

Redistricting completed, new voter certificates in the mail

The redistricting of Sutton County has been completed. Our county and the city of Sonora have both been divided between two congressional districts and will be represented in Washington by separate U.S. Representatives.

The redistricting line enters Sutton County from Schleicher County on Rch Rd 2129; it continues into Sonora on IH-10; meanders through the city with no regard for county precinct and city ward lines; then follows Bond Rd. to the Edwards County line. Voters who reside east of this line are in the newly created Congressional District 11; voters west of the line will remain in District 23.

Initially, the line bisected all four of our county precincts, but small changes to precinct lines adopted by the Sutton County Commissioner's Court have spared precincts 101 and 401 from being divided, however, precincts 201 and 301 are now divided into "A" and "B". Only the "A" precincts fall into the newly created congressional district 11. All others remain in district 23, presently served by U.S. Representative, Henry Bonilla.

The regular mass mail-out of new voter certificates was scheduled for November 15, 2003, but affected counties were advised by the Office of the Secretary of State to the refrain from printing and mailing, until the courts decided whether the unscheduled redistricting would take place. When you receive your new blue voter certificate, your congressional district, 11 or 23, will appear on the right side of the certificate in the second box. If you reside in precinct 201 or 301, your new county precinct number, 201A, 201B, 301A or 301B, will be shown on the left side of your certificate.

Separating the precincts and districts was accomplished street by street, block by block and sometimes one dwelling at a time. This required approximately thirty five hours of computer entries. If you have questions regarding your jurisdictions, please contact Deedie McIntire, Tax Assessor-Collector/Voter Registrar, at 387-2342. The public is welcome to view updated maps of the county, city and the congressional districts at the Tax Office.

City Council calls town meeting to discuss electric scooters

by Storie Sharp

Noemi Samaniego, representing the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, approached the Sonora City Council regarding the popular electric scooters at the Tuesday, January 20, meeting.

"This is an important issue that needs to be addressed," said Samaniego, "someone's going to get hurt." The Child Welfare Board wanted to ask the Council to consider putting an ordinance in place regarding the operation of the scooters.

Many young children received the scooters for Christmas and more are being seen on the streets every day. The problem that is being seen is that the young drivers are not following any traffic laws. Currently there is no local ordinance regarding the scooters, but they must follow all vehicle traffic laws. A lengthy discussion was held, with input from many of the visitors at the meeting. Everyone agreed that some sort of rules need to be set in order to avoid an impending accident. Some suggestions included having special education classes held for the students and parents. It is not just the children's safety that was discussed, but that of the drivers that are having to watch for, and maneuver around the scooters. No one was suggesting doing away with the scooters, but it was a unanimous decision that the issue needs to be addressed and some rules need to be set in place.

It was agreed to set a town meeting from February 3, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sonora Middle School snack bar area. All parents, students and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting to be a part of the decisions that are made regarding the scooters.

All members of the council, Gloria Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem, James Blackman, Virgil

Poloczek and Smith Neal were all present for the meeting. After approving the minutes from the December 15th meeting, the council heard from Silver Haired

Legislature Representative Brigitte Rogers. Rogers asked the Council to consider adopting Proposition 13, freezing property taxes for senior citizens and disabled homestead owners in the city. The proposition does not cut the taxes, only freezes them at the current rate. Many senior citizens and disabled citizens are on fixed incomes and are unable to afford the continuous increase in taxes. Many Texas towns have already adopted the Proposition, including Pasadena, Haslett, South Lake and others in the Tarrant County area. The law would affect the 2004 taxes. The Council had several questions for Rogers, including what the monetary impact would be on the City of Sonora if the Proposition was adopted. Blackman said that since they were unable to predict the future, they would like to have County Attorney, Beth Wallace look over all legal aspects of the Proposition and have the staff see the exact dollar amount that would be lost. The Council will address the request again at the March meeting. Rogers told the council that it is important to move in a timely manner on the issue.

The Council then heard from Jeffrey McCormick with Oliver, Rainey and Wojtek of San Angelo, on behalf of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. McCormick reported that the SIDC audit was complete and that compared to last year, assets were up \$28,000. He went on to explain all of the audit, reporting that the organization appears to have been keeping adequate and careful books. The audit was approved as presented.

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Community Art Show opens at The Bank & Trust



Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and The Bank & Trust, proudly hosted local artists at a special opening on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Beautiful portraits, drawings of animals, landscapes and more, brought the West Texas spirit alive in the bank lobby, showcasing an abundance of talent in our community.

Retiring Scout Master, Lewis Allen, to be honored

After 14 years of dedication and tireless commitment, Lewis Allen is retiring as Sonora Scout Master. Lewis has helped lead many young men in Sonora to grow to be Eagle Scouts. Teaching them character, citizenship and fitness by example. He has been a role model to many and will be greatly missed by the Scouting organizational

Troop 19 will be honoring Lewis on February 1, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to come say thank you to Lewis for all that he has done and wish him well.

Sutton County sets a precedent; first in West Texas to adopt Proposition 13

by Storie Sharp

Sutton County cares about their elderly. That is what the Sutton County Commissioners said by voting unanimously to adopt Proposition 13, freezing the tax rate for seniors citizens (65 or older) and disabled homestead owners in our county. The tax relief will not cut taxes, and the overall cost IF the county were to raise taxes by 1¢ would be about \$1400 a year. This is a small amount compared to what these citizens have already put into building our community. Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner explained that this freeze is on the current value of the homestead. If improvements or additions are made, the property will be reevaluated and an

appropriate adjustment will be made at that time. If a homeowner passes away, the spouse must be 55 years or older to remain protected. Texas Silver Haired

Legislature Representative, Brigitte Rogers graciously thanked Judge Garner and the Commissioners, John Wade, Belia Castaneda, Mike Villanueva and Milton Cavaness making a statement by adopting the Proposition and showing that they care for their elderly.

In other business, it was a split decision between the Commissioners on raising plot costs at the Sutton County Cemetery. Increasing costs call for larger expenditures at the cemetery. Breaking the tie, with Castaneda and Wade in favor

and Cavaness and Villanueva against, Judge Garner voted in favor of the increase, approving the raise to \$75.

The Commissioners approved a resolution to support development of a Regional Mitigation plan, approved the advertisement for two maintenance positions in the Road and Bridge Department and approved the advertising for health insurance bids. Judge Garner said that Bobby Zesch would be representing Sutton County again in obtaining insurance and had told her to probably expect a 10% increase in coverage. Current providers, Legacy, will be visiting Sutton County soon to go over their offer of health coverage.

Sutton County youth prove successful at Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show



Two years of hard work and determination bring home the Herdsman Award for Sutton County 4-H.

submitted

Forty-eight exhibitors were entered in the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show (HCDJLS) held in Kerrville on January 22-23, 2004. These exhibitors were all entered under the Sutton County 4-H Club banner in a unified effort to win the coveted Herdsman Award. Happily, the effort was successful and a 2004 CM 14' x 5' low profile stock trailer was presented to the group by Mr. Charlie Bierschwale of Back 40 Supply. The Herdsman Award is presented to the 4-H club or FFA chapter that best promotes co-operation, sportsmanship and understanding between the stock show, the contestants and the public. Sutton County worked displays in four animal divisions. These were market lambs, meat goats, beef cattle and Angora goats. Congratulations to the youth and leaders who developed the signs, scrapbooks, brochures, personalized animal cut-outs, clovers, tool racks, and other specialized exhibit features.

Special recognition is due Michael Kissire, Ag Science Teacher, for preparing the youth in areas of project knowledge and interview response.

In addition to the Herdsman Award win, exhibitors were also very successful with their livestock projects.

Brea Hughes, Sutton County's only steer exhibitor, had a 4th place. In the heifer divisions, Mandy Brister finished 1st and 3rd, Jack Turney finished 1st, Kyla Turney finished 2nd, and Alex Lang had a 1st and a 2nd.

Market lamb exhibitors who placed were Garrett Bawcom, with a 7th and a 12th and Steely Ingham who made the sale with a 3rd. Brea Hughes, Chelsey Lou and Chance Campbell also showed lambs.

