes The Dean's List At SWT**

Zac Kerbow, a student at Southwest Texas State University, has been selected for the Deans List for the fall semester. Zac was selected for obtaining a GPA of 4.0. He is the son of Bruce and Jessie Kerbow.

**Invest In A Child's Future**

Thinking about investing? Invest in the future of your community. Become a foster parent. Help children and their families while they heal. Call your local Children's Protective Services office in San Angelo at 657-7400.

An information meeting on becoming a foster/adopt parent will be held in San Angelo, Texas on:

Thursday, March 6, 2003  
 Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 622 South Oakes, San Angelo, Texas, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Protective Services is looking for families willing to open their homes and their hearts to abused and neglected children. San Angelo and surrounding counties are in need of foster homes.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster/adopt parent please make plans to attend.

Remember...your home could change a life. Thank you. Open your heart! Open your home to a child!

**Texas Workforce Center Offers Free Pre-Employment Assessment To Employers**

San Angelo - The Texas Workforce Center is now equipped with a new state-of-the-art Assessment Center designed to provide pre-employment assessments. The assessment service is available to employers and job seekers and is currently provided at no cost.

The Assessment Center is equipped with 10 computer workstations and utilizes the Jobs5 software developed by PESCO International. The software has the capability to assess the interests, work aptitudes,

temperaments and learning styles possessed by an individual. The system can identify occupations in the local area that match to an individual's assessment results; giving employers a better picture of what jobs an individual may be suited for.

The assessment can be tailored to the individual needs of an employer in order to provide the specific skill information necessary to perform on a specific job. Employers interested in determining pre-employment skills of new hires can contact

the Texas Workforce Center to tour the facility or to obtain information on how this assessment could benefit their company.

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and the Texas Workforce Center provide services in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties. For more information regarding the Texas Workforce Center contact the Employer Services Division at 915-486-0275.

## Broncos Come up Short Against Junction

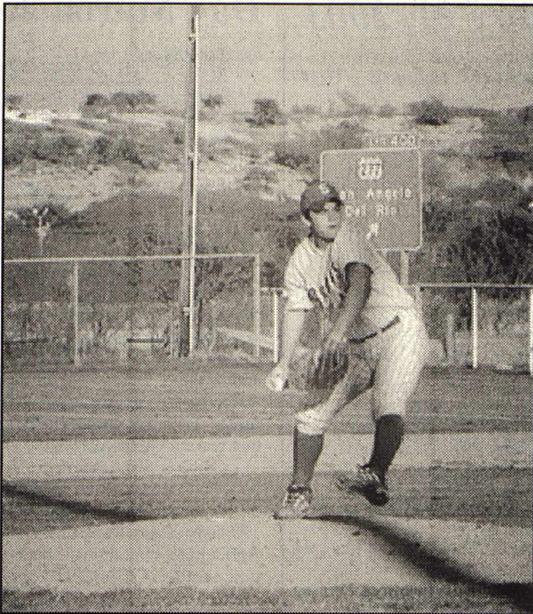
by Nancy Glasscock

In the first game of the year, the Bronco Varsity came up short on the score board, but showed flashes of last year's playoff team. Sonora met the Junction Eagles at home in a non-district matchup. The Eagles won the game by a score of 11 to 6.

Lance Roberts started on the mound for the Broncos. He pitched three and a third innings, struck out four batters, and gave up two runs. Scottie Moore pitched the last two innings for the Broncos. He struck out three batters and allowed two runs.

The Bronco bats started out strong in the first inning when Emmanuel Lopez's fly ball to deep center was dropped by the Eagle center fielder. Lance Roberts brought him home with a two run homer. For the remainder of the game, the Bronco base runners got on base by walks and errors. Juan Rodriguez (pinch runner), Steve Hernandez, Lopez, and Roberts scored runs for the Broncos.

The Broncos will host Miles, Brady, Ozona, Brackettville, Junction and Ft. Stockton on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the Dry



Lance Roberts is on the mound for the Sonora Broncos in their first game against the Junction Eagles. Photo by Ray Glasscock.

Devil's River Tournament. Come out to the field and support Bronco baseball.

## Sutton County Takes Top Honors At San Angelo Fleece Show



Emily and Meredith Earwood display their winning fleeces with South African Judge Mike Hobson and wife Laurie.

