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Honoring Sonora's Military Personnel

Son of Sonora Resident Supports Operation Iraqi Freedom From The Skies



AO3 Adam Flores, son of Sallie Infante

by Natalie Davis

Naval Station Corpus Christi, Texas - U.S. Navy and coalition forces seized three Iraqi tugboats carrying more than 100 mines last month, preventing the mining of the main entrance to Iraq's principal port. This military action is one of many operations that can be supported by the H-53 helicopters of Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fifteen (HM-15), homeported at Naval Station Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Navy's mine warfare mission is to conduct offensive and defensive mine warfare operations throughout the world through the assembly, delivery and removal of all types of mines. To successfully execute this triad of countermeasure forces, HM-15 requires its personnel, such as Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam L. Flores, to have a comprehensive knowledge of the aircraft as well as of the dangers of sea-based mines. "I'm an aviation ordnance man and I help prepare our aircraft with the necessary mine mission equipment," said Flores, son of Sallie Infante of Sonora, Texas. "I also train personnel in weapons handling."

Two of Navy's key missions are to maintain dominant maneuverability throughout international waterways and project power ashore. The helicopters of the HM-15 allow for these safe passage of fleet units and merchant shipping by employing several magnetic influence minesweeping systems, such as the MK-105

hydrofoil, to assist in the detection and deactivation or destroying of enemy mines.

"HM-15's role is important to the search and destruction of mines," said Flores. "We can also transport just about anything with the aircraft."

HM-15 has had a long history of great achievements. In 1989, the HM-15 team received the Humanitarian Service Medal for its airlift support of the disaster relief efforts following the Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area. Shortly after Loma Prieta, the squadron participated in Operation Desert Storm. In addition, HM-15 has earned the Battle Efficiency "E" award, two Chief of Naval Operations Safety Awards and two Meritorious Unit commendations in recognition of its outstanding performance. This gives the sailors within the community a strong sense of honor and camaraderie as a team. Flores said the community is like a melting pot. "Every Sailor within the command is unique," said Flores, a 1996 graduate of Andrews High School. "I'm close to this family and enjoy the community."

The men and women who volunteer to serve in the U.S. Military do so for many different personal reasons, to include education, training, and a desire to serve their country and defend America.

"I've always wanted to serve in the military," said Flores, who joined the Navy in December 2000.

Escapee Apprehended In Arizona

by Storie Sharp

On the loose for over three days after escaping from the Sutton County Jail, Phillip Davis was caught Tuesday, April 29, 2003 in Tucson, Arizona.

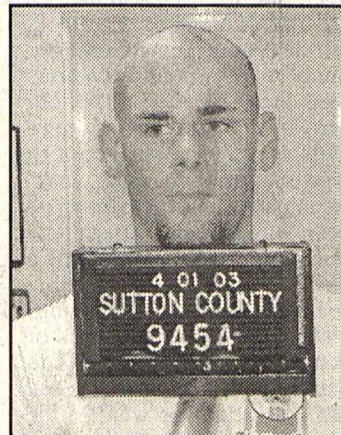
With the help of fellow inmates, Phillip Kenton Davis, 27, managed to slip under the gates of the Sally Port at the Sutton County Jail while on a recreational break on April 26, 2003. The Sally Port is the gated area where police can load and unload safely.

Believed to be a white supremacist serving time in the Sutton County Jail for Felony Evading Arrest on April 1, 2003, Kenton was reported to be dangerous and was believed to be headed west.

Kenton was initially arrested earlier this month by Texas State Trooper Donald Van Zandt, after stealing a car in The Woodlands and leading law enforcement on a high speed chase through several counties. His chase ended in Sutton County, where he bailed from the vehicle and took off on foot. He was soon caught and arrested. With multiple priors, including 63 arrests, and four stays in the State Penitentiary, Davis was not going to be getting out anytime soon. Taking matters into his own hands, Davis got out and managed to elude officers for the last 72-plus hours.

Road blocks were set up in all directions leaving Sonora, and remained in place until approximately 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Helicopters from the Midland DPS were brought in to assist in the search after dark, having no luck.

Late Saturday evening, the green jail clothes that Kelton had on at the time of the escape were found in the west-bound rest area about eight miles out of Sonora. A witness later confirmed that he had spoke with a suspect fitting Kelton's descrip-



tion trying to get a ride west.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher reported that he believed he would head toward his permanent residence in Tucson, Arizona and law enforcement in that area had been contacted. With all the charges he was facing in this part of Texas, including some in Travis County, Sheriff Fincher believed he was just trying to get out of the area.

Sure enough, that's where he went and that is where he was caught on the afternoon of April 29, 2003. Sheriff Fincher said extradition procedures will commence immediately. Kelton will have to sign a waiver of extradition, at which time he will be brought back to Sutton County where he will face escape charges, which are a 3rd degree felony with a penalty of 2 to 10 years in a penitentiary and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. If he does not sign the waiver, a governor's warrant will be issued for his arrest.

The Sutton County Sheriff's Department, City of Sonora Police Department, Texas State Troopers, Texas Ranger Brooks Long and law enforcement of surrounding counties assisted in the search.

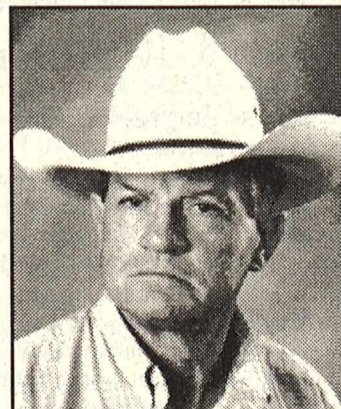
Sheriff Fincher reported that this is the first escape of such manner in over 15 years in Sutton County and it won't be something that happens again.

Sonora Veterinarian Elected District Director of Texas Veterinary Medical Association

AUSTIN-Dr. John W. Fields of Sonora has been elected to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) Board of Directors, representing the Permian Basin area. Dr. Fields officially began his two-year term during the TVMA Winter Conference, held in College Station from February 28-March 1.

A 1970 graduate of the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Fields performs consultation work in the areas of goat production, bovine reproduction, and herd health management. He is active in organized veterinary medicine; belonging to TVMA, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practitioners (TAVP). He has served on multiple TVMA committees and is a past president of the TAVP.

Dr. Fields is involved in many other organizations as well, including the Texas Bighorn Society, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the Cattlemen's



Association of Texas, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

The Texas Veterinary Medical Association is a professional association composed of over 3500 veterinarians committed to protecting the public health, promoting high educational, ethical and moral standards within the veterinary profession, and educating the public about animal health and its relationship to human health. Founded in 1903, TVMA is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2003. For more information, call 512/452-4224 or go to www.tvma.org.

Dr. Calderon's Office To Close, Payment Arrangements Possible

Dr. Guido J. Calderon M.D. will be closing his office May 29, 2003. The office will be open during regular business hours April 28th through May 23, 2003. The office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day, then will resume regular hours Tuesday, May 27th until May 29th. Regarding accounts not currently paid in full, please contact Kim or Juanita. Payment arrangements are available. Please mail a check or money order to Dr. Calderon, P.O. Box 364, Sonora, TX, 76950. Patients concerned about medical records, need to contact the office before June. There is a \$25.00 fee for any records provided to the patient unless authorized and mailed to the patients new physician. If you have any question please call 325-387-5666.

