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## Proudly Honoring Local Military Personnel Fighting In Iraq

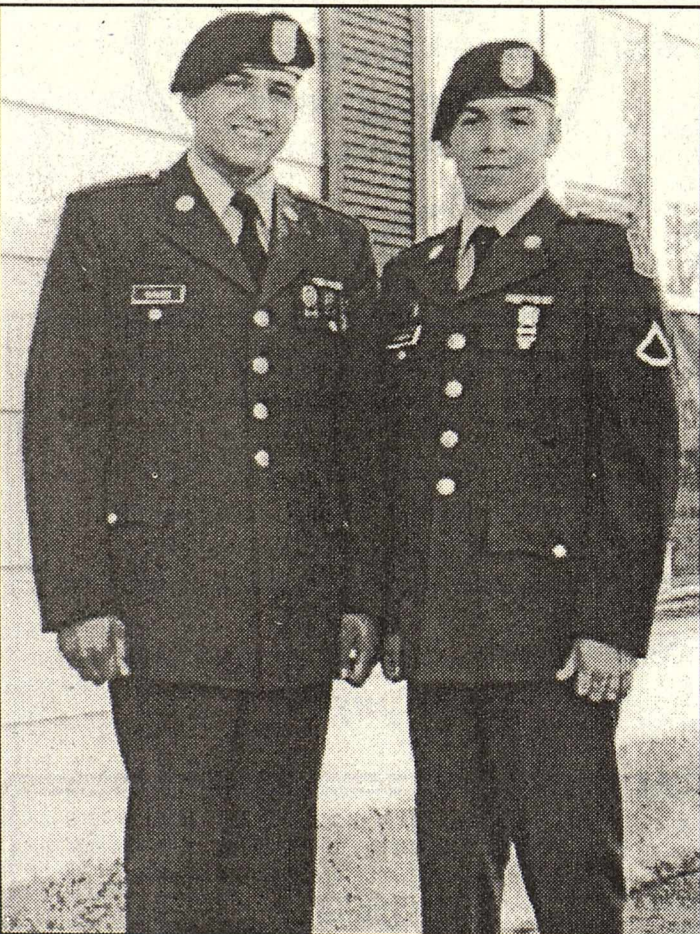


In conjunction with the Old Oak Tree Yellow Ribbon Ceremony (see related story this page) we would like to honor Sonora's own, U.S. Marine, LCP Brandon Adkins who is currently serving in "Operation Iraqi Freedom" driving an ammunition truck on the front line. LCP Adkins is the son of Tony and Tammi Adkins and the brother of David Adkins.

PV 2, 3rd Infantry, Michael A. Ramos, US Army (below left), son of Sandy (Gandar) Screws of Midland, TX and George Ramos of Sonora, TX, has been stationed in Kuwait since January 6, 2003. Ramos is now on the front line in Baghdad with the 3rd Infantry where he drives an M1 Abram Tank. The 17,000-strong 3rd Infantry Division, which has routinely based some troops in Kuwait for much of the last decade, has now been deployed to Iraq. The Soldiers of the 3rd Division stand ready to answer their Nation's call to defeat aggression with cold steel and rock solid determination.

PFC, 31st Brigade, Lewis M. Gandar, US Army (below right), son of Rebecca (Gandar) Perez of San Antonio, TX. He is waiting for his orders of deployment to Iraq, which will be any day. He is the husband of Melissa Gandar of Del Rio, TX and has a daughter, Brienne, of Midkiff, TX and a stepson, Mark Anthony of Del Rio. Gandar is currently stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX where he is part of the 31st Brigade, as a Petroleum Supply Specialist.

Michael and Lewis are the grandsons of Armando and Teresa Zurita and the late Matias Gandar. Michael is also the grandson of Lucy Ramos and the late Willis B. Ramos all of Sonora, TX.



## City Wide Spring Clean Up Coming Soon

The City of Sonora has designated Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to allow customers to discard items otherwise difficult to dispose of in regular refuse service. Customers may deliver material to the Trash Collection Site located at the end of South 1st Street, Sinaloa (old Landfill site). Industrial containers will be available for customers to dispose of their trash. Do not dump any trash on the ground.

Fees will be WAIVED for three (3) trips to the trash collections site, for customers who pay a monthly trash collection bill to the City of Sonora. Customers who make more than three (3) trips or do not pay a monthly trash collection fee will be charged the following: A minimum of \$5.00 - Over 100 pounds - .05¢ a pound. Identification is required.

Items that will not be accepted are: Oil filters, Lead Acid Batteries, Petroleum products and by-products, Explosive Materials, Automotive Tires, Medical Waste, Liquid Waste, and Appliances that have not had freon removed.

## 915 Area Code Becomes 325 This Weekend

Just one last reminder, the area code for Sutton County will be changing to 325 this weekend, April 5th.

The El Paso region will retain area code 915, including Dell City and Fabens and some of the western tip of northern Crockett County; the Midland/Odessa region will be served by new area code, 432, including Seminole, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Alpine and Van Horn; and the San Angelo/Abilene region will be served by new area code, 325, including Sonora, Ozona, Big Lake, Eldorado, San Angelo, Brady, Brownwood, Snyder, and adjoining towns.

Starting April 5th, you

will be able to make calls by either dialing the new 432 and 325 codes or the old 915 code. Moreover, those customers calling into the region created by this area code split can reach you by dialing either 915 or 325. This "permissive dialing" period allows time to get in the habit of dialing the new codes.

\* Sunday, October 5, 2003 - The new area codes must be dialed. Callers will get a recorded message reminding them to dial the new area codes.

\* Saturday, December 6, 2003 - Your call will not go through and you will receive no reminder of the new area codes.

Be sure you reprogram or change burglar and fire alarm

systems, automatic dialers, modems, cell phones, mobile phones, speed calling lists, fax machines and pagers to handle the new area code.

If you haven't already, be sure you notify your friends and relatives. Businesses should inform vendors, suppliers, customers, business associates and branch offices.

If you have Extended Area Calling (EAC) or Expanded Local Service (ELCS), all these calls remain local and the rate does not change. You may have to dial ten digits to complete a call if your extended local service crosses an area code boundary.

## Chamber of Commerce Prepares For 'County Fair' Awards Banquet

by Storie Sharp

April 10, 2003. That's the date to mark on your calendar. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is traveling back to simpler times for their annual awards banquet, hosting a good ol' County Fair for all to enjoy.

All of Sonora's bakers and home canners 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. Anyone can enter, and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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 home-made quilts, arts and crafts, canned goods and more. Local 4-Her's will have their many stockshow awards on display, showing off all their success and hard work.

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

## Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Old Oak Tree

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program, Sutton County, Merchants of Sonora, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News and the City of Sonora would like to invite all families of military personnel to tie a yellow ribbon on the old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn.

The Old Oak Tree Yellow Ribbon Ceremony will be on April 16, 2003 at 12:45 p.m. (following the Lenten Luncheon at St. John's Episcopal Church). If you would like to tie a yellow ribbon on the old Oak Tree for your loved one, contact the Main Street office. The yellow ribbons will have the last name printed on it and you may then tie the ribbon on the tree. This will be a time for the community to gather to show their support of our Military service men and women. The ceremony will not be long, so come show your support of our community men and women that are serving our country. We would also like to encourage everyone to return home and add yellow ribbons to your trees in support of our military.

The yellow ribbons will be

removed by the honored soldier when he or she returns home. We will have a "Welcome Home Celebration" for all these loved ones when they return. We all wish the best for our loved ones fighting for us, and hope that they come home safe and soon. The soldier's photo will be placed in The Devil's River News and also will be displayed in the windows of businesses around Sonora.

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program is gathering soldier's addresses and photos so that goodies and cards can be sent, reminding them of all the love and support from home. This project is to express our gratitude and let them know that we are praying and thinking about them every day. The price of freedom is very hard to pay.

If you would like to share your photo and addresses with the Main Street Program, bring them by 232 Main Street (the Mercantile Building), Suite 101 or call 387-2248 for more information.

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program have visited with the Red Cross and the U.S. Marines and learned that if permission is

granted by the family and the soldier's address is obtained, packages and cards can be sent. The following is a list of highly desirable items for deployed military. It is recommended that you keep the boxes small, about the size of a shoe box, for easy transportation:

Books, disposable cameras, camper style foods, candy, cards, chapstick, dental floss, facial tissues, fast food Hot Sauce packets, flashlights, Girl Scout cookies, gum, magazines, moist wipes, music CDs, Nerf toys (small football, etc), Odor Eaters for boots, pencils, pens, personal messages, phone cards, playing cards, postage, powdered drink mix (non-alcoholic), razors, sardines, sheets of stationary, snacks (cookies, granola bars), tea bags, toiletries (travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel games, travel mugs, tuna snack kits.

