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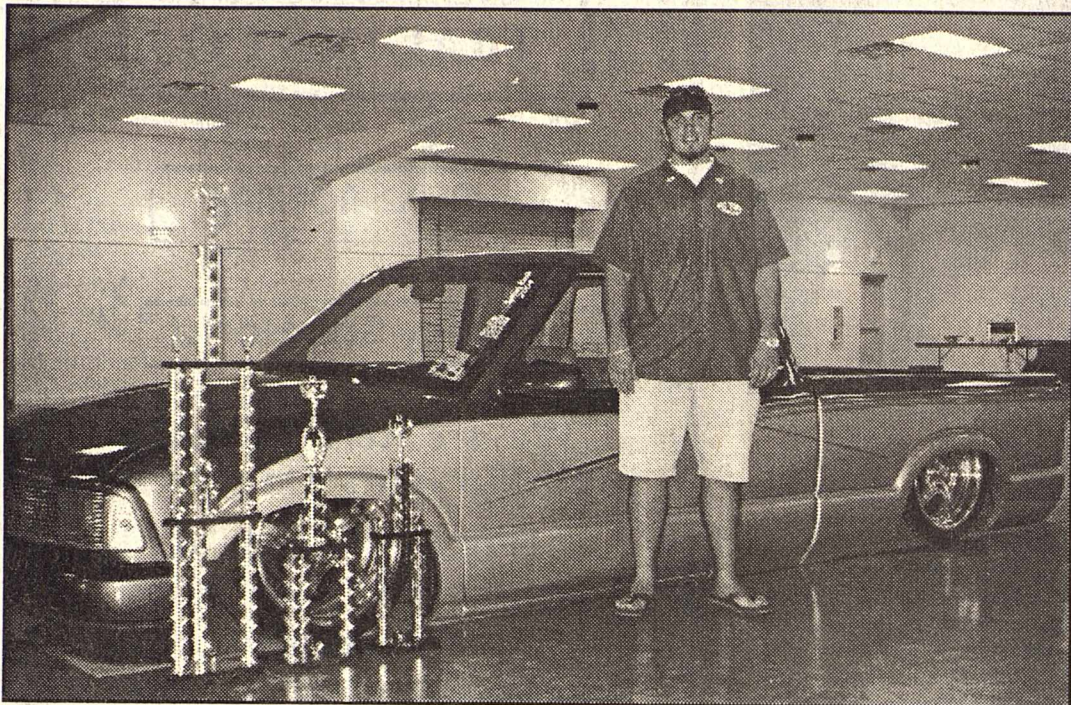
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## Cinco de Mayo celebration and 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo fill the park with fun



The Best of Show winner, Tye Farmer, also won Best Overall Truck and Best Mini Truck - Wild.

by Storie Sharp

The 2004 Knights of Columbus Cinco de Mayo Celebration was a weekend full of activities. There was something for everyone, with vendors selling jewelry, crafts and toys, all kinds of great foods and snacks, dancing, St. Ann's Softball Tournament, and the Lino's Custom Stereo's 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo. With visitors from all over the state of Texas, the weather couldn't keep anyone from having fun. The cold wind on Saturday might have kept some from venturing over to the Sutton County Park, but it didn't keep the 25 teams that came to play ball from taking the field. With games going on the Bronco baseball field and in the draw behind Poplar St. there was never a dull moment for softball fans.

As the sun set the music started and dancers filled the slab and car enthusiasts got to get a glimpse of what Sunday would bring as the car show participants did a "Sonic Cruise" through town.

The sun was shining bright on Sunday, bringing out everyone that hadn't stopped by on Saturday. The fajitas were sizzling, the music was playing and the cars were shining as the judging began at the 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo. In addition to judging the vehicles, the sound systems were graded on a decibel level machine, grading the best base and some loud speakers. Some entrants even had to sit on the top of their car to keep the roof on (or so it seemed from this amateur's observance). Sound quality was also judged.

The Car Expo was exceptional for its inaugural year, with promises of only bigger and better yet to come. The event wouldn't have been possible without the support of many generous sponsors, including

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Some great door prizes were given away every hour on Sunday, including amplifiers, woofers, CD cases, T-shirts, and more. Austin Wagoner was the lucky winner of the portable drop-down DVD player for the

See Car show results page 10



Little Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks and Little Mr. Sutton County Robert Zapata III celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Little Robert was also crowned Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo. (Little Miss Cinco de Mayo was not known at press time.)

## Lady Broncos finish track season, Elliott to take a run for State

The Lady Broncos competed in the Regional I-2A Track Championships on April 30 and May 1, 2004 in Abilene, TX. The Lady Broncos finished 5th overall, with 33 points.

Elizabeth Elliott was the 200m Champion, qualifying her for State on May 14, in Austin. She also finished 6th in the High Jump.

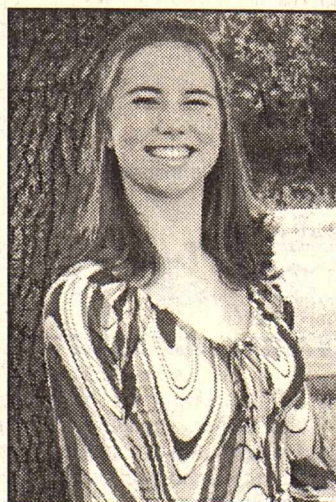
The Relay team of Megan Berry, Elizabeth Elliott, Lauren Smith and Amanda Berry finished 3rd in the 400m Relay and

5th in the 800m.

Courtney Caruthers set a new school record and beat her personal best with a 10' clearance in the Pole Vault. She finished 3rd in competition.

Other Lady Broncos that competed at Regionals were Brea Hughes, Meghan Krieg and Kayla Fields.

Congratulations to all these young ladies.



Elizabeth Elliott will run the 200m at the State Track Meet.

## Voters, Take Note

Early voting has begun for the Chapter 41 and school board elections. Anyone interested in voting early can do so in the Administration office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It is important that everyone be aware of a new state statute that says some form of identification must be shown in order to vote, so don't forget to take your voter registration card or drivers license when you go to vote.

Chapter 41 is a very big issue for Sonora ISD. In the first election there appears to have been some confusion about how to vote and it failed by approximately 11 votes. This failure caused Sonora ISD to have to send Austin approximately \$80,000 more than would have been if the vote had passed.

When you vote "FOR" the proposition on the ballot you are saying that you want Sonora ISD to partner with another district so that they can send the partner district money instead of Austin. The only option available to our district right now is Option 3, which only allows us to send our money to the State. Either way, money will have to be paid to help educate other children in other districts. This does not exempt us from being Chapter 41. It does allow us to have a choice as to where the money is sent and voting "FOR" will save Sonora ISD approximately \$90,000.

A sample ballot will be in next week's issue of The Devil's River News.

Please make an effort to vote. Early voting continues through May 11, 2004.

Election Day is May 15, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Manuel Tobias is in the race for SISD School Board Trustee Precinct 2



Manuel Tobias

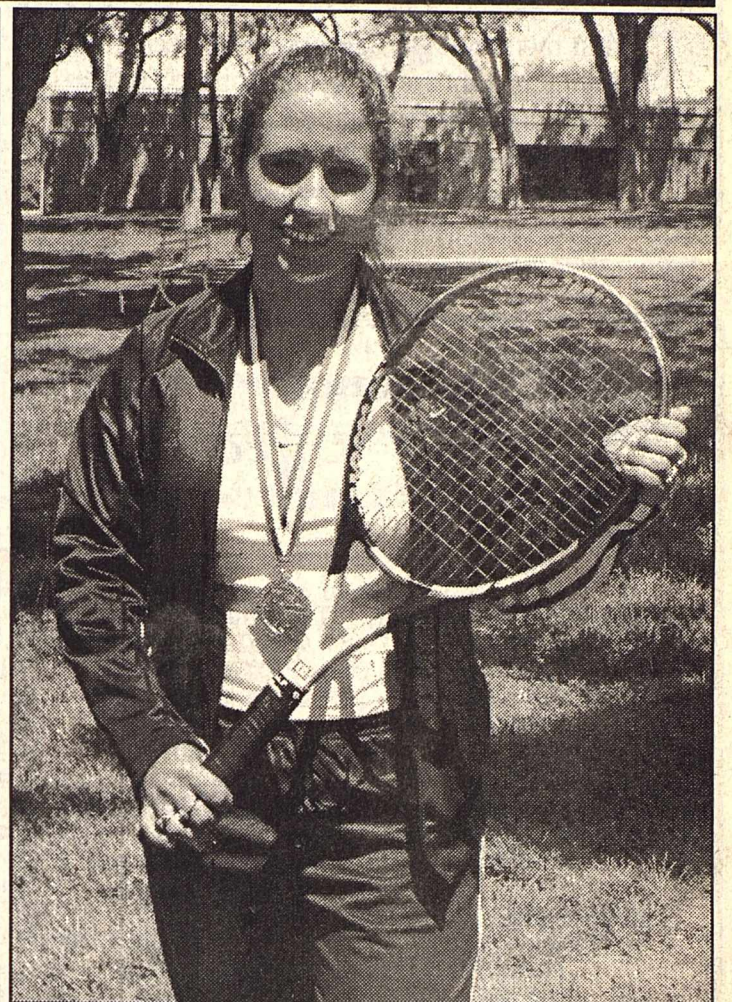
Manuel and his wife, Nelda, have three children in Sonora schools. Manuel has lived in Sonora for 14 years and is currently employed by Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital. He is active within the community as a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Boy Scouts, and the Sutton County EMS.

"I will have a strong commitment for providing Sonora's students with one of the best educational opportunities in Texas."

Your vote and support is appreciated.

Early Voting April 28 through May 11, 2004 at the SISD Administration Building.

Election Day is May 15, 2004 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Hudspeth Hospital.



## Susanna Street swings for State

submitted

Susanna Street, Sonora High School senior, earned a trip to Austin to compete in the Class 2A State Tennis Tournament, girls singles division, to be held May 10-11 at the UT tennis facilities. She achieved her goal by earning a silver medal at the Regional tournament held in Abilene April 30-May 1.