Spring Sports Take It To The Top Bi-District Champions



Lady Bronco Softball... "There's Nothing Soft About It!"

The Lady Bronco Softball team slid into home with a Bi-District win against Tornillo on April 25, 2003. Sonora had nine hits and two errors against Tornillo's two hits and four errors, securing the win for the Ladies, 8 to 1. Kaylee Roberts was the winning pitcher with 14 strikeouts.

The Lady Broncos will play in Merkel on Friday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Photo by Lisa Karnes

Bi-District Bound



The Broncos will play for Bi-District Championship on Saturday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in Alpine. See more on the Bronco Baseball boys on page 5.

Photo by Ray Glasscock

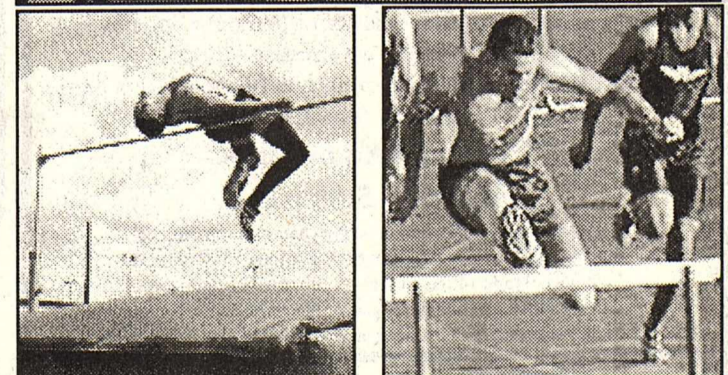
Shooting For State



The Sonora Golf team will tee off at state. See story page 5.

Photo by Jerri Martin

Broncos On The Right Track For State Title



Bronco Track boys run and jump their way to state. See story page 5

Glasscock photos

KD's Open For Business



With live music, prizes, and full service at self-serve prices, KD's Convenience Store held its Grand Opening on April 26, 2003. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce rolled out the red ribbon for the McGee Family and friends to make the official cut and Father Bill DuBussion blessed the location. Kim DuQue of San Antonio filled the air with music all afternoon and visitors signed up for great prizes and discounts. KD's (Kash and Dee) is located at the corner of Crockett and Concho, stop by and fill your tank or your go inside and fill your stomach with a variety of snacks and sodas.



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

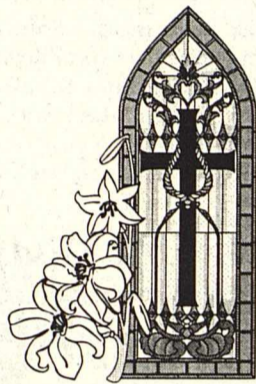
**LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Don Longoria, Pastor
1705 N. Crockett

**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

Part 2 Remembering What Makes Sonora Special...

by Joe David Ross

Continued from last week.
Many of those same families forefathers also formed the Wildlife Association prior to World War II. Hunting and our heritage of respected game wardens have long been a basic part of our community. Bill Stewart with the help of Bob Teaff, Tommy Thorp, Bill Wade, Joe Name, the Lion's Club and others started one of the first wild game suppers in the state after WW II. The oldest Wool & Mohair fleece, sheep and goat 4-H judging contest still continues which is a real tribute to the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earwood, their next three generations, our county agents and numerous other local breeders. The old gym and tennis courts were available for our neighbors to camp out during the June week. The annual Fling Ding Dance is decorated by local artists and visionaries who transform a warehouse into a show place. We headed towards Rocksprings to show the personal efforts of Victoria and Ben Castillejas to beautify their portion of the old railroad tracks that went to the stockpens. As we continued south on Hwy. 277 we passed KHOS. "Not many towns still have an active radio station." We had already seen several attractive homes and yards and oil and gas service businesses all over town, but

were they surprised to see even more service companies operating out of Sonora when we got to the Shurley Industrial Park. Multi-Chem's new facility indicated even more stability as a hub for our energy industry. "I grew up in Odessa after WW II. Sonora was known as a very progressive community at that time and it still continues to be." We did not make it out to the Experiment Station, but we had already passed by the Babcock, Boughton, Dameron, Hardy and Merrill homes. Dr. Charles Taylor and his team at the "station" continue the strong tradition of research, service and education. Working with our local soil conservation staff and the Extension agents (only four since 1947) and local ranchers, the station personnel has literally put "Sonora on the map" worldwide. If you had only one week to study sheep, goats, cattle, wildlife, rotational grazing, water studies, sore mouth vaccine, animal performance testing and prescribed burning, you would come to the Sonora, San Angelo, Rocksprings area. "One can tell there have been several service organizations, a chamber, churches, families, industries and volunteers working together for several generations!"

Thanks Sonora!
Home-Town Proud
The Ross Family

Cards of Thanks

The ACS Relay for Life committee would like to thank the Sonora Golf Course for allowing us to hold the annual Night Golf fundraiser scramble and for the donation of the balls and green fees. We also would like to thank all the golfers and those that donated money to the cause. With your help, we once again raised over \$1,000 that will all go to the American Cancer Society. We had a lot of fun and hope that you did too. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

KD's would like to thank each and everyone that helped us celebrate our Grand Opening. We would like thank Square Sanchez Construction, Sonora Contractors, Milton Castilleja, Electrical by Debbie, George Noriega (WTU), Tracey Crites, Chavez Plumbing, AA Pumps, special thanks to Mike Healy and his staff at the Bank & Trust and to Susie Dusek who helped us with our business plan. Thanks to Vivian Miers and KHOS and to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Kash, Dee, Aric and Zadrian McGee would also like to thank Sonora for their business.

The McGee Family

To the person acting as an earthly angel,
You know who you are, as does the Lord, and your graciousness and love will not go unseen. I can not thank you in person for the gift that you left in my box, for I don't know who you are, but please know that I do thank you for your graciousness and consideration. Words can not express the overwhelming gratitude I have for your act of kindness, but please know that it will never be forgotten. It is a great comfort to know that acts of unselfishness and love do still exist.

With love and deepest gratitude
May God Bless You Always

Senior Center News

- May 5 - Cinco De Mayo. Let's play Lotteria after lunch.
- May 6 - Exercise with video. We need seniors to sign up now.
- May 7 - Sign up for Spring Fling with Lilia. 387-5657 or 387-3941.
- May 8 - 16th Annual "Senior" Spring Fling. San Angelo Coliseum and Pavilion Events begin at 9:00 a.m.
- May 9 - Lion's Club Celebration at Civic Center! 6:00 p.m.

Senior Menu

- May 5 - BBQ beef on bun, French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches, milk.
- May 6 - Swiss steak with gravy, potatoes, broccoli, macaroni salad, bread, fruit, milk.
- May 7 - Oven baked chicken, beans, California mixed vegetables, macaroni salad, cornbread, jello with fruit, milk.
- May 8 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, pudding, milk.
- May 9 - Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, beans, tortillas, lettuce & tomatoes, jello with fruit.

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.

