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Lady Bronco Softball gears up for play-offs

After last week's history making district championship, the Lady Broncos hit a foul last week, but keep on swinging for that play-off championship. The Lady Broncos will have a practice game against Albany, at Lakeview Stadium in San Angelo on Thursday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m. For more on the Lady Bronco game against Grape Creek, see page 5.

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees hire new high school principal

by Storie Sharp

Volleyball started the meeting of the Sonora Board of Trustees on Monday, April 19, 2004. Mr. Chap Traylor approached the board with a letter he had prepared regarding last month's discussion of the possibility of adding volleyball to the athletic program. Traylor addressed comments made by Superintendent Myers and Athletic Director Jason Herring. (See the entire letter, page 3). In other matters, visitor Betty Stephen asked the board to consider raising wages for substitute teachers. She explained that the wages for degreed teachers were barely minimum wage, and this should be raised. She also asked that they look at the policy of waiting ten days before increasing the wages, and instead starting them off at the increased wage.

Mrs. Belinda Barron stated her fifth grade son had recently been suspended from Sonora Middle School because of his haircut and that she now had to take him to Eldorado to attend school. She commented that her son had been wearing his hair the same way since the beginning of the school year and questioned why she had just recently been informed that his hair did not meet the dress code. Mrs. Barron also stated that she had requested a list of the parents on the Campus Committee so that she could speak with them and that no one had supplied her with the information.

The Board of Trustees are not allowed to comment on subjects during the visitors comments, so they were not able to assist the parent at that time. Superintendent Myers asked the Middle School Principal, Mr. John Berry, provide the name of the people on the site base committee so that the parent can obtain the requested information regarding the handbook regulations and why the student was considered disruptive.

In regular business, Superintendent Myers gave the tax assessor/collector report, stating that collections were \$8,855,665 to date, a rate of 97.2%. He also reviewed current bills in the amount of \$573,444.85, along with revenues and expenditures. Board members present for the meeting included Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Tom Payton, Scott Jacoby (president), Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton.

Superintendent Myers reported that enrollment has been steady at 950 for several weeks and attendance was up a bit from last month. In March maintenance, the foundation has been completed at the Mesquite St. apartments, but some cosmetic work would still have to be completed. On campus buildings, a boiler inspection

had been completed. Myers told the board that they needed to prioritize some of the major projects that need to be completed around the campuses and he would work on that for the next meeting.

The roof on the restrooms, at the football field, that was damaged in a recent wind storm, has been repaired. A wall at the high school that was damaged during that same wind storm has caused some ceiling tiles to be damaged. The repair of this work will have to be addressed by the insurance company. The drapes in auditorium are in very bad shape and need to be replaced, and the long jump pit at the track is also in need of repair. These are some of the projects that will need to be prioritized.

Superintendent Myers thanked all the students that have recently participated in U.I.L. competition. Everyone has done an exceptional job at representing Sonora I.S.D. All U.I.L. teams, or a member of the team has progressed to a play-off level of competition.

In an update on the cafeteria, Superintendent Myers said that they were going to be looking at some expenses soon, since legislature has passed new regulations regarding the types of food that will have to be served. Basically, the fryers are out and more baking utensils will have to be added.

In a review of the salary schedules, Superintendent Myers provided a chart for the board to review before budget talks and suggested that they look at the substitute pay scale that has not been increased since 2001.

In a review of projected revenue estimates, Superintendent Myers stressed that everyone spread the word to vote "YES" on option 4 in the election in May. It is important that voters understand that by passing option 4, the school could save approximately \$92,153 of the Chapter 41 money. Sonora still has to give the money to another school, but option 4 allows the district to make a choice in how the money is allotted, saving money for our district.

In a construction report, Superintendent Myers passed out a blue print of the proposed balcony for the Rock Building and asked that everyone approve it. The proposed design is the simplest and most cost effective and is being sent to the Historical Society for approval.

The two new sections are going up quickly because there is no destruction involved in this portion of the project. The little gym is now textured and painted and the class rooms have been taped off and are ready to paint. The stairwell at

See School Board page 8

Sonia Gamez joins the race for Sonora I.S.D. board position



Sonia Gamez

"My name is Sonia Castaneda Gamez and I am a candidate for Precinct 4 on the Sonora Independent School District School Board of Trustees. I am a native Sonoran, a Sonora High School graduate, and I am employed at Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. I am an active member of the community and of St. Ann's Catholic Church. I currently have four children in the Sonora Independent School District."

"The academic progress of our children is a major priority. If elected I will continue to assure that their education comes first."

"I need your vote to assure that you and your children have a voice in the Sonora Independent School District."

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

"Thank you for your vote and support."

"Mi nombre es Sonia Castaneda Gamez y soy candidata para el Precinto 4 en el bordo de Sonora Independent School District. Soy nativa de Sonora, graduante de Sonora High School, y estoy empleada con Dominion Exploration & Production. Soy miembro activa de la iglesia católica, St. Ann's y de la comunidad. Yo tengo cuatro niños que asisten a las escuelas públicas de Sonora."

"Como padres, el progreso academico de nuestros hijos es de mayor prioridad. Si soy elegida, yo aseguro estar al pendiente de que su educación sea de la mejor disponible para ellos. Necesito su voto para asegurar que usted y sus niños tengan una voz en el distrito escolar de Sonora."

"Por favor vote por Sonia Gamez - Precinto 4 el día 15 de mayo, 2004. Gracias."

Lady Broncos win District 2-AA Golf Title

by Coach Drew Cox

The Girls golf team matched the boys by running away with the District 2-AA Golf Title. Ozona finished second followed by Wall and then Reagan County. Team totals and individual round totals were not available but individually Kyla Whitley of Wall was medalist with a 244 followed by Whitney King of Ozona with a 271. Tamika Marshall led Sonora and was third medalist with a 275. Candice Martin ended up fifth medalist with a 281 and Kayla McBride was seventh medalist as she shot a 283. Sarah Gutierrez tied for eighth medalist with a 303 and was closely followed by Missy Longoria with a 306. Sara Baggett shot a 313 and ended up in 13th place. Noemi Fay and Morgan Coffman as medalist tied for 22nd with 348s. The girls team will also compete in the Regional Golf Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday in Baird. For Regional golf results, see page 5!



Lady Bronco golfers: Candice Martin, Sara Baggett, Tamika Marshall, Kayla McBride and Missy Longoria - not pictured: Sara Gutierrez and Noemi Fay. Photo by Juanita McBride

Notice to voters

Due to new legislation which did away with the election worker affidavit, prospective voters must now present either their voter registration certificate or an alternate form of ID in order to vote a regular ballot. Alternate forms of identification include driver's license, employee ID card with photo, birth certificate, US passport, or current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check which shows the name and address of voter.

Early voting for the Sonora ISD election will be held weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 28, and concluding on Tuesday, May 11. The election is scheduled for all precincts on Saturday, May 15.

Commissioners still discussing Civic Center cleaning rules

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners were once again making decisions about the Civic Center at the April 26 meeting of Commissioner's Carla Sutton County Judge Carla Garner had obtained prices from two of the three approved cleaning crews and presented them to review. She advised that she had not received a quote from the third crew, but was still waiting. The commissioners discussed the average rate and agreed that the cleaning deposit is not adequate to handle any jobs not done properly. It was suggested that the commissioners meet with the three crews that have been approved to clean the Center and come up with a rate that is reasonable for the job. The

See Commissioners page 14

Bronco Baseball headed for play-offs

by Maray Cearley

Last week the Sonora Broncos were back on their winning track with victories over the winless Ozona Lions and the undefeated Grape Creek Eagles.

On Tuesday, April 20, 2004, the Red traveled to Ozona. The Lions hadn't won a district game, but you couldn't tell by the way they played. The Broncos trailed for five innings before tying it in the 6th. Neither team was able to score in the 7th, which forced the game into extra innings.

In the 8th, the Broncos crossed the plate twice, holding the Lions and leaving the score Sonora 8, Ozona 6.

The Broncos only had three hits, but had eight reach base on walks and four hit by pitches.

Dustin Creek, Clint Cearley and Scottie Moore all had singles.

Creek was on the mound for four innings. He had six strikeouts, six hits and hit one batter.

Cearley got the win, facing 16 batters in four innings. He finished with five strikeouts and three hits.

Defensively, the Broncos picked one off stealing second base. Creek threw to first and Cearley then threw to Anthony Longoria who was covering second.

On Friday, April 23, in front of a huge home crowd, the Broncos hosted the Grape Creek Eagles. Since the basketball kids have joined the team, the Broncos are undefeated at home. That streak stayed intact with a win of 4 to 3. This win leaves the Broncos with a record of 7-3, which ties Eldorado for second place.

Getting the win was Moore, going the distance with eight strikeouts, five walks and five hits. Neither team scored in

the first inning. Moore did hit a double, but was left stranded.

In the second, Grape Creek scored one, but Sonora responded with one.

Embre Smith reached base on a single and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Chris Martin walked, but was left stranded.

In the third, Grape Creek increased their lead by three. Sonora's Chris Perez and Cearley each reached base on walks, but the side was retired before either scored.

After holding the Eagles, the Broncos scored three in the 4th. Smith and Peter Duran reached base on walks. Martin then hit one to right center field, allowing him to reach 3rd and getting two RBI's. Martin then scored on another wild pitch. Moore got his second hit of the night with a single.

Neither team scored in the 5th. In the 6th, Grape Creek had a chance to tie the game, but Sonora executed perfect teamwork. An Eagle tried to score from first on a single to center field. Martin threw to his cutoff man, Longoria, who threw to the 3rd baseman, Duran. Duran threw to Cearley at home for the tag and the third out.

In the final inning, Grape Creek had the tying run on first. With a good lead off the base, Cearley threw a bullet to Smith for the tag and the second out. The final out came when Longoria caught a pop-up over second base.

This win gave the Eagles their first district loss and secured a playoff spot for the Broncos.

The Broncos will play Marfa at Christenson Field in Midland on May 7, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. The second game will begin 30 minutes after the end of the first.

Chamber Banquet "Casino Night" hits the jackpot



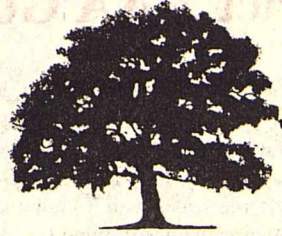
The stakes were high, but everyone was a winner at the 2004 Sonora Chamber of Commerce "Casino Night" Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 22. Elvis was in the house

to hand out some special awards and the cards fell good for Mickey Phillips who raked it in on the blackjack table, winning him a dinner for two at the Sutton County Steakhouse. The

slots were good for Mr. Chance Campbell, who had the most tickets, winning him dinner for two at La Mexicana. The rest of the winners can be seen in a special section from pages 9 - 12.

Obituaries

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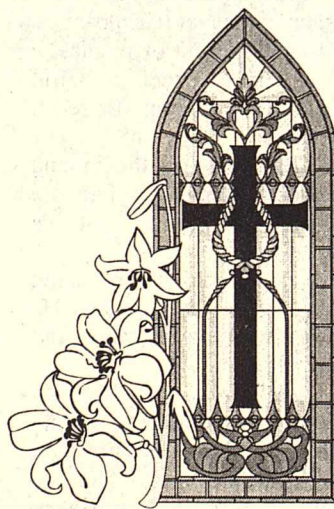
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John Fredrick "Judge" Nichols Jr.