Sutton County placed well in the Mohair division of the San Angelo Fleece show this past week. Junior show results were: Kid hair Emily Earwood 1st & 2nd, Meredith Earwood 3rd & 4th, Kelsey Watkins 8th. Yearling hair, Emily Earwood 1st & 6th, Meredith Earwood 4th & 5th. Aged hair, Laura Martin 1st & 2nd. Emily won the Champion Fleece and Reserve Champion fleeces. In the Open show kid hair was Emily Earwood 3rd, Meredith Earwood 4th & 7th.

## Bronco Tennis Season Takes Off

by: Robin Street

Sonora Varsity Tennis began its season last weekend with their annual trek to a fun and popular Odessa tournament. Those that attended Odessa were Seth Prather, Shane Benson, Joseph Ainsworth, Wiley Wagner, Swade Draper, Stephen Barthelemey, Susanna Street, Megan Fitzgerald, Laura Word, Hanna Allison, Chelsea Seaton, Amanda Word, and Tara Green. The team is coached by Larry Jennings.

The Odessa tournament was dampened and delayed with a misty, wet Friday that resulted in a postponement to Saturday play. The weather didn't dampen the players' spirits as all began their early Saturday matches.

Hanna Allison advanced to the quarterfinal singles game before losing a tough match to Hudson from Midland High.

Chelsea Seaton and Susanna Street played doubles in the girls "B" division. They played 3 pro sets against teams from Hood, Midland High and Sonora (Amanda and Tara) and 2 matches, Andrews and Borger, to bring home a 3rd place medal.



Chelsea Seaton and Susanna Street bring home 3rd place medals.

Congratulations to all our Sonora tennis athletes as they work their way to the district tournament.

## The Great Exercise Debate: 30 or 60 Minutes: What's Best for Your Health?

In March of 2002, the American Cancer Society issued new guidelines recommending that adults get at least 30 minutes of moderate activity on 5 or more days of the week to help avoid chronic diseases such as cancer.

The Centers for Disease Control and The American Heart Association also call for 30 minutes per day.

But in September, a prestigious scientific panel issued a report with a new goal, which came as an unpleasant surprise for many Americans. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommended a full hour of moderately intense physical activity every day. So what's best for your health? What's best to help prevent cancer? The answers may be in the details.

Breast and colon cancer, for example, are exceptions to the ACS goal of at least 30 minutes of moderate activity five or more days a week. ACS suggests 45 minutes or more of moderate to vigorous physical activity to help prevent these cancers.

In general, ACS Director of Nutrition and Physical Activity, Colleen Doyle, MS, RD, has mixed feelings about the proposed hour-a-day guideline. "Sixty minutes is a reasonable goal, but the majority of Americans are not yet meeting the 30 minute per day recommendation."

"Our bottom line message is, 'Do something. Do it for at least 30 minutes and try to do more if you can. Try more intense types of exercise and the

benefits to your health will be even better," she said.

Will people need to double their morning workouts to reach the 60 minutes goal? Maybe not. First, the key phrase is "physical activity," which can include house cleaning, climbing stairs, brisk walking, playing with children, and many other active tasks of daily living. These count toward the 60-minute-a-day activity goal.

Second, if you ramp up the intensity of your movements you can get the health benefits of a 60-minute moderate activity in a shorter time. A statement on the IOM web site explains how this might work.

"Someone in a largely sedentary (stationary) occupation can achieve the new exercise goal by engaging in a mod-

## Sonora Colt Relays Friday

The 2003 Sonora Colt Relays will be Friday, February 28, 2003. The meet will start at 2:30 p.m. with the Scratch meeting, with Field Events starting at 3:30 p.m. The Schedule of Events is as follows:

Triple Jump (Scoreboard End)		Long Jump (Field House End)	
7th Girls	8th Boys	8th Boys	8th Boys
8th Girls	7th Boys	7th Boys	7th Boys
7th Boys	8th Girls	8th Girls	8th Girls
8th Boys	7th Girls	7th Girls	7th Girls
High Jump		Pole Vault	
8th Girls	7th & 8th Boys	7th & 8th Boys	7th & 8th Boys
7th Girls	7th & 8th Girls		
8th Boys			
7th Boys			
Shot Put		Discus	
7th Boys	7th Girls	7th Girls	7th Girls
8th Boys	8th Girls	8th Girls	8th Girls
7th Girls	7th Boys	7th Boys	7th Boys
8th Girls	8th Boys	8th Boys	8th Boys

