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Deputy Zuniga to leave for AIT training in Georgia



Sutton County Deputy, PFC Eric Zuniga

Sutton County Deputy, PFC Eric Zuniga, will be leaving town and reporting for duty at Ft. Benning in Georgia on Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

Zuniga is part of Unit C Co. 2nd/142 Infantry of the National Guard in the United States Army. He will be undergoing infantry training.

"After 9-11, I joined the Army because I wanted to do more for my country. I've been doing what I can here, but I want to do more," said Zuniga.

He will leave Sonora on

Friday and will be gone until August, at which time he will re-join the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, where he has been employed for over a year.

Zuniga's wife, Karen, and son, Scott, will remain in Sonora while he is in training.

If you would like to write to Eric while he is away, letters can be dropped off at the Sutton County Sheriff's Office and they will be forwarded to him.

Dermody announces bid for School Board



Dean Dermody is announcing his candidacy for Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees, Precinct 4.

Dean graduated from Texas A&M University in 1989 and has lived in Sonora for 14 years. His wife, Louise, is the Sonora Elementary School principal and he has two children, Colyer and Sidney, currently in Sonora schools and one son, Slade, on his way up.

"I want to be a voice for our children," Dean said.

"A good education is an invaluable asset for the kids of Sonora, and I want to help ensure that Sonora I.S.D. gives our children the best there is to offer."

Early voting is April 28 - May 11, 2004. Election Day is May 15, 2004.

Vote Dean Dermody, Precinct 4, Sonora Board of Trustees.

Entries open for El Pequeño Rey y La Pequeña Reyna of Cinco de Mayo 2004

If your child is interested in competing in the 2004 El Pequeño Rey y La Pequeña Reyna of Cinco de Mayo, please go by Sandra Luz Gonzales at 204 E. Glasscock, 387-3622 or call Maria Mesa at 206-0061 or Florie Gonzales at 206-0294 to pick up an entry form.

Entry forms must be returned no later than Monday, April 19, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. Please submit a photo. Late entries will not be accepted. Judging will begin at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Contestants may check in that morning at the Sutton County Park Slab stage.

A \$5 entry fee is required per contestants.

Contestants entered in the contest must have turned 3 years of age and must not have turned 6 years of age prior to May 1, 2004. Contestants must

April 15 deadline for filing Business Personal Property Rendition of Taxable Property without penalty

submitted

State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1, to render their property with their local appraisal district by April 15. Businesses annually report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, and other tangible assets. If you fail to timely file a rendition required by Texas law, the chief appraiser must impose a penalty in an amount equal to 10 percent of the total taxes due on the property for the current year.

To render is to list the taxable property that businesses own or manage as of January 1. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinions of their property's value. This ensures

that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

"Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers," noted chief appraiser Rex Ann Friess. "They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct mailing address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills." Even if the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes, plus late payment penalties.

Business owners may contact the appraisal district office for rendition forms, or other information of concern. You may also call the office at 325-387-2809.

Conditions prime for outstanding Spring Turkey Season

by Steve Lightfoot, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

AUSTIN, Texas — Wildflowers are blooming against a backdrop of bright green - signs of spring. But, it's the sounds of spring that stir the hunter - like the bellowing of a mature gobbler responding to a hen's invitation.

If prognostications by state wildlife biologists hold true, there will be plenty of gobbling going on this year as conditions around the state bode well for the upcoming spring turkey hunting season.

"We've had good turkey reproduction for three years in a row in some areas of the state," said Steve DeMaso, upland game bird program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "If the weather cooperates and conditions remain as they are, we should

see an outstanding hunting season."

Rio Grande spring turkey hunting season opens March 27 in South Texas and runs through May 2. In the remaining 119 counties having spring hunting for Rio Grande turkey, the season begins April 3 and runs through May 9. Statewide regulations allow the use of shotgun, rifle, handgun, legal archery equipment, or crossbow to take Rio Grande turkey; however, individual landowners and public hunting areas may further restrict the devices to be used.

The bag limit for Rio Grande turkey is four turkeys per license year. However, regulations and bag limits vary by county, so check the regulations for the county where you are hunting. Only gobblers are

See Spring Turkey season page 7

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

The fourth leading cause of death among people ages 10 to 24 is alcohol. Additionally, alcohol is a major factor in the three leading causes of death for youth, which include suicide, motor vehicle crashes, and homicide, and is linked to two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens as well as college students.

Underage drinking costs Americans nearly \$53 billion. Alcohol abuse is the number one drug problem young people

are experiencing in the United States right now.

In the United States, the average age kids begin to drink is 12 years old. Additionally, people who start using alcohol before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop an alcohol addiction at some point in their lives, compared to those who start drinking at the legal age of 21.

Advertising and other

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Oliden makes history at Sonora Middle School



Sonora Middle School was well represented at the Exxon-Mobile State Science Fair in Lubbock, Texas, April 1 - 3, 2004. Seven students made the trip to exhibit their projects on the state level.

Sixth grader, Mario Oliden received an Honorable Mention medal for his Gerontology project. Gerontology is the scientific study of the biological, psychological, and sociological phenomena associated with old age and aging.

There were 944 entries at the Science Fair. This is the first medal for Sonora on the state level.

Congratulations to Mario and all the students who worked so hard on their science projects.

Commissioners make decisions on Civic Center rentals

by Storie Sharp

Sutton County Commissioners met on Monday, March 22, 2004. After the approval of minutes from the prior meeting and accounts payable, the commissioners approved a resolution opposing unfunded mandates that was heard at the March 8, 2004 meeting.

The court then heard from Lino Villanueva in regards to the requested use of the Sutton County Civic Center for a car show during the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Villanueva explained that he felt sure the building would be able to withhold the weight of the cars intended to be shown. He explained that the cars were show cars and were not used for normal everyday use. He also said that he had planned on putting a maximum of 20 vehicles in the building, if allowed, including motorcycles.

A lengthy discussion took place on the pros and cons of having the cars in the building and the possible wear and tear of the floors in the center. Judge Carla Garner explained that a major concern was that the insurance would not cover damage that might incur due to the vehicles being inside.

Villanueva said that he feared he would lose some major competitors if they were not allowed to house their show vehicles inside, and he wanted the show to be a success. After more questions and concerns, the possibility of just putting the smaller dragsters and motorcycles inside was put on the table. Villanueva agreed that this could be done, but he was concerned about spectators driving through the outside show area. Several options were discussed that would rectify that problem.

