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One Hospitalized From Bee Attack

by Storie Sharp

Two separate bee attacks, on opposite ends of Sutton County, have been reported in the last two weeks.

The first attack took place on September 10, 2003, on the Hudspeth Ranch. Carlos Martinez, 43, of Sonora, was driving a bulldozer, pushing brush, when the bees attacked. Martinez was admitted to Hudspeth Hospital, where he was treated for over 100 bee stings.

The second attack took place September 20th, on the Vanderstucken Ranch, located on Bond Road. Local ranchers Tom Payton and family had been working goats and were standing up near the house. The goats were located in a pen about 200 yards from where the family was gathered. Tom, his father, his sister, Debbie Geske, and her husband Ronnie, heard distressed bleating coming from the pens, and Debbie started toward the pen to see what was wrong. The family thought that an animal must be bothering the goats. Recognizing what was happening, Debbie began yelling for the family, but they could not understand what she was saying. The three men started toward the pens and were almost there before they realized what she was saying, "BEES". Debbie had been stung by bees in the area early this year, and ran and jumped in a truck for shelter. Mr. Payton got into his truck and drove down to the water lot where the goats were being held. It was when he got out to open the gates so the goats could get away, that the bees swarmed him. He ran for his truck, but the bees followed him. Tom and Ronnie realized what was going on and went to help the elder Payton. The 72-year-old began running toward the house, swatting at the attack-

ing bees. Tom and Ronnie also began to try to get the bees off Mr. Payton, thus bringing attention to themselves and causing the bees to begin to sting them. All three men were continuing to fight the bees while running, finally getting into a parked vehicle and killing the bees on them and in the vehicle. All three men received numerous stings to their head, ears and upper bodies, with Mr. Payton receiving the most. Because of his age, and a prior illness, the family chose to take him to Hudspeth Hospital. He was admitted for observation and given medication to help with the swelling.

Mr. Payton is recovering fine, but all men have been warned to be extra careful because receiving more stings after the initial attack could prove to be even more dangerous.

Tom said that his son returned to the pens about 4:30 p.m. to check on the abandoned vehicles and only saw a few remaining bees. By the time Tom and Ronnie returned to the scene, there was no trace of bees anywhere. They are still unaware of where the hives may be, but are spaying the area with Malathon in hopes of taking out the hives.

Local law enforcement have not yet been able to verify whether the bees were the infamous "killer bees" or Africanized Honey Bees, but it is highly suspected due to the aggression of the attacks.

A bee attack in neighboring Schleicher county left one man dead and another hospitalized last month.

If you see a bee colony or are attacked by bees, locate local law enforcement immediately.

For more on Bees, see page 8.

City Council Adopts Budget, Amends Sewage Rates

by Storie Sharp

A Resolution of Respect acknowledging Vivan Mear's leadership and devotion to the community was read by Sonora Mayor Jim Stephen to start the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2003.

The Resolution of Respect reads as follows:

"Whereas, on the 11th day of July, 2003, death brought to a close the active life of Vivian Doris Mear; and

Whereas, Vivan Doris Mear has, through her foresight and zeal for this community, earned the affection of the people in the city of Sonora, Texas; and

Whereas, the stature she attained in this community is reflected by her love for her community and school, and her untiring efforts on behalf of the community in: The Friends of Historic Sonora (Main Street Program), KHOS Radio, as a business person, in the organization of the annual Homecoming Activities, and as a member of the Sonora City Council.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas does by this resolution and public record, recognize the profound influence of Vivan Doris Mear upon the development of Sonora, Texas, recognizing further, that her death is a distinct loss to the City in which she worked and own deep respect and affection.

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the council and a copy thereof be sent to her sister, Dr. Elaine Roberson, and her brother, Royce Mear, in recognition of Ms. Mear's respected place in this community.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2003."

Mayor Stephen presented Royce Mear with a framed copy of the Resolution.

Mayor Stephen then announced that they would skip to item number 16, regarding a request from Duncan Disposal for a rate adjustment for Solid Waste and Disposal Contract on commercial accounts. Don Fourd, with Duncan Disposal explained that it had been two years since any increase had been implemented. Increased fuel rates and escalated insurance costs, as well as an 8% increase at the Eldorado and San Angelo landfills, have caused the need for the

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Commissioners Set Rate For Emergency Call Trainer

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners Court had a short meeting on Monday, September 22, 2003.

The Chamber of Commerce was requesting approval to hold a Christmas Bazaar in the Sutton County Civic Center. The Bazaar will benefit the local merchants and shoppers, and will bring in out-of-town visitors. The Commissioners approved the use of the Civic Center.

A Resolution for Indigent Defense grant in the amount of \$6,000 was approved. The money is used to pay for court-appointed attorneys and has been accepted for the last two years.

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Failure of S.I.S.D. Chapter 41 Election Will Cost Big Bucks

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora ISD School Board met on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, instead of Monday so that the election results could be canvassed.

Myers regretfully reported that, for what appears to be the first time in the State of Texas, according to TEA representative Dr. Ed Flathouse, the Chapter 41 election to approve Option 4 (educating students in other districts), failed.

It appears that the voters may have misunderstood the ballot and believed that by voting no, the District would not go to the Chapter 41 status. State law mandates participation in the Chapter 41 provisions if a district's property values exceed \$300,000 in assessed property values per student. Under state law, school districts classified as Chapter 41 can select one of several options to redistribute funds. The voters were being asked to approve the option to use local funds to educate students in other districts, chosen unanimously by the Board of Trustees present at a prior meeting.

We are still a Chapter 41 school, only now it will cost the Sonora I.S.D. an additional \$80,000, above the 1.5 million we are already sending, to send the money directly to the state instead of neighboring districts. The Board was extremely surprised that the vote failed and stressed that the public please ask questions in the future if they aren't sure about an issue. Another Chapter 41 election will be held next year, with hopes that it will pass and the amount of money that has to be provided from our district will be lowered and the "egg on our face" will be removed.

The final vote count was 91 for, 107 against.

New staff members of Sonora I.S.D. were introduced at the beginning of the meeting.

New employees this year include Erik Craig, as District Technology Director; at the High School: Russell Baldwin, Band Director, Kellie Crain, English/Coach, Howard McDaniel, World Geography/Coach, Judy McDaniel, English/Journalism, Donald Patton, Government/Coach, Amy Webb,



Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees check out the new activity bus.

Math and Andrew Webb, Science; at the Middle School: Victoria Baldwin, Language Arts, Ronnie Golson, Science/Coach, and Marsha Patton, Special Education; and at the Elementary: Wheless Miller, Kindergarten and Erin Burnham, Pre-K.

In regular business, Superintendent Myers reported that 106% of current taxes had been collected. Myers publicly thanked Rex Ann Friess for working so hard. The Board then approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$548,048.74.

Myers gave the Quarterly Investment Report, stating that interest rates were going down and were predicted to stay down.

In the Superintendent's Report, Myers read a certificate being presented to local media, The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio (see back page). Myers then gave the August Maintenance report, including the renovation of the Air Conditioning at the High School, some windows had been replaced, a leak had been repaired at the Middle School, and the public restrooms at the football field were completed. Enrollment was reported at 929 and attendance has been good.

Myers gave the Adequate Yearly Progress Report from TEA, stating that each campus had met their goals, dealing with the "No Child Left Behind Act". The Board looked at the new bus that will be used for activities. A discussion was held regarding the Maintenance Director's salary.

John Williams and Mike McGee gave a construction report for the Bond Project. A lengthy discussion was held

regarding the disposal of waste products and the types of paint. A question was fielded regarding working around the sprinkler system in the roof of the Old Rock Building. The heaters in the gym were reported to not be working and will need to be replaced. A temporary gas line is going to be placed outside of the buildings to feed the cafeteria and gyms. The line will be plastic and will be confined within the construction area. A construction surprise in the rock building was finding that the walls don't go all the way up, but they were working around it and may use a type of glass to complete the walls. The change will make the rooms look bigger. Myers reported that changes are taking place every day, and the process is extremely interesting. He said it was neat to watch the progress in 2003 to make the building look like 1904. McGee reported that there would be heavy equipment moving in this week, so he wanted to be sure the staff was aware. Myers said that the teachers and the administrators were to be commended for being very careful and watchful. He also said that most children were following the directions to stay clear of the construction area, and the few that had wandered too close had been strongly reprimanded. Myers ended the report by telling that the right to ring the bell in the Old Rock Building on the first day of school that it is open, was sold for \$150 at the Lion's Club Auction.

Elementary School Principal, Louise Dermody gave the Texas Primary Reading

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Consumer Fraud Takes Money In Many Ways

This article is lengthy, but if you are a consumer or a business owner, it could save you lots of money.

The National Credit Union Administration has become aware of fraudulent lending schemes by entities/persons representing themselves as credit unions in newspaper advertisements, and/or on fraudulent websites. Fraudulent advertisements have thus far appeared in newspapers all over the United States. Fraudulent websites appear worldwide on the Internet and have mimicked federally-insured credit unions in operation.

The advertising fraud begins with an advertisement placed in local newspapers purportedly by a credit union to assist customers with credit problems. The advertisement states that the credit union can assist with credit related problems by offering auto loans, personal loans, debt consolidation loans, and home equity loans.

The advertisement solicits persons to speak with a loan officer for a free consultation by calling a toll free number. Despite appearances, there is no legitimate credit union. This is simply a ploy to have victims make an advance payment for a non-existent loan. The victim is directed to make the advance payment via wire transfer through Western Union. In addition, as part of the loan

process, the victim receives what appears to be a valid loan application that requests personal and financial information. This information may be the basis for further fraud, including identity theft.

The website fraud involves two types of deceptions. In the first type, the perpetrators are copying a legitimate credit union's website in its entirety, and substituting false phone numbers in the place of the credit union's legitimate phone numbers. Thus far, this fraud has been conducted by the same persons involved in the newspaper advertisement fraud. As such, the scheme directs victims to make advance payments on promised loans, and provide personal information.

The second type of website fraud is the posting of a website that uses the words "credit union" in its title, such as "XYZ Federal Credit Union." The site then links to a number of various products and information, some of which may be financial in nature, and some of which offer consumer type products for sale. By masquerading as a credit union, these fraudulent websites are trading on the good name of an existing credit union and/or on the public's faith and trust concerning credit unions. As is the case with the other type of website fraud, the perpetrators will often use a domain name and web address that is

either exactly or very similar to the name and address of an actual credit union.

In response to all of these fraudulent activities, the NCUA has been working with relevant supervisory and law enforcement authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As a result, once the existence of a fraudulent advertisement or website becomes known, working together we have had success in stopping these activities.

Further prevention of this type of fraud, however, depends upon learning of new fraudulent advertisements and websites, and immediately acting upon this information.

These types of fraud are just one that is active today, taking money from innocent victims. In addition to these ads, there is telemarketing and direct mail frauds that can take your money.

Consumers are encouraged to BEWARE, if it looks too good to be true, then make sure it is.

