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## Commissioners vote to start new grandstand project at arena

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners voted Monday to award Southern Bleacher Company of Graham, Texas, the project of rebuilding the grandstands at the Sutton County Arena. The bid was the only one received, proposing an amount of \$53,620 to build a 700 seat grandstand, to be completed within eight weeks of the acceptance date. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner said that she had gone over the specs and everything looked good, but a concrete foundation would have to be built before the grandstands were constructed. The foundation will allow for the grandstands to be on the level of the pre-existing box seats that are used during the Sutton County Days Outlaw Pro Rodeo. The new bleachers are proposed to be longer than the existing seats, so more box seats can be built at a later date, allowing for even more seating. The existing grandstand was damaged in a wind storm two years ago, and a new one is vital to the continued safety of patrons at events held at the arena. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sonora Industrial Development Board have both allotted \$25,000 to go toward the reconstruction of these grandstands. Sutton County will match that amount, and additional funding may have to be sought at a later date. Garner confessed that she is nervous about the time left before Sutton County Days, but said that if all goes as expected, the project can be completed by the third weekend in August. Oscar Jimenez, with the Road and Bridge Department, will be in charge of tearing down the old grandstand and preparing the area for the foundation and a paving project around the restrooms. Jimenez said that he is hoping to get some of the caliche for the project donated by local ranchers.

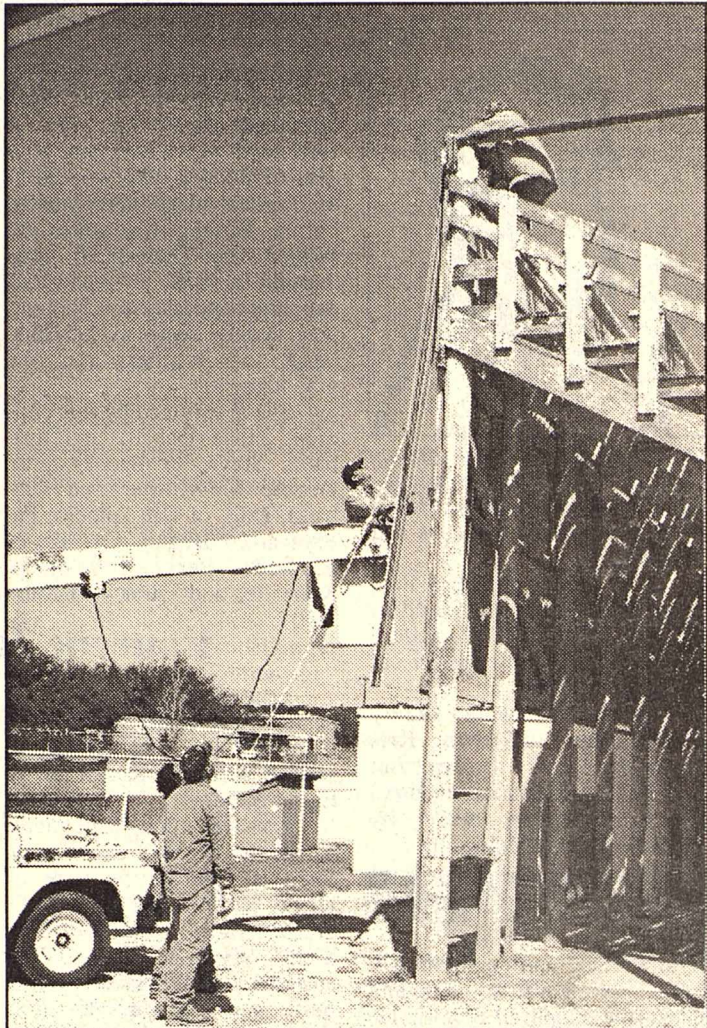
The commissioners agreed to bid out the concrete project of building the foundation, with the stipulation that an engineer's seal be provided on the project. This will ensure a sound foundation and prevent any problems in the future. The call for proposals on the project are advertised in the public notice section of this issue.

In regular business, Adelita Alvarez, Justice of the Peace, reported 886 criminal cases filed for the month of March.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher, reported 45 inmates in March, for a daily average of 9.3. The cost per meal averaged \$1.14 and \$10,391 was generated in fees. The dispatchers handled 1,083 calls. The deputies logged about 7,000 miles, averaging 16.1 mpg at 9¢ per mile.

Sutton County Extension Agents, Pascual Hernandez and Kelly Thorp reported that computer tech classes had begun this week and there were a couple of spots still open. The series will go for eight weeks, two times a week for one hour, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Sonora Middle School lab.

Jimenez reported that the Road and Bridge Department were completing the work on Jacoby Road this week and would be moving on to Powell Road. He also said that the new



The county Road and Bridge departments begin the destruction of the Sutton County Arena grandstands. A new set is scheduled to be in place by August.

mower for the cemetery had been purchased and, when it wasn't raining, it was being put to use.

Maura Weingart, Sutton County Auditor, reported that the Thunderbird Transportation quarterly report shows that the usage is up compared to last year. She also thanked the J.P.'s office and the Clerk's office for their assistance during the recent legislature upgrades. The new systems should make everyone's job easier.

County Attorney David Wallace reported that \$439.46 had been recovered in hot checks in the month of March.

Judge Garner told the commissioners that Dominion was making a matching donation of \$12,500 to the the Health Foundation and would be making a check presentation at the lunch on April 15. Garner asked that Commissioner Mike Villanueva be present since he approached Dominion for the funds.

Garner said that the billing company out of San Antonio that the EMS is using had called and said that they were billing to low. The recommendation from the company was to raise the base rate from \$275 to \$325 and the mileage rate from \$4 to \$6.75. Medicaid and insurance are currently paying 100% of all charges, and there is room to increase without charging too much. Hudspeth Hospital Administrator, Keith Butler, explained how the charges work with the insurance companies and Medicaid and advised that the county would still be operating on the low end of what could be charged for EMS services. He suggested that the commissioners take the recommendation and look at the charges again in a year. A motion was then made and approved to make the recommended increase in EMS charges.

Judge Garner told the court that she had received a compli-

ment on the Road and Bridge Department, stating that they were doing a great job on the road improvements and had been very polite and professional. Everyone commended Oscar Jimenez on a job well done.

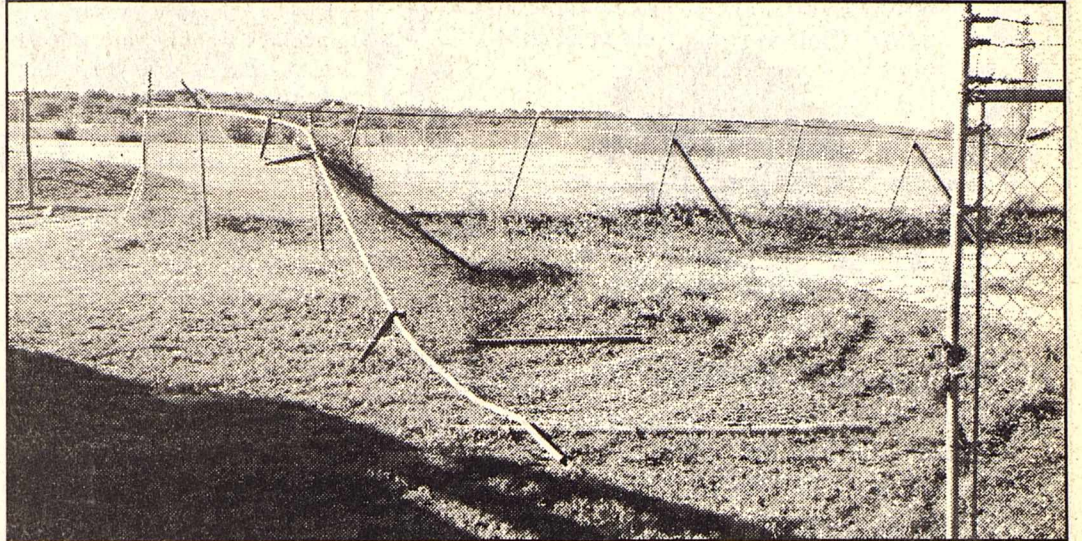
The commissioners voted to oppose a proposed resolution from Governor Perry that would put a cap on county tax rates. The proposed cap would tie the hands of local governments and might be a problem if an emergency situation arose.

The court approved the advertising for summer help for the county.

Bids for road and bridge materials were opened, with the project being awarded to the low bidder, Wirek Bros. out of Johnson City.

The commissioners then approached the cleaning of the civic center again. Judge Garner read the existing rates for cleaning deposits and said that Janalyn Jones had reported that individuals were not cleaning the center to specifications. After looking over the current prices and reviewing the list of approved cleaners, the commissioners voted to allow only the approved list of cleaners. This will cut down on the center not being cleaned properly after rentals and having upset renters. A deposit will be required at the time of rental. The center will be checked and approved by Jones at the Civic Center before payment is made for the cleaning. The commissioners agreed to have Judge Garner talk to the approved cleaning crews and get an average cost before they set a cleaning fee. Judge Garner and all the commissioners agreed that these changes need to be made to better care for the facility and keep it in good condition for future use.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.