Judge Garner eventually made a motion to not allow the automobiles inside the Civic Center, with the exception of the motorcycles and small dragsters. Commissioner John Wade seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

This was not the end of discussions on the Civic Center. There are still problems with the cleaning of the center after parties on the weekends. Individuals are not cleaning well and it was again recom-

mended that only people on an approved list be allowed to clean after rentals. Several options were discussed to try to take care of this problem, including the possibility of increasing the cleaning deposit and withholding it until a thorough check was completed. Judge Garner said that she would get the list of rules for the Civic Center and they would address this topic again at the next meeting.

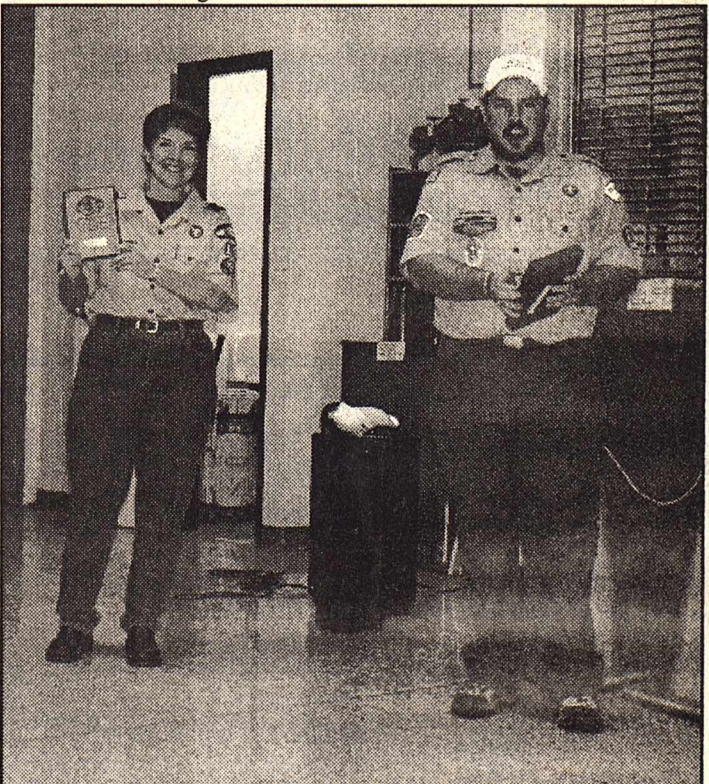
The commissioners approved a request from the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Board to hold their meetings in the EMS building during renovations at the hospital.

Road and Bridge Department manager, Oscar Jimenez, explained that the lawn mower being used in the cemetery had blown up and he had been looking at purchasing a new one locally. The commissioners heard the request pros and cons and voted to purchase a new riding mower from Parker Lumber.

Judge Garner explained that the grant application for the Sutton County Courthouse is due April 1 and the entire project would be about \$3.2 million. This will include all the heating and cooling, painting, wood work, rearranging the courtroom to its original position, refinishing the original furniture and more. The Cauthorn Trust has been very generous in assisting with renovation thus far. The paint analysis alone was about \$150,000 because of the intricate scroll work around the ceilings. If the grant is received a fund raising effort will be initiated to cover any additional costs. Judge Garner said the affirmation or denial will come in early May, but it looks good. The work would be completed within one year of receipt of the grant.

The last item on the agenda was to approve a new depository for the County. Representatives from both The First National Bank and The Bank and Trust were available to answer any questions on their bids. After a short question and answer session, a motion was made and approved to leave the depository at The Bank and Trust for two years.

The meeting was then adjourned.



Sonora Boy Scouts break popcorn sales records

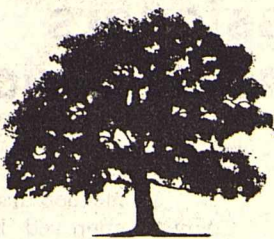
Sonora Boy Scouts received some special awards at the 2004 Blue and Gold Banquet on March 29, 2004.

Jan Stephens accepted a plaque for the Highest Popcorn Sales in this region, having sold \$1500 more than the second-place salesman. Sonora is also

the largest Scouting community in the Concho Valley, outnumbering Ft. Stockton by 15 boys! This is a great accomplishment for our community and could not be achieved without the continued support of our community. Congratulations to everyone!

Religious Celebrations, Easter eggs and bunnies - Easter traditions

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Easter is a time of spring-time festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity. Scholars accepting the derivation proposed by the 8th-century English scholar St. Bede, believe the name Easter is thought to come from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both Goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored easter eggs used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

The Christian celebration of Easter embodies a number of converging traditions with emphasis on the relation of Easter to the Jewish festival of Passover, or Pesach, from which is derived Pasch, another name used by Europeans for Easter. Passover is an important feast in the Jewish calendar which is celebrated for 8 days and commemorates the flight and freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

The early Christians, many of whom were of Jewish origin, were brought up in the Hebrew tradition and regarded Easter as a new feature of the Passover festival, a commemoration of the advent of the Messiah as foretold by the prophets. (For more information please visit our Passover celebration - Passover on the Net).

Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). So Easter became a "movable" feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

Christian churches in the East which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival.

Easter is at the end of the Lenten season, which covers a forty-six-day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. The Lenten season itself comprises forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have

always been excluded from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter.

Holy Week, the last week of Lent, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday takes its name from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem where the crowds laid palms at his feet. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion, the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross. Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Eggs.

Of all the symbols associated with Easter the egg, the symbol of fertility and new life, is the most identifiable. The customs and traditions of using eggs have been associated with Easter for centuries.

Originally Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After they were colored and etched with various designs, the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers, much the same as valentines. In medieval time, eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants. In Germany eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts.

Different cultures have developed their own ways of decorating Easter eggs. Crimson eggs, to honor the blood of Christ, are exchanged in Greece. In parts of Germany and Austria green eggs are used on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday). Slavic peoples decorate their eggs in special patterns of gold and silver.

Austrian artists design patterns by fastening ferns and tiny plants around the eggs, which are then boiled. The plants are then removed revealing a striking white pattern. The Poles and Ukrainians decorate eggs with simple designs and colors. A number of eggs are made in the distinctive manner called pysanki (to design, to write). Pysanki eggs are a masterpiece of skill and workmanship. Melted beeswax is applied to the fresh white egg. It is then dipped in successive baths of dye. After each dip wax is painted over the area where the preceding color is to remain. Eventually a complex pattern of lines and colors emerges into a work of art.