When phone calls and postcards are bringing you marvelous offers to buy: Vitamins, Low-cost vacations, Office supplies or promotional items, Club memberships, Sure-fire investments etc., do they say: "You've just won a contest, and if you pay 'shipping and handling' or a small gift tax, it's all yours."?

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Lions Take Pride In Success of Annual Auction



Downtown Lion, Robert Duran displays an item to buy, while Lion Jim Garrett and Auctioneer, Preston Faris watch for bidders.

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Downtown Lions 66th Annual Auction gave the club something to roar about. With 118 items to sell, donated by the generous people of Sonora and Sutton County, and other individual donations, the Lions were able to raise about \$16,000.

This money will go to help provide many local projects, including the Boy Scouts of America Sonora Chapter, Eye exams and eye glasses for local residents, Fireman Training School, 4-H, Game Dinner

Association, Texas Rehabilitation Center, the Sonora Wool and Mohair Show, the Sutton County Senior Center, the Sutton County Library, P.T.O., Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sonora I.S.D. Back to School Hamburger Supper, Sonora Middle School Reading Awards Program, Hunter Safety Youth Camps, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Texas Lion's Camp, Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, the Sonora Speech Meet, the Sonora Child

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Obituaries

Pauline Dickerson



Pauline "Polly" Dickerson, 93, of Sonora, Texas, and formerly of Lockesburg, Arkansas, went to be with her Lord and Personal Savior on September 21, 2003, in Eldorado, Texas, at the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at the Sonora Cemetery with the Reverend Don Longoria officiating.

Polly was born August 5, 1910, in Amity, Arkansas to Ona and Jay Williams.

A long time resident of Lockesburg, Arkansas, she was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Lockesburg, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Lloyd "Dick" Dickerson and beloved son Lloyd "Sonny" Dickerson.

Polly is survived by her daughter, Jan Grider and husband, Don Grider, of Sonora, Texas; grandchildren Kerry Grider and wife, Cheryl of Red Oak, Texas, Paulette Grider of Abilene, Texas, and Janice G. Caruthers of Sonora, Texas; great-grandchildren Jennifer

Grider of Red Oak, Texas, Donald Bean and Courtney Caruthers of Sonora, Texas; and two great-great grandchildren James and Jade Bean.

Polly will be remembered, loved and missed as a faithful Christian, as well as, a loving, and caring, mother and grandmother. Many precious times are held in all hearts.

The family would like to extend a very warm thanks to the staff of the Schleicher County Nursing Home for their constant and dedicated care.

Maria Samaniego Chavez

Maria Samaniego Chavez, 79, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2003, in San Angelo after a long illness.

Services were at 10:30 a.m., September 22, 2003, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

She was born March 21, 1924, in Del Rio, and had lived in Sonora since she was 13 years old. She was a Catholic, a homemaker and a cook, including cooking for the school children of Sonora for 16 years.

She is survived by her husband, Pedro Chavez; son, Ramiro Samaniego Chavez, both of Sonora; four brothers, Pete Samaniego of San Angelo, Chapo Samaniego of Sonora, Arnold Samaniego of Mineral Wells and Jimmy Samaniego of Jal., N.M.; two sisters, Nora Dominguez and Ana Samaniego, both of Sonora; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Gloria Ayala, Delia Chavez and Teddy Bernal Perez, all of San Angelo.

Cards of Thanks

The Downtown Lions Club would like to thank all the donors, merchants and buyers for a yeoman's job. Everyone turned out and did more than anticipated, going that extra mile to help raise money for the club. This community is so supportive and the money raised will help greatly with activities in our community. Thank you Sonora!

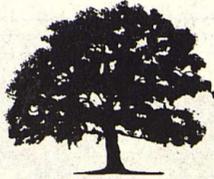
Just a small note to sat thank you to all the people have been such a great help during my accident and during my recovery. Thanks to "my family" and friends who have called, visited and sent things over to me. A very special thanks to Coach Herring for caring so much about all the kids in sports. Your calls and encouragement have meant so much. To my pastor, Don Longoria, thanks for staying with me in the hospital and for all your calls and visits. To my "brother in Christ", Dalton Dover, thanks for giving up all that time you could have been playing to sit with me while I had to be laid up.

Thanks,
Hunter Lawson and Family

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School Lunch Menu • Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 2003

Breakfast

- Mon. - French toast sticks, assorted juice.
- Tues. - Scrambled eggs, toast.
- Wed. - Biscuit with ham, orange juice.
- Thurs. - Toast with jelly, apple juice.
- Fri. - Pancake on stick, syrup, orange juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - Chili dog, baked potato wedges, coleslaw, pineapple chunks.
- Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, kernel corn, pickles spears, fruit cup.
- Wed. - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, strawberry cup, biscuits.
- Thurs. - Sausage pizza, tossed salad, corn on the cob, rice krispie treat.
- Fri. - Chicken patty on bun, sandwich salad cup, French fries, ketchup, banana pudding, topping.

Senior Center News

- Sept. 29 - Bingo.
- Sept. 30 - Exercise anyone? with video. Need seniors to sign up now.
- Oct. 2 - Crafts after lunch! Sign up now!
- Oct. 3 - AAA Report due...

Senior Menu

- Sept. 29 - Chicken fajita salad, lettuce & tomato, macaroni salad, crackers, pie, milk.
- Sept. 30 - Baked pork chops with gravy, mixed squash, corn with peppers, tossed salad, wheat roll, fruit parfait, milk.
- Oct. 1 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, wheat rolls, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, milk.
- Oct. 2 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, mustard greens, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, peaches, milk.
- Oct. 3 - Beef liver with onions, gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple juice, rolls, milk, pecan pie.

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.



Happy Birthday to an old fart, that most people know as Jackie Sharp, without you, our deliveries could never start, you know we love you from the bottom of our heart!
Love, Pantyhose, Trouble and Your Son's Bride and Lou!



Texas Tales Told By Tumbleweed Smith

Frank Minton's Auctioneering Secrets



Tumbleweed Smith

Frank Minton of Crockett has managed a bowling alley, been a teacher, school administrator and an auctioneer.

He acts as master of ceremonies for Crockett's annual World Champion Fiddlers Contest. He sells advertising for radio station KIVY in Crockett.

He was born in Snyder, grew up there and played college football in San Angelo. Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches brought him to East Texas. After graduation he coached in the area and married a girl in Groveton.

For awhile he managed Bobby Layne's Bowlarama in Big Spring. It was open 24 hours a day then. "Employees from Cosden refinery would come in at midnight after finishing their shift and bowl a few games." Frank managed bowling alleys in Nacogdoches and Snyder. He developed skills as a bowler and made his living bowling for a while.

"On April 20, 1961, I got hot and really put on a show. I was on a team that was bowling against a team my daddy had. And at lunch that day my mom said that since both my dad and I were going to be bowling, she would come down and watch. I told her if she would come down and watch I might bowl a perfect game." The first fourteen balls he rolled that night were strikes. It was the first perfect game bowled in Snyder.

Texas. "I was so hot that night out of 36 frames in three games of bowling that I rolled 25 strikes. It was really exciting, especially since my mom and dad and my sister got to see it."

He was invited to enter some professional tournaments, but thought the trips to them would be too expensive.

Frank had an uncle who was an auctioneer. He was fascinated by the field and thought he might like to give it a try. His uncle told him it was pretty easy, that if he could count and had a favorite aunt and uncle he could do it.

"He said his favorite aunt and uncle were Uncle Sid and Aunt Maude. And he said all you gotta do is 'Sid a bid eighty Maude a bid eighty who'd a bid ninety.'"

"I told him I couldn't do that because Sid and Maude are not my favorite aunt and uncle. Uncle Bill and Aunt Betty Bodder are my favorites. My uncle asked me to tell him about them and I said Bill Bodder makes butter. And Aunt Betty Bodder's a baker. And sometimes Aunt Betty Bodder gets some of Bill Bodder's butter to put in her batter and the batter will be bitter. So she has to get Bill Bodder's better butter, put the better butter in her bitter batter to make her bitter batter better. So from there on I decided to be an auctioneer. Bill a bid eighty, Betty a bid eighty, who'd a bid ninety."

Frank auctions at fund raisers for Boy Scouts and civic and charitable organizations. "I retired from school and am just having the best time."

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Sept. 25
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6:00 p.m.

Oct. 1
SISD Report Cards
4-H Swine Draw

The Community Calendar

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Ask the Historical Society

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

A special thank you to God for all the wonderful rain. Mike Murphy once said, "Sonora looks like the green hills of Ireland." After the recent rains we can see what he meant.

Q. Do you have an obituary for Lucy Ann Striegler who died in 1897?

A. Devil's River News, March 6, 1897-The last of the first settlers of Menard county, crossed the river February 11, 1897. Mrs. Striegler, whose maiden name was Robinson, was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts on March 26, 1844. She came to Texas in 1859 and to Fort McKavett, this county in 1860, where she has resided ever since with the exception of two years passed in Fredericksburg from the fall of 1870 to 1872. Deceased was a highly educated, intelligent and refined woman, esteemed by all who knew her. An exemplary wife, mother and Christian. Reprint from the Menard Enterprise.

Another death reported is that of Mr. I.B. Cooper at his home near Junction City on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1897. Mr. Cooper had long suffered from catarrh, and some weeks ago was taken with slow fever which resulted in his death. He leaves an aged mother, a wife and several children to whom the Citizen extends sympathy.- Junction City Citizen.

From Coleman, Texas, Feb. 27-In December of 1896, Walter Holmes a citizen of this county, living near Santa Anna died. For some time sensational charges have been made as to the cause of his death and today the grand jury returned bills of indictment against Mrs. Carrie Holmes, his widow and J. F. Hamlin, for his murder. Hamlin resides at Santa Anna and has been organizer of the Woodmen of the World. He was the Populist nominee for county clerk at the last election. Hamlin is a widower and both he and Mrs. Holmes have families. Holmes' stomach was sent to a Fort Worth chemist for an analysis and upon his report the bill was found. The feeling here and at Santa Anna is intense, both parties have been arrested and are now in jail. (We printed this to show the younger set that even back in 1896 they used forensic medicine in law enforcement.)

Now for those of you that don't know what a Polled Hereford is, a history lesson on them: Gen. W. W. Guthrie of Atchison, Kansas, owner of a large ranch in Chase County, has just made public the result of an

experiment in stock breeding covering a period of eight years. He claims to have developed an entirely new breed of cattle, which has been the dream of stock raisers for years, and which for the present he has named Polled Herefords. He has succeeded in developing an animal with all the main markings of a Hereford, but which is without horns. He began his experiment in the belief that a strain of cattle could be developed from the Hereford that would meet more satisfactorily the requirements for beef and milk, and he is confident his experiment has been successful. He never abandoned the idea that horns could be bred out of the Hereford strain, and now after years of experimenting. He has a herd of twenty-seven heifers and two bulls that are Polled Herefords. The new breed is somewhat larger than the Hereford and with sparser hips, but retains the natural markings. Gen. Guthrie believes that the new breed is superior to the Hereford as to beef quality and is convinced that they will meet his expectations as to milking qualities.

