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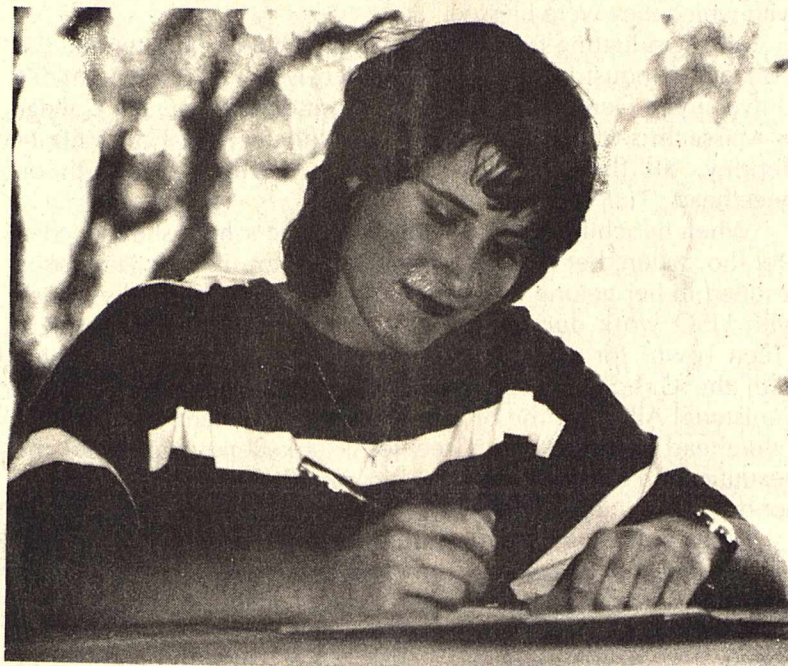
Thursday, April 20, 1995

COVINGTON SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT

Beth Covington, a senior at Sonora High School, signed a letter of intent Thursday, April 13, 1995 to play golf at Texas Tech University for the 1995-96 school year. She will enter the program this fall.

Ms. Covington has achieved a number of awards in her high school golf career. In 1992, she was a member of the District 6 AAA team champions and district medalist. The next year Beth repeated this level of play in addition to tying for second Regional 1 AAA. In 1994, Beth attained district medalist and team champions, regional team runner-up and medalist, and state team runner-up and medalist.

Beth is the daughter of Becky and Jim Covington of Sonora. Mrs. Covington stated that Beth has been playing in tournaments since the age of 10. Beth's objective is to pursue a degree in teaching/coaching at Texas Tech.



Beth Covington

NURSING HOME CLEARED

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services cleared the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home of all deficiencies this past week.

"Medicaid will not be terminated, they are not closing the hospital or nursing home," stated interim administrator, Ann Fagan-Cook. She also said, "My staff has worked very hard, you need to thank them."

More information regarding this situation will be provided at a later date.

LOCAL SAMARITAN PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER DISCUSSED

submitted by Lewis Allen

There will be a meeting of concerned citizens on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church to explore the possibility of securing professional counseling and psychotherapy services in Sonora.

Prior to this meeting, the Sonora Ministerial Alliance met on Wednesday, April 5th with John Wintringham, director of the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center of San Angelo, and Rev. Louie Andrews, a member of the Counseling Center's Board of Directors.

At that preliminary meeting, the services of Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center and their general philosophy were discussed, along with estimated financial support, and the need for local oversight.

The purpose of the upcoming meeting will be to determine if there is sufficient community need for and support of counseling services to warrant further negotiations with the Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center.

FLBA STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

submitted

The Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora will hold its Annual Stockholders' Meeting on April 24, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of the First United Methodist Church in Sonora.

The agenda will include a guest speaker from the Trans Texas Heritage Association. Also, a video produced by the Farm Credit Bank of Texas titled "Standing Ground, People Property and Power" will be shown.

According to Mr. Jack B. Smith, Jr., President of the association, the remainder of the meeting will include a review of association operations for 1994 as well as the election of one stockholder to serve on the association Board of Directors and the announcement of the four recipients of the A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarships.

All stockholders and interested guests are encouraged to attend this meeting.