Use plastic bags with zip-style closures for everything. They keep sand and rain out. Resourceful Marines are re-using them for all sorts of things. Quart size are great to keep their wallets and personal photos with them, keeping them dry. The bags also keep liquid or sticky items from spilling or melting on other items.

## Middle School Students Win At District, Head For State Science Fair



Fifty-six students from Sonora Middle School attended the District XI Engineering Competition in San Angelo on March 5. Awards of money, certificates, medals, ribbons and prizes were brought home by the participants. They worked very hard to achieve this goal and everyone is very proud of all of them. Awards won by the students are as follows:

**Sweepstakes Finalists** - Chealsey Daniels and Nick Shurley

**Sweepstakes** - 5th - Chealsey Daniels

**Optical Engineering Award** - Chealsey Daniels

**Corrosion Awareness Award** - Tyler Edmondson

**NOAA Atmospheric Award** - Shane Love

**Sunset Mall/Best of Show** - 2nd place (\$40) - Emily Earwood; 3rd place (\$20) - Amanda Berry

**Special Awards \$50.00 savings bond** - Cody Perez, Emily Newton, Kimble Luna, Kaitlyn Henderson

**Discovery Awards** - Chealsey Daniels, Nick Shurley and Colton Moore

**Biochemistry** - 2nd Stevie

Pacheco, 5th Monica Traylor

**Botany** - 4th Meghan Krieg, 5th Jamie Duran

**Chemistry** - 2nd Nick Shurley

**Earth/Space** - 2nd Colton Moore, 5th Madeline Higdon

**Engineering** - 2nd Emily Butler, 4th Emily Newton

**Gerontology** - 1st Chealsey Daniels, 3rd Nathan Mungia, 4th Stephani Morriss

**Math** - 1st Laura Martin, 2nd John Duke Hudson, 3rd Kaitlyn Henderson

**Microbiology** - 5th Brandy Neff

**Physics** - 4th Dalton Dover

**Zoology** - 4th Emily Earwood

**Door Prize** - CD player - Starlyn Chadwick, Laura Martin, Kaitlyn Henderson, Pecos Roberts

**Drill** - Antonio Torres

Students placing in the top three in any category have the opportunity to attend the state competition to be held in Arlington on April 10-12. Congratulations to everyone.

## Cellular One Announces Upcoming Changes In Service

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Cellular One recently announced it has postponed the elimination of the Wide Area Calling (WAC) service from its phone numbers until the new area code for San Angelo has been implemented. Beginning April 5, local calls from numbers in the 915 area code to numbers in the new 432 and 325 area codes will require 10-digit dialing (the area + seven digit number). Beginning April 14,

some landline (non wireless) callers may now be charged a toll for calls made to wireless customers.

Cellular One will pre-notify its customers via mail of this change, and will alert the Public Utility Commission. In addition, Cellular One has set up a special section on its website to help customers identify whether or not they will be affected by

See Cellular One page 7

## Parker Lumber Do-It-Best Celebrates Grand Opening



Parker Lumber, Do-it-Best had their Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, March 29, 2003. Shoppers were treated to hot dogs, cokes and drawings for special prizes as they browsed all the great deals offered. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new business and Chamber Directors joined Elaine Kaiser, Manager and Miss Sutton County Koda Armke as they cut the official "Opening" ribbon. On hand for the ribbon cutting were members of the Parker Lumber corporate office, Tammy Logan, District Manager, and Parker Lumber employees: Judy Holmes, Rick Parker, Rita Alewine, and Robert Wilson. Also present were Sonora Mayor, Jim Stephen, Little Mr. Sutton County, Carter Zook, Max & Jimmie Howorth and Chamber Directors, Keith Butler, Marla Perciful, Oscar Marshall, Beth Snyder, Lynn Sahr, Michael Samuels and Storie Sharp.

**Don't Forget! Daylight Savings Starts Sunday - Spring Forward One Hour!**





## Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAPTISTA**  
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

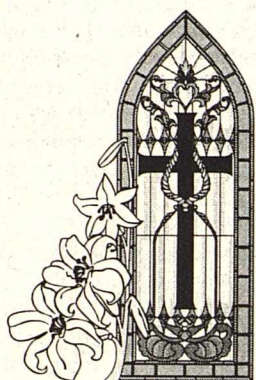
**LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
707 Glasscock  
387-5886

**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

## 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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## Obituaries

### Lena Belle Briggs Ross



Lena Belle Briggs Ross, an independent spirit who viewed the comings and goings, the young and the old, hard times and good times in Sutton County for 75 years - almost four generations - died Friday, in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora. She had recently celebrated her 99th birthday.

Mrs. Ross, who lived alone and liked it, fell and broke her hip on March 1. After living through World War I, the Depression, more than one drought, the hoof and mouth disease crisis, three additional wars, the risky business of ranching, the death of a beloved husband and 34 years of widowhood, the March fall was the only thing that ever floored Mrs. Ross.

Lena Belle was engaged with life throughout her years. Always close to her were her family, church, her community and particularly its young people. She could never refuse a child. Mrs. Ross was a contributor and a giver. She stayed with you and got things done - all people mattered to her. No one was ever excluded, her vision was long-range and her perspective on life was sharp.

She had a passion for beauty, bluebonnets and bridge, for good music, food, friends and books. While cooking was less than a lifetime love, Mrs. Ross baked dozens of loaves of apricot bread at Christmas as her way of saying "thank you" to the people of Sonora who made her life a little easier.

Born Jan. 21, 1904, in Lampasas, the eldest child and the only daughter of David Todd Briggs II and Kate Whigham Briggs, Lena Belle Briggs was the adored sister of four younger brothers - much indulged and much loved, but wise enough to tolerate the spoiling.

College students at Southwestern University in Georgetown set her foot on the path to Sonora. It was there, while she was studying math and Spanish - being chosen a college beauty and collecting academic hours - that she met Joe Brown Ross of Sonora.

Mr. Ross graduated earlier than his bride-to-be and spent time in New York studying at Columbia University before returning to Sutton County where he held a marriage that endured for 41 years to ranching, raising a family and community service.

It was in September 1928 that Lena Belle Briggs became Lena Belle Ross. She traded the riverbanks, live oaks and pecan trees of Central Texas for dusty and distant Southwest Texas, 90 miles from the border. When her parents visited the bride and groom at the ranch, her daddy assured Lena Belle that she could "come on back home anytime."

The contrasts and challenges of Sonora were great. In

1928, there were no paved streets; sidewalks that existed were made of wood; livestock still "hoofed it" to the railhead in San Angelo, as there was no train service; robberies and shootings were not uncommon; life on a ranch was not a bed of roses, but Lena Belle never really considered she was living in hard times. She told her three children of great overnight parties with friends from other ranching and school families - everyone was in the same boat, so to speak.

Easy access to the public school system brought Lena Belle in from being a full-time ranching wife. During the week, the family stayed in town in the house Lena Belle occupied at the time of her death and the whole family went back to the ranch for weekends and summers.

Early roots in Lampasas stayed with Lena Belle who took the view that she was a city girl at heart. Mrs. Ross found no joy working inside the stock pens; her one attempt to raise "livestock" was a rare life failure - her domestic turkeys took off into the wild - and riding a horse was not in the cards. The one exception to the "no horses" rule came when Joe Brown needed someone else on a horse to practice his polo techniques.

She was determined that her three children would have appreciation and knowledge of the softer side of civilization - it was fine to attend a goat show or a fat stock show in San Antonio, Fort Worth or San Angelo, but while there, time was scheduled for a visit to the symphony, to attend a play or an opera.

With the death of Joe Brown Ross in May 1969, Mrs. Ross prepared herself for what became 34 years of widowhood by doing the unexpected. With four years job experience, Lena Belle went to work for longtime friend, Ruth Shurley at her jewelry store. She remained the store's bookkeeper for a number of years.

Lena Belle Ross was a fixture of Sonora. She was a familiar sight on her daily walks that finally ceased two years ago, or in her rain gear getting her lawn sprinklers moving, or driving her 1984 two-toned Mercury automobile.

She was 99 years old, but her Texas driver's license was valid. She managed her own stock portfolio. Her flowerbeds thrived, especially her bluebonnets. She read good books. She kept up with her three children, maintained a lively interest in their lives without interfering. She kept tabs on her eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lena Belle Ross was committed throughout her lifetime to the Methodist Church. During her 75 years in Sutton County, she attended the First United Methodist Church. In 1955, when the church celebrated its 100 years of stewardship, Mrs. Ross was one of three members honored for their service to that church.

In 1995, Lena Belle was honored as Citizen of the Year in Sonora.

There were few activities or organizations that were not touched by the help and spirit of Lena Belle during her lifetime in Sonora - she taught high school math, tutored kids, was a Den Mother, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, 4-H Club "mom", she visited and brought joy to residents of hospitals and nursing homes. She was active in the Cancer Society, the Historical Society,

the Methodist Women's Organization, the Garden Club, PTA and the Sonora Woman's Club.

