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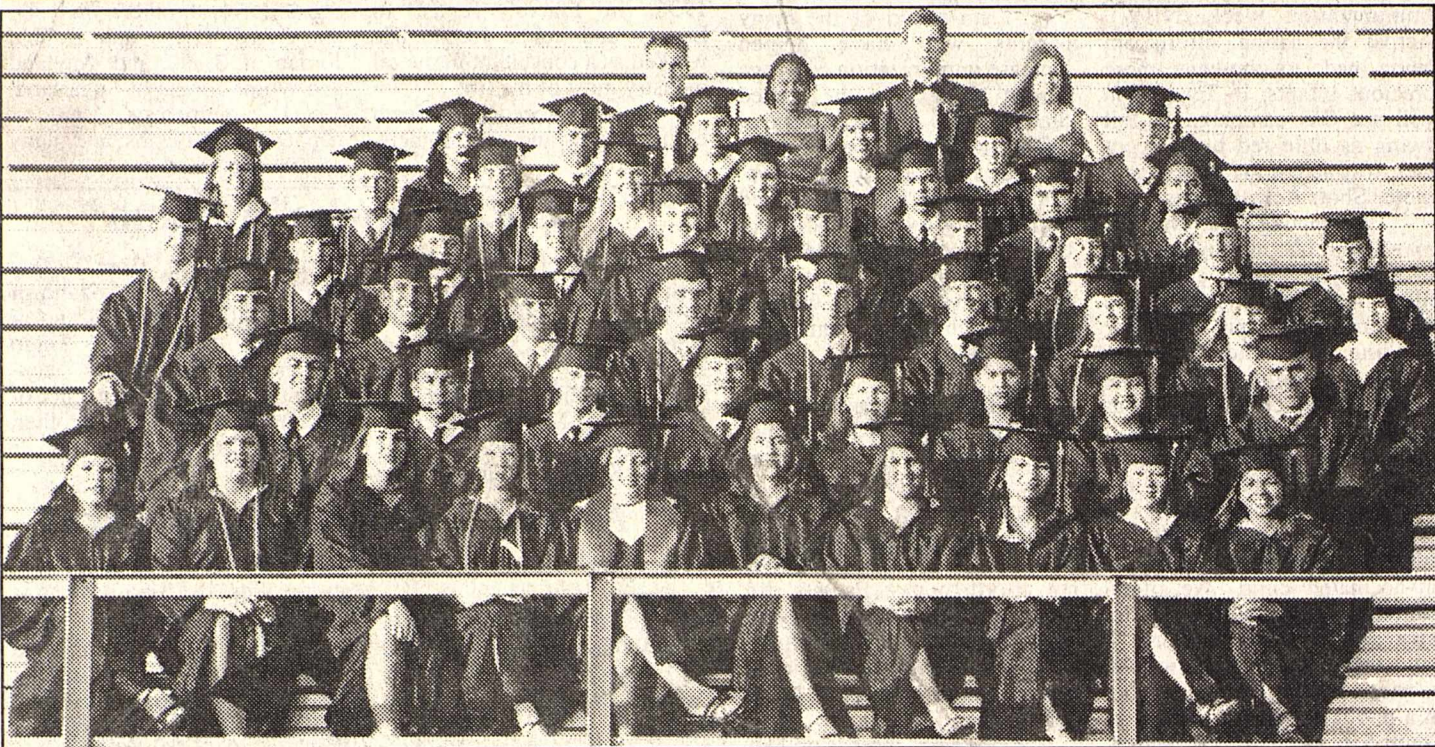
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## The Future Looks Bright For The Class of 2003

by Storie Sharp

"We can look forward with hopes and look back with cherished memories, looking toward the future, while learning from the past".

The senior class of 2003 made their final appearance as a Bronco at the Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 30, 2003. Friends and family crowded the Bronco Stadium to watch their graduates receive their diplomas, marking the end of their school career and beginning the adventure of the rest of their life.

Senior Class President Landon Brockman gave the opening invocation, followed by S.H.S. Principal, Doug Bawcom welcoming everyone to the graduation. Salutatorian Amanda Sanchez addressed her classmates, followed by the Valedictorian speech by Katrina Hernandez.

Sonora High School counselor, Kay Friess, announced the many awards and scholarships that the graduating seniors received and announced the high honor graduates, Koda Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, Landon Brockman, Keshia Frasier, Matthew Glasscock, Caleb Gully, Kara Hard, Ervey Hernandez, Katrina Hernandez, Morgan Hobbs, Brittany Longoria, Mayra Martinez, Ashley Parker, Leandra Perez, Amanda Sanchez, Justin Sims, Shannon Vick and Brandon West.

Principal Bawcom then certified the class of 2003 and Sonora I.S.D. Superintendent Brant Myers, and Board of Trustees Sam David Hernandez and Scott Jacoby presented diplomas.

Manuel Campos played the School Song and Class Vice-President Dustin Martin gave the Benediction.

The following scholarships were awarded to students of the class of 2003:

Senior Scholarship by Bob Caruthers to be paid in two installments of \$250 for tuition to a vocational/technical/trade school: **Judy Gutierrez**

A.E. Prugal Memorial Scholarship - \$500: **Keshia Frasier**  
Chance Armke Scholarship - \$1000: **Thomas Bloodworth**  
Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 - \$1000: **Koda Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, Landon Brockman, Morgan Hobbs, Katrina Hernandez, Brittany Longoria, Dustin Martin, Mayra Martinez, Juan Rodriguez, Justin Sims, Shannon Vick and Brandon West**  
Garza/Sentena Memorial Scholarship - \$500: **Ervey Hernandez, Brittany Longoria, Leandra Perez, and Brandon West**

Glinda Castro Rivas Memorial Scholarship - \$500: **Albert Borrego, Virgilia Rojo**  
Jack Neill/David Law Memorial Scholarship - \$1000, renewable for every year in college: **Landon Brockman**

Knights of Columbus Scholarship - \$500: **Virgilia Rojo**  
Miers Memorial Scholarship - \$1000, renewable for one year: **Koda Armke and Brandon West**  
Sonora Golf Club Scholarship - \$800: **Dustin Martin and Brandon West**  
W.B. McMillian Memorial Scholarship - \$1000: **Katrina Hernandez, Amanda Sanchez, and Justin Sims**

Local Chapter of the Association of Texas Professional Educators - \$250 for local ATPE members: **Shane Benson, Thomas Bloodworth, Landon Brockman and Amanda Sanchez**

Sutton County Days Assoc., 2002-03 Miss Sutton County - \$1000: **Koda Armke**; 2002-03 First Runner Up - \$500: **Ashley Parker**

Sonora Downtown Lion's Club - 2001-2002 Lion's Club Queen - \$250: **Ashley Parker**; 2002 and 2003 Second Runner Up - two \$100 scholarships - **Morgan Hobbs**

San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association - \$500: **Koda Armke**

Hill Country Jr. Live Stock Show Scholarship - \$300: **Shane**



Valedictorian **Katrina Hernandez** encouraged fellow students to open the door to their future and take advantage of what is there and to be kind to those around you and stay positive in their future endeavors.

**Benson**

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Scholarship - \$6000 over four years: **Landon Brockman**

Hill Country Jr. Live Stock Show Scholarship - \$400: **Landon Brockman**

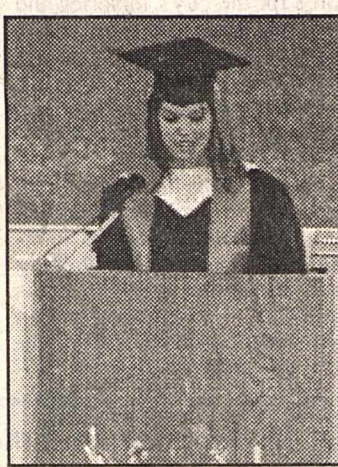
Carr Academic Scholarship from Angelo State University - \$1500: **Keshia Frasier**

Scholarship for Military Children - \$1500: **Matthew Glasscock**

Dr. Robert and Jean LeGrand Scholarship from ASU - \$1000; Early High School Graduation Scholarship - \$1000: **Ervey Hernandez**

Valedictorian Scholarship from the State of Texas - covers tuition for first two semesters. Community Bankers Scholarship - \$2000 a year for four years. University Honor Scholarship - \$8000 at \$2000 a year while attending Texas A&M at Corpus Christi, and the Terry L. Bebe Memorial Scholarship that goes to a graduate of and employee of Dominion: **Katrina Hernandez**

Academic Incentive



Salutatorian **Amanda Sanchez** quoted from Principal Bawcom's letter and reminded her classmates to "risk more than others think is safe, care more than others think is wise, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible."

Scholarship - \$1000 a semester for eight semesters, the Minister's Children Scholarship - \$300 a semester for eight semesters and the G.R. White Scholarship - \$750 a semester for eight semesters: **Brittany Longoria**

Terry L. Bebe Memorial Scholarship: **Ashley Parker**

Career Colleges and Schools of Texas - \$1000 and Imagine America Scholarship for attending a career college - \$1000: **David Sanchez**

Career Colleges and Schools of Texas - \$1000: **Ross Sanchez**  
Early High School Graduation Scholarship - \$1000: **Susana Vaquera**

Carr Academic Scholarship from Angelo State University - \$1500, Dr. Robert and Jean Ann LeGrand Scholarship from ASU - \$1000, Pell Grant - \$2300: **Shannon Vick**

Hill Country Jr. Live Stock Show Scholarship - \$300, Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association Auxiliary - \$500, John C. Coleman Ag. Scholarship - \$500: **Brandon West**

## West Texas Championship Cook-Off Will Heat Things Up This Weekend

by Storie Sharp

Cookers are already rolling into town with their pits, eager to mark their spot at what is predicted to be the largest West Texas Championship Cook-Off yet to be held in Sonora. The smoke will start filling the air Friday evening as cooks from all over Texas prepare their coals and wood for the big event to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the Sutton County Park Complex and Civic Center.

This year a \$1000 prize has been added for the Overall Grand Champion in Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Chili and Goat. Paying out over \$7000, each event will give prize money and plaques. The entry fees are \$50 for Brisket, \$25 for Goat, \$20 for Chicken and Ribs and \$15 for Chili. Contestants can begin checking in Friday at 9:00 a.m. and MUST be checked in by Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

With over 80 cooking teams expected to be participating judges will be needed in all events. If you are interested in tasting any of the treats, come out to the park and sign up to be a judge.

For those that don't care for Bar-B-Que, don't let that stop you from coming out, a Washer Pitchin' contest will be going on under the trees near the dance slab. Books open at 10:00 a.m., close at 10:30 a.m. and the pitchin' starts at 11:00 a.m.