Street went to Regional as District Champion with a season record of 28 wins and 2 losses. This record earned her four gold, one silver, and one bronze for the season helping Coach Larry Jennings secure a seeding of 3rd at Region. This seeding came behind last year's state champion as 1st seed and this year's district champion from Canadian, TX as seed 2.

First round opponent, Chrystal Trejo, from Tornillo, couldn't compete with Susanna's experience, losing 6-0, 6-0, after a valiant effort to overcome Susanna's strengths. This included a powerful second serve not seen very often at this level of tournament play.

Sharon Schaffner, Henrietta, faced Street in the second round. She, too, had difficulty keeping up with well-placed serves, down the line winners, and few unforced errors falling 6-1, 6-1.

After an hour and half rain delay, she began her semi-final match facing a formidable opponent in the #2 seed, Gretchen Ashley, from Canadian. Gretchen was coming off a huge win for district champion by defeating last year's state champ, Lindsey

Short, Spearman. She is a talented player that showed skill, poise and passion for the sport, much like Susanna. Her only drawback was her lack of experience. With Ashley in her first year on varsity and a freshman, Street's experience pulled her through another match with a score 6-1, 6-0.

Moving into the championship match on Saturday, having dropped only three games in three rounds, Street was ready to take on the reigning state champ. Both came ready to play; Street took an early lead with a 6-3 1st set win. Street was up 3-0 in the second set; Short began a comeback few can only imagine. A number of factors went in Short's favor allowing for a 7-5 score in the second set pushing the match to a deciding 3rd set. Lindsey's talent, speed and determination to win led Street to only her 3rd loss for the season.

"I should have won that match," exclaims Street. "But, rather than let it dampen my spirit or hurt my confidence, it has given me even more resolve to win a State Championship for Sonora, my town and my school."

Street continues, "I have accomplished many goals in my 5 years of tournament play. I have many more still to achieve. I look forward to this challenge and am proud to represent my community and my school in this tournament."

Congratulations, Susanna. Good luck at State. Bring home the Gold!

## Butler reports on new lab equipment to Hospital board

submitted

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, April 12, 2004, in the Sutton County EMS training building. The following board members were present: Lewis Allen, president; Sherrill Dannheim, vice president; Maria Carrasco, Virginia Epps, and Lenora Pool.

Also present were Keith Butler, Administrator/CEO; Ben Epps; Sheila Richter; Michelle Schaefer, Board Secretary/CFO.

Lewis Allen called the meeting to order and minutes from a previous meeting were approved.

There was no report from the Sutton County Appraisal District.

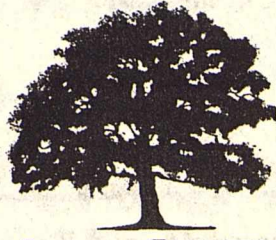
The board approved a motion to designate \$2,000,000 for the purpose of construction of the new hospital and wellness center.

The unopposed election of May 15, 2004 was canceled.

Sheila Richter gave the quarterly QA report and

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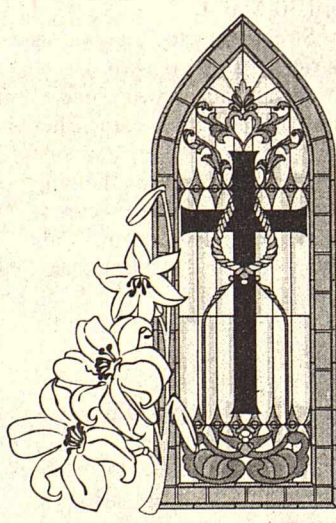


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**Obituaries**

**Arturo "Square" Sanchez**

Arturo "Square" de la Garza Sanchez was born October 6, 1946 in Sonora, Texas. He went home to be with the Lord, May 1, 2004. Square attended Sonora High School and Cisco Jr. College. In 1974, he married Brenda Perez of Sonora. He operated Sanchez Welding and Construction for over 30 years and was also proprietor of La Mexicana Restaurant. In his earlier years, he owned and operated a sheep-shearing contract business in which he took over the management after his father's retirement. Square was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora where he donated his time, resources, and skill. He was very involved in community projects which reflected his love for Sonora. Square was a loving husband and father. He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Brenda, daughter Tabitha Abrego, son-in-law Rene Abrego, sister, Dr. Margaret C. Trevino, and brother Jose Sanchez, Jr., as well as many nieces and nephews. A Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. May 1 and May 2, 2004 at Kerbow Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2004 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Bill DuBuisson, OMI officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials in Square's memory be made to Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Sonora.

**Roy C. Lambeth**

Roy C. Lambeth, 85, of Ulysses, KS, formerly of Sonora, Texas died Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Western Prairie Care Home, Ulysses, KS. He was born February 22, 1919, at Posey, TX to Bill and Mary Lambeth. He was the fourth of five children, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. He grew up in Brownfield and Seagraves, TX where he worked at Columbian Chemical for 35 years. After he retired in 1981 he became an Ordained United Pentecostal Pastor. His life was devoted to serving the Lord, by witnessing to everyone he came in contact with. Roy also served in the Army from 1942 until 1945 when he was Honorably Discharged. He married Vivian Holman in 1941 at Brownfield, TX. Vivian preceded him in death in December of 1984. To this union were born four children; Royce Lambeth of Ulysses, KS, James Lambeth of Dennard, AR; two daughters Juanita Vickers of Victoria, TX and Joyce Harris of Omaha, NE. He then married Maybelle Trout in 1985. She preceded him in death in February of 1996. He loved to fish and hunt deer. A special part of Roy's life was when he was spending time with his family. Survivors include his children and one sister Dockey Hulse of Brownwood, TX, 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. He was preceded in death by one brother Deward Lambeth and two sisters Ruby Stone and Lola Lewis. Funeral services were Saturday, May 1, 2004, 3:00 p.m. at Roselane Church of God, Ulysses, KS with Pastor Mike Wirt officiating. Burial followed at the Ulysses Cemetery, Ulysses, KS. The family suggests that memorials be given to Women's Ministry at Roselane Church of God in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 405 W. Grant, Ulysses, KS 67880.



**Robert "Bob" Whipkey**

Robert "Bob" Whipkey, 73, of Camp Wood, Texas passed away April 30, 2004 at University Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. He was born December 18, 1930 in Montell, Texas to Paul August and Laura Dela Whipkey. In August 1974, he married Belinda Talley. He is survived by his wife of twenty nine years, Belinda Whipkey; two sons John P. Whipkey and wife Aubrey of Barksdale, Texas, Bobby Sloan of Camp Wood, Texas; one granddaughter, Faygan Sloan of Camp Wood, Texas; three sisters Pauline Hamilton of Whitney, Texas, Reba Brown of San Antonio, Texas, Claudette Wipff and husband George of Sonora, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004. Graveside in the Barksdale Cemetery in Barksdale, Texas. Rev. Carroll Vernor officiated. Arrangements were by Nelson Funeral Home of Camp Wood, Texas.

**Cards of Thanks**

Thank you very much for your prayers and flowers during our loss. Especially the ladies who donated and served for the meal.

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I give thanks to God for each day of my life, and to my parents, my deep appreciation for their love, protection and sacrifice for making me always happy. I give thanks also to my family, Godparents, court of honor, and my friends, in one way or another they have wished for me to be happy on this day and this happiness I am honored to have shared with you my Quinceanera on April 17, 2004.

Teresa Marie Castillo and Family

**Thank you for reading  
The Devil's River News!**

**Senior Center News**

**May 10** - Celebrate Older Americans Month. Open house this week 10th - 14th.  
**May 11** - Exercise anyone?  
**May 12** - Coffee and Sweets. 9:00 a.m.  
**May 13** - Crafts anyone?  
**May 14** - Pay bills and run errands!

**Senior Center Menu**

**May 10** - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, bread, melon salad, milk.  
**May 11** - Baked chicken breast with gravy, green beans, macaroni & cheese, rolls, milk, cake.  
**May 12** - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, bread, jello with fruit, milk.  
**May 13** - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, carrot & celery sticks, cookie, milk.  
**May 14** - Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, milk, angel food cake with fruit.

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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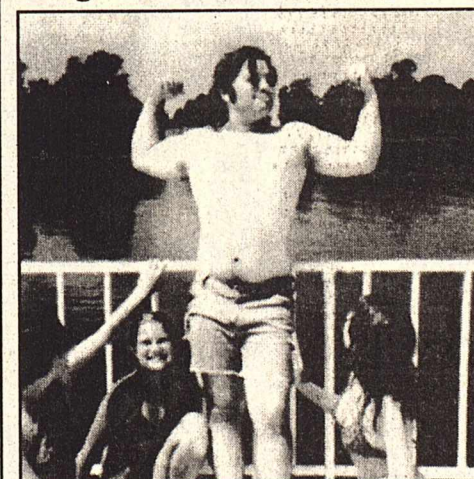
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**Community Calendar**

<b>May 3-7</b> Teacher Appreciation Week <b>May 10</b> County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 p.m. • Annex Bldg. <b>May 10-14</b> Law Enforcement Week <b>May 15</b> Maribel Sentena/ Daniel Garza Scholarship Fundraiser Dance Civic Center • 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	<b>May 18</b> City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall <b>May 21-22</b> A.C.S. Relay for Life Bronco Stadium • 6:00 p.m. <b>May 24</b> County Commissioners Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall <b>Al-Anon Family Meetings</b> Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170
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### Ask the Historical Society

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

**Q.** How did the Camp Three in One gas station get its name?

**A.** A contest was held by Mrs. Pfeister to name the station. Charles H. Evans Jr. won \$5 for coming up with the winning name. It was located at her tourist camp, you could get gas, oil and groceries there so he named it Camp Three in One Station.

**Q.** Where is W. S. Strader buried?

**A.** In the May 18, 1928 issue of The Devil's River News there is mention in the 35 Years Ago column of the following: County and District Clerk, W. S. Strader, after a lingering illness died in Sonora, Sunday morning, Jan. 11th, 1891, and was buried Monday in the city cemetery. Deceased was born in West Virginia about 33 years ago, where his parents now reside. He came to Texas about 1879, was a citizen of Menard county about 10 years and moved to Sutton County shortly after the location of Sonora. He was well liked by all who knew him, and at the election of county officers last fall, was chosen County and District Clerk of Sutton County, which office he filled until death called him to the other world.