Devil's River News, April 3, 1897-Married at the Decker Hotel on Thursday, April 1st, J. T. McInteer to Miss Agnes Hill, Rev. A. Rooney of the Episcopal Church officiating. The ceremony was performed early this morning and was witnessed by the guests of the hotel. The happy couple left on the first passenger for San Angelo. Jo McInteer is an old friend to the News and one of its first subscribers. He is an experienced sheepman and at present manager of the Harcourt-Gresham Ranch in Schleicher County. The bride is the eldest daughter of G. P. Hill, the well known stockman, and is a young lady of a generous and kind heart with many friends, and the Devil's River News hopes Mr. and Mrs. McInteer's cup of bliss and happiness will be full to the brim as long as they live.

Other news that week: The fire department was called out Monday night about 9 o'clock to extinguish a fire in the upper story of the G. S. Allison saloon, caused by some intoxicated men knocking over a large brass lamp. The fire department responded quickly but the water was not turned on as the fire was extinguished by C. F. Adams of No. 2 company, with a bucket of water.

Married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Harden, on Monday, March 29th, E. C. Selman to Miss Ella White, Judge J. O. Rountree officiating.

J. E. Mills bought the Holman lot opposite the school house this week for \$250. Ben



Pioneer Days. Do you know who these people are?

Novel bought from C. Whitfield the drug store property for \$1600. Will Whitehead the Val Verde county stockman was in Sonora Thursday. Mr. Whitehead has been buying cattle in Kinney Co.

C. B. Hudspeth, the handsome and able editor of the Ozona Courier was in Sonora this week. Mr. Hudspeth is anxious that the telephone line should go by Ozona to Sonora.

J. P. McConnell sold the Maud S. Saloon to George Morris this week. F. M. Wyatt bought John Blanks interest in the Blanks & Wyatt Livery Stable.

J. Dees of Oxford, Llano County had two horses stolen from his place in Bandera County about Feb. 27th by Charles Allen. It was some days before Dees knew the horses were gone and he did not strike their trail until he got to Rock Springs. He followed them through Sonora about two weeks ago and having traveled the country through from Sonora to Knickerbocker, Christoval, San Angelo and 60 miles west to Pecos, he finally found the horses at Shannon's ranch in Crockett County, but Charles Allen, who has been going under the name C. J. Palmer, had gone to San Angelo. Dees informed the officers of Crockett County and on Palmers return from San Angelo, Sheriff Gurley arrested him, Saturday night about two miles from Ozona. Mr. Dees passed through Sonora Thursday on his way home with his horses. This is another case that proves we need a phone line from Sonora to Ozona and Ozona to San Angelo.

Mrs. B. M. Halbert and son and niece Miss Rose Ellis, left for the home of Mrs. Halbert's

parents in Edwards Co. Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Ellis and grandson. Mrs. Halbert expects to be away about two months.

Sonora to hold special class-We are glad to note that a class of twenty or more will begin, on Monday, a course in book-keeping and penmanship. The teachers are W. W. Razor, known to us of Sherwood school, and T. J. Cathey who was very highly recommended to us as a teacher of penmanship and book-keeping in Draughton's Business College Texarkana, Texas.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. (It seems that shooting windows out in Sonora has been a pastime of juveniles for many years.) The boy with the sling-shot should be sent where there is but one kind of bird, the jail bird. It seems several young men with sling shots have been missing their prey and knocking out quite a few windows in the town lately, much to the ire of local home owners. If parents don't restrain these young men, local officials will.

Married at Fort McKavett, Wednesday night, March 23rd, 1897. Mr. William Carpenter and Miss Maggie Elliott.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net.

You may call us at 325-387-5084 Mondays 8-4, Tuesdays 8-lunch and Fridays 8-4. Rental of the John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot) may be made by calling the same number.

Brownie Troop #104 Visits the Miers Home Museum & Old Santa Fe Depot



submitted

On Wed. Sept. 17th Mrs. Tammy Favila and her Troop of Brownies had a wonderful tour of the Miers Home Museum and Old Santa Fe Depot. Jo Ann Palmer was a very informative Tour Guide. She told the girls all about the Miers Home and how it was given to the Historical Society. She showed the girls what a baby carriage looked like back then along with some baby clothes and shoes. The girls were very interested in all the buttons that the shoes had on them. She also explained to them how ladies and men dressed back then. She told them how folks didn't take a bath everyday and how hard the men worked in the hot sun. She showed the girls where the

women would boil the hot water to wash clothes in...nothing like today's modern washing machines. The Depot was also very interesting. It was nice to see that the Building has been well taken care of. Stella, Clarissa, Kelsey, Abby, Brianna, Jacinda, Adrianna, Katie, Farrah, Melissa, AnaLesa, Marci, Kory, Mrs. Favila and Mrs. Faz would like to tell Jo-Ann Palmer THANK YOU for a memorable field trip. If you haven't been to these places, you should make a point of going and learning some history, just like these girls did. Special thanks to our helpers, Cathy Parks, Santiago Faz, Patsy Samaniego, Kathleen Freeman, and Carrie Sinosis.

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Chamber Chatter

SONORA
Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

We are featuring Devil's River Internet and Cheetah Wireless in our column this week, as well as informing you about a Merchant's Association Meeting.

The Devil's River Internet and Cheetah Wireless ISP are locally owned and operated by Cam L. Campbell. These offices are located at 228 East Main Street along with The Devil's River News and Sonora Office Supply. Also owned by Campbell.

The Devil's River Internet was established in 1998 and is the local internet service provider for Sonora and Sutton County. This business offers users access to the Internet with a local number to dial. All you need is a computer with a modem, a telephone line and an account with the Devil's River Internet and you will basically have the world at your fingertips. It's as simple as that. Customers also receive an e-mail account, along with Internet technical support. In an ever-changing market, DRI strives to stay ahead of the game, by offering the most recent options, including: spam blocking and anti-virus software on its servers. The Devil's River Internet offers monthly and annual rates for your convenience. In addition to email and Internet capabilities, Campbell hosts the Devil's River Internet home page at www.sonoratx.net and offers web-hosting services. This page includes links to the First National Bank and The Bank & Trust for easy on-line banking transactions, as well as local weather and radar from the National Weather Service. This page also has links to 26 local businesses and organizations.

The Ice Warp Webmail link is also featured on the DRI homepage. Webmail makes it possible for you to check your e-mail from anywhere.

Cheetah Wireless was established in 2000 and is the broadband method for connecting to the World Wide Web. With Cheetah, the connection to the Internet is connected via microwave through an antenna that is placed at your home to face one of the towers in the area. Cheetah Wireless is a high-speed connection to the Internet with virtually no wait. With wireless service the Internet is as quick as a double-click on the Internet Explorer icon. Cheetah Wireless does have more installation requirements than the dial-up account, but for the computer "gurus" or the Internet surfing "professionals" this is right up your alley. Cheetah Wireless also offers monthly and annual rates for your convenience. There are many possibilities and capabilities on the World Wide Web, and DRI and Cheetah hope to make your trip a little easier.

We are fortunate here in Sonora to be able to put our communications and journeys through cyberspace in such capable hands as Devil's River Internet and Cheetah Wireless ISP. You can contact them by calling 325/387-6099, Fax 325/387-5691 or their web page.

This week there will be another Merchant's Association meeting on Thursday September 25th at 12 noon, in the Ross Room at the Sutton County Steakhouse. We had several great ideas brought forward last week for a Holiday promotion, but need input from more interested parties before we can finalize any plans.

For more information contact Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325/387-2880, or e-mail soncoc@sonoratx.net.

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Daisy Troop #215

The Girls Are Back!!!



Brownie Troop #37

submitted
 Well SONORA the GIRLS SCOUTS ARE BACK !!! They have some new faces this time. On Sunday, Sept. 21 they gather at the Civic Center for the INVESTITURES CEREMONY. Parents and friends witnessed each girl promising to follow the Girl Scouts Law. Some are returning from last year and some are just now joining the fun.
 Nelda Tobias is leader for the Daisies (top picture). The following are Daisies: Kaitlyn Lopez, Katelyn Lipham, Alexis Garza, Laura Sanchez, Kelisha Alvarado, Cipriana Tobias, and Cassandra Amaro.
 Becky Levario & Rita Mendez are leaders for the Brownies Troop #37 (above). The following are Brownies: Kaitlyn Gibbens, Stormie Schwertner, Kamrie Martinez, Victoria Reyna, Halle Samaniego, Leslie Levario and Kali Mendez.
 If any young girl is still interested in Girls Scouts please give anyone of the Leaders a call. Make some room in your Pantry --for Girl Scouts Nuts they are coming soon. Thank you Sonora for supporting our Troops.

Cook Graduates from Blinn

Sarah Cook, daughter of Molly Morriss of Sonora was among the August graduates from Blinn College's Brenham, Bryan and Schulenburg campuses who received two-year associate degrees or one-year certificates.
 Cook received an Associate in Science degree.
 Commencement exercises for graduates on all Blinn campuses are held in May in Brenham.

Sonora Dairy Queen Celebrates 100th Anniversary Of Ice Cream Cone



All you had to do was stop by and ask, and you got a free ice cream cone on Monday, September 22, 2003. And, for some that couldn't get out, JoAnna Wuest and her staff made special deliveries of ice cream and cake to celebrate the special day.
 Hearsay is that a waffle vendor set up next to an ice cream vendor at a food show 100 years ago, and the ice cream man ran out of cups. So, they took some waffles wrapped them around the ice cream... and the rest is history.
 Sonora Dairy Queen offers the original home-made type soft serve product every day. Stop by and enjoy a treat any time.