New to the event this year is the "Pico Paisano" contest, sponsored by the Sutton County Steakhouse. You don't have to be a trained "Paisano" eater to be a part of this contest, just put on your bib, bring your appetite and head to the dance slab to scarf down a spicy treat!

Beer and drink concessions will be available on the grounds to help cool off everyone and local entertainers will perform all day. A gas grill is being raffled off by the WTCC Committee and chances are on sale now for \$1 at Stagecoach Grill and CellularOne.

The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down, it just gets louder.



Mark David Manders and the Nuevo Tejas band to highlight cook-off dance.

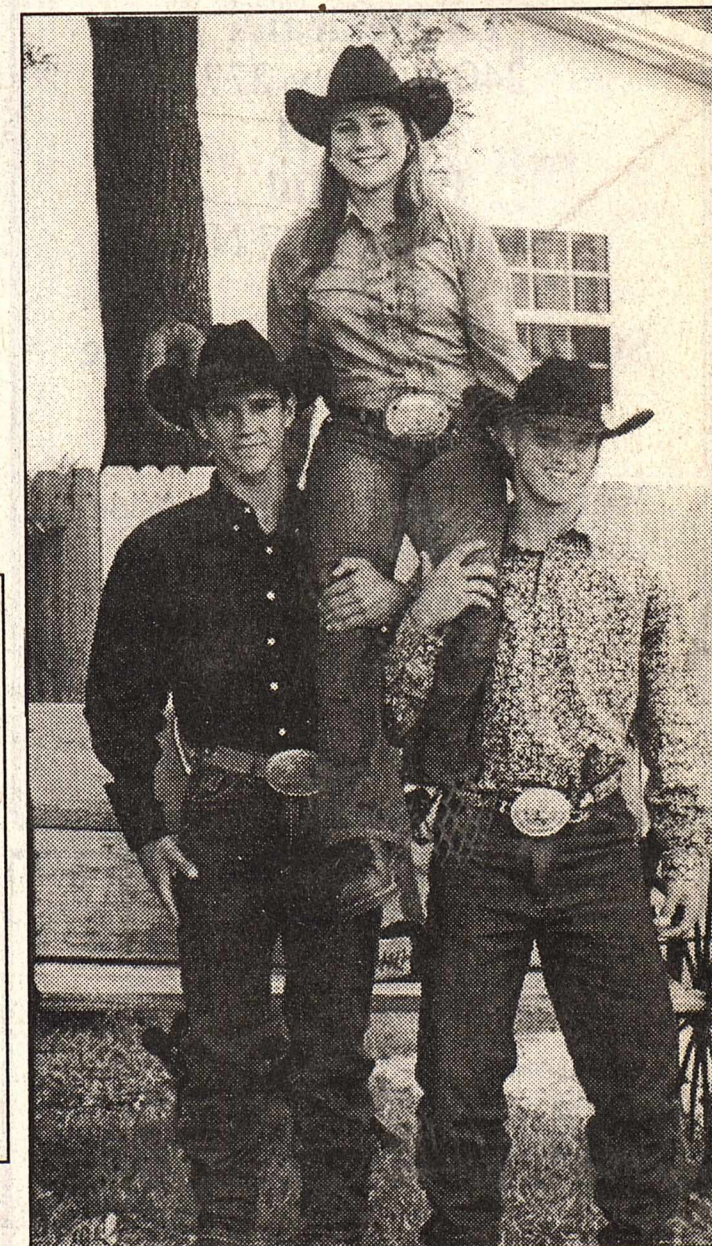
Local musicians, Bordertrash will open the dance at 7:00 p.m., with Texas music stars, Mark David Manders and the Nuevo Tejas band, taking the stage around 10:30 p.m. Manders will perform old favorites like "Three Fingers Tequila" and "Black Jack Road" as well as hits from his newest CD "Highs and Lows" including "Drive", "Leaving San Angelo" and "Fat Tuesday". Tickets will be on sale at the gate for \$10. West Texas Championship Cook-off caps, T-shirts, do-rags, aprons and Koozies will be available to purchase on the grounds.

Sonora Chemical & Supply, Inc., XS Ranch, Circle S Automotive NAPA, Champion Chemical, Budweiser, First National Bank, Creek and Kickin' Country 103.1FM wants everyone to come out and be a part of the



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## Rodeo Team To Kick Up Dust At State Finals



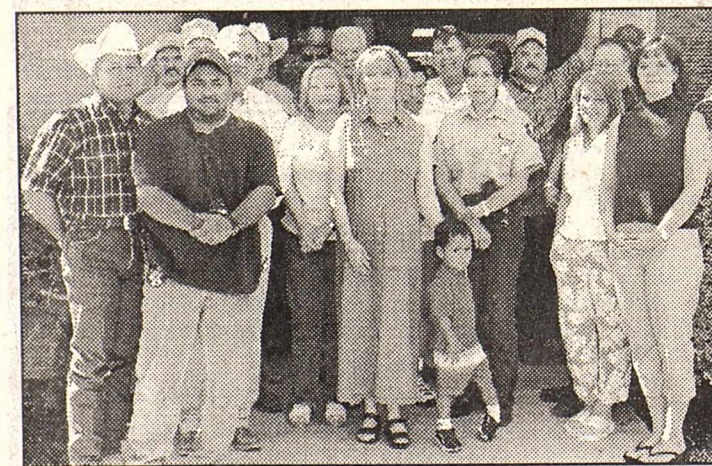
Steven Duhon, Koda Armke and Laramie Hall will represent Sonora at the Texas State High School Rodeo Finals.

The Sonora High School Rodeo team is preparing for the High School State Finals to be held the week of June 8th in Abilene. Koda Armke, Steven Duhon and Laramie Hall have all qualified and will be making the trip.

Koda qualified in goat tying, Steven in Steer Wrestling and Laramie in Steer Wrestling and Team Roping.

There is a full week of activities for the contestants. One event

## "Sutton County S.O., I'm 10-42" - Gesch Retires After 26 Years



After 26 years of dispatching at the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the longest employment by a dispatcher in the county AND most likely, the region, Abby Gesch (JAG) says farewell.

After marrying Brent Gesch in 1976, Abby moved to Sonora from Rocksprings and was hired for part-time help by Sheriff Bill Webster in 1977. On April 28, 1978 she began her full time career and has been heard on the radio since. Abby says that the years have been quite a journey of life. She was always learning a new lesson each day, both mentally and spiritually.

"Over the years I have definitely met a world of interesting people and have developed friendships around the universe" said Abby in an article once printed in a 9-1-1 magazine. "I would describe the whole picture in two words or less, 'Amazing Race'".

Sutton County, DPS, Border Patrol, City of Sonora Law Enforcement, EMS personnel, county and city employees, friends and family helped celebrate Abby's years of dedication to Sutton County by having a party in her honor on Thursday, May 29th. Past Sheriff, Bill Webster presented Abby with a token of appreciation from the S.O., a jewelry box with surprises tucked in the little drawers, including a heart pendant.

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## Sonora Readies For Annual Wool Judging Contests

by Steve Byrns

The 66th Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show and the 43rd Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest are set for June 17-19. Activities for both events center on the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse and the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

The show is open to sheep and goat exhibitors of all ages. It's considered the premier event of its type in the world. The accompanying youth-oriented contests are nationally rated, attracting the top youth teams from across the nation since 1947. Teams at this year's contest

are expected to hail from as far away as Wyoming and New Mexico.

The show is sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company and Texas Cooperative Extension.

A flurry of activities fill the three-day event. Included are an All-Texas Show for 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters, an open show for all U.S. producers, and the featured event, the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

See Wool Show page 7.

## Roadside Hanging Ruled As Suicide

by Storie Sharp

On May 28, 2003 Sutton County Sheriff's Office and EMS personnel responded to a call at the east bound 424 mile marker, just east of the roadside park, that a subject had hung himself from a tree.

Upon arrival at the scene, Sheriff Deputy Bob Hartman found the subject had been cut down by a traveling companion and attempts at CPR had failed to revive him. Patrick O'Connor, 23, of Pucayne, MS and New Orleans, LA was pro-

nounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez.

A passenger traveling with O'Connor told police that he had been hitchhiking and was picked up outside of California by the subject, who was traveling to New Orleans. The passenger was to be dropped off in Houston. The travelers began having car trouble not far out of Sonora and had spent the night at the roadside park. The next morning they were attempting to repair the

See Hanging page 7





## 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

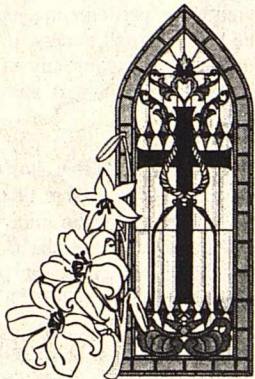
**LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Don Longoria, Pastor  
1705 N. Crockett

**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

## Vaccinate your Infants Today

by Congressman Henry Bonilla

Would you be surprised to learn that there is one simple step you can take to keep your children healthy? It's not a magic drug. And it won't cost you thousands of dollars. It's a very simple task and one that we all should follow: get your child vaccinated and do it on schedule.

This week marks the ninth annual National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Across the nation, efforts are being made to immunize more precious infants. In Texas, you will see this campaign in full swing as little red boots scoot their way across the state to promote "Shots Across Texas."

Vaccinating your children may sound like an obvious step in raising a healthy child, but life is hectic and this step is too often forgotten or put-off for far too long. Vaccinations offer the single best protection for the health of our children and our future. In today's society, immunization is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. We all know the old adage, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is the unvaccinated child. We often forget how fortunate we are to have access to vaccinations. I have first-hand appreciation of vaccinations. You see, I grew up in a public housing complex in South San Antonio. The people living there were poor, but they provided a hard-working, labor force for the city's factories and military bases. In those days, many of today's vaccinations did not exist. Far too many children suffered serious illnesses that today can be avoided by a simple vaccination.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I oversee funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This important administration approves, regulates and monitors all vaccines. I have dili-

gently worked to increase funding for the FDA. I understand that too many families are without health insurance. This is unfortunate in itself. But as we work to increase healthcare coverage, let's remember that vaccinations are still one of the best and cheapest ways to protect our children's health. They could mean the difference between life and death - especially if adequate health care is not available.

I am proud of the many parents who have helped increase immunization coverage among children in the United States. Over ninety percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age two. These efforts have translated into a ninety-five percent reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths. This is tremendous progress, but we must work to stop any child from remaining unvaccinated. There's just no excuse.