PIANO RECITAL SCHEDULED

submitted

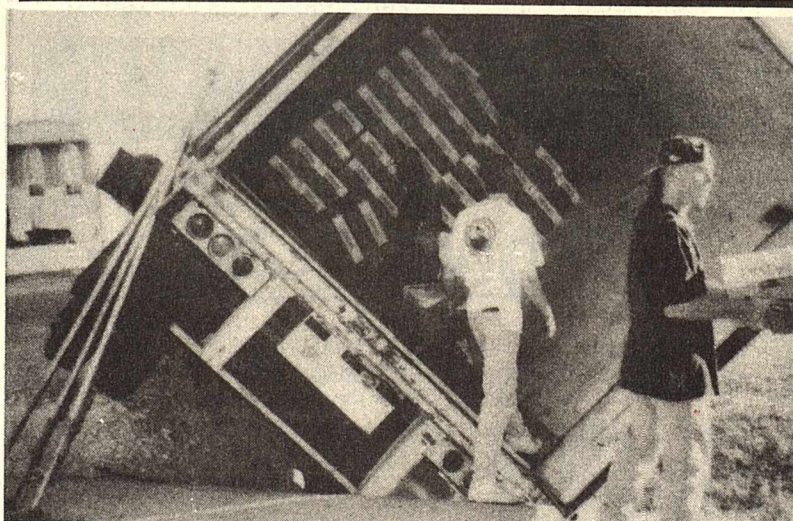
Piano students taught by Virginia Jones will have their annual spring recital on Sunday, April 23, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora. Pupils in grades 2 through 4 will perform at 2:00 p.m. Students in grades 5 and above will play their selections at 3:30 p.m.

Each program will include a recognition ceremony and a special presentation by The Rev. Ron Myers, minister at the host church and an accomplished musician. The public is invited to attend.

HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE

submitted

There will be a Hunter's Safety Camp for girls at the McPherson Ranch June 11th-14th. Any girl who has not had the Hunter Safety Course, and is between 12 and 16 years of age is eligible. The cost is \$5.00 for the workbook. For registration, call (915) 387-5159. For more information, call (915) 387-3068. There will also be a camp for boys ages 12 to 15, July 9th-12th.



Workers unload tomatoes from an 18-wheel tractor trailer that turned over while making a turn in front of Triangle Tire.

VANDERSTUCKEN'S CELEBRATE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joseph and Mabel VanderStucken will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, April 27, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. in their home. They would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite all of their friends and relatives to join them for this festive occasion.

CHOIRS MAKE ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS THE TOP

submitted

The Sonora High School Mixed and Junior High Mixed Choirs performed at the U.I.L. Concert and Sight Reading contest on Tuesday, April 4, 1995. The Choirs made the long trip to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas and had one of their best performances in recent history. Several directors at the contest commented on how tough the judging panel was. When asked about the judging, Mr. Conlon, director of the Sonora I.S.D. Choirs, said, "Yes the panel held us to a very high standard, but that is good for us. If the standard were lower, then we would never grow to our potential. Our goal is to surpass their standard no matter how high they put it." Mr. Conlon went on to say that ratings pale in comparison to the beauty and maturity with which the choirs performed their music.

After his comments about the standards at this contest, Mr. Conlon went on to talk about the ratings that the choirs made and what the numerical ratings stand for. "First of all, many people are not aware of what each rating stands for." According to Mr. Conlon, the ratings are as follows I=Superior, II=Excellent, III=Good, IV=Fair, V=Poor. Each choir receives two sets of ratings (one set for concert, and the other set for sight reading) consisting of one score from each of three judges. The high school received III,II,III for the concert portion and II,II,II for sight reading. The junior high choir received III,II,III for concert and II,II,I for sight reading. Mr. Conlon pointed out that although he can really only track the choir's progress since he has been here, he does know that these are the highest ratings for the concert portion for at least the last four years. When looking at sight reading scores, these are the best ratings for as far back as records are available, which is seven years.