In Germany and other countries eggs used for cooking were



Children of all ages enjoy the Easter Bunny. Phillip Cooper and his grandson Josh are "hoppy" Easter is on its way!

not broken, but the contents were removed by piercing the end of each egg with a needle and blowing the contents into a bowl. The hollow eggs were dyed and hung from shrubs and trees during the Easter Week. The Armenians would decorate hollow eggs with pictures of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and other religious designs.

Easter Bunny

The Easter bunny has its origin in pre-Christian fertility lore. The hare and the rabbit were the most fertile animals known and they served as symbols of the new life during the Spring season.

The bunny as an Easter symbol seems to have its origins in Germany, where it was first mentioned in German writings in the 1500s. The first edible Easter bunnies were made in Germany during the early

1800s. And were made of pastry and sugar.

The Easter bunny was introduced to American folklore by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700s. The arrival of the "Oschter Haws" was considered "childhood's greatest pleasure" next to a visit from Christ-Kindel on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs.

The children would build the nest in a secluded place in the home, the barn or the garden. Boys would use their caps and girls their bonnets to make the nests. The use of elaborate Easter baskets would come later as the tradition of the Easter bunny spread throughout the country.

**Come Celebrate Holy Week and Easter at
St. Ann's Catholic Church**

Holy Thursday • April 8th
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. • Confessions
7:00 p.m. • Mass of the Lord's Supper
After Mass • Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 9th
2:00 p.m. • Stations of the Cross
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Mass • Reading of the Passion
and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 10th
5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions
8:00 p.m. • Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 11th
8:00 a.m. • Easter Mass
11:00 a.m. • Easter Mass

Senior Center News

Apr. 12 - Bingo!
Apr. 13 - Exercise with video!
Apr. 14 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.
Apr. 15 - Crafts for Mother's Day.
Apr. 16 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Center Menu

Apr. 12 - Roasted chicken, spinach, pinto beans, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.
Apr. 13 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, oven French fries, carrot salad, fresh apple, milk.
Apr. 14 - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, roll, milk, peach half, chocolate sheet cake.
Apr. 15 - Pork chop with gravy, baked potatoes, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple waldorf, milk.
Apr. 16 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, wheat roll, milk, brownie, nuts.

**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.

School Lunch Menu • Apr. 12 - Apr. 16, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Bad weather day. No school.
Tues. - Pancakes, syrup, orange juice.
Wed. - Cheese toast, apple juice.
Thurs. - French toast sticks, syrup, orange juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, apple juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Bad weather day. No school.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced peaches, hot roll.
Wed. - Frito pie, cheese, salad, pinto beans, banana pudding, topping.
Thurs. - Spaghetti with meat, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks, Texas toast.
Fri. - Cheeseburgers, burger salad, French fries, fresh fruit.

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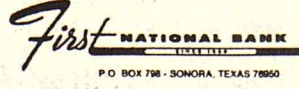
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Community Calendar

<p>April 9 T & C Village Market Relay for Life • Bake Sale Fundraiser</p> <p>April 10 Community Easter Egg Hunt Courthouse Lawn • 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>April 11 Easter Community Sunrise Service • 7:00 a.m. The Depot Amphitheater</p>	<p>April 18 P.T.O. General Meeting 2:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium</p> <p>April 21 Piano Recital • 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church</p> <p>April 22 Chamber Banquet 4-H Civic Center • 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Al-Anon Family Meetings
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The Community Calendar


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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on the death of Buck O'Connor in 1926?

A. Devil's River News, November 6, 1926 - Buck O'Connor, aged 25, of Giltner, Neb., is dead, and Jack Jones, of Chester, Pa., is in jail here, charged with murder, a the result of a shooting Tuesday afternoon on the Sim Glasscock ranch 25 miles southwest of Sonora, which Jones claims was accidental. The verdict of Justice of the Peace, S.H. Stokes was that O'Connor met his death through a gunshot wound inflicted by Jones.

O'Connor was shot in the pit of the stomach and lived only a few hours. Reviving shortly before he died, he termed the shooting "just foolishness" according to Dr. A. J. Smith. Jones said he had shot a diseased sheep with a 25-20 caliber rifle and starting toward the ranch house, had turned to O'Connor, a distance of about thirty steps, with the remark, "let's go get something to eat," when the rifle accidentally was discharged. He said he believed that when he ejected the shell after shooting the sheep the rifle was left cocked but he could not account for its firing the second time.

Both men worked on the Glasscock ranch. O'Connor died on the way here. His body was taken to San Angelo Wednesday morning in the Sonora Motor Company's hearse and will be sent by the Robert Massie Co., to Giltner, Neb., by telegraphic request of O'Connor's mother to Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson.

An army discharge among O'Connor's effects showed that he was born in El Paso, enlisted at Omaha in May of 1923, and was transferred to Camp Travis, San Antonio, where he was discharged in August 1924. The discharge listed O'Connor as being married. Other papers indicated that O'Connor last year worked with a pipe line gang in Reagan County. He had been employed on the John A. Martin ranch, adjoining the Glasscock ranch, but had quit a few days ago and had secured a job on the Glasscock ranch, where Jones was employed. Apparently the two men had become friends.

There is no phone on the Glasscock ranch and after the shooting Jones walked four miles to the W. A. Miers' McMullan ranch and phoned for a doctor. Sheriff Hutcherson, Deputy Sheriff J. L. Cook and Dr. A. J. Smith answered the call.

The Devil's River News, Nov. 13, 1926 - Elmer L. (Jack) Jones of Upland, Pa., no longer is charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting Tuesday of last week of Buck O'Connor of Giltner, Nebraska, on the Sim Glasscock ranch near here, but is being held here for Federal officers who will return him to the Leavenworth penitentiary to complete an eight year sentence imposed upon him for attempted criminal assault while in the army in Germany in 1919.

Jones' finger prints, taken by J. E. Grimland office deputy for Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson, despite his attempt to burn his fingers with matches, and a photograph sent out by the government established Jones' real identity. Confronted in his cell by undeniable evidence made possible largely by Grimland's knowledge of Bertillion system learned through an eighteen months' correspondence course, Jones said, "finger prints don't lie."

Jones after admitting his identity told Sutton County officers that he escaped from Leavenworth in January 1923 when he had served three years of his term. He went to Upland, Pa., married and lived there eight months. Jones said he and a companion escaped because of harsh treatment in prison.

Apparently relieved that his long evasion of the law was at an end, Jones said that one of the first things he saw when he entered the court house here was a picture of himself and a posted reward of \$50 for his capture. Officers thought they recognized the resemblance and began an investigation of Jones' past. J. E. Grimland Thursday took Jones fingerprints, but the result was doubtful because Jones had burned his fingers with matches. The prints developed clearly, however, and tallied exactly with those sent out by the government.

