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President Bush Addresses Nation - Gives Saddam 48 Hours

Monday, March 17, 2003, President George Bush addressed the nation, issuing a 48-hour deadline for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq. If the Husseins refuse to meet the demand, Bush announced that he is ready to order a massive military strike against Iraq. The United States has 250,000 troops in the Persian Gulf region, poised to strike Iraq from Kuwait and nearby bases and aircraft carriers. Great Britain has dispatched 45,000 troops to the region, and Australia has committed 2,000 personnel. "The tyrant will soon be gone," the President pledged.

Immediately following this announcement the nation was put on "Orange" Terror Alert, the next to the highest level. Although terror attacks on the United States are not inevitable, they are possible, and it is important that everyone be aware of this possibility.

In a news conference Tuesday, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge laid out the details of a unified security

plan called "Operation Liberty Shield."

The plan would increase security at ports, borders, railroads and airports and other key infrastructures.

It also calls for detaining asylum seekers from countries where terrorist groups have been known to operate.

On Tuesday, Iraq's leadership rejected Bush's ultimatum. Through television reports, Saddam and his son, Odai, said the decision was made in a joint meeting of Iraq's highest executive body and the Baath Party. A defiant Saddam appeared in military uniform, in what appeared to signal his role as defender of the nation. Saddam last appeared in a military uniform after the 1991 Gulf War.

"We will fight them with daggers, swords and sticks if the other arms are scarce. If the enemy opens the battle on a wide scale, we will open wherever there was sky, land and water on the entire Earth," Saddam said in televised comments reported by CNN.

Soon after broadcast, sta-

tions called for mass demonstrations, about 5,000 demonstrators gathered at the Iraqi capital's Al-Mansour area. Many were armed and wore the olive-green uniform of Saddam's Baath party. Waving portraits of the Iraqi leader, the demonstrators chanted, "We sacrifice ourselves for you Saddam, with our blood and souls!" They carried banners that read, "Saddam is Iraq and Iraq is Saddam." The streets of Baghdad captured the moment — panic buying by residents bracing for a fearsome U.S.-led attack, side by side with a government-prompted, mass demonstration in support of Saddam.

It is important that America show support for our men and women in uniform. Regardless of the much hyped anti-war demonstrations, statistics show that over 60% of Americans are behind Bush. The 48-hour deadline will have come and gone by the time most people receive this issue of The Devil's River News, may God Bless America.

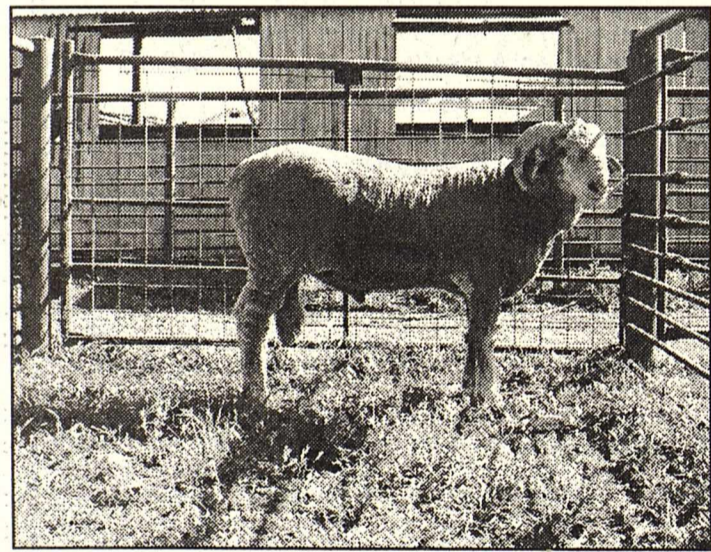
Show Your Support Of Our Local Service Men And Women

submitted

Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program has an exhibit in the historic old mercantile building on Main Street in Sonora that honors veterans of all wars. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone with family or friends currently serving in the military to bring us copies of pictures, information, biographies, or anything of interest, so that we may display them in our exhibit. It is our wish to honor these men and women that are currently serving all of us in Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf region, and elsewhere around the globe. The Veterans of All Wars Exhibit is open to the public free of charge from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. We make every effort to accommodate weekend and evening visitors and can be contacted by phone at 915/387-2248 to make special arrangements.

If you have items you would like to have added to the exhibit, please contact us at the phone number listed above or bring the items to our office at 232 NE Main, in the Old Mercantile Building. If you can also provide mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses for your loved one, we have businesses and interested persons in Sonora that would like to send them messages and boxes of goodies.

TAES Host Ram Test



High Indexing Ram #79 consigned by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station- Sonora.

by Erika Campbell

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora recently completed its 2002-2003 Rambouillet Ram Test with the Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day March 14th. Rams were consigned to the test in September 2002 and evaluated under standard feed and care regimens for the following genetically desirable characteristics: average daily gain, fleece quality, fiber diameter, scrotal circumference, fat depth and ribeye area. Scores at the conclusion of the 140 day test period were combined into one overall measure of genetic merit, the ROM (Registry of Merit) index to rate rams.

The highest scoring ram belonged to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora. This top Rambouillet Ram finished the test at 303 lb, averaging a 1.01 lb gain per day, and exhibiting an average fiber diameter of 20.6 microns. This ram was not consigned for sale and kept

back to maintain the high quality Rambouillet herd at the station. TAES also produced the highest selling ram which sold for 3500 to J.P. and Valerie Moore, and Evelyn Jo Kirk of Our Father's Place, Ft. Stockton. The highest selling ram finished at a weight of 300 lb and averaged .91 lb. gain per day, exhibiting an average fiber diameter of 21.2 microns. Volume buyer was H.C. Warnock, Ft. Stockton, who bought four head for \$4575.00. H.C. Warnock was also the consignor of the second highest scoring ram in the test. In all 26 head were sold at \$23,350.00

The crowd of Ranchers from throughout West Texas, as well as Mexico were treated to a lunch catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse upon arrival. The program began with an introduction by Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension, followed by presentations on the Wool Loan Program by Wade Polk, Texas Cooperative Extension, and

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Sonora ISD To Auction Surplus Supplies

The Sonora ISD will be having an auction of surplus school supplies and equipment on March 29, 2003. The sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the Elementary School playground. All sales will be final, no returns or refunds. If you would like to see a list of the items that will be sold, a list is available at the Administration office.

Johnell Casparis Seriously Ill

Johnell Casparis, 12 year old daughter of John and Joyce Casparis, has been diagnosed with HSV Encephalitis. She was first treated in Athens, TX on Saturday, March 8 and then moved to Cook's Children's Medical Center on March 10th. On Tuesday, March 11th, she went into a coma and had to have a feeding tube surgically implanted. She remained in ICU at Cook's until March 13th and was then transferred to a room. She awoke for the first time on Friday evening, March 14th and has been sitting up a little each day since then. She is going to be moved to a rehab floor later this week and they will begin an aggressive rehab program. At this point, it has not been determined if Johnell has suffered any neurological damage.

A trust has been established in Johnell's name for anyone wishing to make a contribution for her benefit. It has been established as the Johnell Casparis Benefit Fund, c/o Cedar Creek Bank, 901 E. Cedar Creek Pkwy., Seven Points, TX 75143.

Anyone wishing to make contact or send a note to Johnell can send them to: Cook's Children's Medical Center, 801 Seventh Ave, Room 6402, Fort Worth, TX 76104-2796.

Please keep Johnell and her family in your thoughts and prayers. For updates, please feel free to speak to anyone at Sam Dillard's office at 915-387-3893.