Couples Tee Off At Annual Tournament

The Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary held their Annual Couples Tournament September 20th and 21st.
 The two day results were as follows:
Saturday
Championship Flight: 1st Barry & Sharon Fletcher 57, 2nd Jeff Doan & SherriBowden 63, 3rd JohnnyDoan/Gidget Tate 64
Presidents Flight: 1st Jimmy & Susie Welch 65, 2nd Jeri & Dustin Martin 66, 3rd, Brad Hull & Suzanne Alley 66
First Flight: 1st Daryll & Jay Blasingame 68, 2nd Svaell & Shelly Shannon 71, 3rd Bob Harris & Jane Archer 72
Second Flight: 1st Ronnie & Sue Wade 71, 2nd Hoot & Kathy Hearn 73, 3rd Keith & Terry Wiggins 74
Third Flight: 1st David & Sandy Armstrong 77, 2nd Norman & Kathy Engebrecht 77, 3rd Don & Judy Lettsinger 78
Sunday
Championship Flight: 1st Fletcher 62, 2nd Matt & Trisha Fry 63, 3rd Jason Ball & Michelle Anderson 65
Presidents Flight: 1st Hull/Alley 66, 2nd Steve & Frannie Tackel 68, 3rd Steve Thorp & Darla Lipham 69
First Flight: 1st Blasingame 69, 2nd Shannon 70, 3rd Harris/Archer 71
Second Flight: 1st Hearn 76, 2nd Wade 77, 3rd Mickey Powers & Ethel Olson 77
Third Flight: 1st David & Sandy Armstrong 77, 2nd Lettsinger 77, 3rd Glen Fisher & Wanda Neville 77
Bob Haris made a Hole in One on #9 on Sunday!
 Congratulations Bob.
 Individual winners were:
Longest Put: Jesse Cerda
Longest Drive Men: Matt Fry
Longest Drive Women: Trisha Fry
Closest to the Pin Men: Keith Wiggins
Closest to the Pin Women: Sharon Fletcher
 We would like to thank all of our 2003 tournament sponsors: The Bank & Trust, First National Bank of Sonora, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Sonora Chemical & Supply, Days Inn Sonora, Southwest Texas ACA, James Barton, Devil's River News/Sonora Office Supply, Main Street Realty, Quick Bonds, Balch Ranch, Wanda Neville, Pool Company, Schlumberger, Schlumberger Wireline Service, Multi-Chem, Farm Bureau Insurance, Ronnie & Julia Hines, Finklea Ranches, Mr. D's Liquor & Beer, Smitty's, Sutton County Steakhouse, Ol' Sonora, chamber of Commerce, Gift's Galore & More, Team Graphics, Alco, Golf Plus, Friend's of Historic Sonora, Ladies Golf Auxiliary, State Farm Insurance, and La Mexicana.
 A special thanks to all the members of the Ladies Golf Auxiliary for their hard work that made our tournament great. A very special thanks to Tom Gray and his microphone and to Tibba Edmondson and her computer skills. Thank you also, to the entire staff at the Sonora Golf Club for the extra work you did for the tournament.

Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month

What women need to know about ovarian and other gynecological cancers

It's estimated that 25,400 American women will develop ovarian cancer this year and 40,100 will develop endometrial (uterine) cancer. These women's cancers affect fewer people than breast cancer, but it's important that women talk with their doctors about what they should do throughout life to find gynecological cancers early.
 Women at average risk should discuss the need for periodic, thorough pelvic exams to look for signs of ovarian and other gynecologic cancers. The risk for these cancers increases with age. Women should also stay aware of their bodies. Early ovarian cancer may not produce any noticeable symptoms, but if there is anything unusual or different, women should report it to a doctor right away.
 It's important to remember that symptoms of cancer can also be symptoms of something else. Some possible symptoms of ovarian cancer to be alert for include:
 * Swelling of the stomach (abdomen)
 * Problems such as gas, bloating, long-term stomach pain, or indigestion
 * Bleeding between periods or after menopause
 * Pelvic, leg, or back pain
 * Feeling of pressure in the pelvis
 * Unexplained weight loss or gain
 * Shortness of breath
 * Unusual fatigue
 Women with a higher risk of developing ovarian cancer, such as those with a strong family history of this disease, should talk with a doctor about medical tests that look for early signs of ovarian cancer.
Important Early Detection Guidelines for Women
 Ovarian cancer is just one of the cancers women face. Women should also ask their doctors about these other cancers:
Breast cancer - Women 40 and older should have annual mammograms and clinical breast exams. Women 20 and older should have a clinical breast exam as part of a routine physical exam, preferably every three years. Women should be aware of how their breasts look and feel and report any changes promptly to their doctors. Breast self-exams are one option.
Cervical cancer - Starting three years after first having sex, and no later than age 21, women should have a regular Pap test annually or a liquid-based Pap test every two years. After 30, women can get these screenings every two to three years if they've had three normal tests in a row. Most women who have had a complete hysterectomy and many women age 70 and older may not need to continue screening. Find detailed screening guidelines for cervical cancer, including advice for women with unusual situations or health histories in the cervical cancer area of www.cancer.org.
Uterine (endometrial) cancer - Because most endometrial cancer is diagnosed at an early stage as a result of post-menopausal bleeding, all women are encouraged to report any unexpected bleeding or spotting to their doctor.
Colon cancer - Starting at age 50, women who are at average risk for developing the disease should have one of the following:
 * Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) annually
 * Flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years
 * Both an annual FOBT and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years (preferred to either test alone)
 * Colonoscopy every 10 years
 * Double-contrast barium enema every five years
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Broncos Stampede Over The Buffalos

by Chris Perez and Anthony Longoria

The Sonora Broncos traveled to Forsan Friday, September 19th, to square off against the Forsan Buffalos.

The Broncos dominated the Buffalos amassing 466 yards of offense while holding the Buffalos to 227 yards. Forsan had only 6 yards rushing.

The Broncos received the opening kickoff, starting off the game with good runs by Scottie Moore and Chris Martin.

Martin made the first of many touchdowns for the Broncos, with an eight yard run. On the Buffalos' first drive, the Broncos stoned them and forced them to turn the ball over on downs.

On the next possession, the Broncos drove the field and scored on a 26-yard pass from Clint Cearley to Chris Perez.

Once again, the Broncos stopped the Buffalos and forced them to turn the ball over. A run by Scottie Moore put Sonora up 21-0.

Right before the half, Stetson Perez scored on a 1-yard run, following two big catches by Anthony Longoria.

In the second half, the Broncos played solid defense. When Sonora got the ball back, Martin scored again, from two yards out, bringing the score up to 34-0, Sonora.

The second string then took the field for the Broncos, gaining experience with a lot of



The Bronco Defense brings down the Forsan Buffalos. Photo courtesy of Forsan I.S.D. web-site.

playing time. They played great defense the rest of the 3rd and 4th quarters and allowed the starting Forsan offense only one touchdown.

Moore had 5 carries for 104 yards, Perez had 7 carries for 67 yards, Martin had 5 carries for 40 yards, Brett McDaniel had 3 carries for 28 yards and Embre Smith had 2 carries for 7 yards.

Cearley completed 10 of 13 attempted passes for 262 yards and Moore completed 2 of 3 for 24 yards.

Longoria had two receptions for 89 yards, Martin had four receptions for 75 yards, C. Perez had two receptions for 61 yards, Steven Duhon had two receptions for 27 yards, McDaniel had one reception for 25 yards and Cameron Cox had one reception for nine yards.

The final score was 34 to 6, with Sonora taking their first win of the season. Next week the Broncos travel to Brackettville to take on the Tigers. Go Broncos!

First down	Sonora 21 Forsan 13
Rushing Yards	Sonora 186 Forsan 6
Passing Yards	Sonora 280 Forsan 221
Total yards	Sonora 466 Forsan 227
Comp-Att-Int	Sonora 13-19-1 Forsan 14-32-0
Fumbles-lost	Sonora 2-1 Forsan 1-0
Punts-avg.	Sonora 2-42 Forsan 7-31
Penalties-yards	Sonora 8-65 Forsan 5-45

Martinez Selected For National Society of High School Scholars



Evangelina Martinez a student at Sonora High School, has recently been selected for membership in the The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family.

"I congratulate Evangelina on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," says Mr. Nobel. "The hard work and success of these exceptional young people will ensure a future generation dedicated to their communities and world betterment."

The National Society of High School Scholars was founded to recognize outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only and includes valuable benefits for members such as scholarships, networking, events, publications, and other unique opportunities. As members prepare for college, the Society encourages them to continue to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors.

The high school boys' division had only 61 competitors, running a three mile course. Antonio Torres placed 30th with a personal best time of 19:55:56. Nick Favala placed 36th with a time of 20:05:29. Jesse Garza placed 40th, Jacob Ibarra 44th and Ty Love 48th.

The next meet is in Iraan on September 27th. Also, be sure to make the following changes to the Cross-Country schedule: the district meet will be on Oct. 27th, not Nov. 1st.

Happy Birthday Lisa Garza!

Love, Mom, Dad, Toby and Cass
September 26th



Happy Birthday Josie Emiliano!

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10/11 • Eastern New Mexico*
• Portales, N.M. • 3:00 p.m.
10/18 • Abilene Christian* • Homecoming • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.
10/25 • East Central # Team Day • San Angelo • 7:00 pm.
11/1 • Midwestern State* • Wichita Falls • 7:00 p.m.
11/8 • Texas A & M Commerce* • Military Day • San Angelo • 2:00 p.m.
11/16 • Texas A & M Kingsville* Kingsville • 7:00 p.m.
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* District 2-2A Game
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Sept. 25
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Garden City • Home 5:00 p.m.
Red
Brackettville • Home 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2
Open
Oct. 9
White
Crane • There • 5:00 p.m.
Red
Reagan County • There 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16
Eldorado • There White • 5:00 p.m.
Red • 7:00 p.m.

Colts

Sept. 25
Brackettville(8th grade only) Home • 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2
Garden City (7th Only) Home • 5:00 p.m.
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Nicotine Abuse Where Does It Start?

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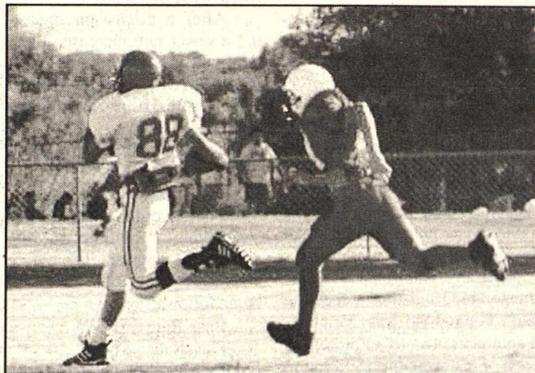
Peer pressure - This seems to be one of the first reasons that kids start using tobacco. They usually first get it from a friend (or parent!) who urges them to try it and be like the "big kids". By the time the child goes to the store to try to purchase tobacco, many might have already been using it for several days or even weeks. Some of these kids say they need to display the "ring on their rear" in order to be accepted with some of their peers. In others, the circle on the pocket is a coming-of-age or emancipation symbol, marking the passage to adulthood and "independent thinking".

Social pressure and Association - Being in an environment that condones tobacco use (sports, bars, outings or any place they are around others who use it) can be a great motivator. Users are often able to quit for a significant length of time but begin again when they're around others who dip or smoke.

Behavior - Some chewers have been "dipping" so long that they miss the ritual of opening the chew can, getting the "dip" and putting it in their mouth. The most common statement heard from these users is "I just miss something in my mouth" (oral gratification). Here they have a choice of either cutting "cold turkey" and dealing with the loss of the behavior or using an oral alternative while they cut down. Mint Snuff products are great for these people because it allows them to yield to the cravings of the behavior yet do so with a harmless product.

Nicotine Addiction - There is a significant amount of nicotine in smokeless tobacco. Although many young users might not be addicted yet, others get that way rather quickly.

Salt Craving - A typical can of smokeless tobacco contains over 1100 mg. of salt. Some people not only suffer from nicotine withdrawal but also from salt cravings once they have quit using smokeless tobacco. These cravings might be confused with nicotine withdrawal. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screening are confidential. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.