Taking the Bertillion card and Jones photograph to the cell, Mr. Grimland made a remark that caused Jones to smile, where upon he thrust the photograph in front of the pris-



Davy Proffitt 1832-1927 and Martha Jane Keelez Proffitt 1835 - 1920

oner. In it the fugitive was shown smiling and Jones promptly admitted his identity.

The case is one of the most unusual on record here and Mr. Grimland is being praised for his efficient work. A Federal officer is expected here within a few days to take Jones into custody.

Q. Where did Charles S. Sievers die?

A. The Devil's River News, July 17, 1926 - Chas. S. Sievers formerly of Sonora, for the past 10 years living in Del Rio, Texas, died in Del Rio on July 1, 1926 at 65 years of age. His body was shipped to Lewiston, Illinois, his old home town for burial. He is survived by his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Gordon Walton of Del Rio. Charlie Sievers lived in Sonora several years and was a building contractor; he superintended the building of the addition to the Sonora School.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraiser for the Sutton County Historical Society. A Catered Affair served a delicious meal and the dessert bar after the symphony that the Days Inn on Devil's River donated was a work of art. Those desserts were so beautiful you almost didn't want to eat them. But most of us couldn't resist the temptation and enjoyed some delicious treats!

The San Angelo Symphony Orchestra, despite being broiled on the stage, for half their performance, due to an air conditioning glitch, presented a beautiful program under the direction of Maestro Hector Guzman. The acoustics in the room were great and everyone enjoyed all the beautiful music. Motoi Takeda did a violin solo that was outstanding. The room was so quiet, people were sitting on the edge of their seats listening

to him and not making a sound. When he finished the room was filled with thunderous applause and he was given a standing ovation.

A special thanks to JoAnn Hernandez for stepping in and taking over when Ruthie Bounds became ill. The decorations that she, Juanita, Annette and Rick put up were beautiful, especially the way they spotlighted the children's works of art. The beautiful floral pieces from Flowers by Irene graced each of the 40 tables and the beautiful centerpiece donated by The Bank & Trust at the entry received many compliments. The serving tables were decorated beautifully.

The Devil's River News did a wonderful job on the programs. Their border work around each story and ad, was fantastic. We want to thank all those who bought tables or advertising space in the program. Our beautiful night would not have been possible without all you wonderful people.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. Our offices are open Monday and Friday from 8 - noon and usually on Saturday from 8-4. With the icehouse project work on Saturday, if we aren't in the office you can usually find us down at the old ice house. Volunteers are welcome to bring a hammer, crowbar, and some energy and come down any Saturday and help. Note the office will be closed on Saturday the 10th and there will be no work at the icehouse that day since it is Easter weekend and a lot of people want to be with their families. Our address is 307 Oak Street and our phone # is 325-387-5084.

Easter Egg & Treasure Hunt



by Ann Kay, FHMS Manager,

Stuffed bunnies, skateboards, scooters, bicycle helmets, Dairy Queen treats, money and more will be hidden in special eggs, at the 2004 Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt, sponsored by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street, on April 10, 2004. Don't be late - registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the hunting begins at 10:00 a.m. Little ones, birth - 2nd grade, will be hunting on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. The Eaton Hill Wildlife Trails are where children in the 3rd grade and up will be hunting eggs (entry will be behind the Church of Christ and Lewis Allen's home). There will also be a drawing for some special big prizes at the end of the hunt, so be sure to register before the hunt. Prizes can be seen in the window of the FHMS Office at 232 Main St.

We would like to express our appreciation to the sponsors and supporting friends. The FHMS board donated two Hulk skateboards & safety helmets, 12 stuffed bunnies, two fruit loops, 3,000 stuffed eggs, two softballs, two baseballs, Dairy Queen treats, Sonic Drive-In Brown Bag meals, Town & Country stores donated 150 Easter eggs, Alco - two scooters with safety helmets, First National Bank - 75 silver dollars, The Bank & Trust - 75 silver dollars. Other supporters include: The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, Sonora Office Supply, Corner Drug Store, Gifts Galore and More, La Mexicana, Sutton County Steakhouse, Caverns of Sonora, Team Graphics, image apparel, Tedford Jewelry, and Radio Shack.

If you don't want to bake those Easter goodies for family and friends, don't miss the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale on the courthouse steps during the Easter egg hunt!

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Crown of Thorns

He was practicing a skit for a youth group and brought a crown made of thorns. The thorns were two inches or longer and as I looked at them I thought about the pain and humiliation Christ must have suffered on the cross. Some things in life you can't really understand unless you personally experience them. Jesus went through extreme suffering, pain and agonizing death on our behalf (Mark 10:45 & Romans 5:6). It was to pay the price and penalty for my sins and yours (1 Peter 3:18). It is the only way to and only hope of forgiveness with God (John 14:6). Easter season is not just about His death; it is also about His resurrection. He has risen! (Luke 24:6 & 7) He is alive! I love to attend a Sunday morning Easter sunrise service and when you see the sun just coming up over the horizon you see the power, mightiness and the majesty of God. That same power was at work when Jesus arose from the grave. What have we done with Christ? Have we accepted Him and made Him Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords of our lives? This Easter season if you have never accepted Him ask Him into your life (John 1:12 & 5:24). If we have, let's honor and worship Him. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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The repercussions of sex - Sonora I.S.D. to offer Aim for Success program

The 13-year-old girl waited until everyone had left after the Aim For Success program. She then shared with the speaker that she knew firsthand the pain and humiliation of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). She explained that she had been involved with a very popular 15-year-old guy. When he started asking her to have sex, she knew she had to give in or lose him. She weighed the cost and determined that keeping him was more important than keeping her virginity. One month later he left her for one of her best friends.

She said, "I was so mad for letting him use me like that. I thought he really cared about me. I assure you, my virginity was worth a lot more than one month of sex. The worst part was that he left behind a reminder of our time together. A few weeks after he dumped me, I started getting these bumps - you know - down there. I knew they weren't normal and my mother took me to the doctor. I had no idea they were the result of an STD until the doctor asked how many sexual partners I had had. The answer to his question was one. Evidently it only took one partner to get HPV. The bumps were genital warts. The doctor told me not to worry. They could be removed. That's easy for him to say. I've been to his office five times in the past five weeks, but I still have those nasty things. I'm not sure what is worse: being used by a guy or being treated for an STD. When I decided to give up my virginity I wasn't counting on getting an STD. This has been the most humiliating situation of my life"

Unfortunately, this young lady is not alone. The human papilloma virus (HPV) is the most common STD in America. Most cases will go undetected since the majority of those infected will have no signs or symptoms. HPV can also result in cancer, killing more American women each year than AIDS/HIV. Since HPV is a virus, there is no remedy or quick fix. Once infected, a person could have this virus and be contagious for months or years with or without symptoms... and condoms are not effective in preventing HPV.