## Bus barn targeted for trio of car thefts

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora I.S.D. bus barn was the target for ill-intended joy riders late Wednesday, April 14, or early Thursday, April 15.

Car thieves (or one busy car thief) broke into the bus barn late Wednesday night and took three of the school's vehicles for joy rides around town. The suspects busted through the tall chain link fence near the visitor's side of the football stadium and cut through the practice field.

A suburban, a pick-up truck and the Driver's Education car were found in different locations around town, all having been ran out of gas. All vehicles were reported gone Thursday morning and were soon located. The truck was stuck in the draw by Rosie's Cafe. The suburban was located in the parking lot of Landmark



Above: A high fence at the Sonora I.S.D. bus barn is busted down by car thieves. Below: A stolen school suburban is returned after being located in a parking lot near the school.

Apartments and the car was found in an alley off of Tayloe Avenue. No major damage was reported on any of the vehicles, but the fence will be costly to repair.

Superintendent Brant Myers said that they are working with the City Police on find-

ing the culprits, and a reward has been offered for any information leading to the arrest of the thief or thieves. If you have any information on the thefts please contact the Sonora Police Department or Superintendent Myers.

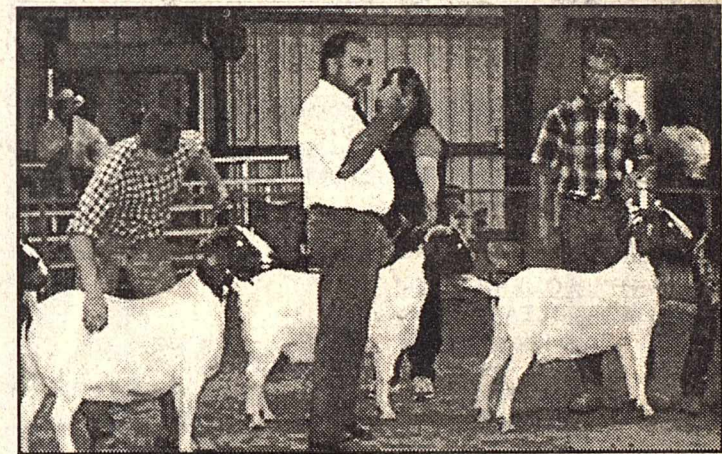
## Boer Goat Clinic and Show Coming To Sonora

submitted

Mark your calendars for April 24th and 25th and the Sonora Classic Goat Shows, to be held at the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora, Texas. To be more specific, this event will be two days filled with the top South African Boer Goats that Texas has to offer. While the Boer Goat has been in this country since 1993, the dedicated American breeders are still turning to the South Africans for their input regarding how the breed is progressing in this country, thus the importance of the Sonora show.

To make this show even more special, one of the judges on Sunday, April 25th will be South African, Lukas Burger. Mr. Burger is well known and in great demand throughout the world, as one of the top breeders and judges of Boer Goats. Not only has he judged three World Championships in his own country, but he has traveled to Australia and twice judged their National Show and conducted judging clinics/schools. Judge Burger is no stranger to the American Boer Goat scene as he has judged three American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) National Shows. Among his duties while in the United States, has been to train many of the judges that now judge at Sanctioned ABGA shows. Burger genetics can be found all over the world in the top herds and in the top animals in the show ring.

As an added bonus to



Lukas Burger judges JABGA 2001 National Show in Kerrville.

exhibitors and goat breeders, Mr. Burger will be conducting a short clinic on the evaluation of the Boer Goat on Saturday evening, (April 24th) at 7:00 p.m. During the course of the clinic, which will include the evaluation of a pen of bucks and a pen of does, the finer points of selection and breed character will be discussed. This will be an excellent opportunity for those new to Boer goats, as well as the seasoned Boer goat breeder, to learn from one of the foremost teachers in the field. The clinic is designed to encourage participant input with a question and answer session. This is a free clinic and everyone is welcome.

Conducting herd consultations will be one of the several duties Mr. Burger will be performing while in the area. These will be done both before and after the show, with several of the areas leading Boer Goat

breeders. These consultations are designed to help the breeder in animal selection and breeding plans. In addition, Mr. Burger will be inspecting for the South African Stud Book (registry) at several ranches. There were a limited number of consultation appointments available, and as a result they were booked almost immediately. This in itself attests to the demand for Mr. Burger's expertise when he visits the United States. He will be consulting with breeders in Sonora, Carlsbad, Brownwood, El Dorado, and Sabinas.

The weekend begins on the afternoon of Friday, April 23 with animals arriving at the Sutton County Civic Center barn. The show on Saturday starts at 9:00 a.m. with judges Bruce Lott of Comfort and Eddie Holland of Bluffton taking to the ring with percentage

See Goat Show back page

## Everyone wins at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Treasure hunters of all ages were treated to great prizes and hidden treats on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn and Eaton Hill at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Easter Egg Hunt. These lucky winners took home extra special prizes donated by local businesses. For more on the Easter Egg Hunt see page 5.

## PTO Meeting to host Music Program and Ice Cream Social on Sunday

On Sunday, April 18, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium there will be a brief PTO meeting and election of officers for the 2004-2005 school year, followed by a music program highlighting Sonora Elementary music classes. Mrs. Chasey Duncan, the elementary music teacher, has been busy preparing 3rd grade music students for this special presentation. Other dates to be mentioned will include the Law Enforcement/EMS Appreciation Luncheon as well as Teacher

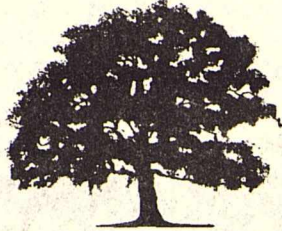
Appreciation Week in May, at the elementary school.

The meeting and program will be followed by an ice cream social for all PTO members, participating music students and their guests. There will be ice cream sundaes with all the fixings!

All PTO members and their families are encouraged to attend the last meeting for this school year. The community is also invited to come out and enjoy our youth as they entertain us all.

Obituaries

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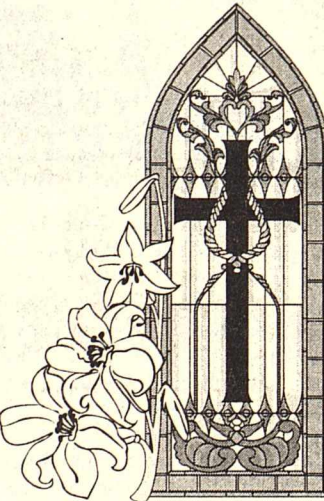


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**Glen Krieg**

Glen Krieg, age 70, of San Angelo, passed away Friday, April 9, 2004, in a local nursing facility. He was born on April 1, 1934, in Williamson County, Texas, to Gottfried and Minnie Juergens Krieg, Jr. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the VFW at Ingleside, Texas. Glen worked for 38 years as a plant operator for Reynolds Metals Aluminum Plant in Gregory, Texas. His grandkids were his life, and he had a seat at every sporting event they participated in.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 12, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Survivors include his sons, Michael and his wife, Michelle, their children, Meghan, Cassie and Cade, all of Sonora, and Mark Krieg of Austin.; four sisters, Lillian Heese and husband, John, Jeanette Zorasky and husband, Bobby, Noreen Bernson and husband Billy, and Gertrude Krieg; and brother, Harold Krieg and wife, Elmina.

**Suzie Galindo Gomez**

Suzie Galindo Gomez, 56, of Rocksprings died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in a Kerrville hospital. Services were at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Rocksprings with burial in Rocksprings Cemetery. Arrangements were by Nelson Funeral Home. Survivors include son, J.R. Gomez of San Angelo; daugh-

ters, Velma Sifuentes of San Angelo, and Betty Ann Lopez and Daisy Gomez, both of Rocksprings; brothers, Esiquio Galindo of Rocksprings, Erbey Galindo of Sweetwater, Alfredo Galindo of Sonora, Renaro Galindo of Belton; and sisters, Elsa Gunter of Sweetwater and Tila Galindo of Sonora.

**Felma Bonnie Garmon**

Felma Bonnie Garmon, 83, died Friday, April 9, 2004, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home in Eldorado, Texas. Services were at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 11, in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel in Sonora with Jesse Guadarrama officiating.

and wife, Loretta, of Sonora; one brother, Charles Andrews; and two godchildren, Kirk Joy and Tessa Joy, both of Sonora. She was "Granny" to twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bonnie was a loving child care provider for many years.

She also leaves behind her "second family" at the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Our warmest feelings go out to the residents who were like sisters and brothers, the caring staff and the wonderful volunteers who were there for her every day. For nine years, she loved them and they loved her.

"You shall see Him smiling in the flowers, then rising and waving His hands in the trees. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance" - The Prophet

**Jack Raye**

Jack Raye, born Jack Rape on November 22, 1917, in Fort Worth went to be with the Lord on April 12, 2004.

