



S.M.S. Sweetest Hearts

Michael Chavez and Maritza Garcia were named "Sweetest Hearts" for 2004 at the Sonora Middle School on Thursday, February 5, 2004. Each year Sonora Middle School students and faculty choose their favorite boy and girl and the winners are announced at the annual Valentine's dance. Congratulations, Michael and Maritza!

School Board hears from concerned parent; re-hires administration positions

by Storie Sharp

Middle School Principal John Berry and Elementary Campus Principal Louise Dermody, Special Education Director, Alice Cox and Athletic Director Jason Herring were all re-hired for their positions at the February 9, 2004, meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees meeting. Myers personally thanked each campus principal for the duties and job they do for this District. He said that he felt that all of the administration was as good as they come and he was proud to have them working with him.

The decision was announced after the Board met in Executive Session to discuss evaluations and rehiring.

With two Board members absent, Sam David Hernandez and Barbara Jennings, a quorum was still established with board members, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Tom Payton and Scott Jacoby. Also present for the meeting was Superintendent Brant Myers, John Berry, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Sharon Creek, Paul Stephens, Mike McGee and John Williams.

Paul Stephens, speaking as a concerned parent, read the following statement:

"Dear Mr. Myers and Members of the S.I.S.D. School Board, I am speaking tonight at the request of Barbara Jennings, my local Board Representative, regarding concerns she and I have recently discussed. After discussions with several parents of current Sonora High School students and recent graduates, I, as a parent of primary and middle school students, have concerns regarding the following areas that most feel essential to a quality education.

"I would respectfully request the Board to commit to identify and remedy the conundrum of turnover at both the principal level and also among the teachers of core curriculum classes such as math, science and English. We need educators in these position who are committed to excellence in these particular disciplines and not just occupying slots. Students need structure and consistency to function well.

"Additionally, so much of our focus is on the minimum standard of TAKS, while our SAT/ACT scores are unacceptable. It appears the we, as a dis-

trict, have accepted a level of mediocrity in academics that would not be tolerated in the extracurricular arena.

"Collectively, you have the opportunity to really make a difference by pledging to hire and actively support academics in Sonora, and leave a legacy of preparing our posterity to be competitive and successful in a world that far exceeds the borders of Sutton County."

The Board thanked Stephens for his comments.

Superintendent Myers gave the Tax Assessor/Collector report and commented on some of the bills that were paid in January. There were several large checks written, including repairs to the showers in the high school, the chillers in the gym, and a couple large ones to T.M. Davis Construction. The Board approved to pay \$763,685.48 for January bills.

The minutes from the January 12, meeting were approved with amendments added to the end of a paragraph regarding the survey discussion.

Myers reported that enrollment was once again up, holding at 943. Attendance has been down in the last few weeks due to the young children being sick and having trouble making it to school. All campus principals are diligently working on this problem.

January maintenance reports show that a tinting job on the east side windows in the Admin. Building has been completed, the High School air conditioning repairs are done and they are running studies on comfort levels in the rooms.

The door in the cafeteria and plumbing problems in the girls' restrooms have been repaired at the Middle School, as has the emergency lighting system.

The back fence at the baseball field and the back stop at the softball field are being painted. They are still waiting on bids for the middle school gym roof.

In school housing, the dead trees in Berry's yard were removed, the sprinkler system at Castle Hill was repaired and they are still looking into the foundation problems in the house on Mesquite Street.

Mike McGee and John

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Relay for Life Kicks Off with a baked potato lunch

Don't miss the 2004 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Kick-off Friday, February 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the St. John's Episcopal Church parish hall. The ACS Relay for Life committee will be hosting a baked potato lunch, serving up all the toppings, dessert and drinks, while giving everyone a head start on this year's Relay for Life.

Anyone interested in being on a team, putting together a team, being a sponsor or underwriter or helping on the committee is encouraged to come enjoy lunch on us.

Luminarias will be available to purchase in honor of or memory of a loved one that has battled cancer. All the luminarias will be lit in a special ceremony after dark at the Relay for Life on May 21, 2004.

For more information call Kim Lewis at 387-2981, Shanna Petty at 387-3378 or Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

Town meeting discusses scooter safety issues

by Storie Sharp

A special town meeting was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, to discuss safety issues regarding the popular electric scooters.

Many of the kids in town got the scooters for Christmas and there are no laws on the books regarding the use of the electric vehicles. Many of the kids are paying no regard to safety or proper usage of the scooters, and a large concern has been raised.

The Sonora City Council opened the floor for comments from residents, hoping to get a general consensus on what the public feels needs to be done.

One concerned parent said that many of the young drivers are not wearing helmets or any protective gear. There are many stop signs in town that have blind spots and the little scooters are not visible.

The young drivers are not paying attention to their surroundings, and seem to have no regard to where they are positioned in the street or to vehicle laws, including stopping at stop signs.

Sonora Mayor, Gloria Lopez, also addressed the safety issues.

Noemi Samaniego said that it is apparent the kids are not watching for other vehicles and are causing hazards. She said she is working with the Child Welfare Board on putting together a safety program that the kids and their parents can attend.

No one wants to "do away" with the scooters, but some safety regulations have to be put in place to avoid a tragedy.

Another concerned citizen asked what the difference in laws between bicycles and scooters. Under Texas State laws, the scooters are to be treated as any motor vehicle, and must follow all laws that vehicles must follow.

San Angelo recently implemented an ordinance in their community regarding the scooters. Mayor Lopez then read what laws are already on the books concerning general safety rules of the vehicles.

Chief of Police, Mike House stressed his growing concern for safety of the children. Mopeds must be licensed and insured, but the difference is the size of the motors in the scooters. Chief House suggested contacting the parent of a

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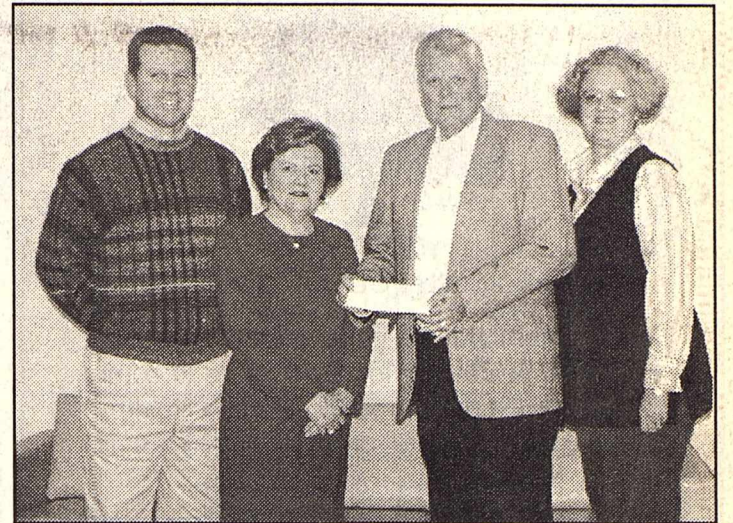
The Bank & Trust makes \$5,000 contribution for symphony concert to be held in Sonora

submitted

The Bank & Trust has contributed \$5,000 toward the Sutton County Historical Society's presentation of the San Angelo Symphony on March 19, 2004.