Lena Belle Ross is survived by her children, daughters, Kathryn Ross Chastant and Betsy Ross Builta, both of whom live on the family farm near Granger; her son and daughter-in-law, Joe David and Frances Ross of Sonora; eight grandchildren, Lee Chastant, Nederland; Renee Chastant and husband, Steve Canton, Denver, CO, and Boquette, Panama; Andree Chastant Kienitz and husband, Kurt, Dyersburg, TN; Joe Will Ross, San Antonio; David Lee Ross, Sonora; Mary Kathryn Ross Buchholz and husband, Bob, Eldorado, James Ross Builta and wife, Kim, Austin; and Suzy Builta Hankins and husband, Keith, Arlington; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Additionally surviving Sarah Lu Hardy Burrowes of Houston, who has been like a daughter; and nine nephews and nieces, Mary Kay Briggs, Todd Briggs, Carolyn Briggs Yancy of Lampasas, Bob Briggs, Lee Briggs, Sheryl Briggs Patton of Austin; Niny Avant Massey and James Ross Avant of Dilley, Texas, and Gloria Wheeler of San Antonio.

The family gives a special thanks to Mother's ever broadening neighborhood network that included Dorothy and Rex Anne Baker, Anna Eustace, Beavely Wilson, the Sutton County Steakhouse team headed up by Linda Love, Tina Gallegos, Olga Romero, Butch and Pat Campbell, Ruth and Kay Shurley, Celeste Prugel, Jerry and Nell Wallace, Fannie

Wade, Darla McKissack, Dr. Miller and his dentistry staff across the street, Sharon Kemp, Margaret Cascadden, Faye McClelland, Marguerite Barker, the wonderful loyal members of the Tuesday bridge club and the friendly folks at the First National Bank and the entire medical and EMS team serving Sonora.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Rev. Conrad Archer officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bob Buchholz, James Ross Builta, Jimmy Cahill, Lee Chastant, Al Elliott, Keith Hankins, David Lee Ross and Joe Will Ross.

Honorary pallbearers were George Alexander, James Ross Avant, Frank Adkins, Vestal Askew, Jack Baker, Lee Bloodworth, Frank Bond, Bob Briggs, Todd Briggs, Bob Brockman, Jim Builta, Bill Burrowes, Pat Campbell, Jaime Chavez, Ronnie Cox, Jim Cusenbary, Dean Dermody, Armer Earwood, Web Elliott, Sam Epperson, Ben Epps, Lawrence Finklea, Turney Friess, Hayden Haby, Jack Hearn, Keith Hudson, Reed Jennings, Brock Jones, Cleve T. Jones, Alvis Johnson, Jack Johnson, Jess Lockhart, Preston Love, Ralph Mayer, Seco Mayfield, James McMullan, Leo Merrill, Glen Richardson, Bill Savell, Eddie Sawyer, Bob Scott, Marvin Shurley, John Tedford, Tim Thorp, Gilbert Vara, John Wade, George Wallace, Albert Ward, John Allen Ward, Jack David Wardlaw and Bud Whitehead.

### Armando Robles

Armando Robles, 47, of San Angelo, born June 16, 1955, in San Angelo, passed away March 26, 2003, in Abilene, Texas.

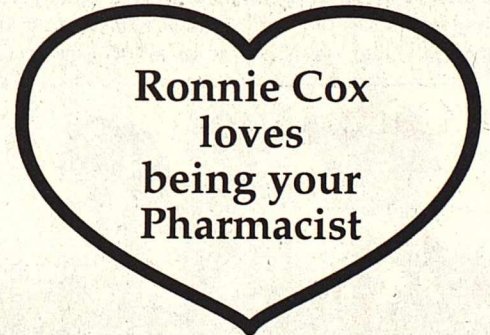
Prayer services were at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 31, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Sammy Duran officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Armando was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Petra Robles; and one brother, Noe Robles.

His hobby was drawing which he started at the early age of 16.

He is survived by three daughters, Belinda Robles of Sonora, Rose Rodriguez of San Angelo, and Jane Robles of San Angelo; three sons, Armando Robles Jr. of Sonora, Mark Anthony Robles of Virginia Beach, VA., and Michael Anthony Robles of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Amber Robles, Sabien Robles, Sydney Robles and Kassadee Rodriguez; one brother, Joe Robles of San Angelo; three sisters, Mary De La Rosa, Lydia Duran and Margaret Fernandez, all of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Armando...you were so close...and yet so far away...you will live in our hearts forever!



### Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 707 Glasscock • 387-5886

Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Senior and School Lunch Menu  
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### Community

**Apr. 9**  
Lenten Luncheon hosted by  
First Baptist Church  
12:00 Noon • St. John's Episcopal Church

**Apr. 10**  
Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet  
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

**Apr. 11 & 18th**  
SISD School Holidays

The Community Calendar



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### Calendar

**Apr. 14**  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

**Apr. 22**  
City Council Meeting  
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

**Apr. 28**  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net



**Ask the Historical Society**

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

**Q.** Do bluebonnets have any legends, like the stories told about the dogwood blossom?

**A.** I've only seen two stories. One states that the flowers were brought here from the hillsides of Jerusalem and planted by the first Spanish missionaries inside the Mexican missions. The second is an old Indian legend that states the flower's originated from the sacrifice of an Aztec Indian maiden who died for her tribe. Believing a human sacrifice was needed to atone for tribal evil, she offered herself to the priests. The sacred knife was plunged into her heart, and she was left upon an altar. The next night, it is said, flowers resembling the bluebonnet sprang up around her, each in the shape of her bonnet and each splotted with a bit of red as a token of her life's blood.

Botanist say that the bluebonnet is a member of the lupine family and the Texas Bluebonnet is called *Lupinus subcarnosus*, grows 6 - 24 inches tall, and blooms all over the southwest and Mexico. We also have imported bluebonnets in this area, the Blue Lupine, *Lupinus perennis*, which grows 8 - 24 inches tall and Yellow Lupine, *Lupinus luteolus* which grows 12-32 inches tall. Lupines are found all over the United States of America. Some grow in southern regions of Canada and Alaska and some grow in Mexico.

**Q.** When does the Prickly Pear bloom?

**A.** The Plains Prickly Pear, *Opuntia polyacantha* usually blooms from May to July.

**Q.** How do you get rid of Dandelions?

**A.** A Dandelion has to be the most tenacious plant that I have ever seen. It grows all over the North American continent. Some people make wine from it and some people pick the leaves and eat them in salads. When digging them out, if you leave one bit of the root it will probably grow right back up. The best way I have found, beside using commercial weed killers, is to use a long kitchen knife and make a cone shaped cut all the way around the plant. Carefully lift out the cone, knock off the dirt and throw out the plant and

all the roots. Remember if you let them go to seed before cutting them out you will have a hundred new plants to replace the one you dig up. If you have neighbors that have given up and don't dig up their plants you might as well give up. The wind will carry the seeds into your yard and quickly make you a new crop. From looking at my yard today, I guess I'd better start making Dandelion wine or eating Dandelion salads.

**Q.** Did Clara Murphy have any sisters?

**A.** Yes, they were Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, Mrs. Ruth Lee Huber and Mrs. E. J. Cox.

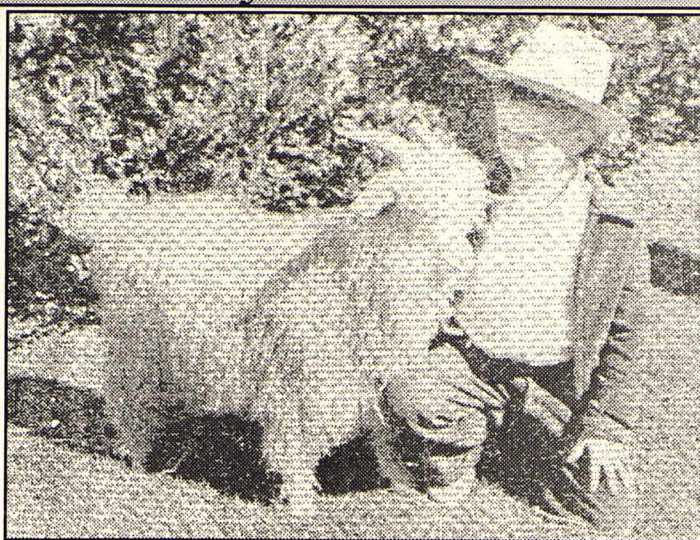
**Q.** When was the Courthouse fence removed?