Mr. Conlon wanted to stress once again that the true measurement of the Sonora school choir's ability can only be accurately measured by a few simple things. Do the students have pride in their accomplishments as individual and ensemble singers? Are the students working toward the top of their current potential? Are the students maturing emotionally and socially as a result of their participation in choir? Most importantly, are the individual audience members (God, parents, faculty, students, community members) touched aesthetically and given an enjoyable experience by the students performance? Mr. Conlon said, "I believe that the answer is resoundingly yes, yes, yes!!! I would really like to demonstrate this to everyone by inviting them to our final choir concert on May 11, 1995."

All of the Sonora Choirs will be performing once more this year for judges at a music festival in San Antonio, Texas on May 13, 1995.

KEMP ELECTED TAMU HEAD YELL LEADER

submitted

David Kemp of Sonora was recently reelected by the student body of Texas A&M University to serve as one of three Senior Yell Leaders. He was also selected by an interview process to be the Head Yell Leader for the 1995-96 school year.

David graduated from Sonora High School in 1992. He is the son of Sharon G. Kemp and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Stewart of Odessa.

Texas A&M has five male yell leaders. Three seniors and two juniors. The tradition of yell leader began in the early 1900's when TAMU was an all male military institute. The Senior Yell Leaders are in charge of motivating the 12th Man (student body), and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Athletic Teams. The Yell Leaders are also known as the ambassadors of TAMU. They speak to organizations such as Aggie Mom's clubs, Fish Camp, summer orientation programs, and to many non-Aggies, future Aggies and to fellow Aggies about the spirit and traditions that TAMU prides itself on.

ETC.

Social Security Representative

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his April visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse on Tuesday, April 25, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Polo In The Park

The 5th annual Polo in the Park will be April 23 at Hoolihan Acres near Mertzon. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Sonrisas Therapeutic Riding Program, a non-profit organization. Tommy Lee Jones will be a celebrity guest and player among others. General admission is \$5. Gates open at 2 p.m. For more information contact Wrey Montgomery at 915-944-2502.

Cinco de Mayo

To reserve a food, game and/or a craft booth, or for additional information call Adelita Smalling or Florie Mesa. The entry deadline is April 28th. Celebration will be Saturday, May 6 at Liberty Park.

Golf Tournament

A Two Man Select Shot will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 21 & 22 at the Sonora Golf Course. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The cost is \$150 per team.

A Shoot Out is scheduled for Friday 5 p.m.. For more information contact the golf course.

Health Fair Scheduled

The First National Bank and Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will host a Health Fair at the Clint Langford Memorial Building (4-H Center) Wednesday, May 3 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bonilla To Speak In Sonora

Henry Bonilla will speak in Sonora Wednesday, April 26 at 9:15 a.m. at the Sutton County Courthouse. Bonilla will speak on the reform of the Endangered Species Act.

Crockett Co. Library Book Feast

Crockett County Friends of the Library will hold the annual Book Feast Saturday, April 22 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Civic Center in Ozona. A BBQ sandwich lunch will be served and a dessert sale and cake auction will be conducted. Admission is \$3. A preview book sale will be Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Hotel Ozona Lobby. Author D.G. McWilliams will autograph his book *Never Too Old To Cry*. Admission is \$5. The sale will continue April 24-29.

Farm Program Sign Up Dates

Certification Deadline - April 28. The final date to report small grain acreage.

Failed Acreage - Crops that have failed due to adverse weather conditions. Producers should file and ASCS-574 form before any other use is made of the crop.

Engraved Pavers

Make your mark on Sonora! Engraved pavers for the sidewalk at the entrance of the new Sutton County Library are only \$25.00. Don't forget those graduates, school and civic organizations, new babies, etc. Go by the library in the School Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, and place your orders!

Order Range Seed Now

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for native grass seed for seeding rangeland. If you need information on seed varieties, seed costs, or if you need assistance calculating seeding rates, call Tom, Virgil or Iris at (915) 387-2730.

City League Baseball Registration

Sonora City League Baseball registration continues at the offices of Al Elliott, Attorney at Law, 209 East Main Street. Be sure to register today!

Our Sympathy

Doyce Weldon Taylor

Doyce Weldon Taylor, 61, of Abilene, died Saturday, April 15th in Ozona.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 18th at University Baptist Church in Abilene with Reverend Ron Curtis officiating. Burial followed in Blackwell Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes of Abilene.