Graveside services were held in Sonora, Texas, at 2:00 p.m., April 13, 2004, at the Sonora Cemetery.

Jack proudly served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II from 1941-1945.

He married a special lady, Mildred Norrid Brown, on October 31, 1944, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. They had a long and loving relationship. He was a long-time resident of Sonora, retiring in Robert Lee and later San Angelo.

Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years; sons Buddy Joe Brown of San Angelo, Lloyd (Poke) Brown and wife, Mary Alice, of Sterling City, Tommy Doc Raye and wife, Mary, of Golden, Colorado; and daughter Nedra Hawkins and husband, Kris, of Austin. He is also survived by sisters Wanda Neville of Sonora, Polly Nettleton of Del Rio, and Velma



Dutton of Junction; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was a devoted husband, loving father, a friend to all, and a "Jack of all trades" who will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Cahill, Danny Brown, Kris Hawkins, Dennis Brown, Jim Van Kirk, and Ronnie Maddux. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

**Farewell Note of Thanks**

Mr. Bob Lynch of Sonora passed away this weekend. This is a note to say thank-you to a friend and neighbor, Mr. Bob Lynch. He lived in our apartment complex for many years and has been a friend to many, especially to the people of Sonora. He helped keep our streets clean, asking nothing in return. He walked many miles every day. We will miss him.

God bless you, Mr. Lynch  
 Sonora Senior Apartments

**School Lunch Menu • Apr. 19 - Apr. 23, 2004**

- Breakfast**  
 Mon. - Muffin, apple juice.  
 Tues. - Peanut butter toast; orange juice.  
 Wed. - Cinnamon roll, apple juice.  
 Thurs. - Waffles, syrup, orange juice.  
 Fri. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice.
- Lunch**  
 Mon. - Corn dogs, mustard, baked beans, rosy applesauce, pickle spears.  
 Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, tator tots, ketchup, cole slaw, small apple.  
 Wed. - Bean chalupas, cheese, salad, Spanish rice, fruit cobbler.  
 Thurs. - Burrito with chili, kernel corn, carrot sticks, dressing, Jell-O, fruit.  
 Fri. - Hot ham & cheese, French fries, fruit, iced brownie.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

**Senior Center News**

- Apr. 19 - Bingo!
- Apr. 20 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 21 - Van to San Angelo! Medicals come first.
- Apr. 22 - Crafts
- Apr. 23 - Run errands and pay bills!

**Senior Center Menu**

- Apr. 19 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, juice, milk, biscuit, heavenly hash cake.
  - Apr. 20 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, potatoes, carrots, vegetable salad, bread, milk, white cake with caramel icing.
  - Apr. 21 - Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, sweet potatoes with apples, wheat roll, pudding, milk.
  - Apr. 22 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, carrots & celery sticks, fresh banana, milk.
  - Apr. 23 - BBQ brisket, potato salad, green beans, coleslaw, bread, cake, milk.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
 \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.  
 \*Menu is subject to change.\*

**Lourene Jarrett McCrea**

Lourene Jarrett McCrea passed away on the afternoon of April 7, 2004. A private family service was held at sunrise on Easter Sunday.

Lou was a long time member of the Roswell community. She was the loving wife of David McCrea and the world's greatest Mom to her five children - Wyatt, Clay, Jeni, Bob and Mitchell. She loved to spoil her three grandchildren - Chelsea, Clay-Paul and Brooke Ellen.

Lou grew up in the ranching community of Del Rio, Texas, the youngest child of Edward and Violet Jarrett. She attended the local public schools in Del Rio and was also active in the Del Rio Christian Science Sunday School. She graduated from Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois, and then entered the Masters program at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Lou taught elementary school for several years before marrying David and moving to their ranch outside of Roswell, where they raised their family.

Lou supported her children in their many school and sports activities, helped her husband on the ranch and actively participated in farming and ranching organizations in New Mexico and Texas. Lou was a lifelong member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston and served as a Journal listed Christian Science practitioner actively involved in helping others through prayer. She was a stalwart member of the local Christian Science Church in Roswell. Lou also served as Secretary for the Roswell Ministerial Alliance, was a member of Roswell P.E.O. Chapter B and the Berrendo Cowbelles. Once all of her children finished college, Lou went back to teaching school - this



time at St. Andrews Episcopal school in Roswell. She loved children, which was evidenced many times over the years as her former students from both Del Rio and Roswell made a point of letting her know how much she had influenced their lives.

Lou is survived by her husband David McCrea; her children Wyatt McCrea (wife Lisa) and Clay McCrea (wife Tina) of California; Jennifer Flowers (husband Robert) and Robert J. McCrea of Roswell; Mitchell McCrea (wife Kim) of Dallas; and her grandchildren Chelsea Reagan and Clay-Paul McCrea of California and Brooke Ellen Flowers of Roswell. She is also survived by her brother T.J. Jarrett of Del Rio and her sister Cora Jane Farmer of Austin, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Family members wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all of their friends for their loving support and prayers shared during this time. They kindly request that if anyone would like to make a donation, that they make it in Lou's name to the church/charity of your choice or to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Roswell at 101 S. Lea St. Roswell, New Mexico 88202.

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**Community Calendar**

- April 18**  
 P.T.O. General Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium  
**April 19**  
 SISD School Board Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. • Admin. Bldg.  
**April 20**  
 City Council Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

- April 21**  
 Piano Recital • 6:00 p.m.  
 St. John's Episcopal Church  
**April 22**  
 Chamber Banquet  
 4-H Civic Center • 6:00 p.m.

**Al-Anon Family Meetings**  
 Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room  
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## Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Was J. L. Davis a Texas Ranger?

A. Records on file at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame show that Pvt. J. L. Davis, Commissioned Officer Pat Dolan, Organization: Co. F. Frontier Battalion, Enlisted on September 1, 1876, and was discharged on August 20, 1877. He was 22 years old, 6 ft. tall, light hair, blue eyes, fair skinned and occupation before service was farmer. He was born in Bastrop, Texas, and served 11 months and 21 days according to the Ranger Muster Roll.

The Devil's River News of November 29, 1890, states that J. L. Davis and his family have arrived in Sonora and bought residence property. In the January 31, 1891 issue, it states he has a ranch 25 miles below Sonora.

Sutton County records show that he served as Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County for several terms. He was first elected during the Nov. 1892 election and was sworn in on the 26th of November 1892 and served until January of 1895. Usually terms run from January after the election, but McConnell was angry about not being re-elected and walked out, and Davis was sworn in early.

He was defeated during the next election. It seems he had been appointed as a Special Deputy U. S. Marshal during his term of office and secretly did an extensive investigation of illegal alcohol sales in Sutton County. A lot of alcohol was being smuggled into or brewed in Sutton County and being sold at local bars, etc. with no tax stamps. Davis arrested some very powerful men and made himself a lot of enemies. After their trials, when their friends on the jury saw to it that there were hung juries, these men banded together and got McConnell put back into office. The charges against them disappeared after the election.

J. L. Davis did continue to serve as a deputy and the jailor for many more years. He and his family lived downstairs in the jail. His daughter told me that her mother cared for the prison-

ers when they were ill and cooked their meals. She was paid for these services and invested the extra money in stock of her own. She insisted on going up the hill to the Saunders house to give birth to her children. She wasn't going to have people saying her children were born in jail. Her daughter, Ray, was born at the Saunders home in 1895 and would laugh when she told this story and say "thanks to Momma, I didn't have to say I was born in the Sutton County Jail." J. L. had a ranch south of town at first; then bought one north of town.

J. L. Davis was re-elected to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County in November of 1901 and sworn into office in January of 1902. He was re-elected again in November of 1903 and served until January of 1905. He had served as a deputy under Sheriff E. S. Briant during his term and helped to capture the outlaw Will Carver in April of 1901. During Davis' term of office, in September of 1902, there was a very large fire in Sonora that destroyed one side of Main St. The heat was so intense it blistered the paint on the Courthouse and warped glass in some of the windows. Explosions of dynamite, that was stored in some of the buildings that burned, blew out windows in building across the street. Davis and his deputies were kept busy guarding the building after the fire. There is even a picture showing them guarding the bank vault as officers of the bank carefully removed records and money from the fireproof vault, which was inside the bank.

J. L. Davis had helped fight the fire and helped people try to salvage anything they could from the wreckage. He and the other members of the Woodsman of the World worked with the Masonic Lodge members to help people repair their business houses and keep them safe from looters. The people of the town worked together. Thanks to insurance money and loans, Main Street was rebuilt, and the side that had completely burned to the ground was almost totally rebuilt within a year.

J. L. Davis died July 20, 1914, in Mineral Wells at the age of 59. His death was caused

by pneumonia brought on by smoke inhalation from a large fire that destroyed many homes in Mineral Wells. He suffered heat stroke and a severe cough brought on by his trying to save items from a home that belonged to his family and then from some of his neighbors' homes. He was survived by his wife, Martha Savannah Howton Davis, whom he had married in 1877, and had the following children: one son, Ruby Davis and five daughters, Mrs. Tom Covington of Elida, New Mexico, Mrs. Hollie McGonagill, Mrs. Ben Meckel and Misses Ruth and Ray Davis of Sonora.