The Sonora I.S.D. is pleased to announce that Aim for Success will be presenting programs to Sonora students from 6th - 12th grade. The student programs will be at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Intermediate School Auditorium, and 1:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium on April 13, 2004.

Aim For Success is a nationally acclaimed educational organization that promotes sexual abstinence until marriage. These programs cover the risks of teenage pregnancy, the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, the pain of emotional scars, and much more.

The parent meeting on April 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate School Auditorium, includes a preview of the student programs so you can see firsthand what the students will be hearing. This program equips parents with the tools and medical information needed to communicate effectively with their children (toddlers to teens) about sex. Aim For Success believes parents should be their children's primary sex educators, but they have found that many parents don't know how to approach this critical subject.

Aim For Success is the largest provider of sexual abstinence programs in Texas and one of the largest in the United States. They presented over 2500 of these health-based programs last year. Ninety percent of those programs last year. Ninety percent of those programs were in public schools across the nation, reaching over 150,000 students and their parents.

This is a must see event for family members, youth workers, counselors, nurses, school administrators and anyone who is concerned about teenage sexual activity in our country. Come and bring

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten Registration
April 21 & 22
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Elementary Office

Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current immunization record. You must have an updated immunization record with you in order to register your child.

Pre-Kindergarten
Sonora Elementary is offering a full day Pre-Kindergarten program (8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) to all students who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2004. Students may qualify for the program by meeting the criteria for Limited English Proficient or economically disadvantaged. Those students who qualify for Pre-Kindergarten as Limited English Proficient or economically disadvantaged will not be charged to attend.

If a student does not qualify, they may enroll and pay tuition charged at an annual rate of \$2150 or \$215 per month. Tuition includes the price of breakfast, lunch, and our after school program which is open from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. The first and last month's payment will be due August 1st of this year. Eight additional payments will be due on the first of each month. Space is limited to a maximum of 15 students. Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Kindergarten Registration
April 21 & 22
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Elementary Office

Kindergarten registration is open to all students who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2004.

* Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate and current immunization record. You must have an updated immunization record with you in order to register your child. Please call 387-2414 if you have any questions.

Chamber of Commerce has busy plans for Spring, Awards Banquet and Cinco de Mayo



by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be having the Annual Awards Banquet at the Sutton County Civic Center, on April 22nd. Awards will be given for Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Organization of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Outstanding Chamber Member. The Sutton County Underground Water District will be presenting a special Conservation Rancher of the Year. Come join us early that evening for the fun of a "Casino Night", and don't forget the table decorating contest. This is an event to celebrate Sonora and the wonderful people that represent what Sonora is all about.

We still have room for Arts & Craft and Food Booths for the upcoming Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 1st & 2nd. This year's event promises to be something really special with a parade, good food, shopping, children's rides, 1st Annual Sonora Car Show, 3rd Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, and a Dance on Saturday night.

All of these activities will take place at the Sutton County Park. We can't wait, don't miss out on all the fun! For more information on the Banquet or the Cinco de Mayo Celebration please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and Welcome Center.

Don't forget that this Saturday will be the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn organized by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. There will also be a bake sale presented by the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary. If you don't have time to bake goodies for Easter weekend come buy your treats at the bake sale. The Community Easter Egg & Treasure Hunt is sponsored by many of our local merchants, so please do your Easter Shopping with our local merchants that help to sponsor all of our local events. For information on the Community Easter Egg Hunt call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Office at 387-2248. We want to wish everyone a very safe and happy Easter!

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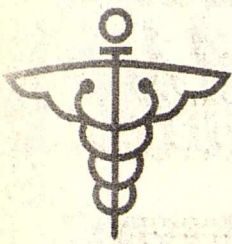
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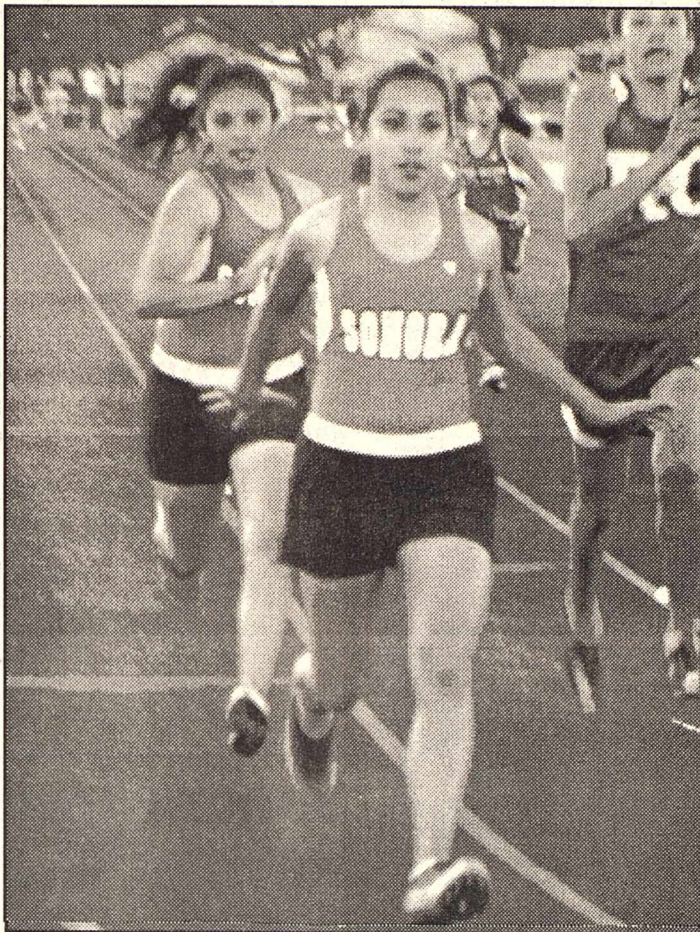
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7th grade Lady Colts, Vickie Torres, hands off the baton to Monica Traylor at the District Track meet in Sonora.

Lady Colts finish third in District Track Meet



The 8th grade 800m relay team took first at the District Meet.

by Drew Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts placed third at the district track meet in Sonora. They did a great job, having their personal bests in all three relays. They excelled in almost all of the other events as well.

