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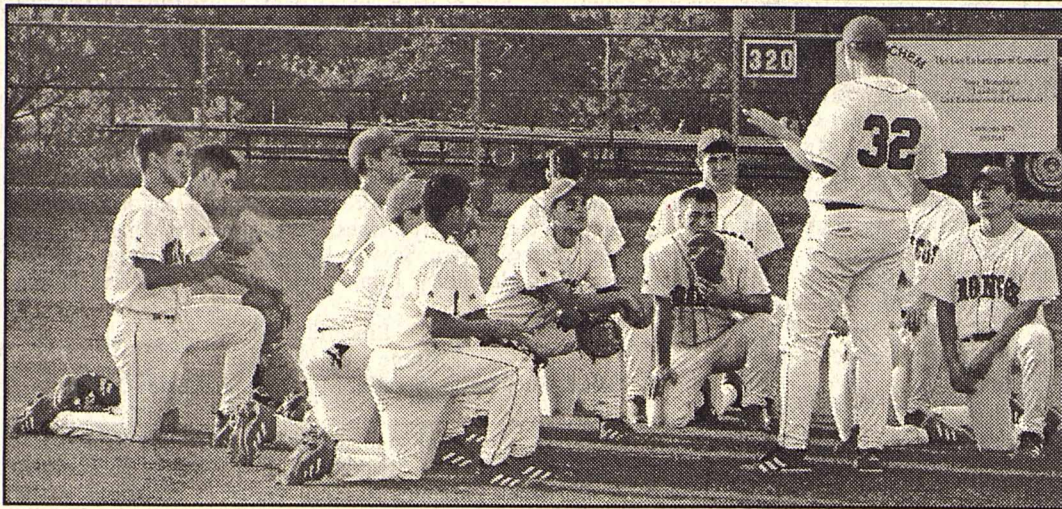
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Thursday, May 13, 2004



Coach Buchanan gives last minutes instructions and words of encouragement before the Bi-District games in Midland. Photo by Maray Cearley

Bronco Baseball continues in play-off run

by Maray Cearley

On Friday, May 7, 2004, the Sonora Broncos and Marfa Shorthorns met in Midland to compete for the Bi-District crown. There were two games scheduled for Friday, and a third on Saturday if needed.

Clint Cearley was on the mound for the first game with Scottie Moore behind the plate. Cearley went the distance having 12 strikeouts, 0 walks, and six hits.

Sonora got on the scoreboard first when Moore, who had reached on a walk, scored on a Dustin Creek single.

In the 3rd, the Broncos scored six. Anthony Longoria reached base on a walk, followed by a Moore single. Chris Martin then loaded the bases on a walk. Creek got his second RBI of the game, reaching on a Marfa error. Cearley hit a single scoring two. Chris Perez hit a sacrifice bunt advancing runners to second and third bases. The Broncos then scored two on wild pitches. Steven Duhon reached on a walk, and he later

scored stealing home.

In the 4th, Moore reached base on another single. Stevie Hernandez, as a courtesy runner for Moore, stole two bases, and he later scored on another Marfa error.

In the 5th, Perez hit a single, but was later thrown out at home.

Moore reached base again in the 6th on an error. Martin was then hit by a pitch, and Creek got his second single of the game. The Shorthorns caught the Broncos in a couple of rundowns, and they were able to turn a double play.

Defensively, the Broncos held the Shorthorns scoreless for three innings. In the 4th, the Red committed two errors, allowing one to score. They scored another in the 6th on three hits.

In the 7th, Cearley struck out two and allowed one hit before Perez caught a pop-up for the third and final out.

The final score was Sonora 8, Marfa 2.

The second game began

with the Broncos scoring 8 in each of the first two innings.

Hitting for extra bases were Peter Duran and Longoria, with triples. Moore, Martin, Cearley and Embre Smith all had doubles.

Sonora scored two more in the 3rd. Martin reached on a walk followed by an Austin Wagoner sacrifice bunt and Longoria single. Moore hit his second double of the game, but was left stranded.

Sonora increased their lead by another two runs in the 5th.

Marfa never recovered and the game was called after five innings of play, with a score of Sonora 20, Marfa 2.

Moore got the win, going five innings. He had eight strikeouts, two walks, and he allowed only one hit.

Sonora will travel to Sweetwater on Saturday, May 15, to play the Crane Golden Cranes at 5:00 p.m. The Broncos have played the Cranes twice this season, with each team winning once.

Go Broncos! Win Area!

Travelers encouraged to "Rediscover Texas" in Texas Tourism Week

Austin, TX - In recognition of the cultural and economic contribution travel and tourism make to the state of Texas, May 8-16, 2004, will be celebrated as Texas Tourism Week. Throughout the week residents across the state will be encouraged to "Rediscover Texas" and experience all the state has to offer.

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed this week as Texas Tourism Week. "Our slogan, 'Texas. It's Like a Whole Other Country' captures the diversity of our state and its uniqueness when compared to others," states the proclamation. "From our beautiful spring wildflowers and Gulf-washed beaches, to the cultural attractions of our dynamic cities, and rural areas, Texas offers something for everyone."

Each day of this special week will spotlight one of several popular vacation themes within the state, including arts and leisure, history and heritage, nature and wildlife, and even extraordinary shopping. The ability to explore the beaches along the Gulf Coast one day, and the rugged Big Bend on another exemplifies the diversity of Texas, a diversity that can be rediscovered time and again.

"The Texas travel industry is of vital importance to our state's importance to our state's economic growth. In 2002, travelers spend more than \$41.4 billion in Texas," said Julie Chase, tourism director for the state. "We will continue to showcase our state's rich history, culture and diversity to provide visitors with an unforgettable vacation experience that will ensure Texas will continue to grow as a preferred travel destination."

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Traffic stop leads to chain of arrests

by Storie Sharp

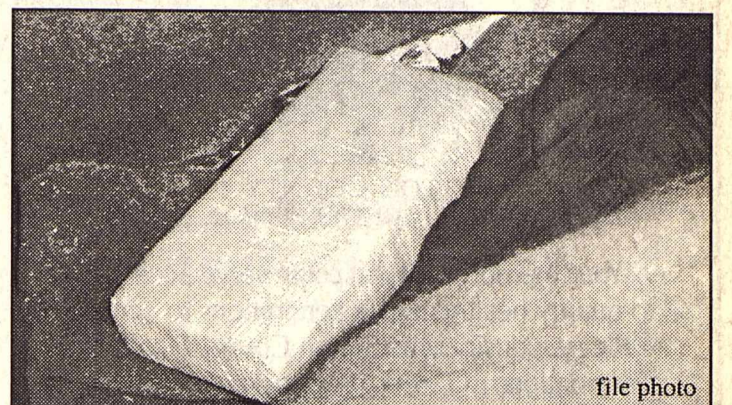
What started out as a routine traffic stop on April 27, 2004, turned out to be a major drug bust for Sonora Police Department and Rio Concho Drug Task Force.

Sonora Police Officer Bryn Humphrey was working traffic on Hwy 277 when he stopped a Dodge Dakota Sport pick-up for an expired inspection sticker, at Town and Country #191.

After questioning the driver, a consent to search the vehicle was obtained, resulting in the finding of a brick of white powder believed to be one kilogram of cocaine, valued at approximately \$100,000 on the street.

Officer Humphrey called for back up and was joined by Rio Drug Task Force Officer Duane Castro and Sutton County Sheriff Deputy Jody Harris. It was confirmed that the brick was cocaine.

The driver of the vehicle, Monica Conchola, date of birth 11-12-1976, and a passenger, David Silva, d.o.b. 11-17-1985, were questioned concerning the possession of the illegal narcotic. The two suspects identified three other subjects that were stopped at the convenience store across the street that were involved with the transport of the drugs. The vehicles were traveling from Del Rio, Texas, to Abilene, Texas, to deliver the drugs. The three subjects in the



file photo

This kilo-brick of cocaine was found in a Sonora traffic stop.

other vehicle were allegedly the intended recipients of the kilo.

Jose Martin Ruiz, 8-6-1972, Oscar Cezar DeLeon, 8-20-1975, and Nathaniel Montoya, 1-11-1974, were arrested and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity. Conchola and Silva were arrested and charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance - cocaine. It was later confirmed that Montoya is a Mexico citizen.

Further questioning led to Silva and Conchola agreeing to assist the Drug Task Force attempts to make a controlled delivery, under direction of law enforcement. The controlled delivery in Abilene proved to be unsuccessful.

With the assistance of the Sonora P.D. and DPS Narcotics, the supplier of the narcotics, in Del Rio, was contacted, and Silva was instructed to make a

delivery in San Angelo.

Again, a controlled delivery, under law enforcement control, was attempted at a residence in San Angelo, Texas. The drop was made, and Jose Neira was arrested in San Angelo. Consent to search the residence was obtained, leading to the discovery of an additional 2.5 pounds of cocaine.

The investigation is ongoing, with the attempt to develop further arrests in the case.

Captain Bill Mabe, with the Rio Concho Drug Task Force, commended Officer Bryn Humphrey for his diligence in highway interdiction and Duane Castro and the Sutton County Sheriff's Office for their hard work on the investigation.

Federal charges are pending against all suspects, with a possible penalty of life or not more than 99 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.