Community

- May 4**
Mother's, Daughter's & Granddaughter's
Tea Party • 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Senior Center RSVP by May 2nd 387-5657
- May 9**
St. John's Episcopal Church
Annual "Country Store" Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. • Parish Hall

The Community Calendar



Member FDIC

Calendar

- May 9 & 16**
SISD Holidays
- May 16-17**
A.C.S. Relay for Life
6:00 p.m. • Bronco Stadium
- May 21**
Piano Recital • TBA

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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Obituaries

Ray E. Barlemann

Ray E. Barlemann of Sonora passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2003 in the Sonora Hospital. A private family burial will be Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sonora Cemetery. A public Memorial Service will follow at the First Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born November 25, 1925 in San Antonio. Ray was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Bracken as a Signalman 3 C. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Sonora Lions Club, and the V.F.W. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation May 31, 1987 with 33 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Olga Barlemann of San Antonio. He is

survived by his wife Louise Barlemann and two daughters; Janet Levitan of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Laura Isbell and husband Jack of Plano; one ten month old grandson, Pearce Donovan Isbell, who brought smiles and joy to his life. He is also survived by one brother Arthur and wife Halley of Sterling City; one sister Lucille Williams of San Antonio; two nephews Donnie Williams of Corpus Christi and Jimmy Williams of San Antonio; and one niece Kathryn Catlett of Canyon Lake.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sonora, American Heart Association, Sutton County Chapter of the Cancer Society, or the donors charity of choice.

Marylon Joyce Reber

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 10 in Mertzon for Marylon Joyce Reber, who died April 17, 2003 in Houston from bronchial asthma. Wesley W. Burnett of Post will officiate services will officiate the memorial service.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and had lived in Houston for several years, but listed her permanent residence in Irion County, where she owned a small acreage just east of Mertzon, Texas on Ranch Road 72.

Born May 26, 1940 in Knox County, Joyce was the daughter of Corman Lorene Rowell and Alton Theodore Voyles. She had lived in Munday, Lubbock, Tahoka, Big Spring, Pennsylvania and at Air Force bases in England, North Carolina, Clovis, N.M. and Florida; Abilene, Sonora and Mertzon before moving to Houston to serve as a home provider for handicapped and elderly clients.

She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1958.

Preceding her in death were her sisters Pearl in January 1933 and Maxine in January 1946; nephew Gary Voyles in January 1957, father in January 1957, nephew Jimmy Van Loon in December 1957, and her mother in January 1999.



She is survived by her children Ronald Miles Reber and his wife Debi of Waldorf, Maryland; Donna Renee Hale and her husband Harvey of Mertzon; Linda Lee Neff and her husband Scott of Sonora; brother Rex Douglas Voyles and his wife Johnnie of Hobbs, N.M.; sisters Lillian Fay Mann of Crowley; Patsie Ruth Burnett and her husband Wes of Post; grandchildren James Earl Gamble II, Nicole Ann Reber, Brandy Tra'Chelle Neff, Jeremy Thomas Reber, Dustin Heath Neff, Keith Jerome Hale and her fiancée Jim Wilson of Kansas City, Kansas.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Irion County EMS, P.O. Box 859, Mertzon, Texas 76941 or to a favorite charity.

Travis P. Gordon

Travis P. Gordon, 69, of Midland, died Saturday, April 26, 2003 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 400 West Pecan Street, Coleman, Texas. Burial followed in the Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Travis was born March 4, 1934 in Fisher City, Texas and was a son of the late Condy and Ollie Swanner Gordon. He grew up in the Stephenville area and attended school at Sylvester. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a Master Sergeant. On August 12, 1955 he married Gloria June Pope in Coleman and she preceded him in death on November 20, 1991. Travis lived in Odessa from 1955-1970, Sonora from 1970-1984 and moved to Midland in 1984 where he lived at the time of his

death. He had worked in the oil field since 1952 and been a tool pusher for many years for TMBR/Sharp Drilling Inc. He was Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, David and wife Jacque Gordon and Dale Gordon, all of Midland; six grandchildren, Andrea Sanders of Midland, Kendra Gordon of San Angelo, Matthew Gordon of Midland, Kirsten Gordon and Austin Clayton both of Bronte, and Owen Tyler Gordon of Midland; one great-grandson, Tyler Mays of Midland; two sisters, Adele Bigham of Roby and Gwen Bray of Stephenville; one brother, Leon Gordon of Stephenville; numerous nieces and nephews and many close friends including his best friend, Bill Childress of Midland.

Memorials may be made to March of Dimes Permian Basin Division.

Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

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

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Harold Friess and Kay Shurley.

Q. Do you have any information on the death of Homer Spinks in March of 1953?

A. Funeral services for Homer Spinks, 82, father of Fred Spinks of Sonora, were held Tuesday at the First Methodist Church in Menard. Mr. Spinks died Monday in a Brady hospital.

Mr. Spinks, whose birthday was March 8, was a retired stock farmer. He lived on a ranch between Junction and Menard, and had been a Menard County resident for 38 years.

Survivors include five sons, Guy of Almond, Ark., Fred of Sonora and Hugh, Ernest and Roy, all of Menard; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; a sister, Mrs. J. Wilkled of Dallas; and a brother, I. F. Spinks of Llano.

In the same issue we found that Stephen Mittel, 14, son of Henry Mittel of Eldorado, died Wednesday in a San Angelo Hospital. He was buried Friday in the Eldorado Cemetery. Delma Ray Odom was home from two years duty with the U.S. Army in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Odom. Monday night at Jack Mackey's house people were watching the Robert Montgomery Show, the Joan Davis Show, "I married Joan," a news reel and some old movies. All came in over WOAI-TV channel 4. Congratulations to Jack, he didn't invent TV but he pulled out the long green to see if it would work here and bought a set, antenna, gadgets and antenna, pole. The San Antonio station is broadcast on 100,000 watts and it is said San Angelo will soon have a TV station broadcasting at least 40 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gonzales are parents of a daughter born at the Davis Hospital in Dallas. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Y. Gonzales and Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Garcia of Dallas.

The Supper Bridge Club met Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward. Mrs. Harold Friess and E. B. Keng won high club scores. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Davis won high guest scores and Mrs. E. D. Shurley and Ben Cusenbary won bingo. Attending were Messrs. And Mmes. A. E. Prugel, Edwin Sawyer, E. D. Shurley, E. B. Keng, Howard Kirby, Rex Lowe, Ben Cusenbary, Morgan Davis, Mrs.

Q. Do you have a record of annual rainfall in Sonora in the early days?

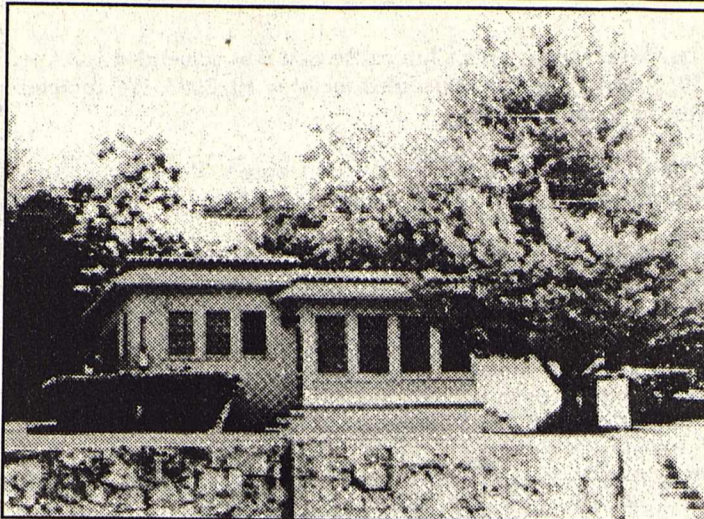
A. The Agricultural Experiment Station Sub-Station kept a record of rainfall from 1919 to present. This record is broken down by months and has an annual total. I will list the totals in inches, from 1919 to 1950: 1919-33.61; 1920-25.51; 1921-17.27; 1922-25.07; 1923-31.65; 1924-19.61; 1925-21.92; 1926-19.28; 1927-24.86; 1928-25.97; 1929-22.65; 1930-27.96; 1931-26.63; 1932-39.26; 1933-12.97; 1934-11.94; 1935-41.51; 1936-27.98; 1937-17.04; 1938-20.46; 1939-17.35; 1940-21.03; 1941-28.37; 1942-18.92; 1943-21.87; 1944-22.86; 1945-17.21; 1946-21.09; 1947-21.09; 1948-24.99; 1949-36.72 and 1950-21.21.