Enjoy An Old Time County Fair at 2003 Chamber Banquet

by Storie Sharp

The Chamber of Commerce is traveling back to simpler times at the annual awards banquet, hosting a good ol' County Fair for all to enjoy. The evening will start at 6:00 with guests walking into the "fairway" where they can enjoy popcorn or cotton candy while checking out some homemade quilts, arts and crafts, canned goods and more. Local 4-Hers will have their many stockshow awards on display and all of Sonora's bakers are encouraged to enter the pie baking contest or show pride in your famous jams, delicious jellies, most-requested pickles, or flavorful fruits and vegetables by participating in the home canning contests.

After a finger-lickin' meal of fried chicken, corn-on-the-cob,

Record Turnout For Bronco Relays



Sonora Senior, Morgan Hobbs (above) scored big for the Lady Broncos, taking first in the High Jump and both sets of Hurdles. Scottie Moore (below), a junior, logged another first for Sonora, winning the High Jump. For more Bronco Relay results see page 5. Glasscock Photos



Relay For Life Works On Closing the Book On Cancer

by Storie Sharp

The American Cancer Society 2003 Relay for Life is just a page's turn away. This year's "Storybook" event is building to be the biggest and best yet. Thirteen teams have already committed to being there on the track, working together to "close the book on cancer". Many of these teams are long time participants, returning each year to help raise money for cancer research, education, advocacy, and service. There are also several new teams that have signed on this year, and hopefully even more will decide to participate in the fight against cancer.

The power of Relay is that it allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived. For the newly diagnosed, Relay offers a chance to meet someone who has survived the same type of cancer. For the cancer patient in treatment, Relay provides an opportunity to share with others. For the long-term survivor, Relay brings a community's recognition of the struggle and closure to a trying time in life.

Caregivers also find hope in Relay For Life. These individuals give their time, love and support to friends, family, and neighbors who face cancer. At Relay, everyone understands the challenges and joys of being a caregiver. There is peace of mind knowing that together we can face the challenges ahead.

The date is set for May 16-17, 2003 at Bronco Stadium. Activities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with opening ceremonies, the highlight of which is honoring our local survivors. The Relay committee has been working hard to make sure that the evening is entertaining, as well as educational and spiritu-

al. Each team has been asked to represent their favorite "storybook" and some that have already been chosen include "Little Bo Peep", "The Jungle Book", "The Gingerbread Man" and "Dr. Seuss". If your team hasn't chosen its story yet, start reading and let Jody Luttrell or Storie Sharp know. A team captain meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the First National Bank. All teams need to be represented and are encouraged to have the \$150 entry fee and t-shirt sizes ready. If someone from your team can't be at the meeting, please make arrangements to meet with Jody or Storie at a convenient time.

If you or your company is interested in being a Sponsor or Underwriter for this important event, please contact Kim Lewis or Shanna Petty at 387-5666. Community support is what makes Sonora's Relay so strong.

Luminarias are on sale at many locations in town, or are available through Erica Morriss at 387-2507. These special tributes honor or remember someone that is fighting or has fought the battle of cancer. A special lighting ceremony will be held just after dark on the 16th, with special music setting the tone.

As the night goes on and teams become weary, have no fear, fun and games will help keep everyone motivated and awake. Special awards will be given to the team that raises the most money, walks the most laps, shows the most spirit, has the best campsite and who provides the best "chow" (chuck-wagon award).

Make plans today to be a part of the 2003 Relay for Life, working to help everyone "live happily ever after...cancer free".

Commissioners Approve Two New Hires At Sheriff's Department

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners Court met on Monday, March 10, 2003 in regular session.

After the approval of minutes of prior meetings and accounts payable, Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez reported 520 criminal cases and 9 small claims in the month of February. A total revenue of \$34,132.50 was collected, with \$14,980.07 going to the County.

Sheriff Fincher reported 52 new inmates in the Sutton County Jail, averaging 82¢ per meal. Fincher explained that with increased inmates, food costs will continue to also increase. Fincher also reported that the Sheriff's Dept. logged 5000 miles in February, averaging 21¢ per mile. He then announced that two new employees had been hired at the Sheriff's Office, a deputy, David Zuniga of Lytle and a jailer, Lisa Galindo of Sonora. He also requested to keep Michelle Villanueva on as a part-time deputy. The commissioners approved the request, with Mike Villanueva abstaining from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Treva McReynolds reported that the Sutton County EMS answered 25 calls last month, billed out \$8552 and received an income of \$9401.36. She informed the court that four applications had been received for the EMS manager's position. Keith Butler would be conducting the interviews, with Treva and Tim Thorp sitting in.

Oscar Jimenez reported that the Road and Bridge Department would be completing the construction on old 290 by the end of the week. He went on to report that he would be inspecting all the department vehicle tires and replacing those that need be. Jimenez stated that the exit door at the Civic Center had been repaired and the pad lock had been removed. A discussion was then held regarding a problem at the civic center regarding broken thermostat covers. After much deliberation considering this problem it was decided to require the renters at the time the damage was found be responsible for payment of only one thermostat. It was agreed that more thorough walk-through be implemented before rental contract is signed.

Commissioner Mike Villanueva requested permission to use the back of the County yard as a softball field. There were no objections.

County Judge Carla Garner informed the Commissioners that the Sonora ISD would not be moving the electrical pole that was left after moving the softball field fence. She stated that the T-ball people would be talking to WTU about removing the pole. Garner stated that the water well at the field had froze during the last cold spell and the school would make the repairs and split the cost with the County.

A discussion was held regarding the depository for the County.

Teaff Oil was awarded the fuel bid for the County, with a rate of 7¢ per gallon above their

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mashed potatoes and gravy, biscuits and honey and peach cobbler, the Devil's River Dancers will take the stage for some down-home toe tapping. Special awards will then be presented for the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Educator of the Year, Employee of the Year, Organization of the Year, and Outstanding Chamber Member. The votes have been cast and the ballots are in, so don't miss Sonora's best "Stock" show. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person, or \$150 for a table of \$10. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880 or The Devil's River News at 387-2507 for more information or to get a Pie Baking or Home Canning Entry Form.



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

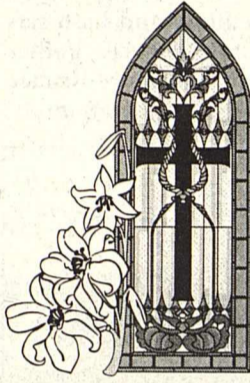
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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

Obituary

Maria Luisa Rojo, 19, of Sonora, died on Wednesday March 12, 2003 in an automobile accident. Maria was born June 21, 1984 in Mexico.

She was a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School where she was active in Band, Tennis, Spanish Club and Choir. She was chosen for the Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a member of National Honor Society for three years. Her hobbies included listening to music, dancing, tennis, basketball and spending times with her family and friends. She also enjoyed drawing and visiting her native home of Mexico. Maria worked at Town & Country and was a Catholic.

She is survived by her parents, Maximino and Fidela Rojo of Sonora, two brothers, Zacharias Rojo and Alberto Rojo both of Las Pilas, two sisters, Virgilla Rojo of Sonora and Maria Elena Rojo of Portland, Oregon, paternal grandmother, Maria Trinidad of Las Pilas and her maternal grandfather, Jovito Jimenez of Las Pilas.



Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the Parochia Municipal de La Mision, Hidalgo, Mexico. Burial was in the Cementario de Las Pilas in La Mision, Hidalgo.

The family wishes to thank the community for all of its help and support during this difficult time. La familia Rojo quieren a dar a todos en Sonora muchas gracias por todo su ayuda en estos momentos muy dificil. Gracias.