#88 Dustin Duhon steps over the line to score, outrunning a Christoval Cougar. Photo by Ray Glasscock

JV White Broncos Stampede Christoval Cougars

by Ray Glasscock

The Sonora JV White team came out on the field last Thursday, September 18th, ready to prove they were better than their last game against Ingram. Both the offense and defense clicked from start to finish. Sonora won 40 - 0 against the 3 - 0 (Class A) Christoval Cougars.

Christoval won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Broncos started off right, scoring in two plays. Justin Northcott and Caleb Ramos moved the ball on the ground to the visitors' 30 yard line. The next play was a pass from Ramos that connected deep with #34 Pedro Gloria for a touchdown. The two point conversion was scored by #85 Evan Gulley to make the score 8-0.

The Cougars started their first offensive drive on the Bronco 49. On third and three, Dustin Duhon caused a fumble and Miguel Vaquera covered it for the Broncos. The Broncos scored their second touchdown with 6:35 left in the first quarter with a Ramos run and passes to Duhon and Lito Trevino for the touchdown. A pass to Gulley in the end zone tacked on two more points making the score 16 to 0.

Agustin Vaquera kicked off

for the third time. Gloria cut down Christoval's return man at their 35. Travis Valliant caused a fumble. Ramos wasted no time, kept the ball and ran it in for a touchdown. Duhon caught a Ramos pass for the two point conversion.

Still in the first quarter, the Cougars were attempting an option pitch out of their wishbone formation. Duhon intercepted the pitch and raced untouched into the end zone. Gulley caught his second PAT pass.

The second half started with the score 32 - 0 in the Bronco's favor. Duhon caught two more passes from Ramos. Northcott ran the ball in for the six points and then rushed for the two point conversion. Ramos completed his game with only one incompletion out of eight passes thrown.

The 2 and 1 White team travels to Garden City for a 6:30 game this Thursday.

For the second week in a row, the Red JV game was cancelled due to weather. The Red JV team is home against Brackettville with a 7:00 kickoff this Thursday.

Cross-Country Still Running Hard in Ballinger

by Kellie Crain

The Sonora Cross-Country team traveled to Ballinger on Saturday, September 20th, to compete in the third meet of the season.

The 7th grade girls division had a total of 100 runners competing on a two mile course. Kaitlyn Henderson placed 24th with a time of 16:15:41, Kayla Webb placed 48th with a time of 17:43:40, and Tanya Adams placed 49th with a time of 17:45:48. Others competing were Loren Isenhour, Gabby Porras, Jeanette Tovar, Liliana Fraire, and Steely Ingham. With only 33 7th grade boys competing, David Lane placed 4th with

a time of 13:25:48. Amika Hernandez and Ricardo Rodriguez also ran.

Kyla Turney was the only 8th grade girl from Sonora, placing 17th of 77 girls, with a time of 14:53:86.

The 8th grade boys finished third as a team, out of a total of 48 runners. Clayton Sahr placed 3rd with a time of 12:46:16 and Colton Moore placed 7th with a time of 13:04:87. J.T. Downing finished 28th, Michael Chavez 35th and Spencer Hall 38th.

Out of 100 high school girl competitors, Alexie Ortiz placed 41st with a time of 14:41:02. She was followed by Mandy Brister who placed 76th with a time of

15:34:26. Also running were Jennifer Gonzales, Amanda Berry, Delma Tovar, Amanda Word, Meghan Krieg and Emily Butler.

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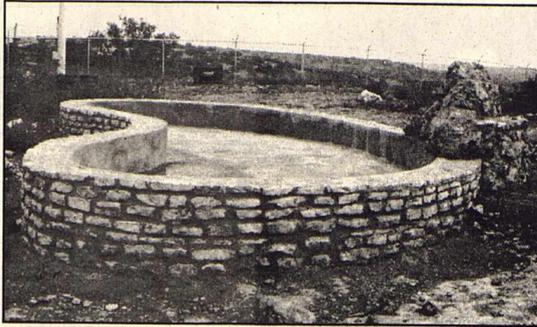
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Up on Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

"Great day in the morning!" My grandmother's phrase rang in my ear as I discovered another floral treat on Eaton Hill. Each few steps revealed a different flower or colorful natural arrangement. The flora is once again playing dress-up, this time as if for a fall fiesta. Daisies in yellow and white, blue morning glory, lavender trumpet flowers, wild honey-suckle, fuchsia catclaw shrubs and others too numerous to name blanket the hillsides and line the trails. With cooler weather it should be safe to say that today is an excellent day for a hike. Children love the freedom of exploring the Hill and are especially eager to "guide" parents on their first visit. It's a great way to spend some family time so hit the trails and see what's new on Eaton Hill.



A new water tank by the flagpole is almost complete.

And what is new? Well, pictured here is the beautiful rock water pond located near the flagpole. We are working on a donation of two recirculation systems and the pond will be filled when that project is complete. A picnic table (under construction) has also

been donated by a local family, so we have much to anticipate. Thank you!

Monarch Update: The peak migration has reached the central US. Journey North, the organization which tracks the monarchs, reported numerous misidentifications last week. Two species which are commonly mistaken for monarchs are the Queen and the Painted Lady. The queen butterfly is very similar to a monarch, but is smaller and lacks the black veins on the upper side of the wing. Queen butterflies also migrate and have been abundant in our area for some time, though we have also

seen monarchs. The peak migration is expected to arrive in our area in mid October.

The tail of a cool front in late September is an excellent time for birding. Species are migrating so grab your binoculars and hit the trails!

Friends of the Eaton House will meet again on Thursday September 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Eaton House. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will formalize the steering committee and refine our objectives.

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

City Council from page 1

increase. After much discussion regarding the increase, the council approved the increase for commercial accounts.

Regular business for the Council then began with the approval of the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 19. The monthly tax assessor report was approved, with 96% of current taxes being reported as collected.

A discussion pertaining to the Friends of Historic Sonora purchasing and designing "Welcome Hunters" and "Welcome to Sonora" banners for the entries to Sonora began with Main Street Manager, Ann Kay, showing the Council the choices of colors and materials. Kay explained that they were looking at 10 banners and brackets for a cost of about \$2,000. City Attorney Beth Wallace told the Council that such purchase would have to be reviewed further because of the use of Hotel/Motel tax funds on such items was previously denied. Wallace explained that she would have to contact the Attorney General to see if the proposed banners for the Game Dinner and the Friends of Historic Sonora would fall under the guidelines set for such monies to be used. The Council agreed to have Wallace pursue the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Kay then reported on the increase of cost for event insurance. It was questioned as to whether all events put "heads in beds" as is one of the main requirements for Hotel/Motel tax money. Ann assured them that they did, giving numbers of out-of-town visitors for each of

the events being insured.

A request to close a portion of Main Street, Water Avenue and Concho Avenue on October 25th for the Fall Festival was approved.

The annual budget of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation for 2003-2004 was approved. The council then approved the appointment of Tommy Arnwine, Max Howorth and Cam Campbell to the SIDC Board of Directors. The item had been previously tabled, and a revised list had been submitted.

Jimmy Cahill and Delyse Jaeger reported that a meeting had been held on Monday, September 15, to explore the idea of restoring the 1898 Eaton Hill house. He advised that the steering committee would be pursuing a 501(c)3 non profit corporation status and would select a slate of directors so that they could begin the process of the restoration of the house. Mr. Eeds, who specializes in historic restoration architect, advised that he has looked at the house three times and there are several options that can be done to receive a National Historical Marker. The council asked to be kept informed of the project and that a list of prospective members be submitted for approval.

A motion was made to rescind a contract with the City of Sonora to perform construction services in connection with Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary project and enter into a volunteer agreement and release so that Cahill may continue to work on Eaton Hill.

The first reading of an

ordinance providing a stop sign at the approach of Hightower Avenue by a private road where Hightower intersects Castlehill Road West was read.

After a discussion regarding a sewer rate increase, a pay rate increase and the fact that it would have to be a tight year for spending, the 2003-2004 budget was approved.

The Council set the 2003-2004 tax rate at .518678 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

The sewer fee schedule was amended to include a rate adjustment with an increase of 10% for the fees. The rates will be as follows:

- Base Rate - \$12.95
- Flat Rate - \$17.37
- Rate 0-5000 per 1000 gal - \$ 0.88
- Rate 5001-10000 per 1000 gal - \$ 1.01
- Rate 10001 - 25000 per 1000 gal - \$ 1.12
- Rate 25001 - 50000 per 1000 gal - \$ 1.23
- Rate 50001 + per 1000 gal - \$ 1.35

The increase is the first in four years and the sewer has been operating in the red for several years. The rate adjustment is still lower than most of the surrounding towns' fees.

The Council then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. After reconvening, it was announced that Mayor Stephen would be resigning his position as Mayor as of October 22, and would be taking the vacant Municipal Judge's position. Council member Gloria Lopez will continue to act as Mayor Pro-tem until further notice.

County Commissioners from page 1

A budget adjustment was made for the office of the Vehicle Tax Assessor. The office had previously reduced the amount of money to be budgeted for voter registration, but found out that they might have to purchase a voting machine. The State will pay for the machine only if the voter registration budget is left as it was prior to this year.

Although the hourly wage of the new 9-1-1 Trainer, Abby Gesch, will be paid by the State, the Commissioners had to set an hourly rate to be paid. The rate can vary, and a recommended rate of \$13.50 or \$14 per hour was discussed. The Concho Valley of Governments reimburses the County for the hours, after certifying the hours each month. The position is part-time, and a raise is possible later in the year if the funds are available. The Commissioners set the rate at \$13.50 per hour.

Two bids were opened for the Worker's Compensation insurance, with the low bid, from Key & Piskuran Insurance being approved. The bid was \$32,420 guaranteed for three years. This low cost was possible because of a pre-existing contract with the company, and is the same rate that was offered prior to 9/11/2001.

Lions Club from page 1



There was lots of "loot" to bid on at the Lions Auction.

Welfare Council, D.A.R.E., Relay for Life and more!

Approximately 90 people attended and enjoyed a catered meal before the bidding began. Then the race was on. Items from a gallon of Beto Duran's Hot Sauce to a Wireless Internet Connection, to the opportunity to "ring the bell in the Old Rock Building" the first day of school that it is open were bid on. Many people commented that they were trying hard for an item, but just got outbid.

One of the most interesting items to bid on was, back for a second year, a SILENT haircut from Ronda Hall! The cut went to Jim Cusenbary for over \$150 dollars. Ronda said that last year Glen Fisher got it and he "actually made me be quiet!"

Ronda also said that she wished Martha Wallace would have won the bidding war,

because she knows she wouldn't make her keep quiet.

There was quite a bidding battle over a set of Aggie Dominos, and some homemade goodies brought in a lot of dough.

Jimmy Cahill seems to be the big winner for the evening, taking home many great prizes, including the chance to "ring the bell in the Old Rock School Building" AND the "mystery gift". The "mystery box" is always a big money raiser, and no one even knows what is in it. The package has been passed around for years, with only guesses as to what may be hidden inside. This year the package was the high selling item, at \$1025!