Q. When did Mrs. E. E. Steen die?

A. Devil's River News, October 9, 1953-Funeral services were held for Mrs. E. E. Steen, 77, resident of this county since 1907, Friday afternoon from the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Steen died here at her home early Thursday morning. She has been ill several months. Burial was in the Sonora Cemetery. Mrs. Steen was born Nettie Bell on January 28, 1873, in Upshur County. She was married to the late E.E. Steen on January 13, 1897, and lived in Cuero until 1907, when they moved to their ranch seven miles east of here. After Mr. Steen died, Mrs. Steen built her home in Sonora. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. George Wynn and Mrs. Pearl Martin and a son Lawrence Steen. Two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In the same issue we found this item of interest: The old Elementary School building officially became the property of the people of Sutton Co. last Friday, when bond No. 40 for \$450 was paid off by the SISD. The election to issue bonds for an \$18,000 school "to be constructed of material other than wood: was held Sept. 6, 1913 and the bonds were approved by W.P. Lane, state comptroller, on Feb. 14, 1914.

The 40 bonds were all for \$450 and were to be paid off at the rate of one each year, each bond to carry 5 per cent interest. The bonds were signed by James Cornell, president of the board of trustees, and B. M. Halbert, secretary of the board. The school board had begun plans for the building Sept. 8,



Former Woman's Club Library - Courthouse Square - corner of Oak and Water Streets. Eaton Collection.

1913. Charles A. Siever, guild, and H. M. Harvey, stone contractor, finished construction in 1914. In addition to Cornell and Halbert, members of the board were August Meckel, Theo Savell, J. A. Ward, T. B. Adams and J. T. Shurley.

The first part of the building, which the 1914 building joined, was finished in 1904. T. S. Hodges was the builder and trustees were A. H. Taylor, president, W. L. Aldwell, treasurer, W. A. Anderson, secretary, and E. F. Vander Stucken, S. G. Tayloe, T. D. Newell and O. F. Adams.

Braulia M. Galindo of Sonora has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the 8707th Reserve Pilot Training Wing at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio. T-Sgt. Galindo travels to San Antonio one weekend per month to participate in the "Alamo" Wing's training sessions.

Piggly Wiggly has Gebhardt's Chili Con Carne for 29 cents a 1 lb. can, 46 oz can of Libby's Tomato Juice for 32 cents, a 12 oz bottle of Log Cabin Syrup for 29 cents, a Giant Box of Fab for 57 cents, large heads of lettuce for 10 cents each, corn on the cob for 5 cents an ear, roast baby beef for 29 cents a lb., and 2 boxes of Ajax Cleanser for 25 cents.

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radio or TV that was their favorite, even my young school age readers. We will put them all in a file for the children 100 years from now to read.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Sutton County history, please send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us at 387-5084 Monday, Tuesday mornings and Fridays. To rent the Depot call the same number or stop by our offices at 307 Oak St. Museum tours are available whenever the offices are open. Just come in and ask to tour the Miers Home and one of the volunteers will be happy to unlock it and take you on a tour.

January - April Donations: Bill & Betty Stewart in Memory of Walter Pope; Anna Eustace in Memory of Walter Pope; Lura Sawyer in Memory of Walter Pope; Frank Bond in Memory of Walter Pope; Rose Mary Whitehead Jones in Memory of the following: Mrs. Lena Bell Ross, Walter and Dorothy Pope, Mrs. Ann Mann, B.M. and Kidie Halbert, Keyes Caruthers, Buster and Pauline Halbert, Bud Halbert, Gwen Wyatt Stafford, Robert and Battie Halbert; L. P. Bloodworth in Memory of B. M. and Kidie Halbert and L. P. Sr. and Ida Halbert Bloodworth; Bill Stewart in Memory of Lena Belle Ross; Lawrence and Martha Finklea in Memory of Lena Belle Ross; Misc. donations to general fund, Ice House Fund and Miers Home Museum Fund: Margaret Galbreath, Mrs. Decker, Ed Lowry, Beaverly Casey, Smith Neal, Tuffy Whitehead, John Allen Ward III, Doris Chadwick, T. J. Jarrett and WTU/AEP seed money on old ice house.

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TEAM GRAPHICS
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Guest Editorial

Attitude Is Everything

by Kristen Hardgrave,
Corporate Communications
Intern
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Jeannie King, an airport operations agent in St. Louis, earned her "wings," not the type that are pinned on a uniform, though. King has earned her angel wings.

While living in Wichita in 2001, King learned that she had colon cancer. She decided that a cheerful and positive attitude - along with pom-poms and a grass skirt - would be her best medicine.

"I chose not to give into it," King said. "We have choices on how to live our lives, and this is the route I chose, the easy route."

King underwent 18 rounds of chemotherapy, and each time she and two of her best friends, Rande Penney and Linda Harrison, arrived at the hospital wearing different costumes.

"I'd think about designing the next costume, rather than returning for the next treatment," she said.

Fellow St. Louis Airport Operations Agent Carrie Crawford was amazed by her friends' strength after hearing how she dealt with such a serious condition.

"I was touched by Jean's tremendous courage," Crawford said. "I also believe her friends were angels sent by God to help boost her courage."

King, Penney, and Harrison created characters ranging from cheerleaders, aliens and hula girls to giant toothbrushes and huge stoplights. They also dressed for holidays and special occasions - a birthday theme for King, a patriotic theme for Sept. 11 and

pilgrims at Thanksgiving.

"At first, other patients thought I was a volunteer," King said. But when she sat in her chair and was connected to an I.V. unit, "It made them feel more comfortable knowing that I was in there for the same reasons they were," she said. "It made it easier for us to relate." Her fellow patients began to look forward to her visits.

One of King's favorite days at the hospital was when the trio dressed as fairies, and she "wanded" everyone with a special fairy wand, complete with sound and lights.

"Whenever there's a costume and bright colors involved, it's easy to make people smile," King said. "It's what we're all here for."

"I believe the fun of each theme and the laughter were

the best medicine for all," Crawford said. "Cancer is the scariest of all diseases and God showed her the best way to treat it."

On days King dressed up in costume for her treatments, friends in New York, Maine, Florida, Ohio, and Washington wore corresponding colors to show their support.

"Wealth is acquired through friends," said King, who feels lucky to have so many in her life.

