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Lozano Crowned Queen At Cinco de Mayo Celebration_



Cinco de Mayo Queen Blanca Lozano and her court, Amanda Samaniego and Christina Martinez.

Sirens sounded around town on Saturday, May 3, 2003, as the Cinco de Mayo parade made its way down Main Street, around the loop and out to the Sutton County Park. This was just the beginning of a day of family fun and celebration at the Knights of Columbus Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Arts and Crafts, jewelry, toys, crosses, birdhouses and more were all on display, tempting shoppers to visit the booths set up on the grassy area around the dance slab.

Inside the fence, food booths were set up, offering a vast array of mexican delights, including stuffed Chili Rellenos, Carne Asada, Tapatios, Tacos and more. There was also lots of American treats, like Corn on the Cob, Funnel Cakes, Brisket and sausage wraps. All this could be washed down by a cold beer or some fresh squeezed lemonade.

Kids were entertained with a giant "Titanic" slide, a laser tag game, and the old favorite barrel

At noon, the royalty took center stage, with Father Bill DuBussion announcing the Cinco de Mayo Queen and her court. The Blanca Lozano who sold the most

Hall at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Lozano's court consisted of runners up, Amanda Samaniego, Christina

Martinez and Vicky Vara. After the girls made their victory lap and posed for pictures, the music started and everyone returned to a day of fun.

The celebration was topped off with a dance at the slab, with Grupo



Señors of all ages enjoyed the

raffle tickets. All proceeds will go to the building of the new Parish Cinco de Mayo celebration. **Chamber of Commerce Welcomes** New Manager



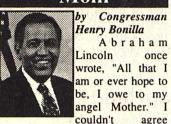
Ruthie Bounds

Fourth generation Sonoran, Ruthie Bounds, has been hired as the new office manager at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Bounds, a lifetime resident of Sonora, brings years of management, marketing and public relations experience to the position. Her most prominent goals are to re-organize the office and get the focus back on local retail merchants of Sonora. She plans to increase the promotion of tourism for Sonora nationally and to continue providing vital information for visitors and hunters in our area. "I also look forward to working with all the other organizations in

Sonora, for the overall benefit of the community," said Ruthie. Ruthie is the wife of 25 years to Rick Bounds, employed by Location

Builders, the mother of Jason, employed by Kingdom Transportation and the proud grandmother of four year old Tanya.

Thank You, Mom



This Sunday, families across America will celebrate Mother's Day. Children will wake at the crack of dawn to make mom breakfast in bed. Kids of all ages will pull out the construction paper and crayons and make mom a homemade greeting card. And sons and daughters everywhere will write a note, place a phone call or stop by the house to say "thank you, mom."

However you celebrate, Mother's Day is our opportunity to thank Mom for all the lessons, devotion, guidance and love she has shown us over the years. It's a day to celebrate motherhood and to remember our mothers.

Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived in the boardroom of Hallmark. The first tributes date back to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods. Hundreds of years later, Mother's Day has become a day to celebrate all mothers. It's the most popular day of the See Bonilla page 7

It was a beautiful day with the Davis Mountains in the background the fist inning with a single and a at Kokemot Baseball Park in stolen base. Alpine, Texas for the bi-district

Broncos and Tornillo Coyotes. Justin Sims was the winning pitcher, facing 18 batters with seven strike outs, three walks and no runs

The bats exploded for the Broncos as the visiting team, who made quick work of the Coyotes by scoring 12 runs on 11 hits in the first inning. They were starting their third bat around when the 3rd out was made.

playoff game between the Sonora

on one hit in five innings.

Scottie Moore, playing 3rd

base, got the momentum started in

Landon Brockman's home run down the third base line easily cleared the wall and scored Israel Arevalo. The first two Coyotes facing Justin Sims were quickly set down by strike outs in the first inning. The 3rd out was a fly out to center fielder, Caleb Gulley.

Bi-District Champions

The Broncos turned a double play in the 3rd inning. The first out was Manuel Lopez playing short stop to Peter Duran at second and then Duran to Arevalo for the double play. The third batter and last out for the inning was Duran to

Left fielder, Lance Roberts, hit three singles for the day and right fielder, Doug Yocham, scored three of the 15 runs for the Broncos.

In the next playoff round, Sonora will play Shallowater in Sweetwater on Friday, May 9, in the best of two in a three game series. The first game will be played at 4:30 p.m. Friday with the second game following 30 minutes after the first. The "if" game, if needed, will be played Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Best of luck in the playoffs. Go Broncos!

Relay For Life Works To Close The Book On Cancer

at the Relay.

by Storie Sharp

The pages will start to turn on May 16, 2003 as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life begins marching toward the goal of closing the book on cancer.

The 2003 Relay for Life will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Bronco Stadium. This year's "Storybook" neme promises to bring out characters from all sorts of tales, including Peter Piper's Presby's, Mary's Little Lambs, The Jungle Book. Pocahontas, The Gingerbread Man, Alice In Wonderland, Noah's Ark, Dr. Seuss, Beetle Bailey, David and Goliath, Bob the Builder, and more. With 14 teams signed up, consisting of over 15 members on each, the event is building to be one of the piggest yet.

honored Survivor Celebration will start at 6:00 p.m., with the introduction of all of Sutton County's cancer survivors. This group of fighters will make the first lap, starting the night relay and fun. The survivors will then be treated to snacks and drinks under he Survivor tent and everyone will be invited to sign the Relay quilt.

As the walkers take to the rack, the fun, food and games begin on the practice field. The teams will be selling food for all tastes, including fajitas, gyros, hamburgers, gingerbread, candy and even a pot-luck supper. There willbe games for all ages, including a hot sauce eating contest sponsored by El Torrito and a "Chicken Little" Bingo, a hula hoop toss, pin the tail on the lamb, putt-putt golf and much more. The Sonora PTO team has even secured the inflatable castle and slide and the rock wall for kids of all ages.

The emotional Luminaria Ceremony will start just after dark, with the special dedication to those that are fighting or have lost the fight against cancer. Names will be

read from the list of honorees as special songs set the tone for the lap. The Relay committee hopes to light up the stadium with these significant symbols of love and devotion. If you haven't purchased a luminaria in honor of or in memory of your loved one or friend that has had or has cancer, you can do so from any team member or send in the form available on page 7 Luminarias can also be purchased

This year's teams are The Church of the Good Shepherd, St. John's Episcopal Church, T&C Village Market, First National Bank, The Samaniego Family, M. Hudspeth/Dr. Lillian Pajestka/The Ladies Auxiliary, The Sutton County Steakhouse, The Baptist Church, The First Elementary PTO, The Elementary School Teachers, The BeeBe Family, Lighthouse Community Church, Dominion and BB Chemical.

Music, including live perform ance by Sonora and other local talent, and games will keep everyone going all night. The Sonora Downtown Lions Club will wake everyone up with their pancake breakfast around 6:00 a.m.

Awards will be given for the most money raised, most spirited, most laps walked, a chuckwagon

award and best campsite. For more information you can call 387-2507 or contact any committee member, Kim Lewis, Shanna Petty, Justin McGeath, Jody Luttrell, Tammie Tidwell, Tibba Edmondson, Noemi Samaniego, Kelly Thorp, Annette Mabry, Danni Price, Lynn Sahr, Erica Morriss or Storie Sharp.

Don't miss a "Storybook evening, as the 2003 Relay for Life works to make cancer one for the books... the history books!

School Board Discusses Tax Increase Due To Chapter 41 Status

Sonora Independent School District met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2003.

Board members present were Tryon Fields, President, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, and Barbara Jennings. Sam David Hernandez and Tom Payton were unable to attend.