This notice says he was buried in the city cemetery, not the Sonora Cemetery, the term normally used in the news. There was a small cemetery located within the city limits. There are at least three burials in it. One a baby, one a young woman who died after breaking her hip. It was called the City Cemetery. We wonder if he was buried here also as Ray Davis told us there were about 5 graves in the little cemetery. She said she would walk down Main St. to Crockett St. and turn left and the cemetery was just a block or two down, about halfway between both draws. She couldn't tell me which street corner it was on and we couldn't find any gravestones in that area.

With all the war news going on one item seems to have been overlooked quite a bit lately, the dedication of the WWII monument in Washington D. C. A lot of people say they don't know any WWII vets. If they asked they would find quite a few right here in Sonora. If they went to the Sonora Cemetery and

looked at the gravestones they would find some more. From newspaper articles we know that Lt. William M. Penick USAAC was killed in Florida while serving in the military. Pvt. IC John Bevans (Pete) Cooper USA 330 Rangers was killed in Barrakapore, India. Staff Sgt. J. H. Brasher USAAC died in an aerial action near the So. Pacific Isle of Ceram.

Pvt. IC Isidro Virgin was killed in Italy. Sgt. R. W. Hill USAAC died in a bomber raid over Germany. Staff Sgt. David G. Ramirez in the 7th Cavalry died in the Admiralty Islands. Staff Sgt. James S. (Jake) Morgan Jr. in the 6th Armored Infantry Battalion died in Northern Italy. Pvt. Geronimo Muñoz with the 3rd Army Infantry (Patton) died in Germany. Cpl. Arthur W. Awalt Jr. a field artillery man died in the Leyte Islands. Quartermaster 3/C John Aldwell Nisbet USN was killed in action in the Pacific Theater. Pvt. IC Pablo A. Soto, USA infantry was killed in the Philippine Islands. Lt. Marvin Smith USAAC died off the coast of Florida.

There were a lot of famous people that served in WWII, sports professionals, Yogi Berra, Jack Dempsey, Gil Hodges, Tom Landry, Rocky Marciano and Barney Ross.

Politicians include Spiro Agnew, Lloyd Bentsen, George Bush, John Connally, Robert J. Dole, Gerald Ford, Barry Goldwater, Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Ed Koch, Richard Nixon and J. Strom Thurmond to name a few. Also govt. servants, Henry A. Kissinger, John Mitchell, Elliott Richardson and Cyrus Vance.

You will find journalists that served in WWII include Dave Garoway, Bill Mauldin, Pierre Salinger and Mike Wallace. Authors include Art Buchwald, Alex Haley, Louis L'Amour, Norman Mailer, James A. Michener, Leon Uris, Thornton Wilder and Herman Wouk.

Just ask around, maybe one of your grandparents served during WWII or great grandparents. Remember they had the women in the military and many other female groups working for the war effort. While the men were away many of the women stepped in and took over their jobs. They learned how to weld, rivet, work machines that the men worked in peace time. They helped build ships, make weapons and ammunition. They took over farms and ranches and ran them until their men came



Do you know who these people are? Let us know.

home. They learned how to mow the lawn, clean the gutters, fix their cars when they broke down and to cry because they missed their men. They canned food because of rationing and sewed and knit clothes to go off to the troops. They worked in VA Hospitals as volunteers, reading to men who had been blinded or lost their arms and writing letters to their loved ones for them.

There were a lot of ways your ancestors contributed to WWII. Some couldn't pass physicals so they served on local committees to raise money for the war. They volunteered to collect scrap metal, silk and cooking grease to be recycled for the war effort. They planted victory gardens, worked as volunteers and helped wherever they could in the war effort. They pitched in and served in the Civilian Patrols and helped protect the home front. Even if they didn't go off to war they worked in many ways to help the troops win. You didn't have to be a soldier to win the war, you could be a "good soldier at home" and do everything you could to help the war effort.

While we shouldn't forget the men who are fighting now we should stop and take a few minutes to say thank you to those who fought before them and show them proper respect for their efforts. Many of these WWII vets are quite elderly and won't be with us much longer, they deserve our respect and thanks, not just in death, but now while they can appreciate it. I don't mean just on Memorial Day or Veterans Day but other times of the year when a holiday doesn't demand it.

While you are at it remember those who fought in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, and in Desert Storm and Desert Shield and all the other so called "actions" we have been in around the world. They all deserve a thank you

from us too. You can leave magazines at the VA hospitals, knit or crochet colorful lap robes for the patients, send little cards to them on and off during the year to let them know you care. With the new conflict there are many young people in VA hospitals right now. We have done a lot to help those overseas but many seem to have forgotten those who have come home and are confined to hospitals. You would be amazed at how long some of these men and women have been confined to hospitals, some will never be able to go home. So when you help the ones overseas don't forget the ones who have come home.

We will have a regular column next week, no sermonizing, I promise. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or stop by the office at 307 Oak Street, Monday mornings, Friday mornings and Saturday mornings or give me a call at 325-387-5084 during those same times or give me a call at home at 387-2855 in the evenings. We still need more people to help gut the old WTU/ice house building at the corner of Water and Prospect Sts. We work there every Saturday we can from 8-4 trying to get it ready to become a huge new museum for Sutton County. Many people have asked me when it will be done. My answer is, when you all get down there and pitch in physically and help. The money from the concert won't go very far and we need a lot of volunteer help to turn that old building into a museum, a showplace for local history. The Miers Home Museum will continue to function as an 1890's home museum but this museum will cover ranching as well as many other aspects of Sutton Co. history.

### Engagement Announcement

**Snyder and Burlison announce upcoming wedding plans**



Lynn Burlison and Beth Snyder

Beth Snyder and Lynn Burlison plan to marry on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at the T-Saucer Ranch with Rev. Lewis Allen officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of B. B. & Andy Evetts of Temple, TX. She is a graduate of Temple High School and attended Temple College. She is employed by Multi-Chem Production Chemicals.

Her fiancé is the son of Travis Burlison of Roby, TX and the late Lorena Burlison. He is a graduate of Hermleigh High School and a 1983 graduate of Western Texas College in Snyder and Tarrant Co. College in Ft. Worth in 2000 with a degree in Criminal Justice. He served 12 years in the U. S. Navy. He is employed by Multi-Chem Production Chemicals.

### Sign up for 4-H camp

Sutton County 4-H members have been invited to join Edwards County and Real County 4-Her's at H.E.B. Camp near Leaky on Friday, June 4, through Sunday, June 6, 2004. Cost of attending this camp is \$35. The age of eligibility is 8 years through 18 years. Anyone under 9 years of age will require parent accompaniment. (There will be no charge for parents who attend.) Educational activities, as well as lots of recreation are planned for those who attend. Please stop by the Sutton County Extension Office to complete an application and pay the registration fee.

### My Mother

She would bake my favorite cake (Chocolate with pecans on top) for my birthday and I don't know how she did it but when she bought me a gift it was something I always needed. Yes, she spoiled me and I keep telling my wife that I am too old to change. God created women uniquely and they have the ability to have children and to show or give that special kind of love that we need. In our world today it may not just be our mother; it may be a grandmother or someone else that is not even kin to us. That love we received and has warmed our lives and our hearts reminds me of how much God loves us (Psalm 36:5 & 7). Yes, it is an unconditional love and no matter how bad we are or what we have done God still loves us (1 John 4:7-10).

Don't ever take someone's love for granted. Thank them and let's give a prayer of thanks to God for His love to us (Psalm 52:8, Romans 5:8). This week let's call, send a card, flowers, take to dinner or go visit our mothers or the ones (it might even be a mother-in-law) that have had a wonderful part in our lives. Better yet, you may go to or even take them to church next Sunday.

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### Chamber Chatter



### Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Car Show and Softball fill the weekend

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Though I have lived in Sonora all my life, and have truly appreciated this town and the sense of community, I am still amazed at what a wonderful community Sonora really is. This past weekend the Cinco de Mayo Celebration took place in Sonora. And what a wonderful celebration it was. A couple of years ago a representative of the Knights of Columbus came to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to express concern and a desire to enlarge the Cinco de Mayo celebration. The leadership of both organizations agreed that this should be a time for our community to celebrate the Hispanic heritage of our area. As is the policy of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce the chamber agreed to help for three years with the organization of the Cinco de Mayo celebration. This is only the second year for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to be involved in the Cinco de Mayo celebration with the Knights of Columbus and I can say that I have rarely had this much fun while working this hard. The board of Directors for Sonora Chamber of Commerce helped to make this possible by being on hand to help wherever needed and to relieve Donna & I, as well as helping to set up and take down.

This year's event was more fun than ever! We were fortunate to have two other event organizers that wanted to work with the Knights of Columbus to hold their events in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo celebration with the 3rd Annual St. Ann's Softball Tournament and the 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo. Both of these events were extremely successful, even with thirty m.p.h. north winds blowing all day Saturday. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program organized a parade in downtown Sonora that many said was wonderful even in the inclement weather. The wind blew too hard to set up the rides for the children on Saturday out at the Sutton County Park and some of our vendors did not return to set up on Sunday, after being wind blow and exhausted by the cold weather, but a good time was had by all. Crowds of people flocked to the softball games and to the car show. Lino's Custom Stereo hosted the 1st Annual Sutton County Car Expo, and I think everyone would agree that it was one of the biggest things to come to Sonora in a while.

Having never attended a car show of any kind in my life, I was amazed! Families from all over West Texas were here to exhibit and enter vehicles in the Sutton County Car Expo. Crowds were large, and stayed out at the park all day both Saturday and Sunday. We want to thank all of the vendors, participants, sponsors, and spectators for taking part. Young and not so young alike seemed to get a "big kick" out of the cars, trucks, dragsters, motorcycles, music and fun. We hope that all of the non profit organizations that set up booths were able to raise money for their charities, and that all the businesses that also set up booths did well. Sonora is a wonderful place to live, and with all the out of town visitors this last weekend, I hope that the visitors got a taste of what a wonderful community Sonora is to visit. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a success.