If you missed the auction this year, you missed out on some great goodies and a fun evening, all for a good cause.

Happy Birthday

- September 25**
Dusten Rawls, Loma Surber, Danielle Noriega, Seco Mayfield, Mondo Robles
- September 26**
Laurie Gibbens, Jennifer Gonzales, Debbie Hard, Jenny Hunt, Dustin Creek, Caroline Vickers
- September 27**
Tom Bedwell, Cheyenne Teasley, George Vickers, Kelly Lewellen, Sawney Surber
- September 28**
Cathy Ball, Laura Hearn Wolff, Bob Merry, Andy Mirike, Felicia Van Winkle, Thomas Samaniego, Gabrielle Alvites
- September 29**
Edgar Gonzalez, Cindy Jones, Miguel Lira, Gabriel Espinosa, Julie Martin, Brad Mogford, Louie Castro, Jr. Kristen Keel, Jack Sharp
- September 30**
Kevin Weiss, Raven Rainer, Kayla McBride, Juan Miguel Jimenez, Elizabeth Ramirez, Michael Barker, Brad Hull, Linda Hooper
- October 1**
Erica Morriss, Riggin Glasscock, Gloria Paredes, Brittany Longoria
- October 2**
Beverly Howard, Seth Prather, Hilda Vasquez, Jennifer Noriega, Jose Castillo, Sr.

School Board from page 1

Inventory Results. The annual inventory reports on early reading assessment. Dermody said that all the children did well.

Alice Cox reported that a Special Education Grant that had been applied for 18 months ago, in the amount of \$169,244 was received. The school will have to commit to 5%, which will be \$8,411, for a total of \$178,085. The money will be used for computers, printers, scanners supplies and materials. Quarterly reports will be submitted. Cox said that they were very privileged to have received the grant, since only 1/2 of all applicants were awarded.

Three policy revisions were discussed and voted on. The Board voted to amend the DED and the FFAC, which refer to the wording of the policy on reimbursing employees for unused vacation or sick days and the distribution of herbal substitutes to students. The Board did not vote to change the policy regarding students with head lice returning to school after initial treatment. A lengthy discussion was held between the Board and the principals regarding what is best for the students. The current policy states that students must be cleared by the school nurse to return to school, having proved all the lice is gone from the student's head. The proposed policy would allow students to return after one treatment for the lice. The principals stressed that this does not always clear the lice, especially if not tended to correctly. The Board decided to leave the policy as it currently exists, with the students having to be cleared of all lice.

The Board decided to leave the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument and the Board of Trustees Effectiveness Appraisal Form as they are. It was also agreed that the Board of Trustees Code of Conduct be placed behind the Mission Statement in the members' notebooks, so as to be seen prior to every meeting.

Trustee Barbara Jennings thanked the Middle School and High School girls that worked so hard with the young "cheerleaders" and commended them all on a job well done.

Trustee Tammy Favila stated that the restroom facilities look very nice at the football stadium and she was very glad they were complete.

Trustee Tom Payton thanked the Board and the Administrators for all their concern regarding Brian's recent injury.

Board President, Scott Jacoby read a thank you note from the Duncans and from the Pre-K teachers. The Pre-K teachers wanted the Board to know how much they appreciated the hiring of another Pre-K teacher.

Myers announced that Erin Burnham has been officially hired as the new Pre-K teacher, and the meeting was adjourned.

Consumer Fraud from page 1

Do they want your credit card number?

If so, you may be the victim of a BOILER ROOM FRAUD.

Direct marketing is the sale of goods and services by direct contact with the consumer by telephone or mail.

Boiler room fraud costs consumers nearly a billion dollars a year. Boiler room fraud is the use of the phone or the mail by unethical companies who only want to take your money. It is a growing problem for both individuals and businesses.

The best way to protect yourself is to learn to recognize the warning signs.

Who are these Boiler Room Companies?

Most calls come from firms located out-of-state. The firms work out of large rooms with rows of phones staffed by solicitors trained to repeat a deceptive sales pitch.

Sometimes these firms send you an enticing or official-looking letter or postcard in the mail urging you to call them.

Sometimes 900 numbers are used so you'll be billed just for calling them, even if you decide not to purchase anything.

Some common phrases used by the salespeople are:

"You've been specially selected to hear this offer."

"You'll get a wonderful free bonus if you buy our product."

"You've won a valuable free prize."

"This investment is low-risk and provides a higher return than you can get anywhere else."

"You have to make up your mind right away."

"You can just put the shipping and handling charge on your credit card."

The callers use well-rehearsed sales pitches designed to sound believable. You may be transferring from person to person, so it sounds like a genuine business setting. A "vice-president" may even call you back to try to convince you to buy. Beware of high pressure pitches that require decisions right now!

Legitimate firms will always give you time to think it over.

If you are the victim of a Boiler Room Fraud, you may later find the merchandise you bought is overpriced and poor quality. The "free gift" never arrives, or it's worth just a fraction of the "shipping and handling" or "gift tax" you paid. The investment turns out to be non-existent, or a loser. The donation you thought was going to charity goes into the fund-raisers pocket. Unauthorized charges start appearing on your credit card bills. 900 number telephone charges are much higher than you expected.

How can you protect yourself?

Take your time. Don't buy something merely because you'll get a "free gift." Get all information in writing before you agree to buy. Check out the caller's record with the Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau. Don't give your credit card number or checking account number to anyone who calls on the phone or sends you a postcard. Check out a charity before you give. Ask a charity how much of your donation actually goes to the charity. Be extremely cautious about investing with an unknown caller who insists you must make up your mind immediately. If the investment is a security, check with state officials to see if it is properly registered. If large amounts of money are involved, check with your legal or financial advisor. Don't send money by messenger or overnight mail. If you use money rather than a credit card in the transaction, you may lose your right to dispute fraudulent charges. Hang up instead of being pressured to buy. Make sure you know the per minute charge for any 900 number call you make.

Don't Take The Bait! Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I have adequate TIME TO THINK THIS OVER, or am I being pressured for a decision right now?

- Will they send me ADDITIONAL INFORMATION through the mail, putting their statements and promises in writing, or do they refuse?

- Are they insisting on my CREDIT CARD OR CHECKING ACCOUNT NUMBER right now?

- Do they want to SEND OVER A PRIVATE COURIER tonight for my check?

- Is my "free gift or prize" really free, or DO I HAVE TO PAY A REGISTRATION FEE OR SHIPPING AND HANDLING CHARGE before receiving anything?

If the answer to any one of these questions is yes...BEWARE! Take time to consider the offer, get additional information and advice, and resist the "take it or leave it" high pressure tactics so often used by boiler room pitches. See below for agencies which can provide additional information.

For more helpful information about the firm or offer you are considering, contact any of the following, preferably in the city or state where the firm is located:

State and Local Consumer Protection Agencies, Better Business Bureau, State Attorney General, Chamber of Commerce, State Securities Regulator, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation, or The U.S. Postal Inspection Service

If you think you are the victim of a boiler room fraud, save all documentation of the transaction, including postcards, canceled checks, telephone bills, credit card statements and mailing envelopes. Make detailed notes of your telephone conversations by date and time, and write down the important statements made by each individual who spoke with you.

If any part of your transaction took place through the U.S. Mail, including the receipt of promotional literature or the mailing of payment, we urge you to contact the nearest postal inspector's address, or write directly to:

The Chief Postal Inspector
475 L'enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260-2160

BUSINESS FRAUD

Businesses should also be cautious of scam and fraudulent schemes. Every year, businesses lose millions of dollars to con artists through a host of different tricks and scams. As the workload for the average American employee increases, so does the likelihood of business scheme success. By educating your employees to identify common business scams, you can help them to defend your business against swindlers.

THE MOST COMMON SCAMS

To protect your organization, learn to recognize the most common business scams.

Advance Fee Loan Brokers:

Businesses in need of commercial loans to expand or even stay afloat may be vulnerable to pitches by loan broker sharks. In a typical advance fee loan scheme, a business will answer an advertisement regarding the availability of money to lend. During a subsequent phone conversation with the loan broker, the client is assured that he qualifies for a loan but is asked to submit an advance fee for the finding of this risk capital or loan. The advance fee is characterized as payment to the broker to prepare a business plan and present it to prospective investors. However, the disreputable "broker" all too often makes no effort to find funds as

promised. The business never receives the promised loan, and loses all advance fees paid to the broker.

The Gift-Horse:

This scam tries to create mistrust within an organization. It starts when the caller tricks an employee into accepting a gift—a free promotional item—with a passing reference to merchandise or services. Overpriced, unordered merchandise is received, followed by an invoice with the employee's name. If the business questions whether it must pay the invoice, the employee comes under suspicion. The scheme works if the company believes that the employee blundered into ordering something that must now be paid for.

Phony Invoices:

Schemers know that a business sometimes makes mistakes or can be careless in its accounting, so they prey on these weaknesses. Lifting names from mailing lists, business registers, the Yellow Pages or published advertisements, swindlers send "pro-forma" invoices for directory listings or advertising in various publications, journals or directories. The invoice may seem genuine to the company's accounting department, and may even include the name of a company executive as the "authorizing agent." However, the invoice may be a solicitation in disguise and in very fine print contain the following disclaimer: "This is a solicitation. You are under no obligation to pay unless you accept this offer." Although the law states that it is illegal to send such a solicitation without the disclaimer being conspicuous and in large print, there are those who flout the regulations and send disguised solicitations. These phony invoices are often persistent and may send a company two or more advertising invoices in the hope that the "bill" will be paid twice.

Office Supply & Paper Pirates:

This scheme covers a wide range of "office" goods such as photocopying paper, copying supplies or ballpoint pens. The supplier makes a pitch by telephone, fax, or e-mail or a salesperson may just show up on the premises. Usually, the supplier tries to target an employee who is unfamiliar with purchasing procedures. A common approach is for the salesperson to claim "liquidation of stock" or "going out of business." The merchandise, if delivered at all, is often of inferior quality, greatly overpriced, or may come in twice the amount ordered.

The Brush Off:

When a business or organization complains that it didn't order merchandise or services or that prices are too high, a scam seller reacts in predictable ways:

Bullying:

If you express any uncertainty about whether the supplies or services were ever ordered, the seller argues: "They were ordered. We have a recording of Mr. Jones. If you don't pay, we can take you to court."

Negotiating:

The seller agrees to accept a lower price. The goods and services are so grossly overpriced that almost anything the seller gets is profit. If you complain about price, the seller may say, "You were charged what? They must not have given you the discount for..." The seller then tries to negotiate "a better deal." Sometimes, the seller appeals for sympathy: "We real-

ly need the business. I'll let you have it for..."

Paying for returned merchandise:

The seller claims you can return merchandise if you pay a "restocking fee." In fact, the fee is often more than the goods are worth. Similarly, the seller may try to get you to pay shipping charges to return the items.