John Fredrick "Judge" Nichols, Jr., 87, passed away at his home in Eden, Texas, on April 20, 2004. He was born May 2, 1916, to John Fredrick Nichols, Sr. and Jennie Ann Moore Nichols. He attended school at Harper, Texas, and Sonora. He served in President Roosevelt's "Tree Army" during the 1930's depression.



John entered the Marine Corps in April, 1941, and after completing basic training at Camp Pendleton, California, was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. John survived the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. As a member of the 2nd Marine Raiders, he participated in the invasion of Guadalcanal and other islands in the South Pacific. He received the Purple Heart for injuries received at the invasion of Saipan in 1943. These injuries ended his military career, but not his love of the Marine Corp. In the years that followed, he often met with other Pearl Harbor survivors, occasionally at the original sight of the bombing in Hawaii. He was a member of VFW.

John married Dorothy Mae Williams on May 30, 1943. After the war, John was in the trucking business in Sonora for a brief time after which he and Dorothy spent their lives ranching near Eden. They were members of the United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, a brother, Lawrence Nichols, and a sister, Alice Nichols Allison.

He is survived by a daughter, Sheila Minton Combs and husband, Harold, of Eden; a sister, Sydonia Wilson and husband, Ruggie, of Sonora; a brother, Frank Nichols and wife, Marjoria, of San Angelo; a granddaughter, Nicole Virden of San Angelo; and two great-granddaughters, Amy and Ashley Virden of San Angelo.

The funeral service was held at The First United Methodist Church of Eden with The Rev. Carolyn Reed presiding. A graveside service with full military honors followed in Live Oak Cemetery in Concho County. John was loved and respected by many people in West Texas.

Juan Pablo Romero

Juan Pablo Romero, 51, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in a Houston hospital. The Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2004, at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Services were at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 24, 2004, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Roy Romero of San Angelo and Juan Pablo, Jr. of Sonora; daughter Jennie Romero of San Angelo; father Nacho Romero of Sonora; mother Victoria Romero of Sonora; sister Lydia Romero of Houston; and brother Pedro Romero of Sonora.

Eduardo C. Artiaga

Eduardo C. Artiaga went to be with the Lord at 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

Funeral services were at 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

He was born October 13, 1927, in Sonora. He operated a dozer for over 50 years. He married Manuela Hinojosa on January 5, 1948.

He is survived by his wife of Sonora; one daughter, Mary Maskill and her husband Joe, of Sonora; three grandsons, Joe and Jerry Maskill, both of San Antonio, and Edward Maskill of Sonora; five great-grandchildren, Kaleb, Matthew, Jacob and Joshua Maskill, all of San Antonio, and Alexandra Maskill of Sonora; one brother, Augustine Artiaga of San Angelo; and one sister, Beatrice Artiaga of Sonora.

Ruby Kirby

Ruby Kirby, 68, of Baytown and formerly of Sonora passed away Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Houston. Graveside services were at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2004, in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband Dan Kirby of Baytown; sons Danny Kirby of Baytown, Ronnie Kirby of Nashville, Tennessee, Larry Kirby of Arp, Texas; daughters Brenda Rials of Woodville, and Sherry Tarvin of Huntsville.

Erma Lee Turner

Erma Lee Turner, 82, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, in New Mexico. Memorial services were at the First Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons, Ted Turner of Las Vegas and Tim Turner of Farmington, N.M.; and sister, Edith Lowe of San Angelo.

Sonora celebrates Charlotte Wilson's musical talent

The people of Sonora made Saturday, April 24, one of the greatest days of my life. The First United Methodist Church and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program honored me with an appreciation celebration that was tremendous.

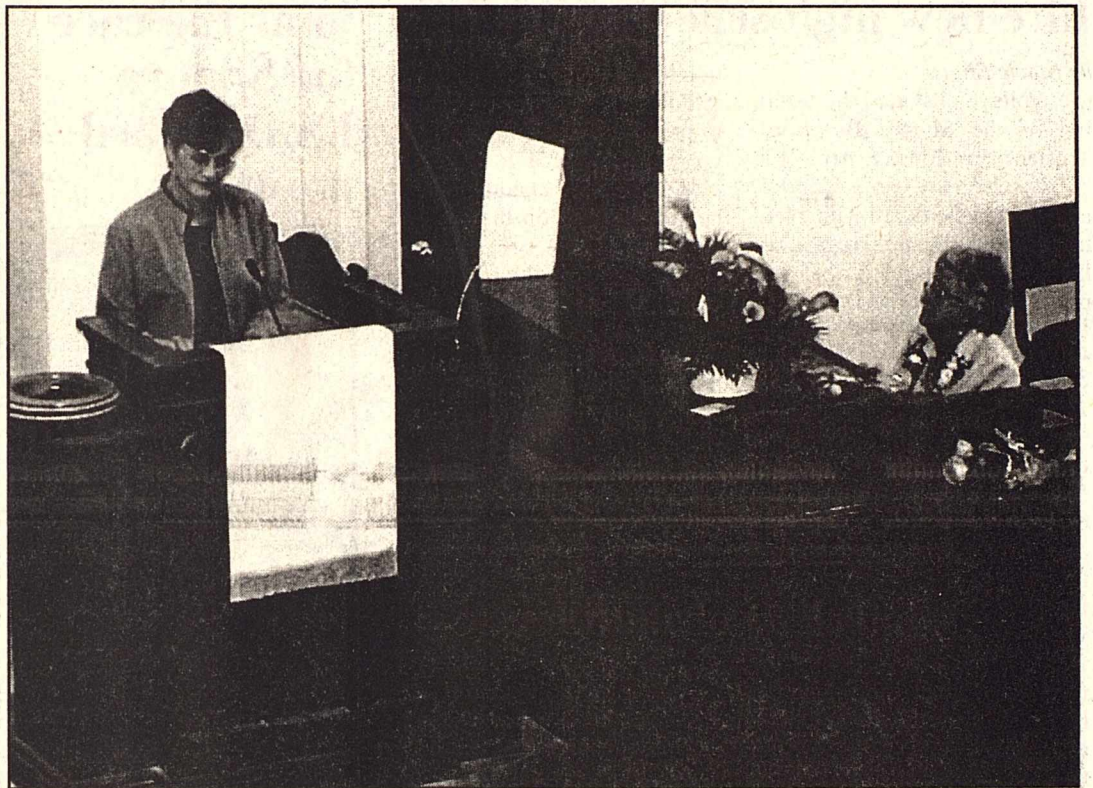
Sonora became my home town many years ago and Saturday proved that fast. The flowers, cards, calls, gifts and best wishes were overwhelming.

I want to thank all those who attended and all of those who participated in the program with their music and reminiscences. A special thanks to those who came from out of town to help celebrate.

I am very privileged to have had the opportunity to enjoy such love and appreciation.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Charlotte Wilson



Joy Galbreath sings to the magical tunes of Charlotte Wilson

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the First United Methodist Church of Sonora would like to thank everyone who attended the "Spotlight on Charlotte Wilson" afternoon of music, on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church.

There were over 100 in attendance and each and every person made this a wonderful occasion for Mrs. Wilson and friends.

A big thank-you to Conrad Archer who acted as Master of Ceremonies, the Mayor Protem, Gloria Lopez; Diana Condra, Bruce Kerbow, Jo Ann Hernandez, Juanita Mesa, Roberta James, Joy Galbreath, Warren Hemphill, Leona Bishop, Marilyn Challener, Gail Cade, Alice & Ronnie Cox,

Linda Hearn, Brenda Bryant, Jessie Kerbow, Erica Morris and Joana Wuest of Dairy Queen.

The biggest thanks goes to Charlotte's family: sons Jim Wilson and wife Cherrie, John K. Wilson and wife, Karen; nephew Rigsby Kavanaugh and wife, Lupe; grandsons Russell Wilson and wife, Shelagh (sons Devon and Conner), Scott Wilson and wife, Crista (daughter Rachel).

Without the family it wouldn't have been nearly as memorable for Miss Charlotte!

We would also like to thank the Devil's River News & KHOS Radio Station for helping us get the work out to the public.

Senior Center News

- May 3 - AAA Reports due. Bingo.
- May 4 - Exercise with video...need seniors to sign up!
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo. Let's play Loteria...after lunch!
- May 6 - Spring Fling in San Angelo Coliseum & Pavilion. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. Sign up now!
- May 7 - Honor our "Senior" Mothers! Come eat with us.

Senior Center Menu

- May 3 - BBQ on bun, baked beans, carrots, coleslaw, peaches, milk.
- May 4 - Oven baked pork chops with gravy, scalloped potatoes, beets, roll, strawberry/banana mix.
- May 5 - Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, corn, tomatoes and lettuce mix, cookie.
- May 6 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, banana pudding, milk.
- May 7 - Catfish, green beans, tator tots, bread, fruit, 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.*

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- May 1-2**
 Cinco De Mayo Celebration
 Sutton County Car Expo • Sutton County Park
- May 10**
 County Commissioners Meeting
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- Al-Anon Family Meetings**
 Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room
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The Community Calendar



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- May 18**
 City Council Meeting
 2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- May 21-22**
 A.C.S. Relay for Life
 Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m.
- May 24**
 County Commissioners Meeting
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Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance let their hearts dance at end-of-year performance



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance finished the year with a grand performance, where "Let Your Heart Dance" was the theme for the evening. The young ladies (and one special dancing partner) twirled and leapt across the stage, dancing to some of their favorite tunes.

Kayla Garcia, Steely Ingham, Kari Nicholas, Laura Martin, Emily and Meredith Earwood, Maraya Dunn, Alex Galindo, Rose Karnes, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Ashley Doran, Stella Ingham, Nicole Lipham, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Rachel Isenhour, Micaela Moore, Kali Mendez, Kamrie Martinez, Kandyse Rodriguez, Bianca Fay, Miranda Rodriguez, Elizabeth Bean, Samantha Castro, Katelyn Lipham, Dawsyn Sharp, Cathy Zook, Kristin Garret, Tonya Bounds, Savannah Castro, Trinity Zook, Kaytlan Noriego, Felicia Farley, Katherine Ann Bean, Keely Moore, Summer Hall, Jessica Paredes, Jocelyn Lopez, Stevie and Sterling Smith, Kelsey Watkins, Cassie Krieg and Bethany Berry were this year's ballerinas, with Aaron Gayton assisting Kayla Garcia in "La Bamba". The young ladies danced to the tunes of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", "Sweet

Caroline", "Jimmy Buffet Lullaby", "Walking on Sunshine", "Kokomo", "Ol' Hawaiian Way", "Follow the Leader", "Let's Get Together" and "I Have Been Blessed". Soloists this year were Ashely Doran to "I Cross My Heart", Laura Martin to "Brown Eyed Girl", Kari Nicholas to "I'm A Believer", Steely Ingham to "Sherry", Rose Karnes to "She's Not Just A Pretty Face", Alex Galindo to "26 cents", Chelsey Lou Campbell to "Here I Am", Maraya Dunn to "Trashing the Camp", Emily Earwood to "She's a Butterfly" and Meredith Earwood to "I Hope You Dance".

Many hours of practice and training were put into the performance and all the dancers, and Mrs. Earwood, are to be commended on a job well done. The group will end the year with an ice cream party this week, not only ending the season, but ending the long-time career of Carolyn Earwood. Carolyn has decided to focus her attention on the busy schedules of her girls, Emily and Meredith, as they enter high school. Best of luck to Carolyn. You will be greatly missed.