There were fifteen weight classes in the meat goat show and the highest placing goat from Sutton County was shown by Sidney Dermody, who placed 3rd in her class.

Others with placing goats were Hanna Allison 10th, Serena Allison 8th, Justyn Gray 14th, John Duke Hudson 7th and 13th, Colyer Dermody 14th, Chance Campbell 12th, Cash Jennings 15th, Ethan Morriss

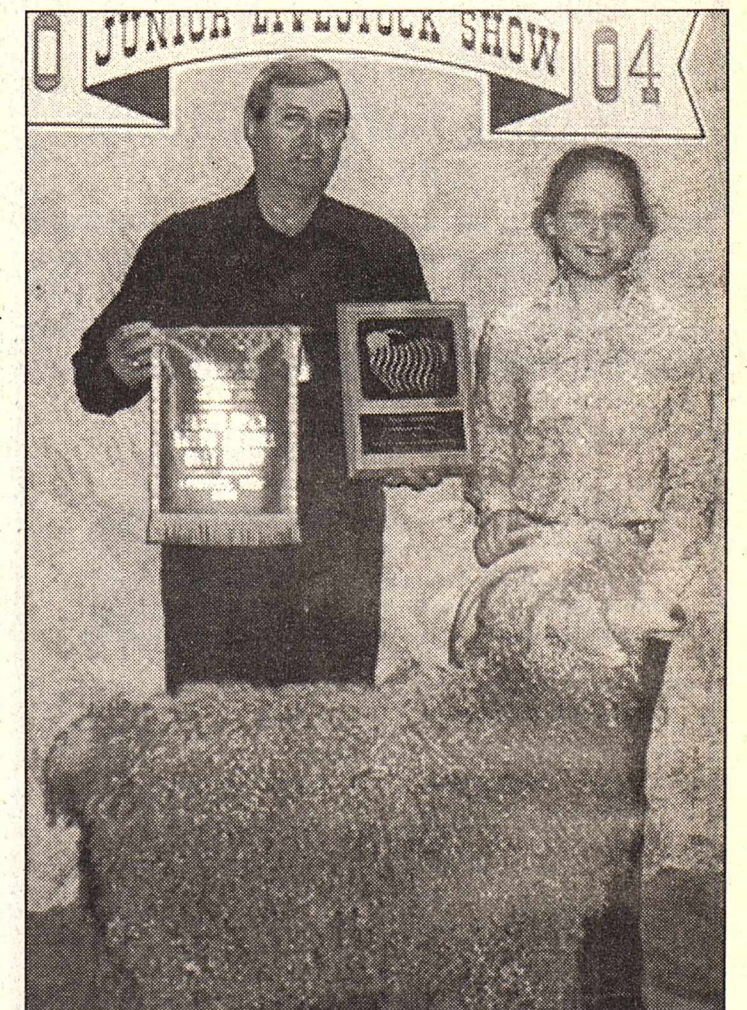


Sonora High School students are strong leaders in the Sutton County 4-H and worked hard to help bring home the trailer.

11th, Macie Friess 14th and 9th, Kylie Love 17th, Stephani Morriss 9th and 11th, Stella Ingham 7th, Chelsey Lou Campbell 14th, Colton Moore 6th and 8th, Ty Love 5th and 16th, Dustin Neff 16th and 18th, Steely Ingham 4th and 5th, Shane Love 20th, Bailey Joe Pennington 7th and 10th, Gunter Pennington 8th and 18th, Word Hudson 17th, and Brandy Neff 6th. Other Meat Goat exhibitors were Paul Faz, Kaija Valkonen, Hunter Jennings, Mandy Brister, Hilton Bloodworth, Madison Myers, and Sterling Love.


In the Angora division, Laura Martin's commercial doe kid placed 1st in the class and won Champion Commercial Goat. Laura also had goats that placed 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 10th. Justyn Gray got 4th. Mark Holman had goats that placed 2nd and 5th. Keeli Taylor had a 6th, Word Hudson a 7th, Hunter Jennings a 9th, Cash Jennings a 4th, Emily Earwood a 3rd and John Duke Hudson a 1st and 4th.

Meredith Earwood had goats that finished 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Dustin Neff also exhibited Angora goats. Many Sutton County exhibitors will travel over the next few weeks to stock shows in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin.



Laura Martin's aged doe brought home "Champion Commercial Angora Goat" honors.

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The Hollywood Big Shots

 **Tumbleweed Smith**

When my sons were growing up, our dining room table was the favorite hang-out place for a group of young teen-age boys who played a game called Dungeons and Dragons. Their names were Charlie, Zane, Jantz and my son BZ. They all graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986. They were very serious about the game and it influenced them to read J.R.R. Tolkien and similar authors.

At college, BZ majored in classical guitar and sound production, Zane graduated with an engineering degree, Charlie got involved with nuclear physics and Jantz studied music. They took summer vacations together, sometimes traveling as far away as Europe.

After graduation, they moved en masse to Seattle, spent a few years there, then migrated to San Jose, California, then to Pacifica, just outside San Francisco and finally into San Francisco itself.

By now their careers were taking shape. Charlie became a rocket scientist working for GE. Jantz and Zane got involved with computer animation for movies and electronic games and BZ opened a recording studio. Zane wrote a novel in high school and later wrote a movie script. The four guys decided to make Zane's script into a movie. They all left their jobs in California and came home to Big Spring where they could get free food and lodging while they filmed their movie. Charlie was behind the camera, Zane directed and Jantz and BZ did the music and sound.

The enthusiasm of the young film makers was appreciated by the movie community in Dallas. A couple of actors and a special effects man with good credentials donated their time to the project. A cast of characters was assembled and locations were chosen. My grandson Jackson called the film-makers the Hollywood Big Shots. It was shot on 16 millimeter film, then transferred to computer for editing and mixing. It took a few months to finish it, then it stayed on a shelf for a few years. Every once in awhile, the guys would think about doing something with it, get it out and work on it some more. But mostly, they were involved with their jobs.

The movie is called HELL IS TEXAS and is now being sold in 7-11 stores on the east coast. The distributor plans to bring it west.

This is an amazing bunch of guys. A few years ago, Charlie decided to hitch-hike around the world. He took off a couple of years to do it. Once Zane decided to take a year off to study some new computer programs.

Now that their careers are established, they're getting married. Zane married Ronda, who was in the movie and they have twin daughters. BZ married Margaret and they have my wonderful grandson Max. Charlie just got engaged and Jantz just works all the time and is not married.

I was out in San Francisco over the holidays and BZ, Charlie, Zane and I went to see the latest Lord of the Rings Movie. It was like being back in our dining room watching the guys play Dungeons and Dragons.

School Lunch Menu • Feb. 2 - 6, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, orange juice.
Tues. - Banana nut muffin, apple juice.
Wed. - Peanut butter toast, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Biscuits, sausage patty, assorted juice.
Fri. - Speech Meet. School Holiday.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Hot ham and cheese, baked beans, carrot sticks, pudding, topping.
Tues. - Soft beef taco, cheese, Spanish rice, green salad, dressing, fruit crisp.
Wed. - Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, Jell-o, hot roll.
Thurs. - Beef & cheese nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit.
Fri. - Speech Meet. School Holiday.

Senior Center News

Feb. 2 - Bingo! Groundhog Day!
Feb. 3 - AAA Reports due...
Feb. 4 - Decorate for Valentines!
Feb 5 - Crafts!
Feb. 6 - Run errands and pay bills! Call Lilia 387-3941.

Senior Center Menu

Feb. 2 - Beef stew, green beans, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, pudding, milk.
Feb. 3 - Oven baked chicken, lima beans, broccoli, bread, chunky fruit, mix, milk.
Feb. 4 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, carrot raisin salad, Jell-o with fruit, milk.
Feb. 5 - Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, garlic bread, white cake with caramel icing, juice, milk.
Feb. 6 - Beef tips with rice, carrots, cornbread, banana & strawberries mix, lemon pie, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
Menu is subject to change.

Obituaries

Mary L. Smith

Mary L. Smith, 69, of Eldorado passed from this world on Thursday, January 22, 2004, at her home.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 24, in Eldorado Cemetery.