**A.** Devil's River News, July 24, 1931. Referring to the unsightly fence around the courthouse yard as an eye sore, City Manager George Smith started a move at Monday's Lions Club Luncheon meeting, which is expected to culminate in a general beautification of the city of Sonora. It was suggested by Lion H. V. Stokes that the club make the removal of the courthouse fence and beautifying the grounds its major activity. The matter was put to a vote and carried. A committee was appointed to work with the Sonora Woman's Club and the PTA to work on the project.

In the same issue we found that Del Rio, border metropolis, was reported water bound last week in every direction except on the south roads, leading to the International bridge and points beyond. J. D. Lowrey, Sutton Co. Clerk, motored down to Del Rio Sunday, and failed to return. He got in Monday just in time to tell the Lions Club of a narrow escape from drowning near Vinegarone, and to report the pitiful plight of Del Rio.

The Thirteen Dramatic Club, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilmore. Bill Gilmore, John Eaton, and Margaret Hull were appointed to serve as members of the next play committee. A number of plays were discussed but selection held off to a later date. The club voted to give the proceeds from "Kick In," a recent play, to the Lions Club.

Roy E. Aldwell, Sonora banker and rancher, was elected Wednesday to the board of directors of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Co. The lines of the Orient are operated under lease by the



"Rooster" and "Admiral" Halbert talk things over - "Admiral" Halbert, Sutton Co. Angora goat owned by B. M. Halbert and Son was used as the Navy's mascot in the annual Army-Navy game in 1937. In the picture: B.M. Halbert III, or "Rooster" was caught telling him about his trip.

Panhandle & Santa Fe, which operates the line between Sonora and San Angelo.

Miss Emma Gutzietz a director of Witte memorial Museum at San Antonio and Miss Vivian Carson, also of San Antonio were exploring the caves and bluffs of the rugged Pecos and Devil's River Country in search of Indian hieroglyphics and paintings. The headquarters of the expedition is Langtry. Miss Carson the expeditions artist has copied many interesting paintings which have been found using, as nearly as possible, the original colors.

Three men employed by the expedition were digging up floors of the caves and a collection of skulls, bones, primitive knives made of flint, and other implements have been found and will be transported to the museum in San Antonio.

At Piggly Wiggly you could buy a 3 lb. can of Maxwell House Coffee for 79 cents, 8 boxes of Macaroni or Vermicelli for 23 cents, a pound of butter for 25 cents and a 24 lb. cloth sack of flour for 49 cents. A box of Shredded Wheat was 10 cents, 3 cans of vegetable soup 23 cents and 10 lbs of pinto beans cost 35 cents. At Hamiltons Red & White Grocery Store you could get 10 bars of laundry soap for 23 cents, Armour's Star Slab Bacon for 27 cents a pound, Long Horn Cheese for 15 cents a pound and a large package of

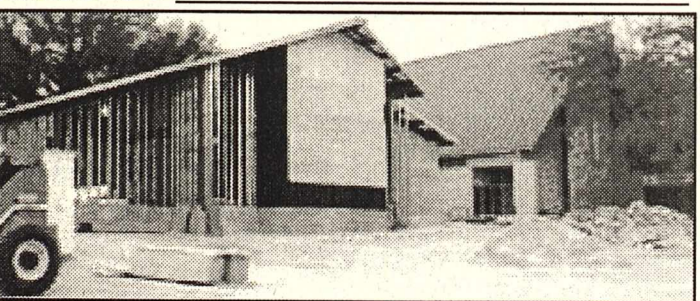
Oxydol for 21 cents.

The Sonora Cleaners, phone 103, would wash a blanket or quilt free with a 10 lbs or more of family wash. This offer was good for one week only. Gilmore Hardware Co. could supply all the canning jars, cans, rubber rings or kettles you might need and at Trainer Beauty Shop, phone No. 3, you could get a shampoo for 25 cents and a naive croquignole wave for \$8.

We had some wonderful items given to the museum this week, a chuck wagon box, a foot powered grinding wheel, a sheep brand and cow iron plus a bottle of screw worm medicine and the leather pouch it would hang in on a saddle. Thank you so much to the Ward family for these great additions to our exhibits.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at 915-387-5084 or 915-387-2855. The offices of the Sutton County Historical Society will be closed March 31 through April 10. You may leave dues or donations at Al Elliotts office during this time frame. We stayed open through spring break so that pupils would have access to files for homework and want to be open for researchers coming to Sonora to spend the holidays and have decided this is the best way to do it.

**Church of the Good Shepherd Adds On**



A long time dream of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd is forming before our eyes. A fellowship hall and additional classroom facilities are being added, with plans of completion scheduled for mid-June. The addition will also house another restroom, more storage space and additional office facilities. These accommodations will allow for larger and improved teaching areas and the congregation hopes the community will utilize the fellowship hall. The building committee consists of Milton Cavaness, Duke Frederickson, Ron Nicholas, Nelda Mayfield, Mallie Turner, Charlotte Harrell and Susan Bloodworth.



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**The Cactus Capitol of Texas**



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Dudley Harrison of Sanderson has served as county judge of Terrell County and represented his region in the Texas legislature. He is a character who loves to talk.

canoes or rafts. He's most proud of the wild and scenic river designation for that 90 mile stretch of the Rio Grande. "It's a beautiful trip. Most people put in their canoes or rafts at Lajitas and take out at my place. It's about a week long trip and sometimes you don't see another human being. There are some rapids and the canyon walls are a thousand feet high."

He says his community has been fortunate to receive some technology grants. "We've got public access computers in the courthouse, library, museum, adult education center and community center. We've got 85 year old ladies sending email. I heard one of them say the other day she was going to get a digital camera so she could exchange pictures with her grandkids. We're really into computers. I don't know that it's a great thing to teach little old ladies how to play solitaire on a computer, but it beats sitting and doing nothing."

He helped get Sanderson designated the Cactus Capitol of Texas. "We've got the strawberry capitol, the bluebonnet capitol, so we wanted to be the cactus capitol. I worked with the Chamber of Commerce and the economic development folks here and we convinced the legislature to pass a resolution making us the Cactus Capitol. The governor's proclamation hangs in the courthouse. We have a cactus pachanga, a party, to celebrate the fact that we're the Cactus Capitol of Texas. Several businesses and homes have attractive cactus gardens. Our slogan is 'stick with Sanderson.'

He says it's amazing how much of the outside world the computer has brought to Sanderson. "We don't get Texas TV down here. If you want to watch the ten o'clock news you have to wait until eleven and get what's going on in Denver, Colorado.

Sanderson is creating some nature trails. "We've got some beautiful mountains here, all on private property. The county has bought Javelina Hill and there's a commitment to buy Hominy Hill. People love to climb up and look off. We'll landscape the trails with different types of cactus."

Some other grants have provided paving for some areas of town that have never had paving before. He's most excited about the community's new sewer system. "Terrell county has been here all these years and never has had any type of sewer system. It's always been on-site sewage disposal. Now nearly everybody's hooked into our sewer system. We've been seven years trying to get it going and it's finally happening."

The Big Bend open Road Race is a big event in Sanderson. It's the only open road race in Texas. It takes place the last Saturday in April. Drivers race from Fort Stockton to Sanderson, then back to Fort Stockton, sometimes reaching speeds in excess of 210 miles an hour.

To make a living Dudley sells rock and has a ranch near Dryden that has a place where people floating down the Rio Grande can take out their

Sanderson is the smallest town in the US with an Amtrak train stop. Efforts are underway to update the depot. Things are happening in Sanderson.



## Thank You Notes

### Dear Mrs. Dermody, Teachers and Students,

I would like to thank you for decorating the gymnasium for the appreciation luncheon sponsored by the Elementary Schools PTO. The cards, posters, banners, and the brainstorm quotes were extra special and touched many of our hearts. Thank you for putting so much time, talent, and effort into making that a very special day for us.

We appreciate your support,  
Officer Bryn T. Humphrey

### Dear members of the Elementary School PTO,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring the appreciation luncheon on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers, EMS, and Fire Dept. The support and encouragement that you and the elementary school staff and students have shown us is very much appreciated.

Thank you,  
Bryn T. Humphrey

### School Lunch Menu • Apr. 7 - Apr. 11, 2003

#### Breakfast

**Mon.** - Pancakes, syrup, orange juice.  
**Tues.** - Breakfast pizza, fruit.  
**Wed.** - Biscuits with ham, apple juice.  
**Thurs.** - Toast with jelly, fruit.  
**Fri.** - School holiday!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

**Mon.** - Pizza, kernel, corn, salad, rice krispie cookie.  
**Tues.** - Spaghetti with meat, green beans, salad, dressing, jello with topping, roll.  
**Wed.** - Soft tacos (beef), pinto beans, cheese, taco salad, flour tortillas, cake.  
**Thurs.** - Chicken patty on bun, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, brownies.  
**Fri.** - School holiday!