Leather Jackets

Some friends of my mine went shopping in a neighboring town. We had planned to rendezvous at a certain store. When I arrived my friends were sitting at a table talking to a couple on their way to a motorcycle rally. They were dressed up in their motorcycle riding gear. I overheard the young woman say that her friends were mad at her because she didn't wear a helmet. I asked her if something were to happen to her did she think God would allow her into Heaven. She said "yes". I also asked her if she thought everyone was going to Heaven. She said "yes". I explained that the Bible teaches that most people won't be going to Heaven (Matthew 7:13,14). It also tells the only reason anyone is allowed into Heaven is because of the death of Christ on the cross (Romans 5:6-8, 1 Peter 2:24). I further explained that she must repent of her sin and ask God to forgive her (Acts 17:30). I said, "You must be willing to call upon Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior". It is only then can we be allowed into Heaven (John 1:12). I hope and pray that she will make that wonderful decision to accept Christ. See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

Notice to Elementary School Parents

The Sonora Elementary Schools PTO would like to inform everyone that we will be hosting an appreciation luncheon for the Sonora area law enforcement personnel, EMS personnel, and the Sonora Fire Department members and volunteers on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Primary School Gymnasium.

Please DO NOT be alarmed if you see law enforcement vehicles or EMS units parked around the Elementary campus between 11:30 and 1:30 on that day.

Senior Center News

Mar. 24 - Bingo. Bring a friend to lunch and stay to play. Great prizes.
Mar. 25 - Kooking with Kelly. Nutritional Education. Noon.
Mar. 28 - Run errands and pay bills again.

Senior Menu

Mar. 24 - Beef liver with onions, gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apple juice, pecan pie.
Mar. 25 - Smothered chicken, baked potato, fried okra, rolls, sliced peaches.
Mar. 26 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, carrots, raisin salad, jello with fruit.
Mar. 27 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, carrots, cornbread, fruit cup with strawberries and bananas, lemon pie.
Mar. 28 - Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, taco shells, tossed salad with tomatoes, peach cobbler.

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

Menu is subject to change.

Cards of Thanks

The family of Antonia Bianueba would like to express our thanks to Father George, Kerbow Funeral Home, St. Ann's Choir and staff and all our friends that blessed us with prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food and your company.

Mike and Amparo Villanueva and Family
Mike and Mary Soto and Family
Frank and Margaret Villanueva and Family
Manuel and Rita Villanueva and Family
Joseph and Belinda Jenkins

Sonora Hosts Don Francisco in Concert

New Life Ministries at 205 E. Main Street, Sonora is hosting Don Francisco in concert Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M. This concert will begin his tour in Texas, going to San Antonio, Dallas and Ft. Worth, etc. from Sonora.

Don Francisco is best known for his powerful story songs like "He's Alive" and songs of comfort like "I'll Never Let Go of Your Hand". For 25 years, 17 albums and 2 Dove awards, his ability to paint a picture and deliver a message

through song has been the foundation of his worldwide ministry. He continues to travel the world today, from Europe to Africa, Asia and Australia. His music focuses on God's grace and on Jesus' finished work on the cross. It's edifying, thought provoking, challenging and FUN!

Admission to the concert is free and everyone is invited. For more information call 387-5596 and/or check out www.newlifeministries-sonora-tx.org.

Public Invited To Planter Box Ceremony

We would like to extend this heartfelt invitation for you to attend the Welcome to Sonora Wall and Planter Box Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place Thursday, March 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., at the Intersection of US Hwy. 277 and Crockett Ave.

Refreshments will be served immediately following at The Bank and Trust across the street from the Welcome to Sonora Wall and Planter Box. Come and express your appreciation to the Texas Dept. of Transportation, District Engineer 07 Walter McCullough, John DeWitt, Gary Enos, Area Eng. Hilario, Robert R. Hidalgo, Romero V. Perez, Jr., Sally Gonzales and John Shinn, for making this dream a great success. We would like to express our appreciation to the City of Sonora, Carl J. Cahill, Inc., AEP WTU, Newkirk Electric, Sanchez Welding and Construction, Avila Sprinkler

System and Poplar St. Greenhouse (Jo Davis). The beautiful rock for the project donated from Tryon and Cindy Fields Ranch in the memory of Herbert and Loise Fields and The Arturo "Square" and Brenda Sanchez Ranch.

Also, we would like to thank The Bank and Trust of Sutton County, KHOS Radio, Mayor Jim Stephen, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Ruthie Bounds, Michelle Weingart, Devil's River News, Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Program supporters and Board of Directors; Joy Galbreath, Roy Jean Johnson, Shelly Hughes, Rachel Duran, Tabby Sanchez-Abrego, Maura Weingart, Bruce Kerbow, and two members who started the project and helped with the finishing touches, Nancy Davis and Vivian Mearns.

If you need more information call Mary Ann Kay, Manager at 915-387-2248.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life 2003 May 16 & 17, 2003



Ronnie Cox loves being your Pharmacist

School Lunch Menu • Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Pancakes on a stick, juice or fruit.
Tues. - Biscuit with ham slice, juice or fruit.
Wed. - Cinnamon roll, juice or fruit.
Thurs. - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice.
Fri. - Waffles, syrup, juice or fruit.



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed fruit, hot roll.
Tues. - Burrito with chili, Mexicali corn, carrot sticks, spice cake.
Wed. - Crispy tacos (beef), cheese, salad, pinto beans, cowboy cookie.
Thurs. - Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, assorted jello.
Fri. - Fish nuggets, ketchup, macaroni & cheese, carrot/celery sticks, fruit 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

Mar. 20
Minor League Baseball Try-outs 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 24
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
Mar. 25
Girls Softball Try-Outs
6:00 p.m. • Softball Field

The Community Calendar



Calendar

Mar. 26
Lenten Luncheon hosted by
St. John's Episcopal Church
12:00 Noon
Mar. 28
5th Annual Benefit Dance for
Sentena/ Garza Memorial Scholarship Fund
Civic Center • 9 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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

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Email us at editor@sonorotx.net

Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Who are the current officers of the Sutton County Historical Society?

A. President, Eddie Sawyer; Vice President, Kelly Owen; Treasurer, Al Elliott; Secretary, Jo-Ann Palmer. If you have something to donate to the museum or archives you should contact one of these people.

Q. I found an old entry in accounts stating that in 1896 \$2 was paid for school tuition but thought the schools were public at that time?

A. The schools were public at that time. The entry you found was made in March of 1896. In the Devil's River News of Saturday, March 28, 1896 we found that Prof. E. S. Martin assisted by Mrs. Rountree opened private school in the public school building Monday morning, with about 30 scholars. The following rates will be charged: 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade \$1.50; 4th, \$1.75; 5th and 6th, \$2; and 7th and 8th \$2.50. So your ancestor was paying for private school classes, not public.

Q. What was the verdict on the murder of Jack Laman by William Simmons?

A. William Simmons, who murdered Jack Laman on the public highway in Schleicher Co., was tried on a charge of venue in Ballinger and sentenced to 50 years in the penitentiary.

Q. Mother says in the old days people didn't have radio, television or telephones, is that true? What did they do?

A. Yes it is true. No TV, radio or telephones in the earliest days of our county. No electricity, and in many cases no running water. People had out houses for bathrooms and carried water from wells or the town well before water was piped to each individual lot.

Most people didn't have bathtubs and stood in a large tin pan and poured water over their body, soaped up and poured another pitcher of water to rinse off.