The Camp-Out

Last weekend I went with several other adult leaders on an overnight campout with the youth from our local church. It started that afternoon with setting up camp, followed by games and mountain climbing. Later on, we had hamburgers cooked over a wood fire. All of that was topped off with roasted marshmallows as we sat around the campfire. The young couple who works with the youth had prepared everything we needed for the outing. They even brought extra bedding for the ones who forgot their sleeping bags. That experience reminded me of how God can and will provide for us (Psalms 25:12,13 & Nehemiah 9:15). That night some of the boys didn't want to sleep in the tents, but during the night a storm came up and they were hurriedly gathering up their bedding and trying to get into the big tent. I realized that when we are close to God we are under His protection, but when we are outside in the world and on our own we don't have it (Psalms 41:2 & 61:4). Some of the youth chose not to go on the campout, and they missed out on a lot. We have the choice of being close to God or not.

Being a Christian can be as much fun as a campout. See you in church next Sunday.

Brother J

Happy Birthday

April 29

Angela Crittendon, Chang Hernandez, Eric Geske, Max Reyes, Abel McGee, Carla Harper, Jacob Narciso Lira, Candice Patlan

April 30

Bill Bonner, Timmy McDonald, Kasey Kearney, Kash McGee, Geneva McGee, Andy Galindo, Oscar Chavez, Jr.

May 1

Oda Mae Spring, Chris Martin, Andrew Buitron, Jaime Wardlaw, Greg Hill, Grace Ramsey, Libby Torres

May 2

Lisa Paredes, Andrew Buitron, Clayton Sahr, Leanna Cervantez, Phillip Stephens

May 3

Keeley Moore

May 4

Hillary Lawson, Luis Lira, Jalen Lopez, Michael Chavez, Yvonne Reyna, Herman Perez

May 5

Fernie Aguirre, Jessica Zaragoza, Peter Duran, William Renfro, Darby Ramsdell

Engagement Announcement

Ashcraft and Richter announce June wedding plans



Adam Kristopher Richter and Kari Anne Ashcraft

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashcraft, of Corsicana, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kari Anne, to Adam Kristopher Richter of Bronte, Texas. Adam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richter of Sonora, Texas.

Kari is a graduate of Corsicana High School and Angelo State University. She is employed by the Bronte Independent School District and currently teaches at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center. Adam is a graduate of Sonora High School and Howard College. He is a certified peace officer, and is currently employed by the Coke County Sheriff's office.

The wedding will take place on the afternoon of June 19 at the First Baptist Church in Corsicana.

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Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

There was no doubt about what I wanted to say in my column this week. First of all, for any of you who did not attend the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet "Casino Night," you missed a great evening of fun. I want to let you all know who the members of your Board of Directors for Sonora Chamber of Commerce are: Storie Sharp, editor of The Devil's River News; Juanita Estrada, The Bank & Trust; Marla Percifull, Team Graphics; Lisa Seaton, Lisa's Flowers & Gifts; Ben Solis, Sonora Independent School District; Mike Samuels, Alco; JoAnn Jones, First National Bank of Sonora; John Jones, T-Saucer Ranch Retreat; Becky Allison, Southwest Texas ACA; Jody Lutrell, Dominion; Susan Hall, Mary Kay Consultant; and Doug Huddleston, Consuelo Ranch. These twelve individuals serve this community selflessly. Under the guidance of the Banquet Chairperson, Storie Sharp, this board put together the most fabulous banquet. I'm not sure what they will do next year to try to top this one; it was great. Marla Percifull and Lisa Seaton were in charge of decorations, and all I can say about the decor is WOW!

Local businesses and individuals helped to make "Casino Night" a huge success. Ann-Marie's loaned us some electronic gaming machines. La Mexicana, Taco Grill, and the Sutton County Steakhouse all donated gift certificates for the winners of the table decorating contest and the big winners at the tables. The Sonora High School Cheerleaders served "mocktails" to guest as they arrived. Seven wonderful individuals volunteered their time to serve as dealers at the tables, they were: Virgil Burge, Jimmy Condra, Ben Pool, Fermin Galbaldon, John Jones, Cleve T. Jones, and Lewis Allen.

The most wonderful thing about the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is the opportunity to recognize some very deserving people. There are so many wonderful people in Sonora, it is impossible to recognize everyone. Award winners for the 2004 Annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet are as follows: Conservation Rancher of the Year - Bonnie Lou & Curry Campbell; Business Person of the Year - Mike Hobbs; Outstanding Chamber Member - Joana Wuest; Educator of the Year - Carol Love; Organization of the Year - Sonora Downtown Lions Club; Employee of the Year - Jennie Sue Trainer; and Citizen of the Year - Nell Wallace. The United States Post Office also made a presentation to Janie Dillard and Judy Phillips for 25 years of service. It was a wonderful time to celebrate Sonora and the wonderful people of our community.

Don't forget all the fun coming our way this weekend with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration!!!

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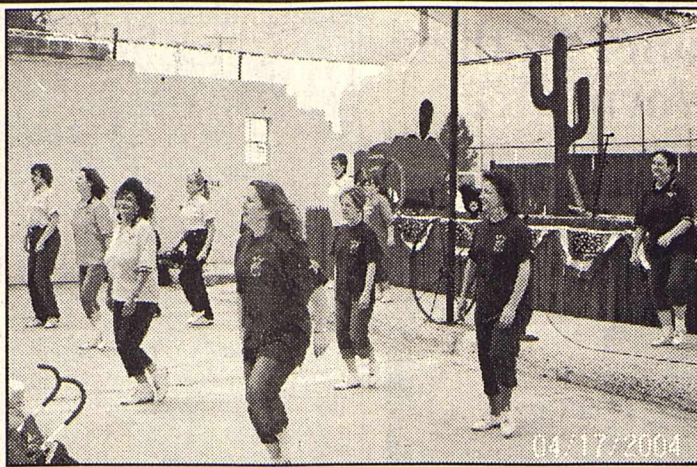
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West Texas Cloggers visit McCamey's Market Madness

On April 17, The West Texas Cloggers did not do the Texas two-step, but double toe stepped into McCamey's Market Madness festivities with some clog dancing for a wonderful, appreciative audience. The newly formed group of cloggers called The West Texas Cloggers is made up of the San Angelo Sunset Canyon Cloggers, the Eldorado Energizers, and the Sonora Devil's River Dancers. You will be able to see this group again at the Relay for Life in Sonora on May 21.

Sonora Woman's Club installs new officers, works to raise money for Sutton Co. Library

The Sonora Woman's Club met at the home of Ebbie Sutton on April 1, 2004, for their annual business meeting.

Officers elected for the year 2004/2005 are: president - Dawn Cahill, vice president - Brenda Valliant, recording secretary - Rosie Butler, corresponding secretary - Gail Cade, treasurer - Jen Jones, parliamentarian - Casey Henderson, auditor - Laurie Gibbens.

These officers will be installed at the May 6th meeting. The main goal and objective of the Woman's Club is to support the Sutton County Library. The Library reported the following activity for March:

352 adults visited the library, checking out 174 adult oriented books and 50 paperbacks. There were 205 children or youth that visited the library, and 173 children or youth books checked out. There were four books on tape checked out and 108 audios. Storytime was attended by 17 adults and 26 children. A total of 159 people logged 87 hours and 45 minutes

Letter to the Editor

At the March Sonora ISD Board meeting the expense and the affect volleyball has on other activities was discussed. Information which had been obtained from Brackettville, Grape Creek and other schools was presented. I have since had the opportunity to review this information and visit with districts in our area offering volleyball and have obtained information from supply companies.

There were several companies brought forth at the board meeting concerning the introduction of the sport and the financial burden that will be placed on the district.

Start-up expense was one of the major concerns. The budget Grape Creek presented, which was used as an example of what we could expect is difficult to understand. They overspend in some areas and underfund in others. Equipment manufacturers in Texas are able to supply a program with equipment for a 7th, 8th, JV and Varsity program for around \$5000. This equipment meets required standards and is quality enough to last. The district currently has some equipment but it is minimal and most equipment would need to be purchased. The district does have numerous gyms and the large gym at the elementary is set up for competition volleyball, not just practice.

Uniforms are the second major start-up expense. These could exceed a cost of \$5000 but this is not necessary. A complete uniform cost begins at about \$50. This can be reduced in several ways and not compromise the program or the pride for the girls or school. Both volleyball and basketball wear similar shorts. One method to reduce cost would be to buy only shirts and utilize the shorts from basketball for both sports. Another method would be to buy complete uniforms for high school and have the junior high girls wear complete basketball uniforms. It would be better to have all our athletes in proper uniforms for the sport. This can be done and expenses can be reduced if necessary.

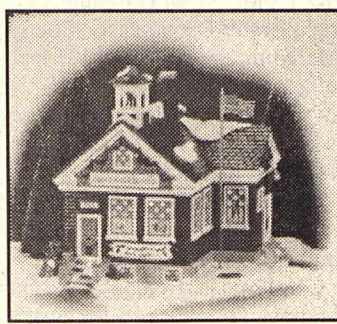
This places a start-up cost for the program at a range between \$7500 and \$10,000. A second concern that was addressed at the meeting was the hiring of coaches. Three or four coaches would be best for a full volleyball program. The district should not hire coaches above the number of teachers we currently employ. It is expected that there will be several teachers leave the district at the completion of this school year. These vacant positions can be filled with teachers who also are coaches. This would prevent additional teacher salary burdens and also add coaches to our female athletic program which has been placed in a deficit over the last several years. Another consideration which should be made is the feasibility of having teachers who have experience with volleyball taking over some coaching responsibilities.

A third concern which was expressed was the affect volleyball will have on our other sports. The wall at the field house states we won a State Football Championship in 1966 and 1968. Sonora also played volleyball during these years. Our male program does not practice a specific sport during the school athletic period. They practice and improve skills which help them in all activities. Four years ago we had another State Championship in football. Our female athletic program would be better served by implementing a sport like volleyball which will improve skills used in basketball and other sports. Their time can be more beneficially used as the male program does during the school day to improve all skills.

Scheduling volleyball games was another concern because of travel. The district we are in next year will have two schools playing volleyball, Junction and Grape Creek. They have had a volleyball district created for them which will add Bangs and Crane. It is logical that this would be the district we would be placed in, and this is not a bad situation. There are also several other smaller schools in the San Angelo area which play volleyball and help in scheduling non-district games.

I urge anyone who believes the return of volleyball would be a beneficial program for our female athletes and our community to seek out our school board members and give them your opinion of the addition.

Chapman Traylor



This Snow Village piece is one of the items that a lucky raffle winner has a chance at in the Sonora Woman's Club drawing.

on the six computers in the library.

There was much discussion about the drawing to be held at the May 6th meeting, in the home of Anita Hudson. The quilt is currently on display at the Sutton County Bank & Trust. Tickets for the drawing can be purchased from any members of the Sonora Woman's Club or by calling 387-5577 or 387-3613.

on the six computers in the library.

U.S. Post Office to honor Mom

The Sonora Post Office will have a "Special Cancellation" for Mother's Day. The event will take place on Friday, April 30, 2004. During the day, a flower will be given to the first 50 mothers that come into the post office. So drop by with your mom. While there, you can have your cards and other mail cancelled with a very special "Mother's Day" cancellation.

The special cancellation is unique to Sonora. It is call "Happy Mother's Day Station" Sonora, TX. It is being held on April 30th so people can

get their cards in the mail and have them arrive early. Just think how special it will be when your mother sees the beautiful garden stamp with Sonora beside it on a card from one of their children.

The special cancellation is valid for 30 days. This allows collectors across the state to send in requests for the Sonora Post Mark. Therefore, if customers ask to use the special cancellation after April 30th, it can be done.

REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS, OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2004 TO MARCH 31, 2004

FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
General	\$ 1,732,025.61	\$ 1,926,318.40	\$ 233.00	\$ 683,852.65	\$ 1,205.40	\$ 2,973,518.96
FMFC	\$ 135,483.59	\$ 433,324.03		\$ 147,330.83		\$ 421,476.79
Flood Control	\$ 23,081.40		\$ 1,200.00			\$ 24,281.40
Law Library	\$ 7,862.07	\$ 920.00		\$ 1,962.25		\$ 6,819.82
Lateral Road	\$ 12,518.39					\$ 12,518.39
State Trust Funds	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,215.00		\$ 999.00		\$ 1,386.00
State Arrest Fees	\$ 286.00	\$ 1,046.50	\$ 5.40	\$ 607.40		\$ 730.50
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 220,334.86	\$ 7,650.00		\$ 1,863.83		\$ 226,121.03
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,586.94	\$ 2,194.89		\$ 2,243.31		\$ 7,538.52
Appellate Fund	\$ 190.00	\$ 310.00				\$ 500.00
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 13,620.49	\$ 2,543.09		\$ 4,687.84		\$ 11,475.74
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 91,237.07	\$ 1,760.39		\$ 86,851.72	\$ 233.00	\$ 5,912.74
						TOTAL \$ 3,692,279.89
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
State Arrest Fees	\$ 730.50	FMFC	\$ 94,141.71	General	\$ 223,395.62	
Appellate Fund	\$ 500.00	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,538.52	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 11,475.74	
General 1st National	\$ 3,606.08			CTHSE RENOVATK	\$ 5,912.74	\$ 347,300.91
Money Market Accounts (General)	\$ 3,017,643.90	(FMFC)				\$ 3,344,978.98
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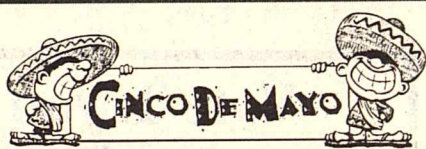
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Sonora Golf Teams advance to State competition

The Sonora Lady Bronco and the Bronco Golf teams will be heading to Austin for State competition, after both teams finished second last Thursday, April 22, 2004, in the Region I-2A golf tournament. The rounds were played at the Shady Oakes Golf Course and is the second time that both teams have made it to the Class 2A state tournament.

The Broncos went in as the defending regional champions, and lost by only one stroke to Olney. After beating Wall by 68 strokes at the district golf tournament, they trailed Wall by one stroke after the first round on Wednesday. Stetson Perez and A.J. Hernandez finished third and fourth (respectively) in the boys individual standings.

The Lady Broncos started out the competition in first place, but were passed up by Alpine, who won by 10 strokes. Alpine ended up winning the regional championship, but both teams will advance to the state tournament. The Lady Broncos were second with a total of 739 points. Kalya McBride tied for 6th, shooting an 87 both days for a total of 174 points. Other individual points were as follows: Tamika Marshall 86/96 = 182, Candice Martin 95/98 = 193, Missy Longoria 91/99 = 190, and Sarah Baggett 95/99 =



State-bound golf teams Photo by Juanita McBride

194. The Broncos finished second shooting a 302 and 303, for a two-day total of 604. S. Perez shot a 72/73 for a total of 145 for 3rd and A. Hernandez shot a 77/72 for a total of 149 and 4th

place. Other individual scores were: Trent Reiner 75/80 = 155, Cullen Parker 77/78 = 155, and Embre Smith 79/83 = 162.

Congratulations to both teams and good luck at state!

Tennis team completes season, Street advances to Regionals

The Bronco tennis team has had a very successful season. After a week off from tournament, the Broncos and Lady Broncos headed to Reagan county during spring break to compete in the 23rd Annual Reagan county Tennis Tournament. Attending the tournament were Marcos Morin, Swade Draper, Steven Bartholomey, Shane Love, Brandon Munn, Susanna Street, Laura Word, Chelsea Seaton, Amanda Word, Tara Green, and Evangelina Martinez. This was a huge tournament, as 23 different teams attended.

Seaton and Word finished the tournament placing second in girls doubles and Street won the girls singles division defeating last year's state runner-up, Heather Ridgeway. As for the rest of the team, Draper made it to the quarterfinals and Bartholomey finished in the third round. Martinez, Morin, A. Word, Green, Munn and Love all won consolation. The Broncos and Lady Broncos finished third in the tournament, behind Big Lake and Ozona.

The next weekend the Sonora Tennis Team traveled to Eldorado. In girls singles, Street again placed first and Martinez placed 6th.

In boys singles, Draper placed fifth and Bartholomey won the consolation side. Sonora dominated the girls doubles as Seaton and L. Word placed first and A. Word and Green placed third.

In boys double, Ainsworth and Morin lost in the second round, placing eighth, and Love and Munn lost in the consolation finals. The team placed second overall behind Ozona.

The next weekend the Broncos headed to Mason. This tournament was divided into an "A" and "B" division. Attending on Thursday and playing in the "B" division were Brett McDaniel, Shane Love, Cerissa Hedgecock, A. Word, Chantal Arispé, Tissie Wagoner and Kristina Hernandez. McDaniel and Love had to default due to other school activities. Considering most the opponents were from 3, 4, and 5 - A schools, the Broncos all lost in either the third or fourth round of tournament. The next day, Street, Martinez, Ainsworth, Morin, Draper, L. Word and Seaton participated in the "A" division of the tournament. L. Word and Seaton never got the opportunity to play because of rain delay and could not return on Saturday, as Seaton had one-act.

Morin and Ainsworth, and Martinez and Draper all lost in the third round.

Street played very well and finished in second place behind 4-A state qualifier, Laura Pfaff. Street will compete in the Regional Tournament in Abilene, April 30 and May 1. Good Luck Susanna!

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TEAM GRAPHICS
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Lady Broncos stumble against Grape Creek

by Tryon Fields

Errors will even hurt a good team. Against the Lady Eagles from Grape Creek, the Lady Broncos committed nine errors and came up one run short in their final District 2-2A game. This loss did not jeopardize the Lady Broncos District Championship; however, it did show where Coach Hanson and his Ladies of the Diamond need to focus for the up-coming play-offs.

It would take nine innings for the final outcome of this game to be established, with Sonora coming up on the short end of a 5 to 4 decision.

Sonora would gain an early advantage, as they would score two runs in the top of the first on several errors by Grape Creek. Debra Martinez would draw a walk, Meghan Krieg would reach on an error and both would score on miscues by Grape Creek's catcher. The Lady Broncos would add another run in the top of the third. This time Martinez would single, Krieg would advance her to second; Martinez would steal third and score on a passed ball. A solid pitching performance by Meghan Krieg and good defensive play behind her kept the Lady Eagles from scoring in the first four innings. In the fifth inning, however, the Lady Broncos began to self-destruct. Three errors in the bottom half of this inning enabled Grape Creek to tie the ball game: 3 to 3. The game would remain tied until the seventh. In the top of the seventh, Sonora would retake the lead 4 to 3. Meghan Krieg would be hit by a pitch, advance to third on subsequent passed balls, and score on a double down the third base line by Brea Hughes. Grape Creek would answer in the bottom of

the seventh. Once again, the error bug would be the culprit. A double by Grape Creek and two errors by the Lady Broncos would knot the score at four runs apiece at the end of regulation. Neither team could manufacture anything in the eighth inning. Three nice plays by Sonora's Brea Hughes would keep the Lady Eagles from doing anything in the eighth.

In the ninth, Sonora threatened with Meghan Krieg drawing a walk, being forced out on a fielder's choice by Brea Hughes, Hughes advancing to second on a passed ball, and Denerya Gloria also drawing a walk. A leaping catch by Grape Creek's second baseman would end the threat. In the bottom of the ninth, the wheels fell completely off. With one out, Grape Creek would put a runner aboard with a single to left field. Krieg would strike the next batter out and then two successive errors would score the winning run for the Lady Eagles. Final Score: Sonora 4 - Grape Creek 5.

Being the district champion, the Lady Broncos will receive a bye in the first round of the play-offs. Their first play-off game will be the week of May 3 through 8. Their opponent will be either New Deal (Third in District 4-2A) or Colorado City (Runner-Up in District 3-2A). Sonora will play a practice game against Albany in San Angelo on Thursday. If you get a chance: COME OUT and SUPPORT THE LADY BRONCOS.

GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAY-OFFS!!!!

Embre Smith advances to State in UIL Computer Applications

by Molly Morris

On Saturday, April 24, Embre Smith placed 4th at the Region UIL Academic Meet in Computer Applications. This placing advances Smith as an alternate to state competition on May 8th.

There were 24 contestants competing at Regional in Abilene and he placed 4th. Wall placed first and second and Sonora was 4th so our District was well represented at Regional competition. Only 12 students from the entire state in Class 2A will participate at the state meet with 4 alternates. Smith, a very polite, athletic, respectful young man, finished in the top 16 in the state and is the only student from Sonora that placed in the top six in Abilene.

Filles hit the court in Angelo

The Sonora Fillies hit the volleyball court beginning their spring season in San Angelo. The team consists of players ranging from fifth grade through eighth grade. They lost their first two matches to the San Angelo team, but warmed up in the second match with several good rallies and some excellent serving.

They will return to play on May 4th against the Lady Eagles at the San Angelo YMCA.

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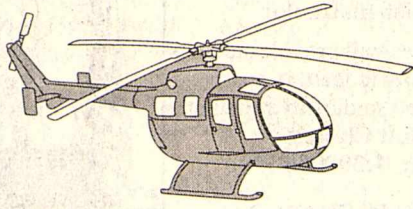
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Teens use hunter education skills to help save man's life

AUSTIN, Texas — Hunting accidents are relatively few nowadays, thanks mainly to safety skills gained from hunter education. Last year there were only 44 hunting-related mishaps in Texas among a hunting population of more than one million, and a majority of those incidents could be considered minor. Some were not.

One accident in particular nearly cost a man his life were it not for the swift response by a trio of young hunters who drew on the first-aid skills learned in their hunter education class.

It was the day before Thanksgiving and brothers Cody and Robby Cook were hunting deer on their uncle's property when they heard a gunshot followed immediately by screams. While climbing into a tripod hunting stand on an adjacent ranch, a hunter had dropped his loaded 30-06 rifle, which discharged and struck him in his upper right arm.

The 44-year-old victim was not required to have hunter education because of his age, but had he taken the course he would have known that you never carry a "loaded" firearm when climbing into a stand, according to Terry Erwin, hunter education coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Also, if you are climbing into anything higher than you can reach, you always use a hauling line to raise your firearm," he emphasized. "This was an accident that likely could have been avoided had the hunter used the basic firearms safety rules we stress in hunter education."

The Cook brothers received their hunter education training at age 13 from their local agriculture science teacher during a summer class. Fortunately for the victim, they knew how to apply pressure to the gunshot wound and used their cell phone to get help.

While Robby tended to the victim, Cody called their mother, some 20 miles away to obtain the 911 address of the location of their uncle's property. She quickly called the local 911, since Cody's cell phone is serviced out of College Station, and of no direct help. She gave them Cody's cell phone number and then proceeded to call her niece, Jill Halfmann, who lived on the property where the boys were hunting. Halfmann, who is also hunter-education certified, went to the scene, assisted with the first aid and provided the exact 911 address so Cody could direct EMS to the area via cell phone.

The sheriff arrived on the scene and transported the victim to a waiting ambulance nearby. EMS treated and stabilized him, but the wound was so severe that he was airlifted to the hospital in San Angelo. He was further stabilized and later flown to another hospital in the Dallas metro-area for extensive reconstructive surgery. He is now

recovering and undergoing physical therapy.