## Senior Center News

**Apr. 7** - Bingo.

**Apr. 8** - Sugar/blood checks with West Texas Health Care. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Apr. 10** - Start crafts for Mother's Day after lunch. Sign up now!

## Senior Menu

**Apr. 7** - Roasted chicken, beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.

**Apr. 8** - Pork chop with gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple waldorf salad, milk.

**Apr. 9** - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, rolls, peach half, chocolate cake, milk.

**Apr. 10** - Hamburger on bun, onion, lettuce, tomato, baked French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk.

**Apr. 11** - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat rolls, juice, brownie with nuts, milk.

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.\*

## F.Y.I.

T-ball sign-ups are underway now at The Devil's River News. Deadline to sign up is April 11, 2003. Must be 5 years old by July 31, 2003 to be eligible to play T-ball.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a Free seminar entitled **The Basics of Bookkeeping**. This seminar will be a review of basic bookkeeping practices applicable to any small business. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rassman Building Conference Room. Call the SBDC at 915-942-2098 to register.

Anyone interested in attending Texas ELKS camp can contact Juanita Gomez at 450-0245 or 387-5666. Any child with disabilities not requiring one-on-one care, ages 6 to 16, who is a resident of the State of Texas, is eligible. An admissions committee reviews each application. Eligibility disregards race, religion, or ethnic origin. The camp is free of charge. Six 6-day camp sessions available between June 15 and Aug. 2. Donations are needed to pay for travel expenses, a fund has been set up at First National Bank.

A Treasure Sale, sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Sonora will be Friday, April 4, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until it's all gone) in the Church basement. Items for sale include a wide variety of furniture, household goods, clothing and much, much more. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Children's Clothing Fund and Missionary Projects. Rummage sale items may be taken to the Church Fellowship Hall after Tuesday, March 11 or call Keith Butler at 387-2743 or Linda Johnson at 387-3613 to arrange pickup.

ASU College Days will be Saturday, April 5, 2003, beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 915-942-2058.

Primera Baptist Church, Jimmy Edward, Tejano Style Christian Concert, Saturday 6:00 pm. April 5th, 2003. Free-no charge. Primera Baptist Church, Chestnut & Santa Clara, Sonora, TX 76950.

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.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheon hosted by First Baptist Church will be at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall (404 NE Poplar) on Wed. April 9, 2003 at noon. Everyone is invited.

The Los Compadres Club Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser will be Friday, April 11, 2003 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The menu will be fish, fries, cole slaw, beans, tartar sauce and dessert for \$6.00 a ticket. Take out orders only! 207 W. Chestnut (Harold's House). To purchase tickets call Betty or Sam David at 387-3469 or Terri or Armando at 387-2056.

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.

## Lady Broncos Compete In First Round Of District Golf

by Drew Cox

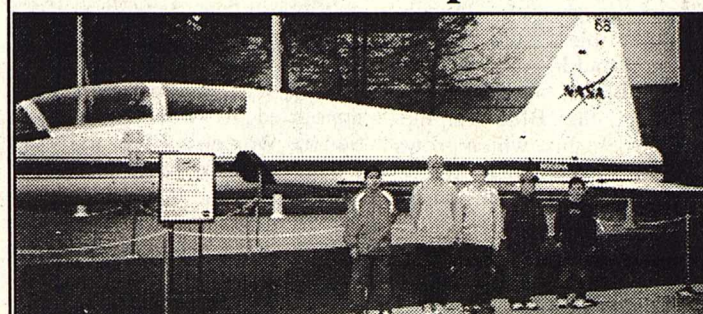
The Lady Bronco golf team competed in the first of three rounds of district play at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 26th. The girls team finished the day in second place, five strokes behind Eldorado. The varsity girls and their scores were as follows; Kayla McBride-96, Candise Martin-103, Tamika Marshall-104, Missy Longoria-114 and Sarah Gutierrez-123. Kayla finished the first round in a second place tie for the number two medallist overall. Also competing for the Lady Broncos as medallists and their scores were; Sara Baggett-125, Noemi Fay-131, Savannah Hedgecock-133 and Christine Sanchez-135. The girls will compete in their second round of district on Wednesday, April 2nd in Eldorado.

## Sonora Boys Finish First Round of District Golf

by Drew Cox

The Sonora Bronco boys golf team competed in the first of three district rounds in San Angelo at the Quicksand Golf Course on Wednesday, March 27th. The varsity boys finished the round in first place by 12 strokes. Their scores were; Chris Martin-75, A.J. Hernandez-75, Stetson Perez-77, Dustin Martin-83 and Anthony Longoria-84. A.J. and Chris are tied after the first round as the top medallists. The 2nd team finished in third place overall. Those boys and their scores are as follows; Embry Smith-79, Brandon West-83, Cullen Parker-84, John Healy-86 and Heath Prather-87. Medallists for the Broncos and their scores were; Mason Martinez-81, Trent Reiner-81, Ty Love-112 and Hilton Bloodworth-134. The boys will compete in their second round of district on Wednesday, April 2nd in Eldorado.

## Webelos Travel To Space Center



The 5th grade Webelos (seated in front of the NASA sign) traveled to Houston, Texas on March 28, 2003 to experience the Space Center Program at the Johnson Space Center. The Cub Scout camp-ins are designed to meet the essential components of the Webelos' Space Scientist Pin. While there, the Webelos designed a protective space suit for a Shuttle astronaut, discovered the effects of air pressure, found out about Bernoulli's Principle, viewed a space IMAX film, and much, much more.

## Texas A&M Names Honors Students

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2002 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Among those recognized were:  
Alan Joseph Nicholas - Bachelor Of Science, Psychology - Dean's Honor Roll  
Cameron James Sims - Bachelor Of Science - Electrical Engineering - Distinguished  
Christopher Matthew Weingart - Bachelor Of Science - Biomedical Science - Distinguished  
Diplomas were awarded to 3,891 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.  
Among those recognized were:  
Tracy Lynn Escamilla - Bachelor Of Arts - Anthropology  
William Ward Allen - Bachelor Of Arts - Sociology

## Scissortailed Flycatchers Show Spring Has Sprung On Eaton Hill

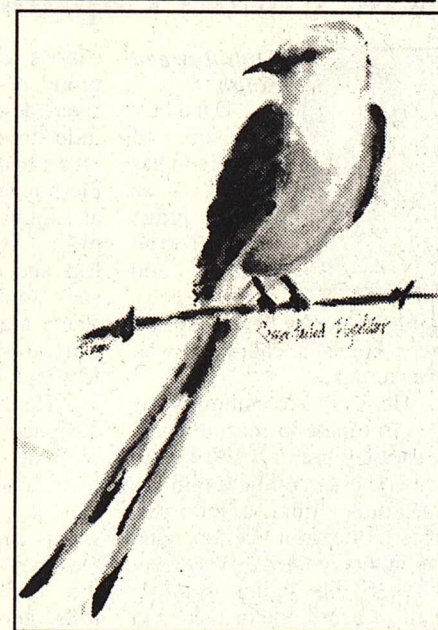
by Delyse Jaeger

The arrival of the scissortailed flycatcher is a sure sign that spring has sprung.

Historically, serious gardeners delay planting certain vegetables until this elegant bird appears "on the garden fence". The scissortail, also known as the Texas bird-of-paradise and swallowtail flycatcher, winters in Central and South America returning to the south-central U.S. in early Spring for the breeding season. Easily identified by the black tipped tail feathers which can reach 9 inches in length and open and close like scissors, the scissortail has a light blue-gray head and back, dark wings, a white breast and salmon pink sides.

During mating season, the male performs his fabulous "sky dance" to attract a female. The courtship performance includes graceful zigzag plunges from 100 feet in the air. As the name implies, flycatchers dine mainly on insects and prefer semi-open country where they can hunt from a fence line or perch in a tree, catching their prey on the wing. The scientific name Tyrannus forficatus indicates their territorial boldness and hunting proficiency. Scissortails will not hesitate to attack larger birds of prey, driving them out of their well-guarded territory.

The antics of these fascinating birds can easily be observed along our Texas roadways. Watch for the "Texan bird-of-paradise", a real Texas treasure on your next hike up Eaton Hill, especially on top where the habitat is most suitable. New wildflowers are emerging daily, dotting the trailsides with vibrant colors. A hike on the hill is a treat to the senses with flowers perfuming the air, budding tress, and wonderful contrasts of colors and texture everywhere you look. Don't for-



This drawing of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was drawn by Delyse Jaeger.

get your camera!

Other Eaton Hill business: If you would like to support Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary through a donation, we currently need seating for our new birding hut. Stools or benches need to be at least 2.5 feet high. If you can help with this effort, please contact Lewis Allen, Delyse Jaeger or the SIDC office at 387-6280.