She was born on August 25, 1934, in LeDay, Texas. She was a waitress and a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Roy Smith of Eldorado; one son, Don Smith of Sonora; two daughters, Rhonda Corbell and her husband, Allan, of Eldorado, Jackie Smith of Sonora; five grandchildren, Ronny Smith and his wife, Betsy and Josh Smith, all of Sonora, Jason Corbell of Brady, Shannon Corbell of Eldorado and Michelle Cucci and husband, Anthony, of Arlington; five great-grandchildren, Justin, Bryce, Emilio, Hayden and Kodee; and very special friends, Jennifer and Mario Arevalo and children, Ricky Arbaugh and Dorsey Legendre; one brother and four sisters.

Cards of Thanks

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The Sutton County Stock Show kids that participated for the Herdsmen Award would like to extend a special thank you to Michael Kissire, Janalyn Jones and all of our parents for helping to prepare us and our displays, so that we could win a shiny new trailer.

Sutton County 4-H Kids

I want to thank everyone for all the food, phone calls, cards and flowers while I was in the hospital and at home. Thank you to all my friends and family.

Lilia Flores

The Knights of Columbus, Council # 10609, would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to those who helped in one way or another to make the Banquet a great success. A BIG thanks to Father Bill for the special Mass honoring the Knights of Columbus of the surrounding districts. Also, a special thanks to Sandra Luz Gonzales and Sally Gonzales for their time.

God bless you,
Bernardo "Yogi" Solis
Deputy Grand Knight

On behalf of the Sonora High School girls and boys golf teams, I would like to thank all the individuals and businesses for donating to and helping make the Polar Bear Classic Golf Tournament such a success. Your interest and involvement in the lives of the youth of our community is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Drew Cox

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Community Calendar

<p>Feb. 3 Town Meeting on Motorized Scooters 6:00 p.m. • Jr. High Snack Bar</p> <p>Feb. 9 County Commissioner's Meeting 9:00 a.m. Annex Bldg.</p> <p>Feb. 10 Daddy/Daughter Date Night 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 4-H Civic Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Community Calendar</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Member FDIC</p>	<p>Feb. 17 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall</p> <p>Feb. 23 County Commissioner's Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.</p> <p>AI-Anon Family Meetings Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>is made possible by:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Member FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593</p>
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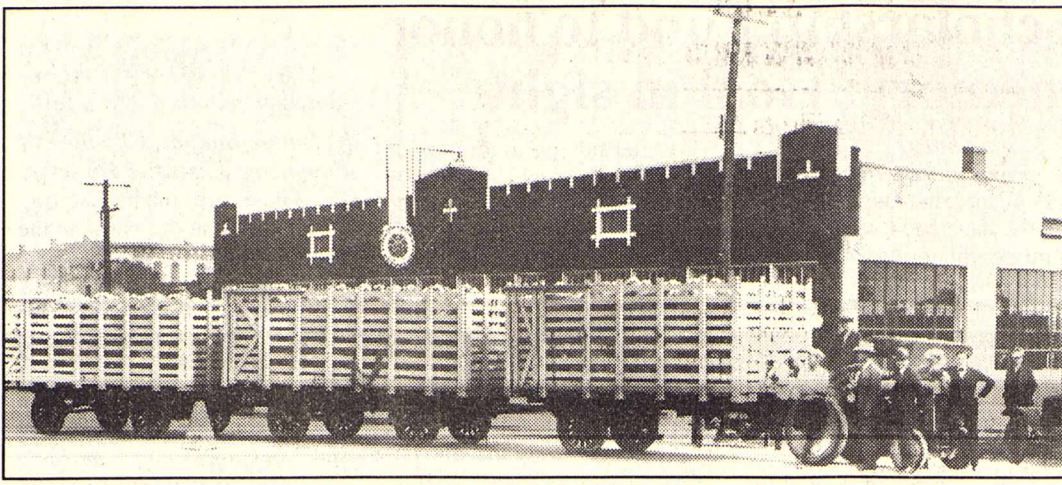
by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Thank You God for the rain!

Q. Where and when was this old photograph (right) taken?

A. When you look at this old photo with the naked eye you can't read a word on it. But that is what magnifying glasses were made for. I have a neat one in the office that was made to use with my needlepoint but I find comes in very, very handy for looking at photo's. Under the glass we found that the sign on the dark building says Ford Sales and Service and the building in the left rear says San Angelo Business College. The wagons have two decks full of sheep and their wheels have spokes and hubs but appear to have hard rubber on the wood rims. All three are hooked together and towed by a tractor that the men are leaning against. Unfortunately we weren't able to make out the features on the faces of the men. We can tell you that the photo was taken by Allen Studio in San Angelo and from the little bit of the vehicles we can see, our best guess as to when, is around 1920. This is a neat old photo and I wish more people would come and ask us to help them identify landmarks, etc. and not just throw things out because they don't know anyone or anything in the photo. If you don't want a photo give it to your local/historical society, they love to have them for their files. Sometimes we can get other societies to trade off with us if they have Sonora pictures and we have something taken in their city.

It isn't always this easy to identify a photograph. Many times there are no landmarks, no names, nothing to indicate time frames except the clothing a person is wearing. You can't always go by the jewelry a person is wearing, as many times a lady had her photograph taken while wearing family heirlooms, i.e. grandmother's favorite pin and earrings. If you just use the jewelry you could be off by several generations. You have to look at the whole picture, is it a tin type or photo, what type of paper is it mounted on and what process do you think was used to develop the photo. Has it been retouched by hand, colored by hand or can you tell what



type of lens was used. All these things help someone identify a photo. Don't count on just using a vehicle to date a photo; look at the design of structures in the photo. Some people kept their vehicles for over 30 years. Always look for a name of a business on the photo. Many times you can check on-line or with a local library and find out what years they were in operation or where they were located.

Let's take a look at what was happening in the Devil's River News of January 21, 1944: Lee Alton Hill died from a heart attack at his home on January 15th. He was born in Sutton County on Oct. 11, 1909 and married Sadie Capps of Brady on March 5, 1929. He is survived by his widow and five children, his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

Dr. Jay T. Shurley, former Sonoran who recently completed his internship at Indiana University Medical Center, accepted a fellowship in neuropsychiatry at the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital. Dr. Shurley was reared in Sutton Co. and attended Sonora schools. After graduating from San Angelo High School and Junior College, he attended the University of Texas and the University Medical College at Galveston. He received his degree in Dec. of 1942.

Pilot E. B. Tipton, pilot of a B-26 somewhere in England, has recently been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal which he received in November. He has been overseas since September of 1942.

The following were listed as parties in town: Mrs. Babcock hosted the Pastime Club at her home for forty-two. Oscar Lee Carpenter celebrated his 8th birthday with his friends Lois Ann Mann, Lois Lu Lomax, Diana Wood, Betsy

Ross, Mary Jane Queen, Rita Renfro, Marilyn Mittle, Dell Dee Wright, Johnnie Lois Johnson, Tyree Hardy, Joe David Ross, Bob Marvin and Tommie Wood. Bingo was played, bags of candy were given as favors and cake and hot chocolate served to all present.

The following students gave a piano recital at the Sonora High School: Billy Bryan Savell, Carnie Sue Wyatt, Sally Dawn Prater, Janie Kyle Kiser, Darlene Barrow, Nancy Neill, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Mary Elaine Stringer, Betty Jane Atchison, Ann Karnes, Lois Ann Mann, Flora Dell Davis, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Peggy Ann Willman, Norris Dean Loeffler, Ernest Carrol Stephen, Jane Neill, Wayne Ogden, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jimmy Cusenbary, David Shurley, Tommy Bond, James Theodore Hunt, Mary Lou Neuerburg, Ella Katherine Ross and Marguerite Howell. Solos were sung by Sue Ann Stokes and James Theodore Hunt accompanied by Mrs. Ellis at the piano.

Pvt. Sam Odom was in New Guinea and wrote about bomb craters and the Jap Zeros he had seen that the enemy left behind when they chased them off. They also left several trucks and a couple of horses. There were some Japanese grenades left lying around but not one tried to touch them as they might have gone off.

John Nelson Merck was in the Navy on the U.S.S. Woodworth and Edcar Nelson Stubblefield was stationed somewhere in England.