There is no reason for any parent to delay having their children vaccinated. If cost is a concern, there are a host of resources to help. Public Health Policy wisely picks up the tab for vaccinating anyone who can not afford to pay. Parents can get more information on vaccines, by asking a local physician or calling the National Immunization Hotline at 1-800-232-2522.

Remember, there is no better way for you to protect your children from disease than by immunizing them. Protect the littlest Texans by vaccinating your infants on schedule.

Congressman Henry Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As chairman, Mr. Bonilla oversees all of the nation's agriculture funding, the nation's food supply, emergency disaster relief, and immunization programs. Mr. Bonilla is in his sixth term as a Congressman from Texas' 23rd district.

## Obituaries

### Dale Jordan

Dale Jordan, 66, of San Angelo passed away Sunday, May 25, 2003, in San Angelo.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 29, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Shupp officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m. in Resthaven Cemetery in Brady, Texas.

Dale was born October 30, 1936, in Placid, Texas, to Earnest and Velma Jordan. He worked as a consultant in the oil industry most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers,

Dean and Elward Jordan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, June Jordan of San Angelo; son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Trisha Jordan of Snyder, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Douglas Schweizer of High Point, N.C.; grandchildren, Christine Schweizer of San Angelo, Jordan Schweizer of High Point, N.C. and Traci Jordan of Snyder; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lewis and Bobbie Jordan of Brady, and Wayland and Wilma Jordan of Sugarland, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and many special friends.

### E.R. "Pancho" Lozano

E.R. "Pancho" Lozano, 70, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, in an Odessa hospital. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Naley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Kenney Lozano of Big

Spring; daughter, Dora L. Day of Forsan; sons, Joe Lozano of Belton, MO., Daniel Lozano of Brandon, S.D., and Dago Lozano of San Angelo; step-daughter, Debra Rademacher of Pocatello, Idaho; and brother, Rafael R. Lozano of Sonora.

### Amalia Cardenas Lumbreras

Amalia Cardenas Lumbreras, 68, died Friday, May 30, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Gilberto Lumbreras of Sonora; sons, Fernando C. Luna of Beaumont and Leandro C. Luna of Fort Worth; daughters,

Leonor Torres and Margarita Kelly, both of Winters, Elvia Garza of Sonora, Normalisa Rincon and Sylvia Luna, both of San Angelo, and Letisia L. Valdez of Fort Worth; brothers, Guillermo Haro and Jesus Haro, both of San Angelo, Jesus Salazar of Arizona, and Rogelio Ochoa and Oscar Ochoa, both of Mexico; and sisters, Mary Lou Gutierrez of Sonora, Otilia Bustamonte of Arizona, and Olga Ochoa and Chela Ochoa, both of Mexico.

## Cards of Thanks

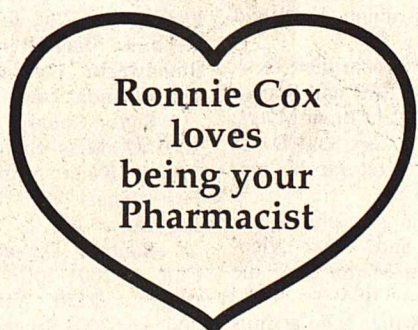
Family and friends of Elias Angel Perez, infant son of Robert and Cynthia Perez, would like to thank all of those that contributed and made donations to the Bake Sale that was held this past weekend. Monies raised are to help defer medical expenses. Elias will be having surgery on June 5, in San Antonio.

Once again, thank you and God Bless

Sonora High School would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations towards the end of the year awards: EM Hobbs, Sonora Chemical, Caverns of Sonora, Taco Grill, Grider Trucking, Creek Swabbing, American Sales, Location Builders, Schlumberger, Sonora Contractors, Team Graphics, Multi-Chem, First National Bank, La Mexicana Restaurante, Dairy Queen, Wallace Law Office, Sutton County Steakhouse, The Video Store, The Bank & Trust, Pizza Hut, Sonic Drive-In, Sombbrero Car Wash and The Devil's River News.

The children of Sonora Elementary School who completed their reading goals for the spring were treated to a special day of fun outdoor activities called Camp Wanna Read. We would like to thank Stacey Pennington, Curry Campbell, and Ben Ingham for all their hard work, cooking 450 hot dogs for the students and staff of the elementary school during Camp Wanna Read activities. We also appreciate the cafeteria staff, who had the day off inside, but still came to help serve the students outside. In addition to the hot dogs, Don Spiller and Dean Dermody gave the students the opportunity to cook s'mores for dessert! We appreciate all the parents, teachers, and aides who helped make this a fun-filled day for the students.

Sonora Elementary PTO Board Members



## Lighthouse Community Church

A Place to Belong and a Place to Become.

### Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
1705 N. Crockett

## Dining Out Directory

**Dairy Queen**  
134 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-2118

**La Mexicana**  
240 N. Hwy 277  
387-3401

**Pizza Hut**  
401 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-3540

**Stagecoach BBQ & Catering**  
109 W. Main  
387-0623

**Sutton County Steakhouse**  
1306 N. Service Rd  
387-3833

**Taco Grill**  
232 Hwy. 277 N.  
387-9127

*He who demands mercy and shows none burns the bridges over which he himself must later pass.*

(Unknown)

*Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.*

Matthew 5:7

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## Senior Center News

June 9 - Bingo.  
June 10 - Exercise with video! Sign up now.  
June 12 - Crafts after lunch!  
June 13 - Honor "Senior" Fathers at Sr. Center.  
June 14 - Flag Day.

## Senior Menu

June 9 - Chicken salad, carrots and celery sticks, chips, tomato soup, banana, milk.  
June 10 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, juice, biscuit, heavenly hash cake.  
June 11 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat roll, banana pudding.  
June 12 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, zucchini and yellow squash, corn, tossed salad, roll, fruit, milk.  
June 13 - Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, angel food cake 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

June 5  
First Baptist Church VBS Swim Party  
City Pool • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

June 7  
West Texas Championship  
Goat Cook-Off  
Sutton County Arena Park Complex

The Community Calendar



## Calendar

June 9-11  
First Baptist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

June 17-19  
Annual Sonora Wool & Mohair Show  
Annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest  
at the 4-H Civic Center &  
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## Ask the Historical Society

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

**THANK YOU GOD! THAT RAIN WAS WONDERFUL!**

We would like to start the column this week by telling you a little about the picture with this column. It was taken on July 4, 1947 at the Casa Piedra Ranch, 3 miles West of Sonora, Texas and says the following: Mounted horsemen, left-to-right: John A. Ward III, John A. Ward, Jr., "Busty" Halbert, unknown, Nasty Taylor, Bubby Chalk, Uncle Elmer, Wayne Ogden, L. P. Bloodworth, Bud Halbert (on white burro), Joe Hull.

Dismounted horsemen: Warty Alley, Sid Awalt, Glen Richardson. In Grandstand: Rip Ward, Albert Ward (announcer) and three unknown rodeo hands. Photo by: Boyd Lovelace (We typed names the way they were listed.)

A special thank you this week to Bill Stewart for the copy of "Barney K. Riggs The Yuma and Pecos Avenger" by Ellis Lindsey and Gene Riggs. It has been added to our reference section. He also let us copy a picture of E. S. Briant and Myrtle Anna Gurley Cusenbary Briant and one of Sheriff Briant alone. These were photos we did not have and are a welcome addition to the archives.

Another big thanks to John Allen Ward III for letting us use the photo in this column and for letting us copy a picture of John Allen Ward I taken in Chicago when he was a young man, the photo of Blanche, Lois/Lloys and Edna Ward about 1910 and one of John Allen Ward II with his horse. These are wonderful additions to the photo archives.

To the elves that snuck in and cut all the brush and grass down at the old icehouse, you sure did a great job. That building and the grounds have so much potential, excellent exhibit space and lots of room. All we need is lots of helping hands and money to turn it into a wonderful museum. A museum large enough to show all phases of history in Sutton County. Be sure to say thank you to Al Elliott for all the work he put into getting this building for us. He and Eddie Sawyer have put in countless volunteer hours and money to preserve the history of our county. We don't

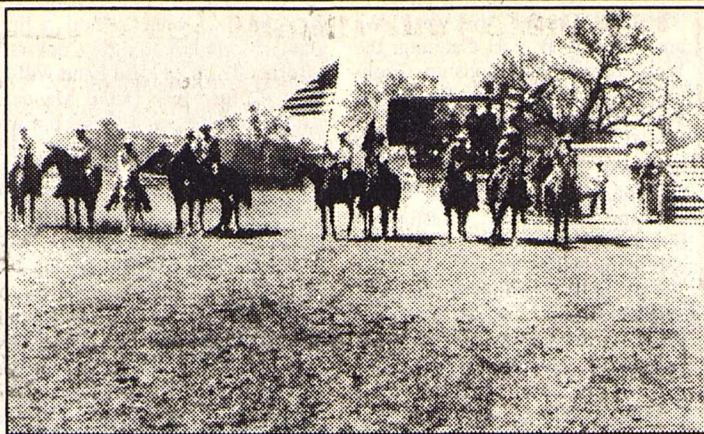
know what we would do without them.

Ruth Espy gave us a huge pile of records and an old record player. Since many of the young school children know about tapes and CD's but not records, this is a great addition to the collection. John Wade, I must have had 50 people stop and look at that old wagon box since you dropped it off. Some young boys that stopped in the other day sure did get a big kick out of the "old fashioned grinding wheel." They didn't know you had to put screw worm medicine on animals in the old days, when I showed them that bottle you brought and explained how it had been used they said, "Yuck! Glad we didn't live back then."

I mustn't forget my husband, Rick put in hours after the hail storm cleaning up the office grounds. He had just finished cleaning out gutters and bagging a ton of leaves from the grounds and had to start all over again when the hail knocked down more. He cleans the bathrooms and depot and fixes little things around here all the time for free. He even built a pressure wash attachment for the hose so we (he) doesn't have to climb the ladder to clean out the gutters anymore. Thanks for all those "volunteered" hours and donations you make to the society.

The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot) has been rented quite a bit this summer. If the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, a Church or Schools, civic organizations, etc. want to use the grounds for a large function you must call the office, in advance, at 387-5084, Mondays, Tuesday mornings or Fridays, and make sure the grounds aren't already taken and reserve your date NO EXCEPTIONS. Free use by large groups has to be approved by the officers and we need time to get this approval. We keep a calendar on the wall in here listing all rentals and special free use of the grounds, permission to use the grounds and approved use can only be obtained through the officers of the Sutton County Historical Society. We pay the insurance and upkeep on the grounds through dues and donations and get no help from the city or county with these expenses.