Rio Concho Drug Task Force Officer Duane Castro, Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher, Sutton County Deputy Jody Harris and Sonora Police Officer Bryn Humphrey worked together to bring down drug dealers. DRN staff photo

VOTE! May 15, 2004
School Board elections
Pct. 1 - Sutton County Civic Center
Pct. 2 - L.M. Hudspeth Hospital
Pct. 3 - Sutton County Courthouse
Pct. 4 - Sonora Fire Dept.

Lady Broncos advance in ten innings

by Tryon Fields

It would take ten innings of classic fast-pitch softball to decide which team, Sonora or Colorado City, would advance to the Regional Quarter-Finals.

In the end, and in dramatic fashion, the Lady Broncos would prevail against the Lady Wolves 5 to 4.

In the first two innings neither team could push a run across the plate.

In the third, Colorado City, would break the deadlock by scoring 3 runs off 3 singles and a double. Colorado City would maintain this 3-run lead until the bottom of the sixth. In the bottom of the sixth, Debra Martinez would lead the inning off with a walk. Meghan Krieg would move her to second on a field-

er's choice, and Tamika Marshall would follow with a walk of her own. Brea Hughes would drill a shot into the out field scoring Martinez.

With 2 outs, Brandy Neff would drive a ball just out of the reach of the left fielder. Two runs would cross the plate on the stand-up triple by Neff. A passed ball by the Lady Wolves' catcher would allow Neff to score the go-ahead run to give the Lady Broncos a 1-run advantage: C-City 3 - Sonora 4. In the top of the seventh Colorado City had a runner on third with 2 outs, and their best hitter coming to the plate. The Lady Broncos elected to pitch to the slugger-pitcher Russell.

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Miranda Villanueva crowned La Pequeña Reyna



Miranda Ryan Villanueva, daughter of Linda Michelle Villanueva, joined Robert Zapata III as Cinco de Mayo royalty. The two were chosen on May 1, 2004 at the Knights of Columbus Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Black tar heroin found in Sonora residence, three arrested

by Storie Sharp

The last week in April was a busy month for the Rio Concho Drug Task Force and local law enforcement. On April 23, 2004, an ongoing investigation led to the arrest of Frank Watson, 55, of Sonora, Texas, for manufacturing and intent to deliver a controlled substance-heroin. The arrest was made at a residence on Taylor, after a search of the home resulted in the discovery of 18.9 grams of Black Tar heroin, with a street value of \$5,000.

Shannon Leann Maddux, 32, was also arrested at the residence and charged with manufacturing and intent to deliver a controlled substance-metham-

phetamine. A third suspect, Tony Bell, 23, was also arrested at the scene for possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

All charges will be enhanced by one degree because the arrests were made in a "Drug Free Zone", which is inside a school zone. Watson faces 5 to 99 years or life in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Maddux faces a state jail felony charge. Bell faces a \$500 fine.

Black tar heroin is reportedly produced in Mexico and may be sticky like roofing tar or hard like coal. Its color may vary from dark brown to black, which results from the crude processing methods used to illicitly manufacture the drug.

PTO plans law enforcement appreciation luncheon

The Sonora Elementary PTO would like to advise all parents and community members that we are sponsoring an appreciation luncheon for all local Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Department personnel on Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 19. Do not be alarmed if you see several of their work vehicles or patrol units around the elementary campus between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on those days.

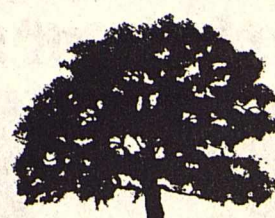


Sticker shock makes summer travel a hot topic

The temperature isn't the only thing on the rise as summer rolls our way. Gas prices hit over \$2 last week. Historically, this has not deterred summer vacationers from travelling, but it does make many cut down on the length of their trips.

See Savings tips page 8

**Lighthouse
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Obituaries

Kurt David Knapp

Kurt David Knapp, age 28, of Kerrville, Texas, died on Saturday, May 8, 2004, in a San Antonio hospital. Kurt was born on October 8, 1975, in Prescott, Arizona, to J. Dudley Knapp and Lois Imojene Huckstep Knapp. After graduation from Tivy High School in 1994, Kurt attended Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, and Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, receiving his bachelors degree in criminal justice. Kurt then went to Homer Garrison Memorial Training Academy for Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin, Texas, graduating in 1998.



As a state trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Kurt was stationed in Ozona and Fredericksburg. He married Jennifer Whitworth on August 15, 1998, in Kerrville, Texas. He was more than a state trooper. He was a wonderful father, husband, son and a good friend to many. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, member of the DPSOA and the TSTA.

Survivors include wife, Jennifer Knapp of Kerrville; mother, Jeannie Knapp of Kerrville; father, J. Dudley Knapp of Prescott, Arizona; grandmother, Lucille Viaing of Clear Lake, California; daughter, Makayla Knapp; son, Wyatt Knapp; sister, Joy Hafer and husband Curtis of Prescott, Arizona; father-in-law, Jack Whitworth of Brady; mother-in-law, Connie LaFrance of Austin; brother-in-law, Nic Whitworth and wife Ursela of Round Rock; nieces, Savannah Hafer, Lilly Whitworth and Mary Rose Whitworth.

The family received friends on Monday, May 10, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, 2004, First United Methodist Church, with Dr. Warren Hornung, officiating. Interment followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery with honors being provided by the honor guard from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Pallbearers were Nic Whitworth, James Salaz, Kevin Vreeland, Justin Baker, John Stafford, Curtis Hafer, Michael Likin, Larry Watson, Luke Flores, Wesley Bean and Ryan Bean. Honorary pallbearers were Jason McMurray, Keith Olive, Kevin Wright, Cody Cory, Carl Mayfield, Earlie Williams, John L. Henderson, Bruce James, Todd Ross, Todd Jennings, Norbert Ortiz, Michael Knight, Steve Brockman and Charlie Howell.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the Kurt Knapp Memorial Fund, Security State Bank, 1130 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, Texas 78028.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Mary Lee Heflin Tuckness

Mary Lee Heflin Tuckness, 81, of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at her residence.

Graveside services were at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 7, in Sonora Cemetery.

She was born on August 14, 1922, in Sonora, the daughter of Mary Ethelda Wardell and Columbus Marion Heflin. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1941. She was a retired nursing assistant having worked at the state school in

Carlsbad many years. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one brother, J.B. Heflin.

She is survived by two sons, James O. Ellington and wife Myrna of Ulysses, Kansas, and Steve B. Tuckness and wife, Linda of White Sands, New Mexico; one daughter, Mary Myrtle Tuckness of Wingate; one sister, Ethelda Holland of Sonora; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Senior Center News

- May 17 - Bingo!
- May 18 - City Council 2:00 p.m. City Hall
- May 19 - Van to San Angelo. Medicals come first! Call 387-3941.
- May 20 - New Sound Hearing from San Angelo. 9:00 a.m. - ? Call FMI 387-5657
- May 21 - Birthday party for May babies. Relay for Life 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Senior Center Menu

- May 17 - Hamburger on bun, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, baked French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk.
- May 18 - Polish sausage, sweet potatoes, steamed cabbage, cornbread, pears, milk.
- May 19 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, milk, cornbread, apricot/banana medley.
- May 20 - Chopped steak with gravy, onions, parslid potatoes, cooked carrots, wheat bread, cucumber/tomato salad, pudding.
- May 21 - Chicken fajitas with onions and peppers, rice, beans, lettuce and tomatoes mix, Jell-O 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.*

Cards of Thanks

First, I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has blessed our family more than ever over the years but none more evident than the past several weeks when we were not sure of our circumstances and how we would handle my time off from my job, after my surgery. After much prayer and guidance from God, our prayers were answered in a way that was so heartwarming and so appreciated. Our church family and this community stepped up to help one of their own. We can never put into words our appreciation and gratitude for all you did, for the prayers, calls, and those that helped by working and keeping the doors open at the shop. From the smallest things to the biggest, they were all noticed. I would especially like to thank all of the men who worked and kept the doors to the shop open and also, their wives and families as they, too, sacrificed their time. These men sacrificed days off and some even took vacation time to help. We are truly blessed to live in this community and to have such friends and family as you all. In addition we would like to thank all of our customers, for your prayers, concerns, and for being patient and understanding these past several weeks. Our family's prayer for everyone is that you all be blessed and prosperous in the years to come.

A special thanks to, Don Longoria, Todd and Tamra Wolfe, Lanny Baggett, Randy Knight, Keith and Vickie Wallace, Jason Bounds, Todd Munn, Ed and Lori Newton, Jim Gulley, David Charboneau, Mike Martin, Hector Chapa, Missy Longoria, Noemi Fay, Herbie Seaton, Stanley James, Jody Luttrell, Mike Hopper, Kyle Dover, Peter Duran, Scottie Moore, Trey Rushing, Sonny Samaniego, Paul Stephens, Lonnie Moore, and my dad, Mike Moore.

Sincerely,
Moore's Oil & Lube
Mike, Sue, Jason, Scottie, Micaela and Keeley Moore

A very special thanks to Angel Cafe, La Mexicana Restaurante, Sutton County Steakhouse, Los Cerritos Restaurant, Taco Grill and Team Graphics for your generous donations to the A.C.S. Relay for Life Night Golf Tournament. Your support sinks the putt every time.

The Relay for Life Committee

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, I would like to thank Mark Holman, Tyler Creek, Manuel Paredes, Tyler Edmondson, and J.T. Downing for the excellent job they did on the landscaping project at the Sonora Medical Clinic. As part of Mark Holman's Eagle Service Project, this group of Sonora scouts planned and executed the job over several weekends. Their accomplishments will beautify the area for many years. We are proud to have such responsible youth in our community.