"This is a testament to these youth who took the hunter education course," said Erwin.

Texas has a national reputation for making access to hunter education convenient and plentiful with more than 4,400 courses offered across the state and at least one in all 254 counties each year. The summer months when school lets out are an ideal time for new hunters to take the course.

"Kids usually have plenty of free time during the summer and it's a good way to be prepared before the September dove-hunting season," Erwin said.

According to the 2003 Texas Hunting Accident Report, 25 percent of the accidents occurred during dove season and the most common error in judgment involved covering the victim while swinging on game.

Texans have several options available for fulfilling hunter education requirements, including the traditional classroom environment, a home study course and an online course. Texas certifies about 33,000 students annually.

The hunter education course is a minimum 10-hour class that teaches hunting safety, modern and primitive sporting arms, wildlife conservation, outdoor skills and responsibility. When the course is completed, the certification card is good for life and is honored by all states, Mexico, and all Canadian provinces that require hunter education. Proof of certification, which includes the card or the hunter education certification number printed on the hunting license, must be carried at all times while hunting.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, who is at least 17 years old must pass the course to legally hunt in Texas. Hunters ages 12-16 must either pass the course or be accompanied by a person who is at least 17 or older licensed to hunt in Texas. Hunters younger than age 12 may take the course but they will not be certified and must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who is at least age 17 or older.

Accompanied means within normal voice control and preferably within arm's length. Hunters can purchase a license before becoming certified, but they must carry proof of certification while hunting.

There is still space available at the Sutton County Girls Hunter Safety Camp for this summer. For more information call Rodney Knight at 387-3068.

More information about hunter education as well as the schedule of course offerings are available at local TPWD offices, by calling TPWD at (800) 792-1112 ext. 62 or by visiting the <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/edu/hunted/>.

Dyess schedules Big Country Appreciation

Dyess Air Force Base has scheduled its immensely popular annual air show for May 22 with the featured acts being the Shaw AFB F-16 demo team and the World War II - era performance, Tora, Tora, Tora.

The F-16, known as the Viper among fighter pilots, is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack.

Tora, Tora, Tora is a re-creation of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor featuring old bombers and fighters. Other warbirds will join them including the P-51, MIG 17, B-25, A-26 and P-39.

Other aerial performers include a C-5 Galaxy, a KC-135 Stratotankers, the B-52 Super Stratofortress and Dyess B-1s and C-130s.

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State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Governor, comptroller trade political jobs

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - If Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn starred in a television situation comedy, the show surely wouldn't be "Friends."

The Legislature convened for one day last week, then adjourned until this week, when work on a school finance and property tax reduction strategy will begin in earnest. After lawmakers adjourned last week, committees wrestled with the matter while Perry and Strayhorn exchanged lines that could have come from a good screenwriter.

Strayhorn got the week off to an animated start with a report that Perry's plan would cause a \$10 billion budget deficit.

"You've heard of financing schemes that have a balloon payment at the end?" she asked. "This one has the Hindenburg." Replied Perry: "It is an astonishing fact that the top number-cruncher in this state could be so wrong."

If Perry and Texas' "One tough grandma" face each other in the 2006 gubernatorial primary, people will be bringing lawn chairs to wait in line for a good seat to see the show.

If the governor and comptroller were married, their friends and family would be suggesting couple's therapy.

New Ranger commander named...

The Texas Rangers have a new senior captain, the first black in the force's long history.

Named to the position last week was Earl Pearson, a 28-year Department of Public Safety veteran. He replaces Senior Captain C.J. Havdra, who recently retired from the Rangers, which are a division of the DPS.

Pearson, who graduated from the DPS academy in 1975 and was promoted to the Rangers in 1989, had been assistant commander of the Rangers under Havdra. Prior to taking that position, he had commanded Company A in Houston.

In addition to being the first black to lead the Rangers, Pearson also gains the distinction of being the DPS' first-ever black division chief.

San Jacinto artifacts found...

An archaeological consulting firm hired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has found a significant collection of relics dating to the April 21, 1836, battle at San Jacinto that won Texas its independence from Mexico.

Using metal detectors, archaeologists found musket balls, belt buckles, metal items from uniforms, a bayonet point and a piece of a Mexican infantryman's breast plate.

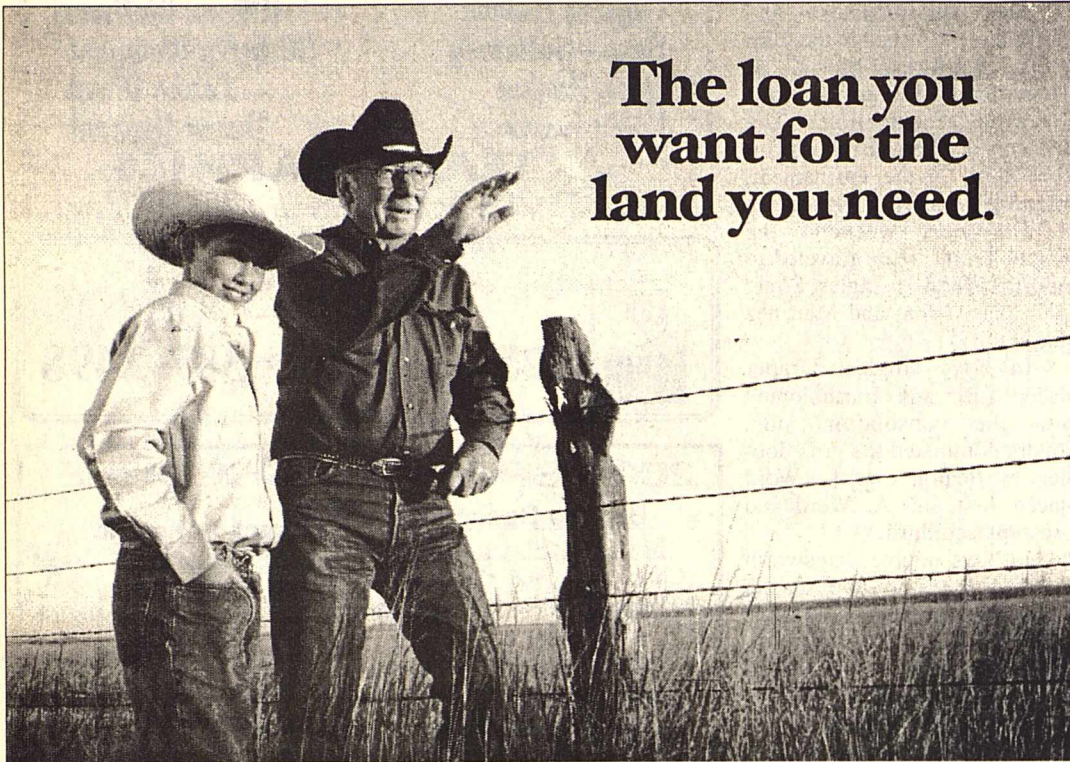
The state agency has a \$12 million project under way to restore the battlefield to its original appearance to the extent possible nearly 170 years after the fact.

Money from tourism... May 8-16 is National Tourism Week, and Texas has plenty to celebrate.

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Deer Afficionados' study group set in Kerrville

by Steve Byrns
 KERRVILLE — The "West Texas Deer Study Group," a gathering of people interested in fostering proper deer management, will hold its seventh annual meeting May 20-21 in Kerrville's YO Ranch Resort and Conference Center.

This year's theme is "Managing Genetics in Deer: Questions, Quibbles and Quandaries." The meeting starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. May 20. "This year's meeting theme deals with the science and art of genetics in deer management," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the workshop's coordinator. "Such discussions are typically the most controversial topics addressed in deer circles. We'll have experts from Texas and Mississippi presenting their respective data sets. We'll then have Dr. Dan Waldron, research geneticist at San Angelo, give an objective review of both studies."

Rollins said some excellent studies done in the past five years have provided new insights on the effectiveness (or lack thereof) of culling inferior animals. Workshop participants will be looking closely at two of

these studies: one of penned deer conducted at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area and another at Mississippi State University. Preliminary results from a King Ranch field study now being conducted will also be presented. Other presentations will examine the breeding patterns of bucks.

A panel of landowners will present their opinions on whether culling has been effective on their operations. Panelists include Ted Masser of Harper, Brian Treadwell of Menard and Bob Zaiglin of Uvalde.

"When we organized the study group, we agreed that each meeting would have two perennial topics," said Rollins. "The first is plant identification, which we consider the backbone in any type of wildlife management. The second is that we would feature 'point-counterpoint' discussions on topical issues. Wildlife professionals are just as prone to disagree as anyone else, and these debates provide a forum to air the issues, without attacking the individuals."

Speakers on May 20 will discuss the role of genetics in antler development and culling practices. An added attraction

will be an exhibit of Mike Biggs' photography from "The Buck Chronicles." Biggs is a Fort Worth-based wildlife photographer.

The May 21 session convenes at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area. Program topics are field botany, prescribed burning, deer-livestock-exotics interactions, and economic considerations of culling.

Rollins said the study group was formed in 1998 to advance the spirit of sound deer and habitat management in West Texas, the region considered west of I-35 and north of U.S. 90.

Sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Buckskin Brigade youth camps, Wildlife Systems, Inc., and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Fees are \$40 per person if received by May 14, or \$60 per person at the door. Registration includes two meals and refreshments.

For more information, contact Rollins, (325) 653-4576. A detailed agenda is available at <http://texnat.tamu.edu>.

Commissioners launch safety program

'What's the Risk?' Program shows students danger of oilfield equipment

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commissioners debuted the "What's the Risk?" safety program at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 23 at Commission headquarters, located at 1701 North Congress, to highlight the video and curriculum designed to warn students of the dangers of oilfield equipment.

In April 2003, four teens were killed in Palestine, Texas when an oil storage tank erupted into flames. Since then, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact See "What's the risk?" page 8

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Commission, the Texas Railroad Commission, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board worked together to produce a safety curriculum for students to highlight the serious potential for harm.

"Public safety issues occupy a high priority status within our daily activity and long term planning," said Chairman Victor Carrillo. "If this public education program could avert just one future accident, we will have accomplished much."

The video itself is available on the Texas Railroad Commission's website. Additionally, videos are available via a request form on the Commission's website. Teachers and school administrators can access the video at www.rrc.state.tx.us to download and digitize on a compact disk. For those schools with such capabilities, the disk can run on computers and be shown via Proxima, adding feasibility to schools across the state.

"Not only does the Railroad Commission recognize the importance of reinforcing the message of safety, we see the necessity of getting this information to students from Beaumont to El Paso," said Commissioner Charles Matthews. "We are accessing every one of the tools we possibly can in order to reach every single student in the state."

A majority of the 3,116 junior and senior high schools in Texas will access the information. The Commission is urging both urban and rural areas to rate their community's level of exposure to this equipment.

"This program helps us protect Texans and our natural resources by teaching students to be safe and avoid potentially hazardous situations," said Commissioner Michael Williams. "Students need to be reminded that the oilfield is not a playground, and in fact, unauthorized access is potentially dangerous - to students and the state's infrastructure."

The curriculum, designed and intended for in-class work accompanied by the video presentation, is now available.

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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 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, 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 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 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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the Rock Building was discussed, regarding a space from the railing to the ceiling that needs to be extended for assured safety. The contractors are saying this part of the project should be finished in late July or early August, weather permitting.