Brady Johnson, President of the Sonora Bank & Trust, said, "The outstanding small cities of America in the twenty-first century will be those that provide, not just jobs for their citizens, but also sufficient resources for cultural enrichment for the whole family. They will recognize the importance of the arts and humanities, historical heritage, and creative leisure time.

"Sonora is already far ahead of most small cities, with its library, several small museums in the planning stage, and our restored courthouse. The Historical Society, in its effort to bring the San Angelo Symphony to Sonora, is setting an unmistakable example to all



Bank & Trust President, Brady Johnson, Mrs. John Allen Ward, John Tedford and Ruthie Bounds proudly display the donated funds for the San Angelo Symphony.

of us that we, as citizens and employers, have an undeniable obligation to make life-enrichment a major goal.

"The Bank & Trust is delighted to contribute \$5,000 to this exciting event. We chal-

lenge other companies and individuals to join us in this affirmation of the importance of the arts and humanities in our lives."

Commissioners hear department reports

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 9.

Justice of the Peace Adelia Alvarez reported \$119,911.67 in revenue in the J.P.'s office for January. The county portion of these funds is \$61,381.19. Commissioner Milton Cavaness stated that this seems like a lot of money for one month. County Attorney, David Wallace assured the Commissioners that the troopers and other officers have been very busy, issuing more tickets than any other county in the surrounding areas.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher, reported that there were 64 inmates in the county jail for the month of January. The dispatchers handled 898 calls and the Sheriff and deputy's logged 8100 miles for a total of \$13,037 on gas. The cost per meal in the jail was at 70¢ in January.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner, reported that there was a problem with the ambulance that is used for most transfer calls. The vehicle shakes terribly and will have to be repaired. Another ambulance, the oldest vehicle that will be traded in March, overheated on a transfer and also needs to be repaired. The EMS had a busy Sunday, with several transfers having to

be made.

Oscar Jimenez reported that the Road and Bridge department was borrowing the city's loader right now because the hydraulics went out on the county's and had to be sent to San Antonio to be repaired. Jimenez said that they are looking at finishing the shoulders on Cusenbary Road this week. He then asked for permission to purchase a welder for the county yard. The money is in the budget, left over from last year. The commissioners approved the purchase. Jimenez reported that Mondo had cleaned the floors at the Civic Center really well, using a special spot remover and soap. He then buffed them and sealed them. They will polish the floors later this week and buff again. Jimenez reported that this might be better than hiring someone to come treat the floors as previously discussed. He also suggested purchasing a buffer for the Civic Center and repeating this process about every three months. The commissioners decided to go look at the floors and see what they think before making a final decision.

Maura Chavez, Sutton County Auditor, reported that the bill for the Sutton County Days Association for cleaning of the park had still not been

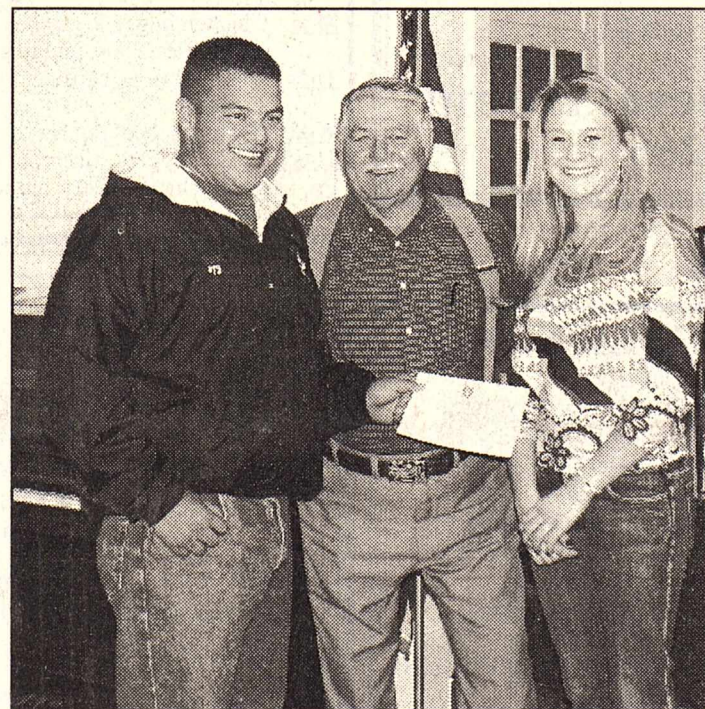
paid. It was decided to send the bill to the new president to try and rectify the problem. Another bill that had been sent to Robert Pruitt has also not been tended to. County Attorney Wallace said that he would look into the matter again. Maura wanted to take a minute to thank all the county department heads for assisting with the current inventory for the auditors. A lot of time and effort was put into making sure the inventory was complete because everyone worked very hard. Maura especially thanked Oscar Jimenez who worked so hard to get an accurate count of roads in the county. All the information has been logged into the computers and will be a big help later on. Commissioner Cavaness reported that the buzzards have already returned to the Wilson place. Everyone agreed that it is quite early for them, but Judge Garner said that she would notify the predator control officer.

Commissioner Villanueva reported that there is still a problem with stray dogs in and around Loma Alta. Judge Garner reminded him to make sure that complainants were calling the dog catcher to report these problems.

Attorney Wallace reported

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Oscar Chavez chosen as Student Lion of the Month



Oscar Chavez (left) receives a certificate from Sonora Downtown Lion, Frank Wamble, and Downtown's Lion Club Queen Courtney Caruthers.

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club had two new faces at Tuesday's lunch meeting, February 3, 2004. Newly crowned Lion's Club Queen, Courtney Caruthers, was on hand to introduce the February "Student of the Month", Oscar Chavez. Oscar is active with the Sonora High School golf team and track team (where he throws the discus). He is a PAL for Mrs. Chavez's elementary class, and is an All-State Academic Football player for the Sonora Broncos. A senior at S.H.S., Oscar is the son of Oscar and Lou Chavez.

Sheriff Fincher announces candidacy

Sheriff Joe Fincher has announced his candidacy for reelection as Sutton County Sheriff. Fincher has a 39-year career in law enforcement beginning with the Odessa Police Department in 1965 and serving there until 1974, when he came to Sonora to help in establishing the first Sonora Police Department.

In 1977 he became Chief Deputy for the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and served in that capacity until 2000 when he was elected Sheriff.


At the present time, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office employs four dispatchers, Eva Van Zandt, Maray Cearley, Carla Crites and Brandon Farris; four deputies, Oscar Chavez, Jody Harris, Robert Hartman and Eric Zuniga; and five jailers, Janice Cook, Lou Chavez, Matt Routh, Lisa Galindo, and Ty Fincher.