Sincerely,
Keith L. Butler, CEO
Sutton County Hospital District

To our marvelous friends and family,
Thank you very much for all your prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and generosity.
Once again, you let us know you were here for us during another difficult time in our lives. God bless you.

Yvette, Pokey and Halle Samaniego

THANKS SO MUCH!

The Sonora Post Office along with the National Letter Carriers Association wants to thank everyone in our community for helping us to "Eliminate Hunger".

Our local drive last Saturday collected 517 pounds and 15.60 ounces of food. This will help Sonora's Food Bank feed the needy families in our community.

Once again, our deepest thanks for your participation in this worthy cause.


On behalf of the Sonora Elementary PTO, we would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for helping with Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. Many thanks to Alco, Parker Lumber and Flowers by Irene for their contributions to Teacher and Staff Appreciation activities. A very special thank-you to Susan Hall for the cute homemade boxes she made for all the teachers and staff at our elementary school.

Also, thank you to all the parents that brought food items to the appreciation breakfast, and to those individuals who helped deliver gifts all week to our teachers and staff.

Last but certainly not least, we thank all of our teachers and staff members for their dedication and continuing support of all the children at Sonora Elementary School.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Lou Campbell, Programs Chairperson
Mary Humphrey, past President

School Lunch Menu • May 17 - May 21, 2004

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- Breakfast**
- Mon. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice.
 - Tues. - Waffles, assorted juice.
 - Wed. - Pancakes, assorted juice.
 - Thurs. - Sausage with biscuits, assorted juice.
 - Fri. - Breakfast burrito, assorted juice.
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
- Lunch**
- Mon. - Hot dog, chili, pork & beans, fruit, (manager's choice), trail mix cookie.
 - Tues. - BBQ chicken, steamed broccoli, potato salad, orange wedges, biscuits.
 - Wed. - Soft beef taco, taco salad, pinto beans, fruit cobbler.
 - Thurs. - Fish nuggets, egg noodles, green beans, Jell-O with fruit.
 - Fri. - Grilled chicken burger, lettuce, tomatoes, shoestring fries, chocolate pudding, topping.

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Community Calendar

- May 10-14**
Law Enforcement Week
- May 15**
Maribel Sentena/ Daniel Garza Scholarship
Fundraiser Dance
Civic Center • 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
- 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.

The Community Calendar

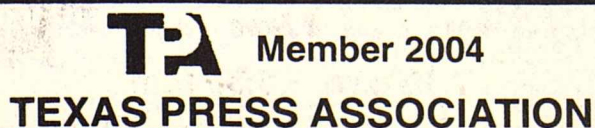


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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When did Robert C. Vicars come to work at the Sonora Drug Store?

A. Robert C. (also called R.C. and Bob) Vicars was born on June 13, 1904, at Wise, Virginia. He graduated from the Southern College of Pharmacy in Atlanta in 1927. He married Guila Lowrey on June 17, 1930. He purchased the Sonora Drug Store in 1937 and ran it until 1956. He was a Methodist, a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

Checking the back issues of the Devil's River News, starting in 1927 when R. C. Vicars graduated from college we found that the Sonora Drug Store was sold by Robert Steen to Carl Morrow in 1927, the same year that Guila Lowrey also graduated from Howard Payne College at Brownwood. In October of 1927 Tod Patton a partner with Morrow sold out his share to Lea Aldwell and moved with his wife to New Mexico. In November it was reported that Dave Locklin was working at the soda fountain.

On February 24, 1928, it was reported that Mrs. W. S. Evans had resigned her position at the store and was retiring to the ranch. May 4, 1928, the Devil reports that Lea Aldwell and Carl Morrow have sold out to the Orange Cross Chain and that W. McBride will manage the store. On June 8, W. F. McBride and wife of San Angelo arrive. Mrs. McBride would take over the job previously held by Mrs. W. S. Evans. In the August 31 issue, it states that H. W. Blaylock is working at the Sonora Drug Store.

In the November 2, 1929 issue, one of the few issues from 1929 we have on file, we found that "Bob Vicars, who for the past few months has been in Virginia, arrived in Sonora this week to accept a position with the Sonora Drug Company. Mr. Vicars is a graduate pharmacist and has formerly served the Sonora Drug Company in that capacity." He must have worked there before his trip to Virginia, during the period for which we have no issues of the Devil's River News, as there is no mention of him in Sonora in the earlier issues.

It was around this time that R. A. Steen started a new venture, the Corner Drug Store. He sold his part of this business to

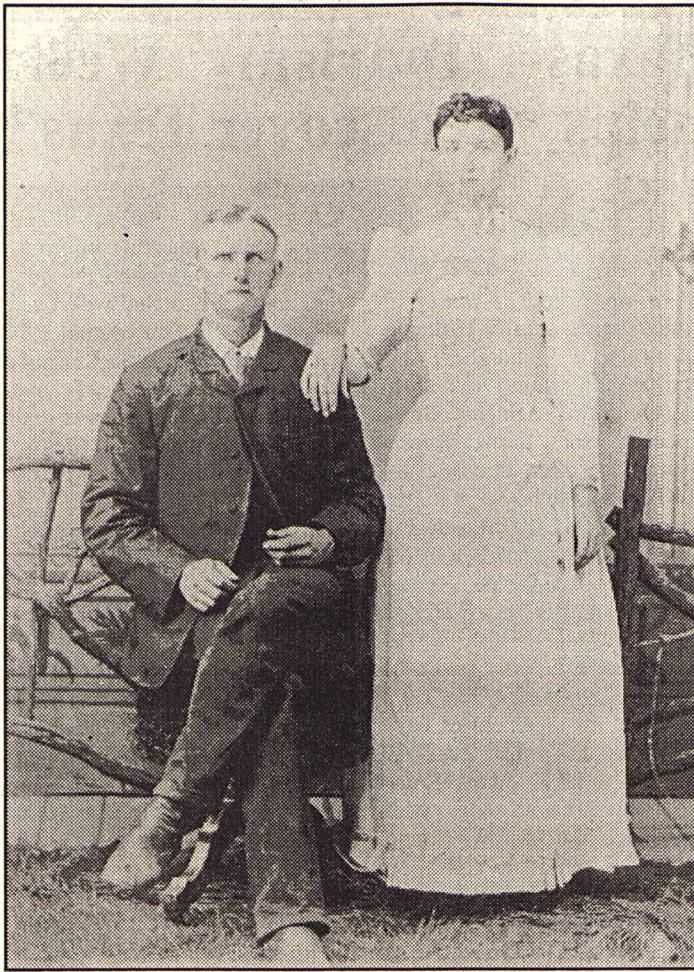
Carl Morrow in July of 1931. We did find mention that A. M. Vicars, the father of Bob Vicars died at his home at Wise, Virginia in June of 1944. He had been a lawyer for over 50 years and served as U. S. Commissioner for the Western District of Virginia for 48 years.

We found this interesting little note in the December 6, 1929 issue of the Devil's River News, it has been hinted around that the owners of LaVista Theatre are considering the purchase of a vitaphone for Sonora. Since the advent of the talkies the silent pictures are all wet—that is what the movie fans who have been attending the talkies say. This would be a fine thing if we had a talkie and would keep people from going to San Angelo to see a picture. Should they get a talkie we will predict that the management will get the best vitaphone pictures.

Now we have a better reason for staying home and watching the TV or renting a movie in Sonora. Gas prices are so high you can rent several movies, make your own popcorn and enjoy a whole evening of entertainment at home and still have change left over.

We had someone looking for information on an ancestor back in the 1920 census records and they kept coming up empty. We went to the Ancestry site we have on our computer and still could not locate the person in the 1920 census but we did find his 1917-1918 draft registration card on file. This gave his age, date of birth and place of birth, the fact that he was married, a farmer and the town and state where he resided. If you get stuck with census records in this time frame, give us a call. We might find the info you are looking for in the draft records that are on file with Ancestry. We spend almost \$200 for this service every year but have found it was well worth it. We find a lot of information that is not available at other sites, or not transcribed yet at other sites.

A lot of you have asked how the gutting of the old ice house is coming along. My answer is "slowly". We have only had 1 person show up to work community service at the ice house and no volunteers, except my husband, Richard, the past few weeks. Many hands make quick work of a difficult job; no help makes it go very slow. With all the rain we have had to spend a lot of time mowing grass that was needed to



Sam and Mary Luckie, around 1891.

work inside the building. If you have time on a Saturday morning, give us a call and volunteer to help us finish gutting the building. We could desperately use some volunteer dirt work on the back of the building. We did make a profit on the symphony but electrical work on the inside and a heating system and only part of the concrete work that needs to be done is going to eat that up. So please come give us a hand on a Saturday. No one should be working alone in the building, climbing ladders etc. It is dangerous. We really could use your volunteer help! The sooner the place is cleaned out the sooner we can put it back together and turn it into a huge new museum for Sutton County. Once the building is emptied, we would like to put the old motors in the back together, steam clean them and make them a permanent part of the exhibit, along with the old electrical service boxes from 1929. We need to pressure wash the whole building inside before we can start rebuilding for exhibit areas. Your descendants will enjoy this building for generations to come so please help us to save and exhibit the history of your county.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call us at 325-387-2855 Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings or call me at home at 387-2855.