Pvt. Isidro P. Virgin was somewhere in Italy. He wrote

how friendly the Italian families were to them. On Christmas Day they invited him and his buddies to have dinner with them. They had chicken, fruit, brown bread and all the trimmings, including candy. He said it seemed strange as there was no Christmas tree for the children. He and his friends took candy, nuts, oranges and apples for the children. A. P. Virgin, Fireman First Class in the Navy wrote that he was in Australia and also having Christmas dinner and spent Christmas eve with a local family.

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@sonoraratx.net. You can call me at the office, 325-387-5084 on Monday and Friday mornings 8-12 and Saturdays from 8-4, or at home at 387-2855 the rest of the week. The Miers Home Museum is open for tours any time we are in the office. If you would like to tour the buildings on a day we aren't open please call ahead to book your tour. As long as the buildings aren't rented for the day, we would be happy to assist you.

To purchase tables for the dinner before the symphony call me at either number. There are only 3 tables left as I write this column so if you want to attend the dinner you have to get your reservation in quickly. Symphony "concert only" tickets will go on sale in a few weeks. They will cost \$25 per person and will include punch, coffee and goodies following the performance.

Project Graduation plans for a safe evening of fun and prizes

The 2004 Sonora High School Project Graduation will be taking place on May 28, 2004. This free, all-night, drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration helps ensure that all of the 2004 graduating class is safe for the night. This chaperoned party provides a fun safe environment while showing our students that they can have a great time and celebrate their achievements without alcohol or drugs.

The community involvement each year helps make the event successful, and assists in keeping our graduates and friends safe on their special evening. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

The junior and senior parents are organizing the celebration and your help is needed. Donations of money or merchandise for prizes are now being accepted at Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Crockett Ave. For more information please contact Janice Caruthers at 387-2260 or Ronda Hall at 387-2830.

ACS Relay for Life looking for entertainers to perform

by Kelly Thorp, ACS Relay for Life Entertainment Chair

It is that time of year when we begin thinking about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2004. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

Our event for Sonora is scheduled for May 21 at Bronco Stadium. My job is that of the Entertainment Chairman and my responsibility is to ensure that our event has plenty of good music along with fun and games for everyone involved.

I'm asking community

members to see if your organization or group would like to be involved in keeping the "Relay" participants entertained. Maybe there is someone among you who has a hidden talent or perhaps the "whole bunch" of you like to be on stage performing?

If performing isn't your "cup of tea" how about organizing some games to keep the Relay "masses" amused? You'll join thousands of volunteers around the country who devote countless hours raising money for the fight against cancer. Strong community involvement is the reason for the continued success of this national activity.

Please think about joining others in your community on the evening of May 21st. It is never too early to begin scheduling so contact me soon so that I can begin to prepare for the evening's festivities. Thanks again for your commitment to the fight against cancer. I look forward to hearing from you, 325-387-3101 (office).

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Mae Ward Endowment Scholarship Fund to honor memory; Goal in sight

by Storie Sharp

Friends, family and members of the First Baptist Church family, have been working diligently on honoring the memory of Mrs. Mae Ward.

It all began about a year ago, when Mr. Bennie King presented the ideal of creating a scholarship or endowment fund in memory of the Late Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Ward was a lifetime Sonora resident and active member of the First Baptist Church. The only time she left Sonora was when she attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Mae filled her life with giving and caring for others, never saying no to someone in need. This lifetime commitment to others is what pushed King and the friends and family of Mae to come up with the Mae Ward Endowment Scholarship. After discussing the idea and agreeing it was something to pursue, it was decided that the scholarship would be made available for students at the Truett Theological Seminary.

Truett is one of the fastest growing seminaries in the country. The student body is diverse, representing nine countries, 12 languages, 14 states and 53 different colleges and universities. Diversity has proven to strengthen their seminary community. The wealth of experiences and personalities become tools God uses to sharpen them, as they journey together. As of 2003, 280 students have graduated from Truett, including one from Sonora, Rachel Stephen Brunclikova, daughter of Jim and Betty Stephen.

When Truett Seminary sent out the request, asking 500 churches to pledge \$30,000 over a five year period toward scholarships at their institution, the Sonora First Baptist Church decided this would be a most fitting place to honor Mae Ward. It also gave them the opportunity to help a student to carry on the Christian lifestyle that Mae extended to everyone around her.

After talking to a group of friends and family it is very obvious that if you didn't have the opportunity to know Mrs. Mae Ward you missed out on a very special friendship. Mae's son, Albert, never stopped smiling when telling stories about his Mother and the love that she shared with everyone she met. He also extended his deepest gratitude that everyone who has helped build this memorial to his mother.

Cynthia Ward shared a humorous memory of how one day Rip, Mae's husband, came home and told her they were having company for dinner. Now this was long ago, when times were hard and meat was a commodity that wasn't always easy to come by. Never one to let dire straights bring her down, after crying over how she was going to feed the company, Mae looked out the window and saw her chickens out in the yard. The light bulb went off and she realized just how she could feed those visitors. Grabbing her SHOTGUN, Mrs. Mae went outside, and... they did have something with chicken in it that night, something with pieces of chicken in it. The guests were fed.

This was just one of many funny stories that were shared during my meeting with the planning group. No one could say enough about the overwhelming generosity, kindness and overall goodness that Mae extended. Albert even found out many things that his mother had done for others over the years that he knew nothing about. For example, Smith Neal told how Mae always contacted him at the school and made sure that any children without shoes or a coat were taken care of. There were also many young men and women from Sonora that were allowed the chance to continue their education because of the financial backing of Mrs. Ward.

Mae loved the Baptist Church in Sonora, as did her mother, Ada Cauthorn, and was instrumental in raising the funds that were used to build the additions to the church.

A testament to the kind of woman that Mae Ward was, again was shared through a story about the "Green Alligators". This was a group of friends that met while attending Baylor University. The group lived in the dorms and became fast friends, never to be split apart. The name of the group came about when one of the girls in the group was honored with a special award at school. Not having hardly any money, the group of friends scrounged up enough funds to buy one coke for each girl, and a box of cracker jacks to share. The prize in the box, a green alligator, was given to the girl as her gift for being honored and bound the group for life.

Mae died in April of 2002, but her legacy lives on.

To date, over \$24,100 has been collected from individuals at The First Baptist Church, and people and businesses in Sonora. The planning committee is only \$5900 away from their goal, and would like to ask that anyone interested in contributing to the Mae Ward Endowment Scholarship Fund at Truett Theological Seminary to contact The First Baptist Church. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

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February 4
Kerry Mabry, Janey Dillard

Chamber Chatter

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by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

There are many exciting things going on in Sonora in the next few weeks. Tuesday, February 10th is the Daddy Daughter Date Night, "Valentine Ball". Tickets for the dance can be purchased this week and next at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office and Welcome Center on Hwy 277, next to the Dairy Queen. If you have your registration form, please be sure to bring it with you. We will give you a registration form to have your photograph taken at the "Valentine Ball" when you come to purchase your tickets.