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### Sentena/Garza Memorial dance and raffle to benefit scholarship fund

It's time for the Annual Maribel Sentena/Daniel Garza Scholarship fundraiser dance! The dance will be on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at the Sutton County Civic Center, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door, no pre-sale tickets will be sold. Music will be provided by "Romaldo Y Estillo Band".

If you are unable to attend the dance but wish to make a donation, it would be appreciated. Several donations from individuals and commercial sponsors have already been received. Make checks to Sentena/Garza Scholarship fund c/o JoAnn Jones at First National Bank, 102 N. Main St., Sonora, Texas, 76950.

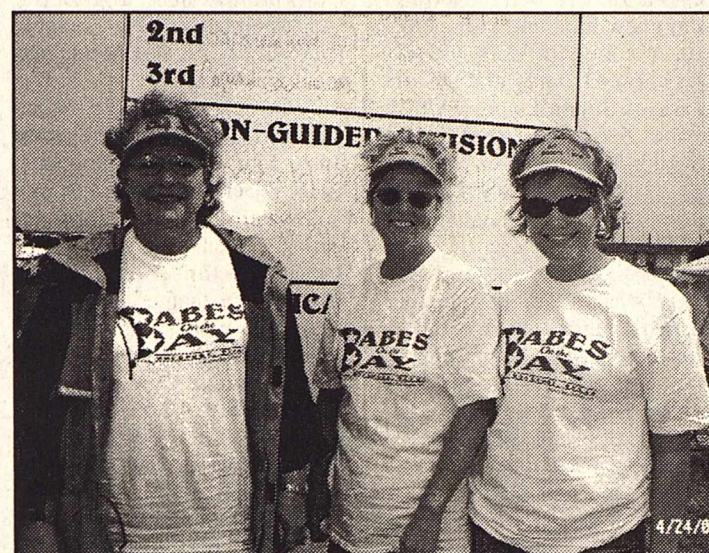
In addition to the dance, a raffle is currently being held, with the drawing to be held at the dance. Tickets are \$1 and you do not have to be present to win. Prizes that can be won are: a 7" screen, Portable DVD player with a car kit, a 20" Color TV, a combination VCR/DVD player, fajitas for two from La Mexicana, a buffet for two from Taco Grill, chicken fried steak for two from the Sutton County Steakhouse, an oil change from Moore's Oil & Lube Service, and a daily special for two from Rosie's Café.

Tickets are available from any committee member. Call 387-5233, 387-3410, 387-2387 or 387-5335.

All funds raised are used for the scholarship that goes to a graduating senior or seniors from Sonora High School. The fund was started with two \$500 scholarships per year, and has grown to four \$500 scholarships, because of all the continued support from the community.

Thank you to everyone that makes this possible each year.

### Local fisherwoman hooks second in Babes on the Bay Tournament



Carolyn Jones, JoAnn Jones and Kim Jones make up the Hill Country Hookers fishing team.

The 5th annual Jim Ehman Memorial Babes on the Bay Tournament in Rockport, Texas was held on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Local banker and new Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, JoAnn Jones was part of the "Hill Country Hookers" who finished 2nd in the "Guided - Any Bait" competition. The team was guided by Capt. Gary Tinnerman of Saltwater Safaris Bay and Flats Fishing Guide Service. The catch weighed in at 16.6 lbs. Other areas of competition were "Guided - artificial", "Un-guided - any bait" and "Un-guided - artificial". Awards were also given for the Largest Red, Flounder and Trout and for the Red with the Most Spots.

The Babes on the Bay tournament is limited to amateur women and is simply a trophy tournament. This year there were two women from Florida and one from Alabama fishing in the tourney, but most of the women come from the coastal bend, Houston, or San Antonio. The inaugural event hosted 92 women anglers. The next year's women-only contest attracted nearly 200. Almost 300 women fished in the next one, and the fourth year 354 anglers in 107 teams came out to rival or exceed participation in other major coastal tournaments that are open to all anglers. This year the tournament hosted 446 women in 128 teams, and the representative from CCA stated that this is the largest fishing tournament in Texas.

An ongoing agreement between CCA-Aransas Bay and CCA-Texas results annually in the return of a portion of the take raised at each Babes on the Bay tournament. This money helps fund trout and redfish releases in Aransas Bay through the Lone Star Legacy program, a perpetual endowment fund set up by the TPW Foundation to supplement the maintenance of state parks and/or wildlife and fisheries projects. This notion of returning to the bays what is taken is an essential element of the tournament and its sponsors.

### Girl Scouts take time to stop and smell the flowers



Girls Scout Troop 100 and Daisy Troop 215 hiked Eaton Hill on April 27, 2004. Maggie Ramirez, Allison Freeman, Shainah Johnson, Amber West, Laura Sanchez, Katelyn Lipham, Cassandra Amaro, Alexis Garza, and Sydney Burnham, Kelisha Alvarado, and Cipriana Tobias

The girls had a great time learning about various wildflowers and wildlife. Allison Freeman was a great help in guiding our troops. She was able to give a complete history of The Eaton Family. The Girls Scouts enjoyed meeting the men building a concrete slab and receiving explanation of the new projects taking place on Eaton Hill. Most of all the girls enjoyed each other's company and a breath of fresh air!

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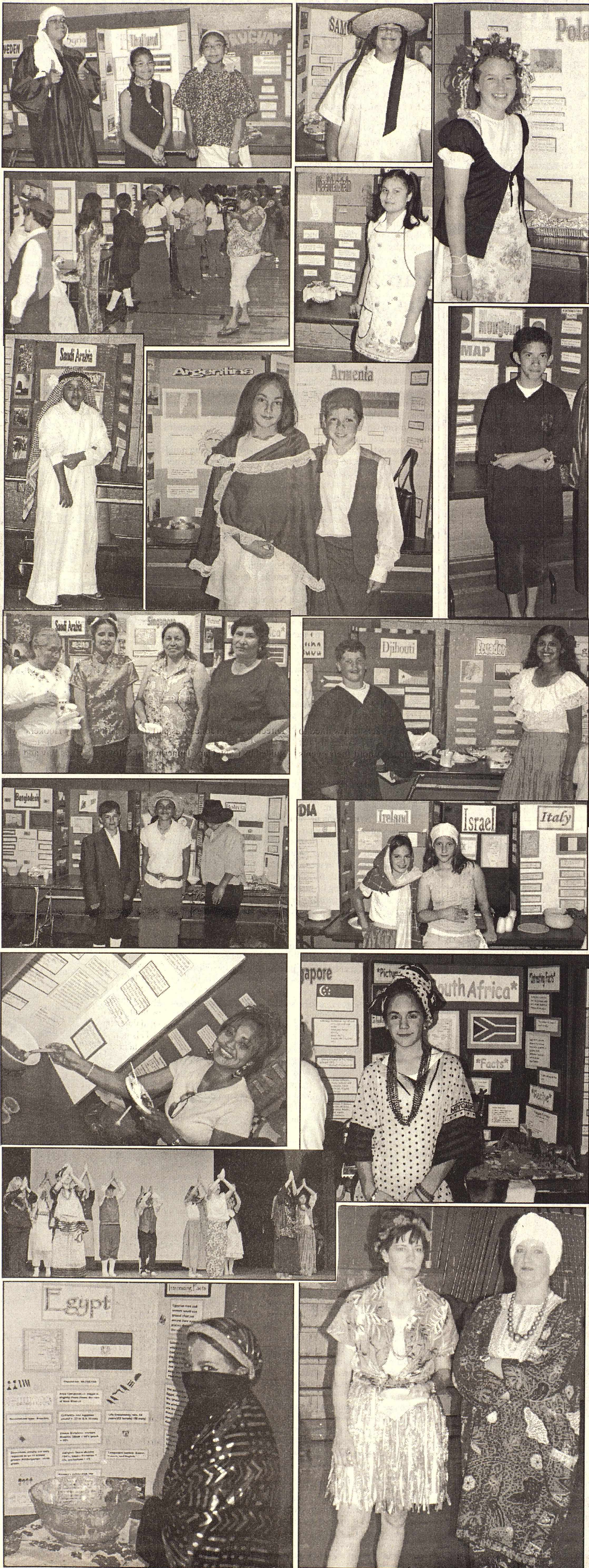
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## Lady Broncos tune up for play-offs

by Tryon Fields

In preparation for the upcoming play-offs, the Lady Broncos played Albany in San Angelo last Thursday. Eager to get back on track, Sonora played good defense, hit the ball very well, and had pitched excellently to defeat the girls from Albany by a score of 11 to 1 in five innings.

Albany scored their only run in the top of the first inning on the Lady Broncos' only miscue. An errant throw put the second batter aboard, a single moved her to third and an excellent bunt would score Albany's only run. Sonora responded in all five innings.

Timely hitting and being aided by numerous Albany errors, the Lady Broncos scored 2 runs in the first, 2 in the second, 3 in the third, 2 in the fourth, and 2 in the fifth.

Sonora only had five hits; however, every batter put the ball in play.

Kayla Fields, Meghan Krieg, Debra Martinez, Adriana Castillo, and Brandy Neff were the Lady Broncos who had the hits. Krieg, and Neff each had 2 RBI's, with Tamika Marshall and Jamie Duran each having 1. Krieg led the team with 4 stolen bases and Martinez had 2. On defense, Sonora was led by the pitcher Meghan Krieg with 12

strike outs, 3 walks, and 1 hit bats man.

Kayla Fields, Brandy Neff, and Jamie Duran each had a put out and Meghan Krieg also had an assist.

The Lady Broncos will begin their quest for a trip to the Regional Finals this Thursday. Their opponent will be the Lady Wolves from Colorado City.

The Lady Wolves are the second place finishers from District 3-2A. Game time is 5:30 P.M. at San Angelo Central's Softball Complex. So - Come out and support the Lady Broncos!!

**GOOD LUCK LADY BRONCOS!!!!!!**

## Parents and Peers Have the Power to Stop Teen Substance Abuse

A new effort launched by the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign hopes to reduce teen drug use by enlisting the power of parents and peers to intervene with young people who have already begun drug use and underage drinking. Research shows that teens look to their friends and parents when it comes to problems with drugs. By taking early action, parents and friends can stop teens from using drugs and help them avoid serious consequences that can jeopardize their future.