This past December marked one year of being cancer-free. When King visited the hospital in St. Louis for her bi-annual check-up, the original trio dressed up in costume for the occasion - King as a giant Christmas tree, and Penney and Harrison as giant presents. All three celebrated the "gift" and

miracle of life.

Kristen is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School. She will graduate from Baylor University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, specializing in Public Relations. As part of the requirements for her degree, she has worked as an intern three days a week this semester for American Airlines International Corporate Communications Office at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport. With so many in our community touched by cancer, and the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay for Life, this article should inspire many.

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F.Y.I.

The West Side Lion's Club raffle that was scheduled for April 19, 2003 has been re-scheduled for May 10, 2003. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The Halloween Dance Club Spring Dance will be held in June. Watch for more information at a later date.

The Sutton County Adult Probation Department is seeking entities/organizations who may need community service labor on a regular basis or for special occasions. Interested organizations/entities must satisfy non-profit requirements and will need to provide their contact information to: Sutton County Adult Probation Department, 116 N. Concho Ave. - P.O. Box 926, Sonora, TX 76950 or call 387-5744 and leave contact information.

The First National Bank Relay for Life team will have "Lunch in the Park" (in the Pocket Park on Thursday, May 1, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Come enjoy a chicken, pasta or fruit salad plate, with dessert. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

Mother's Daughter's and Granddaughter's Tea Party at Sutton County Senior Center. Come celebrate Mother's Day with us on Sunday, May 4th at the Sutton County Senior Center from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome - games, snacks, punch, entertainment, door prizes, etc. Given by The Senior Center Support Group. RSVP by May 2nd at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

The St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall "Country Store" Bake Sale will be Friday, May 9, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. - ? All proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The Sutton County Public Library, 306 E. Mulberry St., will have a Book Sale from May 1st - May 30th, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. There will be a preview sale on Wednesday, April 30th at the Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Nonfiction, fiction, children, youth, paperbacks, reference, magazines - \$1 hardcovers, 50¢ paperbacks, 25¢ magazines.

The Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team is selling raffle tickets for \$1 a chance, to win a DVD/CD/VCR combo player. Contact any team member to get your tickets today. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

The T&C Village Market Relay for Life team will be having a car wash on May 10th, in the T&C Village Market parking lot. All proceeds will benefit the ACS Relay for Life.

Everyone is invited to the National Day of Prayer to be held May 1, 2003 at the Amphitheater (behind the Cauthorn Memorial Bldg. - old Depot) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come join us to pray for our nation during this crucial time. FMI 387-3625 or 277-3353.

A Cinco De Mayo Celebration 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.

A Community Trust Fund has been established at the First National Bank to assist in the remodeling the bathroom of Sonora resident, Rosie Fay. The remodeling will make her bathroom ADA accessible. Donations will be appreciated. For more information call Ann Kay at 387-2248.

Well-wishers are encouraged to continue sending mail to 13 year-old Johnell Casparis, who is recovering from HSV Encephalitis. Your cards and letters have been a great inspiration to her and her family. Send mail to: Johnell Casparis, Cook Children's Hospital, 801 Seventh Street, Room 6402, Fort Worth TX 76104-2796.

Project Graduation will be held on Friday, May 30, 2003. Please send donations or prizes to Beth Wallace, 410 S.E. Crockett, Sonora, Texas. If you have any questions, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 or Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

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

Happy Birthday

- May 1 - Jamie Teasley, Chris Martin, Greg Hill, Grace Ramsey
- May 2 - Clayton Sahr, Leanna Cervantez, Phillip Stephens, Andrew Buitron, Lisa Paredes
- May 3 - Keeley Moore
- May 4 - Erin Lewellen, Hillary Lawson
- May 5 - Bill Renfro, Peter Duran, Fernie Aguirre, Jessica Zaragoza
- May 6 - Kim Yocham, Pedro Munoz, Alyssa Vela, Don Beard, Lindsey Lankford
- May 7 - Scott Jacoby, Jaydan Crain, Manuel Lopez

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Presents "Treasures of the Sea"

Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance held their annual spring recital on Sunday, April 27, 2003. "Treasures Under the Sea" floated across the stage, filling the room with bright colors and merry tunes.

This year's recital was dedicated to one of Carolyn's favorite people in the world, her cousin Bebe Benson. Mrs. Benson has lived in Hawaii for many years, but is a Texan at heart. Some of the dances included authentic Hula steps that Carolyn learned while attending the University of Hawaii.

This year's dancers ranged in age from three to 16 years old and have been preparing for the event for many months. This year's dancers were: Mermaids and Seaweed: Laura Martin (Dolphin), Kaitlyn Henderson (Neon Fish), Steely Ingham (Lobster), Kari Nicholas (Jelly Fish), Emily Earwood (Ocean Pearl), Brooke



Galindo (Angel Fish), Kayla Garcia (Octopus)
Reef Fish and the Ocean Ball dancers: Rose Karnes, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Alex Galindo, Meredith Earwood (Star Fish), Morgan Smith, Serena Lee Allison and Marissa Prieto
Sea Goddess: Ashley Doran
Rainbow Fish: Kelsey Harris, Sydney Burnham, Elizabeth Bean, Cipriana

Tobias, Kamrie Martinez, Kali Mendez, Hannah Henderson, Logan Smith, Kandysse Rodriguez, Bianca Fay, Claudia Calderon
Fisherman: James Freeman
Sea Anemones: Maddie Lang, Joni Casey, Chanel Martinez, Annalisa Perez, Melissa Freeman, Kaitlyn Gibbins, Micaela Moore, Macie Friess, Shea Holmes and Stella Ingham

Crabs: Dawsyn Sharp, Jayci Streun, Madison Galindo, Felcia Farley, Delaney and Darby Ramsdell, Katherine Ann Bean, Kristin Garrett, Elizabeth Griffin, Tonya Bounds, Samantha Castro and Chase Mertz
Crab's Little Helper: Arden Mertz
After the performance each dancer was presented with a tropical flower that Carolyn had shipped in from Hawaii.

Engagement

Baca and Geske To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Raul Brailif of Friona, Texas would like to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Candise Michelle Baca, to Eric Lee Geske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Geske of Sonora, Texas on July 17, 2003 at The Riviera Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Candise is a 1997 graduate of Friona High School and she graduated from Angelo State University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Eric is a 1993 graduate of Sonora High School and he received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Angelo State University in 1999. Eric is currently employed by the Kerr County Sheriff Department in Kerrville, Texas.

A reception hosted by the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Payton and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Daugherty, will be held in the couple's honor on July 26, 2003 in Mertzton, Texas.

Four Man Golf Tournament To Benefit Friends of Historic Sonora

submitted

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will have the Main Street Four Man, 2 Low Ball Golf Tournament on May 17 and 18, 2003 at the Sonora Golf Course (325-387-3482). Tee Times will be 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and the fee is \$400 per team (first 40 teams). There will be great food, cash prizes, golf gifts and lots of fun.

The Main Street Four Man, 2 Low Ball Golf Tournament is a benefit golf tournament for the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. The funds will go to support the events and promotions that the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street

Program does for our community. Come and support your Sonora Main Street Program with a couple days of great fun and golf.

The "Longest Drive" contest is sponsored by First National Bank of Sonora and the "Closest to the Pin" is sponsored by The Bank & Trust of Sutton County.