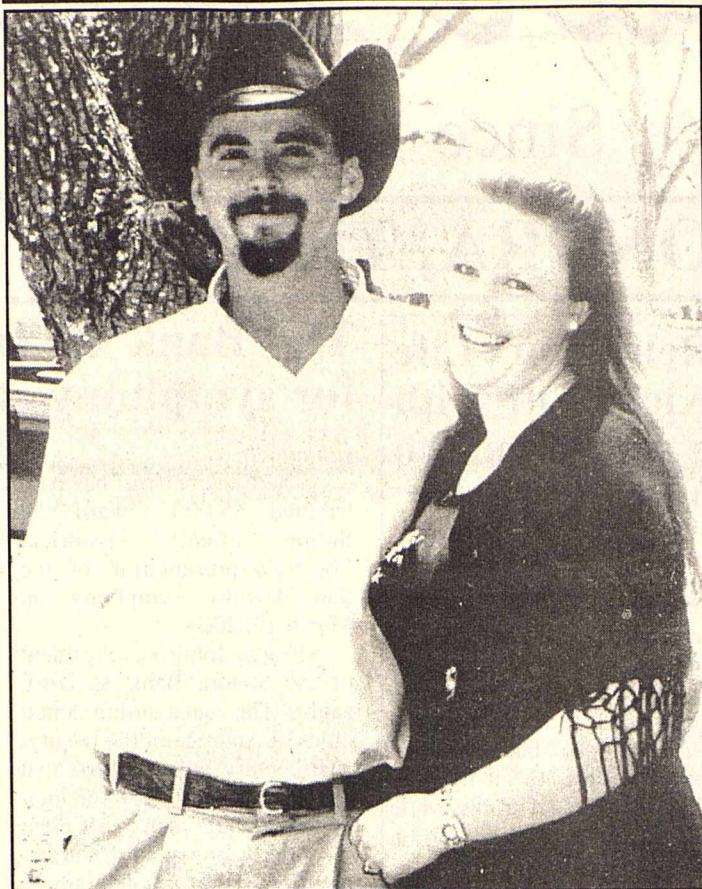
Sheriff Fincher and his wife, Karen, have five children.

If elected Sheriff, Fincher pledges to continue serving the community to the best of his ability and encourages all voters to exercise their right to vote in the March primaries.

Engagements

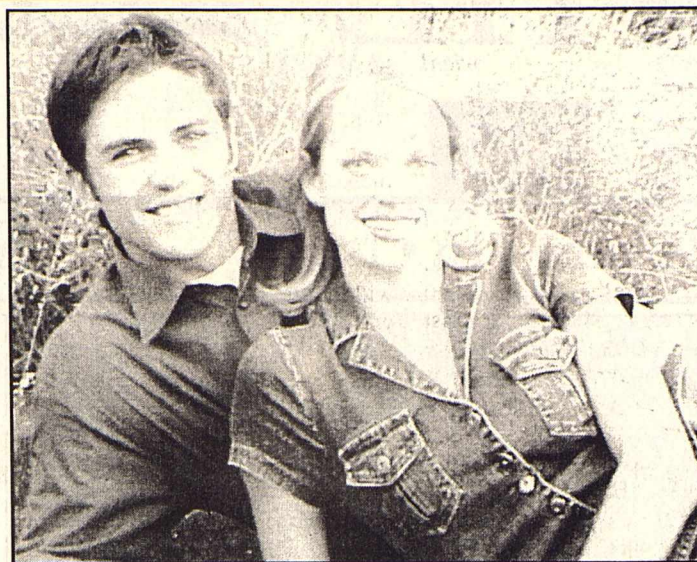
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York - McAnally

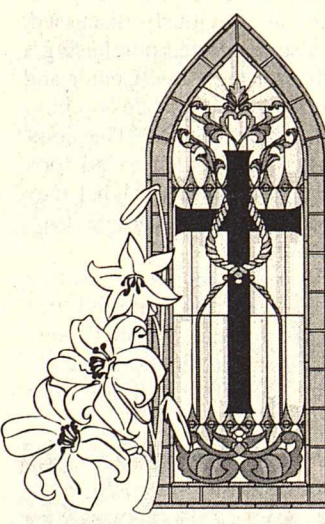
Mr. and Mrs. Lee York, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fincher, and Mr. Robin McAnally announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Buffie York and Kent McAnally. Ms. York is a 1999 graduate of Tatum High School in Tatum, New Mexico, and attended South Plains University in Levelland, Texas. She is employed by M.L. Leddy in San Angelo. Mr. McAnally is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Howard College in San Angelo, Texas. He is employed by Simpson Feed Yards in San Angelo. An April 4, 2004, wedding is planned.



Mathews - Sherrill

Jalyn Denise Mathews and Dustin Ray Sherrill, both of Lubbock and Andrews, Texas, will be married May 22, 2004 at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews, Texas. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moore, both of Andrews, Texas. Jalyn is the granddaughter of Jim and Rose Mary Mathews, of Sonora, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherrill of Andrews, Texas. Miss Mathews is a 2001 graduate of Andrews High School and is attending T.T.U. and will start Texas Tech Nursing School in July. She is employed by Texas Tech University Health Science Center. Her fiance is a 2000 graduate of Andrews High School. He will graduate from Texas Tech University in May 2004 with a degree in finance and is employed by Plains Capital Bank.


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School Lunch Menu • Feb. 16 - 20, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice.
Tues. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, assorted juice.
Wed. - Pop Tart, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, orange juice.
Fri. - Buttered toast with jelly, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, pudding.
Tues. - Chili & beans, carrot & celery sticks, mixed fruit, crackers.
Wed. - Chalupas, beef & cheese, salad, Spanish rice, cake.
Thurs. - Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cookie.
Fri. - Grilled chicken patty, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots, brownie.

Cards of Thanks

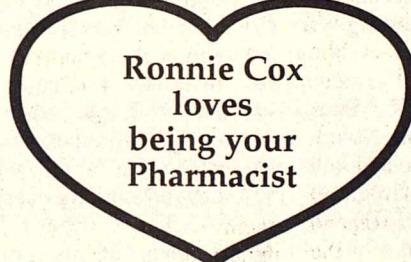
Sonora High School would like to thank the community of Sonora for all your support and assistance for once again making the 58th Annual Sonora Speech/Academic Meet a success. The longevity of this meet would not continue without your help with judging, concession stands, copiers, lodging and generally just extending hospitality to all of the visiting schools. As always, Sonora has again supported the students and surrounding communities. Thank you, Sonora High School.

The Junior Class at Sonora High School would like to thank Lisa Karnes and Helmy Isenhour for all of their hard work on the concession stand at the junior high and high school during the speech meet. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Class of 2005

We would like to say thank you to all the volunteers, staff and students that assisted with the 58th Annual Speech Meet in Sonora over the weekend of February 6-7. The continuous efforts of everyone in the community is what helps make the Sonora Speech Meet so successful and has kept it running longer than any other meet in Texas. Again, we say thank you for all that you do for our students.

Brant Myers, Superintendent and the S.I.S.D.
Board of Trustees, Scott Jacoby, Tammy Favila,
Barbara Jennings, Jesse Bustamante, Tryon Fields,
Tom Payton and Sam David Hernandez


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Senior Center News


Feb. 16 - President's Day! Center will be closed! Sign up for meals.
Feb. 17 - City Council. 2:00 p.m. City Hall
Feb. 18 - Van to San Angelo! Medicals come first. Call 387-3941.
Feb. 19 - Answers on Aging with Area Agency on Aging!
Feb. 20 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education at noon.

Senior Center Menu

Feb. 16 - President's Day! Center will be closed! Call 387-3888 for emergencies.
Feb. 17 - BBQ chicken, blackeyed peas, beets, pears with pineapple, roll, chocolate chip cookie, milk.
Feb. 18 - Steakfingers with gravy, broccoli, scalloped potatoes, roll, milk, peach cobbler.
Feb. 19 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, milk, carrot cake.
Feb. 20 - Catfish with hominy, broccoli, cornbread, bread pudding with raisins, milk.