We always try to help the



July 4, 1047 at the Casa Piedra Ranch, 3 miles west of Sonora, Texas. Mounted horsemen, right-to-left: John A. Ward III, John A. Ward, Jr., "Busty" Halbert, unknown, Nasty Taylor, Bubby Chalk, Uncle Elmer, Wayne Ogden, L.P. Bloodworth, Bud Halbert (on white burro), Joe Hull. Dismounted Horsemen: Warty Alley, Sid Awalt, Glen Richardson. In Grandstand: Rip Ward, Albert Ward (announcer) and three unknown rodeo hands.

youth of our community but we can't have a conflict on bookings.

It isn't fair to the people renting the building for a private party and booked months in advance to find the yard full of people. We want the community to be able to enjoy our grounds but ask that you respect the privacy of renters. We don't schedule back to back functions so there is plenty of time for cleanup. So please, all you groups that we have allowed free use of the grounds, make sure you call ahead and reserve a date with the Sutton County Historical Society or you just might arrive and find the bathrooms locked; no one around to open them or the grounds are already rented or reserved by someone else and you will have to leave. When a date is reserved we pay to have the grass mowed before your function and check the facilities to make sure things are functioning properly. We do have automatic sprinklers on the grounds and they don't get turned off unless a date is booked.

Q. Did John Eaton start the water works on the hill?

A. No. John Daniel Eaton, Sr., the father of the John Eaton most of you remember, bought the water works on the hill from T. D. Newell in 1913. Mr. Newell was responsible for moving the water works, after he purchased it, from the Courthouse Square to the hill. J. D. Eaton, Sr. also had an ice plant and a power plant on the hill and young John had worked for him in all his

business ventures. The power plant and ice plant were bought out by WTU after they started operations on Water St. in the late 1920's. The water plant was eventually sold to the City of Sonora.

John Daniel Eaton, Jr. came to the hill in 1913 with his parents and brothers and sisters and lived on it most of his life. First in his parents home, then in a small place he and Ruth Lee had built after they married. He strived to keep the hill undeveloped so there would be no contamination of the town water system. John moved his growing family to his parents old home after their deaths. All his life he was active in community service, the Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Dramatic Clubs, Masonic Lodge, Sutton Co. Historical Society and his church. He is fondly remembered for his many good works in life.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratr.com. You may call me at 915-387-5084, the society offices, on Monday 8-4, Tuesday mornings or Fridays 8-4, unless it is closed for a holiday. If you would like to tour the Miers Home Museum or rent the "Depot," just stop in the office or give us a call any day we are open. We could use some volunteers to help with the office work and museum tours this summer.

## EMT Holds BTLS Class

On Saturday and Sunday May 17th and 18th Sutton County EMS held a BTLS (Basic Trauma Life Support) class for Basic and Advanced EMT. Instructors for the course were Blaz Perez and Brian Wilson. Blaz and Brian are certified instructors from Texas Tech at El Paso. Taking and completing the course were Keith Butler, Rosie Butler, Ada Castilleja, Karen Frazier, Carla Garner, Bill Laster, Mary Beth Luttrell, Carol Sessom, Jackie Smith, Tim Thorp and Beverly Williams.

The EMS will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, June 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The drive will be held at the EMS building.

## Looking For Lizards In All The Right Places



Collared Lizards are easily identified by the black collar across their necks.

by Delyse Jaeger

Let's talk lizards. Herpetofauna. It's a real word, derived from Herpetology; the study of reptiles and amphibians, and "Fauna"; sister of Faunus, the Roman god of animals. Today the word fauna generally refers to animal life of a particular region or environment. Our particular region hosts numerous reptiles of the lizard family and Sonora's Eaton Hill offers prime habitat for some of the most unusual animals to drag their bellies over the earth's surface. Considered the most diverse group of all scaly creatures, lizards come in a variety of shapes and colors and exhibit a wide range of behaviors unique to each species. Many of our native lizards are of the Iguanid family and use color display and posturing to communicate courtship and territorial defense. The Eastern collared lizard, pictured above, captivates the imagination with his ability to run on his hind legs, looking like a miniature velociraptor straight out of Jurassic Park. Collared lizards are named for the black stripe crossing the back of the neck and range in color from brown to greenish with light spots and beautiful aqua blue and orange highlights. This feisty lizard is 8 to 14 inches long, has strong jaws and

will bite, given the opportunity. Lizards generally mate in the early summer and lay their eggs in June to July. Most are insect eaters. Six species (perhaps more) bear the "Texas" label and all occur in this region along with 14 other species including 3 skinks and 2 geckos. The Texas Spiny Lizard and Texas Horned Lizard (horny toad) are both confirmed Eaton Hill residents as is the Great Plains Skink. Look for lizards on Eaton Hill in the rocky bluffs, in trees and rustling in dry leaves on the ground. If you catch a collared lizard fleeing on his hind legs like a tiny dinosaur, I guarantee it will put a smile on your face.

We appreciate the interest of all the students and teachers who toured Eaton Hill on Memorial Day and look forward to working with you next school year. Thank you to Michelle Lipham's Girl Scout Troop for their beautiful rock art. The bluebonnet paintings can be seen near the flagpole. Coming soon: The flag lit up once again and information on geocaching a worldwide treasure hunt game for GPS users.

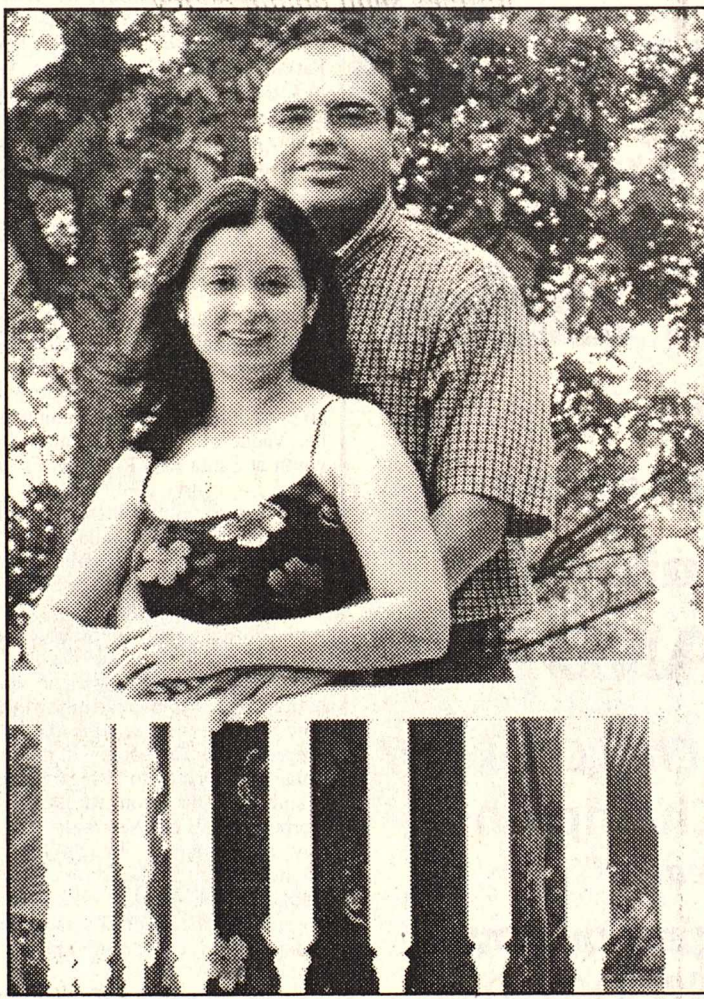
Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Hit the trails and explore the hill!

## Happy Birthday

June 5 - Tracey Randolph, Chelby Ramos, Biddy Sosa, Michele McGeath, Trent Reiner, Jesse Amador, Preston Villanueva  
June 6 - Sandra Elliott  
June 7 - Nancy White, Stephani Morriss, John Castro, Annette Castro  
June 8 -  
June 9 - Analise Perez, Olivia Deel, Faye Deel  
June 10 - Susan Mirike, Kevin Harper, Jessica Collins  
June 11 - Manuel Paredes, Jordan Nicole Paredes, Chad Russell, JoAnn Hernandez, Cathy Fox, John Brown, Jr.

## Engagement

### Hernandez and Renteria, Jr To Wed



Lorena Hernandez and Rito Renteria, Jr

Mr & Mrs. Esteban Hernandez are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorena Hernandez, to Rito Renteria, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Rito Renteria of Sonora, TX.

Lorena is a 2000 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2003 graduate of Howard College at San Angelo, where she earned an Associates Degree in Office Administration.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2001 graduate of Howard College at San Angelo where he earned an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement. He is currently employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, in Sonora, TX.

The couple is planning a September 6, 2003 wedding at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora, TX.

## Congratulations St. Ann's Raffle Winners

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Cinco de Mayo Queen Blanca Lozano, Princess Vickie Vara, Duchesses Amanda Samaniego and Christina Martinez would like to congratulate all the raffle winners: Home Interior Painting donated by Sonia Hernandez; Maria Hernandez; Gift Pkg. from the Hair Studio: Albert Torres; \$25 Gift Certificate from Petal Pushers: Adelita Alvarez; Virgen de Guadalupe throw donated by Irene Friess; Daniel Vara; gift basket from The Cutting Edge: Joe Garcia; T&C gas gift certificate: Catherine Reyna; homemade throw donated by the Solis Family: Carolina Vickers; bud vase from Lisa's Flowers: Albert Torres, lunch special from Rosie's Cafe: Alicia Virgen and Anita Duran; large garden cross donated by Castro Services: Wayne Sawyer; small cross donated by Castro Services: Lura Sawyer; lunch buffet from La Mexicana: Zapapan Sanchez; lunch buffet from Sutton Co. Steak house: Miranda Villanueva; Avon gift basket donated by Sandra Luz Gonzales: Mary Jo Berry; Avon gift basket donated by Nelda Tobias: Linda Luna; a haircut from Viola Solis: Will Anderson; \$25 gift certificate from Victor's Automotive: Aaron Barley. We want to thank all the businesses that donated a prize for the raffle and everyone who purchased a ticket from the Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates.

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Mrs. Mack Wardlaw nee Bridget Killgore  
**Baby Registry**  
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Traci and Jeff Hart of Del Rio proudly announce the arrival of their daughter on April 21, 2003 at 5:20 p.m. at Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital  
Her name is  
**Kendall Ashley Hart**  
She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20" long  
Maternal Grandparents are  
Kyle and Elaine Donaldson of Sonora,  
Paternal Grandparents are  
David and Jennifer Callison of San Angelo,  
Paternal Great Grandmother is  
Margaret Wicker of San Angelo.