Discus - Danielle Rodriguez 1st., Chelsea Martinez 3rd

Shot Put - C. Martinez 3rd, D. Rodriguez 4th

Triple Jump - Kyla Turney 3rd, Emily Earwood 6th

High Jump - E. Earwood 4th, Long Jump - K. Turney 4th

4x100m. Relay - Whitney Perez, Jessica Chavez, Kelsey Watkins, Sierra Gomez 3rd

800m. Dash - E. Earwood 4th

100m. Dash - Sierra Gomez 2nd.

4x200m. Relay - K. Turney, J. Chavez, K. Garcia, K. Watkins 1st

300m. Hurdles - K. Turney 1st

200m. Dash - Kayla Garcia 2nd, Kelsey Watkins 3rd

4x400m. Relay - K. Garcia, J. Chavez, E. Earwood, W. Perez.

Thanks girls for a great and fun season!

Sonora finishes second in UIL Academic meet

Sonora placed second overall at the District 2-AA UIL Academic competition held over the weekend of April 3, 2004.

Individual placings were as follows:

Accounting: 3rd Dianah Hernandez, 4th Leticia Leos

Accounting Team: 2nd Hernandez, Leos and Samaniego

Calculator Apps: 5th Susanna Street

Computer Apps: 3rd Embre Smith, 4th Jack Turney, 5th Joseph Ainsworth

Computer Science Team: 3rd Strauch, Hernandez, and Fay

Current Events Team: 3rd Hernandez, Taylor, Seaton, Martinez

CX Debate: 3rd Elliott/Higdon

Editorial: 4th Sheryl Strauch

Headline Writing: 3rd Sheryl Strauch

Informative: 2nd Tamika Marshall, 3rd Chelsea Seaton

LD Debate: 2nd Craig Leonard, 3rd Megan Fitzgerald

Newswriting: 6th Susanna Street

Persuasive: 1st Allison Higdon, 2nd Evangelina Martinez, 5th Warren Wallace

Poetry: 2nd Erin Newton

Prose: 5th Nash Traylor

Science: 3rd Sheryl Strauch

Physics: Alternate Sheryl Strauch

Speech Team: 2nd

Social Studies: 2nd Diego Cardona, 3rd, Chelsea Seaton

Social Studies Team: 2nd Yearout, Seaton, Cardona and Hernandez

Spelling: 3rd Sheryl Strauch

One-Act Play: 3rd/Alternate

Honorable Mention Cast: Connie Isenhour and Austin Wagoner

All-Star Cast Member: Courtney Caruthers

10:27 a.m. Saturday



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Sign-up for Microsoft Office Basic Word class

The next computer class offered by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and the ASU Small Business Development Center is a Microsoft Office Program, Basic Word. The class is scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2004, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

This is a basic, introductory course in Microsoft Word. There is a \$10 fee to attend the class. Participants must RSVP in advance by Wednesday, April 14th. If you are interested in signing up for one of these courses, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 392-3737 as soon as possible.

Oil & Agribusiness

Pesticide Applicator Licenses

Pascual Hernandez, County Extension Agent - Ag, Sutton County,
With spring green-up underway, some of us begin thinking about ways to control unwanted growth. However, you should know that some chemicals are designated general use pesticides and can be purchased "over-the-counter" while others are restricted use pesticides and require a pesticide applicator license. So, if you've considered acquiring an applicator license, here are some things you should know.

Private applicator licenses are required in order to use or supervise in the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities. Applicants must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM).

Commercial/noncommercial licenses are required to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides, for hire or compensation, on the land of another person (commercial). Applicants must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, IPM and drift minimization. Pesticide applicator licenses come due February 28th. It is up to individuals to keep track of C.E.U.s and certificates of completion.

With that in mind, if you are interested in acquiring a license, please contact your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. Or contact us if you have need for additional details. We are planning on offering a training and testing session.

Spring Turkey Season from page 1

allowed to be harvested during the spring hunting season. Consult the 2003-04 outdoor annual

(<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/annual/>) for season dates and bag limits in your area.

According to Joe Herrera, TPWD district biologist for South Texas, hunters can expect to find plenty of jakes coming to call this spring. "There will be a lot of young birds in the mix because of the excellent hatch we had last year," he offered. "They'll come to call easier than the older gobblers and there's more of them in the population."

That's not to suggest the brush country doesn't have any mature birds, just not as prevalent as the jake population. "Two-year-old birds will be there but not in numbers because the year before last was slightly below average as far as production," Herrera said. "Birds ought to be in good shape and we're looking forward to a good season in South Texas. Range conditions look really good in light of scattered rainfall throughout much of the area. We had a pretty dry latter part of 2003 from November through mid February and things were looking a little scary, range-condition wise. But in the last month or so things have perked up and conditions look real good."

Conditions look equally good in the Rolling Plains region of the Panhandle according to Gene Miller, a TPWD technical guidance biologist in Canyon. "Our main turkey range in the eastern half of the Panhandle during the last two weeks received very nice rainfall across the region and the weather is warming up," he said. "If we don't heat up and blow away, we'll be starting out with good moisture conditions and those lush conditions bode well for turkey breeding and nesting. We're going into the season with a strong crop of adults and good production of young. A lot of adult toms should be available to call to the gun. We've seen a minimum of four years of average to above-average production, which means we should have a tremendous crop of old mature toms."

The spring eastern turkey season is open in 42 East Texas counties from April 12-25 and is limited to shotgun, lawful archery equipment or crossbow, with a one-gobbler bag limit.

Hunters are reminded that a Texas turkey hunting stamp is required in addition to a valid Texas hunting license.

All harvested eastern turkeys must be taken to a check station within 24 hours. A complete listing of check stations available this spring can be found online at (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt/regs/2004/stations/>) or for the check station nearest you contact a TPWD field office or call (800) 792-1112.

Those hunters hoping to try their skills in some of the national forest lands in East Texas should note there might be some prescribed burns taking place around the eastern turkey opener. Hunters are urged to contact the U.S. Forest Service's district ranger office for each National Forest or Grassland before heading afield. Here is the contact information:

- * Sabine Ranger District (409) 787-3870
- * Angelina Ranger District (936) 897-1068
- * Davy Crockett Ranger District (936) 655-2299
- * Sam Houston Ranger District (936) 344-6205.

If you intend to hunt in the national forest lands, an Annual Public Hunting Permit (available for \$48 wherever hunting licenses are sold) is needed and provides access to more than 350,000 acres of public hunting lands in East Texas.