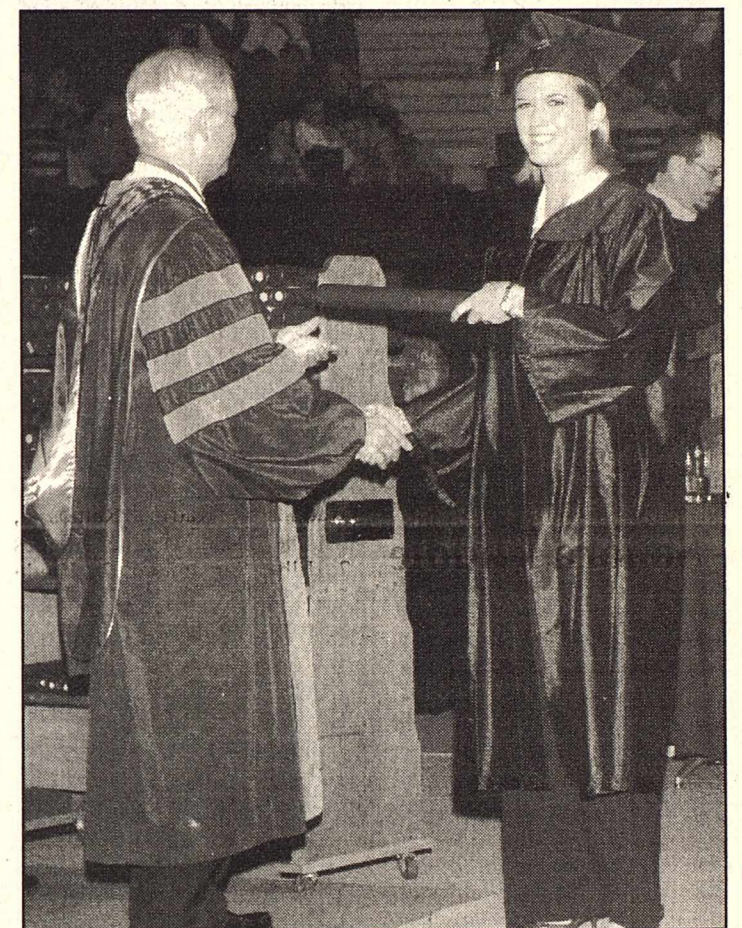
Tuesday February 17th will see the trail riders roll into town. The San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Devil's River Trail Ride will begin here in Sonora. The trail ride will feature covered wagons, horseback riders, buggies and all sorts of horse drawn transportation. The West Texas Championship Cook-Off Committee will be serving a Bar-B-Que supper at the Sutton County Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a dance that night until

9:00 p.m. (The dance must end early, so that we can all be up and moving before the sun the next morning). On Wednesday February 18th beginning at 6:30 a.m. the Sonora Downtown Lions Club will be serving breakfast at the Sutton County Civic Center. Bring the children out before school and feed them a good hearty breakfast and let them see the trail riders preparing their rigs to leave Sonora for the trail ride to Eldorado. This can be a really exciting and educational event for the children. They can learn first hand about the way their ancestors traveled through this beautiful country. Tickets for all the Devils River Trail Ride events can be purchased in advance at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office and Welcome Center. This is a new event for Sonora and we are really looking forward to it, and want to show all our out of town guests what a wonderful friendly town Sonora really is, so ya'll come out an join in the fun!

If you would like ticket prices or more detailed information on these or any events in Sonora, please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office & Welcome Center.

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Brockman graduates from Texas A&M University



On December 20, 2003, Ashley Brockman received her Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University. Ashley completed her degree in Agricultural Journalism with a PR emphasis. The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Norman Borlaug, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, who remains active both in research and in the classroom at the age of 89.

While at A&M, Ashley was an active member of 30-Loves, the ambassadors to the men's tennis team, the Project Sunshine, and PRSSA. She completed an internship in San Francisco working for Jill Peterson PR firm and advertising.

Ashley is the daughter of Bob and Nancy Brockman and the granddaughter of the late George (class of '35) and Mary Brockman, the late Rex Jones, and Helen Jones Stafford and Charles Stafford of Coleman.

She has accepted a position at the Holiday Inn in College Station as the Sales and Event Director.

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Bronco trio entertains at Community Art Show opening



The young ladies filled the Bank & Trust lobby with light tunes, adding atmosphere to the room full of art provided by local talent. The girls are all students at Sonora High School. Watkins is a freshman, Isenhour a Junior and Street is a Senior.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the following changes in voting and commissioner precincts that have been adopted by the Sutton County Commissioners Court to comply with SB 1374C:

CHANGE 1: That portion of Voting Precinct 101 and Commissioners Precinct 1 that is between IH-10 and the new congressional district line coming into the City of Sonora on N. Crockett Avenue shall be moved into Voting Precinct 301 and Commissioner Precinct 3; however, this change shall not include the current polling place at the Sutton County Civic Center.

CHANGE 2: That two block portion in the Northern part of Voting Precinct 401 that is split by SB 1374C shall be moved into Voting Precinct 301.

CHANGE 3: New Voting Precinct 301A shall be comprised of the Northern Part of the Plum Street split and that area of current Voting Precinct 301 that includes Edgemont Road and Brookside Street. These two areas will be connected by moving the current voting precinct line that runs on E. Castlehill Road Northeast 100 yards.

New Voting Precinct 301 B shall be comprised of the remaining part of the old Voting Precinct 301.

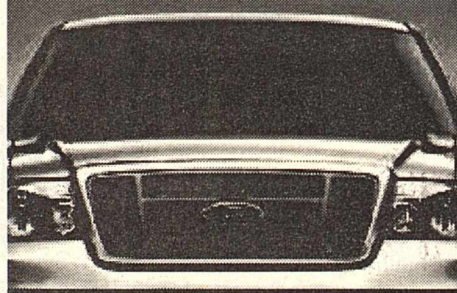
CHANGE 4: New Voting Precinct 210A shall be comprised of all area East of S. Crockett Avenue and Tayloe Avenue of the current Voting Precinct 201.

New Voting Precinct 201B shall be comprised of all area West of S. Crockett Avenue and Tayloe Avenue of the current Voting Precinct 201.

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Varsity Broncos improve District record with wins over Ozona and Grape Creek

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Broncos improved their record last week, taking them to 7-5 and 2-1 in District. They defeated the Ozona Lions 57-49 and the Grape Creek Eagles 65-46.

Against the Lions, Clint Cearley led the Broncos with 22 points and 8 rebounds, while Brett McDaniel had 17 points and 11 boards. Other Broncos scoring for the Red were Trapper Valliant and Chris Martin, each with 9.

At the half, the Broncos found themselves trailing 18-20. After the intermission, the Broncos scored 24 points, 13 coming from Cearley.

Hitting from the 3-point range were Cearley with 3 and McDaniel with 1.

The Broncos shot 67% from the charity stripe.

In Grape Creek, the Broncos showed it was a team effort. Almost every Bronco scored, along with the impressive McDaniel who had 24 points. Martin was also in the double figures with 11, while Cearley had 9 and Austin Wagoner 8.

Valliant and Dustin Creek each had 4, Embré Smith added 3 and Steven Duhon 2.

The Broncos led 16-0 with 1:03 left in the first period, before the Eagles ever got on the scoreboard.

Hitting 3 pointers were Martin 2, Cearley 2, and McDaniel 1. Smith also hit from the 3 point arc to beat the first half buzzer.

Leading defensively was Valliant and Cearley 10 and 9 board respectively.

This week the Broncos will finish the first half of District action, with games against the Reagan Co. Owls and Eldorado Eagles

Sonora Middle School Honor Roll

All A Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

5th grade: Alexis Galindo, Bailey Pennington

6th grade: Bethany Berry, Edna Dominguez, Meredith Earwood, Alyssa Favila, Cecilia Garcia, Amy Hernandez, Cash Jennings, Sterling Love, Mario Oliden, Alicia Reedy

7th grade: Savannah Leonard

8th grade: John Downing, Heather Hughes, Laura Martin, Kari Nicholas, Marcus Perez

A/B Honor Roll

5th grade: James Bean, Colyer Dermody, Valeria Buitron, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Christina Rodriguez, Dulce Acosta, Serena Allison, Rebecca Hudson, Ethan Morriss

6th grade: Kati Chavez, Tyler Creek, Erica Granados, Cassie Krieg, Michael Stephens, Caleb Gonzales, Sara Hernandez, Monica Sanchez, Hillary Borrego, Brittany Hernandez, Dustin Neff, Alyssa Vela, Juan Capuchina, Christian Lujan, Manuel Paredes, Pedro Ramirez

7th grade: Kaitlyn Henderson, John Hudson, Steely Ingham, Maria Moreno, John Pecos Roberts, Mikael Samaniego, Monica Traylor, Karley Frasier, Steven Pacheco, Azeneth Villanueva

8th grade: Emily Earwood, Kayla Garcia, Kimble Luna, Danielle Rodriguez, Zenon Acosta, Edward Garcia, Spencer Hall, Chelsea Martinez, James Moore, Kelsey Watkins, Raquel Escalante, Whitney Perez, Elbe Samaniego, Lauran Schaefer