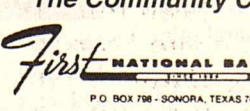
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\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. *Menu is subject to change.*

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Feb. 13
A.C.S. Relay for Life
Baked Potato Lunch Kick-Off • Noon
St. John's Episcopal Church
Feb. 17
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

The Community Calendar

Member FDIC

Feb. 23
County Commissioner's Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have an obituary for Julia Rocha in 1954?

A. Devil's River News, February 26, 1954-Funeral services were held February 16 at the First Mexican Baptist Church for Mrs. Julia Esquivel Rocha, who died February 12 at Robert Lee. The Rev. Sostenes Martinez, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Sonora Cemetery. (Block H, Lot 141, grave #2)

Survivors include her husband, Ginio Rocha, and her parents, Mr. Ysabel Esquivel and Mrs. Marie Luna Esquivel. Mrs. Rocha was active in the Baptist Church in Robert Lee, being vice-president of the W.M.U. and a teacher in the Sunday School. Pallbearers were Francisco Perez, Jesus Sanchez, Abundio Baladez, Elpidio Tores, Jose Sanchez, Ernesto Castro and Rogelio Sanchez.

In the same issue we find that the Sonora tennis players were hosts to the Alpine netters. Betsy Ross and Bill Ratliff gave the Sonora group its only victories of the afternoon. Betsy defeated Marsha Broadfoot, who was also a contestant at state meet last year. Bill Ratliff, the senior boy's singles entry, defeated Bobby Carruthers in their match up. In the senior girl's doubles, Lennie Mayhew and Vickie Archer were defeated by Pat O'Donnel and Dora Luman, and in the senior boys doubles, Richard Mayer and Billy Bob Ellingson were defeated by Jim Hance and James Thomas.

Nancy Hunt and Shannon Ratliff won honors at the Baylor University and Waco High School Speech Tournament last Friday. Nancy won third in girl's declamation and Shannon won second in boy's dramatic interpretation.

The Sonora Bronco track team placed second, in a four-way meet in San Angelo with Lake View, Big Lake and Winters, with 32 points. Sonora won three firsts with George Wright winning the shot put, Jim Skinner first in the discus throw and Billy Frank Turney first in the 880 yard run. Sonora was second in the mile and 440 yard relays. Vivian Hernandez won second in the mile run and Ted B. Joy won second in the

shot put.

Mrs. Joe Berger was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club at her home. Mrs. O. G. Babcock won the high club score, Mrs. Lee Labenske won the consolation score, Mrs. R. G. Nance won high guest and Mrs. Auther Simmons won bingo. Strawberry pie topped with whipped cream and coffee was served.

The Fling Ding Club, inactive since the summer of 1941, gave it's first dance since reorganization last Wednesday night at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. warehouse. Refreshments were served at the Stockmen's Feed Co., next door. Approximately 700 members and guests danced to the music of Blue Barron and his orchestra from 9 until 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Annella Stites was elected president of the Sonora Woman's Club at the annual election of officers. She succeeded Mrs. Charles F. Browne. Mrs. Harold Friess was introduced as a new member.

Q. My grandfather wants to know if you have any information on a ship called the Bataan?

A. The USS Bataan, CVL 29, was the first ship named to commemorate a battle of World War II. She was launched in Camden, New Jersey, on August 1, 1943, just eleven months after her keel was laid. There was a hurried shakedown cruise and she headed toward the war in the Pacific to join Task Force 58. Her first strike came at New Guinea. The next few months were filled with action as she had repeated engagements with the enemy. She fought hard in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, which almost completely destroyed the Japanese Navy. Her carrier-based pilots shot down more than 400 Japanese planes during the 2 days of decisive battle. In the East China Sea, her planes scored four torpedo hits on the Japanese battleship Yamata, the flagship of the Japanese fleet. The Japanese, in a desperate attempt to save the last of their fleet, started their deadly Kamikaze strikes. One of the suicide planes crashed so close to the Bataan that fragments from the explosion killed one man and injured twelve. Task Force 58 was credited with destroying the final effort of the Japanese Navy in the Pacific. The ship continued to pound the enemy until the Japanese surrendered. The Bataan was inac-



Ranching in old Sutton County.

tivated in 1946 but she was called back to active duty in 1950 to fight the enemy in Korea. Her planes from the famed "checkerboard" squadron scored the first aerial victory over the communists' propeller driven planes. She spent a total of 17 months "on the line" in Korea, hammering at shore installations on both coasts. After the truce was signed, she entered the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor where she was prepared for inactivation.

At the West Texas Utilities Store you could buy a brand new 30 inch wide stove, porcelain finish inside and out that could bake 6 pies at once for only \$274.95, installed.

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At the Piggly Wiggly you could get a 3 lb. carton of Wilson's Lard for 55 cents. Tide in the large box was only 19 cents and 12 cans of Scrappy dog food sold for 95 cents.

Purina fryers were 43 cents a pound and Van Camps Chile with no beans was 29 cents a can. At the Sonora Gas Co. you could get a Maytag automatic washer with a double spin tub for only \$309.95 and at C&P Grocery and Market you could get a 12 oz. can of spam for 49 cents. If you took a ride to the Eagle Drive-In at Eldorado you could see the movie "Silver Whip," with Rory Calhoun and Dale Robertson.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, please send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net. You may call me at 387-5084 on Monday and Friday mornings and from 8-4 on Saturdays or call me at home at 387-2855.

Happy Birthday

February 12

Petie Lewis, Misael Hernandez, Eddie Favila, Jed Davenport, Scott Neff

February 13

Pecos Roberts, Jessica Snyder, Anna Ramos, Craig Hudson, Jose Vela, Beverly Arnwine, Cathy Garza, Bertha Villanueva, Emily Ellison

February 14

Mary Beth Parkinson, Don Spiller, Carmina Trevino, Hunter Wheeler, Jim Gulley, John Zook, Salvador Garza, Ethan Harper

February 15

Katelyn Ronspiez, Cody Barber

February 16

Jack Turney, Michael McReynolds, Karen Fincher, Shae Holmes, Meghan Baker, Jerry Wallace, Jacquelynn Castillo, Johnny Arispe, Daniel Ward

February 17

Lisa Seaton, Linda Patlan, Debbie Buitron, April Castro, Toni Vela, George Wallace, Emily Gonzales, Doug Huddleston

February 18

Annette Gamez, Chance Dillard, Belinda Perez, Zadrian McGee, Kent McAnally, Edward Virgen, Taylor Lopez

Correction

In last week's issue of The Devil's River News we spelled the Pinewood Derby winner's name incorrectly: the 1st place winner of the 2004 Pinewood Derby was Jason Alaman. Sorry Jason, and congratulations again.

Local artists to participate in West Texas Rehab Art Extravaganza

submitted

Barbara Earwood, Delyse Jaeger, Ron Nicholas and Ken and Mary Rowland will be among more than 150 artists participating in the fifth annual Stribling Art Extravaganza on February 20-22 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Beverly and Ben Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which features the artistic talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Also assisting with a portion of the event costs are Deby and Danny Calhoun and First National Bank of Mertzon.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood - all of which will be for sale.

The event will be held at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quartermaster and Barracks 6 buildings. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21 and 1-4 p.m.,



Ron Nicholas, Barbara Earwood, Ken Rowland, Delyse Jaeger and Mary Rowland (not pictured) will represent Sonora in the Stribling Art Extravaganza in San Angelo.