Teens who use drugs risk damaging their developing minds and bodies - and face the possibility of addiction. How, and when, you respond to your teenager when you suspect or find out your child is using drugs could have a serious impact on his or her future. Research shows that the earlier kids try marijuana, the more likely they are to become addicted to drugs later in life, and young teens using marijuana are four times more susceptible to becoming dependent than adults.

Any drug use puts teens at risk. Not every teen that uses drugs will become dependent, but there is no way to know if a teen will progress from use to addiction or how quickly that could happen.

More than 100,000 young people enter drug treatment programs each year for dependence on marijuana and other illicit drugs; and according to the latest National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than two million youth have a clinically diagnosable dependence on illegal drugs or alcohol.

Friends and parents of teens need to recognize symptoms of youth drug use so they can make a difference in the futures of young people before it's too late.

If you suspect your teenager has tried drugs or alcohol, then you know your son or daughter is at a critical crossroads. Parents need to be aware of the signs of substance abuse - declining school performance, a new set of friends, becoming withdrawn, uninterested, or argumentative, and they should be prepared to take action.

- Let your teen know that you know about their drug use.
- Tell your teen that you love them and that you're worried about them.
- Explain that drugs have serious consequences and that you want to help them.

Resources and information on what to do when a teen is suspected or known to be using drugs are available on [www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com).

### Signs & Symptoms of Teen Drinking and Drug Use

How can you tell if your child is using drugs or alcohol? It is difficult because changes in mood or attitudes, unusual temper outbursts, changes in sleeping habits and changes in hobbies or other interests are common in teens. What should you look for?

You can also look for signs of depression, withdrawal, carelessness with grooming or hostility. Also ask yourself, is your child doing well in school, getting along with friends, taking part in sports or other activities?

### Watch List for Parents

- \* Changes in friends
- \* Negative changes in schoolwork, missing school, or declining grades
- \* Increased secrecy about possessions or activities
- \* Use of incense, room deodorant, or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors
- \* Subtle changes in conversations with friends, e.g. more secretive, using "coded" language
- \* Change in clothing choices: new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use
- \* Increase in borrowing money
- \* Evidence of drug paraphernalia such as pipes, rolling papers, etc.
- \* Evidence of use of inhalant products (such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, common household products); Rags and paper bags are sometimes used as accessories
- \* Bottles of eye drops, which may be used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils
- \* New use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up the smell of alcohol
- \* Missing prescription drugs—especially narcotics and mood stabilizers

These changes often signal that something harmful is going on—and often that involves alcohol or drugs. You may want to take your child to the doctor and ask him or her about screening your child for drugs and alcohol. This may involve the health professional asking your child a simple question, or it may involve a urine or blood drug screen. However, some of these signs also indicate there may be a deeper problem with depression, gang involvement, or suicide. Be on the watch for these signs so that you can spot trouble before it goes too far.

### Building Your Support Group

The key step in dealing with a substance abuse problem is finding a trusted, professional counselor. They are trained to listen and can help you find solutions to your problems. Most communities have established local coalitions that can support your family through this difficult time. Whatever path you take at this point, know that there are many caring professionals that want to help you successfully work through the situation. Although it may be difficult to make the call, the earlier that you seek help for your child the better.

These are community and health specialists who can guide and inform you:

- \* School counselors and student assistance professionals
- \* Employee assistance professionals
- \* Family doctors or pediatricians
- \* Nurses
- \* Faith leaders
- \* Community health centers
- \* Adolescent prevention or treatment professionals
- \* Local community anti-drug coalitions

Ask your child if there is someone they trust (like a coach or student adviser) and feel comfortable talking to. They shouldn't necessarily make the final decision, but they are more likely to be an active participant if they have a say in what happens.

## Bronco Track finishes season in Abilene

The Bronco track team traveled to Abilene on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1 for Region 1-2A competition. The Broncos finished 9th overall, with 29 points.

Hilton Bloodworth finished 4th in the 100m with a time of 11.3.

Anthony Longoria finished 4th in the 200, with a time of 22.94. He also finished 3rd in the Triple Jump, with a leap of 43'2.5".

The 400 Relay team, Stevie Hernandez, Bloodworth, Wilson Wallace and Longoria finished 4th in 44.66.

Tom Valliant was 3rd in the Shot Put, throwing for 52'7.25".

Brett McDaniel finished 6th in the Discus, with a throw of 147'9".

## Colt Track ends with third place finish

The 7th grade Colts placed third as a team at the District Track Meet in Sonora last month.

Individual results were:  
**Discus:** 2. Kody Word  
**Shot Put:** 3. Jessy Mallas, 4. Rudy Charo

**Triple Jump:** 4. Derek Van Winkle, 6. Mario Lira  
**High Jump:** 5. Domingo Reynosa

**Lung Jump:** 2. Domingo Reynosa, 6. Mario Lira  
**Pole Vault:** 2. Ross Crites  
**400m Dash:** 2. Domingo Reynosa

**400m Relay:** 2. Domingo Reynosa, Ricardo Rodriguez, Derek Van Winkle, Mario Lira  
**800m Run:** 2. David Lane  
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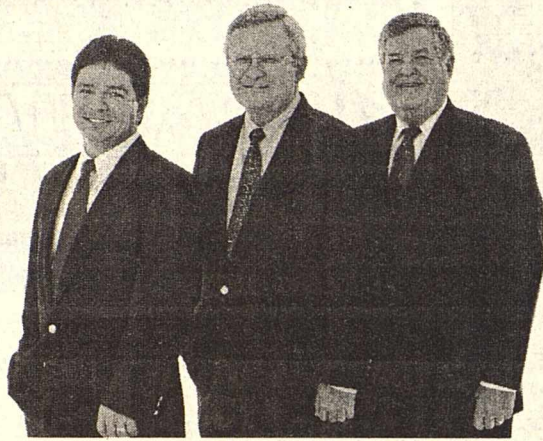
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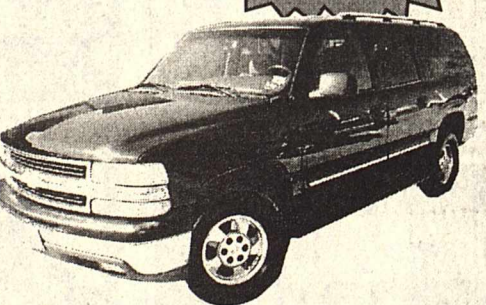
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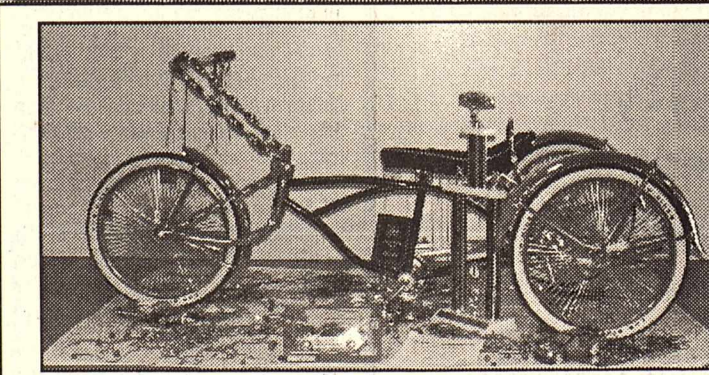
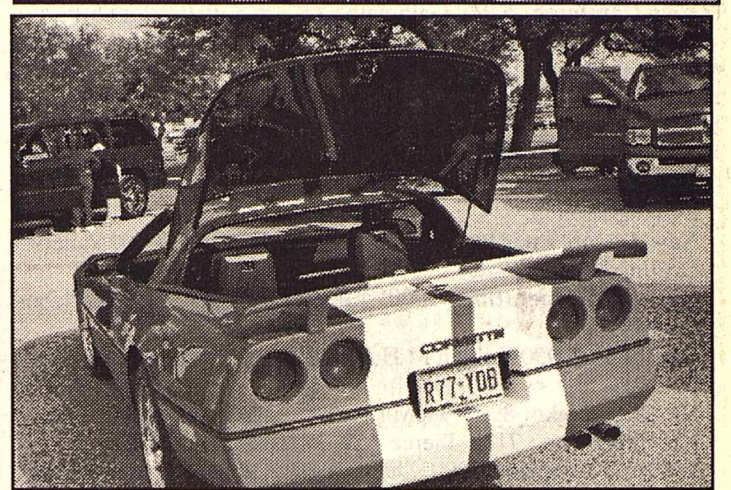
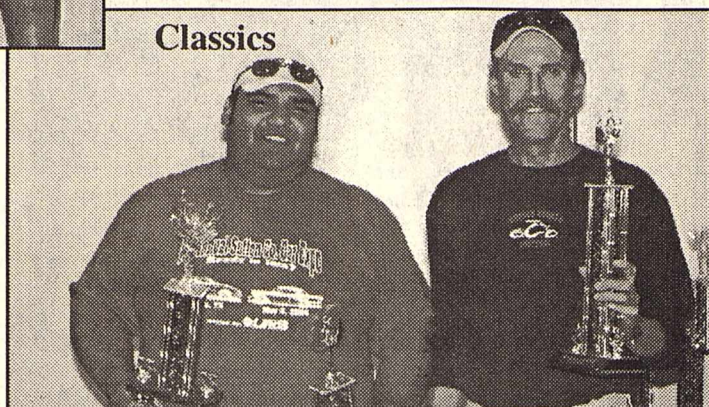
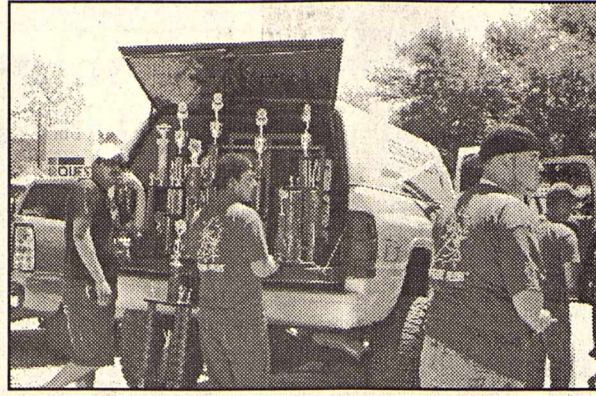
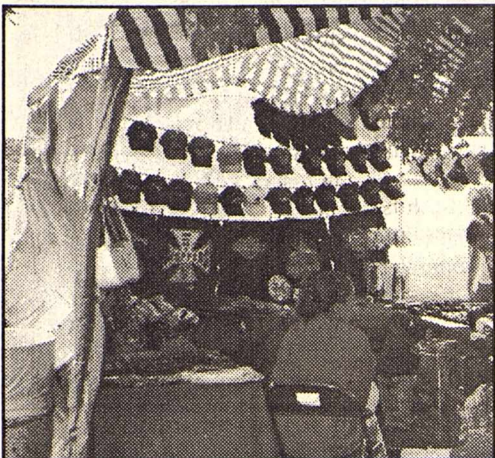
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**New Dominion;** 6450' Steen #76, Patterson Drilling.  
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**New Dominion;** 6300' Galbreath - 66 - #17, Patterson Drilling.  
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### Crockett