At 5:00 p.m. the 2400-meter run will start. (7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys)

### 6:00 p.m. Finals

- 400m Relay - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 800m Relay - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 100m Hurdles - 7th Girls, 8th Girls
- 110m Hurdles - 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 100m Dash - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 800m Relay - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 400m Dash - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 300m Hurdles - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 200m Dash - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 1600m Run - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 1600m Relay - 7th Girls, 8th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys

## HIP Vaquero Graduation Honors Counselors and Campers from page 1



Above: (L to R) HIP Vaquero Counselors: Alex Gonzales, 5 year counselor from Sonora, Carlos Lopez, 2 year counselor from Ozona, Refugio Martinez, 1 year counselor from Sonora, Ben Solis, 4 year counselor from Sonora, General John Q. Taylor King Ret., and David Galvan. Not pictured: Miguel Villanueva, 5 year counselor from Sonora. Below: Alex, David, General King and Ben are joined by a group of young "hopeful" Vaqueros, who wish to take part in future programs.



## Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

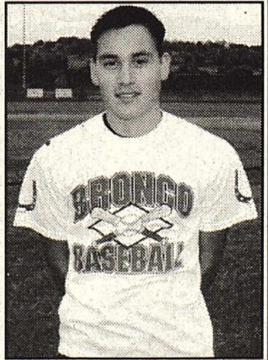
This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

### Peter Duran

Peter is the 18 year old son of Manuel and Rachel Duran. He is a Junior and will be making the plays at 2nd base this year.

Peter's favorite food is pork chops and he would like to drive a "Hummer".

Derek Jeter is Peter's favorite Professional Baseball Player.



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BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)	2:00 4:40	7:20 9:55
KANGAROO JACK (PG)	1:40 4:10	7:00 9:20
JUST MARRIED (PG-13)	2:10 4:45	7:40 10:00

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JUNGLE BOOK (G) 5:20 7:25  
FINAL DESTINATION 2 (PG) 4:15 7:15  
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KANGAROO JACK (PG) 4:10 7:00  
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**Varsity Boys**  
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San Angelo  
Wed. Mar. 12  
Llano

**Varsity Girls**  
Mon. Mar. 3  
Ozona  
Tues. Mar. 18  
Iraan

**JV Boys**  
Tues. Mar. 4  
San Saba  
\* Wed. Mar. 26  
San Angelo (Quicksand)

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### 2003 Track Schedule

Mar. 1  
Stanton • VB, VG, JVB

Mar. 8  
Reagan Co. • VB, VG, JVB

Feb. 28  
Sonora

Mar. 7  
Reagan County

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### 2003 Sonora Bronco Baseball

**Varsity**  
Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 1  
Devil's River Tournament

Mar. 4  
Junction • There  
5:00 p.m.

Mar. 7  
Del Rio (DH) • There  
5:00/7:00 p.m.

J. Varsity  
Mar. 4  
Junction • There  
7:00 p.m.

Mar. 14  
Brady • Here • 12:00

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## Oil &amp; Agribusiness

## Sonora Station's Deer Round-Up Promises A Full Day of Activities

by Steve Byrnes

Sonora - Texas A&M University's Sonora Research Station is hosting a "Deer Roundup" program February 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the station located 27 miles south on Highway 55.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and a program coordinator, said the program's purpose is to update area deer managers on topical items and management techniques and to unveil some new research projects on deer that will start soon.

Rollins said he also plans to enlist those in attendance to help conduct some 'drive counts' in two of the pastures slated to be a part of the new research efforts at the station.

"Interest in deer management is at an all-time high," said Rollins. "Ranchers are interested in how to best integrate deer management into their overall ranch planning and hunters are interested in how to maximize deer performance. Both audiences should take home some good information from this field day.

"There's been a lot of discussion about the use of whole cottonseed as a supplement for deer. What's known and unknown on the topic will be covered as well as some recent experiments on how much cottonseed is eaten by non-target species, primarily raccoons and feral hogs."

Rollins said he and his peers are excited about some new research opportunities at the Sonora Station. Four pastures have been "high-fenced" and studies will soon be initiated on various feed supplements and other management practices.