Visitor, Bonnie Lou Campbell, invited board members to the Earth Day celebration scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 2 P.M. on the

Elementary Playground. Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that 98% of the current levy had been collected along with 38% of delinquent taxes. Mrs. Friess commented that the Appraisal District was aggressively pursuing continued collection of delinquent taxes.

The Board reviewed current bills in the amount of \$229,635.80.

Superintendent Brant Myers reported that enrollment had been increasing steadily since February 18 and currently stood at 916. He further stated that attendance seemed to be improving and was currently 96.99%.

Myers reviewed the March Maintenance Report as follows:

1. Campuses: quotes are being taken for replacing carpet in the halls at the High School (original carpet). 2. Extra-Curricular: quotes are being accepted for re-doing the restrooms at the track with the leftover brick from the Castle Hill project to be utilized to build the stall dividers. Also, the ag students have recently built a trailer that will be used to haul the big mower. 3. Housing: the sprinkler systems are finished at the Castle Hill Apartments and are being completed at the administrator houses. Grass has been planted at the Castle

. The Board of Trustees of the Hill Apartments and as soon as more bricks arrive, the sidewalks will be finished. Additionally, the Superintendent stated that carpet will soon be replaced in some of the apartments on Mesquite Street. Barbara Jennings stated that the sidewalks on Castle Hill did not look right and she questioned if weeds would grow up through the

> Myers reiterated that the sidewalk project was not yet finished and that the reason bricks were used was because they were both more economical and could be taken up easier than a concrete sidewalk if there were problems with the sprinkler system or the plumbing.
>
> Architect John Williams

reported that the renovation project should be out for bids by the time of the May board meeting. He stated that all parties involved in the project had been struggling with the budget trying to find ways to keep the costs down and that the bid environment was still looking pretty good. Following further discussion regarding the project, Mr. Williams commented that he hoped to have a firm price no later than June 1.

The Superintendent reviewed projected revenue estimates in detail and said that the district had been informed that it would be a Chapter 41 school district. He stated that because the school was becoming an equalized district, it would take an increase in local revenue to offset the amount of money leaving the the district due to Robin Hood. Mr. Myers said that the Board would have to look at a tax increase and presented projected revenue with the following tax rates: \$1.40, \$1.45, and \$1.50.

Myers then distributed salary schedules for teachers (adopted in

See School Board page 7

Area Champions

Downtown Lions Club To Celebrate 75 Years

Sonora will be roaring on May 9th and 10th as the Sonora Downtown Lions host the Texas Lions District 2-1A Convention. The Sonora Downtown Lions Club was chartered on May 9, 1928 by a group of men that wanted to reach out and help children and other people in their community.

District 2-A1 Governor Virgil Polocek is the host for the event, welcoming over 59 other Lions Clubs from around Texas. The activities will begin on Friday, May 9, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. with a Lions Golf Tournament at the Sonora Golf Club, sponsored by First National Bank, The Bank & Trust, Sonora Golf Club and the City of Sonora. All golfers are invited and encouraged to join the Lions in the tournament. Five dollars (\$5) will get you lunch served on the patio. Cash prizes, shirts, towels and hats will

be awarded to the best at the end of

Visitors can also stretch their legs on Friday by taking the Historical Downtown Walking and Shopping Tour. Lunch will be offered in the Bank Vault Park for a fee of \$7.50

At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, leaving from the Best Western Sonora Inn, Lions and visitors can take part in a tour of the Jimmy Cahill Ranch (the trip is free).

Everyone is invited to the Sonora Downtown Lions Club 75th Birthday Bash Friday night at the Sutton County Park Dance Slab (next to the 4-H Civic Center) starting at 6:30 p.m. Lion President, Robert Duran will also be celebrating his 75th birthday. Any cowboy or cowgirl won't want to miss the BBQ dinner, with plates on sale for \$6 per person. While dining, you can tap your toes to the tunes of the Texas Fiddlers.

On Saturday, May 10th at 7:00

a.m. there will be a Key Member Breakfast at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. The District Cabinet meeting will follow. The special Lions Club Queen Contest luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. There are five Lions Club Queen Contestants, including Sonora's own Downtown Lions Club Queen, Brea Hughes. The cost for the Lions Club Queens Contest Luncheon is

The Saturday evening activities will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center with a formal Awards Banquet and key note speaker, Past Director of Lions Clubs International, Sid L. Scruggs III of North Carolina . He is also an Ambassador of Good Will award winner. The cost for the evening is

Join the Lions for an evening of celebration and fun.





The Lady Bronco Softball team stays on base with their win against Idalou for the Area Championship (see story page 5). The Ladies will play Colorado City on Thursday, May 8th in San Angelo.

Cards of Thanks The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to

thank the following sponsors and businesses. Without the support and con-

tributions from these wonderful people, this traditional Easter Egg Hunt

would not have been a success: the Reverend Lewis Allen, Sandi Snyder,

D'Arcy Wagner and Hunt Wagner, Delyse Jaeger, Glenda Lowe, Lisa

Miller, Ruthie Bounds, Jason Bounds, Annette Castro, Maura Weingart, Roy Jean Johnson, Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego, Jacque Bills, Jim Kay, Marlyn

Young, Starlyn Chadwick, Keith Butler and the Hudspeth Auxiliary Ladies,

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Sheriff's office, Sonora Police Dept., and the Sonora Volunteer Fire

The parade attention due to the cooperation of the Sutton County

The candidates owe much to their families, friends and relatives for

Without the help of Annette Castro, none of this could have happened.

I would like to thank all who came and participated in the National

Thanks,

Jane Rushing NDP Coordinator

On behalf of my family, and myself we want to thank Sonora

for giving us the opportunity to be part of your life. I want to extend a "special thanks" to my patients for their continued support and

trust during my tine in Sonora. A big thank you to my office staff,

the hospital staff, and Dr. Pajestka for giving me the opportunity to

work with you. I appreciate everyone's friendliness and I will

The Knights of Columbus and Sonora Chamber of Commerce would

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Allison, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Armando Martinez, Oscar Jimenez,

Jason Bounds, Pam Haynes, Ann Kay, Annette Castro, Florie Gonzales,

Maria Mesa, Father Bill DuBuisson, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Board

of Directors and all the members of the Knights of Columbus Council

1069. We hope we have not left anyone out, if we have it was certainly not

intentional. It takes a lot of people to put on a successful celebration like

this one and we had a lot of help. We are very fortunate to live in a com-

thank all of the people who made donations, purchased raffle tickets and

bought brisket burritos from our booth at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration at

the slab. Special THANKS go out to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Perez and Family. Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Faz and Family, Branding Iron - Menard, Texas, Katherine Hernandez, Richard and Neve Gonzales, and Rezzlle

Construction. The winners of our raffle were Alex Flores and Martin

Tommy, Felicia and Derek Van Winkle Ronald, Kim and Caleb Gonzales

We would like to thank so many individuals for helping make the

"Freedom Youth Rally" so successful. First and foremost, our Lord Jesus

Christ for showing up and making His presence known. Without Him, we would not have "freedom". We would like to thank the following churches:

St. Ann's Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, Church of the

Good Shepherd, Lambs of God youth group, St. John's Episcopal

Church, First Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church. St. Ann's

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Wood for sitting in the heat cooking 200 hamburger patties. Lisa Karnes,

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so much. George and Martha Wallace for donating the meat and all your

love. We would like to extend a very gracious thank you to the following people for all the many "gifts" and special help they gave toward this event: Pam Haynes, Ed and Lori Newton, Rhonda Gulley, Jody Luttrell, Mickey

Schaefer, Kay Word, Momma T, Ruth Espy, and her sister Aldrain, Bro.