Tours of the Miers Home Museum are conducted any time the offices are open or one of us are working at the grounds. Appointments may be made for group tours that aren't during normal business hours. We are always happy to take the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and school classes through the building. Just give us a call and set up a time and date.

You may rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust Building (Old Depot) by calling the above numbers. A \$50 security deposit is required to hold a date on all rentals. Fees are on a sliding scale depending on how many people you have attending your event. We now have 54 chairs and 8 rectangular tables and two oval tables in the building. It is best if you book ahead, that way we can make sure the grass is cut and the grounds look their best for your function.

Texas Historical Commission awards fourth round of Historic Courthouse Preservation Grant

FORT WORTH, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) announced Round IV grant recipients of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program at its quarterly meeting on May 6 in Fort Worth. Commissioners awarded matching grants totaling nearly \$43 million to 28 Texas counties to help preserve their historic courthouses.

The counties to receive funds in Round IV of the program are: Bandera, Bee, Bosque, Brooks, Cass, Cooke, Dallas, DeWitt, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardeman, Harris, Harrison, Johnson, Karnes, Leon, Llano, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Rains, Randall, Roberts, San Augustine, Sutton, Trinity, Wharton and Williamson.

The awards include 15 construction projects totaling \$38,647,247; 10 planning projects totaling \$3,187,587; and three emergency grants totaling \$907,256.

A total of 72 applications were submitted in Round IV, eight being first-time applicants. Funds requested for all 72 applications totaled \$160,961,252. Pending additional funding

from the Texas Legislature, the THC plans to continue the program with several more rounds of grant opportunities.

"We had an overwhelming response with 72 counties applying for Round IV funding," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "Our goal is to assist as many counties as possible with the funds available."

Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature created the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in 1999 with an initial appropriation of \$50 million. The THC distributed \$42.4 million in matching grants to 19 counties in Round I of the program in May 2000; an additional \$7 million to 28 counties for planning and stabilization during Round II in October 2000; and \$48 million to 25 counties for full restorations during Round III from April 2002 through January 2003.

"Preserving historic courthouses demonstrates a long-term vision on the part of a community and its elected officials," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "This program represents one of the largest and most

far-reaching historic preservation initiatives ever conceived by a state government. Texans can be proud of these efforts to preserve our state's rich history, but the need is still great."

Texas courthouses have been symbols of strength, pride, progress and democracy for more than 150 years. However, many of the state's more than 220 historic courthouses are in disrepair due to insufficient funding for building care and maintenance. Their plight gained national attention in 1998 when the National Trust for Historic Preservation named Texas courthouses to its list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

"This groundbreaking program exists because people love historic courthouses and understand the benefits of restoring them to their original grandeur," said THC Architecture Division Director Stan Graves. "We are excited about the program's momentum and encouraged by the positive feedback we receive

from the 16 counties who have thus far completed the restoration of their historic courthouses through our program."

The estimated need to restore courthouses that have submitted approved master plans is approximately \$234 million in state funds. Prior to this allocation of \$43 million, the program has generated more than \$53 million in local expenditures from participating counties, generated more than three thousand jobs and almost \$98 million in income.

For more information, visit the THC web site at www.the.state.tx.us or contact: Architecture Division, Texas Historical Commission, 512/463-6094.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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Chamber Chatter

**Texas Tourism Week
 helps "Rediscover Texas"**

**SONORA
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 by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of
 Commerce Executive Director

Sonora Chamber of Commerce wants to invite everyone to attend a Grand Opening for Farm Bureau Insurance at their new location 114 North Concho Avenue, this Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your Farm Bureau Insurance agent is Kendra Vyvlecka, and she is assisted by Teresa Harris. Farm Bureau has had an office in Sonora for well over 10 years, but came under the management of Farm Bureau Agent Vyvlecka in 2001. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Kendra on her new office in downtown Sonora and invite you all to come join us to celebrate their new location.

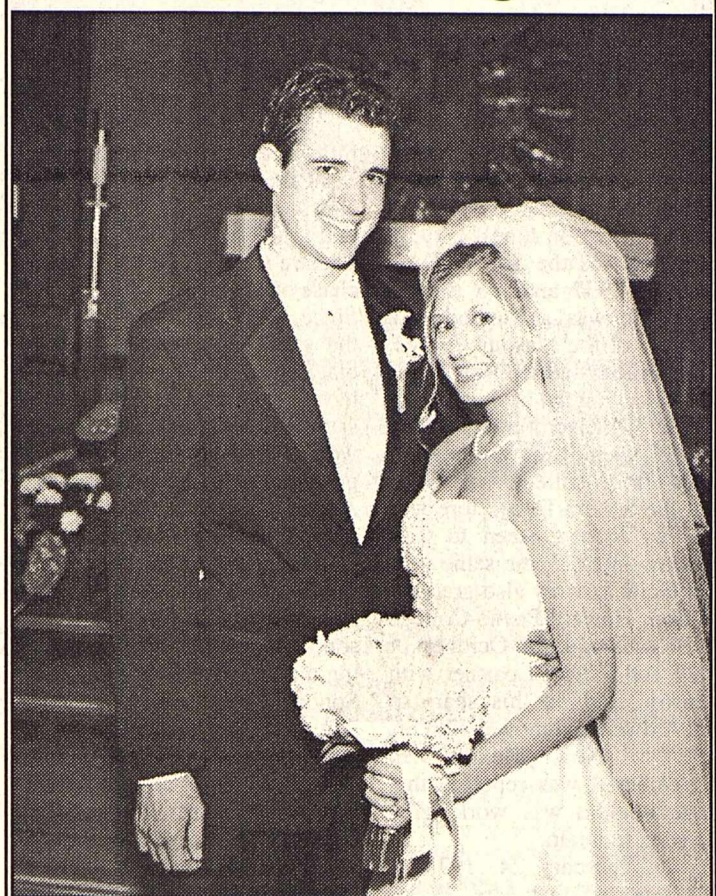
This week is Texas Tourism Week and the theme is "Rediscover Texas". Many of you may be interested to know that Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center has welcomed over 375 out-of-town visitors and tourists to our office in the past year. We hand out brochures and information about Sonora, provide a rest stop, and give directions to local attractions, accom-

modations, promote local events and points of interest. The phone calls requesting information about Sonora and the surrounding area totaled well over 800 the last twelve months. It is one of our main goals to promote Sonora in every way that we possibly can. We have several links to Texas travel sites on the internet and are currently generating an average of 6 e-mails per day from interested travelers just from those links alone. And our own website has experienced over 11,000 hits for information this year. Many of the local events generate a large part of our tourism income. The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days, the Game Dinner, West Texas Championship Cook-Off, and Cinco de Mayo Celebration are just a few of the local events that draw large out-of-town crowds. While we advertise all of these events and sponsor many of them, we are always looking for ways to make them bigger and better, so that we can get our share of the Texas Tourism dollars.

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Wedding Announcement

**Hardgrave and Kaufman
 exchange wedding vows**



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaufman

Kristen Michelle Hardgrave and Samuel Sherman Kaufman, both of Dallas, were united in holy matrimony on April 17, 2004, in Grapevine, Texas. Before family and friends, the couple recited their vows during an evening nuptial Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Father Ken Robinson of St. Francis officiated at the wedding.

Parents of the bride are Gary and Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora. The groom's parents are Joe and Deanna Kienast of Southlake and Lynn and Mary Kaufman of Mason City, Iowa.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, carried a hand-tied bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, hydrangea and calla lilies. Her strapless white satin gown, with an organza overlay featuring beadwork and lace, had a cathedral length train.

Matron of honor was Alishia Scheidemann Dover of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Allicyn Ivy, Coleman; Ashley Brockman, College Station; Kimber Nitche, Frisco; Kirsten Meador, Lubbock; and Meredith Stancik, LaGrange. The bride's cousin, Michaela Miller of San Angelo, served as junior bridesmaid. Flower girl angels were cousins of the groom, Peyton and Maya Farmer of St. Louis, Missouri.

Best man was John Fielder of Grapevine. Groomsmen were Chris Heath, Belton; James Burns, Houston; James Siedhoff, Waco; Peter Julia, Southlake; Russ Scott, Houston; and Ryan Hardgrave, brother of the bride, of San Antonio.

Ushers were Dustin Dillard, College Station; Clint Bowers, Bryan; Joe Ford, Lewisville; and Chris Shill, cousin of the groom, of Eagle River, Alaska.

Carrying the offertory gifts were Alex and Andi Kaufman of Mason City, sisters of the groom, and cousins of the bride, Austin Spruell and Matthew Miller of San Angelo.

Following the wedding, a reception and dance were held at Delaney Vineyards in Grapevine.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School. She graduated from Baylor University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in journalism, and is employed with Weber Shandwick public relations agency in Dallas.

The groom, a 1998 graduate of Southlake Carroll High School, is a 2002 graduate of Baylor University, from which he received a bachelor's degree in finance. He is employed with Brinker International in Dallas.

After a Caribbean cruise, the couple is living in Dallas.

**Main Street says farewell to
 Carolyn Earwood**



by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Carolyn Earwood for her service and dedication to Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance. Most everyone knows how Carolyn has danced into our lives through our children with the love of ballet, fine art and music. She has taught many of our children to dance, as well as shared an appreciation for all types of music. She decided it was time to dance to a new beat and spend more time with her family. Carolyn will be greatly missed.

Sonora Main Street and all the downtown businesses wish Carolyn the best and look forward to seeing her around town.