All A Honor Roll for 1st Semester

5th grade: Colyer Dermody

6th grade: Bethany Berry, Edna Dominguez, Meredith Earwood, Cash Jennings, Cassie Krieg, Sterling Love, Mario Oliden, Alicia Reedy, Michael Stephens

7th grade: Savannah Leonard

8th grade: John Downing, Heather Hughes, Laura Martin, Kari Nicholas, Marcus Perez

Lady Colts look great in Llano



Azeneth Villanueva, Senida Martinez, Jessica Snyder, Kaitlyn Henderson, Steely Ingham, Tanya Adams, Lauren Isenhour, Victoria Robles, Stephani Morriss, Monica Traylor, and Coach Larry Jennings. Photo by Sherry Ingham

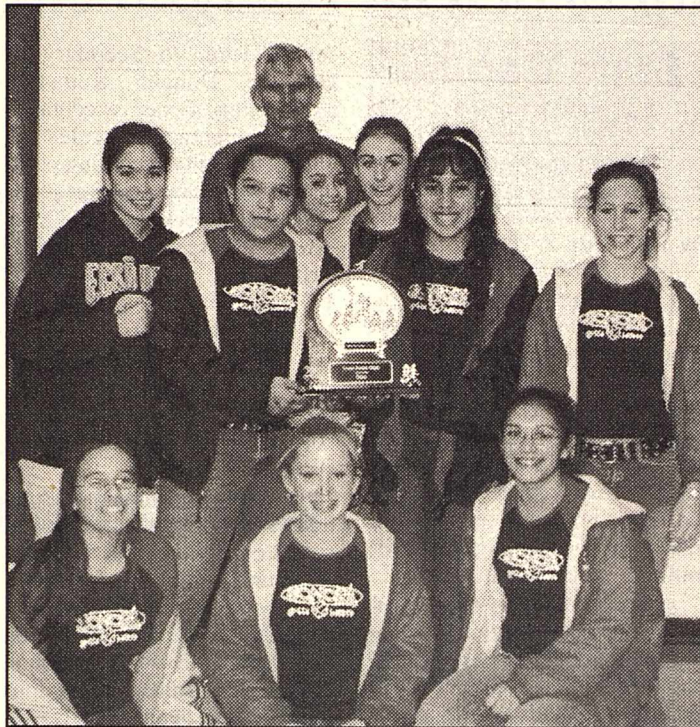
The 7th grade Lady Colts won 1st place at the Llano tournament on Saturday, January 24, 2004. Sonora- 33, Bandera- 25 - Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Savannah Leonard- 13, Steely Ingham- 8, Loren Isenhour- 6, Azeneth Villanueva- 5, Kaitlyn Henderson- 1.

by Bill Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts traveled to Llano Saturday, January 24. The girls placed 2nd in the tournament by defeating Bandera 23-20, and losing to Llano in the finals. They played

very aggressive defense against Bandera. Sonora had a lot of fouls, but hit their shots on the offensive end to keep them ahead in the ball game. The Lady Colts led at half time 10-7, holding Bandera to 1 point the 2nd quarter. A big 3 pt. shot in the 4th quarter gave us the lead to win. Scoring were Kimble Luna 6, Kelsey Watkins 4, Emily Earwood 3, Whitney Perez, Katrina Ramos 2, Elbe Samaniego 2.

Against Llano in the championship game the girls played hard, but it was extremely difficult guarding a 6'4" girl with a good supporting cast. The scoring for the game was : Kelsey Watkins 4, Katrina Ramos 4, Kimble Luna 2, Heather Hughes 2, Elbe Samaniego 2, Kayla Garcia 1.



Back: Coach Bill Dempsey; Center: Katrina Ramos, Chelsea Martinez, Kimble Luna, Emily Earwood, Kayla Garcia, Kelsey Watkins; Front: Elbe Samaniego, Heather Hughes and Whitney Perez. Photo submitted

Lady Colts go up against Wall

The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to Wall on Monday, January 26, 2004. Sonora was defeated 25 to 12. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Kaitlyn Henderson- 4, Savannah Leonard- 4, Steely Ingham- 2, Azeneth Villanueva-2

The 8th Lady Colts also played Wall on Monday. The girls never quit while on the floor. Scoring for this game were Kimble Luna 2, Chelsea Martinez 2. We play at home Monday against Ozona.

Sonora High School announces third six weeks' honor roll and perfect attendance

All A's

Freshmen: Amanda Berry, Jose Casillas, Chealsey Daniels, Kayla Fields, Craig Leonard, Nathan Mungia, Stacy Sanchez

Sophomores: Hilton Bloodworth, Desirae Boldt, Swade Draper, Christina Martinez, Dee McGee, Erin Newton, Kathryn Pacheco, Embré Smith, Nash Traylor, Jack Turney, Warren Wallace

Juniors: Connie Isenhour, Chelsea Seaton

Seniors: Oscar Chavez, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Thia McKissack, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street

A's & B's

Freshman: Starlyn Chadwick, Jaimee Duran, Allyse Edmondson, Jennifer Gonzales, Evan Gully, Erica Hernandez, Marc Hernandez, Madeline Higdon, Jacob Ibarra, Jordan Isenhour, Meghan Krieg, Steven Lozano, Ryan Martinez, Brandy Neff, Aaron Nitsch, Justin Northcott, Cody Perez, Daisy Perez, Mackenzie Perez, Abraham Rivera, Nicholas Shurley, Victoria Tovar, Travis Valliant, McKenzie Watkins

Sophomores: Desiree Alvarado, Chantel Arispe, Steven Barthelemy, Mandy Brister, Yasmin Coronado, Alisha Covey, Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Marisol Fraire, Olegario Galindo, Filemon Garza, Jessica Govea, Justyn Gray, Jillian Gully, Cerissa Hedgecock, Kristina Hernandez, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Ty Love, Mason Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Kayla McBride, Brett McDaniel, Maricela Moreno, Anabel Perez, Chris Perez, Maggie Ramirez, Trent Reiner, Kaleena Samaniego, Christine Sanchez, Vanessa Saucedo, Ivan Silva, Lauren

Smith, Roland Solis, Tissie Wagoner, Sandra Yorba

Juniors: David Adkins, Andrew Barthelemy, Courtney Caruthers, Dustin Creek, Ana Govea, Marco Gutierrez, Laramie Hall, Allison Higdon, Erika McClintock, Brian Payton, Austin Wagoner, Amanda Word

Seniors: Joseph Ainsworth, Elizabeth Elliott, Megan Fitzgerald, Dainah Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Kelly Kearney, Leticia Leos, Scottie Moore, Marcos Morin, Hanna Scott, Treva Smart, Zedekiah Snodgrass, Wilson Wallace, Laura Word

3rd Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

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Hedgecock, Savannah Hedgecock, A.J. Hernandez, Dainah Hernandez, Erica Hernandez, Michelle Hernandez, Allison Higdon, Madeline Higdon, Danielle Hudson, Brea Hughes, Bobby Jackson, Meghan Krieg, Anthony Longoria, Melinda Lopez, Shane Love, Mikey Lozano, Julia Lugo, Liano Luna, Tamika Marshall, Candise Martin, Chris Martin, Christina Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Kayla McBride, Erika McClintock, Brett McDaniel, Dee McGee, Queena Mendez, Israel Mendoza, Amelia Moreno, Maricela Moreno, Nathan Mungia, Brandon Munn, Brandy Neff, Erin Newton, Justin Northcott, Cullen Parker, Brian Payton, Alex Perez, Chris Perez, Cody Perez, Mackenzie Perez, Perla Perez, Trent Reiner, Jose Rodriguez, Federico Romo, Vanessa Salazar, Amanda Samaniego, Kaleena Samaniego, Monica Samaniego, Nicky Samaniego, Rudy Sanchez, Stacy Sanchez, Uriel Santana, Vanessa Saucedo, Hanna Scott, Chelsea Seaton, Angel Silva, Ivan Silva, Embré Smith, Lauren Smith, Roland Solis, Sheryl Strauch, Delma Tovar, Victoria Tovar, Kaija Valkonen, Tapper Valliant, Agustin Vaquera, Austin Wagoner, Tissie Wagoner, Warren Wallace, Wilson Wallace, Garrett Watkins, McKenzie Watkins, Amanda Word, Eliazar Yorba, Sandra Yorba

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Burn Workshops offered in Sonora in February and March

by Blair Fannin

SONORA - Rangeland burning classes have been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 and March 4-6 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora.