People would get up at dawn and go to bed shortly after dark. They worked hard and long all day. There were no vacuum cleaners, you beat the rugs over a line in the yard or wet the end of a broom and swept off the larger ones on the floor. In the morning the mother would be up before everyone else and start a fire in the stove. She would get eggs from the hen house, while the husband got milk from the cow, and she would get breakfast started for the family. Bacon was cut off a slab hanging in a smoke house. The children were up by then and getting their hands and faces washed with pitchers of water and a basin. If the mother had time she would heat water and add it to their pitchers, if not it was a cold water wash in the morning. Lunch was made and packed for the children to carry to school. No paper bags, lunch was carried in a sack or box or wrapped in paper and tied with string. The paper and string had been saved after purchases at the store. No rolls of Saran Wrap or fancy little plastic bags and lunch boxes. No cooked meals at school and no Sonic, Pizza Hut or Dairy Queen to run out to for lunch.

Before leaving for school the children had to help with chores around the house. There was wood to be carried in to feed the stove so mom could bake bread and cook meals and fires to be started under the wash kettles. The stable had to be mucked out and the cow and horses put out to graze. Laundry was collected and left in a pile for washing. Once the children were finished they could go off to school unless help was needed with the laundry, someone



Last week's mystery woman was identified as Kay Kiser West. Can you tell who this couple is? (Noone had identified the two ladies in the 2/27/03 issue)

would have to stay home and help feed the fires and wring the clothes. There were no washing machines or dryers. You put the clothes, starting with whites, into a large kettle full of water, heated by the fire under the kettle, and boiled them. You stood with a large wooden paddle and stirred the pot to agitate the clothes and let the soap work better to get the dirt out. Next you lifted the clothes out with the paddle into another pot, then a third to rinse them. No washer, no spin cycle. One person got on one end of the clean sheet, towel or item of clothing and another person on the other end and you twisted the clothes to wring the water out. Next you hung them on lines to dry. All the clothes were washed in this manner unless they were delicate material and had to be washed separately in a different temperature of water by hand. No dry cleaners were in town. You spot cleaned the clothes that couldn't be washed with kerosene or cleaning fluid.

Other chores, like skimming cream off the milk and making butter, scrubbing floors, washing dishes, cooking the meals, weeding the garden, feeding the chickens, maybe even killing one or two and plucking them and cleaning them, had to be done. The husband would either be working in town or out on the range taking care of stock or hunting for food. The boys were sent out to collect wood after school and haul it home. Life was hard but there was time for play.

The children didn't have television, radio or sports. Some of the sports you play today weren't even invented yet. In the evenings the children would sit around while one of their parents read to them or took turns reading. If you were lucky, you had someone in the family that was musical. It wasn't uncommon to have a group of the neighbors get together around a piano with their instruments and everyone would have a sing along. Impromptu plays were done in the front yard or a large group got together and put on a play at the school or courthouse to raise money for their church or volunteer organization.

Air conditioning, forget it. No electricity meant you didn't

have anything but the breeze blowing in the window or a paper fan in your hand. In the warm weather it was more comfortable to sit outside on the porches and read or play and let the wind cool you. The boys were even allowed to sleep out on the porch at night if it was too hot.

Little girls had dolls and tea sets and sewed clothing for their dolls or learned needle point. Boys played with toy horses and tin or lead soldiers. As the boys got older they were trusted with knives and allowed to whittle. You didn't go out and buy a lot of things, you made them yourself. If you had a magazine, you might cut out pictures and paste them in a book and write your own stories about them. Young ladies were supposed to be at least 16 when attending any dances that were held in town. Trips to the candy counter at the local store were a big treat back in the good old days. You couldn't just run to the store and buy ready made cakes and cookies and brownies. Mother had to make them for you in between all her other chores.

Life in the "good old days," was a simple life. You worked hard all day and you rested in the evening with your family before retiring. No automobiles, just horse and wagon for transportation. No movie theaters. You sat at home and shared days off with your family and your friends and did the chores that never went away.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or call me at 915-387-5084 or 915-387-2855.

You may e-mail your questions to schs@sonoratx.net. Folks, everyone wanted to have the society save the Old Depot and the Miers Home and have a museum. It costs the society a lot of money, several thousand every year, to pay insurance on these buildings and we need your support to do this. We get no money from the City or County and must depend on donations, memorials or fund raisers. We sure could use some help right now. Please send your donations to the above address, attention Al Elliott treasurer.

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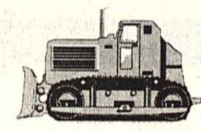
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"I started collecting them thirteen years ago when my mother gave me one my grandmother had," says Gale Pittman, owner of the bakery and the cookie jars. "It's a Disney. I have lots of Disney jars."

He keeps a record of every single cookie jar. "When I get one, I take a picture of it and put the picture in a big notebook."

He buys them and people bring them to him. "Usually when someone is cleaning out their parents house they'll see a cookie jar and they won't sell it or throw it away. They bring it here so people can see it. Some people come in just to look at the cookie jars."

The display is constantly bringing comments like the one a woman from Fort Worth made the other day: "I've never seen anything like this."

A bakery is a great place to display cookie jars. They just sort of go together. He has Elvis cookie jars, a complete set of

Pillsbury jars (one giggles when you open the top), the Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, Marilyn Monroe, I Love Lucy, even one in the shape of a John Deere tractor. "That's a real popular one, with all the farming we have around here."

His jars include snowmen, telephones, teapots, cars, ducks, bears, strawberries, ice cream cones, Oreo cookies (four of those), Uncle Sam, Tweety Bird (that one talks when you open the lid), taxicabs, a police car with Andy and Barney beside it, Snoopy, M & M's, even one in the shape of a building with the word bakery on the front of it. The I Dream of Jeannie cookie jar has Jeannie inside it. He won't sell any of his jars.

Not all of them are on display. Some are under counters until he builds more shelves to hold them.

He never puts cookies in them. "I do at home," says Gale.

Some people won't believe they're cookie jars. "I have three or four cookie jars that look like purses. One lady wanted to buy one, thinking it was a purse, but I told her they were cookie jars."

He put one Elvis cookie jar on layaway at a store. When he went to pick it up, that jar had been discontinued, so it doubled in value.

I asked Gale what's going to eventually happen to the jars. "Some people have asked for one and I told them to put their name inside it. When I die, they can have it. The rest are going to the museum."



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Girls Softball Try-Outs and Sign-Ups will be Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Softball field. All Major and Minor girls should attend.

Resp-A-Care Medical Supply will be at the Sonora Senior Center on March 27, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. to speak on the benefits that Medicare and Medicaid have to offer. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

Video Cassettes of the musical benefit for West Texas Rehab "Dust & Denim" will be available for those who ordered them at the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc/Main Street Program office beginning Friday, March 21, 2003. The Main Street Program office is located in the Old Mercantile at 232 NE Main Street in downtown Sonora.

The Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank & Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of someone close to you, you are urged to attend. For more information contact Kathy Hearn at 387-2593 or 387-2096.

Senior Seminars on Frauds and Scams - Tuesday, April 1, 2003 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 3536 YMCA Dr., San Angelo TX - This free conference is designed for senior Texans, law enforcement personnel, service providers who work with older adults and other individuals committed to combating fraud and educating older consumers. Topics will include: Auto Theft Prevention, Homeland Security, Identity Theft, and much more. Seating is limited, so please reserve yours. Contact Lynn Alexander, (915)223-5704. Co-sponsored by Concho Valley Triad/S.A.L.T. Council and Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on March 26, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited.