His body was brought from Mineral Wells to San Angelo by the Woodsman of the World. Family and friends then escorted the body to Sonora, and he was buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

Several interesting facts regarding his time as deputy are not known by many people. During a domestic disturbance call, J. L. Davis saved the life of E. S. Briant. Briant had gone in first and been shot in the shoulder by one of the people having a violent fight. Davis shot that person when they again tried to shoot Briant. Briant had just recovered from this wound when the battle with Will Carver and Kilpatrick took place. Doctors who treated Carver stated that the fatal bullet was fired by Davis. Briant readily agreed with the doc and was the first to admit that he "couldn't hit the broad side of a barn." The newspapers gave Briant credit for the capture since he was the Sheriff of Sutton County, but he had the help of Deputy J. L. Davis inside the building and Deputy Sharp and Constable Thomason were guarding the exits.

There are many stories written about the exploits of Company F. Frontier Battalion, but we don't know if J. L. Davis participated in these incidents as most of the names of the Texas Rangers aren't listed; only the battalion and commanders' names are shown in those we have seen.

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 give us a call at 325-387-5084 or my home number 325-387-2855. Our offices are located at



J.L. Davis

307 Oak Street, right next to the Miers Home Museum and are open Monday from 8-12, Friday from 8-12 and Saturday from 8-4 unless there is a holiday. Museum tours are available whenever we are open or by special appointment for large groups on days the office is closed. To rent the Depot give us a call at the same numbers.

Work details at the old WTU Ice House building are every Saturday from 8-4, unless it is a holiday weekend. Bring a hammer, a sledge hammer, a crow bar and your muscles and come on down and help us gut the interior. The more help we have the sooner we will be able to turn the site into a museum covering a large time frame of the history of Sutton County, Sonora and ranching in this area. Start looking through your old pictures and see what you have on early pictures of ranch houses, cattle, sheep, goats etc. that you could make copies of for the museum. We want this museum to represent all different types of ranching, even some of the early day cotton farms, etc. in this area but need your help. The more material you share with us, the better your museum will be. We want something to show visitors how hard settlers here had to work to have what they have today. You would be amazed at how many people who come here don't know the difference between a sheep and an angora goat. They don't even know there are different types of goats raised in our area and are amazed to see a donkey or llama grazing with stock and don't know that they help protect the herds.

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If you would like to participate or watch the 3rd Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, it will start on Friday, April 30, 2004, and end on Sunday, May 2, 2004, at the Bronco Baseball Field. For more information call Mike Villanueva at 387-5300.

## Westside Lions Club elects new officers

The Westside Lions Club of Sonora met at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at the Sutton County Steakhouse. New officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Ben Solis - President; Everando Castro - 1st Vice President; Lisa Galindo - Secretary; Lydia Cummings - Treasurer; Quirina Perez - Program and Fund Raiser Co-ordinator; Paul Freeman - Tail Twister.

Other members present for the meeting were Tommy Sanchez, Refugio Martinez, Yogi Solis, Alexis Galindo, Allison Freeman and James Freeman.

The club voted to have a booth at the Cinco de Mayo celebration, where they will sell gorditas, shrimp cocktail and lemonade.

### Happy Birthday

- April 15**  
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- April 16**  
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- April 17**  
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- April 18**  
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Join us in showcasing the new addition and renovation to the clinic and welcome Diana Green, PA-C into the Pajestka practice.

Refreshments will be served.

### A New Face in the Dance Studio

The Studio will soon open its doors in the former Carolyn Earwood's Dance Studio with instruction by Marlyn Young. Mrs. Young brings over 19 years of experience in ballet and tap. Instruction in ballet and tap will begin in the fall 2004. Register online at [www.thestudioinsonora.com](http://www.thestudioinsonora.com)

**Chamber Chatter**

**Sonora Classic Boer Goat Show, "Casino Night" Awards Banquet**



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by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for two big events that will take place in Sonora. The Sonora Classic Boer Goat Show April 24th & 25th, and the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 1st & 2nd. Not to mention the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on April 22nd. This is a really busy time of the year for all of us, but these events are all about our heritage and our pride in Sonora. So please come join us for each of them.

On Thursday, April 22nd at the Sutton County Civic Center, you can join us to recognize those who have given of their time & talents to make Sonora a wonderful place to live or visit. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet "Casino Nights" will feature awards for "Citizen of the Year", "Employee of the Year", "Business Person of the Year", "Educator of the Year" and "Outstanding Chamber Member". The awards will be presented along with a buffet supper and gaming at the "Casino". The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m., the admission is \$15.00 per person or \$150.00 per table; and don't forget the table decorating contest. This is our once-a-year chance to recognize the people who give so much of themselves, while we have a lot of fun. Tickets for the "Casino Nights" may be purchased at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center or at Devils River News/ Sonora Office Supply.

On Saturday & Sunday April 24th & 25th at the Sutton County Civic Center, you can enjoy the 1st Annual Sonora Classic Boer Goat Show, sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Sonora boasts

more registered Boer goats than any other zip code in the United States, and the Boer goat industry plays a big part in the agricultural economy of our area. The show will begin on Saturday morning at 9:00. There will be a meal served at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday; tickets will be available at the door; and for anyone wanting to know more about Boer Goats, there will be a clinic immediately following the meal. The show will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. For more information on this event, you can visit the following website:

www.sonoraclassicgoatshow.com or you may call Sharon Holman at 387-7046 or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center.

On Saturday & Sunday, May 1st & 2nd, get ready for FUN. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Sutton County Park, will be a two-day event this year, (we couldn't cram all of this fun into one day) brought to you by the Knights of Columbus. In conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration this year, there will be the Third Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament, (that I understand many teams have already signed to participate in), and the 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo hosted by Lino's Custom Stereo (that I understand has many, many entries).

Food booths, arts & craft booths, a parade, a dance, children's rides & games & a whole lot more this year promise a full weekend of fun.

The last weekend of April and the first weekend of May, we should see lots of out-of-town visitors in Sonora, so make them welcome and show them how glad we are to see them in our wonderful community.

**Sonora Chamber of Commerce**  
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E-Mail: soncoc@sonoratx.net  
www.sonoratx-chamber.com

**Community Development Institute Head Start Program registration for 2004-2005 school year**

**Location** - Sonora Head Start, 511 Cornell Street. **Date** - Friday, April 16, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Community Development Institute Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program. Serving children 3 & 4 years of age, children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care.

Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack. They participate in large and small group activities, individual activities, center time, story time and many successful self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st, in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child will need to bring copies of the following: PROOF OF INCOME (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 2003 W-2/1040 Tax Return or TANF), BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, UP-TO-DATE IMMUNIZATION RECORD, and if applicable, Medicaid, health insurance coverage for child.

\*\*\* Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the site supervisor if this applies to your child.

For more information contact Mary Condarco - Family Service Worker (325)397-6132 or 446-9011.

**Graduating high school scholarship applications offered for 2004**

Representative Harvey Hilderbran, District 53, is pleased to offer one scholarship to a graduating senior in high school. This scholarship will be awarded to one person, one year only, in the amount of \$500. It is to be used for tuition only to an accredited university, college or technical school.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Scholarship will be granted to one graduating senior for use at any accredited university, college or technical school.
- Student must be a resident of Sutton County.
- Scholarship selection will be based on:
  - Academic standing

b. Essay  
4. An alternate selection will be made should the scholarship not be used by the primary recipient. The alternate will not be announced, however, unless the primary recipient declines acceptance of the scholarship.

5. Applications will be made available through the senior counselor's office.

7. Presentation of the scholarship will be made at the school's awards banquet or program presentation.

8. Statements must be signed by the applicant and parent/guardian. All information is strictly confidential.

**Andi Allen chosen for Texas A&M Fellows Program**

Andi Allen, daughter of Lewis and Cyndy Allen, has been chosen to participate in the Texas A&M University Undergraduate Research Fellows Program during the upcoming fall and spring semesters. The Fellows Program is the most prestigious independent study opportunity available to undergraduates at Texas A&M. Fellows students gain real world experience while spending two semesters doing scholarly research culminating in an Honors thesis, and potentially contributing material to a number of student and professional publications.

Andi's research topic will be "Oil in West Africa: A Case Study on Equatorial Guinea." Essentially, this will involve a study of the impact of oil wealth on the societies and economies of the countries in West Africa.



Andi Allen

Andi will be spending ten weeks this summer in Paris, France, not only attending French classes, but visiting with people in oil related industries who have spent time working in Equatorial Guinea and other countries in West Africa.



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## Lady Broncos remain perfect

by Tryon Fields

With only two games left to play in District 2-2A competition, the Lady Broncos are a perfect 4 and 0. After defeating Grape Creek and Eldorado last week, the Lady Bronco softball team is sitting at the top of district 2-2A. All that stands between Sonora and its first District softball championship was a game with Wall (played this past Tuesday) and a game with Grape Creek to be played next Tuesday.