The Eaton Hill photography contest is still being developed for different age groups and with categories including wildflowers, the flag, wildlife and portrait. Save your pictures and we will set a closing date later in the summer or fall. More details to come.

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

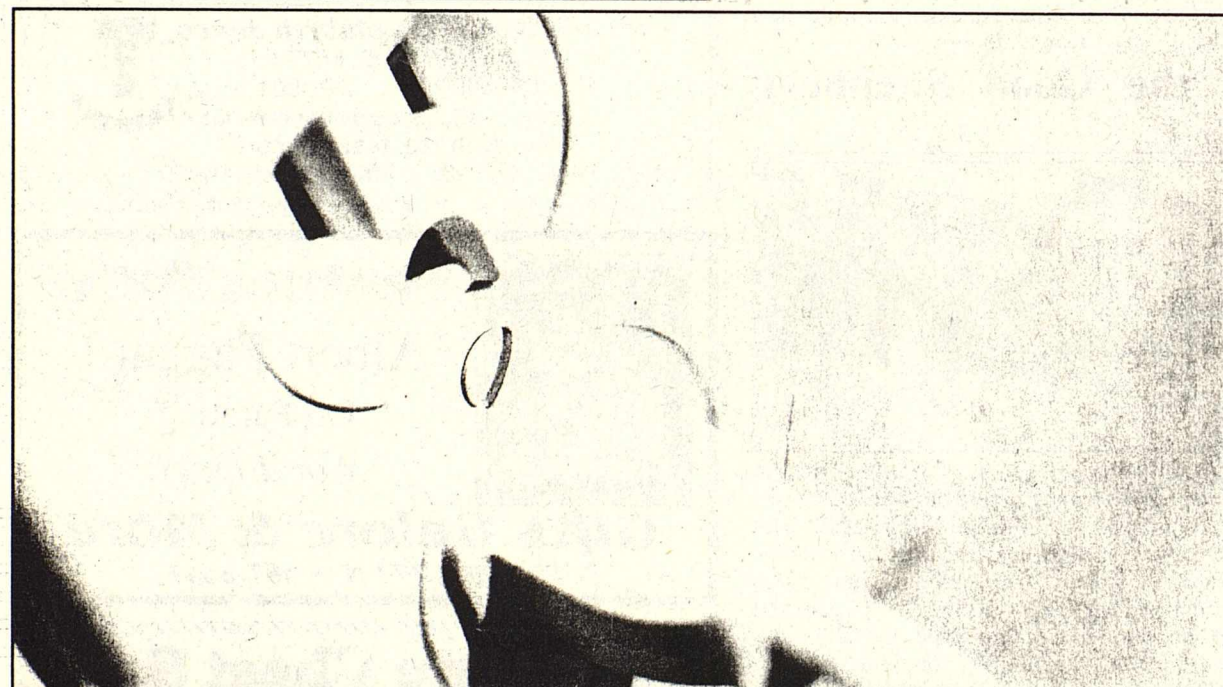
## EMS Continue Training at Regular Meetings

On Monday, March 3, 2003 the EMS met for their regular business meeting. Treva McReynolds reported that there had been several applications for the job of EMS Administrator and hopefully one would be hired soon.

On Monday, March 17th, the EMS met for their regular training meeting. McReynolds gave a very informative program on the new HIPAA regulations concerning patients' privacy rights.

On Monday, March 24th, the EMS met for their advanced training meeting. The training was held at Lillian M. Hudspeth emergency room. Martha Alvarez and Keith Butler went over emergency room procedures and demonstrated some new equipment that has been recently added to the ER.

The EMS will meet again April 7, 2003 for a regular business meeting.



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Deregulation advocates say competition means cheaper power. They don't say anything about better service - or any service at all. We think it's too early to judge. That's why Southwest Texas Electric Co-op has decided the smart choice is to "wait and see" if deregulation is right for our members. For more information visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.



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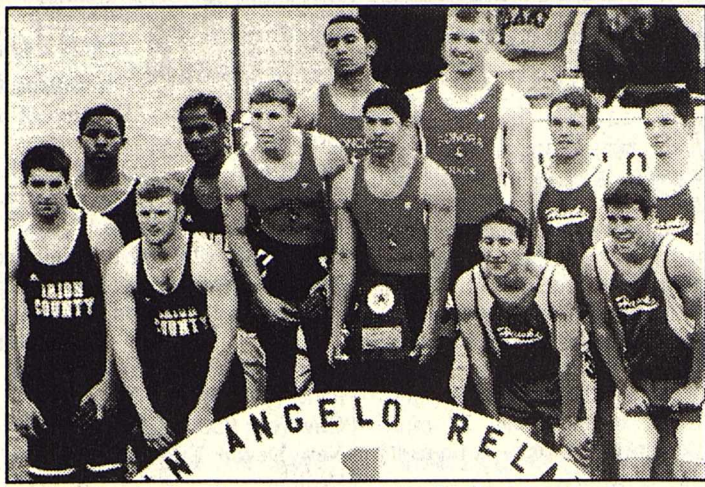


## Angelo Relays Tough, But Good Experience

by Eddie Favila

The Bronco Track Team scored 45 points to put them in sixth place in the San Angelo Relays last week. The San Angelo Relays featured three of the last two State Champions. Iraan, the 2001 State Champions, won the meet with 82 points. Junction, last year's class AA State Champs were 2nd and Irion County, last year's Class A State Champions tied with the Bronco team for 6th place. This meet was one of the toughest meets of years past.

In the field events, the Broncos had a total of 12 points with Josh Hopkins vaulting a personal best of 13'0" for 2nd place. Anthony Longoria jumped a personal best of 40'08", putting him in 3rd place. In the running events, the Broncos only first place finish was in the 400 meter relay, won with a time of 44.04, by the team of Manuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin.



The 400m Relay Team logged the only first for the Broncos at Angelo Relays.

Dustin Martin finished 4th with a time of 11.37 in the 100 meter dash. In the 400 meter dash, Wilson Wallace ran a time of 53.03, placing 6th. Juan Rodriguez, after having a couple of days of bad luck, placed third in the 300 meter hurdles. He fell in the prelims and still made the finals. In the finals he

hit the last hurdle and still placed 3rd, with a time of 40.80. The San Angelo meet is always a learning experience for the team and the coach. The team gets to experience a two day atmosphere and the coach finds out more about his team and how to better place the kids for the district and regional meets.

## Lady Bronco Track Takes Third In Ozona

submitted

The Sonora High School girls track team competed in the Cactus Relays in Iraan last Saturday, finishing in 3rd place out of 11 teams entered.

Iraan finished first with 173 points and Reagan County had 124 1/2 for second. Ozona finished things off in fourth with 78 points.

Results for the Lady Broncos were as follows:

**Long Jump** - 2. Elizabeth Elliott 16'2" 4. Megan Berry 15'7"

**High Jump** - 2. Morgan Hobbs 5' 2" 5. Elizabeth Elliott 4' 8"

**Triple Jump** - 4. Megan Berry 31' 2"

**Shot Put** - 1. Danielle Fox 34' 4" 6. Morgan Hobbs 31' 1" 1/2"

**Discus** - 4. Adriana Castillo

91' 11" 1/2" 6. Danielle Fox 86' Pole Vault - 5. (tie) Courtney Caruthers 7'

**400 Relay** - 2. Lauren Smith, Elizabeth Elliott, Danielle Matthews, Megan Berry 52.44

**100m hurdles** - 1. Morgan Hobbs 15.47

**100** - 1. Megan Berry 13.16

**800 Relay** - 4. Perla Perez, Courtney Caruthers, Lauren Smith, Danielle Matthews 1:58.06

**300m hurdles** - 1. Morgan Hobbs 48.87

**200** - 2. Megan Berry 28.02

**1600 Relay** - 3. Perla Perez, Elizabeth Elliott, Brea Hughes, Morgan Hobbs 4:34.12

The next meet is on Saturday in Ozona.



Danielle Fox tosses the Shot for 1st place in Iraan.

## Broncos Finish Fourth At Cactus Relays

The Bronco Track Team traveled to Iraan, TX on March 29th and came home with a total of 68 points and 4th place. Iraan finished 1st with 169 pts., followed by Irion Co. with 115, and Ozona with 83.

Sonora took 1st place honors in the High Jump, with Scottie Moore clearing 6'4" to win the event.

Anthony Longoria was 6th in the Triple Jump, with a distance of 37'9" 1/2".

Trapper Valliant threw 47'2" 1/2" to take 2nd in the Shot Put and tossed the Discus 137'3" 1/2", placing 2nd again.

The 400m Fat Man Relay Team of Frank Gallegos, Will Crittenden, Jerrod Solis and

See *Broncos* page 7

## 7th Grade Colts Lead In Wall

The 7th Grade Colts participated in the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall on Friday, March 21, 2003. Bad weather caused the meet to be called before the final two events, but Sonora was well ahead of the pack and would have won the meet easily.