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**June 7, 2003**  
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**Championship Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off**  
**\$1000 to Overall Grand Champion**  
 \* Goat meat will be tie breaker

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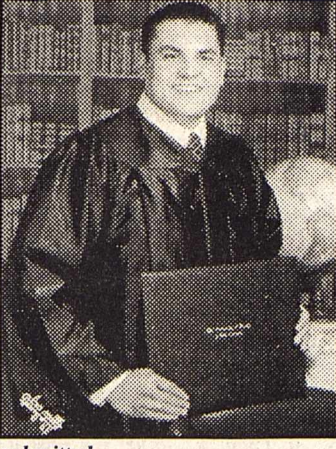
**Chamber Chatter**  
 We have lots to talk about in "Chamber Chatter" this week. We are featuring B & H Catering, the West Texas Championship Cook-Off, and the Sixty-Sixth Annual Wool & Mohair Show.  
 B & H Catering, owned and operated by Harold & Benita Martinez, will be having a "Grand Opening" at 207 W. Chestnut in Sonora on Thursday, June 5th beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
 B & H Catering has recently expanded their facilities and their services. For parties, dances, family reunions, or any kind of gathering, be it large or small call 325/387-2528 or 325/206-1268. Harold & Benita have been known as good cooks around here for years, and now they have Maria Capuchino & Betty Arredondo to help them with the cooking and Amy Ramirez to help them with bookings and to assist customers with menu planning. B & H Catering is a full service caterer and can help you plan the food for your next party. Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to wish them continued success and say that we are glad they are here in our hometown.  
 Last week I told you about the West Texas Championship Cook-Off to be held at the Sutton County

**West Texas Hunter Education Camp**  
 Did you know that every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education training course in order to hunt in the state of Texas? It's true - and it's the law. It's the law in Texas, as well as many other states in America. It also makes good sense to be certified in Hunter Education.  
 • Hunters 17 and older must successfully complete a hunter education course.  
 • Hunters aged 12 to 16 must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older when hunting.  
 • Hunters under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older when hunting.  
 Where can you attend a course? Just down the road into Crockett County and a little south of Ozona! When the course is completed, the certification card is good for life and is honored by the 49

states and 10 Canadian provinces that require hunter education. The Hunter Education certification card must be carried at all times while hunting.  
 The sixteenth annual West Texas Hunter Education Camp will be held on the Gene Perry Ranch in Crockett County June 13 - 15, 2003. It is open to boys and girls 12-15 years of age. There is a minimal cost of \$5.00 to the participants for attending the camp. The Perry Ranch contributes bunkhouses, classroom, and dining hall facilities along with various local contributors who ensure that all meals, drinks, and snacks are provided. Camp is held from 8:00 am Friday morning through Sunday evening when the parents are invited to join camp participants for supper and closing ceremonies.  
 Qualified instructors are on hand all weekend to teach participants how to handle firearms safely, how to track game through the brush, how to identify poisonous snakes, and how to survive in the wilderness. Students will also learn about wildlife management, emergency first-aid, marksmanship techniques, hunter ethics, hunting, modern firearms, muzzleloaders, and archery equipment.  
 Registration forms are available at the Crockett County Extension Office (next to the Fair Park Convention Center on Ave. AA in Ozona) or you can sign-up over the phone by 4:00 pm on June 9, 2003. For more information call the Crockett County 4-H office at 392-2721.

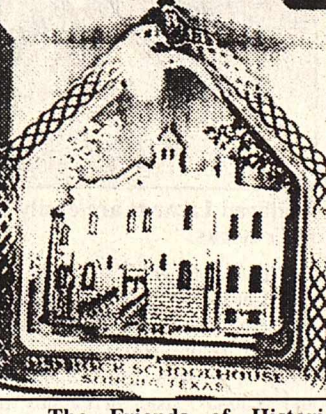
**'El Campo de Los Vaqueros' Youth Heritage Camp**  
 It's Roundup Time Again! Monday, June 2, 2003, The Heritage Intervention Programs, Inc. (HIP), a La Feria nonprofit corporation will hold its 8th Annual "El Campo de los Vaqueros" Cowboy Camp for youth at Santa Rita Ranch in Freer, Texas.  
 Thirty youth mentors will arrive at camp on Monday, June 2 and will depart from home Friday June 6. This year the youth will experience a hands-on camp. Nature walks, birding and wildlife observation are on the agenda. David C. Galvan HIP's director will provide heritage classes and teach the youth how to make a riasas from the Pita (yucca) plant. The youth will use the riasas on Thursday to laso calves for branding. The group travels to Corpus Christi on Wednesday for a day at Malaquite Beach, Padre Island National Seashore. Park Rangers will provide educational programs to the group. Thursday the group works cattle and enjoys a ranch BBQ.  
 The statewide HIP programs are designed as yearlong prevention

mentoring programs for youth ages 7-13. Using the discipline, pride, and perseverance of the Vaquero as a model, this program seeks to enhance personal responsibilities and self-esteem in young men through a message of anti-drug, anti-gang, stay-in-school-and-besomebody. The program is set up to mentor participants on a weekly basis with the group attending an outing of some Vaquero significance once a month. The camp offers activities such as horsemanship, horseback riding, roping, archery, canoeing, swimming, repelling, team building sports, life skills and discipline development skills.  
 Funds for HIP Programs are provided in part by a grant from The Meadows Foundation and Texas Rural Communities. Funds are also provided through partnerships with local state and governmental entities as well as community and religious groups. For more information call David Galvan at (956)778-2848

**Carrasco Receives Baccalaureate Degree from UTSA**  
  
 submitted  
 The University of Texas at San Antonio held its May 2003 Commencement Saturday, May 10th at the convocation center. Edward Lee Carrasco was among students receiving Baccalaureate Degrees from the College of Business.  
 Edward is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School. Currently Edward is employed by Alamo Heights Guaranty Bank as a personal banker. His parents are Ed and Arcelia Carrasco and proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Sanchez of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Baltazar Carrasco of McCamey, Texas.

**Neelys Graduate From Law School**  
 submitted  
 Edwin Sawyer Neely, son of Preston and Sarah Neely, of San Antonio, TX, and grandson of Lura Sawyer, of Sonora, TX, received his Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center this past May. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. He will practice law at the Washington D.C. offices of Jones, Day, Reavis, and Pogue. His wife, Suzanne, received her Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown in May 2002, graduating Magna Cum Laude and also being admitted to the Order of the Coif. She is currently an associate at the Washington, D.C. offices of Akin Gump.  
**Correction**  
 In the May 22, 2003 issue of The Devil's River News it was reported that the Sutton County Senior Center presented David Creek and the Tedfords with plaques of appreciation for their continued generosity and support of the Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Memorial Scholarship fund. It was actually the Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee that made the presentation and who are grateful for all that Creek and the Tedfords do.  
 We apologize for the incorrect information.

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**Main Street Offers Rock Schoolhouse Ornament**  
  
 The Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Program is offering Old Rock Schoolhouse Ornaments. These keep sakes are \$10 and all proceeds go to the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Program.

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**F.Y.I.**  
 The first day of the summer series 4-H Playdays is scheduled for June 10, 2003 at the Sutton County arena. Enter at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start. Events will be pole bending, barrels, and goat tying. Age divisions are: lead line, 8 & under, 9 to 11, 12 to 15 and 16 to 19 determined by age on 6/10/03, other dates are 6/24, 7/8, 7/15 and 7/29. There is a one time fee of \$25 to participate. A current negative coggins is required and will be checked with entry. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for more information.  
 When you need Transportation, think about Thunderbird Transit in Sonora. Whether it is for Summer School, Vacation Bible School, Summer Reading Program at the public library, swimming lessons, whatever the reason, give us a call! 387-2509. Rate: Student - .50 one way/\$1.00 round-trip; In-town - .75 one way/\$1.50 round-trip; Senior Citizen (60+) - contribution only.  
 St. Ann's Parish Team "Castro/Duran & Friends" will be selling Menudo, Pan Dulce and Brisket Plates (brisket, beans, potato salad, dessert and tea) for \$6 on Sunday, June 22nd at St. Ann's Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to order ahead of time call Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 387-2278 or after 4:00 p.m. 387-3327. On June 22nd call 387-5190 - We can deliver! All money raised from the food sales will go towards the St. Ann's Parish Building Fund.

Sutton County EMS is sponsoring an EMT-Basic course that begins August 12, 2003 and ends November 8, 2003. The classes will be held at 211 East Third Street, in Sonora. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m. There will be two classes that will be held on a Saturday. Please contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 if interested.  
 The next Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank & Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of someone close to you, you are urged to attend. For more information contact Kathy Hearn at 387-2593 or 387-2096.

A public hearing on independent living needs and services for persons with disabilities in the San Angelo area, hosted by the Texas State Independent Living Council will be held June 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hawthorn Suites Hotel, 1355 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo. For more information call Ted Thayer at 1-877-371-7353.  
 New Life Ministries is announcing a Sabbatical - there will be no services this month. We are so thankful to all who have participated with us in worship throughout these five years, and invite anyone without a home church to join us Sunday, July 13, at 10:00 AM to 'press in...in the Kingdom' through worship, as we 'Prepare a Place for His Presence!'



## S.M.S. Students Graduate From D.A.R.E.



The Sonora Middle School D.A.R.E. program recently had their end of the year graduation. Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh worked with the kids all year, encouraging them to stay away from drugs and educating them on the dangers of drug use.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a nationwide program and President George Bush even proclaimed a National D.A.R.E. Day that is celebrated in April.

President Bush said that illegal drugs are the enemy of ambition and hope, destroying individual lives and undermining the health of our communities.

In addition to the tragic consequences of drug use for Americans and their families, the drug trade supports terrorist networks that threaten our country and our allies around the world. When we fight the war on drugs, we also fight the war on terror.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) curriculum plays an important role in helping our young people understand the many reasons to avoid drugs. D.A.R.E. is a series of lessons, taught by specially-trained police officers, that encourages students to live healthy, drug-free lives.

According to the University of Akron Institute for Health and Social Policy, the program operates in 80 percent of our school districts, reaching 26 million young people in America each year. In addition to promoting the right decisions about drugs, D.A.R.E. helps build relationships among parents, teachers, law enforcement officers, and others interested in preventing drug use in their communities.