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**Friends of Historic Sonora
 Main Street to honor veterans
 at Memorial Day celebration**

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

As the sun rises on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn on May 31, 2004, the activities begin to fall into place for the

best Sonora Memorial Day Celebration. As we begin to gather together on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn the veterans and their families come together to listen to the voices of our youth show their appreciation to home. The program will open with the Mayor Pro-tem of Sonora, Gloria Lopez, welcoming the guests and honored veterans and their families.

The celebration will begin with Goodfellow Air Force Honor Guard and the presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. The program will continue with a note of appreciation and remembrance of the World War I, World War II, Korean War, the Vietnam War, Gulf War veterans, War on Terror personell and a poem in remembrance of the heroes of 9-11. "If I knew it would be the last time". The story of how the words to the song "Taps" came about, will be shared. The Goodfellow Air Force honora Guard will make a presentation of wreaths, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of "Taps". The songs of our armed forces, Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, will be played, followed by a moment of silence.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street would like to invite you to take a tour of The Veterans of All Wars exhibit. The exhibit is open daily at 232 Main St., ste. 203.

Mighty Bronco Band soaks up some rays and a "superior" rating at the Buccaneer Days Music Festival



The Mighty Bronco Band enjoyed a day at the beach after the Buccaneer Days Music Festival.

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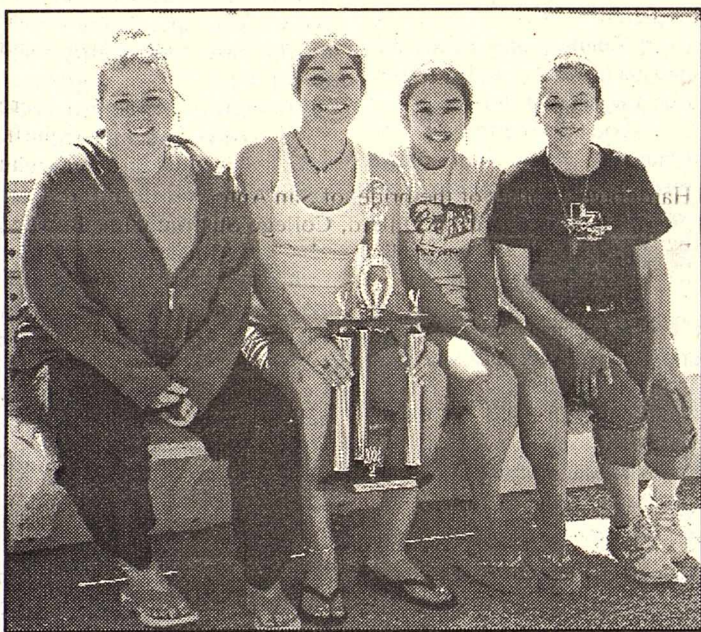
On April 30, 2004, the Mighty Bronco Band traveled to Corpus Christi to compete in the annual Buccaneer Days Music Festival and enjoyed some of the area's attractions. Friday afternoon the group toured the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier Museum, and that night hit the beach for dancing, sand volleyball, and playing in the surf. Some hidden talent surfaced when several individuals were chosen for the finals in the dance contest. Moreover, the multi-talented Jose Casillas won the contest.

Saturday morning the band performed on stage at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi. After the performance, group pictures were taken; the band then departed to the Texas State Aquarium to explore the beautiful sea life exhibits there. The awards ceremony was held that evening, where everyone enjoyed waiting anxiously for the performance results.

The band is proud to announce that they received a Division I-Superior rating and received a shiny trophy to display here at home. WAY TO PLAY, BAND!

The 6th - 12th grade band members would also like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the community to attend their spring concert on May 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The Mighty Bronco Band is led by Mr. Rusty Baldwin.



Sonora takes the stage at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi.



(Left) Senior band members show off the "Superior" trophy at the beach festival. (Above) Some funky chaperones keep the Mighty Bronco Band in the groove of things!

Softball from page 1

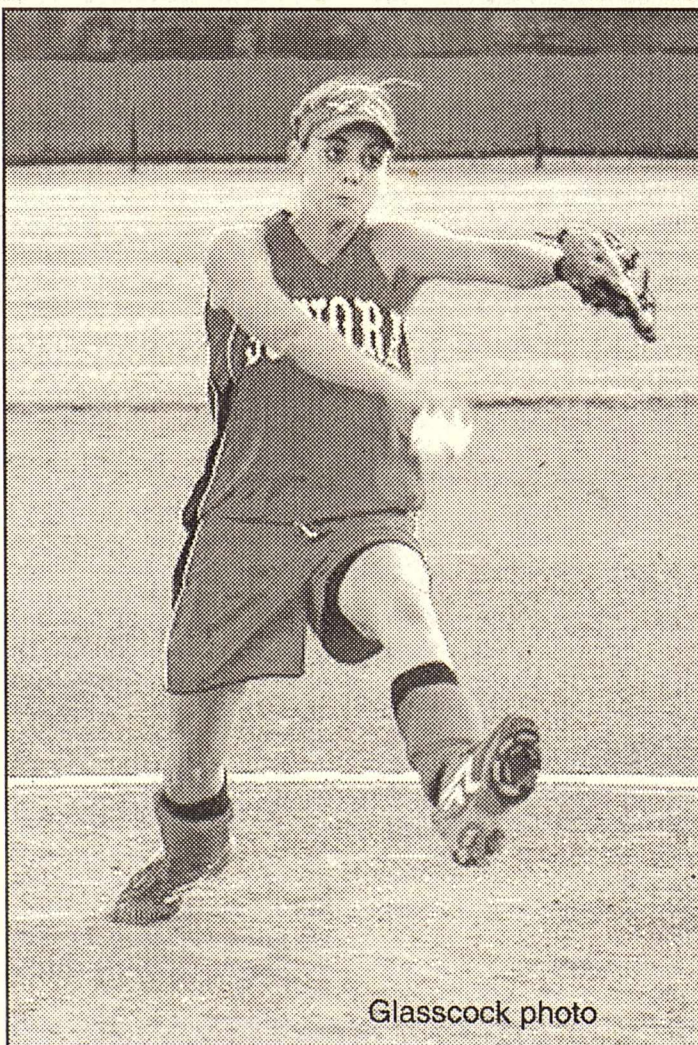
Russell responded with a shot in the right-center gap. Now the Lady Broncos and Lady Wolves were tied and going to extra innings.

In the top of the eighth, Colorado City would lead off the inning with a walk. A sacrifice bunt would move the go-ahead run into scoring position. As she has done all season, Meghan Krieg stepped up to the challenge and struck the next batter out on 3 pitches.

Kayla Fields robbed the next C-City batter with a diving catch to end the threat. Sonora would fare no better as they would send 5 batters to the plate and strand 1 in the bottom of the eighth.

Excellent pitching by Krieg and solid defensive plays by Brea Hughes and Fields would put the Lady Wolves down in order in the top of the ninth. Sonora's designated hitter, Adriana Castillo, would lead the bottom of the ninth off with a double to right field. The solid defensive play of the Lady Wolves would thwart the Lady Broncos threat with a double play and a groundout.

In the top of the tenth, C-City would once again go in order. Kayla Fields and Jamie Duran would each handle the ground balls hit by the Lady Wolves and Meghan Krieg would record her 15th strikeout of the game to end the top half of the tenth inning. With 1 out in the bottom of the tenth, Tamika Marshall would draw a walk and steal second to put herself in scoring position. The Lady of the Hour would be Brea Hughes. Brea would hit a shot to the right side of the infield. C-City's second baseman



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Meghan Krieg pitches a great game against Colorado City.

could not handle the shot and Tamika Marshall raced home to score the winning run. Colorado City 4 - Sonora 5.

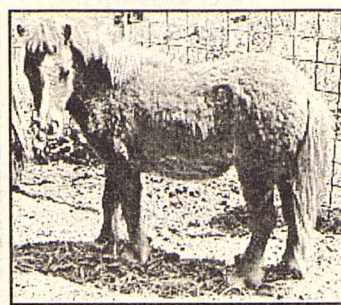
With this victory the Lady Broncos will advance to the Regional Quarter-Finals. Their opponent will be their old nemesis - the Lady Hawks from Wall.

The Lady Hawks, by beating Idalou in their Area game, gained the right to face the Lady

Broncos for the third time this season. The game will be played Friday afternoon at 5:30 in San Angelo at the Central Softball Complex. So make plans now to come out and support the Lady Broncos as they continue their quest for the Regional Finals.

Congratulations Lady Broncos and Good Luck!!!!!! BEAT WALL!!!!!!

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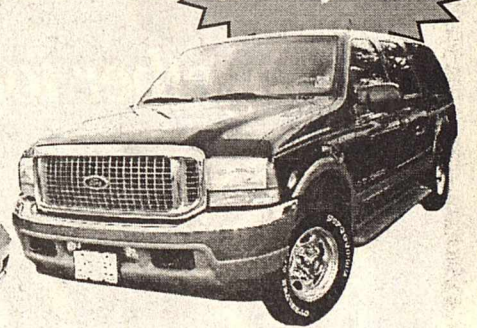
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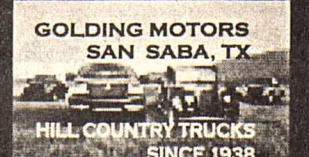


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Sutton County Extension office to host Healthy Landscape Seminar



by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent - Agriculture

On May 20th, horticulturist John Begnaud, from San Angelo, will be presenting a seminar on maintaining a healthy landscape. If you enjoy watching his television program or reading his newspaper column, you don't want to miss this one! The seminar will help you in diagnosing and distinguishing between disease, insect damage, chemical damage, and deficiencies in plants.