Zadrian McGee started things off on the right foot, winning the Shot Put with a throw of 36'5" 1/2".

Victor Vaquera placed 5th in the High Jump, clearing 4'6".

In the Long Jump, Alonzo Peña took a leap of 16'3" 1/2" for 2nd place and came back to win first in the Triple Jump, with a distance of 32'3" 1/2".

J.T. Downing ran the 2400 meter in 10:04.15 to finish 5th and the Sonora Relay team was first in the 400 meter, with the time of 51.23

In the 800 meter, Colton Moore finished 4th with a time

## Catching Up With 8th Grade Lady Colts

The 8th grade Lady Colts traveled to Wall two weeks ago to compete in the Cotton Patch Relays.

The Field Events were kicked off with Meghan Krieg finishing 6th in the High Jump, clearing 4'0".

Brandy Neff was the 1st place winner in the Shot Put, throwing for 27'1" 1/2".

In the Triple Jump, Amanda Berry leapt 32'1" 1/4" for 1st place.

Alexie Ortiz was 2nd in the 2400 meter run, with a time of 10:13 and Jennifer Gonzales finished 4th in 11:09.

The 400 meter Relay team of Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Erica Hernandez and Kayla Field ran a 55.31 for 2nd place. The same girls came back in the 800m Relay, this time taking top honors and finishing first with a time of 1:57.28.

In the 100 Hurdles, Meghan Krieg was 4th with a time of 19.57.

Fields finished 2nd in the 100 meter dash, running a 14.34 and Hernandez ran 69.41 to finish 2nd in the 400 meter dash.

Amanda Berry was the 1st place winner in the 200 meter dash, running it in 28.22.

The Lady Colts then traveled to Ozona on the 28th, where they finished 2nd with 131 points behind Wall (142 points). McCamey was 3rd with 91, followed by Reagan Co. with 88, Ozona with 86, Grape Creek with 61 and Eldorado with 8.

Good Job girls!

## 7th Grade Colts Outrun Everyone In Ozona

The 7th Grade Colts are on a roll, pushing it hard on the track. The boys won the Ozona Middle School Relays with 150 points on March 28, 2003. Wall was 2nd with 144 pts and Reagan Co. finished 3rd with 92 pts. Ozona was 4th with 77 followed by Eldorado with 76, McCamey with 41 and Grape Creek with 27.

The 1600m Relay team of Lugo, Albert Rodriguez, Felipe Silva and Lucio Rodriguez finished 2nd with a time of 4:31.73.

In the 110m Hurdles, Victor Vaquera was 4th with a time of 20.45.

Lucio Rodriguez was 3rd in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 54.48 and Colton Moore was 4th with a 55.40.

Alonzo Peña was the 1st place winner in the Long Jump, with leap of 16'9" 1/2".

In the Shot Put, Zadrian McGee was on the board, finishing 2nd with a throw of 33'11" 1/2".

J.T. Downing was 6th in the

Discus, with a toss of 87'5" 1/2"

A. Peña was 3rd in the Triple Jump, with a distance of 32'0" and 1st in the 100m Dash with a time of 11.96.

In the 200m Dash, Nick Peña was 1st with a time of 27.42 and A. Rodriguez was 4th with a time of 28.79.

Felipe Silva was 1st in the 400m Dash with a time of 1:02.39 and Lucio Rodriguez was 2nd with the time of 1:03.78.

Moore finished 5th in the 800m Run with a time of 2:44.51.

In the 2400m Run Clayton Sahr was 3rd with a time of 9:27.

In the 400m Relay, the team of Lawson, N. Peña, F. Silva and A. Peña were 1st, running it in 50.50.

Lawson, N. Peña, A. Rodriguez and A. Peña were 2nd in the 800m Relay with the time of 1:50.52.

Congratulations to these boys, keep pushing!

## Broncos Lose Close One to Eldorado Eagles

By Nancy Glasscock

On Tuesday March 25, Sonora played host to the Eldorado Eagles Varsity Baseball Team. Bronco hurler Scottie Moore pitched a complete game and struck out seven Eagles. Eagle pitcher, Frankie Arispe, also pitched a complete game using speed pitches to confuse the Bronco hitters. Arispe struck out eleven Broncos.

Each pitcher allowed only four hits, but the Eagles capitalized on a Bronco infield error in the fifth inning and got the only run of the game across the plate.

Landon Brockman was the only batter to get two hits in the game. Caleb Gulley and Emmanuel Lopez each had singles. The Broncos left ten on base.

The Broncos have won one game and lost two in district play. Their next game is against the Reagan County Owls here at Bronco Field on Friday April 4th at 4 P.M.

## J.V. Broncos Beat Bulldogs In Five Innings

by Maray Cearley

The Junior Varsity Bronco Baseball team traveled to Miles last week, where they defeated Bulldogs, 14 to 1, causing the game to be called in the 5th inning.

Miguel Vaquera started on the mound for the Broncos, and ended with 7 strikeouts, 6 walks, 4 batters hit by the pitch and giving up 2 hits. Dustin Creek was the relief pitcher, with 3 strikeouts, 1 walk and 1 hit.

Hitting well for Sonora was Chris Perez with 2 doubles and 3 singles. Vaquera had 2 singles and 1 double and Clint Cearley added 3 singles. Steven Duhon hit a triple and Roland Solis and Ty Love each had doubles. Embre Smith, Garrett Watkins, Brian Payton, Jack Turney, Nash Traylor, Austin Wagoner and Creek all had singles.

These boys continue to play well and will be traveling to Eldorado this week.

## Broncos Have Tough Call In Ozona

submitted

The Sonora Bronco Baseball boys took a tough loss against the Ozona Lions on March 28, 2003. Losing pitcher, Justin Sims, along with a great Bronco defense, did a great job and held the Lions until the 5th inning. It took the Lions that long for their line-up to bat a round and get a second look. By the end of the 4th inning, the "man in blue" calling behind the plate took this game to another level. It was obvious to those watching that the umpire was "squeezing" Sims. Bronco pride kept Sims going, even when it was obvious to him and his catcher, Landon Brockman, that unless the ball was thrown down the middle, a strike was not going to be called. The Lions picked up on this and took advantage of the situation. Just when you thought the calls couldn't get any worse, the Broncos came up to bat. A strike by the eyes of the blue could be anywhere now, and they were.

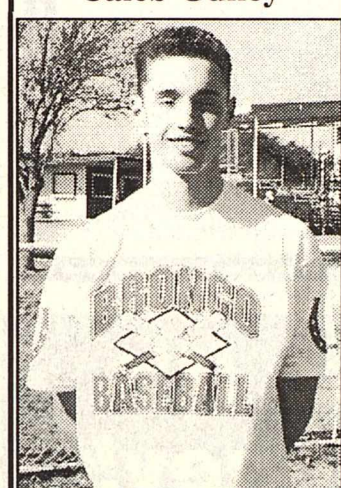
It was disheartening to watch these fine young men struggle at the plate after having so much success during the first four innings of the game. The Bronco lead slipped away in the 5th with 4 errors and 5 Lions scoring, costing the game for the boys in Red.

Landon Brockman, Manuel Lopez and Doug Yocham each had home runs, Scottie Moore had a double. Sims had two singles and Arevalo, Moore and Brockman each had one. Stevie Hernandez, hitting in the DH spot had a single also.

## Spotlight On Sonora Bronco Baseball

This week's "Spotlight" shines on:

Caleb Gulley



Caleb is the 17 year old son of Jim & Rhonda Gulley. He is a Sr. this year and is playing Centerfield for the Broncos.

Caleb's favorite food is steak, his dream car is a 2003 Chrysler Crossfire and his motto for life is "110% - enough said". Craig Biggio is Caleb's favorite Professional Baseball Player.

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Varsity Boys

\* Wed. April 9

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JV Boys

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## 2003 Softball Schedule

Apr. 4

Grape Creek • There 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 8

Eldorado • Here 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 15

Wall • There 5:00 p.m.



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Apr. 7 - 8

District (San Angelo) Bentwood

Apr. 23 - 24

Regional (Abilene)

## Colt Tennis

Apr. 5

Ozona

Apr. 12

District (Mason)



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## 2003 Track Schedule

Apr. 5

Ozona • VB, VG, JVB

Apr. 10

District @ Ozona

VB, VG, JVB

Apr. 18 - 19

Regional Qualifiers

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Apr. 3

District @ Reagan Co.



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## 2003 Sonora Bronco Baseball

Apr. 1

Grape Creek • Here

4:00 p.m.

Apr. 4

Reagan County • Here

4:00 p.m.

Apr. 8

Wall • Here

4:00 p.m.