Don, as the word says, "If you want to be great in God's kingdom, you have to be a servant to all." Thank you for being that servant. A special thanks to

all the Lighthouse Community Churches members that were behind the scenes helping and doing what needed to be done without hesitation.

Without you, it would have been a mess. For the youth that God called to

pray and/or read scripture...thank you, what an awesome testimony you

have. One thing that really stood out during this "rally" was the awesome

music put on by our own youth in Sonora. Thank you, Brandon West,

Shannon Vick, Erin Newton, Missy Longoria, Katrina Hernandez, Katy

Taylor, Brittany Longoria, Allison Higdon and Jason Boambo. You guys

were awesome! Thank you Micah ("Barefoot") for driving all the way to

San Angelo to speak God's word. You did an awesome job. We tend to for-

get to thank the one that had the forethought and patience for such a big

event. Jane Rushing, without your guidance and your calling for the com-

munity, we would have never had such a great turn out. Thank you seems

so small when you do so much. Thank you, you are awesome! If we have

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all!

Lighthouse Community Church Members

On behalf of Derek Van Winkle and Caleb Gonzales, we would like to

munity like Sonora, where people will pitch in and help each other.

Dr. Guido J. Calderon and Family

Day of Prayer. To Conrad Archer, Koda Armke, Tommy Arnwine, Mike

Dixon and Don Longoria thanks for praying with us. Thanks to Tommy and Beverly Arnwine for sharing music with us. A big thanks to the Lighthouse

Community Praise Team for bringing the equipment and providing music.

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always carry a piece of Sonora with me.

the help and support during the contest.

for a successful celebration.

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St. Ann's Catholic Church would like to thank all who helped make

The Queen Contest was a success due to the sponsorship of La

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extra work you both do!



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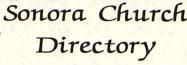
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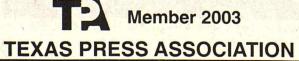
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Obituaries

Mariano Gonzalez

Mariano Gonzalez, 73, of Eldorado passed away at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in Shannon Hospital after suffering a short illness. Services were held at 10:00

a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Eldorado, Texas. Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the funeral home. Survivors include his wife,

Maria Eugenia Gonzalez, son, J. Enrique Gonzalez and wife, Mary Ann Gonzalez, daughter, Lidia Vallejo and husband, Emilio Vallejo, son, Raul R. Gonzalez and wife, Araceli Escobar, all of Eldorado; son, Guillermo R. Gonzalez of Jarrel, Texas; brothers, Armando Vasquez of Ojinaga, Chihuahua and Miguel Gonzalez of Roswell, N.M.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Eldorado; and

numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Quisto Gonzalez, Emilio Vallejo, Jr., Rolando Gonzalez, Juan Roberto Gonzalez and Arnulfo

Gonzalez.

Mariano V. Gonzalez was born July 12, 1929, to Mariano Gonzalez and Guadalupe Vasquez in Muzquiz Coahuila, Mexico. Mariano migrated to the United States in 1952, to Otto Williams Ranch as a ranch hand in Eldorado, Texas.

Mariano married Maria Eugenia Robledo on July 12, 1957, in Muzquiz, Coahuila. His wife and children joined

him in 1964.

In 1970 the family moved to Sonora, Texas, on the Mayer-Rousselot Ranch. In 1974, Mariano took his family to Uvalde, Texas, to take on the role of farming, but soon returned to Eldorado, Texas, in 1977, where they made their permanent home. Mariano was a man of few

words but had many friends wherever he would go. He was deeply loved by all his family and friends. He will be missed greatly, though his smile, his laugher and memories will be cherished forever.

George E. Copeland

George E. Copeland, 78, of Austin and formerly of San Angelo died Sunday May 4, 2003 in Austin.

Graveside services were at 1:00 PM Wed. May 7th in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were

Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughter Pam Nester of Del Rio; his son Ken Copeland of Austin; one sister Ruby Miller of Dallas: five grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Ronnie Cox loves being your **Pharmacist**

School Lunch Menu • May 12 - 16, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Pancakes, syrup, juice or fruit. Tues. - Blueberry muffin, juice or fruit. Wed. - Breakfast burrito, juice or fruit.

Thurs. - Cheese toast, juice or fruit.

Fri. - Student Holiday!

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts. Lunch

Mon. - Beef & bean burrito, French fries, lettuce & tomato salad, chocolate chip cookie.

Tues. - Spaghetti with meat, tossed salad, dressing, mixed

vegetables, orange half, roll. Wed. - Mini corndog, mustard, pinto beans, raw veggie strips,

Thurs. - Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello,

hot roll.

Fri. - School Holiday!

Senior **Center News**

May 12 - Open House Week. 11th - 17th. Come visit our

Center. Bingo! May 13 - Sugar/blood pressure checks.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

May 14 - Cookies and Coffee. 9:00 a.m. May 15 - Work on crafts after lunch.

May 16 - Relay for Life starts at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Menu

May 12 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, glazed

carrots, bread, melon salad, milk.

May 13 - Chicken salad, sweet peas, bread, jello, banana pudding, milk.

May 14 - Steak fingers with gravy, potatoes, broccoli, rolls, peach cobbler, milk.

May 15 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, zucchini, yellow squash, corn, tossed salad, rolls, fruit, milk.

May 16 - Catfish, tomato/corn casserole, spinach, cornbread,

jello with fruit, 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.*

Community

May 9 St. John's Episcopal Church

Annual "Country Store" Bake Sale 9:00 a.m. • Parish Hall

May 9 & 16 SISD Holidays

Member FDIC

The Community Calendar

Calendar

left anyone out, we apologize.

May 16-17 A.C.S. Relay for Life 6:00 p.m. • Bronco Stadium **May 21**

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any informa-

tion or pictures on Sol Mayer? A. "Encyclopedia of Texas 1924" page 3664, Sol Mayer, capitalist, banker, rancher, and developer of Sonora, Texas, is regarded as one of the real builders of West Texas, his development activities and holdings being on a scale large enough to place him well within the ranks of the "Empire Builders of the West." According to those who know him best, Mr. Mayer's life policy has been to develop his own interests in a way that will reflect credit on his community, and in this he has succeeded, as even an incomplete summary of his accomplishments will indicate.

At the outset of his career Mr. Mayer was interested chiefly in ranching, entering the cattle business in Schleicher County in 1891, five years later establishing his present ranch. He added sheep in 1898, buying and selling sheep for some years, but did not begin raising them until 1922. In 1910 Mr. Mayer decided to retire from active business life and leased his ranch, but accustomed as he was, to an active outdoor life, he soon found idleness more of a burden than ranch operation. On his retirement he had bought a beautiful summer home in Denver, Colorado, and a little later entered the real estate and investment business. He also became interested in a development project in Reeves Co., Texas in the Medina Valley, formerly known as Toyah Valley. He organized and put the Reeves County Improvement District No. One. This development project put eleven thousand acres of land subject to irrigation with water from Toyah Creek and a storage reservoir that was one of the development projects. Later Mr. Mayer organized and put over a second development, known as the Mount Castle Land and Irrigation Co., and also took over a number of small and unsuccessful irrigation projects started by small operators who had attempted development in the Medina Valley.