"As we initiate the new research efforts, it's important that we gather accurate information on the deer numbers in those pastures," said Rollins. "To the end, we'll involve all the willing "Deer Roundup"

participants to help us conduct some 'drive counts' where we will actually get a head count on every deer in the pasture. We're hoping to attract a good crowd of interested folks to make this work. It should make for an interesting day."

Speakers and topics during the morning session include: "Dear Hunters: Economic Importance of Deer to Area Ranchers," Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Sonora Station superintendent; "Whole Cottonseed as a Supplement for Deer," Dr. Millard Calhoun and Ben Taylor, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) nutritionist and Angelo state University graduate student respectively, San Angelo;

"Characterizing the Deer Corn Industry in Texas," Mandy Currie Buckskin Brigade, San Angelo; "Fire as a Tool for Managing Deer Habitat," Rollins; "Update on Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association," Taylor; "Using Remote-Sensing Cameras in Deer Management," Dr. John Walker, TAES resident director of research, San Angelo and Mark Alchin, University of Queensland, Australia; and "Proposed Deer research on Sonora Station," Dr. Jim Cathey, TAES, Uvalde

Following a noon break for lunch, the program will resume with Dr. Byron Wright, Uvalde-based Extension wildlife specialist, conducting the walking census counts of the station's high-fenced enclosures. Ken Cearley, Extension associate at San Angelo, will end the day's program with the census results.

Pre-registration will be \$10 per person until February 20 and \$20 per person thereafter and at the door. Registration includes refreshments, lunch and copies of the speakers' abstracts. Make checks payable to "TAES Sonora" and mail to TAES Deer Round-Up, Box 918, Sonora, TX 76950.

For more information, contact Dr. Butch Taylor at 915-387-3168, Dr. Byron Wright at 830-278-9151 or Dr. Dale

## Rig Locations as of February 21, 2003

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**Dominion;** 8400' Simmons Ranch #31, Patterson Drilling.  
**Great Western;** 8300' Sawyer-Jones #1903, Key Energy.  
**New Dominion;** 6800' Duke Wilson #3212, Patterson Drilling.  
**New Dominion;** 6300' Martin #23, Patterson Drilling.  
**Dominion;** 6250' Shurley #88, Patterson Drilling.  
**Dominion;** 4700' Stewart - 4 - #3, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett County

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**New Chevron;** 9500' HH West - B - #8, Nabors Drilling.  
**New Anadarko Pet;** 7500' Childress Ranch South #2101, Patterson Drilling.

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**Tom Brown Inc.;** 20000' Muleskinner #1 H, Grey Wolf Drilling.  
**Exxonmobile Dev.;** 15000' Banner Estate #30HR, Patterson UTI/LV.  
**Nuevo Texas Inc.;** 9000' Mitchell - 6 - #9, Nabors Drilling.  
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Val Verde

**Paramount Energy;** 16800' Foote-Whitehead - S74 - #1, Patterson Drilling.  
**EEEX E&P Co.;** 15000' Whitehead - A - #6301, Patterson Drilling.  
**Phillips Pet.;** 9875' Cauthorn - B - #3 H, Patterson Drilling.

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## Bonilla Announces Important Funding For Texas Border

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Representative Henry Bonilla is pleased to

announced significant funding for the Texas / Mexico border. Bonilla is a Senior member of the important Appropriations Committee and used his role to secure this essential funding.

"My role on the Appropriations Committee gives me the opportunity to secure valuable programs and funding for my district. It's a position that helps important projects and programs receive the funding they need and deserve," said Bonilla. "Today's funding will mean a safer and more secure border. It will affect thousand of people and businesses along the Texas/Mexico border. I'm proud to have played a role in the funding and look forward to the many advances we will make because of it."

Bonilla was also able to

secure \$3.6 million for the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System (SWBSADIS). SWBSADIS is a secure, law enforcement information sharing system that provides connectivity among the intelligence databases in the four U.S.-Mexico southwest border states: Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. SWBSADIS has significant operational impact and directly supports the National Drug Control Strategy and General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan. More than 42,000 federal, state and local Law Enforcement Officers within the four state border region will be affected by today's funding announcement.

Bonilla worked throughout the 107th Congress to ensure SWBSADIS funding be included in the final Appropriations legislation. Today's \$3.6 million funding announcement will assist the Texas SWBSADIS sector acquire automated systems for law enforcement agencies involved in the program. This funding will assist law enforcement officials along the Texas/Mexico border and enable them to work together with the other border states to stop drug smuggling, criminal acts and illegal border crossing.