The Bush Administration is committed to keeping the fight against drugs among our Nation's top priorities. They have proposed new goals for our country, including a 10 percent reduction in teenage and adult drug use over the next 2 years, and a 25 percent reduction over 5 years. My National Drug Control Strategy is a community-based approach, incorporating three core principles: (1) stopping drug use before it starts; (2) healing America's drug users; and (3) disrupting the market for drugs in our country. In addition, my 2003 budget proposes \$19.2 billion for drug control. This includes \$3.8 billion for drug treatment and research, an increase of more than 6 percent over 2002.

Students that graduated from the 2002-2003 D.A.R.E. program are: Angel Aguayo, Kris Aguero,

Gloriann Alvarez, Will Anderson, Janeth Aparicio, Bethany Berry, Rayonna Blackman, Hillary Borrego, Ashley Brown, Martin Campa, Juan Capuchina, Hugo Cardona, Brandon Carraway, Jovi Carrillo, Victoria Castillo, Aimee Chavez, Leandra Contreras, Julie Coronado, Stephanie Coronado, Tyler Creek, Corina Davila, Diego Dominguez, Edna Dominguez, Brittani Dover, Meredith Earwood, Alyssa Favila, Paul Faz, Manuel Flores, Irving Fuentes, Anali Garcia, Sara Gillit, Tommy Gomez, Caleb Gonzales, Maria Delos Govea, Erica Granados, Kasey Gutierrez, Amy Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Nicole Hernandez, Sarah Hernandez, Cash Jennings, Shainah Johnson, Cassie Krieg, Jessica Loera, Vanessa Lopez, Sterling Love, Christian Lujan, Dakota Malik, Chaco Mesa, Dustin Neff, Ellie Newton, Mario Oliden, Manny Paredes, Shane Patlan, Cody Pena, Pedro Ramirez, Chelby Ramos, Bubba Ramoz, Alicia Reedy, Juan Romero, Joshua Salazar, Monica Sanchez, Harvey Santana, Cody Solis, Micheal Stephens, Keeli Taylor, Heriberto Tellez, Gus Trevino, Bianca Trevino, Alyssa Vela, Leanna Velez, and Amber West

## 2003 Summer Tennis Schedule

6/13-14 - Jacket Open - Shane Williford; Howard Payne University; 1000 Fisk Ave.; Brownwood, TX 76801; (325) 649-8827; Deadline 6/4.

6/14-15- Amarillo NW ZAT -Dennis Crowell; POB 3716, Amarillo, TX 69106; (806)355-5687; Deadline - 5/21.

6/21-22 - Mason Summer Swing - (Singles-21st / Doubles-22nd) MTA; c/o Paul Smith; POB 865, Mason, TX 76856; (325)347-5444; Deadline - 6/16.

6/23-25- Firecracker Open (Jr. & Adults)\* - McFarlin Tennis Center; (210)732-1223; Deadline - 6/5

6/28-29 Brady Commercial Nat'l Bank Jr. Open - Gabe Moreno; (325)597-2525; Deadline - 6/24.

6/28-29 San Angelo Hwy 80\* - San Angelo Hwy 80; c/o Kevin Collins; Bentwood Country Club; 2021 Clubhouse Ln.; San Angelo, TX 76904; (325)651-7220; Deadline - 6/21.

7/4-6 - Alamo City Jr. Open\* - McFarlin Tennis Center; 1503 San Pedro; San Antonio, TX 8212; (210)735-3069; Deadline - 6/11.

7/11-12 - San Saba Open - Ralph Cox; (325)372-4110; Deadline - 7/7.

7/12-13 - Arlington Tennis Association NW ZAT\* - ATA-NW ZAT; POB 63; Arlington, TX 76004; (817)4967828; Deadline 6/17.

7/12-13- Brady Nat'l Bank Open - Mike Trollinger; (325)597-2104; Deadline - 7/9.

7/17-19 - Mason Jr. Dr Pepper Open - MTA; c/o Paul Smith; POB 865; Mason, TX 76856; (325)347-5444; Deadline - 7/13.

7/19-20 - Mason Adult Dr Pepper Open (Jrs. may play in Open Division) - MTA; c/o Paul Smith; POB 865; Mason, TX 76856; (325)347-5444; Deadline 7/13.

7/18-20- Kerrville Ranch Enterprises Jr. Classic\* - KTA; 801 Tennyson Dr.; Kerrville, Tx 78028; (830)896-7955; Deadline - 7/6.

7/18-20 - Abilene Hwy 80 Dr Pepper Open\* - Rose Park Tennis Center; c/o David Davis; 801 Portland; Abilene, TX 79605; (325)767-6292; Deadline - 7/10.

7/25-27 - Fredericksburg Dr Pepper Open - FTA; c/o Randall King; 114 Driftwood; Fredericksburg, TX 78624; (830)997-5667; Deadline - 7/20.

8/2-3 - Southlake NW ZAT - Southlake Tennis Center ZAT; 450 W. Southlake Blvd.; Southlake, TX 76092; Deadline 7/18 (accepts internet registration).

8/8-10- James Long Real Estate Jr./Adult Open - Jack Whitworth; (325)597-0120; Deadline - 8/5.

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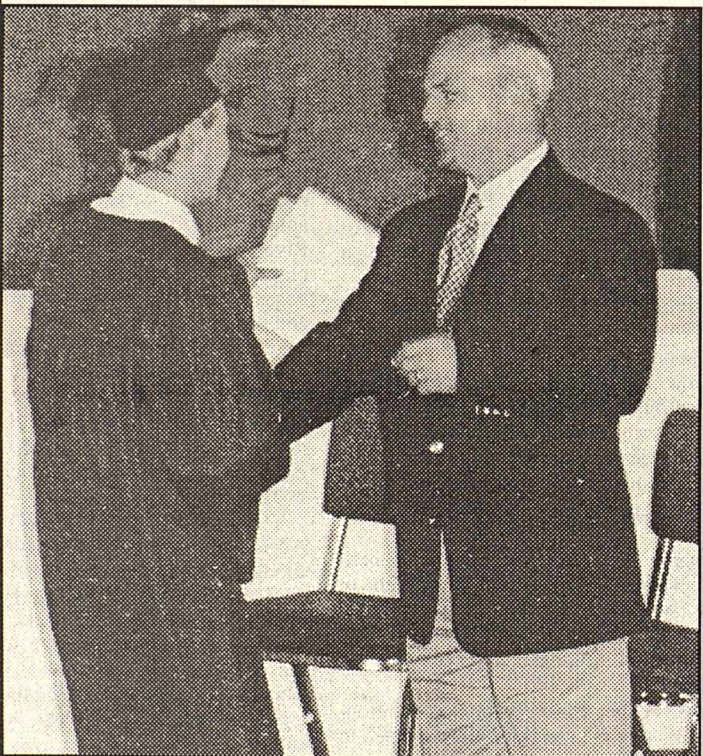
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## Monkeying Around at Graduation



The graduating class of 2003 gave Principal Doug Bawcom one more laugh before they made their exit from Sonora High School. Each senior signed their name to a red plastic monkey (the kind that comes in a "barrel of monkeys") and they slipped them to Bawcom as they shook his hand (AFTER receiving their diplomas).



## News from the Neighbors

### A Full Slate of Summer Activities Planned At X Bar Ranch

There is a summer packed full of fun activities and opportunities at the X Bar. June 6-8, they will be hosting a mountain bike training clinic. This all-inclusive clinic led by Doug Ballew, a USA Pro Cycling Coach, is geared specifically to beginner and intermediate level riders.

On June 28 will be the "Grub-N-Jazz At The Lodge" Dinner Show. Our featured live jazz band will be "Jazz Concho" from San Angelo. As always, good food and fellowship will be plentiful at the lodge. The last Dinner Show will take place on August 9. Terry Maxwell, a native San Anglean and biologist will lead an exciting discussion on the continued change of native flora and fauna on the Edwards Plateau from the time of the first pioneers to this area up to present day. Also appearing with their good humor and great music will be "The Pard's", singing all your favorite cowboy songs during dinner and closing the show.

For the fifth year now, the X Bar Shoot Out Mountain Bike Race has been the second race of the

Texas Mountain Biker Racers Fall Cup Series. There will be mountain biking activities throughout the weekend of September 12-14 for all ages and all skill levels.

All events require advance reservations, so don't delay, make your plans today!  
**Eldorado Star Party to Debut at X Bar Ranch**

After months of working through the various aspects of putting on a new event, the X Bar Ranch recently signed a contract with the Texas Star Party to move forward with the creation of the Eldorado Star Party. The agreement allows for necessary infrastructure improvements to begin in order to host a successful star party.

The X Bar Ranch was chosen as the site of this new event based on a number of positive factors it has to offer. First, the ranch has good dark skies, an imperative for good star gazing. The one sure bit of information that we do have right now is the date, which will be October 22-26, 2003.

Our toll-free number remains the same at 888-853-2688.

## Young Ladies Invited To Join The Fun In San Angelo

Soy Unica, Soy Latina Celebration - San Angelo - Join us Saturday, June 7th, 2003 at the Bill Aylor Riverstage from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For girls ages 9 & up and family! Fun Special performance by: GIBETH \*FREE\* Porque soy Unica, Porque soy Latina, Puedo alcanzar mis metas! F.M.I. call (325) 655-8961

Presented by: Girl Scouts - El Camino Council, Boys & Girls Club of San Angelo - Southside Unit, Mejor Que Nada, Univision - San Angelo, Right Choices for Youth, and the San Angelo Community.

## Ortiz Crowned "Powder Puff Queen"



**Powder Puff Queen Contestants: Norbert "Norberta" Ortiz, J.E. "Juanita" Carrillo, Devon "Devona" Yearout, Peter "Petuna" Duran and Stevie "Stevarina" Hernandez.**

The S.H.S. Cheerleader's Powder Puff Football fund raiser held on Wednesday, May 18, 2003 helped raise money for next year's activities. The blast of cold air that blew in didn't stop the girls from giving it their all on the field and the Senior/Sophomore team defeated the Junior/Freshman team by one touchdown.

"Drag"ing themselves around the field were this year's Powder Puff Queen contestants, with Norbert "Norberta" Ortiz being crowned the 2003 Powder Puff Queen. The queen contestants were chosen by who raised the most money for the event, Miss(?) Norberta was even seen making the rounds to local businesses, dressed to the nines, seeking donations. Nice hat Norbert!



Tara Green runs with the ball, as Ashley Parker attempts to stop Tamika Marshall from making the tackle.