Mr. Taylor was born in Blackwell where he attended school. He was employed by Wes-Tex Drilling Company for more than thirty-one years and was a tool pusher. He moved to Abilene from Blackwell in 1950. He married Joan Wrinkle Taylor in 1954 in Abilene. He was a member of the University Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Taylor of Abilene; two daughters, Treva Brooks of Edmond, Oklahoma and Alanna Taylor of Abilene; one son, Doyce Wayne Taylor of Abilene; one sister, Betty Jo Lemond of Abilene; three brothers, Harold Taylor of Odessa; Kenneth Taylor and Leland Taylor, both of Mt. Pleasant; one grandchild; several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Abilene Chapter, 149 North Willis, Abilene, Texas 76903.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who assisted our family in this time of need. Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, food, flowers, and plants. We are very grateful to have friends like you. Thank you for the comforting words each of you shared with us. You all have been very supportive during our time of sorrow.

Thank you,
Beatrice & Robert Barron
Mr. & Mrs. Ramiro Trevino
Mr. & Mrs. Juan Barron, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Perez
Mr. & Mrs. Baldo Castaneda

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Irene A. Villegas, would like to thank each one of you for your support. Thank you for the comforting words you shared. Our family greatly appreciates the friendship and kindness you extended to us. Thank you for the food, flowers, plants, phone calls, and most of all the prayers. Your friendship will not be forgotten.

Thank you,
Rudy & Ben Perez
Reymario Villegas

TIGER CUBS HOLD MEETING AT POLICE STATION

submitted

The Tiger Cubs met March 13, 1995 for their regular meeting. The meeting was hosted by Cody Day and was held at the Police Station where the boys learned about law enforcement.

All of the boys were also in attendance a the Pack meeting on March 27 at which time the boys were able to see the Boy Scout Indian dancers from San Angelo perform

The following boys were present: Cameron Cox, Cody Day, Younger Fawcett, Walsh Hearn, Embre Smith, Roland Solis, Tyler Talley, Aaron Warren, Warren Wallace, and Cullen Parker.

It's A Girl!

Eddie and Tommy Favila are proud to announce the arrival of Alyssa's new sister, Kelsey Leann on March 31st at Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Silvino and Rosemary Ramos Jr. of Jourdanton and Maternal great-grandparents are Ray and Aurelia Navarro Sr. of Devine and Silvino and Connie Ramos Sr. of Charlotte.

Paternal grandparents are Gildardo and Maria Favila and great-grandfather, Jesus Favila, all of Sonora, Texas.



Winnie Lou Miers Whitehead

Winnie Lou Miers Whitehead was born to pioneer ranchers Robert Lee "Bob" Miers and Dora Lou Patton Miers on May 22, 1905, and passed on to immortal life on April 8, 1995.

Most of her life here was spent on her parent's Bar U ranch, south of Loma Alta, and her husband's Open A ranch, north of Loma Alta. From age 7, when her mother died, she was raised by her Aunt Cora Patton, who later became her stepmother. She married F.H. Whitehead, Sr. on November 25, 1929. Their lives

were dedicated to ranching, and caring for the land and livestock with which they were blessed.

After graduating from Del Rio high school, she attended the College of Industrial Arts (CIA), which is now Texas Women's University at Denton, Texas. She later attended Emerson College in Massachusetts, and still later the University of California at Berkeley, all this before settling down with her childhood sweetheart "Tuff".

When her children were ready for public school she moved to Del Rio, where her love of people, and enthusiasm for life, soon resulted in her getting involved in community affairs. She started with USO work during World War II. She helped organize a "Teen Town" for teenage youth activities. She became involved with the Girl Scouts. She was a member of the Inner Circle Ministerial Alliance, the Brown Plaza Improvement Program, the Whitehead Museum, the Greenwood Park Renovation, and the beautification of downtown Del Rio, and these were just a few of her many activities.

When attending Emerson College in Boston, she and her sister Violet Miers Jarrett, became interested in and took up the study of Christian Science. They became members of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, and they were among the organizers of The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Del Rio. She loved God and loved working for Him in her church. She held every position in the church at one time or another.