Other prizes have been donated or sponsored by National Oil Well Service, Federal Land Bank Assn., KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, and San Angelo Standard Times. If you would like to be a sponsor please contact F.H.S. Main Street Program at 325-387-2248.

Earwood Displays Art Along Walking Tour



Local artist, Barbara Earwood is brightening up things around Sonora, displaying her works of art for a special "Spring Art Walk". A special reception was held on April 22, 2003 at First National Bank, where friends and family got to enjoy snacks and good conversation, while viewing some of Barbara's latest work depicting the beauty of life in West Texas. Other pieces can be viewed and or purchased at First National Bank, Tedford Jewelry, Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance, Team Graphics, image apparel, Best Western Sonora Inn, Days Inn Devils River, The Bank and Trust, Gifts Galore & More, and the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Bronco and Lady Bronco Golfers Shoot For State Title

by Coach Drew Cox

The Sonora boys and girls golf teams both qualified for the state tournament at the regional tournament in Baird. They played at the Shady Oaks golf course Monday and Tuesday, April 21st & 22nd.

The boys team of Stetson Perez, A.J. Hernandez, Chris Martin, Dustin Martin and Embre Smith finished the tournament as regional champions, winning it over 2nd place Alpine and 3rd place Van Horn. The boys finished the first round on Monday shooting a 301 and held a narrow one stroke lead over Alpine and a 9 stroke lead over Van Horn. They shot a 306 the second day for a two day total of 607, fending off Alpine with a 609 and Van Horn with a 611. Stetson Perez was the second medallist for the tournament, with rounds of 70 and 73. Chris Martin had strong rounds of 75 and 76. Final standings for the regional tournament were as follows; #1- Sonora, #2-Alpine, #3-Van Horn, #4-Spearman, #5-Ozona, #6-Eastland, #7-Olney, #8-Tahoka, #9-Nacona, #10-Cisco, #11-Abernathy, #12-Idalou, #13-Coahoma, #14-Canadian, #15-Colorado City, #16-Olton.

The Lady Broncos over-

came an 11 stroke deficit from the first round to pull themselves into second place and earn a spot at the state tournament. The team of Kayla McBride, Tamika Marshall, Candice Martin, Missy Longoria and Sarah Gutierrez finished the first day with a 372. Tamika Marshall was the low score of the day with a 89. The girls finished the day 11 strokes behind second place Quanah and 22 strokes behind first place and defending state champion Idalou. The girls picked up the slack the second day, shooting a 367. Kayla McBride had the low round of the team with an 83. That left the girls with a two day total of 739 and a 7 point lead over Quanah for second place. Final standings for the regional tournament were as follows; #1-Idalou, #2-Sonora, #3-Quanah, #4-Alpine, #5-Eldorado, #6-Eula, #7-Canadian, #8-Post, #9-Nocona, #10-Olton, #11-Eastland, #12-Friona, #13-Stanton, #14-Panhandle, #15-Colorado City, #16-Crane.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will play in the state tournament on May 5th and 6th at Jimmie Clay golf course in Austin.

JV Baseball Wins Final, End Great Season

by Maray Cearley

The Junior Varsity Baseball team had a tremendous season, finishing with a record of 13-1. Their only loss was against the 3A Brady Bulldogs which was one of their first games of the year.

Sonora's final game was a 5-4 win over the Eldorado Eagles. Clint Cearley got the win going the distance with 14 strikeouts, two walks, two hit by a pitch and giving up five hits.

Sonora scored three runs in the first inning. Chris Perez, Cullen Parker and Garrett Watkins all reached base on singles, while Cearley hit a triple in deep center field.

Cearley, Watkins, and Steven Duhon (Fielder's Choice) all had one RBI.

Sonora's fourth run came in the third inning. Duhon garnered his second RBI by hitting a single which scored Cearley, who had also reached on a single.

The Bronco's final run, which proved to be the winning one, was in the fourth inning.

Brian Payton led off with a deep fly ball to right center field, allowing him to reach third. He was later thrown out at home.

Diego Cardona was hit by a pitch and then later scored on a single by Perez. The only other Bronco to reach base was Roland Solis was a single in the fifth.

Eldorado made a valiant effort, scoring three in the seventh, but the Bronco defense held on for the win.

This year the Broncos were led by Sophomores Cearley, Watkins, Payton, Cardona, Austin Wagoner, and Dustin Creek. The Freshmen included Perez, Parker, Duhon, Solis, Jack Turney, Embre Smith, Ty Love, Nash Traylor and Miguel Vaquera. They were coached by Fred Buchanan.

These Broncos played with a lot of enthusiasm, sportsmanship and talent this year. The fans look forward to the upcoming seasons and wish the Broncos the best of luck in the playoffs.

Track Boys Push Past Regionals, Bound For State

by Coach Eddie Favila

The Sonora Bronco Track team placed fifth with a total of 34 points at the Regional meet in Abilene on Saturday, April 26, 2003.

The team was led by Scottie Moore who jumped 6'6" in the High Jump, to place second on misses.

Scottie will be making his second trip to State competition in Austin. He has cleared 6'6" three times this year and has a personal best of 6'8" from a year ago.

The 400 Meter Relay team of Emanuel Lopez, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin also qualified to State with a time of 43.57. They have a personal best of 43.25 this year.

Juan Rodriguez will also be running at the State Meet with a time of 39.42 in the 300-Meter Hurdles. Juan ran his personal

best at this meet.

The 800 Meter Relay team of Hilton Bloodworth, Juan Rodriguez, Wilson Wallace and Dustin Martin ran for a time of 1:33.18, placing sixth. The team ran hard and logged a time of 1:32.02 this year, setting a school record.

Cameron Cox and Dustin Duhon also competed at the Regional Meet. Originally named as alternates, the two were notified two days prior to the meet that they would be competing. Duhon ran a 54.42 and Cox ran a 54.8, both logging their personal best for the season.

The team competed very hard and did what they had to do to get to the State Track Meet. All the Broncos worked hard all year long and accomplished many of their goals.

Congratulations to all these young men on a great year!

Broncos Blow Into Baseball Playoffs

Pitching and catching skills for both the Sonora Broncos and the Grape Creek Eagles were put to the test on Tuesday, April 22, as the wind moved the baseball from inside to outside across home plate. Winds blowing 25 to 30 m.p.h. across the Eagles field was a definite factor in the defense for both teams. Fly balls were slowed in the air as fielders circled to make the catch of a sometimes spiraling baseball.

The pitcher/catcher duo of Sims and Brockman were able to make the necessary adjustments to win the game, 10 to 3.

Bronco pitcher, Justin Sims, pitched seven complete innings for the win, facing 31 batters with 8 strikeouts.

First inning at bat for the Broncos was a quick three outs on seven pitches by Eagles pitcher, Stephens. Sims' doubled in the second inning, scoring Landon Brockman for the first run of the game.

After the Broncos defense

got past the first inning and two errors, they settled down to play some good baseball. Three strikeouts by Sims in the fourth inning kept the Eagles checked and scoreless and a Bronco lead of three.

At the end of the sixth, the score was 4 to 1 Broncos, but Sonora broke loose in the seventh, adding six runs to their total.

Sims ended the game with two doubles, one single and 4 RBIs, Brockman had one double, two singles and one RBI.