"I've been working with the folks at SWBSADIS for several years. Their system is truly revolutionary and will make a tremendous impact on our border region," said Bonilla. "By approving this legislation, Congress is sending a signal that it will take care of our nation's borders."

"We greatly appreciate the support Congressman Bonilla has shown for the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System. His efforts have allowed us to develop and deploy an information sharing network that places information in the hands of law enforcement which is crucial in keeping Texas communities safe, our national border secure and combats drug trafficking and other violent crime," said Glen Gillum, director of the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance, a non-profit agency that administers the SWBSADIS.

Bonilla's congressional district spans more than 800 miles of the Texas / Mexico border. He has chaired the Border Caucus in the House of Representatives since 1997. His active leadership in this informal, bi-partisan caucus has brought the unique challenges of the border before authorities at the highest levels of government.

## Wild Turkey Appreciation Day March 20

by: Steve Byrnes

FORT MCKAVETT - Texas Cooperative Extension will conduct a "Wild Turkey Appreciation Day" for the Upper San Saba River area on March 20 at Camp Sol Mayer near Fort McKavett. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program starts at 9 a.m.

The program is sponsored by the Extension offices in Menard and Schleicher counties, the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Texas Wildlife Association. The program is the first of its kind in the area to feature turkeys exclusively.

Camp Sol Mayer is between Menard and Eldorado on Highway 864, off Highway 190. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered.

"Wild turkeys have been taken for granted, but could be one of the top moneymakers in our area in terms of hunting dollars earned," said Billy Kniffen, Extension agent in Menard County and a program coordinator. "We had an excellent hatch last year, and the numbers of birds are really up across our area. With a banner spring turkey season just around the corner, we felt it was most appropriate to offer land owners and hunters alike an educational opportunity to catch up on the

latest in turkey management and conservation practices."

"We've gathered some of the top experts in the business for this program. They will be sharing their thoughts on everything from predation of wild turkey to turkey-related youth camps. We'll end the day with a tour of some prime turkey habitat along the San Saba River where participants will be advised on the key components needed to enhance their own properties and leases. If you're a turkey hunter or just enjoy the beauty of having these magnificent birds around, then this program is for you. We have a full day of very comprehensive information planned. It should be a good one."

Topics covered on the wild turkey include general biology and habitat, feeding preferences, management and predators, spring hunting rules, marketing the spring season, youth programs, and prescribed burning and other measures to improve habitat.

The program adjourns at 3 p.m. after the habitat site tour.

Pre-registration is \$5 per person. Organizers ask those attending to RSVP by March 18.

For more information, contact the Extension office in Menard County at (915) 396-4787 or in Schleicher County at (915) 853-2132.

## Experiment Station Closing Three Ag Research Farms

by: Dave Mayes

COLLEGE STATION -- Three small agricultural research stations will be closed as a result of the mandatory state budget cuts, officials with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station announced Tuesday.

"This is a cost-cutting measure that we must take to meet the requirements of the 7 percent budget recision for the current fiscal year," said Dr. Ed Hiler, Experiment Station director and vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M University.

The stations that are closing are:

\* The plant disease research station at Yoakum in Lavaca County, effective April 4;

\* The forage and vegetable research station at Angleton in Brazoria County, effective Aug. 31; and

\* The research station at Munday in Knox County, effective in April.

For the most part, the research work at these facilities is being transferred to stations elsewhere, Hiler explained. In all, 17 positions are affected, and 10 of them will be eliminated while the rest will move with the research.

The oldest site, at Angleton, was established in 1909 and was a major center for forage and vegetable research early in its history. Angleton Grass, a warm-season bunchgrass from India, was introduced to the United States from that center in 1915. Its seed is still sold as a hay and pasture grass.

Scientists there also developed a control method for liver flukes in cattle in the early 1940s.

For the past 13 years, the Angleton center has housed many of the cattle used in genomics research by the department of animal science.

Dr. John McNeill, head of the department of animal science at Texas A&M, said the three technician positions will be terminated.

The cattle -- approximately 150 head -- will be moved to the Experiment Station in McGregor, and research programs in genetics will continue, he said.