It was discussed where the children will be placed during the additional renovations in the elementary building. The 3rd graders will be put in the Rock Building as soon as it is complete and the other students will be put in the big gym and the vacant rooms in the intermediate building. The Primary building will not be started until the Rock Building is complete.

A budget amendment was approved for the money spent on the gym and the foundation repairs.

The board approved the calendar earlier and increased the pay for election workers that view a training video. An additional transfer student was approved for the remainder of this year and all the proposed transfer students for next year were also approved.

In board member comments, board president, Scott Jacoby, thanked the high school principal hiring committee for keeping them informed and working hard to make a responsible decision. Those committee members were Brant Myers, John Berry, Jason Herring, Clyde Dukes, Kay Friess, Jackie Poloczek, Rachel Duran, and Jack Smith. Board member Barbara Jennings reiterated the appreciation, stating that she was pleased to receive so much information on the candidates and the interviews. She also complimented the work of the Ag Department students who designed the low boy trailer and the shop table.

Board member Tryon Fields acknowledged all the groups that are advancing in play-offs and seconded a prior commendation to the one-act play participants who did an outstanding job in competition. He also congratulated the Girls Softball Team for making school history with their first District Championship.

Board member Tammy Favila said that she had attended the PTO meeting on Sunday, April 18, where the 3rd grade students performed a music program. She was very disappointed in the attendance of parents and said that those who were there should be commended on a job well done.

A thank you letter to Dr. Myers from Sonora Middle School teacher, Carol Love, for the assistance in the Science Fair transportation was read, as was a note from Suzie Moore.

After convening in executive session, the board announced that Raul Chavarria has been hired as the high school principal, with a two-year contract; and his wife, Jami Chavarria, has been hired as a Language Arts teacher on a one-year probationary contract, at the middle school.

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2004 Sonora Chamber of Commerce "Casino Night" Awards Banquet



Marie Aldwell tells Elvis how to win big.



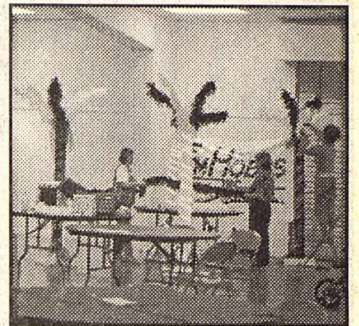
The cards were on the table and the bets were big!



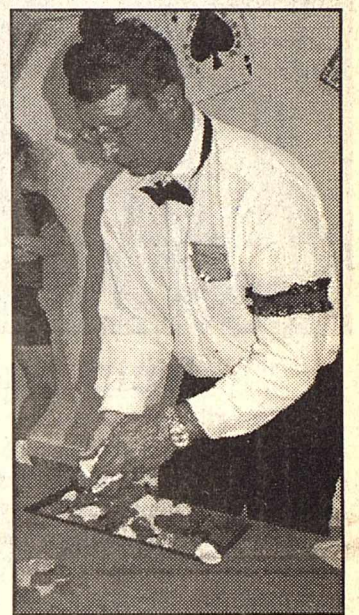
The young guests took over the slot machines.



The new Bronco cheerleaders served "mocktails" to mingling guests.



Decorating the tables - casino style!



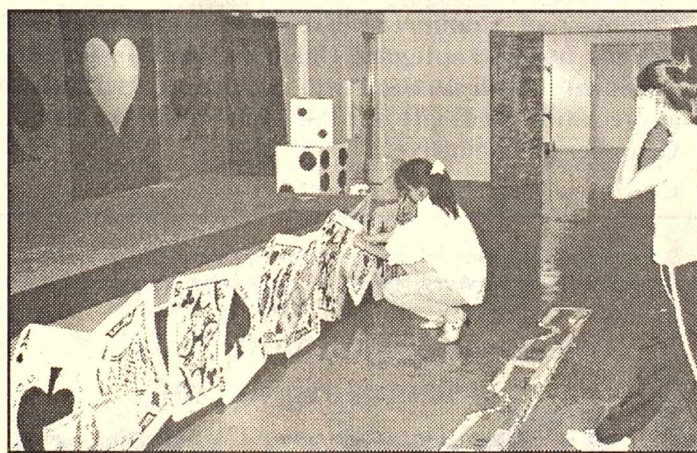
A jack of all trades, "Blackjack Al" shuffles the deck!



"Casino Manager" Ruthie Bounds introduced the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



"Come on 7!! Anna needs a new pair of shoes!"



Stacking the deck.



"Hit me dealer!"

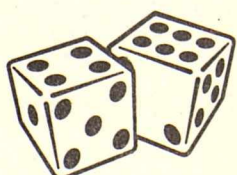


Chance Campbell hits the jackpot at the slots!



Good food and gambling - everyone was a winner at "Casino Night"

Congratulations Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Honorees for a job well done!



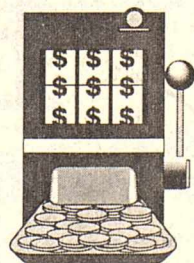
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"Jackpot" Employee of the Year

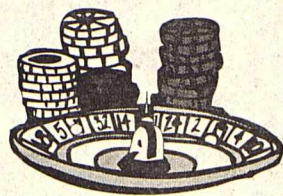


Jenny Sue Trainer

Everybody hits the Jackpot when they deal with this year's employee of the year. She always greets you with a smile and tries her best to help you in every way. She started at her job on August 23, 1980, and has been there for 23 years and 8 months. Here co-workers agree that it is a real pleasure to have the opportunity to work with her. She is a person that makes an otherwise routine job, NOT so routine. She is always upbeat and happy. She enjoys dealing with the customers and making sure they get the best service they have to offer. She is very knowledgeable of her job, keeping up with the latest changes in procedures and still keeping up with all the people in town and their vital information. She is the data book of the office when the rest of the crew can't find what they are looking for. She is also an exceptional teacher. She has taken new hires under her wing and taught them everything they now use everyday. (She even taught some of them a few choice words and gestures that their mothers would not approve of if they knew about it!) She's a super lady and keeps her co-workers and customers laughing all day! It's always quiet in the office when she is off. Her customers come first and she goes out of her way to please them!

You all know her and probably visit with her on a daily basis. This year's Employee of the Year - Mrs. Jenny Sue Trainer.

*Congratulations
2004
Chamber of Commerce
Honorees!*



**Sutton County
Steakhouse**

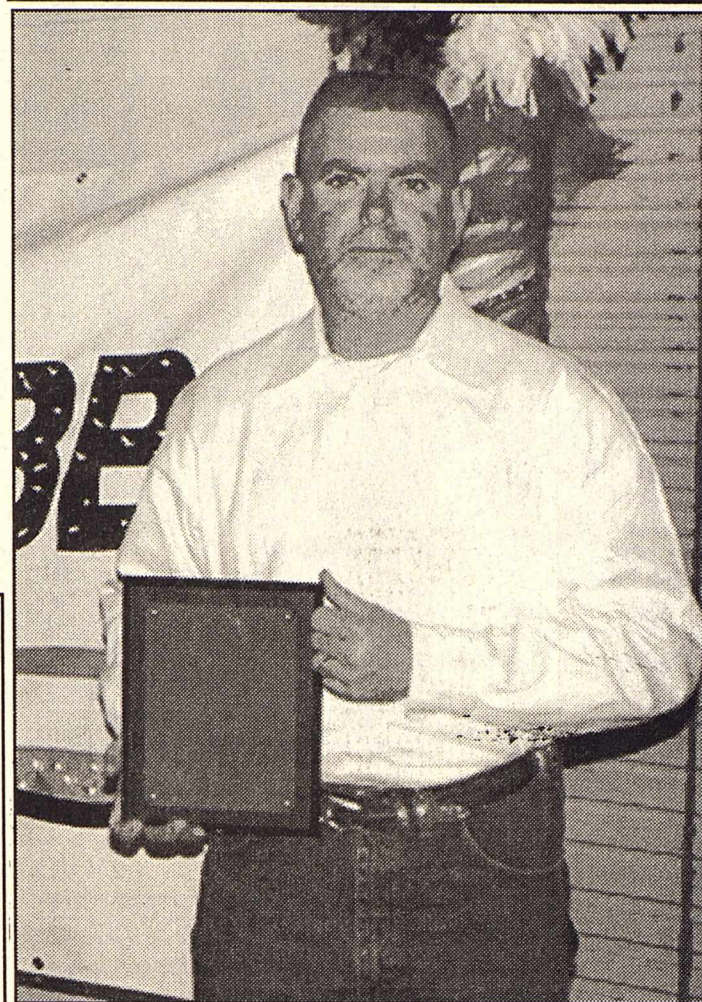
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Thank you for your time!



Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, **Ruthie Bounds**, honored out-going Chamber Board of Directors President, **Keith Butler**, with a special certificate of appreciation and gift for his service to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

"High Roller" Business Person of the Year



Mike Hobbs

This "High Roller" established his business in May, 1988. The company began in Sonora with one wireline truck and three employees. The primary focus at that time was on multi-stage completions and workovers in Sutton and Crockett Counties. Within four years the company had grown to four trucks and fifteen employees. The business grew without the benefit of having a salesman, which says a lot for the type of people they employ.

This business was acquired by W-H Energy Services in November of 2003. The founder continues to manage the company as President. The acquisition has enabled them to grow at an even faster rate. The company currently provides cased hole logging, perforation, pipe recovery, tubing conveyed perforating, and slick line services from Sonora, Midland, Bridgeport and Artesia.

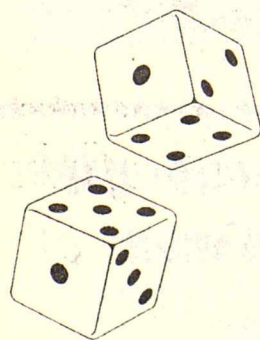
Currently, this company employs 60 employees - around 25 of whom work from Sonora. The company also has grown to 11 trucks and has plans of adding others this year.

"The President has always been 'Our People Make the Difference' He believes that if he invests in good people and supplies them with the best equipment, they're going to provide good service.

That is why the Business Person of the Year is Mike Hobbs of E. M. Hobbs.

Mike is a very strong believer in supporting this community that has been so good to him. He and his wife, Debra, support many student activities, and in the past few years have donated scholarships to local high school seniors. Mike was born and raised in the small community of New Castle, Texas, where every student in the school - Kindergarten through Seniors - were housed in the same building. He has a soft spot in his heart for small town youth. His children, Shalayne and Morgan, graduated from Sonora High School. They were very active in sports, church, and many other activities. Shalayne is attending UTSA and participating in the high jump and long distance in track. Morgan attends Texas A&M and is an heptathlete in track. The girls have competed against each other at the same events. Mike and Debra spend their weekends watching one girl or the other run track.

*We would like to congratulate
Employee of the Year
Jenny Sue Trainer*

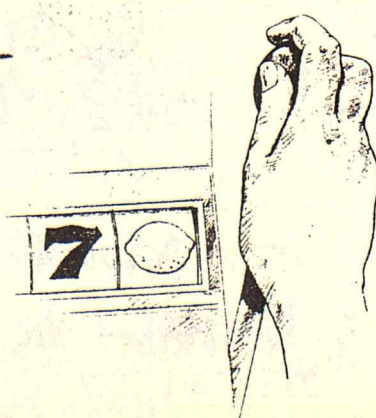


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"Pair-a-dice" Conservation Ranchers of the Year



Bonnie Lou & Curry Campbell

This year the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District and the Sonora Downtown Lions Club would like to honor not one, but two people as the Conservation Rancher of the Year. This husband and wife team of Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell were the unanimous choice of the directors of the Edwards Plateau SWCD because of their commitment to responsible stewardship of the approximately 7500 acres of land they operate, known as the Liveoak Ranch.