John will also make irrigation, fertilization, and management recommendations. Continuing education units (C.E.U.'s) will be offered for those with a pesticide applicator license.

The program will be at the Sutton County Civic Center and begins at 5:30. Please call 387-3101 to register or for more information.

Horticulture Tips For May

- PLANT:**
- It's warm enough now to plant warm season grasses including St. Augustine, Bermuda, buffalo grass and zoysia.
 - Plant hot-weather annuals including lantana, gomphrena, copper plants, moss rose, firebush, Dahlberg daisy, and purple fountain grass.
 - Tropical annuals can be planted in beds or containers now. Try Mexican heather, cuphea, hibiscus, bougainvillea, pentas and esperanza or yellow bells.
 - Transplant summer and fall perennials.
- PRUNE:**
- Thin fruit on peaches, apricots, and plums to 5-6 inches apart on the branches. The result will be larger, better quality fruit.
 - Prune spring flowering shrubs and vines to shape them.
 - Prune climbing roses and once blooming antique roses to restore good shape and reduce overall height.
 - Cut off old blossoms on spring-flowering annuals such as pansies, snapdragons, and stock to prolong the flowering season.
 - Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.
 - Pinch back the terminal

growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, well branched plants with more flowers.

FERTILIZE:

- Plants in containers and hanging baskets should be fertilized with 20-20-20 or a complete, balanced fertilizer. The fertilizer could be liquid, water soluble or time released. Don't apply fertilizer to dry soil. Water plants before fertilizing.
- Fertilize warm season turf grasses, such as Bermuda or St. Augustine. Soil tests will accurately tell you the needs of your lawn. Most lawns in our area will need a high nitrogen fertilizer. High alkaline soils will also need an application of iron.
- Trees, shrubs, vines and ground-covers should be fertilized at this time. The fertilizer you use on your lawn can also be applied to trees and shrubs. Do NOT use "Weed and Feed" type fertilizers around desirable plant material. Always be sure to water thoroughly after fertilizing.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

- Broadleaf weedkillers can be used to control non-grassy weeds in turf. Read the label carefully before applying. St. Augustine is susceptible to damage by many types of weedkillers.
 - ONLY if you applied pre-emergent for grassburrs and crabgrass in March is it time to put down the second application.
 - Check for pecan nut case-bearers and check with your County Extension office for information on spraying.
 - Look for bagworms on junipers and arborvita.
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 - Zinnias, and euonymus may get powdery mildew. Treat with a registered fungicide.
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One-arm bandit proposal not over yet

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Texas still may enlist the help of a gang of one-armed bandits to do away with another figurative outlaw, Robin Hood school financing.

Though cut from the House's version of a school finance bill, the concept of using video lottery terminals (AKA slot machines) to relieve Texans and visitors of enough money to help the state's school districts may end up back in the Senate version of the bill.

Those in favor of legalizing slot machines at racetracks and Indian reservations and possibly allowing casinos in the state, say the devices could raise more than \$2 billion a year for Texas. That, supporters argue, may sound more attractive to lawmakers than broadening the state sales tax or hiking business taxes.

One idea rolling around would have the state collecting a \$25,000 license fee per machine and as much as 60 percent of the revenue.

Work on the bill begins in the Senate this week with the special session clock ticking toward a May 19 adjournment.

Election '06 update...

Still more than two years away, the 2006 general election in Texas is almost getting more buzz than the upcoming presidential election.

That will change as the party conventions get closer, but the ongoing Gov. Rick Perry-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn feud continues to feed speculation about the '06 race - particularly the Republican primary. Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has added to the buzz by saying that she intends to run for state bean counter. Combs would not talk about what conversations she has had with Strayhorn, but she did say that she did not expect the incumbent to be seeking another term.

Strayhorn had nothing to say about why Combs thinks it will be an open primary. Being comptroller, Strayhorn said, "is my total focus right now."

She did add, however, "I always say that I never say never when the people of Texas ask me to serve."

Nothing could be finer than carrying in North Carolina...

Texans with concealed handgun licenses can now pack their pistols in North Carolina.

The Tarheel State is the ninth state to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Texas enabling Texas gun toting licensees to legally carry while visiting, and vice versa.

Other states with reciprocity agreements with Texas include Arkansas, Louisiana, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Wyoming.

Don't even say no...

Attorney General Greg Abbott is urging senior Texans to "Just Hang Up" on unsolicited telemarketers. His office has predicted that scam calling likely will increase with the new Medicare drug discount card program.

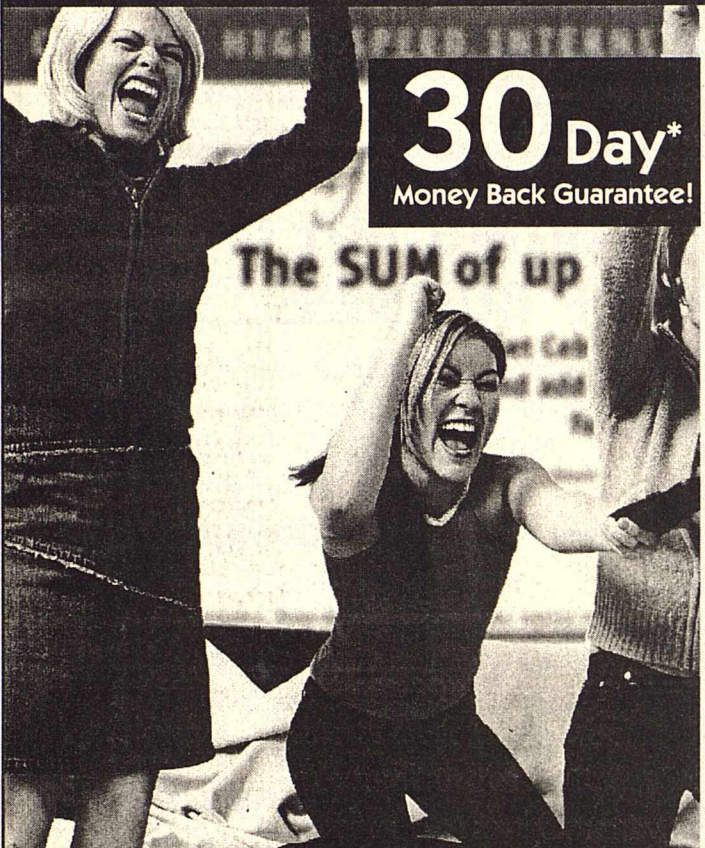
Those who prey on the elderly also favor schemes built on the promise of huge cash prizes from phony overseas lotteries, Abbott said.

"Senior Texans grew up in a more trusting time," the attorney general said. "The devastating nature of today's scams makes it essential that seniors remember how easy it is to 'Just Hang Up' on criminals who try to take advantage of them."

Rapidly returning a telephone receiver to its cradle, or clicking the "off" switch, is "simple, effective, and it can save you thousands of dollars," Abbott said.

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New options, incentives available for deer management

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted new options and incentives for private landowners who actively practice white-tailed deer management, including the elimination of "double tagging" and an extension of hunting seasons.

According to the new rules, which go into effect this fall, hunters who take deer on properties holding deer permits that require permit tagging, such as Managed Lands Deer Permits, Landowner Assisted Management Permits or on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-drawn public hunts, would not have to use a deer tag from their hunting license. What this means for affected hunters and landowners is less redundant paperwork and a simpler tagging system.

"This will eliminate personal bag limits and the requirement to complete the harvest log on the back of the hunting license for deer taken under authority of the specified permits," said Clayton Wolf, TPWD Big Game Program Director.

Providing private landowners and wildlife managers with the freedom and flexibility to effectively manage wildlife on their property is one of the benchmark priorities in TPWD's Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan, designed to guide the agency's long-range efforts.

TPWD recognizes the need to adjust and amend the guidelines to allow land managers to be more efficient and effective stewards. The new rules are based upon recommendations from the TPWD Commission's White-tailed

Deer Advisory Committee.

Among the changes, properties operating under the department's Level II and III MLDPs (Managed Lands Deer Permit) will have hunting opportunities that extend through the last day in February.

Those same operations can also qualify for an exemption from any site inspection prior to issuance of a Trap, Transport and Transplant (Triple T) permit, which is required in order to introduce new deer onto the property, providing they meet certain data collection and stocking criteria.

The commission also removed the limit on the number of deer that can be removed from those properties before importing additional deer. This change allows landowners more flexibility in the number of deer they can import to their property without negative implications on plant communities.

In addition, authority was granted to allow buck deer to be included in Triple T activities that are authorized for inconsequential purposes or for sites that do not require a site inspection.

Provisions were also adopted that affect how properties conduct certain management practices under MLD permits, including penalties for abuses.

For example, a one-year suspension for properties that exceed the harvest quota in a Wildlife Management Plan was created.

New rules also require that all buck deer moved by Triple T permit have antlers removed prior to transport, which provides additional safety for trappers and for the animals.