"We had to look for alternatives, and we had the infrastruc-

ture at McGregor to do research there without extra labor or overhead," McNeill said.

The Yoakum station, established in 1937, has focused much of its recent research on forages and peanuts, said Dr. Bobby Eddleman, resident research director of the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi.

Most of this research will continue at the experiment station in Beeville, and six of the Yoakum station's eight employees will be transferred there. Two support staff positions were terminated, he said.

The forage research at the station focused on grassland management and weed control, which served well the region's major concentration of cow and calf operations, Eddleman said. Much of the peanut research, however, has shifted to the South Plains, where most of the state's peanuts are now grown. Research on peanut diseases will be moved to Beeville, with some small test plots still maintained at Yoakum.

The station's 88 acres will be divided between the city of Yoakum and a private estate, both of which provided the land for the facility years ago, Eddleman said.

Six employees are affected by the Munday closure. One will transfer to the Experiment Station in Vernon, but the other five positions are being eliminated, according to Dr. Donald Robinson, resident director of the Experiment Station at Vernon which oversaw the Munday facility.

Established in 1971 on about 60 acres, the station originally was meant to study the feasibility of increasing vegetable production in that area and often included as many as 250 acres on owned and leased land. But it gradually turned toward seeking ways to improve the standard Rolling Plains crops -- cotton and grain -- under irrigation.

The Munday farm also had been used to grow seed for new varieties of crops after they were bred by the Experiment Station elsewhere in the state. Among the new variety seeds grown at Munday were cowpea, mungbean, forage-type pearl millet, jalapeno peppers, okra and turf grass.

## Turner Seed Donates Seeder To Local Soil &amp; Water Conservation District



Edwards Plateau SWCD directors Edward Earwood, Judy McDonald, Norm Rousselot, Susan Bloodworth and Bob Brockman are shown with the new Herd Electric seeder that Turner Seed, Breckenridge, Texas gave to this district. This seeder can be used on the back of a pickup or on four-wheelers that have the right hook-up. To inquire about ordering native grass seed, wildlife packages or wildflower mixes and about the use of this seeder, please contact Tom Payton or Iris Garza at 301 S. Crockett (915) 387-2730.

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## Relay For Life Enthusiasts Enjoy Baked Potato Lunch



American Cancer Society Relay for Life team captains and community members interested in finding out more about the event enjoyed Baked Potatoes with all the trimmings on Friday. The Relay for Life Kick-Off Lunch, hosted by the Relay Committee, provided valuable information for the 2003 "Storybook" Relay for Life. Team captain packets and sponsorship packages were passed out and questions were answered. If you missed the kick-off you missed some great spuds, but you didn't miss your chance to be a part of this community celebration and fund-raiser. Don't miss out, help us make this one for the books... "where everyone lived happily ever after...cancer free".

## Ports-to-Plains from page 1

(Extends 4-lane divided hwy. From intersection of SH 158 and US 87 west along SH 158 for approx. 5 miles. First part of 4-lane divided to Midland area) - \$844,475; Lamesa Reliever Route - Engineering (will provide engineering \$ and EIS money for the Lamesa Bypass) - \$844,475; West Laredo Multimodal Corridor - Various - \$3,477,250; Wiley Junction, CO Imp. to US 287 - Reconstruction (This is for reconstruction to Super-Duper 2-lane of a portion of a 12 mile segment North of Wiley Junction. Very important link between already improved sections) - \$2,980,500; U.S. 287 Corridor in Oklahoma - Engineering (This will be for engineering of a segment of US 287 through Oklahoma. My guess is it will be used on the Southern section from Texas border to Boise City, OK) - \$1,490,250; Corridor Management Plan - Planning -

\$1,987,000 for a TOTAL of \$11,623,950 in 2003.

"As you can see these projects are well distributed all along the Corridor and are key pieces to the Ports-to-Plains puzzle", said Neugebauer.

The Coalition will be focusing their efforts on the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Current Transportation Law for America) in hopes of including major policy changes that will benefit the Corridor. Also, during the reauthorization the Coalition will attempt to garner additional funding for other parts of the corridor.

For more information about the Ports-to-Plains initiative contact: Randy Neugebauer, Ports-to-Plains Chairman at 798-0098 or Tommy Gonzalez, Ports-to-Plains Federal Relations Advisor at 775-2016.

## City Council from page 1

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation quarterly financial report was approved.