The Vanity Pitch:

"Dear Business Executive" begins the letter. "We would like to include you in our next edition of 'Who's Who in the (fill in the blank).'" All too frequently, such pitches for "Who's Who" type publications, biographies of successful people, or nominations for awards or special memberships have a catch to them. The executive who is flattered into providing the details of his or her career may be stuck with a subscription fee, a charge for the listing, or an inflated price for buying a publication that does not receive the widespread distribution implied in the initial offer.

Bogus Yellow Page Invoices

The Yellow Pages Publishers Association estimates that over \$500 million is collected annually by con artists.

The solicitation to buy ad space in a bogus Yellow Pages directory may look like an invoice and bear the "walking fingers" logo and the Yellow Pages name. Neither the name nor logo is protected by federal copyright or trademark registration. Consequently, con artists can fool businesses into believing that they are dealing with a local, affiliate telephone directory.

PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS

Here are some ways you can protect your business from paying for unsolicited or unordered goods and services:

1. Know your rights. If you receive supplies or bills for services you didn't order, don't pay, and don't return the unordered merchandise. You may treat unordered merchandise as a gift. By law, it's illegal for a seller to send you bills or dunning notices for unordered merchandise, or ask you to return it—even if the seller offers to pay for shipping.

2. Assign designated buyers and document your purchases. For each order, the designated

employee should issue a purchase order—electronic or written—to the supplier with an authorized signature and a purchase order number. The order form should instruct the supplier to note the purchase order number on the invoice and bill of lading. The buyer should send a copy of purchase orders to the accounts payable department. Keep blank order forms secure.

3. Check your documentation before paying bills. When merchandise arrives, an employee should verify that it matches the shipper's bill of lading and your purchase order. Pay close attention to brand and quantity. Refuse merchandise that doesn't match internal documentation.

4. Train your staff. Train everyone how to respond to unsolicited phone, fax or e-mail offers for office supplies and services. Advise employees who are not authorized to order supplies and services to refer all such sales pitches to the employee who is authorized to make these purchases. The authorized employee should then properly document any purchase orders.

Quick Check List

Before accepting any business proposition, you should do

the following:

* Get everything in writing. Require that all in-person, Internet or telephone sales pitches, advertising and charity appeals, or requests for your personal information be made in writing.

* Refuse to make commitments with the unknown. Train employees to refuse to make deals with unknown sellers, especially over the phone, without first verifying the reliability and complaint history of the seller's business with your local Better Business Bureau and other consumer protection agencies.

* Institute strict accounting controls. The handling of invoices, etc. should be centralized and authorization closely checked.

* Comparison Shop. Compare product prices, quality, and company service with other suppliers when offered a deal from an unknown salesperson or company.

* Keep a list of regularly used publications or vendors. Protect your business against schemers who try to take your money by claiming that your company previously used a publication or service.

Devil's River Dancers Entertain Nursing Home Neighbors



The Devil's River Dancers performed for the Schleicher County Medical Center's Annual Fall Nursing Home Barbeque on Sept. 20. The barbeque brings together the residents of the nursing home and their relatives and friends for a get-together and wonderful meal. The weather was perfect and the camaraderie even better. The dancers were (L to R) Debbie Thompson, Roy Jean Johnson, Patti Rainer, Carolyn McMeans, and Cindy Bybee (not pictured, but the new clogging instructor in Eldorado).

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NOTICE OF WASTEWATER RATE CHANGE

Effective November 2003 wastewater rates will be increased.

Wastewater is based upon a minimum charge and water usage.

Water usage for November, December, and January is averaged to calculate your wastewater rate or the water usage for month, whichever, is the lowest.

New customers who do not have water consumption records for the winter months shall have the wastewater volume charged on the current month usage, until records are established.

NEW RATES:	Minimum Charge	per 1000 gallons				
		0-5000	5001-10000	10001-25000	25001-50000	50001+
Metered	12.95	0.88	1.01	1.12	1.23	1.35
Non Metered	17.37					

NEW RATES:	Minimum Charge	per 1000 gallons				
		0-5000	5001-10000	10001-25000	25001-50000	50001+
Metered	11.78	0.80	.92	1.02	1.12	1.23
Non Metered	15.79					

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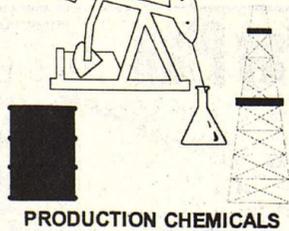
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New San Angelo Stock Show Event To Start In Sonora

The 72nd Annual Stock Show and Rodeo is scheduled for February 20-29, 2004. The festivities will open with two Trail Rides:

1. Devil's River Trail Ride begins in Sonora on February 18th and goes to Eldorado to overnight, then rides to Christoval to overnight, arriving in San Angelo at Historic Ft. Concho on Friday, February 20th.

2. Santa Fe Trail Ride kicks off in Coleman, February 17th and travels to Talpa, Ballinger, and Miles, arriving at Historic Ft. Concho on Friday, February 20th. Wagon and riders will join the parade on Saturday, February 21st.

Contacts have been made with Trail Ride Clubs in East Texas and all have shown lots of interest. A Queen will be selected for each Trail Ride. This is a great new event, not only for the San Angelo Stock Show, but for the whole Concho Valley.

Whisenant Named Acting Dept. Head For Rangeland at Texas A&M University

by: Blair Fannin

COLLEGE STATION - Dr. Steve Whisenant has been named acting department head for rangeland and ecology management at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Ed Hiler, vice chancellor and dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, made the appointment recently after Dr. Robert E. Whitson, former rangeland and ecology management department head, was named interim deputy director of the Experiment Station.

"Steve has not only demonstrated that he is a leading expert in rangeland management, but he also possesses unique leadership skills that will fit well in his new role as acting department head," Hiler said.

Whisenant joined the rangeland and ecology management faculty at Texas A&M in July, 1988. His duties have included both teaching and research, focusing on ecological restoration of disturbed and degraded deserts, forests, grasslands and wetlands.

He has also been involved in international development of research projects in The Peoples Republic of China (Xinjiang, Shaanxi, and Sichuan Provinces), Niger, Poland, Kuwait, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Jordan. In 2002, he was part of an international

team that developed a needs assessment for "Livestock, Feed and Rangelands in Afghanistan."

Whisenant is the author of "Repairing Damaged Wildlands: A Process-Oriented Landscape-Scale Approach," published by Cambridge University Press in 1999, and one of the most widely used ecological restoration books in the world. He is also a regular speaker on ecological restoration issues, having been invited in the last two years to give opening talks to biodiversity, forest, rangeland and invasive species conferences in Australia, Malaysia, Costa Rica and the United States.

He is a member of the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Society for Range Management, and International Erosion Control Association. Prior to joining the Texas A&M faculty, Whisenant was an associate professor of botany and range science at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

"The department of rangeland ecology and management has an exceptional faculty with quality teaching, research, and extension programs," Whisenant said. "My role during this interim period is to facilitate their efforts and provide leadership that will keep our programs relevant, innovative, and of high quality into the future."

Protecting You, Your Pets and Livestock From Bees

Aggressive colonies of Africanized bees first began moving north from South America in the 1950s after a few captive bees from Africa (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) escaped from a research facility in Brazil. Once the bees began breeding with the indigenous European Honey Bee the Africanized hybrid spread rapidly over the continent. The bees' northward march was slowed somewhat by the narrow strip of land that makes up the Isthmus of Panama. Once the bees cleared that hurdle, however, they rapidly spread across Central America and Mexico. The Africanized bees are believed to have come into this area in the early 1990's.

Africanized Honey Bees are the same species as the familiar European honey bee (EHB) used to produce honey and pollinate crops, but a different subspecies. They are called "Africanized Honey Bees" (abbreviated AHB) because they are the result of interbreeding between European bees and bees from Africa inadvertently released in Brazil in the 1950's.

Many people expect AHB to be larger and very distinctive, but in fact they look nearly identical to the (EHB) honey bees.

AHB can be distinguished from EHB by measurements under a microscope, and by analysis of their DNA.

After an area is well colonized, it is assumed that all honey bees not under the care of a beekeeper should be treated as Africanized bees.

Some colonies of AHB defend their nests with more vigor and in greater numbers than the common European honey bee. When bees defend their colonies, they target furry and dark-colored objects that resemble their natural enemies: bears and skunks. Therefore your pets are likely to be stung when bees are disturbed. Animals that are penned or tied up near honey bees are in special peril.

The sting from a single AHB is no more harmful than one from the common garden or European honey bee. Africanized honey bees are known as the so-called "killer bees" because they defend their nests more readily (with less provocation), and in larger numbers than the European honey bee, so there is a greater chance of receiving many stings.

An Ounce of Prevention

The best way to avoid bee stings is to prevent them from nesting in or around your home. The following ideas may help.

- Make a "bee patrol" around your home once or twice a week during swarming season usually in the spring and fall. Listen for the sound of bees in the air. Persistent buzzing may mean a hive or swarm is nearby.
- "Bee-proof" your home by filling in potential nesting sites such as tree cavities and holes in outside walls. Put screens on the tops of rain spouts and over water meter boxes in the ground. Remove piles of trash and junk.

- If you discover a bee colony, don't disturb it. Find out who removes or destroys wild colonies in your area and report it to them. Try calling a pest control operator to see who removes bees.

- If attacked by Africanized honey bees, your best defense is to run away as fast as you can. Seek shelter immediately in a building, a car or heavy brush.

- If you are stung many times, seek medical attention immediately.

- If you are allergic to bee stings, or think you might be, consult your physician immediately for the best precautions to take.

Mowing or Operating Other Machinery

Remember, bees don't like noise or vibration. So, keep the following points in mind.

- Vibration and exhaust from mowers and other equipment can disturb the beehive, and bees will respond by attacking.

- Check the area carefully for bees and hives before starting motorized mowers, weed choppers or chainsaws.

- Be aware of culverts or drainage pipes that may be harboring a colony, and junk piles of dense shrubbery that may be shielding a hive from sight.

- Don't allow grass clippings to be propelled into suspect areas.

- Have an emergency plan. Know where you will run for cover if attacked.

While At Play

Children, especially young children, need to be taught the following points.

- Watch and listen for bees.
- Avoid beehives and bee traps hanging in trees.
- Bees nest in hidden

places. Don't play near old buildings or junk piles.

- If you notice numbers of bees flying around your home, contact authorities.

- If bees start flying around you, run away. Don't swat them; it will only make more bees want to sting you. And don't "freeze" in place - you will still get stung if you do.

- If bees attack, don't try to escape by jumping into a swimming pool or pond. The bees likely will be waiting for you when you come up for air.

Know the Facts

- Africanized and domestic honey bees look the same, so stay away from all bees.

- AHB will build a nest almost anywhere.

- If you know of any wild bee nests, have the nest removed.

- AHB defend a wide area around their home, so you may not even see the hive before bees start buzzing around you.

- Large numbers of Africanized bees are likely to sting when they sense someone is too near their nest.

- If you get stung or hear bees buzzing, run away fast and get inside a house or car. If there is no shelter, run through bushes or high weeds.