Sonora finished the first half of district softball play against Grape Creek. Grape Creek jumped out to a fast 2 to 0 lead that would hold up for 4 innings. In the fifth inning, the Lady Eagle pitching staff would have control problems and walk in 5 runs. The Lady Broncos would add an additional run in the sixth, while Grape Creek would add 2 in the top of the seventh, with Sonora holding on for their third district win: Grape Creek 4 - Sonora 6.

Meghan Krieg, Sonora's ace, would get the decision: facing 31 batters, allowing 4 runs off of 7 hits. Krieg would also strike out 10, walk 1, and hit 2 batters. Defensively, the Lady Broncos played one of their best games of the season. Short-stop, Kayla Fields, would have a put-out, as well as two assists. Left fielder, Amanda Word, would make 2 clutch catches to keep the long ball hitters' of Grape Creek off the bases.

Megan Krieg, Jamie Duran, and Brea Hughes would round out the solid infield play of the Lady Broncos.

Offensively, Sonora was held to only four hits. Denerya Gloria, Debra Martinez, Brandy Neff, and Tamika Marshall would be the only Lady Broncos to reach base off a hit.

However, the Lady Eagle pitching staff would issue 15 walks to the Lady Broncos, and this would ultimately be the difference in the game. Grape Creek 4 - Sonora 6.

With a shortened week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Eldorado on Thursday to start the second half of play. Once again Meghan Krieg took the mound for the Lady Broncos. Giving up only 1 run off 1 hit and 1 walk, Krieg would continue to dominate the Lady Eagles by striking out 7 of the 17 batters that she faced. Krieg would also lead the Lady Broncos at the plate with 3 hits.

Desiree Alvarado would have a 2 for 3 day plus 2 RBI's. Kayla Fields would add 2 hits, a walk, and an RBI. Denerya Gloria, Debra Martinez, Jamie Duran, and Brea Hughes would add a hit apiece. Hughes and Tamika Marshall would both have a sacrifice fly each to round out the offensive onslaught.

On defense, Brea Hughes would anchor the in-field from her first base position with 3 unassisted putouts. Denerya Gloria would make an excellent running catch from her right field position along with solid play from infielders Jamie Duran, Brandy Neff, and Kayla Fields.

This 13 to 1 victory over the Lady Eagles from Eldorado would push Sonora's record to a perfect 4 and 0 in district with a 10 and 1 overall record.

This week the Lady Broncos traveled to Wall on Tuesday and, due to the District Track Meet on Thursday, will finish district play in Grape Creek on Tuesday of next week.

GOOD LUCK!!  
THINK DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP!

## Lady Bronco Sprint Relay Team breaks school record

The Lady Broncos were the runners-up at the Ozona Relay on April 8, 2004. The team finished second with 121 points.

The 400m Relay team of Megan Berry, Elizabeth Elliott, Lauren Smith and Amanda Berry wowed the spectators and set a new Sonora school record by finishing in 50.74.

The old record of 50.91, was set in 1979 by Tonya Evans, Jessica Robeldo, Rosa Noriega and Paula Friess. This record has been held for a long time, congratulations to the 2004 Sprint Relay Team for breaking the record and setting new standards for future runners.

Individual results for the meet were as follows:

400m Dash - 5. Brea

Hughes 1:05.60

200m Dash - 1. Elizabeth Elliott 26.96, 3. Megan Berry 27.28

800m Relay - 1. M. Berry, Courtney Caruthers, L. Smith and A. Berry 1:50.33

1600m Relay - 1. L. Smith, E. Elliott, B. Hughes, A. Berry 4:17.66

Long Jump - 2. M. Berry 15'11", 4. L. Smith 15'6", 5. A. Berry 15'5 1/2"

Shot Put - 6. Chantal Arispe 29'9 1/2"

Discus - 3. C. Arispe 92'10"

Triple Jump - 2. M. Berry 33'6 1/2", 4. L. Smith 32'9 3/4", 6. A. Berry 32' 1/4"

High Jump - 6. E. Elliott 5'2"

## Ozona Relays tough for Broncos

The Varsity Broncos participated in the Ozona Relays on April 8, 2004, where they placed 5th overall with 69 points.

Individual results were as follows:

100m Dash - 4. Anthony Longoria 11.29, 6. Stevie Hernandez 11.57

200m Dash - 3. Wilson Wallace 23.52, 4. Hilton Bloodworth 23.87

400m Relay - 5. S. Hernandez, W. Wallace, A. Longoria, H. Bloodworth 44.47

800m Relay - 1. W. Wallace, A. Longoria, S. Hernandez, H. Bloodworth 1:32.74

1600m Relay - 5. Nash Traylor, Cameron Cox, Diego Cardona, Steven Duhon 3:45.28

Shot Put - 2. Trapper Valliant 49' 6 1/2"

Discus - 2. T. Valliant 152' 1 1/2"

High Jump - 5. Scottie Moore 6'0"

Pole Vault - 4. Justin Northcott 12'0"

The J.V. boys also participated in the Ozona Relays, finishing 4th with 63 points.

Individual results were as follows:

800m Run - 3. Dustin Duhon 2:21.49

1600m Run - 4. Jacob Ibarra 5:25.02

3200m Run - 4. J. Ibarra 11:52.75

400m Relay - 3. Frederico Romo, D. Duhon, Angel Silva, Jose Rodriguez 47.44

800m Relay - 2. J. Rodriguez, D. Duhon, A. Silva, Chris Perez 1:39.12

300m Hurdles - 1. J. Rodriguez 43.93

Shot Put - 1. Diego Cardona 41' 6 1/2"

High Jump - 6. Jordan Isenhour 5'2"

## Broncos shutout by Grape Creek, go extra innings for win over Reagan County

by Maray Cearley

On Tuesday, April 6, 2004, the Sonora Bronco Baseball Team traveled to Grape Creek to play the district-leading Eagles.

Scottie Moore was on the mound for the Red, going the entire seven innings with eight strikeouts, three walks and four hits. The Eagles scored one in the 2nd inning and again in the 4th with a Travis Stephen's home run.

At the plate, the Broncos had only two hits. Chris Perez hit a single in the 3rd, while Austin Wagoner hit a shot over third base for a single in the 5th. Anthony Longoria reached base twice on walks, but was left stranded each time.

The Broncos were shut out with a score of Sonora 0, Grape Creek 2.

On Thursday, April 8, the Broncos traveled to Big Lake for an afternoon game. The Broncos won in extra innings, 7 to 5.

Clint Cearley went eight innings, finishing with 15 strikeouts, one walk and five hits.

In the first inning, Chris Perez led with a single and later scored on a Moore double. Embre Smith, playing his first varsity district game, reached base on an error, while getting his first RBI. He eventually scored, giving the Broncos a three-point advantage.

In the second and third innings, the Red combined for four errors, allowing the Owls to score two.

The Broncos increased their lead in the third on a triple

by Perez and a sacrifice fly by Moore.

In the fourth, Reagan County closed the gap to one, on a hit and another costly Bronco error.

Both teams went three up, and three down in the next two innings.

In the seventh, the Owls scored one, which forced extra innings.

In the eighth, the Broncos scored three. Wagoner got a free walk after being hit by a pitch.

Dustin Creek walked on four pitches. Cearley then loaded the bases on his first hit of the game.

Perez got an RBI on a single, while Moore got his third RBI on a fielder's choice.

Smith then hit a sacrifice to center getting his second RBI of the game.

The Owls were able to score one, but came up short with the Broncos beating them for the second time this year.

Sonora has two tough games this week, with Wall on Tuesday and Eldorado at home on Friday.

Go Broncos!

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## 2004 SPORTS SCHEDULE

<p><b>Bronco Baseball</b> Apr. 16 Eldorado * Here * 5:00 p.m. Apr. 20 Ozona * There * 5:00 p.m. Apr. 23 Grape Creek * Here * 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>JV Baseball</b> Apr. 16 Eldorado * Here • After Varsity Apr. 19 Ozona * There * 5:00 p.m. Apr. 23 Grape Creek * Here • After Varsity</p> <p><b>Lady Bronco Softball</b> Apr. 20 Grape Creek * There * 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Track Schedule</b> Apr. 23-24 Regional Qualifiers VB, VG • TBA Apr. 30, May 1 Regional at Abilene VB, VG • TBA</p> <p><b>High School Golf</b> Boys &amp; Girls Regionals • TBA</p> <p><b>Tennis Schedule</b> Apr. 30, May 1 Regional (Abilene) May 10-11 State (Austin)</p> <p>* DISTRICT GAMES</p>
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## Easter fun on Main Street

The annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt was a great treat, even when it began to rain. We were very lucky to have all the eggs hidden for the children to find on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn and Eaton Hill.

There were 349 attendees that came to hunt, with people visiting from Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Lytle, Del Rio, Ozona, Houston, Giddings and many other towns. All hunters found money and gifts hidden in the donated eggs. The little Easter bunnies found their eggs spread out around the courthouse, and the larger Easter bunnies were led over to the trails on Eaton Hill. While there, they discovered clues leading them to nests of eggs left by a poetic bunny.