Mr. Mayer also organized, and has since been president of the Security State Bank of Pecos City. He is Vice Pres. of the Toyah Valley

State Bank of Balmorhea, one of the organizers and a director of the Ozona National Bank of Ozona, one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Eldorado, and has been a member of the board of directors of the San Angelo National Bank of San Angelo, since

In 1920 Mr. Mayer resumed ranching with his son, Ed Mayer, as his partner, operating as Sol Mayer & Son. County records in Schleicher and Sutton counties show him to own 75,000 acres of land in these counties. He operates 55 sections as a ranch, running cattle, sheep and some goats. He runs from 11,000 to 12,000 head of pure blood Rambouillet sheep, and has a band of the finest registered Rambouillet rams obtainable, keeping about 25 to each 1,000 ewes. He shears an average of 8 pounds of fine wool, or better, counting both young and old, his yearling stuff shearing 9 pounds or better, of medium fine wool, of comparatively small shrinkage. He also has a lamb crop of about 82 % - 85%, his lambs maturing early, with pronounced mutton tendencies, and other qualities that enable him to get a top market price. His lambs

grade "choice" for the most part. Mr. Mayer also runs from 800 to 1,000 high grade Hereford cattle, using only Hereford bulls. His cattle brand is the T half circle, his old brand adopted in 1889 and in use for 40 years, having been the famous MYR brand. His earmark is the underbit left and right. His sheep are fire and wool branded with the T half circle, which is one of the well known sheep brands of West Texas. He runs from 1,000 to 1,200 Angora goats, of the ringlet type, and has some of the best billies in this locality, using only registered stuff. His ranch is completely fenced and cross-fenced wolfproof, and is well watered and grassed. Water is found in a plentiful supply at from 160 to 225 feet in the draws, up to 350 feet on the

Sol Mayer was born in San Antonio, Jan. 18, 1869, a son of F. and Jetta (Steiner) Mayer. Sol Mayer was educated in San Antonio, in so far as his formal education is concerned. That broader education, that enables him to grasp the fundamentals of a proposition

so quickly, and that has given him the vision to become one of the real developers of Texas, he obtained in the school of experience, and by his contact with the business world and observation and study of those men who have won success.

Mr. Mayer is a Knight of Pythias, and has been a member of the Cattle Raisers' Association since 1890, serving five years as a member of the executive committee. He is a member of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and is a member of the executive committee. Mr. Mayer was one of the organizers of Schleicher Co., and served on its first petit jury.

It is said of Sol Mayer that he has a genius for making things go, and that whatever he undertakes is a success, yet those who make this statement realize that back of all his successes, is a man who early realized that success is bought by industry

Historical Society Notes: Sol Mayer dated Edith (Suzy) Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, for over 5 years before he married her in 1895. They had one child, Edwin Solomon Mayer, born in San Antonio in 1896.

Sol Mayer met and married Mrs. Ernestine Elizabeth Bush Somers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1904. They were greatly loved and respected by all who knew them. Over the years they contributed to the building of the Tom Green Co. Library, Camp Sol Mayer, Boys Ranch, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Sol Mayer annex (neighborhood center). A dormitory was built at Angelo State University, Mayer Hall.

Sol Mayer died on Feb. 18, 1957 in Dallas and Ernestine Mayer died April 20, 1959 in San Angelo.

Material on the family can be found at the Sutton County Historical Society Archives. the Fort Concho Museum and in the ASU West Texas Collection. We have recently allowed ASU West Texas Collection to copy photographs of Sol and Max Mayer and the old Mayer Bros. Store from our collection. These photographs, which they did not have, are being used in their current exhibit on Sol Mayer.

If you have any questions on Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O.



Sol Mayer, Eaton Collection

Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 e-mail them schs@sonoratx.net. You may call at 387-5084, usually on Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Fridays. You can try calling me at home at 387-2855 but since the files are now all moved to the office, I can't guarantee an immediate answer to your question. If you would like to tour the Miers Home Museum just stop in the office when someone is there.

You may rent the Cauthorn Memorial Building "Old Santa Fe Depot" by calling 387-5084 any day we are open. Deposits must be made to hold a date open and full rental amount paid when you pick up the key. We will return the deposit, after the building has been inspected, if it has been left clean and undamaged. Thanks to Rosie Jones we now have almost 100 chairs but we still need someone to donate tables for the building. If you are interested in donating money for tables give Al Elliott, Treasurer, a call at 387-3529. We are currently trying to raise money to paint the Miers Home Museum, then the Cauthorn Memorial Building you can mail in donations to the above P.O. Box, Atten. Al Elliott, Treasurer or drop them off at his office. We need to have professional painters on these old buildings as they must be repaired, sealed and primed properly before painting can even start. If you are going to do something, do it right the first time and you won't have to do it again for hopefully a lot of

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Guest Editorial

by Sara Lummus

As I sit and contemplate the full-page as in the Standard-Times suggesting that we save money by buying our prescription drugs in Canada, I ask what the profession of pharmacy has done.

Pharmacists were once the most respected health care professionals. Now it is suggested that a pharmacist in Canada is a better

Cecil Westerman must have gotten into a dither up in heaven when he heard about it.

Many of us remember the pharmacist who went the extra mile. In 1968 my family pharmacist made an indelible impression on me. My mother was dying of cancer. She had no health insurance. There was no hospice to help make her last days more comfortable.

My father was a proud man and would have never thought of asking for assistance. The pharmacist said he would charge the medications and that we could make payments. My father, who did not believe in borrowing money, accepted his offer.

Mother died peacefully on the Saturday before Mother's Day in 1968. My father paid the pharmacist every penny, but I don't think the money meant as much to that phar-

There was a great turnout for

The ladies had fun playing

Mrs. Eulojia Flores was honored for being the oldest mother and

Ramos,

the Mother's Day Tea Party that was

held at the Sutton County Senior Center on Sunday, May 3, 2003

Loteria or "Mexican Bingo" and

winning prizes. The big winners

Hernandez, Hallie Samaniego and

the mother with the most children,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren

and just about everything else since she is 101 years old! All the tea par-

tyers that she deserved a prize just

for that. The Senior Center Support

Charlotte Wilson, Rosa Galindo,

Marie Aldwell, Mary Gilly and

Juanita Chavez.
Mrs. C. Wilson entertained

everyone with her piano playing. Thank you for the great tunes.

Happy Birthday

May 8 - Tommy Van Winkle, Karina Velez

May 9 - Joel Arnwine, Aidan

May 10 - John Brown, Trinity

Zook, Sam Houston Powers,

May 11 - Vicente Hernandez,

Deeangelina McGee, Mike

McBride, Taylor Liverman, Garrett

May 13 - Irma Gandar, Drew Cox,

Darlette Bloodworth, Larry Word

Garrett Smith, Azucena Garza May 14 - Sam Romo, Austin Wagoner, Rose Ann Samaniego,

Castro, Jo Davis

Kimberly Gonzales

May 12 - Mother's Day

A delicious cake was donated

Plants were also given as door prizes, and the lucky winners were

Group gave Mrs. Flores a plant.

her grandma, Yolanda Samaniego.

from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lucy

Day

Senior Center Celebrates Mother's

macist as caring for the patient did. Now I am the pharmacist.

Every person who entrusts his or her pharmaceutical care to me is giving me the opportunity to give as that pharmacist did.

The community at Baptist Memorials is very special and the pharmacists and technicians at Baptist Memorials Pharmacy are dedicated to providing excellent pharmaceutical care. Does that make us different?

There are many other dedicated pharmacists in San Angelo who do not see the medication as the endpoint. The clinic outcome is our goal. We want to see pain managed and blood pressure and diabetes under control. Our product is pharmaceutical care and disease state management.

Yes, there is a drug and that drug does cost money and there must be a profit to stay in business. Before you send that prescription to Canada or rush down to Mexico, think of who will be there in the middle of the night when your child has an earache or when your loved one is in pain. The local pharmacist will be there for you.