Scottie Moore had three singles and Israel Arevalo had one.

Lance Roberts had two singles and three RBIs and Peter Duran had a single and RBI.

This win tied the Broncos for third with Big Lake. The tie breaker was played on Monday April 28, 2003 at Colt Stadium, with the Broncos winning 6 to 1.

Hobbs and Berry Finish Strong At Regionals

submitted

The Sonora Lady Bronco Track Team had two participants in four events at the Region I-AA meet Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 2003 in Abilene.

In the High Jump, Morgan Hobbs cleared 5 feet to finish in fourth place. Hobbs also finished third in the 100 Hurdles, with a time of 16.14.

Megan Berry finished seventh in the 100 with a time 13.39. Berry was originally an alternate, but was able to compete due to an injury.

In the 300 Hurdles, Hobbs finished in third place with an excellent time and her personal best, 46.19.

Congratulations to these girls on a very good season. They competed with a lot of heart and determination all season and did a great job.

School Lunch Menu • May 5 - 9, 2003

Breakfast


Mon. - Breakfast pizza, fruit.
 Tues. - Toast/jelly, juice or fruit.
 Wed. - Cinnamon roll, juice or fruit.
 Thurs. - Scrambled eggs, biscuits, juice or fruit.
 Fri. - School Holiday!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pizza, carrot/celery sticks, kernel corn, cookie.
 Tues. - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli with cheese, pudding, hot roll.
 Wed. - Soft beef taco, cheese, pinto beans, salad, flour tortilla, cobbler.
 Thurs. - Chicken patty on bun, tator tots, ketchup, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit.
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Warming Up The Ivory's



Jose Casillas (top left), Alyssa Favila (top right), Stella Ingham and Kelsey Favila are all getting ready for their first Piano Recital to be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall on May 21, 2003. Watch for more information.



"A man is in a great place when he has no one to turn to but God."
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*MALIBU'S MOST WANTED (PG-13)	1:20 3:20	7:20 9:30
*A MAN APART dts (R)	1:45 4:40	5:15 7:15 9:45
*PHONE BOOTH (R)	1:15 3:15	7:40 10:00
*HEAD OF STATE dts PG-13	4:45	9:55
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*IDENTITY (R)	4:30 7:05 9:20
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*A MAN APART dts (R)	4:40 7:15 9:45
*PHONE BOOTH (R)	5:15 7:40 10:00
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Perry Proclaims Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed April 27 - May 4, 2003 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week across the state of Texas. Soil and Water Stewardship Week reminds individuals of their personal responsibility to be good stewards of the land, water, wildlife, and all natural resources.

Perry said, "I encourage all Texans to take this opportunity to learn more about this issue and the steps we can all take to ensure proper management of the Lone Star State's soil and water resources."

The origin of Soil and Water Stewardship can be traced centuries back. Even in B.C. times, those who worked and lived off the land used conservation practices and irrigation as ways to improve crops and livestock. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, church congregations set aside the fifth Sunday after Easter as Soil and Soul Sunday. This changed to Soil Stewardship Week in the 1940s when Farm and Ranch Magazine began supporting the observance, largely due to the detrimental effects of the Dust Bowl.

Now known as Soil and Water Stewardship Week, each year a different theme is selected and educational materials are developed for schoolteachers and churches of all denominations. The theme for the 2003 Soil and Water Stewardship is

"Food for the Future."

Assuring food for the future is important to all societies, although it is not often an easy task. Productive soils and ample, clean water are essential to producing food for the future. A diverse variety of crops and a network capable of distributing a variety of foods to all consumers are equally important. An economic and social system that provides peace and security for people who produce food and fiber on the lands where they live and a global network of supportive individuals and corporations who strive to combat famine and hunger is important in Texas, as well as nationwide and worldwide.

Perry said, "The strong steps we take today will make a difference for the Texas of tomorrow."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) encourages all Texans to learn more about what they can do to improve the quality of life for all citizens through the wise use of our natural resources.

The TSSWCB is a state agency that administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and coordinates Texas' soil and water conservation programs around the state. The TSSWCB is also the lead agency in Texas for planning, implementing, and managing programs and practices for abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source

Rural Development And Financing For Texas

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the Angelo State University - Small Business Development Center (SBDC) welcome everyone to attend a free and very informative seminar to be held on May 8, 2003 at the Texas Tech University - Junction Campus Dining Hall. Registration for the seminar begins at 12:30 p.m. and the seminar is from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The seminar is designed to provide rural commercial and agricultural small business owners an opportunity to gain important information on the great array of federal and state programs and the benefits of an SBA guaranteed loan, the application process, the role of the SBDC and the importance of developing a banking relationship.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will update you on the Texas Capital Fund (TCF) program and its GO TEXAN marketing campaign. The TCF program is highly beneficial to rural communities as it promotes business development, retention, or expansion to eligible applicants. The GO TEXAN marketing campaign boosts Texas sales, as well as the Texas economy, by promoting all Texas agricultural products under one recognizable trademark.

The ASU-Small Business Development Center will provide you with expertise information regarding "hows and whys" of business planning for rural and agri-businesses. The SBDC provides one-on-one confidential counseling, as well as many free services and assistance.

At the conclusion of the seminar, you will be provided an opportunity to network and meet with the representatives from each agency and the lenders from the surrounding rural communities.

Mayor Stephen To Participate In Texas Folklife Festival

Sutton County resident James B. Stephen will be featured as a participant at the 32nd Annual Texas Folklife Festival. Participants represent 45 cultural and ethnic groups from 60 counties in Texas. Audiences, encouraged to B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your Own Culture), come together to savor foods from around the world, see dance come alive, enjoy intriguing stories, learn skills of the pioneers and listen to music that will make you move! The Festival, June 5-8, 2003, is presented by the Institute of Texan Cultures, one of the three campuses of the University of Texas at San Antonio. For more information, call (210) 458-2390 or visit www.texas-folklifestival.org.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM January 1, 2003 TO March 31, 2003

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	1,395,630.27	1,729,055.56		656,283.66	8,700.00	2,459,702.17
FMFC	128,946.40	410,706.44		172,920.84		366,732.00
Flood Control	21,881.40		1,200.00			23,081.40
Law Library	2,272.57	670.00		1,363.00		8,606.57
Lateral Road	13,043.04					13,043.04
State Trust Funds	28,173.01	41,877.54		26,996.90		43,053.65
State Arrest Fees	341.70	1,433.00		1,562.10		232.60
Employee Benefit Fund	230,877.86	7,650.00	7,500.00	11,108.00		235,919.86
Sutton County 911	7,504.66	68.68				7,573.34
Appellate Fund	195.00	225.00				420.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	14,335.33	126.42		1,495.00		12,966.75
Courthouse Renovation	73,984.43	2,849.99		19,147.99		57,686.43
					TOTAL	3,227,917.81
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	232.60	FMFC	99,264.30	General	158,927.98	
Appellate Fund	420.00	Sutton County 911	7,473.34	Sheriff Seizure	12,966.75	
Int Nat'l-General	2,627.46			Ctchse Renovation	57,686.43	
Money Market Accounts	(General)	2,620,851.25	(FMFC 267,467.70			339,598.86
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TOTAL						3,227,917.81



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That's not opinion; that's fact. Barely 3% of eligible meters have been switched to new power marketers since deregulation went into effect. That's way below projections. Maybe there's a reason Texans aren't switching. To use an old saying... "we're ornery cusses", plain and simple. If we're told something is "good for us", we might not buy into it, especially if the talkers are Big Power and government bureaucrats.