Sunday, February 22. Admission is free.

The Young Artists' Display, sponsored by Jud Gray, will be expanded this year into Barracks 6 and will feature the works of local and area high school students.

"Not only are we pleased with the tremendous response from area and local artists," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "we're equally proud

to provide an opportunity for the public to see the amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide a source of financial support for the West Texas Rehab Center facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona."

More information about the event is available by calling WTRC - San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

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Special plaque to honor Cahill on Eaton Hill

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager
Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite you to the unveiling of the "World War II Seabee Plaque" in appreciation and honor of Carl J. Cahill. The ceremony will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., on Eaton Hill next to the American Flag, with a reception to follow at the Sutton County Library.

The unveiling of this marker is to recognize and show appreciation for all the work that has been given to the development of the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. We are inviting the citizens of this community to share in this special honor. Hope to see you there.

Take a stroll down memory lane, check out the "Quilt and Needle Work Walk"

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street are proud to invite you to the Bank & Trust Lobby on President Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, 2004, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to take a walk back in time. We will have Patty Strauch spinning wool into yarn and Nadine Eby will be weaving some of the most beautiful material. There will also be a demonstration of Cahill's Mohair products, such as socks, blankets and many other mohair products that Sonora is known for in the hill country.

You can also look at the great needlework of Joan Cusenbary, a special quilt from the Sonora High School class of 1939 on loan from Wanda Neville, Joy Galbreath's needle work, and a Texas Ranger Quilt made by Barbara Savell.

Charlotte Wilson will also share her needle work, and a man's ties quilt with chicken stick is on loan from Theo Holt. The master work of Doris Morriss is worth the time it takes to stroll along the Quilt & Needle Work Walk at Team Graphics. Image apparel will have a quilt from Virgil Poloczek's family, First National Bank of Sonora has the beautiful quilts made by Mary Earwood. Smith Neal has loaned us some great hand work and quilting of the his late wife's grandmother.

The other businesses on the Quilt & Needle Work Walk are showcasing equally wonderful works. At the Sutton County Courthouse, quilts and needle work from Vivian Mears, Joyce Chalk and other surprise quilters from the past will be displayed. Tedford's Jewelry and Radio Shack will have a Methodist Friendship Quilt and a quilt on loan from Theo Holt. Best Western Sonora Inn will have a quilt called "Log Cabin Design" also on loan from Theo Holt and needle work from Joan Cusenbary. Corner Drug and Gifts Galore & More has a quilt and super needle work also.

More businesses that are taking part in the Walk are: La Mexicana, with a quilt from Tabby's grandmother; Dairy Queen of Sonora, with needle work from Mary Lou Gilly and Charlotte Wilson; Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance; Sutton County Steakhouse; Ann-N-Marie's; Devil's River Days Inn, Ol' Sonora Trading Company; City Hall; and Sonora Office Supply.

As you visit these businesses be sure to get your "Quilt Card" signed and return them to the Friends of Historic Main Street Office in the Mercantile Building, 232 Main Street, Suite 101, to receive your gift. For more information call 387-2248.

We want to thank all the quilters, needle workers and family members who have shared their treasures with us to enjoy. We would also like to express a special note of thanks to KHOS Radio, San Angelo Standard Times, KLST Channel 8 and The Devil's River News for helping us spotlight this art and these special artists.

Local Skinny's supervisor named "Manager of the Year"



Shelby Ruebush, Skinny's District 9 Supervisor, Debra Favela, Skinny's #107 Store Manager, and Larry Turner, Skinny's Director of Operations. Photo submitted

Debra Favela was recently named as Skinny's Store Manager of the Year. Debra has worked as the manager of Skinny's #107 in Sonora since January 2003. This award is based on a manager's ability to operate the store on a budget, the ability to achieve customer satisfaction, and on the overall condition of the store. There are many aspects to managing a convenience store and Debra has effectively covered all aspects in a professional and competent manner. We would like to thank Debra for a job well done.

Chamber Chatter

Devil's River Trail Ride cancelled; Cinco de Mayo celebration plans getting bigger and better

SONORA Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

There are just a couple more days to do your Valentine shopping. Don't forget your Valentine sweetheart. The retail merchants in Sonora have lots of beautiful things for that "Special Valentine". The local flower shops have stocked up on flowers for bouquets, blooming plants and other gifts. The other retail stores have stocked up on candy, cards, precious little stuffed animals, clothing, jewelry and all sorts of beautiful and affordable gifts. Remember your local merchants while remembering your Valentine!

Due to circumstances beyond our control and, quite frankly, beyond our understanding, the Devil's River Trail Ride was cancelled last Wednesday evening by the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Board of Directors. On last Tuesday, February 3, 2004, we were told by the Trail Ride Committee Chairman that there were approximately 50 people entered in the Devil's River Trail Ride. Then on Wednesday evening at about 6:00 p.m., we receive a phone call from the same person, telling us that the Devil's River Trail Ride had been cancelled due to the fact that there were

Alewine chosen as Sonora's 2004 Firefighter of the Year

by Jacqui Bills

Second Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Alewine was chosen as the best of a group of well-qualified nominees for Sonora's Firefighter of the Year, 2004. To be elected Firefighter of the Year is a high honor. The person elected is outstanding as both a firefighter and an individual, knowledgeable, and trusted and respected by his fellow firefighters. Charlie will be presented as Sonora's best at the Hill Country Fireman's Association Convention in April. From each Department's nominee, HCFA chooses a Firefighter of the Year who will represent the Hill Country at the State Firefighter's and Fire Marshal's Association Convention in Galveston in June. Congratulations, Charlie!

The Fire Department has elected new officers for this year: Fire Chief, Rick Cearley; First Assistant Chief, Russell Green; Second Assistant Chief, Charlie Alewine; Captain, Wayne Tyler; First Lieutenant, Billy Lippman; Second Lieutenant, Donny Yocham, Sr.; President, Wayford Tyler, Jr.; Vice President, Jesse



2nd Assistant Fire Chief, Charlie Alewine

Paredes; Secretary, Alta Alewine; Treasurer, Kyle Donaldson; Reporter, Jacqui Bills. Carl Teaff will continue as Fire Marshal.

Pastor Don Longoria continues as Chaplain and Trevlyn Strong and Jean Humphreys as Fire Mothers.

Recently, the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department has received several donations from private parties. The much-appreciated funds will be used to continue to improve service to Sonora and to Sutton County. Thanks, Sonora, for your continued support.

Just Married 25th Anniversary 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanchez of San Angelo, Texas celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a blessing in the church. Francisco Sanchez and Esperanza Chavez were married December 27, 1958 in Sonora, TX. They are the parents of Paul and Mark Sanchez. They also have three grandchildren.

Frank served in the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a manager from Ethicon, Inc. Esperanza worked as a hairdresser in Sonora and San Angelo. She was a representative and area manager for World Book Encyclopedia. They are currently the owners of Amistad Concrete Patio and Yard Products. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church and reside in San Angelo, TX.

"Forty-five years have come and gone through fair and stormy weather" Esperanza and Frank are grateful to God and Thank the Lord Jesus for the many blessings that He has bestowed on them and their family.