Sara Lummus of Baptist Memorials Pharmacy is vice president of the Concho Area Pharmacy Association.

by Maggie Mesa and topped off the

tasty snacks of sandwiches, chips,

cookies and punch. A special thank

you is extended to the Sutton

County Senior Center Support and

to all of those that stayed and

helped clean up after the party, Olivia Longoria, Kathleen Freeman

and her girls, Allison and Melissa

and to Halle Samaniego. A special

thanks also goes to van driver and

moms, grandmas, daughters and

Juanita Mesa

Thanks again to all those

Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance Needs Donors

submitted

Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance is a non-profit organization that provides corneal tissue to surgeons for transplant through the eye donor Program. Cornea transplantation is the oldest and most successful transplant procedure performed

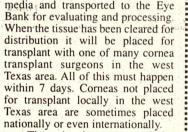
The cornea is the transplant portion of the anterior part to the eye that covers the iris. When removed and prepared for transplant, it would resemble a contact lends in both size and shape. A similar and exact section of the recipient's damaged or diseased cornea is replaced wit the graft and sewn into place. Looking through a cloudy cornea would be like trying to see your reflection in a steamed-up mirror. For a corneal recipient to go from extremely limited sight to almost normal sight is a joy beyond

The Eye Bank serves as the link between the donor and recipient. Once notification of a possible donor has been received and all medical criteria have been met, the cornea is recovered by trained technical personnel. The cornea is

placed in a sterile preservation media and transported to the Eye Bank for evaluating and processing. When the tissue has been cleared for distribution it will be placed for transplant with one of many cornea transplant surgeons in the west Texas area. All of this must happen within 7 days. Corneas not placed for transplant locally in the west Texas area are sometimes placed

donors. Donors come from all walks of life. sInce 1993 over 300 people have received sight from corneas provided through this Eye Bank. From a three year old being the youngest donor to a three-monthold infant as the youngest recipient. ONly because someone said "yes" when give the option of donation, was the precious gift of sight made possible.

Support through Lions contri-Bank Alliance at 325-653-8666.



Matt Glasscock Kara Hard Morgan Hobbs Josh Hopkins

butions, life memberships, memorials and other donations allow the Lions Eve Bank to continue the mission of sight restoration of those in need. For more information please call the Western Texas Lions Eye



Pictured from left to right are Jeffrey Cobb, Coordinator and Lion Brigitte Rogers, Vice President from Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance with Wal-Mart representatives Art Garza, Store Manager and Jeff Featherston, Co-Manager presenting a bonus grant check of \$1000 from Wal-Mart Foundation.

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> TEAM GRAPHICS 208 E. Main St.

2003 SHS Senior Selections

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The ASU SBDC and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce are presenting a free Word for Beginners seminar on Tuesday, May 13th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Ozona ISD. Please call the Chamber at 392-3737 for more information or to register.

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 mus satisfy non-profit requirements and will need to provide their contact infor nation to: Sutton County Adult Probation Department, 116 N. Concho Ave P.O. Box 926, Sonora, TX 76950 or call 387-5744 and leave contact

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 ben efit 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 o.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¢ maga-

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

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.

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 6406, Fort Worth TX 76104-2796. The phone number is 817/885-4454. Donations can be made to: Johnell Casparis Benefit Fund, Cedar Creek Bank, PO Box 43412, Seven Points, Texas 75143. She still has at least 8 weeks of therapy left and is showing some improvement. As recently as a week ago, her old personality started coming through again. She is understanding most of what is said to her, but is still having trouble expressing what she wants to say in words. It is a slow process, but she is improving

Letters to the Editor

Dear Devil's River News.

I, Tomas H. Favela, ask that you please print this letter by which I'd like to express a very heartfelt Mother's Day wish to all the wonderful moms, living and deceased, in Sutton County and surround

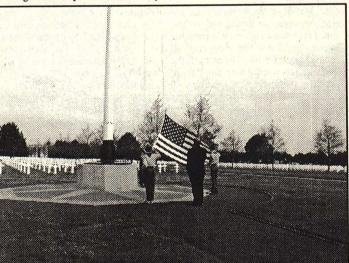
Having been born and raised in Sonora, I never got to know my mom, who went on to Heaven at a very early age in my life. There were countless moms who, in one way or another, saw to it that I was

The following letter was brought to us to share with our readers:

Dear Mimi and Papa, This weekend I went on a boy scout campout to Normandy. The campout was really neat, we were right by the beaches where the American and British soldiers fought the Germans and we got to learn all the history of that area. We went to the American cemetery on Sunday morning which was incred-Everything was perfectly cared for in the cemetery and it looked really nice, however it was sad to see all the thousands of white crosses and know that each one marked an American Soldier. When we went to the cemetery there were two giant flag poles and everyday the American guy who stays there to take care of the place puts up the flags. This time he let some of the scouts do it and I was one of the scouts that were part of the flag ceremony. That was really

neat and it was very professional since we practiced doing the ceremony about 100 times the night before. The weather was mostly good except for Sunday morning because it rained and it was very windy. We also got to lay a wreath of flowers for the soldiers under the monument at the cemetery. The attached picture is of me and a few of my fellow scouts performing the flag ceremony. I am the one on the right holding the flag as it is hoisted up the pole. I wish you guys could have been here and you can!!! Next week when you guys are here we are going to take you back to the American cemetery and you can see everything first hand plus you will have an english speaking tour guide, me. I hope ya'll are having fun. Have a safe

> Love, Sam Pogue



Boy Scouts raise the flag at the American cemetary in Normandy.

find myself elsewhere, but I'll never forget those who cared for Happy Mother's Day! Tomas H. Favela Neal Unit - Amarillo, Texas

fed, clothed, taken care of, etc.

To my Heavenly Father, my

Today, after countless advice, I

dad who passed away also and all

the wonderful mothers, I owe my

Miss Sutton Co. Koda Armke, Little Mr. Sutton Co., Carter Zook and

Little Miss Sutton Co., Kaitlyn Lopez celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Main Street News

Take A Stroll Along The Art Walk

by Ann Kay
The "Spring Art Walk" was kicked off with a group of Barbara Earwood's beautiful paintings on display at a reception that was given by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and Sonora First National Bank. As the guests visited and admired the beauty of Barbara's work, it didn't take long for the first painting to be purchased and soon there would be two more paintings go home with new own-

There were about 25 guests on hand to view and appreciate the vibrant colors of the flowers that

had been painted by Barbara. As of today about 50 guests have signed the guest book and

enjoyed the art. The paintings will be on display until May 12, 2003.

The walk starts at the First National Bank and continues on to Sam Dillard, State Farm Insurance, Team Graphics, image apparel, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Best Western Sonora Inn, Sutton County Steak House and the Days Inn Devil's River.

For more information call Ann Kay at the Sonora Main Street Program, 325-387-2248.

Welcome To Main Street

Extra! Extra! Have you seen the new business in town? This business. next door to Tedford Jewelry, is a dream come true for the the electronic enthusiast. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street would like to welcome Radio Shack to our historic downtown area.

A Main Street Thank You

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to say a special thank you to Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos and Amaniel Capuchina for the wonderful way they prepare the Old Oak Tree for 75 yellow ribbons that were hung in honor of the Military per-sonnel from our community. Many visitors from all over the United States have stopped and read the names of our loved ones. We are grateful for the Old Oak Tree and the freedom that it represents.

The Old Oak Tree Ceremony would not have been complete with out the proclamation that Mayor Jim Stephen read on April 16, 2003, proclaiming April 16th as "Yellow Ribbon Day". Many businesses and community members came together to make the ceremony a memorable event. We want to express our appreciation to all the businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts, Keith Butler, Mayor Jim Stephen, Sonora City Council, Ministers of our community, Main Street Board of Directors, Sutton County Commissioners, KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, KLST San Angelo Channel 8, San Angelo Standard Times and Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Sonora City Council has designated April 16, 2003, to be dedicated as "Yellow Ribbon Day", and

WHEREAS, April 16, 2003 has been proclaimed as "Yellow Ribbon Day" in remembrances, in honor and in support of the Military Personnel from our community. The Military Personnel are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual rights to be free men and women, also dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS, the "Yellow Ribbon" will be on display and worn in honor, and support of the Military Personnel from our community, and may the Yellow Ribbon be a symbol of our deepest admiration.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Sonora City Council pro-

"Yellow Ribbon Day" and call upon all citizens in this community to especially honor and show

sincere appreciation for our Military Personnel of this community by deed, remark, and attitude. I call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our men and women who make it possible for us to be safe, free, and protect us by willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard against all who would ravage our freedom.