Many thanks to the adults who assisted this year. Hiking Eaton Hill were Lewis Allen, Delyse Jaeger, Tony and Tammy Adkins, and more.

Thanks to Bruce Kerbow, Jim Kay and Joy Galbreath for helping on the courthouse lawn. Also, thanks to Maura Weingart, Michell Weingart, Oscar Chavez, Josh Hazelton, Randy and Joanna Wuest and Elaine Rodriguez, and the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation for their overall assistance during the hunt.

Some great prizes were won during a random drawing that was open to everyone who registered. Prizes ranged from Sonic Drive-In Brown Bag meals, Subway sandwiches, Dairy Queen ice cream treats, two scooters from Alco, along with safety helmets, 75 silver dollars from First National Bank, 75 silver dollars from The Bank & Trust, two Hulk skateboards and safety helmets from The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, 12 stuffed bunnies, two fruit loops, 300 stuffed eggs with candy and toys, two baseballs, 150 Easter eggs from Town and Country Food Center, two cases of cokes from Town & Country Store #97, one case of bottled water

and a ball and bat set from Town & Country Store #191.

We also want to thank the Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary for joining us with the wonderful baked goods.

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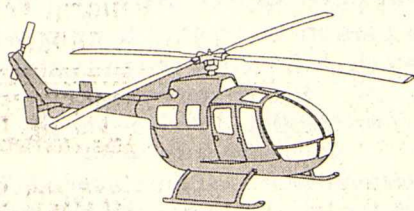
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## Up on Eaton Hill

### Captivated by Eagles

by Delyse Jaeger

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Hmmm. Whoever coined that phrase could not have anticipated the hoop-lah occurring along Hwy 29, just west of Llano. Ask the folks around there and they'll tell you "a bird in the hand" is worth NOTHING compared to two bald eagles in a tree. Add two young eaglets and another adult male and you've got the formula for a phenomenal public response. That is exactly what has happened.

If you build it...they will come. It all started in late October 2003, when a pair of bald eagles began building their six-foot diameter nest in a tree approximately 130 yards from the road. Eagles are known to nest in the area but never in such a highly visible location. It is unusual for bald eagles to tolerate people in close proximity to their nest. Another unusual aspect is the presence of a third adult male. According to Dale Schmidt, biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife department, this behavior is rare and has never before been documented in Texas. The bird is believed to be an offspring of the pair and has been observed helping with the young. He has not been seen in a couple of weeks and has probably relocated to his own nesting site. The eggs are believed to have been laid around Christmas and to have hatched sometime in late January or early February. As word spread, people began to show up. From passersby to bird enthusiasts to scientists to families, people began lining the highway, thrilling to the experience of witnessing these majestic birds in their natural habitat. Numbers have grown to the tune of an estimated 700 people per day - every day, with an increase on the weekends of up to 1,000 plus with folks arriving from all over the country. Some come every other day and stay from sunup to sundown while others are on site each morning. Many friendly onlookers are eager to share their viewing scopes or binoculars so that ill-equipped newcomers can appreciate the remarkable opportunity. The audience has witnessed feedings - primarily fish and turtles, and the progression of behaviors that will ultimately produce independent young American bald eagles. Tripods, spotting scopes and telephoto lenses line the highway. The Texas Department of Transportation installed parking signs and the DPS, Sheriff's Dept. and Game Warden all contribute to directing traffic and maintaining order and safety. Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Dale Schmidt has been inundated



A Bald Eagle tries his wings. Photos courtesy of TPWD, 2004 Earl Nott

with phone calls and interviews. Numerous television crews, newspapers and radio shows have covered the story, including a front-page feature in the Austin American Statesman.

Currently, the parents are away from the nest for several hours at a time, returning to feed and perform high-speed flybys, perhaps designed to encourage the youngsters to spread their wings and soar. Bald eagles commonly return to the same nest (which can weigh up to 200 lbs.) and plans are being discussed for how to best handle the eagle fans in 2005 should this pair honor us with another chance to witness their nesting season.

I imagine the dedicated observers have bonded with each other like a pack of proud aunts and uncles as together they have watched the eaglets develop from fuzzy hatchlings to awkward young birds, learning to fly. Just yesterday morning, the wind carried one of the young eaglets beyond its comfort zone. Imagine the crowd's collective sigh of relief as it returned safely to the nest and hunkered deep within. Some folks have begun referring to the birds as "Freedom" and "Liberty". Anticipation is building as the time nears when the fledglings take their first flight from the nest. I am cer-

tain the crowd will erupt in delight-filled applause when the moment arrives. It is an eagle extravaganza like never before, but just as interesting is the human response.

This is nature tourism at its best. People are engaged with the natural world in a meaningful and tangible way, igniting wonder, educating young and old, creating lasting memories along with a sense of community and connection to the awesome world around us, creating a common appreciation through a unique and shared experience. Who do you think has the most interesting view - the people or the eagles?

We don't have any bald eagles nesting on Eaton Hill but I'll bet you could see a great horned owl from the fence line at the flagpole. Last year, an owl was nesting across the highway in the road cut, and I was told one has been spotted recently in the same area. The best time is early morning or at dusk. The wildflowers have never been more beautiful, and rains have washed everything clean, creating an incredible display of color, shape and texture. Hit the trails!

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Bald Eagle watchers near Llano. Photos courtesy of TPWD, 2004 Earl Nott

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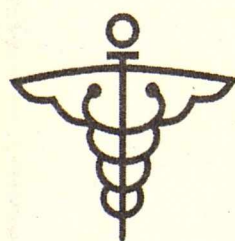
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### A taxing time of year

By Congressman Henry Bonilla

The week is finally upon us. By the time you read this column, you will have finished filing your taxes or filing for an extension. As we dove into the pamphlets, filled out the forms and contacted our accountants, many of us were wondering, "how much worse can it get?" The answer: much, much worse.

Would you believe that some members of Congress would like to do away with the tax relief that is putting money back in the hands of the American people and growing the economy. It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Under the previous administration, taxes reached an unprecedented high. The average family in America paid more in taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined. But the tide has turned under President Bush. Last year, conservative members of Congress enacted the largest tax relief package in twenty years.

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, Spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15th deadline. Instead of spending time with our families, we are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code.

Here are some facts to help

put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes.

\* Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.

\* The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.

\* Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.

\* The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes. That's the first 128 days of your year.

\* This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.

\* Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.

\* Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

These are just a few reasons why this Congress is working hard to reduce your tax burden. We made great strides last year, but we still have a long way to go.

Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities. After all, it is your money.

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### Governor's school plan cuts property taxes 17%

By Mike Cox  
AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry's school finance plan hit the fan late last week.

It sounded good to some as it was announced, but as the week progressed and into the weekend, Texas taxpayers, school officials and lawmakers had mixed reactions to the proposal.

Essentially, this is the plan, formally labeled the Educational Excellence and Equity Plan: (If you smoke, you might want to light up and take a deep drag before reading on.)

An additional \$1-a-pack tax would be imposed on cigarettes, as well as fees on what were politely referred to as adult entertainment establishments.

Subject to voters approving a constitutional amendment, in a semi-sin tax (if you are opposed to gambling), video lottery terminals - the nice term for what are better known as slot machines - would be permitted.

In addition, various loopholes in state franchise and See *Capital Highlights* page 8

## Oil & Agribusiness

### Sutton County 4-H Forecast

by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent - Ag Wildlife Project Meeting

The project group will meet on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Langford Barn. Will Allison will present the program.

#### Lamb Camp/Goat Camp

This year's lamb and goat camp will be held in June at Howard College in Big Spring. The dates for these camps are Goat Camp - June 20-22; Lamb Camp - June 13-15. First 200 entries accepted. Go by the Extension office to fill out an application. These camps will develop your skills and help make you and your project more competitive. They fill up really fast so go by ASAP.

#### Kerrville Goat Gathering Youth Camp

The first 200 paid entries

will be accepted. The cost is \$125 per person for lodging, meals, and awards. Participants must be 8 years old and entering the third grade. The dates are July 18 - 20, 2004. Call the Extension Office for more information.

#### Spectra & Prime Time 2004

These are three opportunities to help 4-Hers improve leadership skills, enhance 4-H project work, build self-esteem, improve self-image and develop life skills.

Prime Time 1 - July 18-21 is for ages 12 and 13. Prime Time 2 - July 21-24 is for ages 9 (having completed 3rd grade) to 11. Spectra - July 26-31 is for ages 14-18.

### Horticulture tips for April



#### PLANT:

Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, marigold, portulaca, zinnia, and other warm season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded area moist until seeds germinate. Mulching will help retain the moisture in the soil longer and will also discourage weed growth. Thin out the seedlings as soon as they have 3 to 5 sets of leaves. Surplus plants can cause too much shading and weakens plants.

Transplants of warm season vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers can be set out now. Any transplant must be acclimated before being planted into the garden. The way to acclimate your transplants is by moving the plants outdoors, out of the direct sun and wind for a few days. Next, move them in partial shade. Complete these steps gradually over the course of a week, then move them into full sun.