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**New Devon Energy;** 9200' Ruby Helbing - 25 - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
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**Dominion;** 8950' Lillian M Hudspeth Mem Hosp - B -, Patterson Drilling.  
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### Rangeland Water Conference set for May 26 in Sonora

by Steve Byrns.  
 Contact: Pascual Hernandez, (325) 387-3101

SONORA - A need for current rangeland water news has prompted Texas Cooperative Extension in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties to sponsor the Rangeland Water Conference. The event will be May 26 in the Sonora Civic Center.

Registration is scheduled for 9 a.m. The program will start at 9:25 a.m. with a welcome by Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available to participants.

"Water and the growing issues surrounding this precious resource are of utmost importance to all West Texans," said Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent for Sutton County. "We're right over the Edwards Aquifer here, one of the most important underground water sources in the state. Our whole agricultural economy, including our land values, hinges directly on water, or the lack of it."

"This conference is designed to give our producers a concise overview of the topics that most affect them. We'll be talking about everything from maintaining water quality and riparian management to the 'rule of capture' and Texas water law. If you are a landowner in our

area or have an interest in learning more about West Texas water-related issues and technology, I would strongly urge you to attend this conference."

Morning speakers and their topics will include:

- "Plant Water Needs/Herbicide Alternatives," Dr. Keith Owens, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station range scientist, Uvalde;
- "Maintaining Water Quality Through Analysis," Cindy Cawley, Schleicher County Underground Water Conservation District manager, Eldorado; and

- "Windmills," Bob Bracher and James Docker, Aermotor of San Angelo.

Afternoon topics and speakers include:

- "Riparian Management," Vaden Aldridge, Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist, Eldorado;
- "Rule of Capture," Dr. Todd Votteler, Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust, Seguin; and

- "Texas Pesticide Laws and Record Keeping Requirements," Cain Cline, TDA, San Angelo.

Pre-registration by May 24 is \$10 per person to cover the cost of the meal and educational materials.

For more information contact the Extension offices in Sutton, Schleicher or Crockett Counties.

### RRC: Make propane cylinder safety a priority for spring

AUSTIN -- Spring and summer are major outdoor seasons for the Lone Star State and perfect for outdoor barbecues and cool nights on the patio, but powering up the propane equipment for the festivities calls for serious safety considerations.

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's chief energy agency, wants consumers to enjoy safe use of their propane cylinders for grills, outdoor lanterns, mosquito control equipment and patio heaters. And with more and more Americans using propane to cook on gas-powered grills in the outdoors, it is important to consider safety each time the grill gets lit.

"Before firing up your propane equipment, check it for problems such as worn hoses and proper air adjustment," said Commission Chairman Victor G. Carrillo. "Worn or defective parts should be replaced, and maintenance should be performed according to the manufacturer's instructions. To check for leaks, brush connections and hose with soapy water or commercial leak detection solution. Bubbles indicate a possible leak. Don't use equipment until the leaks are repaired."

According to the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association (HPBA), purchases of barbecue grills have increased steadily since 1985 with 8,446,500 grills shipped to suppliers in 2003. Such popularity shows a serious call for safety when using propane to fuel those grills.

"It is important to check the propane cylinder for signs of external damage, such as dents, gouges, bulges, fire damage, corrosion, leakage, or excessive rust. If a consumer thinks it may be damaged, they should take the cylinder to a local

propane marketer for a visual inspection," said Commissioner Charles R. Matthews.

HPBA statistics show continued use of gas-powered grills over charcoal and wood-fired grills in the waning years of the 1990s. While 48 percent of grill owners own a charcoal grill, 61 percent grill with a Propane-powered grill, according to the HPBA. "Moving that propane equipment to and from the propane dealer is just as important as ensuring proper connections once the equipment is installed at home."

"When transporting propane cylinders, people must remember to plug or cap the outlets and be sure to keep the relief valve upright," said Commissioner Michael L. Williams. "Take the refilled cylinder directly home and remember to store it outdoors, in a shady location. Always extinguish smoking materials while transporting or using propane cylinders. Make sure the cylinders are stored away from dryer or furnace vents or children's play areas."

Consumers may find they need a new safety device when they take their older propane cylinders to be refilled. An overfilling prevention device (OPD) is required by the Railroad Commission's LP-Gas Safety Rules. The OPD offers additional protection against filling the cylinder with too much propane.

Remember to barbecue safely this summer by using this safety checklist:

- Check equipment for worn hoses and proper air adjustment.
- Worn or defective parts should be replaced.

- Maintenance should be done according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- To check for leaks, brush connections and hose with soapy water or commercial leak detection solution. Bubbles indicate a possible leak. Don't use equipment until the leaks are repaired.

- Check propane cylinder for signs of external damage such as dents, gouges, bulges, fire damage, corrosion, leakage, or excessive rust.

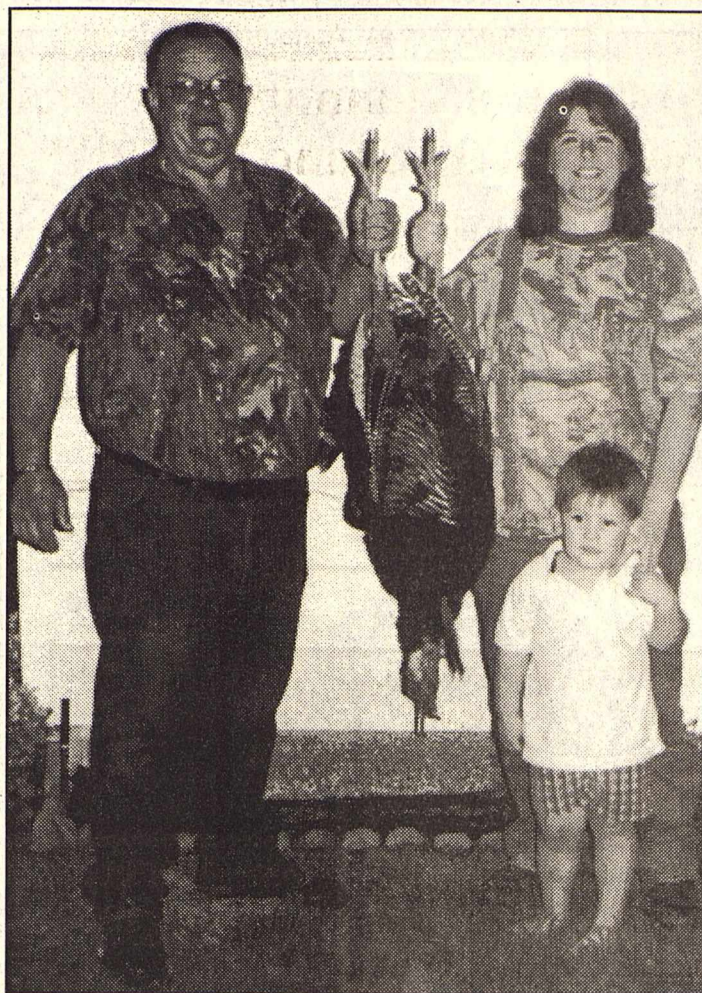
- Plug or cap the outlets and be sure to keep the relief valve upright before transporting.

- Store cylinder outdoors, in a shady location.

- Always extinguish smoking materials while transporting or using propane cylinders.

- Make sure the cylinders are stored away from dryer or furnace vents or children's play areas.

For more information on propane, contact the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR or log onto the web at [www.propane.tx.gov](http://www.propane.tx.gov).



### Health Foundation drawing winner bags a big bird

Debbie Norment and son, Hunter, are shown here with the gobbler she took on the Randee Fawcett Ranch. The turkey had a 9-1/2 inch beard.

Debbie was given the hunt by drawing winner, Don Grider. Don gave the hunt to her only after he threatened guide, Rodney Knight, with "bodily harm" if he came to get him at 4:00 in the morning to go turkey hunting!!

### USDA establishes watershed approach for Conservation Security Program

WASHINGTON, May 4, 2004 --Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced the watershed approach and details of the enrollment categories that will be used in the fiscal year 2004 Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-up to be held this summer.

"Watersheds are nature's boundaries and are a good way to group together producers

working on similar environmental issues," Veneman said. "With a rotation through the nation's watersheds, every farmer and rancher will have a chance to participate in the program and will provide the flexibility needed to expand the program as more funds become available."

In order to implement CSP this fiscal year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service will immediately begin to train employees on the selection process to determine priority watersheds and establish enrollment categories as described in the Federal Register notice published today.

USDA will use watersheds as a basis to determine CSP participation. Economically, the \$41 million budget for CSP in fiscal year 2004 will permit NRCS to write 3,000 to 5,000 contracts. With 1.8 million potentially eligible producers, CSP funds must be focused.

Administratively, the law requires that NRCS not incur more than 15 percent technical assistance costs associated with CSP. Under this scenario, a nationwide program would not work; a watershed rotation offers a fair, science-based alternative.