Signed this the 15th day of April, 2003 at the City of Sonora, State of

Jim Stephen, Mayor City of Sonora

Offering Gamma Delta Kappa **Scholarships**

The Gamma Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is offering a scholarship to aid a college Junior or Senior girl who is pursuing a career in the field of education.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of

women educators and excellence in education and provides services to the educational community. Delta Kappa Gamma was founded in Austin, Texas, May 1929 by women educators. The Gamma Phi chapter consisting of members from Sonora and Rocksprings was organized Dec. 6, 1941. It continues to honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

The deadline for applications is May 19, 2003

Please contact June Williams for an application at 387-2108 or email her at june.williams@netxv.net or Glenda Barton 387-5284 or cglenda.barton@netxv.net

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Lady Broncos Steal Area Championship

The Sonora Lady Broncos traveled to Merkel to take on Idalou for the Area Championship Title. The Lady Broncos were able to keep Idalou scoreless throughout the game, winning 6 - 0.

This years' team motto is "You never know how far you can get, until you really work at it." These girls took their motto seriously, by working at it and pushing hard.

Offensively the Lady Broncos wound up with 6 Hits, 6 Runs, 6 BBs, 1 HBP, and 1 Error. Sonora also kept Idalou to 4 Hits, 0 Runs, 2 BBs and 2 Errors.

Pitching for the Lady Broncos was #18 Kali Roberts. Roberts did a fantastic job, with 14 Strikeouts. Roberts also only walked two batters and pitched a complete game.

On the other side of the plate, the Lady Broncos did a great job as well. Deneyia Gloria went 2-5 with a single and a walk, Debra Martinez was 2-4 with Fielder's Choice and an error, Kali Roberts was 2-4 with a single and a walk, Ashley Parker was 2-4 with 2 singles, Brea Hughes was 2-4 with a single and an error, Tamika Marshall 3-4 with a HBP, a walk, and a single, Desiree Alvarado drew a walk, Tissie Wagoner drew a walk, Felicia Castillo drew a walk, and Christine Sanchez reached with an error.

The girls have been having a terrific season thus far, and are not finished yet. Next stop, Regional Quarter Final Champions!

The Lady Broncos will now meet Colorado City in San Angelo this Thursday, May 8th at Central High School Softball Field at 4:30 PM. Good Luck Lady Broncos, Beat Colorado City!

Broncos Beat Big Lake For Third In District

The Broncos got off to a quick 1-2-3 inning against the Reagan County Owls on April 28, 2003, when catcher, Landon Brockman, caught a foul ball and then quickly threw it to Israel Arevalo at first for two outs in the first inning. The inning finished with a strike out by Scottie Moore. Winning pitcher, Moore, faced 24 batters with eight strike outs and three walks, with one run on three hits in seven

Center fielder, Caleb Gulley's single in the first inning got the momentum going for the Broncos. He later scored the first_run on a pass ball.

Falling to his knees to catch a fly ball, Justin Sims playing at second then threw the baseball to Arevalo for a double play. The second double play for the Broncos.

Lance Roberts sacrifice in the second inning scored Manuel Lopez for the second run of the

Moore's last call on the second batter struck out the batter, but the Big Lake runner on first was caught stealing by a rocket throw by Brockman to Sims for the 3rd out in the 4th inning.

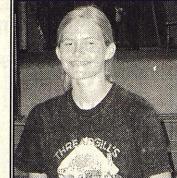
Yocham's double in the 4th inning left him on base with no score for the Broncos as the other three batters flew out with the Owls making the catch.

Peter Duran was designated hitter for Stevie Hernandez, who played left field. Duran hit a single in the sixth inning to score Lopez and Roberts.

Brockman had one triple. Yocham and Lopez each had doubles and Gulley, Arevalo, Yocham and Duran all had singles.

The Broncos earned the third place title in District with this win, securing them a chance at bi-dis-





Congratulations to Sheryl Strauch who competed in the State Academic U.I.L. Meet in Austin on

In Editorial Writing, Strauch placed 6th and in Headline Writing she placed 5th. Sonora also placed 3rd in the State as a team. There were 675 students and 225 schools who participated in the Journalism U.I.L. contests from District through State. Sheryl's achievement is outstanding. She is coached by Kristin Keel.

OOPS! In last week's Bronco Track Story the wrong Duhon brother was named as going to Regional competition. It was Steven, not Dustin, that rar his personal best. Sorry Steven and congratulations on a job well done.

Powder Puff Football Coming Your

Are you ready for some real football? Then you won't want to miss the 2003 "Sorority Showdown" Powderpuff Football Game on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bronco Stadium.

The match up of the season will be between the Senior/Sophomore team, "Delta Chi Omega", and the Junior/Freshman team, "Xi Lamda Psi". The all girl game is a Bronco Cheerleader fund raiser, with the tickets being \$1' for students and \$2 for adults.

A special crowning ceremony will be held during the game, naming the new Powder Puff Queen. This year's queen contestants are Seth "Shanene" Prather, Norbert "Norberta" Ortiz, J.E. "Juanita" Carrillo, Devon "Devona" Yearout, A.J. "Dillina" Hernandez, Peter "Petuna" Duran and Stevie "Stevarina" Hernandez. The beauty is bound to be spilling over onto the field, so don't miss it.

Delta Chi Omega: Mayra "Mira" Martinez #00, Kara "Spice" Hard #1, Tara "Tarable" Green #2, Amy "Chewy" Gutirerrez #3, Monica "Lewinski" Samaniego #4, Catherine "Kitty Cat" Herrera #05, Morgan "Knothead" Hobbs #007, Amanda "Baby Girl" Samaniego #07, Crystal "Crys." Galindo #08, Ashley "Bass" Parker #10, Kesha "Frank" Frasier #12, Jennifer "Cutie" Hernandez #13, Kenia "Ken" Gutierrez #14, Vicky "Tiger" Vara #15, Danielle "Foxy" Fox #16, Amanda "Pilialona" Sanchez #10, Cather "Course "Foxy" Fox #16, Cather "Challes" "Foxy" Fox #16, Cather " #20, Chelsea "Drama Diva" Seaton #21, Cathy "Chubbs" Covey #22, Adriana "Nana" Castillo #25, Koda "Sugar" Armke #, Shannon "Dum" Vick #29, Brittany "Brit Brat" Longoria #32, Evelyn "Eve" Castillo #42, M.J. "Jaye" Brown #48, Amanda "Heidi" Word #50, Alli "Camp" Higdon #56, Danielle "Nannel" Hudson #113, Courntey "Squirt" Caruthers #411.