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Valliant signs letter of intent to play for ASU

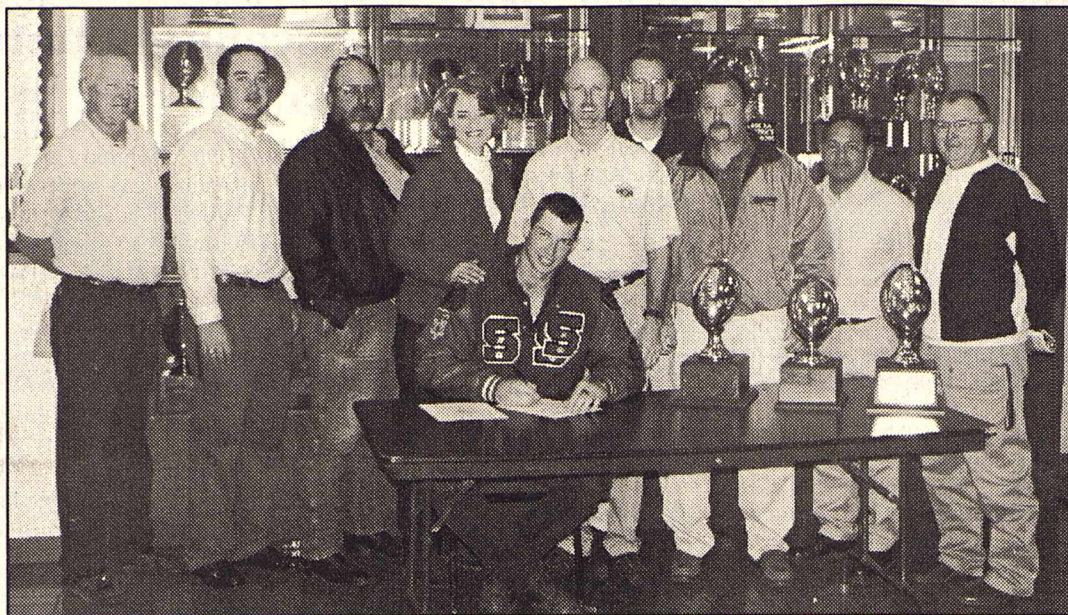
submitted

On February 4th, the first day that high school seniors could sign letters of intent to play college football, Tom Valliant, a 6' 7" senior at Sonora High School, signed to play for Angelo State University. The decision came after much deliberation on the part of Valliant and the Sonora Bronco coaching staff. "We were interested in getting him into a program that is a good fit for him," stated head coach and SISD Athletic Director Jason Herring. "He is our most improved player and has the potential to do really well at Angelo State."

For Valliant the weighing of pros and cons included a couple of personal considerations as well, among them were boots and cookies. His size seventeen boots aren't readily available at the mall, but a couple of boot makers in San Angelo, M. L. Leddy's and Mercer Boots, have been able to keep him shod. Another factor was Halfmann's cookies. As a youngster, Valliant decided that they were "magic cookies" because there wasn't anything that a Halfmann cookie couldn't make better.

"I looked at the schools, coaching staffs, facilities available and listed the things that I liked best about each one. Boots and cookies definitely made the list." The fact that he will get to play with former teammates, Bill Renfro, and Thomas Bloodworth, as well as respected opponents Jaron Haney from Wall and Antonio Posey from Ballinger, helped tip the scale toward ASU. His family factored into it as well.

"My dad has been at every



Trapper Valliant is joined by all the Bronco coaches as he signs his letter of intent to play ball for ASU.

game I've played in from junior high through high school," said Valliant.

"Playing sixty miles from home will make it easier for my family to come watch me, when I finally get to play. The plan is to "red shirt" me my freshman year so I won't see any playing time for a while."

Mr. Myers, SISD Superintendent who recently received his doctorate from ASU, told Valliant all he has to do next year is eat and grow.

"The ASU coaching staff wants me to gain some weight and learn their plays so I'll be ready when the time comes for me to play."

Although he was named First Team All District on both sides of the ball, First Team All West Texas and received All State Honorable Mention, Valliant doesn't consider him-

self to have been the most athletic member of the 2003 Sonora Bronco squad.

"I worked really hard at it. There are guys that I've played with since seventh grade who are better natural athletes than me." Wilson Wallace, Chris Martin, Scottie Moore, and Zed Snodgrass, some of Valliant's senior teammates, all qualify. "We played well together as a team. We didn't have a big star but we had some amazing moments and outstanding individual efforts. The Crane game is one of my favorite memories. I'll never forget the outstanding effort that Wilson gave when he ran across the field and chased down a receiver headed for the end zone, or the perfect punt Scottie made that proved God is a Sonora Bronco fan. Chris made an amazing second effort to carry the ball into the end zone and Zed and Oscar Chavez

anchored the offensive line like a rock, solid and unmoving. AJ, Eliazar, Peter and Devon didn't see as much playing time but their team spirit was invaluable."

"I'll always remember these guys and hope I make them proud as I make the transition to college football. We had a good time this year and surprised a lot of people when we went three rounds into the playoffs. It wasn't all talent; a lot of it was heart. We may not have been the biggest, or the fastest but we had heart and we never gave up."

"I want to thank the Sonora Bronco fans. You've supported us in a variety of different sports and other activities. I hope that if you're in San Angelo on Saturday afternoon you will all come by and cheer me on as an ASU Ram as well."

Broncos play two on the road

by Maray Cearley

Last week the Broncos played two, action-packed, thrilling games.

On Tuesday, February 3, 2004, the Broncos were at home against the Wall Hawks. As always, the Hawks came to play, but they didn't expect the Broncos to do the same. At the intermission, the score was knotted at 23. At the end of the third quarter, Sonora trailed by only 1, putting the score at 25-26.

It came down to the wire, with Sonora losing because of a costly turnover that Wall capitalized on with free throws. The final score was 46-52.

Sonora shot 89% from the foul line, sinking 14 of 17. There were three in double digits, Brett McDaniel 12, Trapper Valliant 11 and Clint Cearley 10. Also scoring were Chris Martin 8 and Austin Wagoner with 6.

On Friday, February 6, Sonora traveled to our neighbors to the west, Ozona. The Broncos jumped to an early 17-3 lead and never looked back. Their lead grew to 46-25 in the third period, with the final score being 63-48.

The Broncos were led once again by the sophomore, McDaniel, with 25 points and 14 rebounds. Steven Duhon saw extensive playing time, due to the injured Valliant, and scored a season high of 13.

Cearley had 9 points with 5 assists and 9 rebounds. Other scores were Valliant 2, Wagoner 4, Martin and Dustin Creek both with 5. Defensively, Martin had 3 of the 8 Bronco steals.

The Broncos will finish District play with their final three games at home.

Lady Hawks shoot down the Lady Broncos

by Nancy Glasscock

The Lady Broncos knew they would have a tough time trying to defeat the first place Lady Wall Hawks. These same Lady Broncos were surprised by the stubborn defense and the key outside shooting of the Lady Ozona Lions.

Sonora's starters, Brea Hughes, Meghan Krieg, Missy Longoria, Tamika Marshall, and Lauren Smith came out strong and aggressive to start the game against Wall. Bronco turnovers and the Wall girls' height advantage came into play starting in the second quarter when they started pulling away. The Lady Hawks defeated Sonora 55-32. Marshall had eleven points to

lead the Lady Broncos.