Justin McGeath, SIDC Manager, requested the council to consider expending \$25,000.00 of 4B sales tax for infrastructure improvements to the Medical Clinic. He explained that the hospital is making plans for renovations and an addition to the Sonora Medical Clinic. Justin reported that two jobs would be created, a full time physician's assistant and a full time nurse. Blackman made a motion to call for a public hearing on March 18, 2003 to hear comments on using the 4B sales tax funds for the hospital project. Poloczek made the second and the motion carried.

Justin then requested the council to consider expending \$12,000.00 of 4B sales to assist B&H Catering in purchasing new equipment to expand their existing catering business. He explained that the three new service jobs would be created. Poloczek made a motion to call for a 2nd public hearing on March 18, 2003 to hear comments on using the 4B sales tax funds for B&H Catering project. With a second by Lopez, the motion carried.

Mike Healy, representing the Sonora Golf Club, informed the council that the club was replacing the fence on the course on Highway 277, trimming and grubbing the trees on the fence line, and an over all cleanup.

Judge Garner informed the council on how the re-organization of the Public Transportation Program (Trax Van) that Sutton County took over in January was working out and presented a detailed salary expense report. A motion was made by Blackman to approve an inter-local contract with Sutton County to support in funding a portion of the salaries and benefits of the drivers and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement. Mears made a second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

J.J. King, Attorney, and Mark Maples, Area Manager, with West Texas Gas, Inc. requested renewal of a franchise agreement to use the city's streets, alleys, highways, easements, parks, thoroughfares or other public ways or grounds. He explained that the contract expires on March 15, 2003.

After deliberations, the council asked that the contract be for a five-year term and payments be made on a quarterly basis. With those corrections needing to be made, Mr. King advised that

they would make the revisions requested to the contract and extend the expiration date of the contract to the Regular City Council meeting to be held on March 18, 2003.

Pastor Don Longoria from Lighthouse Baptist Church requested a variance for utility services (a one inch water tap) to property the church has acquired at 1705 N. Crockett (the old Ritz Theatre) that is outside the corporate limits of the city. He explained they contemplated annexation, however, Mr. Bloodworth retained a 30-foot strip of land to be used for a private road between the property and did not desire it to be annexed. Poloczek made a motion to approve the utility services since the city had made infrastructure improvements in front of that property and water service was readily available. Mears made the second and the motion carried.

Chief House made a presentation concerning the annual report on racial profiling as mandated by Senate Bill 1074.

Poloczek made a motion to approve a bid from Crenwelge Motors in Kerrville for \$18,452.75 for a Dodge Intrepid Police Vehicle. The motion was seconded by Lopez and the motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Poloczek and a second by Blackman, a Resolution was approved expressing continuing and strong support for Texas Tech University - Hill Country and its request for appropriations in the Texas Legislature for fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

Upon a motion made by Blackman and a second by Poloczek, an election is ordered to be held on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of electing a Councilmember from Ward 1 and Councilmember from Ward 2.

Poloczek then made a motion, with a second by Blackman, and approval was given to increase the competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposal limit to expenditures of more than \$25,000.00, the maximum amount according to law a municipality may expend without being subject to competitive bidding and proposal requirements.

Job descriptions for a Wastewater Superintendent and a Groundwater Superintendent were approved after a motion by Poloczek, seconded by Lopez.

The meeting was adjourned after a video presentation on Water Well No. 1 at City Hill was given by Brent Gesch, City Manager.

## Exercise from page 5

time, reducing the length of time that the bowel lining is exposed to potentially cancer-causing compounds.

Cancers linked to overweight or obesity include cancer of the breast (in postmenopausal women), colon, endometrium, esophagus, gallbladder, pancreas, and kidney.

The IOM report includes more detailed advice than ever before on the total calories needed for people of different heights, weights, genders, and by levels of physical activity.

The new IOM physical activity guidelines are only a small part of a landmark report that will update food labels and US guidelines for a good diet. The scientific community is still evaluating the 936 page report, but its authors made one point crystal clear right away: Americans must balance their diets with their activity levels.

The 60-minute activity goal is based on how much energy is expended on an average day by people who maintain a healthy weight. Fewer Americans are able to do so every year. The number of overweight and obese people in the US has grown steadily over the last two decades to include 64% of the current adult population.

Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson warned of damaging health effects to come. "We've seen virtually a doubling in the number of obese persons over the past two decades and this has profound health implications. Obesity increases a person's risk for a number of serious conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, and some types of cancer," he said.

Many American worksites, schools, and towns make it difficult to be physically active and to eat right during a typical day. "We need to find better ways to motivate people to work to change the environments where they live, work, and play to make it easier to be active on a regular basis," explained Doyle.

She suggests that workers urge their employers to provide access to healthy foods and to establish worksite activity programs; and when possible, even offer subsidies for athletic club memberships. Doyle also recommends talking to the school board if physical education classes and/or recess are being cut, and to influence them to provide healthy meals for kids. Community organizations can press for referendums for transportation and recreational areas in neighborhoods, to help encourage physical activity.

"These changes will require new policies to be developed at the local, state, and national levels," said Doyle. It may seem daunting, she admits, but she noted how drastically health behaviors have changed with regard to cigarette smoking. Community and political factors have helped greatly in reducing smoking, she said, and the same types of policy changes will be needed to create healthier environments supporting good nutrition and adequate physical activity.

For more information about nutrition, physical activity, or ACS programs to improve communities call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345.

## Public Notices

On January 22, 2003, AEP Texas Central Company ("AEP Central") and AEP Texas North Company ("AEP North"), and Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("PEC") filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas a joint application regarding a proposed transaction whereby PEC will acquire a portion of the transmission and distribution facilities and service territories of AEP Central and AEP North. The transmission and distribution facilities and service areas to be transferred are located in and around the cities of Junction, Menard, and Rocksprings, as well as in certain unincorporated areas of southern Mason County, north-eastern Gillespie County and the Freiss Ranch area of Sutton County. The purchase price for this transaction is approximately \$9,450,000. Although ownership and operation of these facilities will transfer to PEC under the transaction, retail customers will continue to be served by their current retail electric provider unless they choose to switch to another retail electric provider offering service in the area under the Texas Electric Choice Program. This application has been assigned Docket No. 27261, Joint Application of Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc., AEP Texas Central Company, and AEP Texas North Company to Transfer Certain Distribution and Transmission Facilities and Service Areas. Persons with questions about the application should contact Bennie Fuelberg of PEC at (830)868-7155 or Ron Ford of AEP at (512) 481-4558. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7135. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 11, 2003, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date. A map showing the service areas to be transferred may be reviewed at PEC's office in Johnson City or AEP's office in Austin. Arrangements to view these maps may be made by contacting Bennie Fuelberg of PEC at (830)868-7155 or Ron Ford of AEP at (512) 481-4558.

## PUBLIC HEARING TO EXPEND SECTION 4B TAX PROCEEDS

The city council will hold a public hearing concerning the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending Section 4B sales tax funds related to:

1. Project to expend \$25,000.00 for infrastructure improvements to Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital/Sonora Medical Clinic.
2. Project to expend \$12,000.00 for new equipment to expand existing business for B&H Catering.

The hearing will be held on March 18, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

All citizens are invited to attend and provide the council with written or oral comments.

## Much Needed Rain Soaks Sonora



Sonora saw some much needed rain last week, with some people reporting well over an inch in Sutton and Edwards counties. Slick roads caused several accidents on I-10, but the ranchers in this area were sure glad to see the wet stuff falling. The weekend warmed up enough for people to enjoy outdoor activities, but icy weather blew in early this week, causing I-10 to be shut down for most of Tuesday. Drivers are reminded to take caution and slow down when traveling on wet or icy roads. Warmer weather is predicted to return for the end of the week and into the weekend.





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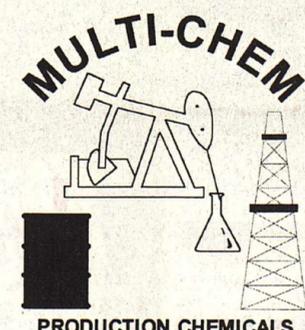
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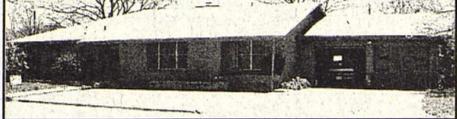
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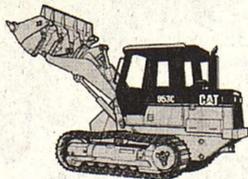
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