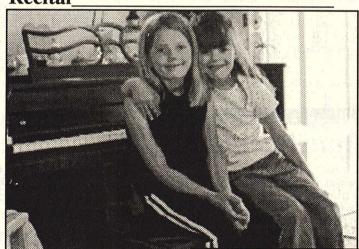
The Senior coaches are Dustin "Dmar" Martin, Landon "Weezer" Brockman, Israel "Fat Kid" Arevalo, Brandon "name here" West,

Brockman, Israel "Fat Kid" Arevalo, Brandon "name here" West, Emmanuel "Lopey" Lopez, Juan "J-Rod" Rodriguez, Douglas "Bug" Yocham, Caleb "Bubba" Gulley, Thomas "Stitch" Bloodworth, Justin "Sims" Sims, and Wylie "Wag" Wagnor

Xi Lamda Psi: Tamika "T'z Nutz" Marshall #00, Christina "Christy" Martinez #001, Noemi "Ceboo" Fay" #01, Megan "mmm' nutz" Berry #02, Felicia "Fela" Castillo #03, Vangie "Pilialoha" Martinez #04, Elizabeth "E'z Nutz" Elliott #05, Megan "Ditz" Maxwell #06, Dainah "D'z Nutz" Hernandez #07, Veronica "Sanit & Vero" Garcia #07, Jessica "Fred" Collins #08, Laura "La La" Word #08, Desirae "Dez" Boldt #09, Marilyn "Perky" Holman #09 Candise "Nan" Martin #10 Nicky "Angel" "Porky" Holman #09, Candise "Nan" Martin #10, Nicky "Angel" Samaniego #10, Deneyra "Lil Ace" Gloria #10, Hanna "Hanna Bee" Allison #11, Hillary "Hillz" Lawson #12, Megan "Lil' Bit" Fitzgerald #13, Anabel "Bellz" Perez, Christie "Butlz" Sanchez #13, Susanna "Susie Q" Street #14, Treva "Slash" Smart #15, Mandy "Froggy" Brister #15, Torie "Eyes" Vickers, Chantel "Shanti" Arispe #17, Marisol "Sol" Fraire #18, Kali "Kali" Roberts #18, Yasmin "Chink-e" Coronado #20, Jillian "Big Jae" Gulley #20, Desiree "Avacado" Alvarado #20, Tonya "La Morena" Luna #21, Dee "Shorty" McGee #22, Lauren "Picalu" Smith #22, Cady "C'z Nutz" Taylor #23, Perla "Peanutz" Perez #24, April "A-Ballz" Flores "24, Kayla "Mac" McBride #25, Tristan "Triscuit" Ramsey #26, Kristina "Krisko" Hernandez #28, Michelle "Weingart" Weingart #30, Missy "Janine" Longoria #30, Kelly "Kornutz" Kearney #32, Brea "Breaznutz" Hughes #34, Michelle "Twinkle" Hernandez #45, Cerissa "Chorizo" Hedgecock #50, Savanah "China" Hedgecock #54, Sara "Princess" Gutierrez #58, Barbara "Barbie" Solis #68, Tissie "Tishi" Wagoner #69, Michelle "Tysou" Galindo #69, Maggie "Bubbles" Ramirez #18, Jennifer "Queen" Gonzales #80, Tina "Tien" Covey #88, Julie Villanueva #100,

Sheryl "Blitzen" Strauch #100, Erin "Oosta" Newton #113. The Junior coaches are Wilson "Beave" Wallace, Tom "Skeez" Valliant, Chris "Pooh" Martin, Scottie "Scott" Moore, Devon "Boss" Yearout, and Zed "Animal" Snodgrass.

More Pianists Prepare For First



Emily Cory & Chanel Martinez (above) are very excited to show Sonora what they have learned on the Piano this year and Alex Lang (right) is anxiously awaiting her 1st Piano Recital, come see her and all the piano students on Wednesday, May 21st at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.



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Chap Traylor explains Confederate history to Mrs. Farley's fifth graders

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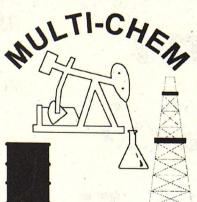
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West Nile Virus Settles Into Texas Landscape

Much like the uninvited houseguest who unpacks and never leaves, West Nile virus has come to

Texas to stay.
"West Nile virus first appeared in Texas in June 2002 and has since moved across the state," said Joe Garrett, a veterinarian with the zoonosis control division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

We probably should consider West Nile virus endemic to the state now, much like St. Louis encephalitis is permanently established in Texas," Garrett said. "But West Nile virus is new to us, and we still are trying to understand it. We cannot predict what kind of a season we

will have this year."
In 2002, West Nile virus was reported in 213 Texas counties. A total of 202 serious West Nile cases, including 13 deaths, were reported in humans. The virus also was identified in 1,697 horses and 518 birds.

The TDH Laboratory tested more than 160,000 mosquitoes in 7,350 groups or pools last year for a variety of mosquito-borne infections including West Nile virus; St. Louis encephalitis; and Western, Eastern and Venezuelan equine encephalitis. Of these mosquito poots, 466 of them were positive for a variety of mosquito-borne viruses and 189 pools were positive for West Nile virus.

Mosquitoes generally are collected and tested from May through November, but several areas in the state have year-round surveillance.

Testing mosquitoes and dead birds - generally jays, crows and hawks - gives us a way of actively tracking the virus to alert affected communities that they may need to take precautions to protect them-selves, " Garrett said. "Tracking illnesses in humans and horses also gives us a more complete picture of the spread of the virus.'

Mosquitoes get the West Nile virus by biting infected birds. People and animals get West Nile from the bite of an infected mosquito, not from other people, animals

West Nile virus infections usúally are mild with flu-like symptoms including fever, headache, sore throat, body aches and fatigue, occasionally with skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Symptoms of more severe West Nile infections encephalitis and meningitis include headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, coma and paralysis. If you have these symptoms, contact your health care provider right away.

The incubation period for West Nile virus is three to 14 days. Mild symptoms may last a few days while symptoms of the more severe illness may last several weeks. Neurological effects may be permanent, and West Nile can be fatal. Fewer than 1 percent of those bitten by infected mosquitoes become severely ill.

able to combat West Nile virus in people, and no specific treatment is

given for the infection other than supportive therapies for fever or pain. "People can, however, do a great deal to protect themselves, their families and their communities," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner of Health. "Reducing exposure to mosquitoes is one of the most important things.'

Sanchez urged people to

remember the four D's: * Dusk to Dawn - Stay indoors from dusk to dawn, times when those mosquitoes likely to carry the infection are most active.

* Dress - Dress in pants and long sleeves when you are outside, especially in mosquito-infested

* DEET (N,N-diethyl-mtoluamide) - Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Read and follow label instructions. Spray both exposed skin and clothing with * Drain - Get rid of standing

water in your yard and neighbor-

hood. Old tires, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, leaky pipes and faucets, birdbaths and wading pools can be breeding sites for mosqui-Garrett said it also is important to keep mosquitoes out of the

house. "Be sure door, porch and window screens are in good condition," he said. Cities, counties, mosquito control districts or local health depart-

action appropriate for their commu-"West Nile virus can infect just about any animal from alligators to zebras," Garrett said, "but most do

ments will implement pesticide

application if they consider such

not become sick.' Horses, however, seem to be most susceptible to the infection, the veterinarian noted. "A vaccine that is about 95 percent effective in preventing West Nile in horses is available," Garrett said. "Horses not previously immunized need two shots given three to six weeks apart, with a annual booster thereafter. Protection begins about three to

four weeks after the last shot." Even if horses were vaccinated late last year, Garrett advises that the animals be given the booster shot now rather than waiting a full

West Nile virus was originally detected in Uganda in 1937. It was first identified in the United States in New York in 1999 and has since spread westward and southward across the country to 44 states and the District of Columbia. A total of 4,008 human cases were recorded nationwide by the end of last year.