For instant color, purchase annual and perennial plants. Select short, compact plants.

#### PRUNE:

Pruning of spring flowering shrubs should be done soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune and avoid excessive cutting except where it's necessary to control size.

Prune back hybrid tea roses as soon as they complete flowering.

In your annual flower beds, remove spent flowers and trim back excessive growth.

#### FERTILIZE:

Roses have high fertilizer requirements. Use a complete fertilizer for the first application

just as new growth starts, then use ammonium sulfate every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the next growth cycle starts following a flowering period.

Applying fertilizer does wonders for rejuvenating annual beds.

Apply a 2-1-1 or 3-1-2 analysis fertilizer to your warm season grasses. Use the same high nitrogen fertilizer for shade trees, evergreens and ground covers. Add iron later this month for plants that show chlorosis (yellowing leaves with dark green veins). Sweep iron products off any surface that could be stained.

#### BE ON THE LOOKOUT:

Continue to spray rose varieties susceptible to black spot using a spray containing a general fungicide. Use as directed on the label.

Check new tender growth for aphids on annuals and perennials.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CHORES:

Flower and vegetable seed left over after planting the garden can be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips and stored in a sealed glass jar in the refrigerator until needed.

Check garden hoses and replace them if they're leaking. Sharpen garden tools, oil pruners and loppers. Scrub the birdbaths that may have been sitting all winter. Scrub pots that you are planning on reusing this year with 1 part chlorine bleach to 9 parts water solution.

Continue regular spray programs for fruit and pecan crops. Contact your County Extension Office for a copy of the "Homeowner's Fruit and Pecan Spray Schedule."

Pascual Hernandez  
County Extension Agent - Ag  
Sutton County

### Sonora Experiment Station sets "Juniper, Water and You" Field Day

by Steve Byrns,

SONORA -- Ever wonder how much rainfall a juniper or "cedar" tree uses? Or how much water brush control on the Edwards Plateau can potentially save?

The answers to water and brush-related questions will be addressed during "Juniper, Water and You," a field day conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 at the Sonora Research Station.

The station is located about midway between Rocksprings and Sonora on U.S. Hwy 55.

Dr. Brad Wilcox, associate professor in Texas A&M University's rangeland ecology and management department at College Station and a field day coordinator, said the program will demonstrate some of the latest research on how juniper affects the water supply on the Edwards Plateau.

"The morning program will be devoted to three overview presentations on the linkages between juniper and water," said Wilcox. "In the afternoon, we will be conducting a large-scale rainfall simulation on

juniper and grass-covered plots to show what happens to rainfall on cedar trees. To do this we actually set up equipment that 'rains' on individual trees.

"Trenches have been dug so subsurface flow can be monitored and observed to determine just what is going on."

After Wilcox's talk on "Brush Control and Water - Is There a Linkage?," Dr. Keith Owens, Texas A&M rangeland ecology professor at Uvalde, will speak on "Interactions of Juniper and Water." The third speaker, Josh Sorenson, graduate student at Texas A&M in College Station, will discuss "Large Plot Rainfall Simulation Studies at the Sonora Research Station."

An on-site "Dutch-Treat" meal will be served at noon.

For more information contact Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, the superintendent of the Sonora Research Station, at (325) 387-3168. For those who cannot attend this field day, the demonstration of the rainfall simulation will be available live through streaming video at <http://ttvn.tamu.edu/StreamingMedia/default.htm>.

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This year the Local Workgroup Committee (LWG), in conjunction with the Program Development Group, has established the control of invasive brush species as the primary resource concern for Sutton County. Each year the LWG consults with various producers, organizations, agencies to determine the best way to distribute local conservation funds through the EQIP program. Last year Sutton County received a county allocation of \$72,000.00 This year the allocation is expected to be higher.

Applications applying conservation practices to address the control of mesquite, cedar, and prickly pear will receive high priority ranking. Applications for water development and fencing will be taken, but will only be ranked after all high priority applications have been ranked and funded.

The cost share rate has been established at 50% for all but limited resource producers. The cost share rate for these individuals has been set at 55%.

Producers should try to call ahead to make an appointment. They will also need to make sure that all their records are up to date with the Farm Service Agency (FSA). All producers who are interested in signing up should contact Tom Payton at the USDA Service Center at 301 Crockett or 325/387-2730 ext 3.

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automobile sales tax laws would be boarded up to raise revenue.

Beyond these measures that would generate new revenue, Texans would see an average 17 percent drop in their residential tax bill. The Perry Plan would set a ceiling of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation on residential property, and \$1.40 for business property.

School districts will be allowed to seek voter approval for local enrichment, but that enrichment cannot exceed 5 cents per two-year budget cycle beginning in 2007 for a maximum of 15 cents.

All this, the governor said, would infuse Texas' public schools with \$2.5 billion in new revenue while saving property owners \$6 billion in taxes. Of the estimated additional money for schools, \$1 billion of that would come from the achievement incentive plan Perry had announced earlier.

Reaction to the plan ranges from general approval to concerns that it still does not provide a permanent solution to school finance, that it still doesn't balance the public cash flow to rich and poor school districts, that it isn't a big enough tax cut and that it might not live up to the equity requirements set by the Texas Supreme Court in 1989.

Though Perry has now laid out a plan, it still takes legislative approval. As of Monday, the

governor still has not set a date for a special session, though that still is expected soon.

His office said he would be traveling the state this week explaining his plan to the people in various public appearances.

**A lesser-known deadline...**

Just about anyone older than 18 knows the annual significance of April 15, the deadline for filing income tax returns or an extension.

But that also is the deadline for filing business property tax renditions in Texas. Huh?

In the past, small Texas businesses may not have rushed to file their renditions, but the last legislative session passed a measure (SB 340) setting monetary penalties for late-filers, those who don't file at all or those who turn in an incomplete or false rendition.

For more information on this, check with your county's appraisal district or the state comptroller's office at [www.cpa.state.tx.us](http://www.cpa.state.tx.us).

**Good news on sales taxes...**

State sales tax revenue was up again in March. Some \$1.18 billion in revenue came in during the month, an increase of 17.2 percent from March 2003 income.



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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

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: 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.

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.

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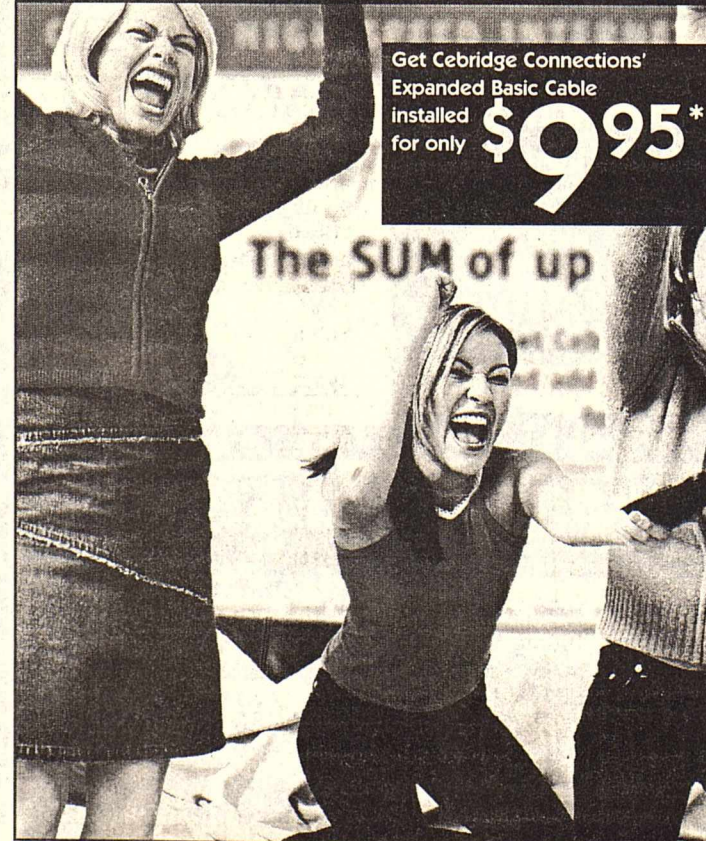
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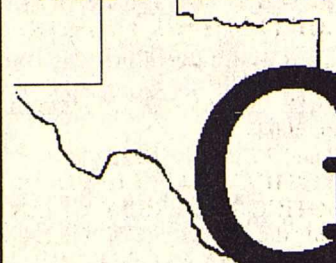
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**Three Family Carport Sale:** Saturday, April 17th. 8:00 a.m. till ? Behind Dairy Queen. Furniture, clothes and misc.

**Garage Sale:** Saturday, April 17th, 7:30 to 1:00 P.M. Filing cabinets, personal copier, typewriters, furniture, clothing and misc. Cahill Addition. Highway 277 North 6 miles. Turn right through cattle guard with rock wall. First house on the right.

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### Public Notices

**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.
2. By state law, all septic systems must be installed by a licensed Installer/Site Evaluator.
3. Applications for septic systems may be picked up at the County Judge's office.

### EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for Lifeguards for the summer season. Contingent on employment, Life Guard Training, First Aid Certification, and C.P.R. Certification is required. Interested applicants who would like to obtain those certifications should contact Melissa Teaff at (325) 387-2773 to enroll in classes. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas, and should be returned to the City Secretary's office. Applications will be received until the positions are filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing on Unsafe Building Code violations:  
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons, that the City of Sonora will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall to discuss the violations of the Unsafe Building Code on the following property:  
710 St. Ann's Street Block C West Mexico Addition

### NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CITY OF SONORA

The City of Sonora is holding property (refunds from utility deposits or overpayment of account) that is considered abandoned or unclaimed. The following is a list of owners: Richard Bernal, Jason Martin, Johnny Mendez, Bill Fish, Lee Watson, Carol Covey, George Bristow, Anthony Cucci, Joey Creek, Lily Sanchez, Quirina Perez, Amy Barker, Maurice Vickers, Michael B. Solis, Jessica Oviedo, Dandra Molina, Ramon Longoria, Dale Richardson, Jacinto Garza, Sr., Nelda Covarrubiaz, Joe Cates, Chautill Parker, Lorena Ramos, Eddie Castro, and Augustina Solis. The City of Sonora will respond to the claim of property by written request. The claimants request should include: Name, Current Address, Telephone Number and Social Security or Driver's License Number, and mailed to The City Secretary, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Once we receive your request for the claim and ownership is proved, payment will be made within 30 days.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutton County is seeking proposals for the concrete foundation work for grandstands at the County Park. Proposals are to be for design and build, and design plans must include an engineering seal. Further information and basic requirements may be obtained at the Sutton County Judge's Office in the Sutton County Annex. Proposals should be delivered to the Sutton County Judge's Office no later than 9:00 A.M. on May 3rd, 2004, at which time proposals will be opened and accepted or rejected at a special meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners Court.

### Pet Care

#### Pet Care Service

Shaylynn Kresta, age 14 would like to take care of your pets. Call 325-387-5649 for more information. References provided.

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR GAS RATE INCREASE

West Texas Gas, Inc. ("WTG" or "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated City of Sonora, Texas and unincorporated Environs. The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by WTG on the Sonora distribution system. As of the filing date of WTG's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$192,567.04 or a 37.90 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers on the system. The proposed change will affect approximately 826 residential, 141 commercial, and 21 public authority customers. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated City of Sonora. A domestic customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$68.15, which would constitute an increase of approximately \$20.47 per month. A non-domestic customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$256.26, which would constitute an increase of approximately \$51.56 per month. These monthly bills are based on a gas cost of \$5.50 per Mcf. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, with supporting documents, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and the City of Sonora on March 29, 2004, is available for inspection in the WTG district office located at 519 College, Sonora, Texas 76950. Persons with specific questions or who want information about this filing may contact WTG at (432) 682-4349. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by WTG may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the City of Sonora. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to make new rates effective on May 6, 2004.

### Automobile

**For Sale:** 1994 Chevrolet Suburban, 113,000 miles, auto locks/windows. \$6,000.00 Call 387-2507 or 387-3925 after 5:00 p.m.

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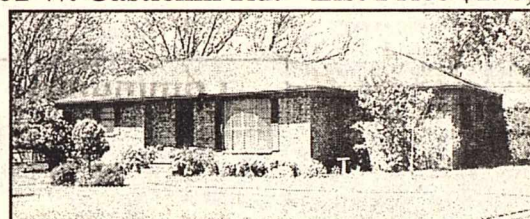
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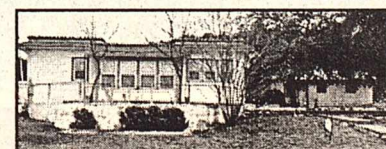


This spacious 3200+ sq. ft., brick home is situated on a large, private lot in a quiet neighborhood. The home features 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a game room, 4th bedroom and a 700+ sq. ft. Great room with wood beams and a huge fireplace. Other interior amenities include new carpet, cedar-lined closets, JennAire Range and abundant storage. A wood, privacy fence, covered patio, 12 mature pecan trees and a 2-car carport, all add to the exterior surroundings.



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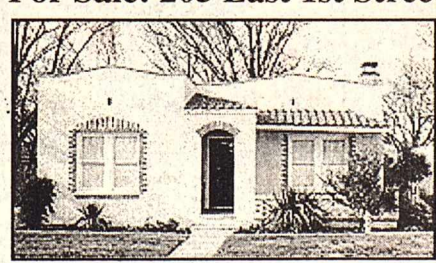
## Bobbie A. Smith Real Estate



612 N. Water

2 bedroom, 2 bath stucco home on 1.208 acres, with adjoining 1 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchenette apt. Property has FP, ceiling fans, large trees, patio & swimming pool, work shop, located on hillside adjoining Wildlife Sanctuary, facing Hwy. 277 near IH-10. Offers commercial opportunities.

### For Sale: 205 East 1st Street



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### Pizza Wagon

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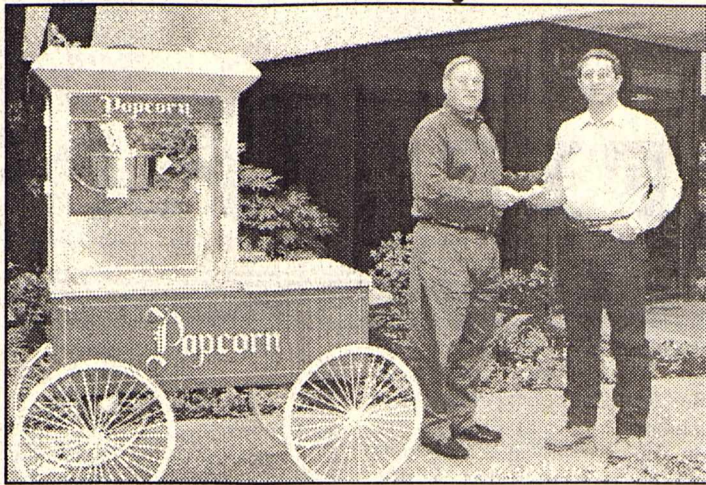
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First National Bank President, Mike Hale, presented Rev. Lewis Allen a check collected from the popcorn cart fund, to be used on the preservation and upkeep of Old Glory on Eaton Hill. Donations at the popcorn cart are now being collected for the Sonora Woman's Club - stop by and get a snack today.

**Goat Show from page 1**

does, to then be followed by the Fullblood Doe and Buck classes. Saturday evening a great meal of goat and chicken will be prepared by Daryle Coates of Big Spring. The meal will start at 6:00 p.m. and meal tickets will be available at the door. The Lukas Burger Clinic will

follow this at 7:00 p.m. (no charge for the clinic). Sunday morning's show starts again at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Burger and Claire Powell of Eldorado welcoming the goats into the ring. Sunday's class order will be the same as Saturday's with percentage does followed by the Fullblood does and the buck classes closing the show. Mr. Burger will be available to answer exhibitor questions following the show.

A full concession stand will be available Friday evening through Sunday lunch with a variety of tasty meals prepared by Mr. Coates and his crew. The Sonora Classic Goat Shows are being proudly sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.sonoratx-chamber.com>). For more information on the show please contact Beverly Hadley, 830-988-2113, or [bbhadley@starband.net](mailto:bbhadley@starband.net) or visit the show web site at: [www.sonoraclassicgoatshow.com](http://www.sonoraclassicgoatshow.com). The show is being organized by Boer goat breeders: Powell-Holman (Sonora & Eldorado) and the Coates and Hadley Partnership (Big Spring & Sabin). The show is sanctioned by the American Boer Goat Association, San Angelo, TX.

**F.Y.I.**

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at 103 Chestnut. FMI call 387-5656.

Hog Dogs and Drinks! Curb service in the Drive-in - The Bank & Trust Fund Raiser, All donations to benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life - Every Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. April 23, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 2004.

T&C Village Market Relay for Life team will be selling cases of (twenty-four, 20 oz. bottle) cokes for \$15. For more information contact Lisa Galindo at 387-5616.

Samaniego Relay for Life Team will have a garage sale and bake sale on Saturday, April 17, at 523 E. 2nd Street, from 8:00 a.m. - ? The team will sell Menudo on Sunday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

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).

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

Lighthouse Community Church Relay for Life Matinee Movie Fundraiser - "Brother Bear" - Sunday - April 18, 2004, 2:30 p.m. - \$2 suggested donation for viewing, popcorn, candy and lemonade for sale during show, hot dogs to go after movie.

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

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a Free seminar entitled The Basics of Bookkeeping. This seminar will be a review of basic bookkeeping practices applicable to any small business. The seminar will be held on Thursday, April 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the CVCED Conference Room located at 1702 W Avenue N. Call the SBDC at 325-942-2098 to register.

"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.

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.

The 2004 Sutton County Library Association is having a drawing, 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 Sonora, and 5th prize is a \$75 "Snow Village" Christmas miniature. Tickets are available from any Sonora Woman's Club member.

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