Wall 55, Sonora 32
WALL-Niehues 16, Kisso 7, Weishuhn 20, Black 7, Weidner 5. Totals -21 8-12 55.

SONORA -Marshall 11, Smith 2, Hughes 9, Krieg 1, Longoria 4, Hedgecock 5. Totals -11 6-18 32.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Wall 12 18 17 8 - 55
Sonora 7 8 11 6 - 32

3-point goals -Wall 3 (Niehues 2, Weishuhn 1) Sonora 4 (Marshall 1, Hughes 1, Longoria 1, Hedgecock 1).

JV - Wall 44, Sonora 30.

Eighth grade Lady Colts finish Middle School basketball season

The 8th Lady Colts finished their basketball season in Grape Creek. The girls played hard but, could never get a lead. Kimble Luna led the scoring with 6 pts., Katrina Ramos 4, Kyla Turney 2, Heather Hughes 2, and Chelsea Martinez 2. I have really enjoyed working with this bunch of ladies. They are dedicated and worked extremely hard. Good luck in the future. Coach Dempsey

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Bronco JV Ambushed by the JV Lions

by Ray Glasscock

In a game of five versus seven (five Lions and two Zebras), the JV Broncos lost when it seemed the game was in the bag. The Broncos were leading by five points with less than 70 seconds left when the JV Lions scored 6 points in less than 3 seconds to take the lead. This seemed to rattle the JV Broncos, and they let the game slip away.

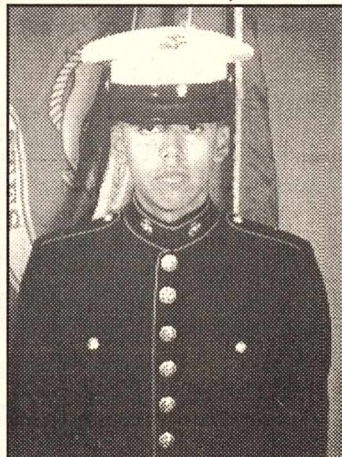
Marine Corps Pvt. Sergio Diaz completes basic training

January 29, 2004(FHTNC)

Marine Corps Pvt. Sergio M. Diaz, son of Lucia and Patricio Moreno of Sonora, Texas, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Diaz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Diaz spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Diaz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.



Pvt. Sergio Moreno Diaz

Diaz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Diaz is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High School of Sonora, Texas.

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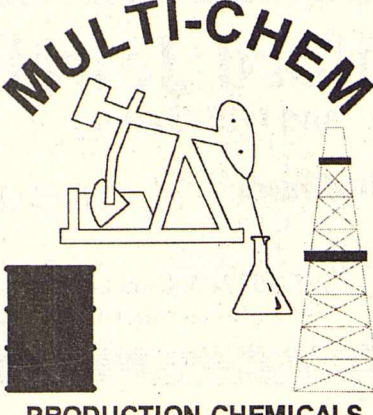
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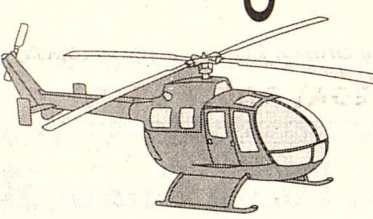
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Escalating natural gas prices lead to rate increase petition
 HOUSTON (February 5, 2004) - Due to a nine percent increase in natural gas prices since February 2003, WTU Retail Energy L.P. filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas late yesterday to raise the fuel factors included in its Price to Beat rate for customers. If approved, the change will increase residential customers' bills by approximately \$5.71 per month for usage of 1,000 kilowatt-hours.
 "Natural gas is the main source of fuel for the electricity we provide to our customers," said Don Whaley, president of WTU Retail Energy. "Because of this, the price of natural gas greatly impacts the cost of electricity and the rate we must charge customers. The decision to apply for a fuel factor increase was not made lightly because we understand that a rate change impacts the lives of our customers. Any sustained change to natural gas prices, however, forces us to re-evaluate our rates and occasionally adjust them in line with the natural gas market."
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 the Rio Grande).
 "The next logical action is to start reducing the water debt owed to Texas," Combs said. "The time to pay up is now."
Public schools mark 150 years...
 Texas declared itself independent from Mexico in 1836, but it did not get around to formally sanctioning the development of independent thinking until 1854.
 Now, 150 years later, the Texas Education Agency is coordinating the observance of the sesquicentennial of the enactment of the Common School Law of 1854. That measure, signed into law by Gov. Elisha M. Pease, provided state money for public schools for the first time.
 The law also placed \$2 million in a fund now known as the Permanent School Fund. Today, according to TEA, the fund is worth \$18 billion and is the second-largest educational endowment in the nation.
 To learn more about the history of public education in Texas, visit the agency's Capitol Complex headquarters to see a special exhibit called "Remembering the Past, Building the Future: Celebrating the First 150 years of Texas Public Schools." The exhibit, free to the public, is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

By Mike Cox
 AUSTIN -- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was in Mexico earlier this week to discuss something fundamental to Texas agriculture and everything else: water.
 The prime topic on the agenda was Mexico's water debt to Texas under the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty. With a lingering drought, Mexico had gotten way behind in its release of water into the Rio Grande in recent years.
 But last month, the nation released 389,306 acre-feet of water, an act Combs said was greatly appreciated by South Texas farmers. However, the nation still owes Texas more than 1 million acre-feet of water.
 The good news, Combs said before leaving for Mexico, is that Mexico got a lot of rain last summer. In fact, it has 4.5 million acre-feet of water in reserve in impoundments on the Rio Concho (which flows into

Don't feed the bears...
 Not that Texas has that many bears in its state parks, but beginning in March, it will be against the rules to feed the wildlife.
 Published for public comment last December, the then-proposed rule received only six comments -- though four of those were in opposition to the change. The wildlife feeding ban will cover all 120 state parks.
 The reason behind the measure is safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department says.
 "When wild animals begin associating humans with food," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "they don't become less wild; they lose their inherent fear of humans."
 That, he continued, increases the chance of an unfortunate bite or worse.
 Getting caught feeding a wild animal also could take a bite out of a person's wallet to the tune of up to a \$500 fine.
Veteran's Cemetery under way...
 Work has begun on the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery. The site is off Texas 195 at Chaparral Road, about 6 miles south of the intersection of that highway and U.S. 190 in Killeen.
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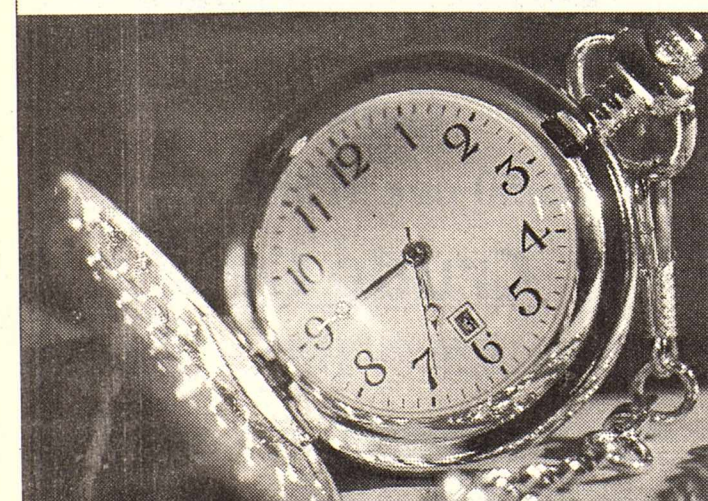
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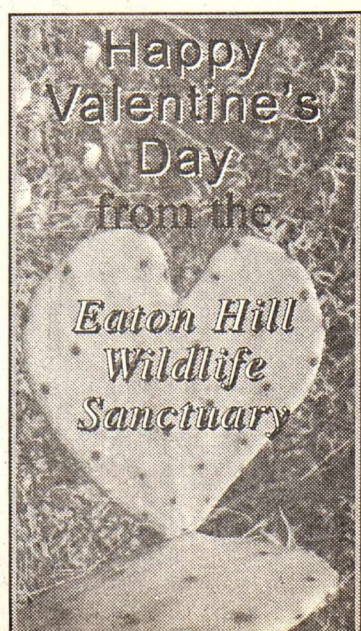
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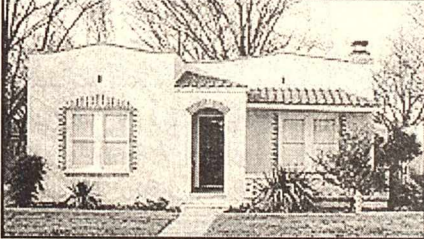
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School Board from page 1