Winnie Lou is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Bobby Lou Whitehead Mayer and Ralph P. Mayer of Sonora, and one son and daughter-in-law, F.H. "Tuffy" Whitehead, Jr. and Carol Friend Whitehead of Comstock and Del Rio, and her sister Violet of Del Rio. Grandchildren are Robert Sol Mayer, Bonnie Lou Mayer Campbell, Clay Whitehead Sewalt, and Amy Whitehead Perry. Great-grandchildren are Chelsey Lou Campbell and Cole Grayson Perry. A brother, Robert Ross Miers, preceded her in death as well as her husband and her parents.

Graveside service was held Monday, April 10, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. T.J. Jarrett officiated the service at Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Winnie Lou's only grandson, Robert, wrote and recited a eulogy in her honor. Her granddaughter, Bonnie Lou, played the guitar and sang the Twenty-third Psalm and a song she wrote in memory of her grandmother.

Pallbearers were Bob V. Cauthorn, George Whitehead, Bill Lewis, Henry Mills, III, Wayne Brown, Lee Bloodworth, W.L. "Bud" Whitehead, Jay Taylor, and Bill Zuberbueler. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Whitehead, Byron Hodge, James Leonard, Jim Hardin, John Weston, Miguel deLeon, Crawford Mitchell, Martin Wardlaw, Colin Farmer, Drury Woods, J.O. Taylor, Pat Rose, Jr., John Allen Ward, Toots Hutto, and Hadley Wardlaw.

School Menu

7 x 3 = 21

<p>BREAKFAST</p> <p>Mon., April 24 Breakfast Pizza, Juice</p> <p>Tues., April 25 Egg, Hash Brown, Toast w/Jelly</p> <p>Wed., April 26 Pancake, Ham, Juice</p> <p>Thurs., April 27 Chorizo & Egg Burrito, Fruit</p> <p>Fri., April 28 Waffle Stick, Juice</p>	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Mon., April 24 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Lettuce & Tomato, Apple</p> <p>Tues., April 25 Spaghetti w/Meat Balls, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Cheese Roll</p> <p>Wed., April 26 Burritos, Corn, Applesauce, Cookie</p> <p>Thurs., April 27 Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Jell-O w/Fruit</p> <p>Fri., April 28 Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Lettuce & Tomato, Pickles, Ice Cream</p>
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Joy Kemp is pictured above with the Easter throw that she won during the open house at Ol' Sonora Trading Company that was held on Thursday, April 13th.

It's A Boy!

Glen and Julie Richardson of Ballinger announce the birth of their son and first child, Brady Glen Richardson, on Friday, April 7, 1995 at 6:38 p.m.

Brady was born at Angelo Community Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jeanne Jackson of Kerroville, Jerry D. Jackson of Brady, and Mr. and Mrs. Glendle Richardson of Ballinger.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy T. Barina of San Angelo, Irene Brunson of Kerroville, and John H. Brunson of Bellingham, Washington.

Community Calendar

April 20th-30th

Thursday, April 20
8th Grade to Austin - Fieldtrip
High School Cheerleader Tryouts
4:30 p.m. - J.V. Baseball vs. Bracketville - T.

Friday, April 21
Jr. High ATSSB Region Band Tryouts - Sonora High School
H.S. Regional Track Qualifiers
H.S. Regional One-Act Play - Odessa
12:00 p.m. - Senior Citizen's Senior Birthday Party
5:00 p.m. - Varsity Baseball vs. Kermit - T
5:00 p.m. - Shoot-Out at Golf Col.

Saturday, April 22
EARTH DAY
ATSSB Region Band Clinic & Concert @ Ballinger
Regional Academic Meet - Odessa
9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon - Heartsaver Adult CPR Course - Sutton County EMS Building
1:00 & 5:00 p.m. - T-Time for 2-Man Select Shot Golf Tournament
1:00 p.m. - HS Rodeo Finals - San Angelo (Benefit Boys Ranch)
7:00 p.m. - HS Rodeo Finals - San Angelo (Benefit Boys Ranch)

Sunday, April 23
2:00 p.m. - Piano Recital (Grades 2-4) - FUMC
3:30 p.m. - Piano Recital (Grade 5 & Up) - FUMC

Monday, April 24
Regional Golf - Odessa
1:00 p.m. - Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora's Annual Stockholder's Meeting - FUMC Basement
4:00 p.m. - J.V. Baseball vs. Eldorado - T.
4:00 p.m. - Cancer Society Meeting - FNB Annex
5:30 p.m. - Delta Kappa Gamma - Rocksprings
7:00 p.m. - Public Meeting for Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center - FUMC

Tuesday, April 25
Regional Golf Odessa
5:00 p.m. - Varsity Baseball vs. Reagan County - H.