"It appears that the stage is set for a pretty good year this year for turkey hunters in the Pineywoods," said Gary Calkins, TPWD district biologist for the Pineywoods. "We've had about three years of really good reproduction and not a lot of harvest so there should be a bunch of older birds out there. We've also had fairly good winter conditions. The acorn crop last year was a little spotty, and early winter rains were not really abundant, but late winter rains and mild temps have allowed conditions to be good this spring. I expect good hunting throughout the District."

In the Post Oak Savannah ecoregion, where some eastern turkey hunting has begun to spread, district biologist David Sierra noted, "With such a mild winter and spring shaping up well, combining with what I would consider another great hatch last year, this should make a great spring turkey season. The Post Oak has had at least three years worth of great spring and good summer conditions for hatching and raising poults. I had many reports last summer of hens with large groups of poults, so there should be a number of young birds in the woods this spring. The chances should be very good this year for a successful spring hunt."

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New Dominion; 8850' Mayfield - 32 - #13, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 8850' Hudspeth - 52 - #4, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 8450' Mayer #49, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 6750' Duke Wilson #1534, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6750' Kelly - 124 - #20, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6250' Vanderstucken - 69 - #6A, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 5850' Cusenbary - 60 - #7, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett
Endeavor Energy Res; 10500' Dudley - A - #1 H, Big Dog Drilling.
New Chevron/Midland; 9500' CE Davidson Jr -B- #38, Nabors Drilling.

New Encore Operating; 9200' Jones Ranch #2026, Adobe Drilling Bronco.
EOG Resources; 7200' Todd - 44WX - #1, Patterson UTI/TMBR.
New Devon Energy; 9200' Ruby Helbing - 26 - #4, Bandera Drilling.

New Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey - A - #301, Nabors Drilling.
New TXP, Inc.; 7100' VI Pierce - 29 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Anadarko; 7000' Meadows - 1 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
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Terrell
Riata Energy Inc.; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.
Nuevo Texas Inc.; 19000' Mitchell - 7 - #6, Nabors Drilling.
Newfield.; 15000' Hicks #3501, Patterson Drilling.
Exxonmobil Dev. Co.; 13200' Banner Estate #41 H, Patterson UTI.

Nuevo Texas Inc.; 13000' Mitchell - 8 - #8, Patterson Drilling.
Conoco Phillips; 12600' Creek Ranch 12 - #6, Grey Wolf Drilling.

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San Angelo to host 19th annual sheep industry leadership school in July

The 2004 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School is set for July 11-14, in San Angelo, Texas, under the directorship of Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas A&M University Extension Sheep & Goat Specialists. Approximately 25 attendees will spend three days immersed in an intensive program of lecture, facility tours, farm visits, group discussion and problem-solving sessions designed to help each student develop and improve their own productivity and profitability within the domestic lamb industry.

"San Angelo, known as the wool capital of the world, has the largest sheep and livestock market in the U.S. and is home to many packing houses, scouring and buying plants," Ernest Woodward, National Lamb Feeder's Association board member, a third generation sheep grower and president of Woodward Trading, Inc. in McCamey, Texas, said. "Unless you are really big in the business, there is no other way but this school where you can sit down with the key people in the sheep industry, shake their hand, and have a conversation with them that gives you their undivided attention."

The school, in its 19th year, is based on the value of understanding how each sheep operation, large or small, fits into the industry as a whole. There is no cost to apply, however, once accepted, there is a registration fee of \$100, which includes all meals, lodging, tour-related expenses and supplies. Attendance is limited to 25 students who must be 20 years of age or older.

Applications are available from the National Lamb Feeders Administrative Office at 1270 Chemeketa St., NE, Salem, OR 97301-4145 or online www.nlfa-sheep.org. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2004.

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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: March 29, 2004
Rule 37 Case No. 0238250
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E&P INC., 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PKWY 600, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease line and distance between well to drill Well No. 16, Shurley 141 Lease, 581.64 Acres, Sec. 141, Bk. C, HE&WT RR CO Survey, A-450, Fawcett (Wolfcamp) and Sawyer (Canyon) Field(s), Sutton County, being 9 miles in a southerly southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

320' from the north line and 2410' from the east line of lease.

320' from the north line and 2410' from the east line of survey.

Field rules for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field(s) are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.

This well is drilled to an approximate depth of 7,050 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Steve Towns, Consultant, at 512-480-9600. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY **May 09, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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1220' from the east line and 2310' from the north line of lease.

1220' from the east line and 2310' from the north line of survey.

As part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field (s). No Rule 37 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field.

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7,000 feet.

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Alcohol Awareness page 8

media messages play a big role in setting social standards concerning underage drinking. It has been proven that advertisements for alcoholic beverages influence current drinking behavior, as well as intentions to drink.

The above reasons are why the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) is joining the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in "Reach Out Now National Teach-In," a national alcohol education program that emphasizes Alcohol Awareness Month. The Teach-In includes lesson plans for schools, links to partners and resources and a listing of participating states and organizations.

CADCA encourages leaders, professionals and coalitions across the country to participate in this program to reinforce the

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New teacher program certifies college grads

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
AUSTIN - With state lawmakers soon to be looking for new ways to fund public schools in Texas, college graduates looking for work just got a new way to get a job.

The State Board for Educator Certification approved last Friday a new program allowing college graduates with no formal training in education to apply for temporary teaching certificates.

Under the new policy, college graduates who can make it through a criminal background check and pass teacher exams can be hired to teach grades eight to 12. Before walking into a classroom, however, those opting to try the program must have received training in school law, course planning, classroom management and basic teaching methods.

A temporary teaching certificate would then be valid for two school years. After that time, a district could recommend that the teacher receive a permanent certificate.

The new program is aimed at helping school districts strapped for teachers, but it also will help college grads looking for a new career.

Planning for your child's college education?

Add one more thing to your to-do list as you get your youngsters ready for college: Find more money.

In the wake of the Legislature's deregulation of tuition last year, assorted boards of regents are raising rates faster than the score board changes in a one-sided football game. Here's a sampling of recent big school increases:

- University of Texas at El Paso: 28 percent
- University of Texas at Austin: 26 percent
- University of North Texas: 24 percent
- Texas A&M University: 21 percent

As an example of what those percentage increases mean in real dollars, at A&M next fall a 14-hour semester will cost about \$270 more.

Consumer tip for parents of newborns: Check out a state-sanctioned college investment program at www.texas tomorrowfunds.org. Many Texas parents are grand-fathered in the original Texas Tomorrow Program, a pay now, send them to college later plan, but it has been closed to new participants.