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Apr. 7

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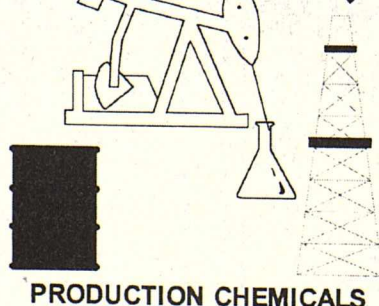
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### Advanced Rangeland Management Workshop To Be Offered May 15-17

by Blair Fannin

SONORA -- An advanced rangeland management workshop has been scheduled for May 15-17 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora.

The workshop will provide information and strategies to improve range conditions and habitat for ranch owners, said Ray Hinnant, one of the academy instructors.

"Those that have taken the basic rangeland management course or who have some educational training in rangeland management are eligible for this workshop," Hinnant said.

"Participants can expect to

come away with several different grazing strategies that they can take back home with them and implement on their ranch."

Hinnant said participants will also learn in-depth information about plant identification and learn to develop grazing strategies that can be incorporated into their operations.

Participants are divided into groups so there can be more interaction between participants and instructors.

Cost of the workshop is \$395 and early registration is encouraged. To register online or for more information, go to <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm>.

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## Our Most Serious Responsibility



Henry Bonilla

The most serious responsibility we have as a government is the power to wage war. It is not a responsibility to be taken lightly. There is only ONE reason to put Americans in harm's way. That reason is to remain a secure and free nation. Saddam Hussein is a real and present threat to our nation. The danger he poses increases every day. We have no other responsible choice but to act.

For the last decade, Saddam Hussein has amassed weapons of mass destruction against UN restrictions, buried thousands of Iraqis alive, wiped out entire villages with mustard gas and nerve agents, "cleansed" the country of its Kurdish population in methods eerily similar to the concentration camps of WWII. Saddam Hussein has shown little regard to the rule of law and absolutely no thought for human life. He is actively trying to acquire the means to threaten our nation.

Hussein refuses to fully open his country to UN weapons inspectors and fully disclose to the rest of the world a complete list of his weapons of mass destruction. Large stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons-capable of killing millions-known to be in existence, have yet to be acknowledged. Just a sampling of the list: 26,500 artillery rockets used for delivering nerve gas; 5,000 artillery shells filled with mustard gas; 3,000 tons of chemicals used for

weapons; 26,000 liters of anthrax, 3 times the amount declared; and 1,200 liters of botulinum toxin, a toxin that poses a serious threat because of its extreme potency and lethality.

President Bush explored diplomatic avenues and regarded the use of military force as a last option. Hussein was given a path to peace. He has chosen a path of conflict and destruction. And now force has become necessary to secure the safety of our citizens and to keep the peace.

The bottom line is Saddam Hussein is a threat who cannot be trusted. His history of reckless aggression, creation of weapons of mass destruction, and aid to terrorists is a lethal combination. Hussein is a constant threat to our security and well-being. Today our nation can feel confident that we are going to war for the right reason: to protect our homeland. We are acting now because the risks of inaction would be far greater.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "The price of greatness is responsibility." Very true. When the stakes are high and greatness is required, there is no half-commitment or half-action.

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### Broncos from page 5

Trapper Valliant finished 4th with the time of 51.16.

Chris Castro ran a 2:28.55 in the 800m Dash, putting him 6th in the race.

In the 110m Hurdles, Embre Smith was 5th with a time of 17.85 and Boomer Galindo was 6th with the time of 18.24.

Dustin Martin finished 4th in the 100m Dash with a time of 11.69.

The 800m Relay team of Luis Segura, Dustin Martin, Anthony Longoria and Hilton Bloodworth finished 5th with the time of 1:37.11.

Wilson Wallace ran the 400m Dash in 54.10, finishing 3rd.

Juan Rodriguez kicked up dust in the 300m Hurdles, winning the event with the time of 41.06.

In the 200m Dash, Bloodworth was 4th with the time of 24.12 and Longoria was 6th with the time of 24.41.

The 1600m Relay team of Lopez, Wallace, Segura and Rodriguez finished things with a 4th place finish and a time of 3:36.93.

The Junior Varsity boys were also in Iraan for the Cactus Relays, but had a tougher time, finishing 8th with 28 points. Reagan Co. was 1st with 118 pts., followed by Rankin with 102, Irion Co. with 94, Iraan with 91, Garden City with 74, Sanderson with 64 and Ozona with 33.

Miguel Vaquera was the first J.V. Bronco to get on the board, clearing 9'6" in the Pole Vault for 3rd place.

The 400m Relay team of Federico Romi, Diego Cardona, Uriel Santana and Brian Payton placed 5th with the time of 49.15 and the 800m Relay team of Payton, Cardona, Santana and Romo were 4th with a time of 1:44.13.

Santana ran the 100m Dash in 12.82 for 6th place.

In the 300m Hurdles, Vaquera finished 6th with a time of 53.80.

In the 200m Dash, Cardona was 2nd, running it in 25.10, finishing things off for the J.V. boys.

### News from the Neighbors

#### Team Roping In Junction To Benefit Masonic Lodge

Junction Masonic Lodge will host a 2.5 and 3.5 Team Roping on Saturday, April 12 at the Junction Fairgrounds. Buckles will be awarded to the average winners in both ropings. The 2.5 roping has prizes donated for first through tenth places with first time prizes also being awarded. Books will open at 11:00 a.m. with the roping starting at 12:00 p.m. Both ropings will be 3 for \$30.

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#### Gun & Knife Show Coming To Junction

Plans are underway for the annual Kimble County Gun & Knife Show and Flea Market. This year's show will be held on April 12th and 13th 2003, at the Coke Stevenson Building in Junction, Texas. The show will have 80 tables of guns, knives, ammo, etc. Dealers around the state have told us for a small show the Kimble County Gun Show is one of the best in Texas.

The Flea Market is adjacent to the gun show. The Senior Center is selling chances for a shotgun to be given the last day of the show. The chances are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The daily admission fee of \$3.00, also gets you a free chance at the shotgun. The Senior Center is also selling chances for a hand-made quilt that will be given the last day of the show.

The Gun and Knife Show and Flea Market are sponsored by the Kimble County Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center. The show is a major fundraiser to help keep the meal programs available for the handicapped and elderly of Kimble County.

The doors open at 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and 9:00 to 4:00 on Sunday. FMI contact Patricia Chenault at 915-446-3621.

#### Danger! Spit Tobacco

by Jessie Johnson; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley

In a report of the health effects of spit tobacco, the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Medical Association stated "pharmacologic and physiologic effects of smokeless tobacco include the gamut of cardiovascular, endocrinologic, neurologic and psychological effects associated with nicotine. In addition, this report cites a number of studies which document the effects of snuff and chewing tobacco on reproduction, longevity, and oral health. In 1993 the U.S. Surgeon General, Antonia Novello M.D., stated, "within the next couple of decades the United States may face an epidemic of oral cancer due to the use of smokeless tobacco among teenagers. The oral effects are the most immediate and visible manifestations of spit tobacco use. These effects include: attrition of tooth structure, staining, halitosis, gingival recession, periodontal disease, leukoplakia and cancer of the

mucous membranes. Bowles et al. recently documented that mean percentage of insoluble particles in ST responsible for mechanical irritation, loss of tooth structure, and loss of periodontal structures is 60% for snuff 40% for chewing tobacco. Tooth and periodontal structure loss is irreversible. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screening are confidential. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

### Cellular One from page 1

this change. Calls made to cellular phones with the prefixes of 915/650, 277, and 450 may be impacted, and customers are encouraged to contact Cellular One by phone or through the Web to discuss solutions for this change at [www.cellularonewest.com/wac](http://www.cellularonewest.com/wac). The customer service number is 1-800-635-0304 or 611 from a Cellular One phone.

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Some customers may wish to change their current wireless number to the 206 prefix. This number will remain a local call from Sonora, Eldorado, and Ozona landlines only. All other numbers will have to dial long distance to reach this number.

The federal government is beginning to impose regulations that require communications companies to institute number pooling and local number portability capabilities. As a result, some local phone companies have elected to discontinue selling the WAC service to wireless carriers. Cellular One is preparing for these changes through the gradual elimination of WAC service.

Although this change doesn't directly affect Cellular One customers, it may affect people who call Cellular One phones.

The discontinuation of wide area calling will begin on April 14. After this date, landline customers may be charged for calls made to some wireless customers.

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- April 6 - A.J. Hernandez, Garrett Bawcom
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### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2003 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

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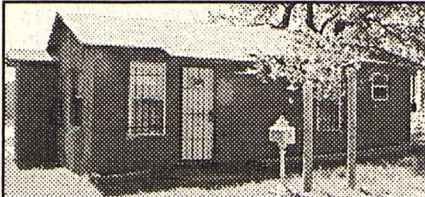


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