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Dominion; 8850' Sawyer - 16 - #3, Paterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8800' Hill-Randee Fawcett TR - K - #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8700' Lillian Bell Glasscock #3110, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8600' Duke Wilson #1714, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8550' Simmons Ranch #69, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8500' Mayer - 34 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8450' Reinhardt - 6 - #13, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8400' Simmons Ranch #72, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8375' Simmons Ranch #77, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 8275' Edwin S Hill - Mayer Jr - X - #2, Key Energy.
New Dominion; 6500' Hull #7, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 6450' Steen #76, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 6400' Galbreath - 66 - #15, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 5600' Canyon Ranch #9312S, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 4550' Vanderstucken - 34 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 4500' Canyon Ranch #404S, Patterson Drilling.
Crockett
New Chevron/Midland; 10000' Davidson BC- Unit #1, Nabors Drilling.
New Encore Operating; 9400' H&H Drilling Co. #740, Adobe Drilling Bronco.
Devon Energy; 9200' Ruby Helbing - 25 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
New Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey - #103, Nabors Drilling.
New Anadarko; 8900' McMullan - C - #9, Patterson Drilling.
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Riata Energy Inc.; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.
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USDA Rural Development announces visit

USDA Rural Development representatives will be available on May 18, 2004, to meet with citizens, organizations, and public officials. Representatives will be at the USDA, NRCS meeting room, 301 S. Crockett, Sonora, TX between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to provide information on available programs. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy, housing, and infrastructure of rural areas.

Programs available through USDA Rural Development include no down payment, low interest loans up to \$104,700 to build or purchase a home in Sutton County for very-low and low income families. Higher loan amounts are available through a guaranteed program for families with moderate incomes. Very low income families may be eligible for a home improvement loan up to \$20,000 at 1% interest. Elderly families with very low incomes may also be eligible for a grant up to \$7,500 to remove health hazards in their homes.

Loans and grants are available to nonprofit organizations and public bodies of water and wastewater systems, firestations, fire trucks, ambulances, hospitals, health clinics, libraries, civic centers, city halls and many other essential community facilities.

Programs are also available to individuals, public bodies and nonprofit organizations for business loans to help create jobs. For more information regarding Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Fredericksburg at (830)997-8902 ext. 4.

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The dealership is overstocked and must make room for already scheduled-to-arrive vehicles. They are willing to sell these bank-repossessed vehicles regardless of profit.

This Wednesday, May 12th through Saturday, May 15th over 200 new, repossessed

and other pre-owned vehicles will be available, some for thousands below normal values.

"This is an incredible opportunity for bargain hunters! They may never see savings like these again." - Alvin Beaty, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC.

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The selection of vehicles ranges from luxury, 4x4s, SUVs, even economy cars; almost every price range imaginable will be avail-

able. "Many of the vehicles are still under factory warranty" said Alvin Beaty. "That's a great reason to buy now!"

The dealership is under an inventory crunch and must sacrifice these vehicles regardless of profit. This Wednesday through Saturday, they will have extra sales and finance staff to assure prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible.

This event is the opportunity many new & used car shoppers have been looking for. "Our excessive inventory is a problem for us, but it's an opportunity for the bargain shoppers," said Alvin Beaty. The \$37 down Repo Event ends Saturday, 6:00 p.m., May 15th. The remaining inventory will be sent to auction. Questions regarding this event can be directed to (325) 949-1811. MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

*Bank Approval Required On all credit applications, \$37 Possession Fee plus tax, title and license fees. Negative trade equity will be added to amount financed. Amount of down payment may vary with credit worthiness. Example: '94 Dodge Shadow \$99 mo. \$1k#U2554A, 54 months @9.15%. Several lenders to choose from. Customer Responsible for taxes, title, tags. Vehicles subject to prior sale. Limit 2 vehicles per household. See dealer for details Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC 2004.

Sutton County hosts Soil & Water Conservation awards banquet



On May 4, the Area II Conservation Awards Banquet was held in Sonora with 250 people in attendance. Area II includes 44 Conservation Districts from Central to Far West Texas. Pictured above Jessica Collins (front), with our local Soil & Water Conservation Directors Bob Brockman, Edward Earwood, Judy McDonald, Susan Bloodworth and Norm Rousselot.

Jessica won first place in the local Conservation Essay Contest, and then placed second in Area II.

Texas Tourism Week from page 1

As part of the week long activities, Texas Tourism and the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) have joined with Clear Channel Communications to promote travel in Texas to the listeners of Clear Channel radio stations across the state. Each station will award lucky radio listeners exciting prize packages, including vacations to destinations across the state. Promotions such as these will give Texans additional oppor-

tunities to travel within the state. "By utilizing the 'Rediscover Texas' campaign, Texas tourism reminds folks of the fabulous opportunities for fun and interesting travel in Texas," said Paul Serff, President of TTIA. "Not only does Texas offer our own citizens a diverse travel experience, but these experiences also are shared by visitors to our state, who contribute money to our economy."

From Arlington to Waco, cities throughout the Lone Star

State are taking the opportunity that this week affords to recognize the importance of tourism in their communities by offering celebratory activities and recognition ceremonies throughout the week. For a complete list of these activities and more information about Texas Tourism Week, please visit www.TravelTex.com and click on the Rediscover Texas icon.



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New safety campaign calls on pickup drivers and passengers to "Buckle Up In Your Truck"

Many of today's pickup truck drivers in this part of the country were driving pickups long before the cargo vehicles hit the level of popularity that they enjoy today. Light trucks, including pickups and SUVs, now outsell passenger cars.

But one statistic that isn't changing with the growth trend is pickup truck drivers' failure to use safety belts. That is an alarming fact to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) officials because pickups, with their high-profile designs, are two times more likely to roll over than cars in fatal crashes.

Research indicates that safety belts are up to 60 percent effective in preventing death of buckled up occupants in pickup crashes. It also shows that safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by 70 percent or more.

That is why NHTSA and their state partners are launching a region-wide "Buckle Up In Your Truck" safety belt educational campaign in a five-state area of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and the Indian Nations, in early May 2004.

There are over six million registered pickup trucks in the region. Observation surveys in the five states reveal that roughly 1.5 million of the region's pickup truck drivers are not wearing their safety belts, leading to many unnecessary deaths. In 2002, 1,348 pickup drivers and passengers in the region died in truck crashes.

"It's agonizing to think that so many pickup drivers ignore safety belt laws at the expense of their own well-being," said Georgia S. Chakiris, NHTSA Administrator for Region VI. "But the fact is, wearing a safety belt dramatically increases your odds of surviving a crash, particularly in the case of a rollover."

Crash data also shows that around 85 percent of pickup truck drivers in fatal crashes in Region VI were men. More than half of those who died were only 15 to 39 years old.

"Because many pickup drivers are young, they often don't stop to think what their life means to so many. Not wearing a safety belt often means that a boyfriend, son, father or husband isn't going to be coming home after a crash.

That's a pretty high price to pay for not taking a few seconds to buckle up," Chakiris said.

The "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaign includes television, radio and other educational messages to reach out to pickup drivers in the five-state area.

The 30-second television commercial features dramatic, slow-motion footage of a pickup truck rolling over. The audio that accompanies it is a voice reciting the groom's traditional marriage vows, beginning with "to have and to hold." The spot ends with the truck rolling out of the frame as the man recites, "til death do us part."

Two television public service announcements will be released this summer, each featuring a nationally recognized outdoorsman with a known reputation for driving pickup trucks for work and leisure: Bill Dance, host of TV's "Bill Dance Outdoors" fishing program, and Jackie Bushman, host of the "Buckmasters" hunting show. Both men have volunteered their time and services to help spread the word about "Buckle Up In Your Truck."

The challenge for the educational effort, as well as the reason for it, is that focus group surveys have indicated that a high number of male pickup drivers in the region aren't impressed with statistical information about protection offered by safety belts. However, many in the groups have expressed concerns about how their deaths or disabling injuries could affect their families and friends.

Others say they feel safer because they view their trucks as being bigger and stronger than other vehicles because they sit up higher on the road. Many knew of the risk of rolling over a pickup, but they were unaware of the high degree of protection that safety belts provided in a rollover crash.

"We expect this educational campaign to convince more pickup drivers to buckle up on their own," Chakiris said. "But we also feel our message will get loved ones to take a more active role in reminding their favorite pickup drivers that buckling up isn't just for their own good, it's for everybody's." For more information on the importance of wearing safety belts in a pickup visit: www.BuckleUpInYourTruck.com

Windows for Remy

Tumbleweed Smith

Bert Striegler met me at the museum in Brady the other day to tell me about windows for the cathedral at Remy, a city just north of Paris, France, that has become Brady's sister city.

"The story goes back to World War Two when a young man from Brady, Houston Lee Braley Jr. volunteered into the Air Force, became a P-51 pilot and was killed while strafing a German train that was parked on the tracks near Remy.

"The flight leader was a man named Roy Blaha, who has been here on numerous occasions. Roy went in first to strafe this camouflaged train. He fired at the full length of the train and nothing happened.

Houston Lee rolled over and started his run on the train and almost the minute he fired his guns, the train blew up with an enormous explosion.

"Houston Lee's aircraft was demolished in midair. The fuselage crashed and slid across a road into a rock fence of a home that belonged to the most prestigious family in Remy. In fact, their name was Remy.

"A young teenage girl that lived in the home, who has also been here in the museum, ran out and pulled his body out of the aircraft and hid it.

"Germans frantically looked for his body but never found it. The next night a bunch of partisans in Remy buried Houston Lee's body in the Remy cemetery. They took one propeller blade off his crashed aircraft and used that as the marker on the grave. They then covered

the grave with flowers.