After Curry completed his military service, he and Bonnie Lou returned to this area to join their families' ranching enterprises. The Liveoak Ranch was part of Bonnie Lou's heritage, and is now their family home and livelihood.

These two became strong advocates of rangeland stewardship that benefits their multiple use livestock and wildlife operation. Conservation practices such as proper grazing use, deferred grazing, flexible stocking and brush management have helped improve their rangeland resource.

Our recipients are pioneers in the use of prescribed burning as a tool to control the spread of invasive woody plants. They got involved with the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association at its inception, and Curry has served as president and director of that organization. This Association has taken the lead in prescribed burning which has had an impact on how burns are carried out on private lands statewide and throughout the nation. The Burn Association and its members were honored with the prestigious Governor's Award for Environmental Quality in 2002.

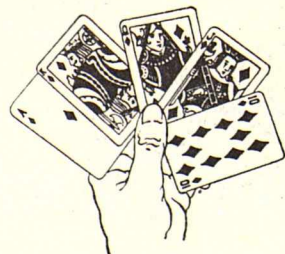
This dynamic duo blesses our entire community with their involvement in civic and youth activities. They are very active as a family in St. John's Episcopal Church and in local 4-H programs. Curry coaches baseball and Bonnie Lou was instrumental in the organization of the Parent Teacher Organization for Sonora Elementary School.

This wonderful young family represents not only the face of production agriculture today, but also the future of agriculture by instilling in their children, Chelsey Lou and Chance, the importance of the wise use and management of our natural resources. Congratulations to Curry and Bonnie Lou as the 2004 Conservation Ranchers of the Year!



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Congratulations 2004 Honorees!

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"Show Girl" Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year

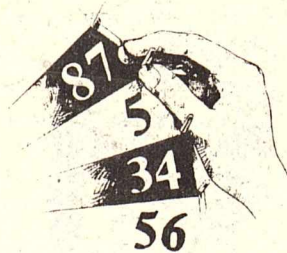


Joana Wuest

A SHOW GIRL – that's what our Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year is. She shows continued support and compassion to any and all events in Sonora. She never says no when someone goes to her to ask for treats for the reading program, or the Easter Egg Hunt or any other special event going on in town. She and her husband have even been known to don a costume and entertain kids at special events. She has been employed by the same company for 21 years, and she is what makes the treats so sweet in Sonora.

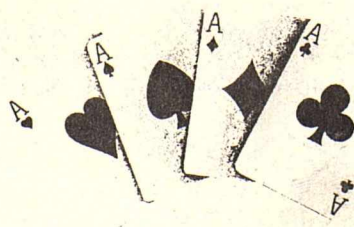
There are a couple of groups of our locals that visit her establishment every afternoon, where she pampers them with a smile and special treats as they enjoy their coffee. She attended the Texas Woman University in Denton, Texas before being offered a position in Big Lake Texas. She eventually landed the management position in Sonora and that is where she has shone for so many years. Voted on by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, for her effortless enthusiasm to help out when needed, the Outstanding Chamber member of the Year – Mrs. Joana Wuest.

Thanks for a great year
Sonora Chamber of Commerce
and congratulations
to this year's honorees!



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Congratulations to all
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"Best Bet" Educator of the Year



Carol Love

They say there is a scientific method to playing the tables when gambling. This next person is Sonora's Best Bet when it comes to teaching our children anything scientific. To begin with, some were surprised that this was the first time this teacher has been given this award!

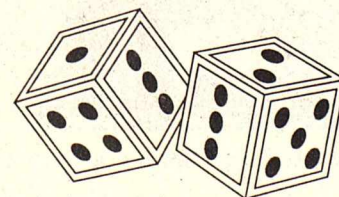
"I went from my mother to this teacher. She raised a bunch of us at the junior high, took us under her wing, so to speak. If I had a question today, I could go to her and she would know the answer. She is a great teacher and person and does her job with pride and enthusiasm" - Drew Cox.

"She is the queen of field trips and will find workshops in the summer at the beach (get credits AND a tan!) I have traveled with her many times when she would pick up rocks, fossils, seashells, etc..to add to her "collections" and scoop her shirt up and carry them the rest of the day in her shirt until we got back to the bus or car. Then her suitcase would weigh twice as much coming home as it did going. She is definitely the anchor of our building and we turn to her whenever we need to solve a problem (professional or personal) BUT she HATES the computer...she has been very cooperative in adjusting to our technology but she loves nothing better than for the internet to go down and to be able to say "I told you so!" - Julie Martin.

Some students from long ago, put it like this: "Though we knew it all, and were difficult to understand, much less teach, during those wondrous teenage years; this teacher inspired us and thousands of other young boys and girls to open their minds and enjoy the challenge of lifetime learning and questioning the status quo. This was always instilled by her unique and inspired teaching methods. Although we all remember the "No children until 25" life rule, the Jello "Cells" with their fruit organelles, the corn starch and water that flowed like magma (that still mesmerizes me today), igneous rock (that everyone now wants for counter tops), the fossil finding field trips, the dissections (of ourselves and organisms), the explosions of our volcanos, the views of the galaxy and beyond, and the nights searching for that one last insect, we did not truly realize the great lessons in learning we were experiencing.

Some of her students continued their formal education while others integrated sparks of inquisitiveness into a needed trade or family, but all minds have continued to develop and open to new and different ideas. All because a teacher made it her life's goal to teach our community's children how to really use their minds. A teacher for the betterment of our children and our future." - Drs. Whitney and Shane Keller

Best known to most as "Mama Love", the "Best Bet" Educator of the Year is Mrs. Carol Love.



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"Big Winner" Organization of the Year



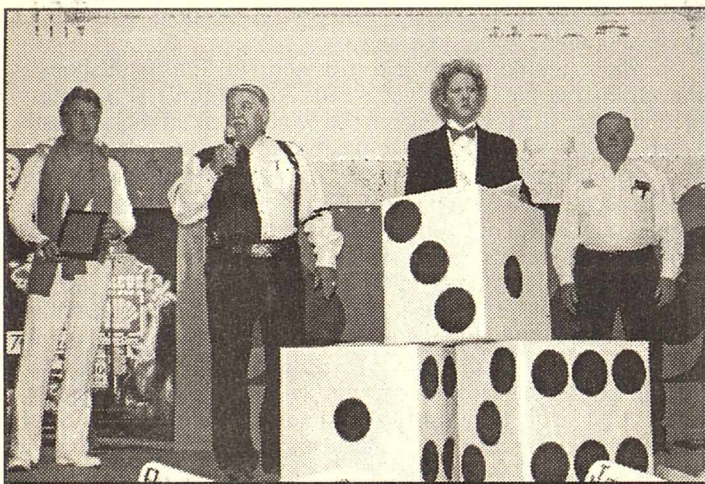
Sonora Downtown Lions Club

The motto in "Sin City" is "What happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas", well, we're not in Vegas and we don't feel that way! We like to spread the news about our community and what goes on here, and this year's "Big Winners" Organization of the Year helps us do just that.

Since 1917, the Lions have served the world's population through hard work and commitment to make a difference in the lives of people everywhere. With 1.4 million members serving in more than 44,800 clubs in 188 countries and geographical areas, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Lions are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired.

The Sonora Lions Club was chartered in 1928. The President at that time was W.E. Caldwell and the Secretary/Treasurer was George H. Neill. The Sonora Lions Club meets every Tuesday at noon for lunch and congregation at the First United Methodist Church. These volunteers are busy throughout the year participating and planning many different activities that benefit numerous individuals. Some of their many events are as follows: Annual Lions Club Auction in September, March Annual Broom Sale, feeding the participants of the High School Speech Meet, sponsoring the Wool Judging, Faculty Appreciation Hamburger Supper for SISD, Hosting the Lions Club Queen Contest every January, Pancake Breakfast for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, World Services for the Blind, Crippled Children Camp in Kerrville, Eye Bank in Midland and sending an Optometrist to Mexico for disadvantaged children.

Current officers for the Sonora Downtown Lions Club are: Frank Wamble - President, Scott Jacoby - 1st Vice President, Ann Kay - 2nd Vice President, Conrad Archer - 3rd Vice President, Shelly Hughes - Secretary, Jim Garrett - Lion Tamer and Jim Stephen - Tail Twister. Past District Governor, Virgil Polocek has represented Sonora and the Lions Club all over America and over seas.



Sonora Downtown Lions Club President, Frank Wamble and Past District Governor, Virgil Polocek joined Elvis and the Pit Boss on stage to express gratitude for the special award.



"Thank you, Thank you very much!"

Chamber Activities

Just to name a few of the things that the Chamber does or assists with each year are: The father/daughter valentine dance, the annual awards banquet, Cinco de Mayo, Relay for Life, the West Texas Championship Cook-off, the wool and mohair show, Sutton County Days, the Game Dinner, and the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar. A new project the Chamber took on in the last year was the installation of the Welcome banners on the Sonora Streets and the holiday banners at Christmas time.

The Chamber also assists in many small activities that are put on by different organizations, including the Sonora Downtown Lions Club, The Friends of Historic Main Street, The American Cancer Society, The Sutton County Days Association, The Knights of Columbus and more, trying to help promote business in our community at all times.

Another great thing that the Chamber of Commerce has done in the last year is the hiring of our new Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, and Administrative Assistant, Donna Garrett. These two ladies have worked very hard for Sonora and the Chamber of Commerce and are doing a fantastic job. We couldn't do it without them.

"Sure Thing" Citizen of the Year

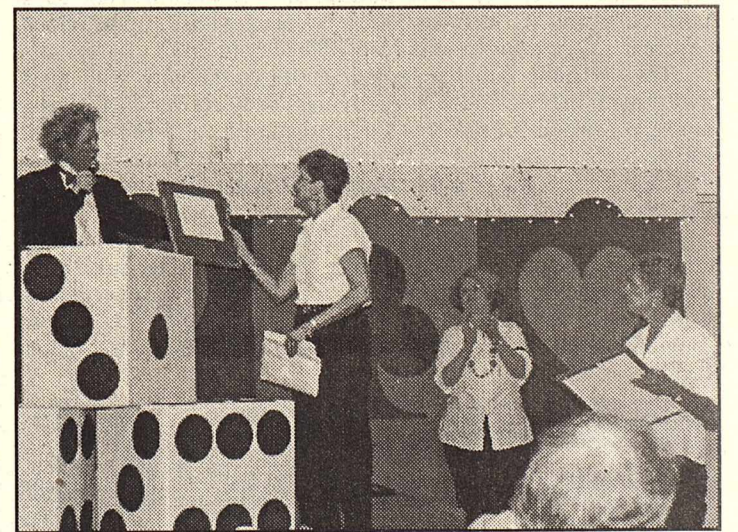


Nell Wallace

The Citizen of the Year is a "Sure Thing", one that you can put your money on and know that you will win.

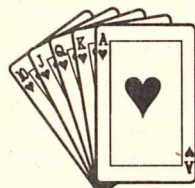
This year's recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award has spent her adult life in Sonora. She moved here with her late husband over fifty years ago and has spent a lifetime trying to make life better for everyone she knows. She raised her three children in Sonora and was an active mom, hauling countless number of kids to a countless number of judging contests. She was awarded the Silver Spur for being the outstanding 4-H adult leader in the early 1960s. Probably many of you have received one of her wonderful pound cakes sometime through the years. If she knew of a family suffering a loss, illness, or other need, she has always showed up with something wonderful from her kitchen. There were three mottos she has lived by and raised her family by, they are: "Can't never could do anything", "It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice," and most importantly, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She has truly lived by these mottos.