- A honey bee will leave its stinger in your skin if it stings you. Get the stinger out by raking your fingernail across it. Don't pinch or pull the stinger out. Put ice on a sting to reduce the swelling.

- Do not pen, tie, or tether animals near known bee hives or nests. Keep animals away from apiaries and bee nests. Bees may seem docile at first, but don't take chances.

- Do not disturb or tease bees EVER, and do not try to remove bees yourself. Do not shoot at, throw rocks at, or pour gasoline on bee nests. This will only arouse the bees. Also, do not attempt to control them with aerosol pesticides. Call a professional.

- Do keep pets and children indoors when using weed eaters, hedge clippers, tractors, power mowers, chain saws, etc. Honey bees are sensitive to odors, such as the smell of cut grass, and to loud vibrations. Attacks frequently occur when a person is mowing the lawn or pruning shrubs and trees and inadvertently strikes a bee nest.

- Do keep dogs under control when hiking. A dog bounding through the brush is more likely to disturb bees than one following quietly at your heels.

- Do stay alert when horseback riding through brush or under low hanging branches where bees might nest.

What to do if your animal is involved in a serious stinging incident:

Try to get the animal away from the bees WITHOUT ENDANGERING YOURSELF. Call your dog inside your house or car, or release the animal IF IT WILL NOT HARM THE ANIMAL OR OTHERS NEARBY. Do not attempt to approach a person or an animal being stung without some sort of protection (such as a bee keeper's suit) because the bees are likely to attack you as well. If you approach an animal that is being stung, remember that an injured animal may bite or attack unexpectedly. If you release penned livestock, be aware that an unrestrained animal may run into the road and be hit by a car, or may run away. And if the animal runs to you with aroused bees following it, you are likely to be stung.

If possible, douse the animal with a shower of soapy water which will kill any bees clinging to it. A mild solution of liquid dish detergent in water (approximately 1/2 cup soap per gallon of water) will immobilize honey bees and kill them within 60 seconds.

Covering the animal with a heavy blanket during a serious stinging incident may also discourage the bees.

Once the animal is away from bees look for stingers. When a honey bee stings, it loses its venom sac and stinger. This means the honey bee dies after it stings, but also that the stinger may continue to inject venom for up to a minute or until the stinger is removed. If you can see stingers on the animal, remove them by scraping them out with a credit card, knife or fingernail. Do not pull them out with tweezers or fingers because you will squeeze more venom into the animal.

If an animal has sustained numerous stings, you may want to consult your veterinarian. The number of stings an animal can survive depends on its body weight, the amount of venom it received, and whether or not it is allergic to bee venom. As with humans, even one sting may be dangerous if the animal is allergic.

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ANNUAL BUDGET OPEN FOR INSPECTION

On Tuesday, September 16, 2003, city council approved the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. The budget is open for public inspection in the Office of City Secretary, City Hall, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ORDINANCE NO. 539 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SONORA FOR THE 2003-2004 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA, SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Sonora, for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, upon all property, real personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.518678 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$0.518678 on each \$100.00 valuation of property; and:
SECTION 2: That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2003 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2004 shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the city assessor and collector of the City of Sonora is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Sonora shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City of Sonora. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency and thereto prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. That Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District is authorized to perform all duties required by law of the tax assessor-collector in regard to assessing and collecting ad valorem taxes.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage. PASSED this 16th day of September 2003, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, there being a quorum present by 3 yeas and 0 nays, and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.
APPROVED. James B. Stephen, Mayor.
Attest: **Becky Covington**
City Secretary

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Dunes Mini Storage located on Hwy. 277 (South toward Del Rio), in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will hold a public sale to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 2003 at Dunes Mini Storage. Property will be sold to pay tenant's debt. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following tenants: **TONY VALKONEN, tools, engine parts, etc.; AMBER BURNS, household miscellaneous; Unit Dunes #8 - furniture, household items; DIANE VIRGEN, household items, clothes; Unit Dunes #18 - furniture, household items.** Contact Jana Dover (w/Dunes Mini Storage), 325-387-2104 or Landmark Apartments (office A-4).

ORDINANCE NO. 540

An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 532 dated September 17, 2002, to amend the budget for the City of Sonora, Texas for the fiscal year 2002-2003 to increase expenditure appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2002 and ending September 30, 2003 in the sum of one hundred ninety-four thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars and no cents (\$194,656.00) and regulating the payment of money from the city treasury, publication, conflict, validity, and declaring an emergency. Passed and approved this the 16th day of September 2003.
City of Sonora
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Merchant's Association Meeting - Thursday, 9/25, 12:00 p.m. Sutton Steakhouse. Important! We will plan future projects and promotions to enhance shopping in Sonora! Your input is needed!

Friends of the Eaton House will hold their second meeting on Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Eaton House. Everyone is invited and anyone with an interest in tourism or historical preservation is encouraged to attend - we need you! See you on the hill.

Boy Scout Pack Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 28th, 3:00 p.m.

Emmaus gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse Community Church - 6:30 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has just received the 2003 Christmas Ornaments. The 24K gold finish brass ornament is a windmill and a turkey on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. The cost is \$10. Visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office on Main Street to get yours today, and add it to your Sonora ornament collection. There are still some 2002 Old Rock School House ornaments available.

Library Story Time starts October 1, 2003, and will be every Wednesday thereafter at 10:00 a.m. For more information call the Sutton County Library at 387-2111. Ages 3 - Pre-K welcome.

Girl Scout Leaders: CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING coming to San Angelo October 11, 2003, San Angelo Little House, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 1 Year CPR Training Cert., 2 Year First Aid Cert. Cost: \$25.00. Reg. Deadline: October 7. Don't forget... every troop must have a registered adult with CPR & First Aid with the troop at all times.

Kindergarten Girls are welcome to join Girl Scouts. We will be Daisy Troop #215. The meeting will be: 9/25/03 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut. If you have any questions, please call Nelda Tobias after 6:00 at 387-5390.

The Concho Valley Society for Human Resource Management and the ASU Small Business Development Center will present the fifth annual Management Symposium - Management Tools for Everyday Use: real tools for real people with real issues. The symposium will be held on November 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the ASU C.J. Davidson Conference Center. Registration before October 31, is \$99. After October 31, the fee, will be \$109. Registration deadline is: November 9th. For more information, email us at cv-shrm-groups@yahoo.com

Sonora Bronco Pep Rally - Friday - 2:00 p.m. - High School Gym.

Lighthouse Community Church, will host THRIVE! Simulcast for Sonora on November 15, 2003. Best-selling author, Dr. John C. Maxwell will lead the live training. FMI contact Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

Urbanski Recognized During National "Employ the Older Worker" Week



Barbara Urbanski works hard for the Sonora Elementary Schools.

Each year Experience Works promotes "National Employ the Older Worker Week" which spotlights seniors and the contributions they bring to the labor force. During this week, employers are encouraged to recognize the rich potential seniors bring to the workplace and to profit from their broad experience and strong work ethic. The local chapter of Experience Works chose to honor Barbara Urbanski in Sonora. Urbanski has lived in Sonora since 1945 and has worked for the Sonora I.S.D. for nine years. She is an assistant to the office personnel in the Elementary and Intermediate buildings. She keeps busy answering phones, making copies, laminating, and making sure all visitors are properly attended to.

Urbanski said she "dearly loves her work."

During the week of September 22, the nation is encouraged to focus upon the important contribution of our senior workers who offer experience, dependability, reliability and dedication. The week is also an opportunity to recognize the employers of older workers who establish age-friendly work environments by training, recruiting, and retaining qualified older workers.

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

Operating in 121 primarily rural Texas counties, Experience Works gives older, economically-disadvantaged job seekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through training assignments with local community-based organizations. Through their participation, the seniors maintain their independence as productive contributors to their communities and profit from job-skills training which allows for transition back into private sector employment.

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Experience Works, at P.O. box 7898, Waco, Texas, 76714, 254/776-4081 or visit www.experienceworks.org.

Beginning October 4, Callers Must Dial 10 Digits When Placing Local Calls From One Area Code to Another

Starting Oct. 4, West Texas residents in the 915 and the newly created 432 and 325 area codes will need to dial 10 digits (the area code plus the seven-digit number) when making local calls between the three area codes.

The dialing change applies to calls placed from a wireline or wireless phone. Local calls made within the same area code can still be dialed using seven digits.

During a six-month grace period that began April 5, the public has been able to make seven-digit local calls between the three area codes. The 432 and 325 codes were created to help meet the growing need for phone numbers in West Texas. Between Oct. 4 and Dec. 7, people who dial just seven digits when calling between area codes will hear a recording telling them they need to redial using the proper area code.

Creation of the new area codes will not affect rates or local calling areas. Calls that are local today will continue to be local calls after Oct. 4. Dialing long-distance calls within the three area codes will also not change.

The public should continue to dial "1," plus the area code, plus the seven-digit number to place a long-distance call. Dialing 911 to reach emergency services and 411 to reach directory assistance will also not change.

During the remainder of the grace period, consumers and businesses are encouraged to reprogram their telecommunications equipment and services including computer modems using dial-up service for Internet access, fax machines, speed-dialing lists, call-forwarding services and any other equipment that automatically dials telephone numbers.

Wireless phone users especially are encouraged to contact their provider or visit their provider's nearest wireless retail store because it may be necessary to reprogram their handset with the appropriate

area code. Security or alarm systems and business phone systems also must be programmed to handle the new dialing pattern.

The 325 area code will serve Abilene, Brady, Brownwood, Kingsland, Rising Star, San Angelo, Sonora, Snyder and surrounding communities.

The 432 area code will serve Alpine and southward to Big Bend National Park, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Midland, Odessa, Pecos, Seminole, Van Horn and surrounding cities.

Far West Texas, including Clint, Dell City, El Paso and Faben, will remain in the 915 area code.

In 2002, the Texas Public Utility Commission decided to introduce two new area codes in the 915 region to meet the demand for new telephone numbers.

Demand is growing rapidly as West Texans and phone customers nationwide increasingly have a choice of companies to provide telecommunications service, and these competing companies require phone numbers for their customers.

NeuStar Inc., the national administrator for area codes, selected 325 and 432 as the new area codes for the eastern and central parts of the 915 area code region.

Know the Code, a consortium of more than 15 telephone service providers that serve West Texas, anticipates a smooth transition for West Texans. The companies have jointly conducted a customer education program, including print and radio advertisements, to inform area residents and businesses of the changes and to urge them to reprogram their telecommunications equipment and services to use the new area codes as appropriate.

Customers can obtain more information about the new West Texas area codes by visiting <http://www.texas-code.com> or by contacting their local or wireless telephone company.

DRN Makes The Honor Roll At S.I.S.D.



The Devil's River News Editor, Storie Sharp, receives a media certificate from Sonora Superintendent, Brant Myers.

The Devil's River News and KHOS/KYXX Radio were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Sonora ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 450 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included media representatives' efforts to get to know the Superintendent, Board President, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools, and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Rick Odgen, TASB President.

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