"The next day the Germans were really upset because those same partisans had refused to bury a German pilot in their cemetery a few weeks before then. The Germans took all the flowers from the cemetery and told the residents of Remy that if any more flowers showed up anywhere in the cemetery they would kill 30 residents of the town.

"The next night Remy citizens covered the whole cemetery with flowers.

"Nobody got shot because it was the end of the war. The Germans knew the Americans were already on the ground in Normandy and things weren't going well for Germany.

"The explosion of the train blew all the windows out of the cathedral at Remy. They were stained glass windows that were built into the cathedral during the middle ages.

"The windows stayed unpaired until 1995, when Houston Lee's old fighter group, the 364th, decided to raise the money to restore the cathedral windows. They thought they'd need a quarter of a million dollars to do it. They started a fund called WINDOWS FOR REMY and had all the money raised within two years. The windows are now completely restored."

The people from Remy have sent three separate delegations to Brady and visited the museum which has a display case devoted to the story. They presented the museum with a carved plaque made of wood from the cathedral. In 1995, both Brady and Remy held commemorative events on Veteran's Day. Houston Lee Braley Jr. is now buried in Brady.



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Third Nature Tourism Business Development Seminar to be held in Mason

"Marketing your Nature Tourism business"

The third and final seminar of the three-part series Developing your Nature Tourism Business will be held in Mason on Thursday, May 27th. The final seminar will focus on marketing both a fledgling nature tourism business as well as new marketing options for existing businesses. The day-long seminar will offer topics on marketing your community heritage and nature tourism, using partnerships to market your product, the Texas YES community marketing program, where to find customers and success stories from local tourism businesses.

Featured speaker at the marketing seminar will be Debbie Geiger of Geiger and Associates from Tallahassee, Florida. Formerly with the state tourism department in Florida, Ms. Geiger's company repre-

sents travel destinations throughout the world to various media outlets and as well as multiple tourism destinations throughout Texas. Her topics at the seminar will include "Getting People to Your Community: Marketing of Nature and Heritage Tourism" and "Community Partnering to Stretch Economic Development Dollars".

Scheduled to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mason at 104 Magnolia St., the seminar will run from 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30. Pre-registration is encouraged but on-site reservations are available.

A \$35 fee will cover the cost of the seminar, all handouts and a lunch. To register for the May 27th seminar or for more information on these seminars, please contact: The Texas Leadership Institute at: 1-800-776-5272, ex. 3399

Medicare Drug Discount Cards: Important Facts to Know

This month the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will introduce new Medicare-approved prescription drug discount cards. The new cards will offer seniors discounts of up to 25% off the cost of their medications.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the seniors of our nation. Like any new program, there is an abundance of information that participants should know and understand. What follows is a series of frequently asked questions regarding the prescription drug discount cards.

1. What kinds of discounts do the cards offer?

The new Medicare-approved cards will offer seniors discounts of up to 25% off the cost of their medications. Better yet, low-income seniors will be eligible to receive a \$600 credit on their cards to defray their drug costs this year. They will also receive an additional \$600 credit in 2005.

2. Who is a low-income senior?

Under the new law, a low-income senior is a person who makes less than 135% of the federal poverty level, roughly \$12,900 annually for an individual or \$16,600 for a couple.

3. When can seniors begin to sign up for these cards?

Seniors can begin to sign up for their Medicare-approved discount cards on May 3rd. The cards will become active on June 1.

4. How will they sign up?

Seniors will be able to enroll with a drug card of their choice a number of ways. They include calling their congressional office for assistance signing up, and visiting www.medicare.com or calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

5. How much will it cost to sign up?

Some discount card sponsors will charge an enrollment fee of around \$30. However,

other card sponsors will offer a lower fee or no fee at all.

6. What drugs are covered?

Every drug, any drug, all drugs, are covered under this program. Though all cards may not cover all drugs, every drug is covered by at least one of the cards offered.

7. How many cards will be offered?

Currently, 26 cards will be available nationwide and still others will be available regionally. The number of cards available to seniors will depend largely on where they live.

8. How will a senior know which card is best for them?

Because participation in this new discount card program is voluntary, choosing a card will require some research on the part of seniors or caregivers. First, whether or not a card sponsor charges an enrollment fee will be a factor for some seniors. Second, which drugs the card covers and how much of a discount they offer will be other factors. Finally, which pharmacies in a senior's area offer which discounts will be another factor.

9. What if a senior has an existing drug discount card?

Seniors can have only one Medicare-approved discount card but they CAN KEEP discount drug cards they already have from drug makers or groups. In many cases the savings these cards offer will be greater than those the Medicare-approved card can offer. What types of cards a senior has should be a factor when choosing which Medicare-approved card to sign up for.

I hope the information in this week's column proves helpful when making a decision about this new resource for our nation's seniors. For more information on the prescription drug cards, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

Savings tips from page 1

To help ease sticker shock at the gas pump, AAA offers a dozen easy-to-follow, money-saving suggestions.

To cut gasoline costs:
 * Slow down. Even a five-mile-per-hour decrease in speed can affect gas mileage. Watch your tachometer to gauge engine performance.

* Keep tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can cut fuel economy by a half percent per pound of pressure below recommended levels.

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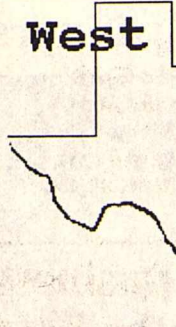
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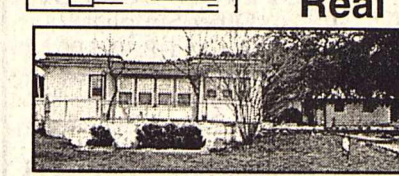
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West Texas Championship Cook-off planning meeting - Wednesday, May 12, 2004 - 6:30 p.m. - Stagecoach Grill (across from Rafter W).

Sutton County Days Rodeo Association general meeting - Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 6:00 p.m. Bring your hot dogs and drinks and work on having a great Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Anyone interested in volunteering please join us.

The topic for the parenting class this week is "Dealing with Anger in the Family." The Parenting class will be held at Sonora Elementary in the Intermediate building on May 6 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting - Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 5:30 p.m., First National Bank.

First National Bank "Dairy Queens" Relay for Life team Bake Sale - Friday, May 14, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - till it's all gone!

"Bibbed Overall Gang" (Sutton Co. Steakhouse/Days Inn Devil's River) Relay for Life team is trying again with the car wash! Rain caused the last one to be cancelled, so get over to Sombrero's Laserwash on May 15, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and get your vehicles clean and shiny (weather permitting). They are also 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 team Garage Sale fundraiser - Saturday, May 15, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in front of H&R Block.

T&C Village Market Relay for Life team - Pick up the cases of Coke you ordered at the baseball park on Monday, May 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Look for the Coke trailer.

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.

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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.

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.

AI-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 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.

Sonora Woman's Club installs new officers, draws for winners



Winners of the 2004 Sutton County Library Association Drawing, sponsored by Sonora Woman's Club were drawn on Thursday, May 6th at the last meeting for the season. A 27" color TV was won by Carla Garner, a beautiful handmade quilt, donated by Vicky Wallace, Lura Sawyer, Claire Jones and Lolabeth Jones was won by Sue Hosford, a gourmet dinner for 8 was won by Elsie Schwiening. Two "Discovery Challenge Adventure Tour" tickets from Caverns of Sonora were won by Sonora Animal Hospital and a "Snow Village" Christmas Village Miniature donated by Tedford Jewelry was won by Jessica Snyder.



Top: New officers of Sonora Woman's Club are installed in a special ceremony. Below: Out-going Woman's Club president, Lenora Pool, is honored with a silver platter.

These and other members of the Sonora Woman's Club enjoyed a delicious meal of Texas quiche, broccoli salad, frozen fruit salad, hot rolls and angel food cake topped with whipped cream, toffee bits, and toasted almonds, with a strawberry on the side. The general meeting and installation of officers was held in the lovely home of Keith and Anita Hudson. Susan Hall installed the new officers in a special program using historic quilt patterns to signify each officer's position.

The new officers are president - Dawn Cahill; vice president - Brenda Valliant; recording secretary - Rose Butler; Corresponding secretary - Gail Cade, treasurer; Jen Jones, parliamentarian - Casey Henderson; and auditor - Laurie Gibbens.

Hank the Healing Horse rides in to town to kick off Relay



A wild bronco has busted loose and is running free through Sonora, camping out in yards around town, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

"Hank the Healing Horse" will soon be making some stops in lawns in an effort to raise funds for the upcoming Relay for Life on May 21-22, 2004. Hank has been adopted as the Sutton County Relay for Life mascot and you can help him raise money towards this year's goal. To have "Hank the Healing Horse" placed in someone's yard call Kim Lewis at 387-2981. Then for a fee - Hank will be removed. The longer you leave him in a yard - the bigger mess he is likely to leave! So join the fun and start corralling this gift horse today!

The annual Relay for Life is held at the Bronco Stadium and will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2004. A special Survivor celebration will kick things off, honoring our community's fighters with a special lap around the track. This starts an all night fund-raiser, with great music, fun games and some tasty treats from the St. John's Episcopal Church, Samaniego Family, Dominion/BB Chemical, T&C Village Market, First National Bank, First Baptist Church, Church of the Good Shepherd, Lighthouse Community Church, Creek, Days Inn Devil's River/Steakhouse, H&R Block and City of Sonora teams. A special luminaria ceremony will light up the track just after dark, honoring and remembering those who have or have had cancer. The fun goes on all night. Don't miss the 2004 Relay for Life!

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