For the last fifteen years she has been a volunteer for the Senior Citizens Center, delivering meals, not once, but twice each week. The lady that many call "Mama Nell," this year's Citizen of the Year is Mrs. Nell Wallace.



Two special presentations were made for the Sonora Post Office - Janie Dillard and Judy Phillips were both surprised with special recognition for 25 years of service to the United States Postal Service.

We hit the Jackpot with the 2004 Chamber of Commerce Honorees!



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Thanks for a great year Sonora Chamber of Commerce and congratulations to this year's Honorees!



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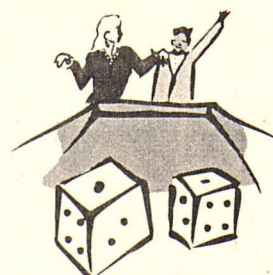
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Public Notices

ORDER OF CANCELLATION ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The City of Sonora hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 15, 2004 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

La ciudad de Sonora por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 15 de Mayo, 2004, de conformidad, con

La Sección 2.053 (a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos ánicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (candidato) Office Sought (Cargo at quepresenta candidatura)

Smith Neal Councilmember Ward 1 (unexpired term)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in this election.

El Dia de las Elecciones se exhibira una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Patti Prather
April 20, 2004
Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)

ORDINANCE OF ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES-SPECIAL ELECTION

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO OFFICE OF THE CITY OF SONORA, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE AND ORDERING THAT NO SPECIAL ELECTION BE HELD AND PROVIDING FOR POSTING OF THIS ORDINANCE. PASSED AND APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 2004.

Gloria Lopez
Mayor
Attest: Patti Prather
City Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sonora ISD is accepting the following bids for the cafeteria:
Bread
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The bids will be for the 2004-2005 school year. Bid forms are available at the school Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. Sealed bids are due at the above address by 3:00 P.M. Friday, May 14, 2004. Please mark bid envelope "Food Service Products Bid." The district has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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**Gloria G. Lopez, Mayor
Virgil A. Polocek
Councilmember Ward 1
James Blackman
Councilmember Ward 2**

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Secretary (Secretario)
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ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE LIMITING INCREASES OF AD VALOREM TAXES ON RESIDENCE HOMESTEADS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS; DEFINING TERMS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 1-b, SUBSECTION (h); PROVIDING THAT AD VALOREM TAXES SHALL NOT INCREASE ABOVE AN AMOUNT AN ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSON PAID UPON REACHING THE AGE OF 65 YEARS OR BECOMING DISABLED WHILE IT REMAINS THE RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD OF THAT PERSON OR THAT PERSON'S SPOUSE AS PRESCRIBED; PROVIDING THAT SURVIVING SPOUSES OF ELDERLY PERSONS SHALL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUCH EXEMPTION IF SUCH SPOUSE WAS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF DEATH; INCREASED VALUE TO HOMESTEAD; PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS CUMULATIVE; PUBLICATION; CONFLICT; VALIDITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Passed and approved this the 20th day of April 2004.

Gloria Lopez
Mayor
Attest: Patti Prather
City Secretary

Employment Notice

Sonora ISD is accepting applications for the position of Middle School Secretary. Computer skills are required and the applicant should also possess the ability to perform multi-tasks in a fast paced office environment. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 807 S. Concho. EOE.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for part-time positions intended for **students**. The positions consist of maintenance for the Cemetery, Park, Courthouse, and Road & Bridge Departments. There will be one clerical position at the J.P./Auditor's office. These jobs are 40 hours a week.

Applications may be obtained at the Auditor's office and must be returned by May 21, 2004. The library will be taking applications for two part-time positions for their summer reading program. Applications for these positions may "ONLY" be obtained at the library.

CAUSE NO. 1282 ESTATE OF EULOJIA FLORES DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **EULOJIA FLORES**, Deceased, were issued on March 9, 2004, in Cause Number 1282, pending in the Probate Court of Sutton County, Texas, to **YOLANDA RAMIREZ**, Executrix.

The residence of the EXECUTRIX is in San Angelo, Texas, and the mailing address is:

Estate of EULOJIA FLORES
YOLANDA RAMIREZ,
EXECUTRIX
c/o Elizabeth W. Wallace, Atty.
105 W. Main
Sonora, Texas 76950

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 21st day of April, 2004.
ELIZABETH W. WALLACE
Attorney for EXECUTOR
105 W. Main
Sonora, Texas 76950
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(325) 387-6554 FAX
State Bar No. 21683550

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12922

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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ADHD: Myth or Reality

by Jerry Jackson, President, Concho Valley FPA
Increasingly, parents are called upon to make the decision relative to medication for their children for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This is no easy decision.

Parents need to accumulate all the information available in order to make the best decision. But medication is not the only solution. In some cases better methods of dealing with the child will be the solution, and in all cases those methods will be beneficial.

The Concho Valley Foster Parent Association, joined with the Sonora Elementary School, and the Sutton County Child Welfare Board are inviting you to a seminar on Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., concerning "ADHD, Meds, and Methods." It will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium.

Melanie Copeland will be the speaker. She is a respected presenter at the local, regional and state level and is the Executive Director of the Parents Anonymous Program in Abilene. She spent a year researching the medical, social and environmental aspects of ADHD diagnosis, treatment, and management. She developed an exceptional Power Point presentation reflecting her research and providing practical skills training for caregivers of children with ADHD.

Management of ADHD is important for children to advance socially and academically. The more parents, teachers, and care givers know and understand the problem the better prepared they will be to help their children. Please join us for this educational meeting.

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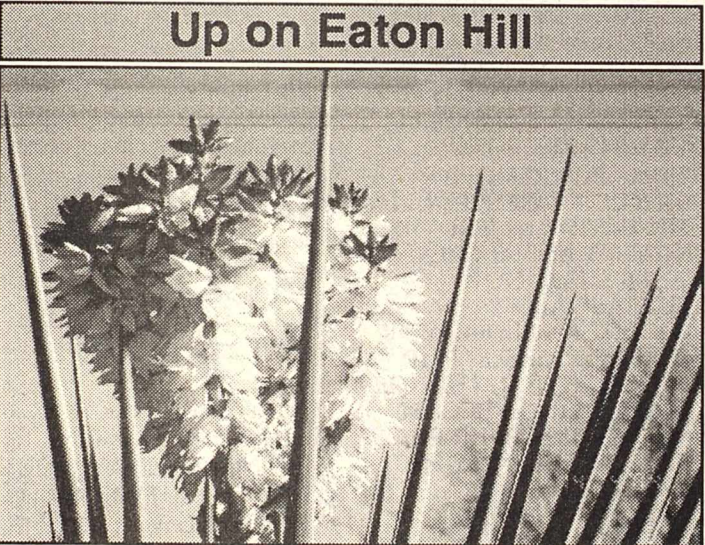
commissioners discussed the cleaning crews and their responsibilities and agreed to table setting the price until more information was provided and make a final decision at the next meeting. A motion was made and approved to make pre-existing renters aware that only the approved cleaning crews will be allowed to clean the building.

Judge Garner advised that it was time to renew a contract with the billing company that has been working on obtaining past due debts on old tickets, as far back as 1998. The company charges 30% of the collected fines, which is fine for tickets from June of 2003 on, because the 30% is added to the balance. That cost is not added to the older tickets, so it is possible that the county has not budgeted for the additional fees that could be charged. Judge Garner said that a representative from the firm would be visiting her office this week and she would recommend that the commissioners let her gather more information and report back at

the next meeting. Several questions were fielded regarding different possibilities of collecting the fees and fines, including the possibility of implementing a program that would flag an account and that person could not renew their driver's license without paying the fine. It was agreed for Judge Garner to meet with the representative and report back next month.

Judge Garner informed the court that TXU had called and requested to do a utility history on the county. They had reviewed 27 accounts and gave a quote that showed a savings of about \$4,870 a year. No deposit would be required to make the change from WTU to TXU and there would be no interruption of service. The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of such switch and it was decided to check with WTU on the length of any contract that may be in place and make the decision at a later date.

The commissioners then went into executive session regarding real estate acquisition.



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Parenting classes - "Communicating within the Family" - Thursday, April 29 - 6-7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church - sponsored by SISD.

First National Bank Relay for Life "Lunch in the Park" - April 29, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sonora Pocket Park (off of Main Street) - Salad plate and drink \$7 suggested donation

City of Sonora Relay for Life Bake Sale - April 30, at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to ? - Breakfast burritos donated by B&H Catering, cakes, tortillas, hot sauce and more.

St. John's Episcopal Church Relay for Life Mother's Day Plant Sale - Thursday, May 6 at Poplar Street Greenhouse. Call Erika at 387-2498 for more information. They are also selling tickets for a miniature horse, pet quality, 1 year old sorrel gelding named "Red", donated by Janice McMillan. Tickets are available for \$10 at The Devil's River News, Main St. Realty, image apparel, and the Sonora elementary school office.

Dominion/BB Chemical Relay for Life team is raffling off a Jenn-Air 48,000 BTU Gas Grill for \$1 per ticket or 12 tickets for \$10 - Stainless sear plate & cooking surface, four cast brass burners, 12,000 BTU side burner, pull-out tank drawer, individual jet ignition burners, temperature gauge, rotisserie burner. Drawing will be held at the Relay for Life on May 22, 2004. You do not have to be present to win. For tickets or information, contact Dominion at 325-387-3588.

Lighthouse Community Church invites all youth in Sonora from 6th grade to 12th grade to a National Day of Prayer Youth Rally on May 5th starting at 5:30 p.m. with a hamburger supper. FMI call Jane Rushing 387-3625.

Justice of the Peace Office Hours - Calls Answered: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Walk-ins: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Closed on Observed Holidays. When filing small claims, civil claims or evictions, please contact the court in person between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life 6 person Night Golf Tournament - Saturday, May 8, 2004, Tee time - 6:00 p.m. Fee - \$25 per person to benefit the ACS. To enter call Storie Sharp at 387-2507. Space is limited so sign up early! BBQ supper provided for players - donations accepted for all other plates.

1st Annual Relay for Life 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - sponsored by BB Chemicals/Dominion teams, May 15, 2004 at the Jr. High Gym, starting at 10:00 a.m. Entry \$5 per person, limit four people per team. You can pick up entry forms from BB Chemicals. Contact Danine Brister at 387-6322 between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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.

"Bibbed Overall Gang" (Sutton Co. Steakhouse/Days Inn Devil's River) Relay for Life team is selling raffle tickets for a drawing for some great prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets can be purchased at the Sutton Co. Steakhouse or Days Inn Devil's River.

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.

Project Graduation will be held Friday, May 28, 2004. If you have any questions, please call Ronda Hall at 387-2830 or Sandi Ainsworth at 387-3737.

Rocksprings Womens Club Fashion Show and Luncheon - May 3, 2004, Session 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Session 2, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Session 3, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20 per person. All proceeds to benefit Edwards County EMS, Inc. Rescue Truck. For more information call Kathy Walker at (830)683-2444 or Becky Kott at (830)683-6230 or 683-3305

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.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed monthly in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

The Ozona Country Club 1st Annual Vacation Raffle - April 1, 2004 - July 16, 2004. The vacation will include two round-trip airfare 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 to be present to win. Winner must be at least 21 years of age to win. Winner chooses vacation dates redeemable within 6 months of the drawing. Ozona Country Club will personally book the vacation. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Ozona Country Club at 325-392-2520.

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

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