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Coors Light and Miller Light will be held May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Slab. Bingo, food booths, craft booths, entertainment, games for children, cake walk, piñata and more. Grupo Estilo will play for the dance from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For more information contact Mike Villanueva at 387-5300 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

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.

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.



Devil's River Dancers Travel To Cloggers Rally

submitted

On Feb. 28, the Devils' River Dancers from Sonora joined the Lone Star Cloggers from San Angelo at a Cloggers' Rally in Waco. Pictured are the joint groups including Sonora members Liz Hemphill, Debbie Thompson, Victoria Richardson, and Carolyn McMeans. They enjoyed classes, fun dances, exhibitions, and enthusiasm from cloggers across Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana as well as national instruction from Alabama, Michigan, and Canada.

Comptroller Strayhorn Kicks Off Annual College Scholarship Poster Contest

Austin - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn invited school children to draw pictures of their dream careers and enter the seventh annual Texas Tomorrow Funds Poster contest. Winners will receive four-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarships covering tuition and required fees at a Texas public university. Runners-up will receive one-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan community college scholarships.

"Whatever you want to be in life - whether it's a doctor, a firefighter, a scientist or a computer chip designer - a college education is the first step," Strayhorn said. "A Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarship from the Texas Tomorrow Funds will guarantee that your tuition and required fees will be paid when you are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow funds Poster Contest is open to elementary and middle/junior high school students. The winner in the elementary school category and the winner in the

middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group. Intel Corp. will award a four-year scholarship in a third contest category, the Intel math, Science Engineering and Technology (IMSET) scholarship. The IMSET category is open to any contestant whose drawing depicts a career in a technical or scientific field.

Four runners-up in the elementary school category will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas and three runners up in the middle school category will be awarded one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

The contest entry deadline is Tuesday, April 29. Winners will be announced in May. Complete contest rules and entry/parental consent forms are available from local schools and libraries, or they may be downloaded from the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan Web site at www.tgtp.org.

The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. The State of Texas guarantees to cover those expenses when the children are ready for college, no matter how much costs may have risen. The current Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan enrollment period ends May 23. For more information or to enroll online, visit the Web site at www.texastomorrowfunds.org.

"INDOMABLE" To Perform at Memorial Scholarship Dance

The 5th Annual Benefit Dance for Sentena/Garza Memorial will be Saturday, March 29, 2003 at the Sutton County Civic Center, sponsored by Tedford Jewelry from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Music will be provided by "INDOMABLE", sponsored by David Creek and Creek Swabbing. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Extra drawings will be held during the dance with the purchase of dance tickets.

Proceeds from the dance go toward scholarships to assist in the education of one or more local High School Seniors seeking a degree at an accredited college, university, or trade school. No applicant is denied as a result of physical disability, age, race, religion or gender.

The Scholarship Committee started with (2) \$500 scholarship

awards and now they award (3) \$500 scholarships. It is the hope of each committee member to have this scholarship fund continue as long as there is a dream and desire for the individual to continue their education.

Raffle tickets are available for a \$1.00 donation each. Winners do not have to be present at the drawing on March 29, 2003 during the dance. The following prizes are available: X-Box with 2 games, a free meal certificate from La Mexicana, a haircut from the Cutting Edge, and a full body European Massage from Edna's House of Beauty.

Tickets are available from Gloria Noriega at 387-2558 or 387-5233 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657 or 387-3410 or Florie Gonzales or Laurie & Ruben Garza.

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March 24 - Madison Myers, Kay Creek, Crystal Delgado, Alexandria Kenney

March 25 - Jillian Gulley, Ember Smith, Dawn Adkins

March 26 - Reggie Williams, Clayton Schueling, Jim Davis, Stephanie Virgen, Maria Silva

Project Graduation Planning Safe Evening of Fun



Jr.'s and Sr.'s enjoy fun, games and prizes at Project Graduation.

Believe it or not, the time is upon us for Project Graduation 2003!

Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol-free, drug-free party held for all Sonora High School junior and seniors after graduation services, which provides a safe place for celebration.

Project Graduation 2003 will be held on May 30, 2003 beginning at 10:30 p.m. at Sonora High School. Students will "lock-in" for an evening of fun, food, games and an auction for valuable prizes. A store will be open for the purchase of great prizes with Project Graduation money, which the students can win during the night playing games. In addition, more prizes will be awarded throughout the night by random drawings.

Prizes that have already been purchased include: stereo systems, personal CD players, DVD players, VCR's, TV/VCR's, with hundreds more items to be purchased before the big night.

If you or your business would like to donate a prize or cash donation, please forward your donation to Project Graduation 2003, c/o Beth Wallace, 410 S.E. Crockett, Sonora, TX 76950 or contact Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

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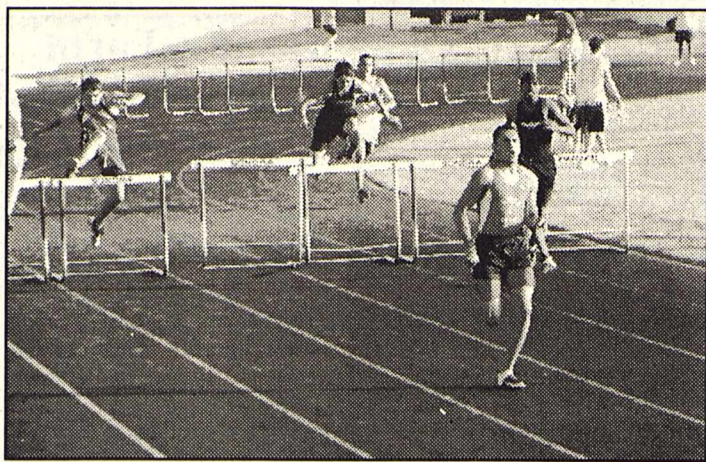
Broncos Finish Fourth at Home Relays

by Eddie Favila

The Broncos hosted their own meet on Saturday, March 15th and finished fourth in one of the toughest meets of the year. The team scored eighteen points in the field events and forty-seven points in the running events, for a total of 65 points.

In the field events, Scottie Moore leaped 6'6" in the High Jump, to win the event. This was Moore's best jump of the year. Trapper Valliant scored points in both the shot put and discus. He threw the shot put 44'9.5" to place fifth. In the discus he threw it 135' 2.5" to place fourth. Rounding off the scoring was Anthony Longoria in the triple jump. He jumped 39'07.5", a personal best this year.

In the running events, the 400 meter relay team of Manuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace, and Dustin Martin ran a personal best of 43.79 to win the race. Luis Segura ran a 2:12 in the 800-meters to place in sixth place. Running the 100 meters, Dustin Martin ran an 11.22 to finish in sixth place. The 800-meter relay team of Cameron Cox, Hilton Bloodworth, Manuel Lopez, and Doug Yocham ran a time of 1:36.99



Juan Rodriguez hurdles to first in the 300m.

Glasscock Photo

to place fourth. Wilson Wallace ran a time of 53.14 to finish fourth in the 400-meter. In the 300-meter hurdles, Juan Rodriguez ran a personal best to capture the gold medal. The team of Luis Segura, Cameron Cox, Wilson Wallace, and Juan Rodriguez ran a time of 3:42.40 placing fifth in the 1600-meter relay.

The Broncos finished in fourth behind first place Andrews with 118 points, second place Junction with 89 points, and third place Iraan with 65. There was a total of 16 teams in the meet and it will be the toughest meet of the year for the team.