All CSP applications that meet the sign-up criteria will be placed in an enrollment category regardless of available funding. In addition to legal contract requirements, the categories will consider the applicants' current stewardship (soil condition, tillage intensity, existing practices and activities) and will sort producers based on these factors. Categories also will examine producers' willingness to perform additional conservation activities during their CSP contract.

Additional information on CSP, including the Federal Register notice, public comments and frequently asked questions, is at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp).



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## Up on Eaton Hill

### Extraordinary Color

by Delyse Jaeger

What could possibly rival the phenomenal wildflower display we have enjoyed this spring? Perhaps only the Prince of Color himself: the painted bunting, and he has arrived in a flash of painted splendor.

Looking at the remarkable coloration of this bird, it is as if the Creator designed him purely for our delight. The female painted bunting is a lovely olive green, but her beauty is eclipsed by the fantastic coat of colors worn by her mate. The male painted bunting sports a vibrant blue head with red eye ring, brilliant red to orange breast and bright yellow to lime green back. Charming to the eye and ear, the painted bunting is often overlooked. They rarely visit feeders and prefer the cover of heavy underbrush. However, with little effort you can locate one by his beautiful song in the morning hours and briefly in the evening. It is the males' habit to perch and sing during this

time. On Eaton Hill, painted buntings are usually seen between the Eaton House and the Sheriff's Office, or near the Buckeye Trailhead entrance across from the Sutton County Library.

Another birding favorite, the oriole appears to be nesting in record numbers in our area.

Although the bluebonnets are well past peak, other wildflowers are flourishing along the trails. Indian blankets are nearly waist high and the promenade of yucca blooms will soon begin. The spiked Buckley yucca raises a flower stalk topped with an elegant lily-like bouquet of creamy white bell shaped flowers.

Pack up the camera and binoculars and embark on a feathered treasure hunt among the wildflowers of Eaton Hill. Hit the trails!

*Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.*

## A Mother's Day Wish

by Texas First Lady Anita Perry

I hope every day, but especially this Mother's Day Weekend, Texans take a moment to thank the women who shaped their lives, whether they are mothers, grandmothers, aunts or friends that helped to guide them as they grew.

This weekend flowers, greeting cards and brunches will be given in special recognition of moms. As we take part in this tradition, I'd like to ask Texans to take a moment and also remember the moms for whom this day might not be quiet as special.

For many mothers in our state, the celebration of this day can be a painful reminder that their lives and possibly the lives of their children are clouded by domestic violence. Sadly, statewide research shows that 74 percent of Texans have been abused, or know of someone who has suffered abuse. More chilling is the fact that two Texas women every week are killed through acts of domestic violence. Many more are physically or emotionally abused.

Focus group after focus group shows that the first person survivors talk to about an abusive relationship is a family member or friend. However, many Texans, about 35 percent, who learn of a friend or family member's violent circumstances, do nothing, as they don't realize how they can help or don't want to get involved. I have spoken to many sisters, mothers, and daughters who said they just didn't recognize the signs of a loved one's abuse or paid too little attention until it was too late.

When a friend, family member or a co-worker we know needs outpatient surgery, we offer to drive them home from the hospital. When a family suffers a loss of illness, we bring food to their home. But all too often, when a friend or co-worker shows up with a bruise

or acts unexplainably withdrawn, we don't want to interfere. Domestic violence is not just a private family matter. It is a crime with serious, dangerous repercussions for men, women, children and the entire community.

That's why our state will soon launch a second phase of an awareness campaign to change the situation - this time focus is on friends, family and co-workers who are in a position to assist victims of domestic violence.

In 2002, with the aid of a \$2 million grant from the Office of the Attorney General, the Texas Council on Family Violence launched an unprecedented 16-month, bilingual public awareness campaign to give women trapped in violent relationships, many of whom are mothers, the information they need to seek and obtain help.

"Break the Silence, Make the Call" resulted in a 69 percent increase in English-language calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline and a staggering 93 percent increase in Spanish-language calls in its inaugural month. For many mothers, placing the first call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline was an incredibly important first step in seeking and receiving life-changing assistance for themselves and their family.

In the coming weeks, you'll see and hear new public service announcements, imploring all Texans to get involved by breaking their silence, making the call to 1-800-799-SAFE or TTY 1-800-787-3224, when a loved one or friend is in need.

This Mother's Day, take time to honor mothers - and honor all Texas women by raising our consciousness to help all mothers celebrate this day as they should: in a home filled not by fear, but love.

## State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

### Statewide committee cracks down on insurance fraud

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - The insurance industry says fraudulent claims are getting to be a pain in the neck in Texas.

To combat the problem of phony claims, including fake neck injuries from minor traffic accidents, the industry has formed a group called the Texas Committee on Insurance Fraud, according to the Insurance Council of Texas.

"The smell of money is luring more and more people to fake injuries, set fire to their homes, stage car accidents and even stage their own death to illegally obtain money from insurance companies," said Craig Sparks, chairman of the new organization.

The task force plans to lobby for tougher insurance fraud penalties in the next regular session of the Legislature. The committee also intends to push for stronger prosecution of people, groups or even companies caught perpetrating an insurance fraud.

For its part, the Texas Department of Insurance has started funding special prosecutors for district attorneys in the major metropolitan areas. Dallas County DA Bill Hill recently became the first prosecutor in the state to take on an attorney whose sole responsibility will be insurance fraud cases.

The reason why all this matters: higher claims paid translate into higher premiums.

To report suspected insurance fraud, call the state's Insurance Fraud Hotline at 1-888-327-8818.

#### Education/tax bill goes to House...

Over the weekend, the House Select Committee on Public School Finance sent its substitute for House Bill 1 and House Joint Resolution 1 - the proposed school finance legislation - to the full House for debate.

Approved 21-7, the package caps property taxes at \$1.05 per \$100 valuation, raises the state portion of the sales tax to

6.75 percent and expands sales tax to previously exempt items such as newspapers and bottled water, and imposes a business payroll tax of 1.25 percent or \$500 per full-time employee.

The measure also would legalize and tax video slot machines at seven existing horse and dog tracks and three Indian reservations. That would produce an estimated \$1.5 billion in revenue while the other taxes would amount to an additional \$2.8 billion. At the same time, the property tax cut would provide \$4.7 billion in relief.

As one legislator said, the committee's product should only be taken as a first draft.

**Tom Phillips retiring...**  
Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips, 54, announced his retirement last week.

Appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in 1988, Phillips won't be going straight to the rocking chair, however. He said he'll start teaching in the fall at the South Texas College of Law in Houston.

Phillips' successor will be appointed by the governor.

#### DPS effort may not get rave reviews...

The Department of Public Safety has announced a crackdown on illegal drug use at rave parties.

A rave party is an all-night dance with music, light shows and often illegal drugs. Particularly popular in the summer, these events often are staged in open fields and they attract illegal drugs like bugs to an outdoor light bulb.

The DPS has no beef with dancing or loud music, but it hopes to educate Texans on the dangers of drugs such as Ecstasy, Ketamine, LSD, nitrous oxide, methamphetamine and the old standbys marijuana, cocaine and alcohol.

For more information on this issue, check the agency's Web site at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

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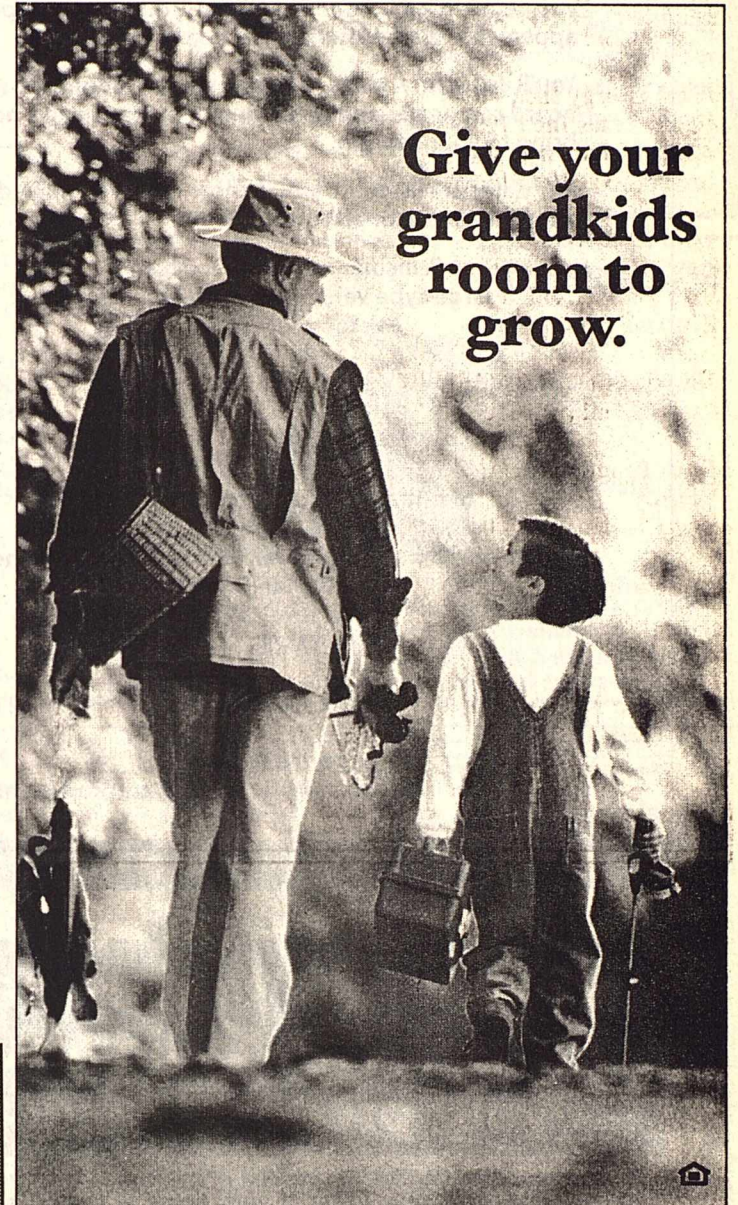
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## Servin' up some fund raising for the ACS Relay for Life

The First National Bank Relay for Life "Dairy Queens" were serving up some scrumptious salad plates on Thursday, April 29, 2004 in the Pocket Park. The ladies of the bank hold the lunch every year to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that will be held in the Bronco Stadium on May 21-22. All the Relay teams are doing a great job this year and the competition for most money raised is fierce. Keep up the good work teams!!!! Let's help "Old McDonald Find A Cure" by raising more money than ever before!!