Maybe it's too early to judge the outcome of deregulation. We don't want to leap to conclusions. We also don't want to bind ourselves to something we can't get out of. That's why Southwest Texas Electric Co-op has decided not to opt in to deregulation, at least for now. We want to be certain that we make the best decision for our members. As a non-profit, member-owned electric cooperative, we answer to you, not stockholders. The smart choice is to "wait and see"; at least until we're sure disaster won't happen here. For more information visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.

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Sonora Elementary Celebrates Earth Day

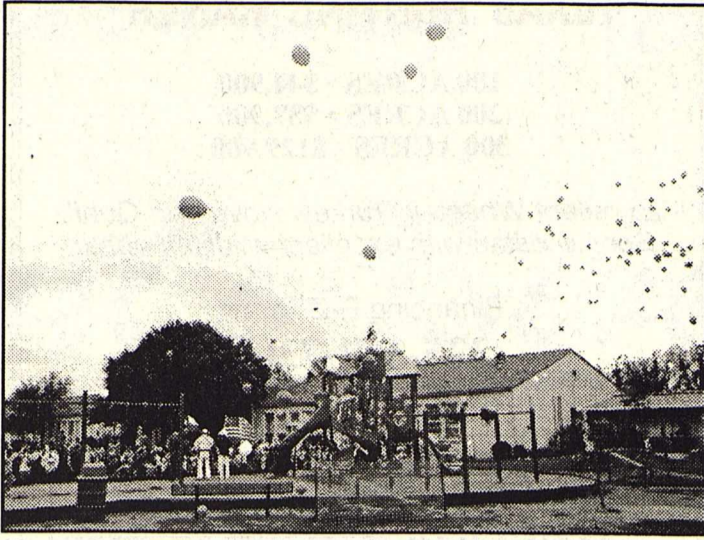
The Sonora Elementary P.T.O. organized an Earth Day program for students, faculty, staff and citizens of the community on Tuesday, April 22, 2003.

In April of 1970, the first Earth Day was held. People all over the country made promises to help the environment. Everyone got involved and since then, Earth Day has spread all over the planet.

The Sonora celebration recognized contributors of the three new trees recently planted around the Elementary School playground, that will eventually provide shade.

Texas Army members, Chapman Traylor, Preston Love and Jim Stephen presented a color guard in period clothing.

Mary Humphrey, P.T.O. President, gave a brief history of Earth Day and the important role that plants and trees play in our day to day lives. She stressed to the students the importance of preserving our environment and nurturing each new season's growth for future generations. At the close of the ceremony elementary students released red, white and blue balloons to show their spirit of patriotism.



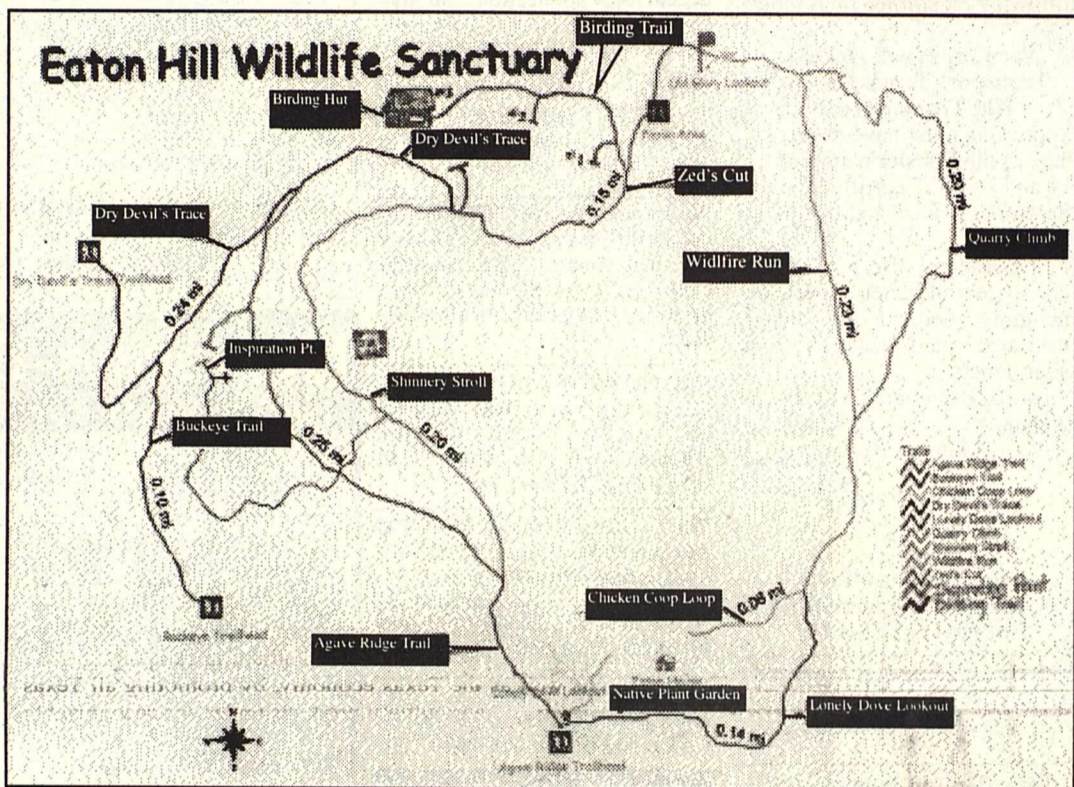
New Things To Do On Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

There are new things to see and do on Eaton Hill. A manually updated map is included today, identifying the locations of the birding hut, Inspiration Point, new trails and the garden. The Texas native plant and butterfly garden pictured above is located on the lawn of the Eaton house and we are requesting donations from anyone who has an interesting native plant to share. The garden will continue to evolve, with new plants and cactus being added as we find or receive them. A big thank you goes out to the following folks for their efforts in getting the garden in the ground: Jo Davis, Sue Wamble, Jacqui Bills, Lise Miller and her Girl Scout Troop, Kathleen and James Freeman, Hector Alvarez, Victor Alvarez, James Jaeger and Garrett Jaeger. Watering time provides a great opportunity for birdwatchers. The most recent sighting is a new species for Eaton Hill---the verdin. This tiny bird was seen enjoying the sprinkler at the garden. Verdins are small birds with a gray back, greenish head, light under parts and a rust colored patch at the bend of the wing (not always visible). We are delighted to add the verdin to our birding list.

If you are interested in entering the Eaton Hill photo contest, now is an excellent time to get beautiful shots on the hill. New species of wild-

flowers are blooming and it seems there is something different to see every day. We are anticipating the closing date for entries to be sometime in late September and categories to include: wildflowers, wildlife, the American flag, most unusual and portraits. Thank you Sonora for your enthusiastic support of Eaton Hill. Hit the trails and don't forget your camera. Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.



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

1. Project to expend \$12,432.56 for Stagecoach Processing for new equipment to open a meat processing facility.
2. Project to expend \$20,891.18 for K.D.'s Convenience Store to purchase equipment.

The hearing will be held on May 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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