Lady Broncos Finish Strong At Bronco Relays

The Sonora Lady Broncos were running and jumping on home turf last weekend, competing in the Bronco Relays. The Ladies tied for fourth with Ballinger, both with 62 points. There were 14 teams that participated. Ingram finished first with 97 points, followed by Wall with 86 and Iraan with 69. Remaining results were: 5. Comfort - 51, 6. Junction - 50, 7. Reagan County - 46, 8. Cross Plains - 35, 9. Ozona - 33, 10. Eldorado - 14, 11. McCamey - 11, 12. Wink - 6, 13. Nueces Canyon/Garden City - 2, 14. Rocksprings - 1.

Megan Berry got things started for the Lady Broncos, jumping 15'9.5" in the Long Jump for 3rd place.

Berry was 2nd in the Triple Jump with a 32'10.5" and

Lauren Smith was 4th with a 31'11.5".

Morgan Hobbs took 1st place in the High Jump, clearing 5'2", 1st in the 100m Hurdles with a time of 15.36 and 1st in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 48.50.

The 400m Relay team of Lauren Smith, Brea Hughes, Danielle Matthews and Megan Berry finished 4th with a time of 53.39.

Megan Berry was back on the board in the 200m Dash, finishing 5th with a time of 28.30.

Berry, Hughes, Smith and Hobbs ran the 1600m Relay for 5th place.

The next meet for the girls will be the All-American City Track Classic at Abilene Christian University on Friday and Saturday, March 21-22.



Megan Berry jumps her way to 3rd place at Bronco Relays. Glasscock Photo



Lady Bronco Relay team passes the baton. Glasscock Photo

Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

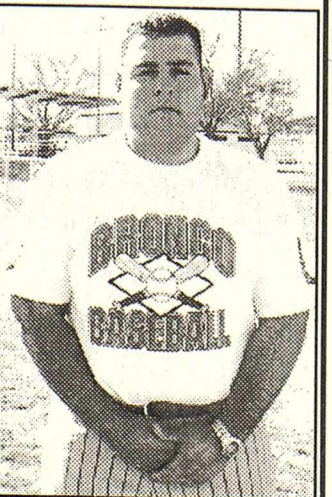
This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Israel Arevalo

Israel is the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arevalo. He is a Sr. this year and is playing 1st base for the Broncos.

Israel's favorite food is pizza and he plans on joining the Marines after graduation. He says his motto for life is to "never give up".

Jeff Bagwell is Israel's favorite Professional Baseball Player.



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Broncos Beat Miles In Six Innings

The Sonora Bronco Baseball Team traveled to Miles on Thursday, March 13th, bringing home another victory for the season. Winning pitchers were Lance Roberts for 4 innings and Scottie Moore for 2.

Roberts faced 17 batters, resulting in 6 KO's and 2 hits. Moore faced 8 batters, 4 KO's and 1 homerun, which was the only run scored. One batter was hit by a pitch.

The Bulldogs hit a line drive to Emmanuel Lopez in the

5th inning for the 2nd out, helping the Broncos along.

Landon Brockman, Israel Arevalo, Scottie Moore and Lance Roberts each had Doubles.

Lopez and Brockman also had two singles each and Moore, Doug Yocham and Caleb Gulley all had one single.

Lopez, Justin Sims, and Gulley each had an RBI. Brockman and Yocham had 2 and Moore had 3.

Miles had 5 errors and the game ended in the 6th inning.

Broncos Take Two From Brady

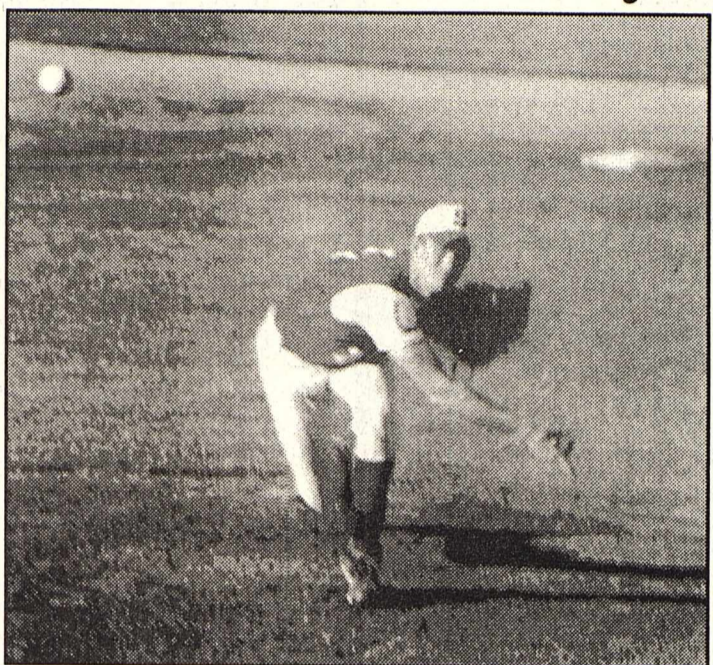
by Nancy Glasscock

The Broncos played a double header versus the Brady Bulldogs on Friday, March 14, at Bronco Field. Sonora defeated Brady 14 - 4 and 4 - 1. Douglas Yocham and Justin Sims were the winning pitchers, each with a complete game.

In the first game, Sims homered with a runner on base. Landon Brockman and Scottie Moore were two for three. Israel Arevalo had two doubles and a triple. In the second inning, twelve Broncos faced Bulldog pitcher, Jason Shields, and eight crossed home plate. Brockman threw two Bulldogs out on the base paths and Yocham struck out three. Sims dove for a fly ball in right field for the 3rd out in the 2nd inning.

In the night cap, Sims struck out ten Bulldogs.

Brockman was two for three with a triple. Yocham had a double and a single. Peter Duran, Caleb Gulley and Moore



Justin Sims sails one in, striking out another Miles batter.

el to Wall and face the Hawks at 4 PM. Good luck Broncos.

Photo by Mary Jean Sims

District play begins this week. Friday, the Broncos trav-

Bronco Golf Team Wins Llano Invitational

by Drew Cox

The Sonora Broncos boys golf team competed in and won the Llano Tournament. Stetson Perez, the leading scorer for the Broncos, also won a one hole playoff to finish as the 3rd medallist overall. The championship team was comprised of these boys, with scores of: Stetson Perez - 75, A.J. Hernandez - 76, Chris Martin - 76, Dustin Martin - 79, and Brandon West - 99. The girls and boys golf teams will compete in the Iraan Invitational Tournament on March 18th and 19th respectively.

J.V. Bronco Track Finish Third At Home



Embré Smith (2nd from left) clears a hurdle in the 300m. Glasscock Photo

The Sonora J.V. Broncos finished 3rd in the Bronco Relays held on March 15, 2003. Wall was the first place team with 183 points, followed by Junction with 92 and Sonora with 77. Other results were: 4. Iraan - 60, 5. Rankin - 58, 6. McCamey - 44, 7. Comfort - 27, 8. Angelo Central - 14, 9. Ingram - 13, 10. Ozona - 6.

The morning started with Diego Cardona finishing 4th in the Shot Put, throwing for 37' 1".

Miguel Vaquera placed 6th in the High Jump, clearing 5'0".

Lance Roberts cleared 9' in the Pole Vault for 3rd place.

In the 3200m Run, Nick Favela was 5th with a time of 12:05.66.

The 400m Relay team of Santana, Payton, Cardona and

Wagoner finished 3rd, running it in 47.57.

In the 110m Hurdles, Boomer Galindo won 1st with a time of 17.49 and Embré Smith was 3rd with a time of 18.52.

Uriel Santana finished 2nd in the 100m Dash with a time of 11.84 and Brian Payton was 6th with a time of 12.47.