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A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.

## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 and used it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (Starting this year, the county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2004 taxes as the highest amount for over-65 or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 or disabled homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. These homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2003, you won't need to reapply for 2004 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2004. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: 387-2809  
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300 E OAK ST  
SONORA, TX 76950

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

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Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn  
Property Tax Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, TX 78711-3528

or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:

[www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html)

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## ¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1° de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o está incapacitado, tambien tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (Comenzando éste año, el condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2004 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o están incapacitados y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de tope máximo de los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio anterior.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2003, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2004—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2004. Si Ud. cumpliera los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su aplicación en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes: 387-2809

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## Car Show from page 1

car, with proceeds from that drawing going to the Sonora Cheerleaders.

Lino Villanueva and family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped make this first car show so great, and looks forward to working with everyone next year.

Results:

Best Car - Cam Campbell

Best Truck - Tye Farmer

Best Interior - Cindy Lopez

Lopez

Best Paint Job - Joe Diaz

Best Engine - Danny Castillo

Trucks - Mild: 1. Pedro Capuchin, Jr. (49), 2. Manuel Villanueva (47), 3. Curtis Miller (40)

Trucks - Mini/Mild: 1. Jason Martinez (42)

Trucks - Mini/Wild: Tye Farmer (57)

Four Wheel Drive - 1. Dominique Perez (50), 2. Michael Caderon (43)

SUV Full Size: 1. Lino Villanueva (64), 2. Trini Banda (52)

Lower Car Domestic: 1. Pablo Zamora (58), 2. Joe Diaz (55)

Car - Import/Mild: 1. Marlon Miller (54), 2. Danny Castillo (53), 3. Mario Melendez (49)

Car - Import/Wild: 1. Martin Lucero (50)

Car - Domestic/Mild: 1. Susana Rivas (59), 2. Tissie Wagoner (39)

Car - Domestic/Wild: 1. Lorenzo Lopez (53)

Classic Cars: 1. Trini Banda (50), 2. Steve Tackle (48)

Antique: 1. William Hodges (49)

Motorcycles: 1. Mike McBride (41), 2. David Sanchez (39), 3. Martin Mcgee (38)

Muscle Car: 1. Cam Campbell (54)

Corvette: 1. Lynn Simpler (51)

British: 1. Cindy Lopez (46)

Bicycle: 1. Steven Torres (35)

Jr. Dragsters: 1/2 Zach Badaux (46/47)

### Sound Competition

Outlaw SPL Stock 0-300: 1. Michael Howland 146.7, 2. Trini Banda 141.5, 3. Tommy Decker 140.2

Outlaw SPL Stock 302-900: 1. JT Lara 148., Mario Melendez 143.4, Randy Quinones 142.9

Outlaw SPL Stock 901-1800: Krista Curtis 143.4

Outlaw SPL Super Stock: 301-900: 1. Tito Medrano 151.5

Outlaw SPL Modified 0-300: 1. Curtis Miller 147.9

Outlaw SPL Modified 301-900: 1. JT Gilkey 156.2, Bobby Bydalek 144.9, 3. Danny Ramirez 143.6

Outlaw SPL Modified 901-1800: 1. Pedro Capuchin Jr. 148.4

Outlaw SPL Modified 1800 up: 1. High performance Audio 159.1

Pro Stock: 1. Robert Kollar 158.1, 2. Jason Martinez 143.7, 3. Kevin Turner 139.6

Super Modified: 1. Lee Romero 148.4

Super Port: 1. Lino Villanueva 159.2, 2. Randy Spears 158.6, Christa Curtis 158.1

Port Wars: 1. Pedro Capuchin, Jr. 153.7, 1. Danny Ramirez 151

Sound Quality - Basic Consumer 601 up: 1. Roger Ibarra 115, 2. Cam Campbell 106

Sound Quality - Advanced-Pro 0-600: 1. Danny Castillo 288.4

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- ENVY (PG-13)  
2:10 \*4:35 \*7:00 9:20
- MEAN GIRLS (PG 13)  
2:30 \*5:00 \*7:20 9:35
- ELLA ENCHANTED (PG)  
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- DAWN OF THE DEAD (R)  
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### For Rent

**Convenience Store for Lease in Eldorado.** Hwy. 190 East. Call Philip Meyer for details. 325-450-4620.

### BUILDING FOR RENT

224 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas. Rent Negotiable. Please contact: Michael Hale or Harold McEwen at First National Bank. 387-3861 or 1-325-947-2100.

### Automobile

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

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### Garage Sale

**Garage Sale** at 207 Hudspeth. Saturday, May 8th. 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

Hide-a-bed \$89, twin mattress set \$69, black & smoke glass dinette \$275, oak table and 5 chairs \$299, Futon, old white wicker dressing table and chair, white double dresser, gold upholstered chairs, green stripe chair, gray/peach flexsteel loveseat and sofa, white antique rocker, lamps, oil paintings, color TV's, etc. **CONSIGNORS MUST CALL AHEAD BEFORE BRINGING IN CLOTHING AND/OR FURNITURE all must be in good condition.** Second Hand Rose, Eldorado 853-3736.

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### Public Notices

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the Allison Educational Trust will be available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after May 17, 2004.

**Allison Educational Trust c/o The First National Bank**  
102 N. Main  
Sonora, Texas 76950  
The principal manager is: **Michael V. Hale, Trustee**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust will be available at the address noted below, for inspection during regular business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after May 17, 2004.

**John and Mildred Cauthorn Charitable Trust c/o Albert C. Elliott**  
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### Employment Notice

#### 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.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo  
Contract 6111-19-001 for **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY** in SUTTON COUNTY, etc. will be received on May 19, 2004 until 1:00 p.m. and opened on May 19, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$86,850.00. Contract 6111-40-001 for **PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE** in SUTTON COUNTY, etc will be received on May 21, 2004 until 1:00 p.m. and opened on May 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$10,725.00.

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](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12922

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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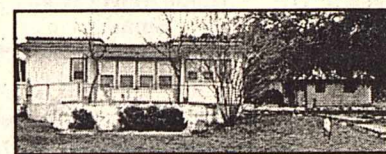


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The topic for the parenting class this week is "Communicating with Children about Sexuality." The Parenting class will be held at Sonora Elementary in the Intermediate building on May 6 from 6 - 7:30 PM.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.


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.

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.

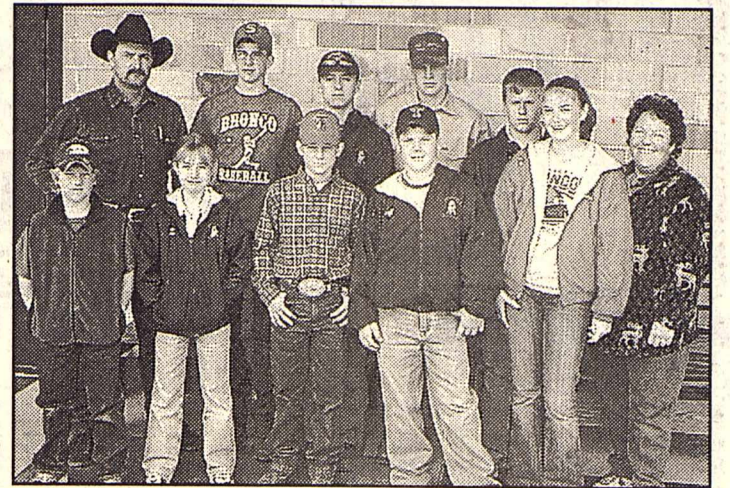
Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays and Fridays until noon and Saturday afternoons. The Miers Home Museum will be open on Saturdays, from 8 a.m to 12 p.m.

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**Sutton County 4-H competes in District Rifle Contest**



Sutton County was represented in Kerrville last Saturday at district contest by members of a sub-junior and senior team and a junior individual shooter. Seniors were Emily Butler, Mark Holman, Ty Love, and Justyn Gray. Sub-juniors were Dustin Neff, Gunter Pennington, Alex Lang, and Word Hudson. They finished as the 4<sup>th</sup> high team. J.T. Downing shot as a junior division individual. J.T. shot the 3rd high score in his division, and Dustin shot 6<sup>th</sup> high score in his division.

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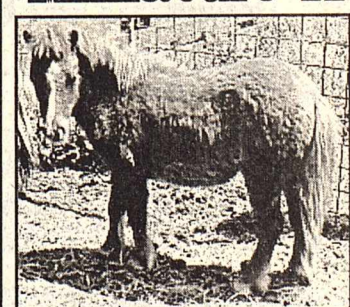
Carrasco reported on the joint conference meeting. The annual review of the policies and procedure for Dietary, Nursing, Medical Records and Emergency Room was tabled. Butler reported A/R was going down, due mainly to payments of previous months with high revenue. Butler reported that the clinic was complete except for a few items that are being taken care of before final payment is made. Open house was April 15, 2004, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Suit B will need to be discussed for completion later this year, as well as a new phone system and parking that will tie in with the new hospital parking lot. He also reported that construction started on April 5, 2004 on the new hospital and wellness center. An update was given by Butler on the new Lab equipment that was purchased in March. The system replaced two machines, leaving much needed space and features that would allow more processing of lab results to the physicians. The financial report for February 2004 was given by Michelle Schaefer and the March expenditures were approved before the meeting was adjourned.

**A cart full of funds raised for the Woman's Club**



The First National Bank was popping corn for a cause again last month, this time benefitting the Sonora Woman's Club. FNB President, Mike Hale, JoAnn Jones and Roberta James presented the check to club president, Lenora Pool, vice president Dawn Cahill, recording secretary Rosie Bulter and treasurer Brenda Valliant, who gladly accepted the donation. The money will be used to assist with expenses at the Sutton County Library.

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