TDH operates a toll-free line in English and Spanish - (888) 883-9997 - providing information on dead bird testing, mosquito surveillance and other West Nile virus topics. Additional information, statistics and maps are available by clicking on the West Nile virus informa-Currently no vaccine is avail- tion link on the TDH Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

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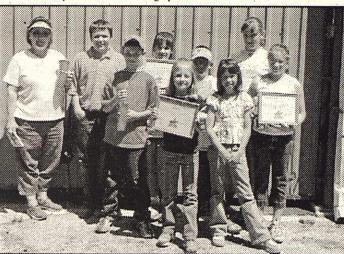
4-H Judging Teams Calling It Right At Competition



Novice and Junior Mohair Judging Teams

The Sutton County 4-H Judging Teams have recently participated at District 10 contests in Boerne on Saturday, April 12, 2003. Sutton County's Novice Mohair Team, consisting of Gunter Pennington, Stella Ingham, Sterling Love and Hunter Jennings placed first. The Junior Mohair Team of Steely Ingham, Emily Earwood, and Meredith Earwood placed second.

The Novice Range Team of Bailey Joe Pennington, Alex Lang, Cadesman Pope and Cash Jennings placed second.



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Sutton County New Dominion; 8800' Duke Wilson - 187 - #14, Patterson Drilling.

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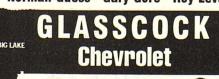
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2002) and for auxiliary staff (revised in 2001). He stated that he was pleased with the schedules and saw no need to make any changes. Jennings requested that board members be given salary schedules with actual employee names on them rather than those which listed salaries by job title and years of service.

Mr. Myers stated that the ecent auction raised approximately \$6500.00 and further served the purpose of clearing out a number of ouildings and gave information egarding the asbestos project.

Mr. Myers concluded his report by presenting a legislative update and stating that the financial picture for school districts looked

A motion was made by Favila, seconded by Bustamante, to approve the Order of Cancellation or the election called for May 3, 2003. Members voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby, and Barbara Jennings. Absent and not veting were Sam David Hernandez and Tom Payton. The motion carried. A motion was then made by Bustamante, seconded by Jennings, to approve the Certification of Jnopposed Candidates. The motion carried.

The Superintendent gave folow up information relating to a proposal from the National School Fitness Foundation. The non-profit organization donates fitness equipment to be used by Middle and High School physical education classes for the purpose of helping fight obesity and juvenile diabetes in childra. The school district's responsipility is to provide a room for the fitness center with the foundation providing training for staff members who oversee the program. Myers stated that the center could also be opened to the community during non-school hours. The only drawback to the proposal would be if the foundation was not able to meet its financial obligation for the year, then the district would be obligated to cover that year's costs. However, Mr. Myers stated that he had talked to six school districts that were participating and all gave excellent reviews of the program. Member Tammy Favila expressed her displeasure with the proposal and stated that, once again, the district had to become parents to all its students.

teach them to eat healthy and now the district would have to teach them to exercise at the taxpayers' expense. After ascertaining how many students were involved in physical education rather than athletics, Mrs. Favila commented that the center would benefit only students who didn't want to exercise, providing fitness opportunities to those who chose not to take advantage of the district's various athletic programs. Myers reiterated that the program would be at no cost to the district and that it was designed to target students who don't normally exercise and are in need of a fitness program. Jennings asked if the student program would relate to the TEKS and was informed by the Middle School Principal that it would. She also questioned the costs involved in opening the center to the public, along with member Scott Jacoby who had questions about the district's liability. Myer's stated that there were various ways to allow community participation, including charging a membership fee which would cover the cost of a person to oversee the operation during non-school hours. President Fields stated that absent member Tom Payton had told him he was in favor of such a project but not at the present time with the economic condition being what it was and also with the added responsibility of having to pay off the year's cost if the foundation did not have the funds. A general discussion was held with Mrs. Jennings stating that the proposal sounded like a shady deal to her and that it would be wrong to raise taxes while at the same time offering the community a fitness center. The Board President polled members who were in agreement not to take action on approv-

First, she stated, the district had to

ing the proposal. The Board unanimously approved the 2003-2004 student transfers as presented. They then reviewed the changes to the Revised Board Calendar and unanimously approved the deletions, additions, and changes as presented.

Superintendent Myer's stated that it had been three years since the Board had reviewed rental rates for school properties. He stated that some of the rental fees seemed out of line. He informed the Board that he had measured all the properties and believed that using a formula of

square footage times a multiplier of cents per square feet would provide a more equitable way to develop rent charges. He presented three methods using 30 cents, 25 cents, and 16 cents times square footage per individual properties and stated that it was his recommendation to charge 25 cents as a multiplier for teachers and 16 cents as a multiplier for administrators.

Jennings stated that she was totally against any change in the rental fees, that the teachers had received a big raise the previous year, and that the idea of lowering the rental fees was bad timing. President Fields stated that rent for school housing had been a big issue in the past and that the Board had wanted to charge fair market prices but also give the teachers an incentive. He commented that the Board had said they wanted to re-visit the rental schedule every three years and while he didn't think that the rates needed to increase, they certainly did not need to be lowered with the exception of a little adjustment to the administrator houses. Favila stated that the rent should stay the same. She commented that the district had told the taxpayers they would clean up the Castle Hill area and had done so and had given the young teachers a nice raise, but lowering the rent on properties after fixing them up would be just giving them away. Myer's commented that the whole point of the new rent schedule was in order to make the fees fair for all. Favila stated that renters had a choice: they could live in the property at the current rate or they could buy a house. Jacoby commented that the rental fees were all below market value and that with refurbishing the apartments, installing sprinkler systems, and providing lawn maintenance for the two sets of apartments the district (by lowering the rent) would, in effect, be moving backwards. Bustamante stated that the Board should revisit the rental fees every two years but that for the present time, these fees should stay as they are. It was the consensus of the Board to take no action regarding a change in rental fees and/or the method in which they are assessed but to revisit them again

in the future. The Board President commended the members of the One Act Play for their advancement to

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Director Jason Herring stated that the following students would advance to Regional Track: Morgan Hobbs, Juan Rodriguez, Dustin Martin, Scottie Moore, Wallace, Wilson Hilton Bloodworth, and Manuel Lopez. Mr. Myers announced that Sheryl Strauch had placed 3rd in Headline Writing and Editorial Writing at the Regional Literary Meet and would advance to the State Meet. He also said that a district goal was increased participation in UIL and asked High School Principal Doug Bawcom to comment. Mr. Bawcom stated that the High School had competitors in every event with at least three people per event and had made a strong showing, including 3rd at District, and that he was proud of the students and the staff. Middle School Principal, John Berry, informed the Board that the 8th Grade Girls and 7th Grade Boys had won the District Junior High Track Meet. Mrs. Favila commented that the softball field looked very

the Area Competition. Athletic

President Fields announced that the Board was entering into closed session according to its rights under the provision of Texas Government Code 551.074 to discuss personnel matters and that no action would take place in closed session. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:30 P.M. Motion was made by Jacoby, seconded by Bustamante, to employ Russell Baldwin as Band Director and Victoria Baldwin as Middle School Special Education Teacher. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A motion was then made by Favila, seconded by Jennings, to not renew the employment contract of Mary C. (Christy) Bell. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

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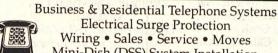
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year to dine out, and telephone lines vir Mom. And she sure has taught us a record their highest traffic as chil- Tot over the years. Today's mothers dren everywhere take advantage of this day to honor their mothers.

Mom deserves every ounce of appreciation this day gives her. She has always been there to pick us up when we stumble and fall. She reminds us that it's okay to try new things and to never be afraid of the inknown. Mom was there to help us with our homework and make sure we got to little league practice on time. And through all our daily activities, she was always gently reminding us of the lessons of life: play nice, make friends, try hard and be good. These are lessons that we will carry with us always.

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So in celebration of this special day, I'd like to say thank you to my mom. Over the past 50 years, she raised five wonderful children and showed us love and devotion every step of the way.

Thank you, mom. Happy Mother's Day.

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