The 800m Relay team of Payton, Jeb Hunt, Austin Wagoner and Diego Cardona ran a 1:41.83 to finish 4th.

In the 300m Hurdles, Embré Smith finished 4th with a time of 47.56.

Wagoner was 3rd in the 200m Dash with a 24.47 and Cardona was 4th with a 24.90.

In the 1600m Run, Nick Favela ran a 5:25.82 for 4th place.

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* Wed. Mar. 26

San Angelo (Quicksand)

* Wed. April 2

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* Wed. April 9

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Varsity Girls

* Wed. Mar. 26

San Angelo

* Wed. April 2

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JV Boys

* Wed. Mar. 26

San Angelo (Quicksand)

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Mar. 21

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Mar. 28

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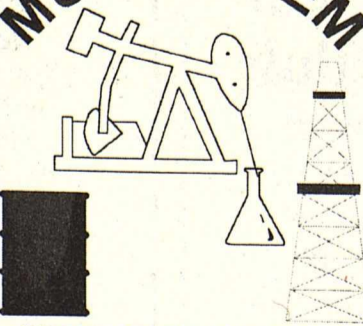
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Ram Test from page 1



Terry Brooks (right) poses with the High selling ram #74 sold by TAES-Sonora to J.P. Moore of Our Father's Place, Ft. Stockton.

Tail Docking by Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, San Angelo.

The tail length issue has become controversial and several organizations have called for producers to dock tails at a length that will not cause increased prolapse problems.

Dr. Dan Waldron reported on a 5-state study that was designed to answer the question: Does docking lambs too short increase the incidence of prolapse in lambs? The answer was yes. Dr. Waldron also cited studies that showed that another problem seen with shorter tails was a higher incidence of fly strike due to increased soiling with soft feces.

Dr. Waldron's study included more than 1200 lambs and showed that short-docked lambs have significantly greater incidence of prolapse. The study showed that genetics and environment also affect the incidence of prolapse. Some lambs are genetically predisposed to prolapse and proper tail length is more important for them.

Spending time in a feedlot also increases the chances of prolapse.

Dr. Waldron's recommendation on length of tail to decrease the incidence of prolapse was to dock at the end of the caudal folds. The caudal folds are small pieces of skin on the sides of the base of the tail. According to the results of the study, if you dock half-way between the ends of the folds and the body, the incidence of prolapse doubles, and if you dock at the body it goes up four times.

Dr. Waldron issued a challenge to those in the sheep industry to address the issue, before someone from outside the sheep industry tries to dictate how sheep producers dock lambs.

For more information contact the Sonora Experiment Station at (915) 387-3168 or Waldron or Craddock at (915) 653-4576. You may also visit the Ram Test Website at <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm>.

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Texas Farm Service Agency Announces Deadline for Wool and Mohair Assistance

Eldorado, TX - March 17, 2003 -- Producers have until March 31, 2003 to request a marketing assistance loan (LDP) on 2002 crop year wool and mohair and unshorn lamb pelts from the Farm Service Agency.

"This is the last chance for eligible producers to apply for either a nine-month, nonrecourse marketing assistance loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) for 2002-crop wool or mohair, as authorized by the new Farm Bill," according to Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director for Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA.

"Usually a producer must maintain a beneficial interest in a crop to obtain a loan," Wanoreck explained. "Those producers who sold their wool and mohair crop and lost beneficial interest before the program was implemented are being offered a one-time opportunity to apply for these loans. That means that producers who sold their wool or mohair before Oct. 11, 2002 may be eligible."

Wool and mohair nonrecourse marketing assistance loans provide producers with interim financing on their production. Instead of selling the wool and mohair immediately after shearing, a nonrecourse loan allows a producer to store the production, pledging the commodity itself as collateral. The loan helps an eligible producer pay bills when they come due without having to sell the wool or mohair at a time of year when prices tend to be lowest. Producers must meet eligibility requirements.

As an alternative to obtaining a loan, producers may request LDPs on graded or ungraded wool. The graded wool loan rates are announced by region according to eight specific micron ranges and apply to wool that, in addition to meeting the criteria above, is skirted, classed, untied, clean and with bellies out, and has a minimum length of three inches.

Wool and mohair marketing loan gains and LDPs received by producers for each crop year are subject to one \$75,000 payment limitation per crop year.

For detailed information on loan rates, program limitations or other Federal farm programs, contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency at 915/853-3535 or visit the national FSA Web Site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Bonilla Launches U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus



Congressman Henry Bonilla speaks at the news conference officially launching the U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus. Bonilla was selected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the newly formed Caucus.

Henry Bonilla

Now more than ever, the United States is looking to Mexico for international assistance. A new group has dedicated itself to generating stronger relations between the neighboring nations. The U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus has officially announced its formation and has chosen senior lawmaker Henry Bonilla to serve as Vice Chairman.

"Our nation has changed dramatically since September 11, 2001. With a changing nation comes a changing border environment. The terrorists are not playing by the old rules and neither should we. We must continue to foster a working relationship with Mexico. Our combined influence will keep our borders and our nations strong and prosperous for many years to come," said Vice Chairman Bonilla.

The U.S./Mexico Caucus is a bipartisan group of Members of Congress committed to expanding and improving the bilateral economic relationship between the United States and Mexico. The Caucus is currently comprised of 24 members, 13 Republicans and 11 Democrats from 11 states. By initiating a dialogue within the Congress, the Caucus will focus on building upon the two nations' economic relationship, understanding that the long-term solutions to many cross-border issues will be facilitated by our existing partnership.

A press conference was held in Washington, DC this week to officially launch the Caucus. Among those in attendance were Mexican Ambassador to the United States Juan Jose Bremer and senior members of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Both the ambassador and chamber representatives expressed their enthusiasm and support for the newly formed Caucus.

Bonilla pointed to the economic success of the North American Free Trade agreement as a blueprint for more economic activity between the U.S. and Mexico. Since that agreement went into effect in 1994, two way trade between the two countries has tripled and \$250 billion a year in bilateral trade has been generated.

"Let's face it. The Mexican economy directly affects our country. By working together with Mexico we have the opportunity to improve both country's economy, trade and government relations," said Bonilla. "The formation of the U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus will create a forum to bring businesses from both countries together with lawmakers. This is a win-win for the people of both nations."

Bonilla's district includes more than 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border. He currently serves as co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and is a long-time advocate of securing a working relationship with our neighbors in Mexico.

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Weirich and Alcon USW were awarded bids on materials for the Road and Bridge department.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the renewal of County insurance. After explanations regarding increases, it was decided to go with the same company, just changing the

option. It was also decided to stay with the existing dental coverage.

Sheriff Fincher requested a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. The request was approved. It was also approved to set up an account for law enforcement training money that is obtained.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Do you know your personal risk for the disease?

Did you know that with the right information and testing, colon cancer can be prevented? If you are a man or a woman age 50 or older, you are at risk for colon cancer. And if you are a member of certain ethnic groups, your risk may be even greater.

And while colon cancer kills about 57,000 Americans each year, it can actually be prevented or cured with early detection testing. If detected early before it has spread, the five-year survival rate is about 90%, but only 37% of cases are found at this early stage.

"Colon cancer testing can actually prevent the disease from occurring," said Mary A. Simmonds, MD, FA, CP, national volunteer president of the American Cancer Society. "We could see a huge improvement in colon cancer prevention and survival if all people 50 and older, plus those at increased risk, would talk with their doctors and get tested."