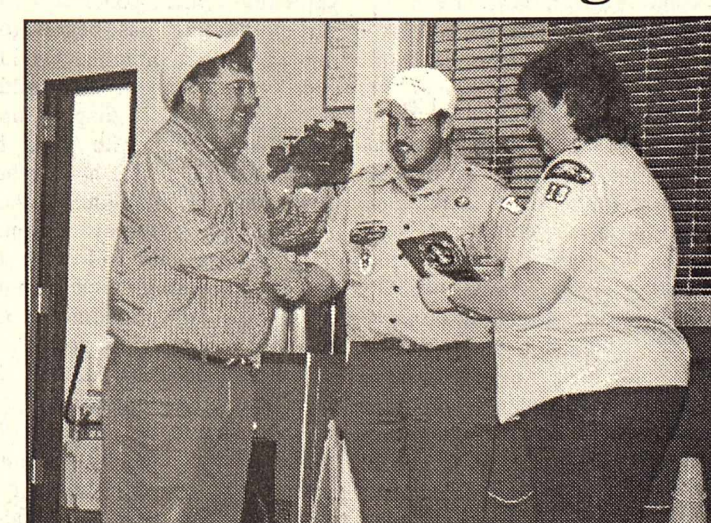
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Friends of Scouting



Jack and Laurie Smith received a special "Friends of Scouting" award at the 2004 Blue & Gold Banquet for their support of our local Scouting program. Friends of Scouting provides programs for more than 17,000 youth annually, support for more than 1,500 registered adult leaders, three outstanding year round camping facilities, liability insurance for all registered participants at Scouting events and much more. To learn more about Friends of Scouting visit www.evbsa.org

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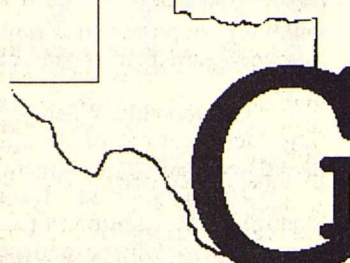
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR GAS RATE INCREASE
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is calling for bids for a 2004 Brush Fighter Truck. Specifications may be obtained from the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary. The bid envelope must be clearly marked "**BID - Fire Department Truck**" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to Monday, April 19, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For further information contact Rick Cearley, Fire Chief, at (325) 277-5744 or (325) 387-2558.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
February 27, 2004
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0237943
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E & P, INC., 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY 600, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 18, Shurley 141 Lease, 581.64 Acres, Sec. 141, Bk. C, HE&WT RR CO Survey A-450, Sawyer (Canyon) Field(s), Sutton County, being 9 miles from southerly southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 500' from the east line and 1100' from the north line of lease. 500' from the east line and 1100' from the north line of survey. As apart of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field. Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field(s) are 500/1000, 320/40 acres. Field rules for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6,850 feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator of lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Steve Towns, Consultant, at 405-748-2767. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY **April 08, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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PUBLIC NOTICE
To: All property owners in Sutton County. From: The Authorized Agent Program for on-site wastewater systems (septic systems) for Sutton County, TX.
1. By Sutton County Order, all septic systems being installed in Sutton County must be permitted regardless of acreage as of 01-01-04.
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T&C Village Market Relay for Life Bake Sale - April 9, 2004
(Good Friday). They will also be selling cases of coke for \$15. For
more information contact Lisa Galindo at 387-5616.

Cheerleader Bake Sale - First National Bank and The Bank &
Trust - Friday, April 9, 2004 - 8:00 a.m.

Creek Relay for Life Bake Sale - Homemade tortillas, casseroles
and sweet stuff - April 17, 2004 - 8:00 a.m. - T & C Village Market
(Food Center).

**Lighthouse Community Church Relay for Life Matinee Movie
Fundraiser** - "Brother Bear" - Sunday - April 18, 2004 - \$2 sug-
gested donation for viewing, popcorn, candy and lemonade for sale
during show, hot dogs to go after movie.

**H&R Block Relay for Life "Farmer's Market" team Yard Sale
and Bake Sale**, May 1, 2004, in front of H&R Block on Concho St.

Help your Fellow man! ABCD Golf Scramble, \$25 per person,
bring your team or walk on, **Saturday, April 10, 2004**, Sign up by
12:00 p.m., play at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the First Baptist Church of
Sonora. All proceeds to benefit the Ministerial Alliance
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Hamburger meal and fellowship afterwards. Contact Jed Davenport
387-2579 or DeVoe Smith 277-2009.

Elementary PTO Meeting - Sunday, April 18, 2004 at
Elementary Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

Piano Recital, April 21, 2004, 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal
Church Parish Hall, FMI call Tammy Favila 387-3661.

**"Bibbed Overall Gang" (Sutton Co. Steakhouse/Days Inn
Devil's River) Relay for Life team Carwash at Sombrero's
Laserwash on Crockett St.** - April 24, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00
p.m. - \$10 donation to ACS Relay for Life includes prewash, wash,
hand drying, vacuum and a spritz of Febreze. A bake sale will also
be going on. Come on by and help us fight cancer.

**Chamber of Commerce "Casino Night" Awards Banquet, HAS
BEEN Rescheduled to April 22, 2004** at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton
County Civic Center. Tickets on sale now at Sonora Chamber of
Commerce, 387-2880 or The Devil's River News 387-2507.

**The 2004 Sutton County Library Association is having a draw-
ing, sponsored by the Sonora's Woman's Club, on May 6, 2004.**
1st prize is a \$500 Handmade Quilt, 2nd prize is a \$250 Gourmet
Dinner for 8, 3rd prize is a \$250, 27" TV, 4th prize is a \$200
"Discovery Challenge Adventure Tour" for two at the Caverns of
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Tickets are available from any Sonora Woman's Club member.

**Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to
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**The Ozona Country Club 1st Annual Vacation Raffle - April 1,
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fare tickets on Southwest Airlines out of Midland/Odessa to Las
Vegas, and 3 nights at the Bellagio Hotel, booked through
MGM/Mirage Vacations. Tickets cost \$20 each, and the drawing
will take place on July 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ozona Country
Club. This vacation is a \$1200 value, and the winner does not have
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Winner chooses vacation dates redeemable within 6 months of the
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For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Ozona
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Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in
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**The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co.
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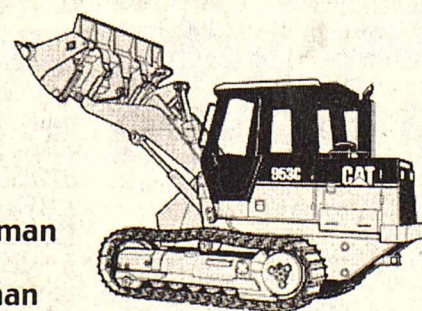
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