Prescribed burn programs have been an effective, affordable method of controlling unwanted plant sources on rangeland. They can also enhance forage growth that benefits both livestock and wildlife.

Fire characteristics, fire equipment, benefits, burn planning and other topics will be part of the educational program.

Participants will develop a burning plan and participate in different activities during practice burns, said Ray Hinnant, one of the instructors for the academy and senior research associate with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

They will observe a wide variety of rangelands, either depleted or covered by unwanted brush, Hinnant said, as well as view areas that are in the

process of being restored, and rangeland that has been restored by fire and management.

Most of the workshops will be spent in the field learning and observing in small groups. "People attending this workshop will come away learning about the many benefits of prescribed burning as a range management tool," Hinnant said.

Cost for each three-day workshop is \$395. Lodging and meals will be provided. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Separate sleeping arrangements will be available for men and women, with limited space available for couples.

Other instructors include Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora Station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor at Texas A&M University; and Kent Mills, manager and consultant with Ezell Key Grain Co. Inc. in Snyder.

For more information, go to the Web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm> or phone (979) 845-5580.

Texas military bases gear up to defend realignment

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Texas is gearing up for another war.

Last year, troops at Fort Hood in Killeen, Fort Bliss in El Paso and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio as well as Air Force and Navy facilities across the state were preparing for the March invasion of Iraq. This year, it's Texas officials getting ready for the coming war over military base closures.

Unlike some conflicts that pop up like spring thunderstorms, the 2005 round of what the Pentagon calls "base realignment and closure" decisions has been on the schedule for several years. And when the balloon goes up, it could get ugly.

The Department of Defense has estimated that one-fourth of the nation's military installations could be closed or realigned. Obviously, a closure or significant realignment could mean heavy economic casualties for the community nearest an affected installation. That makes the political stakes pretty high.

Gov. Rick Perry last week

sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announcing Texas' acceptance of the Pentagon's rules of engagement in the coming politically-wrenching process.

The governor said the Texas Military Preparedness Commission will be visiting the 17 major military installations in Texas by April 1 to learn more about the bases and the communities around them and to explain what the state has been doing by way of preparation.

Steps already taken include discounted electrical utility rates for military bases, better educational benefits for members of the military and their dependents, and a \$250 million low-interest revolving loan fund for use by defense communities to make improvements to infrastructure in their area.

Another positive economic sign...

The Veterans Land Board announced recently that Texas veterans received more than \$684 million in VLB home loans last year, more than twice the amount approved in 2002 and more than three times the amount loaned in 2001.

In fact, the amount loaned was the highest since the creation of the loan program in 1983.

"I wish I could claim credit, but I can't," Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "This success is no doubt due to the state of the economy, our low rates, and ... the hard work of our Veterans Land Board staff."

Establishing a beachhead against litter...

Winter seems like a strange time to be heading to the beach, but thanks to the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico, the days are seldom too cold for at least a walk on the sand.

If you're interested in picking up more than sea shells, the Seventh Annual Winter Texan Beach Cleanup is set for Feb. 20 on South Padre Island, where by that time it could be positively spring-like.

Sponsored by the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program, the effort will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Edwin Atwood Park Pavilion at Beach Access 5 off Highway 100 in South Padre Island.

For more information on the cleanup, visit www.glo.state.tx.us/ or call 1-877-TXCOAST.

Know any rural heroes? The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting nominations for the department's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

The department is looking to honor Texans who have performed a heroic act related to farming or ranching. (Incidents related to accidents caused by negligence are not eligible.)

Nominations need to include a written account of the incident, contact names and numbers, and newspaper clipping or photographs. They must be sent by Feb. 16 to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX, 78711.

The recipient of the 2003 heroism award will be honored on March 22 in San Antonio at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference.

Oil & Agribusiness

Rig Locations as of January 23, 2003



Sutton

Dominion; 8950' Brown-Whitehead - 2 - #25, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 9500' Duke Wilson - 21 1/2 - #5, Patterson Drilling.

New Range Production; 9500' West Hill #13, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8950' Duke Wilson #1722, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8750' Mayfield - 32 - #7, Key Energy.

New Dominion; 8700' JM Vanderstucken #10, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8625' Mayfield - 34 - #13, Key Energy.

New Dominion; 8600' Reinhardt - 6 - #9, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8600' Winnie R Aldwell Trust #13, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8450' Mayer #606, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8450' Mayer - 36 - #9, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8430' Simmons Ranch #62, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8250' Edwin S Mayer Jr - D - #502, Patterson Drilling.

New KCS Resources; 7500' Sawyer - 169 - #16, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6850' Cauthorn - 27 - #8, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6800' Cauthorn - 27 - #9, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6200' Meckel #77, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6200' Thomson - B - #1, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; Mayfield - 4 - #11 - Patterson Drilling.

Crockett

Anadarko; 12500' North Childress Ranch - 16 - #1, Patterson Drilling.

New Chevron/Midland; 9500' AR Kincaid Trust - D - #26, Nabors Drilling.

New Anadarko; 10200' Ira Carson - 10 - #17, Patterson Drilling.

Encore Operating; 7300' Montgomery - 2 - #8, Adobe Drilling Bronco.

Terrell

Riata Energy Inc.; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.

Nuevo Texas Inc.; 19000' Mitchell - 7 - #6, Nabors Drilling.

Exxonmobil; 15700' Bassett Goode #5 H, Patterson UTI.

New Nuevo Texas Inc.; 9000' Pakenham - 52 - #3, Patterson Drilling.

New Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500' Geaslin NW - 204 - #37, Patterson Drilling.

Edwards

New Ultra Resources Inc; 9800' Doran Ranch - 31 - #1 H, Grey Wolf Drilling.

Dominion; 9000' Four Square Ranch #62E, Patterson Drilling.

New Par Minerals Corp; 8000' Hunt #1, Key Energy.

New Dominion; 7150' Canyon Ranch #2091E, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde

Willo Oil & Gas; 15500' Phillip Arledge #1 H, Grey Wolf Drilling.

New Stallion Energy Inc; 5000' Deaton #1233, Key Energy.

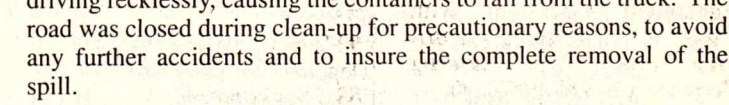
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Cleaning up the mess



Traffic traveling west on the I-10 access road and the exit 400 entrance ramp was detoured most of the morning on Monday, January 26, 2004 due to a non-hazardous spill in front of Amigo's Texaco.

Schlumberger reported that the driver of a company truck hauling non-hazardous materials swerved to miss a vehicle that was driving recklessly, causing the containers to fall from the truck. The road was closed during clean-up for precautionary reasons, to avoid any further accidents and to insure the complete removal of the spill.

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Other budgets that were reviewed and approved were those of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Both entities provided a detailed report of planned events for 2004, and how funds would be allotted for spending from the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax. The proposed budgets of both the F.H.S.M.S. and the Chamber were approved as presented.

Irasema Gonzales, at 310 Railroad, Block 39A, East 1/1 of lot 10 was approved for a request to build a storage building. Hudspeth Hospital's request to remove a 10 foot variance requirement was also approved.

Sutton County Tax Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess reported that 47% of the 2003 tax levy had been collected, which is 3% up from this time last year. Friess also told the Council that she would be available to assist with the requested information on the economic impact of Proposition 13.

Council member Virgil Poloczek was appointed to the Fire Department Pension Board. Fire Chief, Rick Cearley requested permission to expend already obtained grant money to purchase a fire engine for the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. The money has already been set aside. After discussing the matter with City Manager Brent Gesch, the Council said that the request would have to be put on next month's agenda for approval.

The quarterly investment report was reviewed. Interest rates are still down and continue to decrease.

A resolution in support of the development of a regional mitigation action plan to be known as the "Concho Valley Hazard Mitigation Action Plan" was approved. The agreement allows for money to be obtained in the case of a disaster.