The group hit hardest by colon cancer is African Americans. They have the highest incidence and death rates of any ethnic group, but many don't realize they are at risk at all.

Even though the use of colon screening tests among African Americans has increased - from 4% in 1987 to more than 39% in 2001 - the percentage of people being tested is still low. Like many people, African Americans often don't go to the doctor because they don't feel any symptoms. But colon cancer symptoms tend to show up only in the later stages of the disease, when it is less survivable. So it's important to be tested even if you feel fine.

Another group greatly impacted by the disease is Hispanic/Latino Americans. In 2001, colon cancer became the third leading cause of cancer deaths among this group. And while they have lower incidence and death rates than other racial

or ethnic groups in the US, statistics show this population is less likely to follow screening guidelines for the disease.

Economic, language, and cultural barriers all play a role in this trend. Things like medical costs and insurance issues, personal health priorities (worrying more about one's family's health than one's own), not speaking or understanding English, and sometimes even a fear of doctors all contribute to illnesses going undetected during the early, most treatable stages.

No matter what your background, start by calling your doctor. Visiting your doctor regularly and having an open dialogue about your cancer risk - what tests you need and when - is a great first step to staying healthy. And learning more about the disease before your doctor's appointment can help you begin that dialogue. You can find more information on colon cancer risks and testing within our website or by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. Information and telephone assistance is available in Spanish and English.

Do you know what screening tests to ask your doctor about? Beginning at age 50 for men and women of average risk, the American Cancer Society recommends one of these five testing options for colon cancer:

- * Yearly fecal occult blood test (FOBT)
- * Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years
- * Yearly FOBT and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years, or (Of these first three options, the third is preferable: FOBT every year and flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years.)
- * Double contrast barium enema every five years
- * Colonoscopy every 10 years

For more information about colon cancer and how you can prevent it or stop it early, contact your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Legion Prepared For Supreme Court Battle Over Pledge of Allegiance Ruling

The American Legion has prepared and is ready to file an amicus curiae with the U.S. Supreme Court. The nation's largest wartime veterans organization, with 2.8 million members, will file the brief as soon as the U.S. government appeals a federal court's decision that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is unconstitutional because of the words "under God."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled 2-1 in June 2002 that reciting the Pledge in public schools is unconstitutional and recently reaffirmed its decisions. Following the latest decision, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said, "We will defend the ability of Americans to declare their patriotism through the time-honored tradition of voluntarily reciting the Pledge."

"When the 9th Circuit Court first ruled against the Pledge, The American Legion promised it would see this case all the way to the Supreme Court," American Legion National Commander Ronald F. Conley said. "We have no intention of backing down now. The right of students across America to recite the Pledge of Allegiance deserves to be protected. The American Legion will do everything in its power to see that right is restored."

Once the United States files an appeal to the decision with the Supreme Court, the Legion will file its amicus curiae, or "friend of the court" brief, as it did with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. An amicus curiae brief is filed by an individual or group who is not a party to the litigation but believes that the court's decision may affect its interest. Ten amicus curiae briefs

previously were filed to overturn the 9th Circuit Court's decision, including one by the Legion on Aug. 19, 2002. All 10 were denied.

The 9th District's ruling came after Michael Newdow, an atheist and father of an elementary school girl, filed the case against the United States, Congress, California and two school districts. Newdow's daughter lives with her mother, who has sole custody of the young girl. The daughter attends public school in Elk Grove, Calif. near Sacramento and according to reports regularly attends church. Newdow's complaint alleged that, "his daughter is injured when she is compelled to watch and listen as her state-employed teacher in her state-run school leads her classmates in a ritual proclaiming that there is a God and that ours is one nation under God."

"Our national motto is: 'In God We Trust,' such a belief is a bedrock principle of America and is not an endorsement of any religion. The 9th Circuit Court is simply wrong and the 4.0 million men and women of The American Legion family will make their voices heard to insure that God is not expelled from the land," Conley said.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation inserting "under God" after the words "one nation." The American Legion supported the addition.

"It's a shame that the Pledge of Allegiance can be recited in any other country but our own, thanks to one wrong-headed decision by a few men in black robes," Conley said. "I am confident that our Supreme Court will have the wisdom to reverse this absurd call."

Public Notices

Sonora ISD is having an auction of surplus school supplies and equipment on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 10:00 AM on the Elementary Playground. A list of sale items may be obtained by contacting the Administration Office at 915-387-2545. All sales are final with no refunds and no returns.

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 Friess 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) 936-7136. 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.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR DEPOSITORY OF OPERATING FUNDS OF THE SONORA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC) will receive bids for depository of the Corporation's Operating Funds for the period commencing on the 1st day of June, 2003 through the 31st day of May, 2005. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the SIDC, sealed and marked on the outside "APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SIDC FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2003". Such application shall be received in the office of the SIDC Manager, 120 N. Concho, Sonora, Texas or P.O. Box 555, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 7, 2003. Such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud at 11:30 a.m. April 7, 2003 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors at the Sutton County Steakhouse.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SONORA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Sonora has recently completed Office of Rural Community Affairs Program activities under its 2001 TCDP Contract #721761. One public hearing will be held to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the completed project activities, amount of funds spent and the amount of funds spent on activities that benefited low/moderate income persons. Specific information on the TCDP program will be available.

The public hearing will be held at the City Hall, 201 East Main, at 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2003 to review the City's program performance including the actual use of TCDP funds. The City encourages individual citizens and citizen's groups to make their views known at this public hearing and welcomes the full participation of its citizens in the close-out and completion of this TCDP contract. Written complaints and grievances regarding this TDCP Contract and project activities will be received until March 18, 2003 and will be responded to in writing within fifteen (15) working days. Citizen comments may be delivered to the City Hall at any time. Groups representative of persons of low and moderate income may request technical assistance in developing comments by contacting the person listed below.

A copy of the City's Project Completion Report and Certificate of Completion will be available for inspection at the City Hall after the hearing. Handicapped individuals who may have difficulty in attending this meeting should contact Becky Covington at the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica. For further information, contact Becky Covington at 915-387-2558.

AEP Names Fred Hernandez As Community Affairs Manager

SAN ANGELO, TX - American Electric Power (AEP) named Fred Hernandez manager of community affairs for San Angelo and its southern service area. In his new position he will be responsible for relationships with city leaders in the cities of San Angelo, Presidio, Alpine, Marfa, Ft. Davis, Balmorhea, Rankin, Big Lake, McCamey, Iraan, Miles, Ozona, Sonora, Eden, Eldorado, Ballinger, Winters, Santa Anna, Bronte, Robert Lee and Sterling City.

Hernandez joined the former West Texas Utilities Company as a management trainee in 1985. In 1989, he moved to San Angelo to become business operations manager. He became the Haskell area business manager in 1994. In 2001, he transferred to Corpus Christi to become a customer service representative, the position he has held until now.

"My family and I are very excited about returning to San Angelo. I'm looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and building new ones," Hernandez said.

Hernandez is a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a BS degree in Business Management. He completed the Professional Development Center's Electric Utility Management Course at Baylor University, Texas A&M University's Executive Development Course and the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute He and his wife Dayna, have two children, Haley, age seven and three-year old, Andie Sue.

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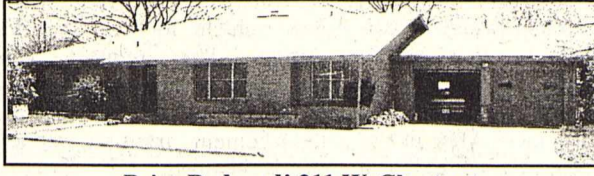
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