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 New Dominion; 8550' Mayfield - 33 - #6, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 8550' Duke Wilson #2109, Patterson Drilling.  
 New KCS Resources; 7200' Sawyer - 167 - #11, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 6850' Kelly - 125A - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 6650' Jones - 118 - #19, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 6200' Cauthorn - 86 - #5, Key Energy.  
 New Dominion; 6000' Steen #67, Patterson Drilling.  
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 Vintage Petroleum; 8000' JW Henderson #4, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Anadarko; 7850' Elmer Hooper Hatton Est - 8A, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Bluegrass Energy; 7500' Stimpson Canyon #1032, Patterson Drilling.

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 Nuevo Texas Inc.; 12500' Mitchell - 4 - #8, Nabors Drilling.  
 New EOG Resources; 9600' Noelke - 5 - #2, Patterson Drilling.

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**Edwards**  
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 Dominion; 9100' Peterson #5401, Patterson Drilling.  
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**Texas Private Landowners Receive Conservation Grants**

AUSTIN -- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that seven federal grants totaling more than \$850,000 were awarded today to individuals or groups for conservation projects on private lands for endangered, threatened or at-risk species. The grants were the first awarded in the state under the new Private Stewardship Grants Program.

"Private landowners are first and foremost stewards of Texas lands," Combs said. "These grants are a testament to their commitment to species conservation and to preserving the natural resources of the Lone Star State. With more than 97 percent of the state privately owned, private landowners are important partners in resource and species conservation."

"The Private Stewardship Grants Program is a tremendous partnership with the federal government that will continue to conserve the beauty and diversity of Texas in years to come," Combs said.

The Private Stewardship

Grants Program, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, provides federal grants to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit endangered, threatened or at-risk species. Each grant must be matched by at least 10 percent of the total cost in either non-federal dollars or in-kind contributions.

"By working cooperatively with private landowners, we create a framework in which public and private partnerships serve to reward, not punish, landowners who restore habitat and take other steps to protect and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species on their land," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior David P. Smith.

"Obviously, the key to conservation of natural resources in Texas is working in close partnership with private landowners, so the Private Stewardship Grants Program is a great tool for forming partnerships

**Texas Farm Bureau says: Good Legislative Session for Agriculture**

WACO - Texas farmers and ranchers accomplished most of their goals in the just completed 78th Session of the Texas Legislature.

Though many state agricultural program budgets were cut, Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke says, "It was a good session for agriculture, and we don't think levels of service to farmers and ranchers will be affected by the cuts that were made."

Not only was adequate funding for state agricultural programs preserved, new legislation was passed that stands to protect the property rights of farmers and ranchers. High on the Farm Bureau's list was a bill to require cities to pay the fair market value of water beneath property that is condemned for the purpose of acquiring the water rights. Prior to passage of this bill, government entities had only to pay the market value of the land.

Also, the city acquiring the land must first prove that it has developed a drought contingency plan, implemented water conservation measures, pursued alternative water supplies, attempted to voluntarily buy or lease the water rights and prove a need for the water within the next 10 years for domestic use.

Also on the property rights front, landowner participation payments in transportation corridors are now possible due to action by the Legislature. Farm Bureau has long sought a system of royalty payments when land is condemned for utility or highway rights of way.

The landowner and the Texas Department of Transportation would negotiate the duration of

these payments.

"We think this is an important step forward," Dierschke said. "Rather than simply losing property to eminent domain proceedings, landowners can participate in the profits generated by these transportation corridors."

The Legislature also moved to protect the personal information of ranchers who use predator control services. Previously, animal rights groups had moved to acquire the names of participants who used these services. Farm Bureau took court action to stop the release and now the Legislature has voted to exempt this personal information from the open records law.

"We believe this bill was important to protect the privacy and safety of our members," Dierschke said.

The Legislature also helped farmers and ranchers deal with the growing problem of feral hogs. Wild hogs, commonly known as feral hogs, have been a destructive force in rural Texas for decades. The Legislature approved a bill allowing farmers to control the hogs without a hunting license. Feral hogs have caused millions of dollars in damages to crops, fences and even livestock.

These and other bills are contingent upon Governor Rick Perry's signature.

"We believe these bills are good policy for Texas and will provide a needed boost for agriculture," Dierschke said.

**Rivers Month Notes Vital Network People, Wildlife**

AUSTIN, Texas -- Texas is a landscape dominated by 191,000 miles of waterways made up of some 8,000 named rivers and streams. Like veins in the human body, Texas rivers are the lifeblood for fish, wildlife and people, facts emphasized during Texas Rivers Month in June.

Gov. Rick Perry issued a declaration on March 14 stating "Texas rivers are part of our state's history and heritage. History has been made on their banks, cities have been founded along their waters, and just the mention of their names evokes countless Texas legends. Through the ages, these treasured natural resources have contributed immeasurably to this great state we call home."

There are 15 major river basins in Texas that provide crucial freshwater in-flows to coastal estuaries. These rivers and their many tributaries transport life-giving nutrients to the coast. Estuaries, where river freshwater meets saline seawater, are ecological factories powered by sunlight that form the foundation of multi-billion dollar sport and commercial fisheries.

"Rivers enrich our lives, provide water to drink and food for the table and form the landscape of this great state," said Bob Spain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department assistant director for resource protection. "I hope everyone will get their favorite fishing pole, swimming trunks, canoe, or pair of binoculars and enjoy their favorite waterway for rivers month in June."

Rivers provide direct benefits to Texans by assimilating and naturally treating wastes, recharging aquifers, and buffering floods. Rivers also provide statewide recreational opportunities including boating, fishing, canoeing, hunting, and birding.

They supply water for municipalities, industries and agriculture.

They replenish wetlands and bottomland hardwoods, some of the most important yet most rapidly disappearing wildlife habitat types in Texas.

Yet rivers are threatened. According to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality data, of the 14,315 miles of streams that were evaluated for a recent report, 12,892 miles of monitored streams meet the requirements of aquatic life. This means 10 percent of the monitored streams did not adequately support life.

For water contact recreation, only about 71 percent of the classified streams in Texas are considered safe to swim, water ski or wade.

The TCEQ, TPWD and other agencies focus considerable staff time and resources on monitoring river and stream quality, tracking pollution complaints and enforcing water quality laws. Much effort is given to proactive education to encourage voluntary water stewardship, but wrong-doers can face penalties.

In 2002, TPWD investigated 181 fish kills and pollution complaints in rivers and streams. Major causes of these kills included a widespread outbreak of golden alga, as well as spills of brine and oil.

**Texas Hunting, Fishing, Boat Fees To Increase**

AUSTIN, Texas -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Commission voted unanimously May 29 to increase most hunting and fishing license and boat registration fees. The cost of senior and youth license types will not increase.

Hunting and fishing license changes will take effect when new season licenses go on sale Aug 15. Boat fee increases will take effect Sep. 1, which means boat owners who get renewal notices with August expirations will see the higher fee schedule.

For the past two months, the department has sought public input about the fee proposal. TPWD had public meetings about fees in Abilene, Corpus Christi, Humble, Lubbock, San Antonio, Southlake and Tyler. A total of 24 people came to these meetings and almost all spoke in favor of the fee increase proposal. More comments came by e-mail, mail and phone, most of them against the increases. All told, 61 people commented about boat fees and 158 commented about hunting/fishing fees.

"Public comment about the fee proposal was surprisingly light in my view, and to me that affirms what I've said since we began this process--hunters, anglers and boaters get a good deal from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department," said Katharine Armstrong, TPWD commission chairman. "It's been seven years since our last fee increase, and we need this one to keep providing the basic services that our state needs and our customers expect. I think most people understand and support that."

Many of those who commented said they would support a fee increase if they could be assured TPWD would spend the money in ways that benefit boaters, hunters and anglers.

"I think it's important to emphasize that some very significant belt-tightening has taken place in the department," said Ernest Angelo, Jr. of Midland, TPWD Commission vice-chairman. "All the necessary fiscal responsibility has been exercised to make possible raising fees. And everything being proposed is within the bounds of inflation and the cost of what it takes to run TPWD. It's time to do it."

The boat registration fee increase is expected to generate an additional \$3.6 million per year. Hunting and fishing fee increases are projected to bring in an additional \$10.2 million per year. This money will allow the agency to keep providing basic services.

By law, TPWD can only spend hunting and fishing license revenue on fisheries and wildlife management and law enforcement. License funds cannot be diverted to state park operations or other state government needs.

The cost of a Super Combo license will increase this fall from \$49 to \$59. Resident hunting and resident fishing licenses will go from \$19 to \$23. Licenses for youth and seniors will not increase.

Also for the first time since 1996, fees for two-year boat registration will increase by amounts between \$5 and \$15 depending on the size and type of vessel.

Almost all the fee changes shown there as proposals will take effect, except for the duplicate Texas Conservation Passport fees, which will be addressed later.

The department put a slide show presentation on its Web site ([http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/pubhear/local\\_meetings.htm#fees](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/pubhear/local_meetings.htm#fees)) detailing how license money has been spent since the last increase in 1996. A complete list of fee increases is on the TPWD Web site ([http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/pubhear/proposals/proposed\\_fees.p.html](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/pubhear/proposals/proposed_fees.p.html)). The public comment period has ended but the department is keeping this page up to show the fee changes.