A report was given by Gesch on the progress of structures scheduled for demolition. Many of the projects that were addressed last year are not complete. Some of the structures have been demolished, some have come in to a state of compliance and some have had no progress. It was agreed to issue new letters of intent to demolish to owners not in compliance and to continue pursuing this problem with more urgency.

A discussion regarding the acceptance of gifts by City personnel, in this case being Sonora Police Officers, was held. A prior Council decision had made acceptance of gifts from citizens or businesses unacceptable unless approved by the Council. Gesch said the situation in question, meal certificates given to all the Officers at Christmas, was different than the previous situations and that these gifts were allowable. He said that he saw no problem with the acceptance of the certificates and the council moved to allow for the certificates to be kept.

A proclamation declaring February 2004 as "Fair Housing Month" was accepted and the meeting was adjourned with no further business to be discussed.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCT 1 '03 TO DEC 31 '03

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 1,901,184.22	\$ 598,001.30	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 768,584.91		\$ 1,732,025.61
FMFC	\$ 224,870.85	\$ 87,173.46		\$ 176,560.72		\$ 135,483.59
Flood Control	\$ 23,081.40					\$ 23,081.40
Law Library	\$ 8,300.07	\$ 875.00		\$ 1,313.00		\$ 7,862.07
Lateral Road		\$ 12,518.39				\$ 12,518.39
Slate Trust Funds	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,065.00				\$ 1,170.00
Slate Arrest Fees	\$ 419.24	\$ 1,739.50		\$ 1,872.74		\$ 286.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 227,026.86			\$ 6,692.00		\$ 220,334.86
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,575.48	\$ 1,088.54		\$ 1,077.08		\$ 7,586.94
Appellate Fund	\$ 585.00	\$ 275.00		\$ 670.00		\$ 190.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 14,061.94	\$ 20.98		\$ 462.43		\$ 13,620.49
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 51,334.63	\$ 79,889.61		\$ 38,562.17	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 91,237.07
					TOTAL	\$ 2,245,396.42
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
Slate Arrest Fees	\$ 286.00	FMFC	\$ 14,911.13	General	\$ 136,303.41	
Appellate Fund	\$ 190.00	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,586.94	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 13,620.49	
General 1st National	\$ 3,360.01			CTHSE RENOVATK	\$ 91,237.07	\$ 267,495.05
Money Market Accounts (General)	\$ 1,857,328.91	(FMFC)	\$ 120,572.46			\$ 1,977,901.37
CD Accounts (General)		(FMFC)				
TOTAL						\$ 2,245,396.42

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas will conduct a town meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High Snack Bar. The Council will discuss the operation of motor assisted scooters on city streets and public safety issues. The governing body will entertain concerns and suggestions from persons present. All parents and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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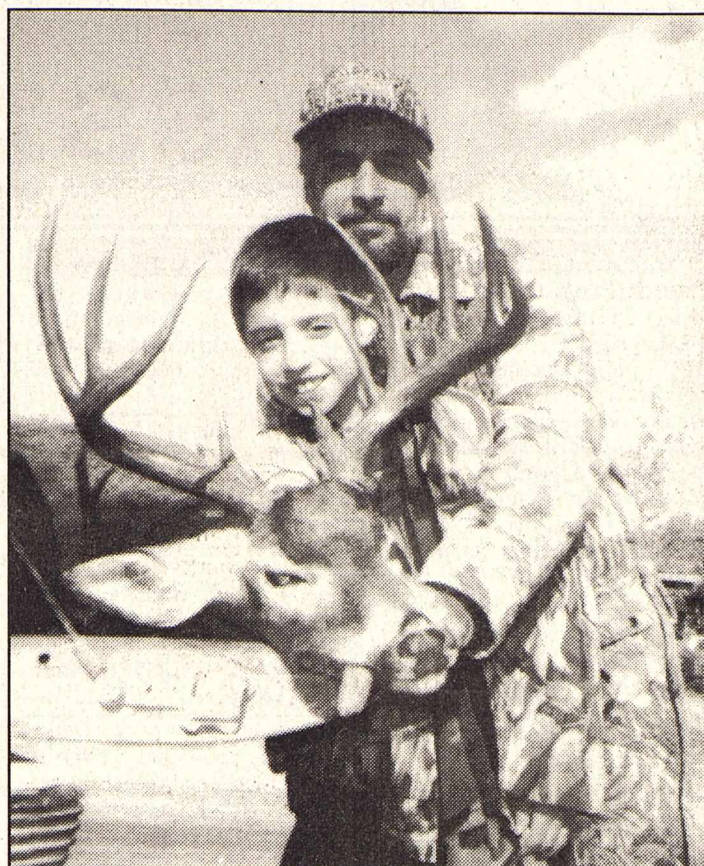
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Rafter W Feed announces Big Buck Contest winners

Rafter W Feed would like to thank everyone who entered our BIG BUCK CONTEST. The turn out was great and we saw some monster bucks. We appreciate ACCO Feeds for their generous donation of prizes. The 2004 Winners are: Biggest Buck - Roy Petty, Biggest Spike - Billy D. Martin, Biggest Buck Youth - Jordan Polster, and 2nd Place Youth - Byron Thomas. We hope everyone had a safe and happy hunting season and we look forward to next year's entries.



Jordan Polster was the 1st place winner in the youth division of the Rafter W Big Buck contest. Jordan, of Ft. Worth, TX, got this 9 pointer on November 8, 2003, while hunting on the Powell Ranch in Sutton County. The buck had a 17" inside spread and scored a 90 2/8.



Byron Thomas of Scott, LA bagged this 12 point winner on December 12, 2003, while hunting on the Valliant Ranch. Scoring an 84 1/8, with a 15" inside spread, was good enough to put Byron in 2nd place in the youth division of Rafter W's Big Buck Contest.



Roy Petty, of Seagoville, TX, (seen previously in The DRN) was the proud 1st place winner in the Rafter W Big Buck contest. This 22 point beauty scored a 93 6/8 and had an inside spread of 16". Roy got the deer on December 30, 2003.



Billy D. Martin of Sonora won 1st place in the Spike Division of Rafter W's Big Buck contest. Martin got the winner on January 2, 2004, hunting on the Encino Ranch. The spike scored a 29 3/4, with a 15 1/2" left main beam and a 14 1/4 right main beam.

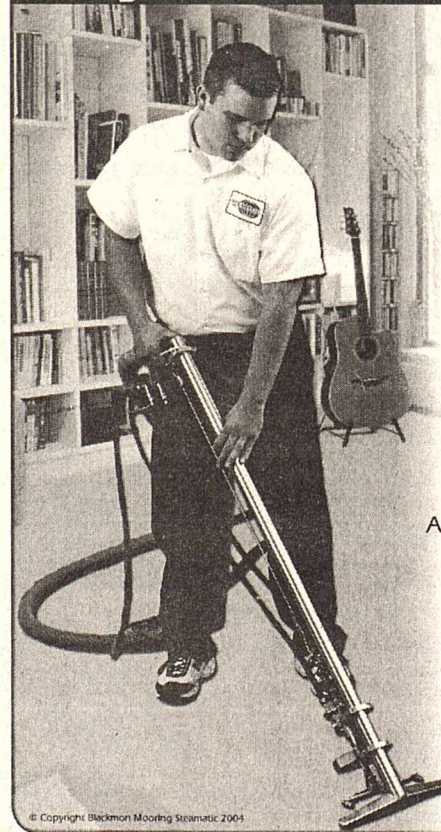
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Response to the upcoming Symphony, being brought to Sonora by The Sutton County Historical Society, has been overwhelming! There are only two (2) tables left for the Sponsor Dinner before the Symphony. There are also only 200 tickets left for the Symphony, at \$25 each. Anyone interested in attending should contact JoAnn Palmer at 325-387-5084 on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings or at 387-2855 to make reservations today!

Attention all Cub Scouts: The Scouts of Pack 19 will be hosting Our Annual Pinewood Derby on January 31, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. at the Jr. High Snack Bar. Practice runs are on 1/28 and 1/29 from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at the Scout Hut. Any volunteers willing to Judge the Derby or for any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821. Pack 19.

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