Williams gave the bond project construction report. There is a lot of work going on and unexpected conditions continue to cause delays. The intermediate foundation should be poured by the end of the month. Mid-March will see more equipment being brought in. The Rock School Building is going to have the windows returned soon. If weather permits, the bell tower will be completed this week and the roofers will start. The Rock Building has so many "unknowns", but is changing every day. There is a lot going on that is not seen, but is relevant to completing the job. McGee said they are estimating a June move-in date for the Rock Building.

Budget amendments were approved in the amount of \$155,349.76.

A staff development waiver for 2004-2006 that includes three waiver days and six early release days was approved.

The 3rd reading of Update 71 was completed that includes revisions regarding the dispensing of foreign medications, which will no longer be allowed. The Board then heard the first reading of Update 72 regarding all legal policies.

The sale of the Castle Hill lot to Mr. Doran was approved.

The Order of Election and appointing of election officials was put on hold because of a change in precinct 2 and 4. Superintendent Myers informed the Board that he found out that the Chapter 41 election could be held before a one year wait. Everyone agreed that more information regarding the Chapter 41 election would be provided, so that the voters will know that it is imperative to vote in favor of option 4, so as to save the district money.

A lengthy discussion was then held regarding the 2004-2005 school calendar. There were several questions fielded regarding teacher comp. days, Spring Break, the Fall Festival, etc. After much deliberation a motion was made to approve the 2004-2005 school calendar. A vote was then taken by a show of hands, with Favila, Jacoby, and Payton voting in favor of, and Bustamante and Fields against. The motion carried 3 to 2.

An annual membership in an individual retainer program with Walsh Anderson Attorney's at Law was approved.

Myers announced board training hours for the last year, with Jacoby at 19.5, Favila at 15.75, Bustamante at 13.5, Payton at 13.5, Hernandez at 8.5, Fields at 15.75 and Jennings at 14.5.

Superintendent Myers thanked the Board for their commitment to the youth of Sonora and said that he was proud to work with such a fine group.

Board member Favila thanked the P.T.O. for the dinner they provided for the Board last month during School Board Recognition month.

Board member Jacoby extended a big thank you to the Sonora Downtown Lions Club for cooking for the 58th Annual Speech Meet students.

Myers reiterated the feeling and said that the Speech Meet was successful because of all the teachers, staff and volunteers that helped put on the event. Both school buildings were full, with 18 schools competing.

The Board then went into executive session.

Commissioners from page 1

\$922 was recovered in hot checks in January.

County Clerk Betty Hernandez reported \$13,729.50 had been collected in County Court for the month of January, and \$4,730 in District Court.

Judge Garner reported that TxDOT would be having a public hearing in the Annex office on Wednesday, February 25, at 9:30, to talk about the Trans-Texas Corridor. She also requested, and received, permission to advertise for depositary bids to be taken.

Judge Garner then told the Commissioners of a request from the DPS office, requesting the installation of an internet connection in their offices. The money was not budgeted for this year. A discussion was held regarding the request, and whether or not it was an emergency. A motion was then made to deny the request and to re-address the issue in the next budget.

A question was asked regarding the progress of obtaining the playground equipment at the County Park. Judge Garner reminded the Commissioners that the \$12,500 grant that has been received is a matching grant. She told them that Barry Limbacher of Dominion was looking at assisting in raising the funds to match the grant and more information should be available at the next meeting. Garner also reported that about \$75,000 has been received, designated to assist with the rebuilding of the grandstands at the County Arena. She has spoken with two companies about the job and should be hearing from them with prices by next week.

F.Y.I.

"Three on Three Basketball Tournament" Anyone interested in playing in a Three on Three Basketball Tournament, please contact Ray Glasscock at 387-9333 or 206-1127. Top three teams receive prizes and the remainder of the proceeds will go to the Sonora Bronco Booster Club.

Alcohol Education for Minors, Friday, February 20, 2004. Registration 4:15 p.m., class 5:00 p.m. Courthouse Annex, 902 W. Ave. D, Ozona, Texas.

Defensive Driving Course, Saturday, February 21, 2004, Crockett Co. National Bank, Hwy 163 & First St., Ozona, Texas, 8:30 a.m. All persons wishing to attend must pre-register prior to class dates. For more information call 325-223-9149.

TxDOT Trans-Texas Corridor public hearing, Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, located at 300 E. Oak Street.

The Friends of Historic Main Street Program (FHSM) weaving and spinning demonstration and reception will be held at The Bank & Trust of Sutton County lobby on February 12, 2004 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ACS Relay for Life Kick-off, Baked Potato Lunch - February 13, 2004, 12:00 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

AARP will do E-filing so you can get your refund much faster. Free tax help for tax payers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older, will be in Sonora on Saturday, February 21, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Sutton County Sr. Center. We still need more people to sign up, or they can't come. Call ahead and make an appointment, please. 387-3941 or 387-5657.

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only and boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. College basketball scholarship are possible for players selected to the All-American team. For a free brochure, call (704)373-0873.

The Foster Grandparent Program of the Concho Valley needs persons aged 60 and older throughout the Concho Valley region to serve as mentors and/or tutors to children in their communities. For more information call 325-223-5704 or toll free at 877-944-9666.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Dining Room. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

Westside Lions Club meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sutton County Library at 6:30 p.m.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays and

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driver in violation of safety rules.

City Councilman, Virgil Poloczek, assured those at the meeting that the City Council would do something to protect the children.

Chief House suggested that the minimum requirements for children on the scooters should include reflective clothing, bet-

ter helmets, sturdy shoes and no scooters allowed on the streets after dark. A curfew of 30 minutes before sunset for the scooters should be set.

Some other suggestions included: drivers 12 or under must have parent supervision, and drivers 12 and over must go to a class for safety rules. Only one (1) rider is to be on a scoot-

er at a time.

More decisions will be made at the next City Council meeting, but everyone is in agreement that something must be done to regulate the scooters before someone gets hurt.

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