**WTU Retail Energy Re-Establishes Neighbor-To-Neighbor**

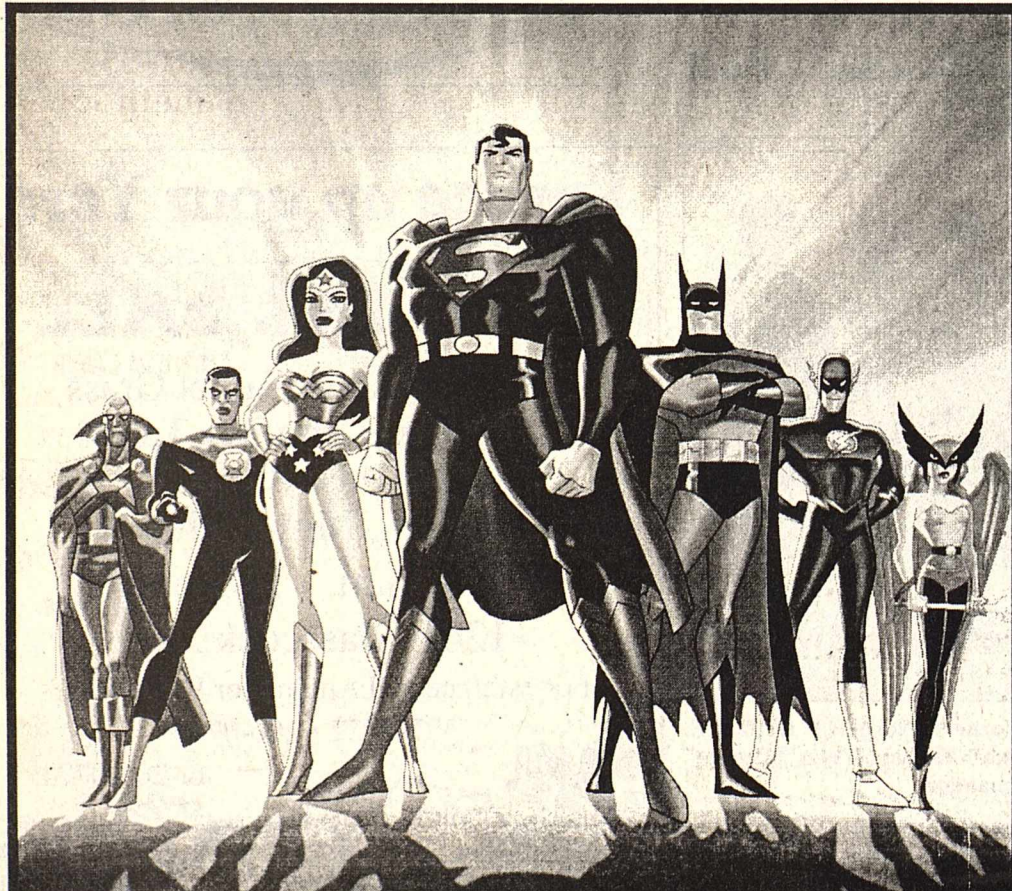
WTU Retail Energy is partnering with social services agencies to help West Texans in financial emergencies pay their home electricity expenses.

"On any given day, many of our neighbors are facing financial hardships and may not have the money to pay for basic needs such as electricity," said Don Whaley, WTU Retail Energy President. "WTU Retail Energy is committed to helping them through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program."

The program, previously known as Share the Power, is funded by an initial \$200,000 contribution from WTU Retail Energy covering 2002 and 2003. In subsequent years, WTU Retail Energy will continue to contribute \$100,000 annually. The program is administered through 13 community action agencies in West Texas. Each agency determines who receives assistance.

WTU Retail Energy customers also can make tax-deductible contributions to support the program and should look for more information with their monthly invoices. One hundred percent of the contributions directly benefit those in need.

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program is designed to provide short-term assistance to families in crisis. For more information contact: San Angelo - Tom Green Co. Health Dept. at 325-657-4400 or the Tom Green Co. Community Action Council at 325-653-1680.



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## Wool Show from page 1

The national wool judging contest now includes for the third year the national FFA wool judging contest. The contest is expected to draw three top New Mexico teams and three winning Texas teams.

Wool and mohair fleeces and bag entries will be weighed and tagged starting at 10 a.m. June 17 at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company. Entries must arrive no later than 3:30 p.m.

Activities June 18 begin at 7 a.m. with judging team registration at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Livestock judging competition starts there at 8:15 a.m. Judging of the junior and open division wool and mohair entries at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company Warehouse also starts at 8:15 a.m.

Range judging participants will depart from the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center at 10 a.m. The wool and mohair judging contest begins at 1 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

Teams needing to register for the National 4-H and FFA wool judging contests may do so until 5 p.m. June 18 at the civic center.

The final day's activities open at 8 a.m. with the National 4-H and FFA wool judging contests at the center. The day concludes there with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

For further information contact the Extension office in Sutton County at (915) 387-3101.

## Gesch Retires from page 1



"You all will always be in my heart" she said as she admired the gift. Hilda Garraby, the Emergency Coordinator with the Concho Valley of Government presented her with a glass award in the shape of Texas for all that she has done over the years. Abby helped implement the 9-1-1 program in Sutton County, went to all the schools to become certified and worked to train all the dispatchers on the system.

Sonora Chief of Police then presented Abby with a gift certificate, stating that they had worked together for over 20 years. Many other gifts were opened, showing a continuous outpour of respect and love for a dedicated employee and friend.

Sheriff Joe Fincher, the second of only two sheriffs that Abby worked for, also expressed his appreciation for all that Abby did in her years as dispatcher, as did other friends and co-workers. Everyone enjoyed visiting with her and snacked on a feast of cake, cookies, fruit, veggies, and more.

Abby said her reason for retirement is that her time is complete, but in her heart she will miss it very much. Sutton County will also miss Abby; she won't be gone from town, she just won't be the voice on the other end of the radio - "10-42".

## TEXAS TALKS TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### The Bull That Terrified New York



**Tumbleweed Smith**  
Dan Taylor of Doole, Texas is one of the most famous rodeo cowboys in the country. He is known in cowboy circles as Dooley Dan.

Taylor. He started riding at age two and roping at age five. He became the youngest roper in professional rodeo. He has won numerous awards and served as President of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He has worked as a Chute Boss at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo since 1949.

In the early fifties, he was competing in the rodeo at Madison Square Garden in New York City when a bull got out.

"It was the last night of the rodeo and after the calf roping event, contestants were taking their horses out a side door so they could load up and leave," says Dan.

"During the bull riding event, a bull jumped out of the chute and ducked out that side door."

Dan took off after the bull.

"For about the first quarter of a mile or so I was just following him. People were screaming and pointing. Finally I got a chance to rope him. I roped him on the first toss of the rope right there on the Great White Way, Forty-Second and Broadway where there's a million people every night."

Dan roped that bull right in front of a hotel.

"People in New York don't know much about livestock, as a general rule. They didn't know what a dangerous situation that was. That bull wasn't a fighting bull, he was kind of a bucking bull,

but he was a Brangus type. He might butt you, but he wasn't a bad hooking bull. He had little bitty short banana horns."

Dan says the police were his biggest problem.

"They ran up there and was going to shoot him. They were raising cane and going on. I had him on a fairly long nylon rope and he'd head for that revolving door into the hotel. There were some cars parked in front of the hotel and I'd ride over toward those cars and pull him out of that revolving door and holler at the people to get back. Then he'd go toward the cars and I'd get in the revolving door almost and pull him back the other way." Dan roped the bull on a street made of cobblestone. His horse's shoes created a fireworks display.

"When this big horse I was riding stopped after I roped the bull, it looked like you'd lit four cutting torches. Sparks were flying everywhere. We were going at a pretty good speed and had to stop real fast."

Dan put another rope on the bull, tied it securely to a jeep and followed it back to Madison Square Garden. The next day newspapers and radio stations across the country reported the events of the previous night. The story told how this Texas cowboy had acted bravely and saved countless lives. Dan's name was mentioned prominently in the story.

Since Dan had not heard any radio or read a newspaper that morning, he didn't know he was a hero until his friends started calling him.

## Protect Your Skin From The Sun's Ultraviolet Rays

Skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States, is a long-term effect of over exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation. UV rays damage skin cells, which can lead to one of three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. Fortunately, skin cancers are preventable and highly curable if found and treated early.

"Protecting your skin from UV rays is a must all year-round, but especially during summer months when the sun spends the most amount of time directly overhead," says Lily Lai, M.D., skin cancer expert at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles. "That is when UV radiation levels are highest." UV radiation levels are at a maximum when the sun is high and the skies are cloudless, but it is also reflected or scattered by different surfaces. Even with cloud cover, the UV levels can be strong due to scattering, while sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent. People taking tropical vacations should also use caution because UV levels are highest near the equator.

Feeling pale? Trips to tanning booths expose you to ultraviolet rays just as the sun does. Having a tan, natural or artificial, is a sign that the sun has already damaged your skin. Using a sunless tanner is a good way to get tan without damaging your skin.

"While certain risk factors increase the chance of skin cancer, everyone is at risk of developing it and needs to wear sunscreen, even people with darker skin tones," explains Dr. Lai. Some of these risk factors include having fair skin that freckles easily; living in warm climates with high sun exposure and/or high altitudes; occupational exposure, such as working outdoors; overall lifetime exposure to the sun; and having many moles.

Here are some tips to protect your skin from harmful UV rays during the summer months:

Avoid exposure to midday sun, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., when UV rays are most dangerous.

Use sunscreen with a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher whenever you spend time outdoors. Remember to reapply sunscreen every 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Wear protective clothing such as hats and long-sleeved shirts that block the sun's rays.

Protect children from the sun's rays as soon as they are born. The damaging effects of UV radiation can begin in childhood.

Be careful when taking certain medications that may cause the skin to burn more easily. Check with your doctor or pharmacist to determine if your medication could be a problem.

Avoid sun lamps and tanning booths.

Skin cancer, especially melanoma, has the potential to be deadly. By taking steps to prevent sun damage and detect symptoms early you can protect yourself. Remember to ask your doctor to evaluate your skin during your yearly physical.

## Hanging from page 1

vehicle when O'Connor is reported to have said he would be right back, and headed off into the tree line on the side of the road. The passenger continued to try to repair the vehicle and a passer-by stopped to assist. After a phone call was made and a part was found, the passenger went to find O'Connor to tell him. That is when he found him hanging from a tree, by a blue and white poly rope taken from the vehicle. The passenger had to run back to the vehicle to get a knife to cut the body down, and was assisted by the passer-by. Together the men attempted CPR on O'Connor but were unable to revive him.

The passenger reported that O'Connor had said nothing of attempting suicide during their trip.

An autopsy is currently pending at the Bexar County Medical Examiners office.

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Effective Immediately Perez Wrecking Yard Hwy. 277 S. Sonora, TX is no longer in business and will no longer be accepting junk cars, old appliances or scrap metal of any sort.

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Sutton County Appraisal District vs. Juan Carlos Gonzales and Lilia Gonzales. Being a Part of Lot 3, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the West Mexico Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 130, Page 214 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

All of Lot 7, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the West Mexico Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 122, Page 145 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

Lot 8, Block B, Pedro Domingo Addition to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 123, Page 744 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

**4813 Sutton County Appraisal District vs. Luis B. Segura, Herlinda Segura aka Linda Segura and Pacesetter Corporation dba Pacesetter Products, Inc., Lienholder (In Rem Only)**

All of Lots 7, 8 and 9, SAVE AND EXCEPT the East 50 feet, Block 16A, South Heights Addition to the Town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas (Volume 226, Page 362 of the Deed Records, Sutton County, Texas)

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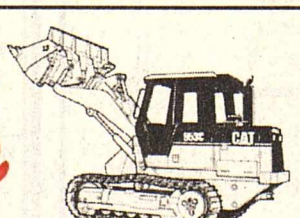
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