Wednesday, April 26
9:15 a.m. - Henry Bonilla at Courthouse
H.S. Regional Tennis at Odessa

Thursday, April 27
H.S. Regional Tennis at Odessa
6:30 p.m. - VanderStucken 70th Anniversary

Friday, April 28
H.S. Regional Track at Odessa

Saturday, April 29
Jr. High District U.I.L. Meet - Greenwood
H.S. Regional Track at Odessa

Sunday, April 30
3:00 p.m. - National Honor Society Induction - H.S. Auditorium

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SENIOR CENTER MENU

Thursday, April 20
Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Garlic Toast, Peach Cobbler

Friday, April 21
Chicken Cacciatore, Egg Noodles, Spinach, Peas, French Bread, Banana Cream Pudding

Monday, April 24
Beef Stew, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Fruit Jell-O w. Topping

Tuesday, April 25
Fried Catfish, Green Beans, French Baked Potato Slices, Corn Muffins, Applesauce

Wednesday, April 26
Beef Burrito, Cheese Sauce, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Crackers, Pineapple & Strawberries

Thursday, April 27
Sweet & Pork, Peas, Sliced Onions, Cornbread, Peaches

Friday, April 28
Country Fried Chicken, Black-eyed, Peas, Carrots, Biscuits, Egg Custard

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Ask The Historical Society



Thomas Edward "Black Jack" Ketchum

contributed by Sue Richardson, Union County Historical Society, Clayton, New Mexico

The Black Jack Story
compiled from the Clayton Enterprise, April 30, 1901: *Swung Into Eternity Thomas Ketchum, the famous bandit died game*

When a hangman's noose was placed around Thomas E. Ketchum's neck on April 26, 1901, an era came to an end. The outlaw, mistakenly called "Black Jack" by those who did not know him, was one of the last in a line of desperados who thought train robbery was a quick way to riches. Instead, he paid the ultimate price.

Thomas Edward Ketchum was born in San Saba County, Texas, on October 31, 1863, the son of Green Berry Ketchum Sr. and Temperance Katherine Wydick Ketchum. He had two brothers and two sisters. His father died when he was five years old and his mother was blind for several years before his death in 1873.

Tom's oldest brother, Berry Jr., became a wealthy and noted cowman and horse breeder. The other brother, Sam was a married man with two children, but his wife left

him when their son was three years old.

Tom and Sam were both cowboys, working on ranches in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Undoubtedly, they both participated in trail drives through Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, getting to know the country and the ranches and settlers.

Tom Ketchum's first major crime was the murder of John N. "Jap" Powers, a neighbor in Tom Green County Texas. Powers was shot down on December 12, 1895, by several men as he left his home. Although Tom later admitted his part in the killing and stated he had been paid to do it, it is doubtful he would have become involved if he had been on good terms with Powers.

When he learned he was under suspicion for the murder, he left the area, heading for the Pecos Valley of New Mexico. His brother Sam, who has not been implicated in the Powers' killing joined him in New Mexico within a short time.

The brothers worked for the Bell Ranch until early June, 1896, when they quit their jobs and stole some supplies. On June 10, they came upon

the little settlement of Liberty, north of the present-day Tucumcari, where there was a store and post office operated by Levi and Morris Herstein. The Ketchums looted the store during the night and then rode toward the Pecos River. Levi Herstein gathered up a posse of three or four men and went in pursuit, catching up with the Ketchums about 25 miles from Liberty. After a short gun battle, Levi Herstein and Merejildo Gallegos were dead and another posse member escaped death only by playing dead. Tom and Sam escaped without a scratch.

After the killing of Herstein, Tom and Sam joined friends in Arizona. Robberies in Colorado and Utah have been attributed to their gang, but these are doubtful. As far as can be ascertained from official records, their first train robbery was the hold-up of the Southern Pacific train at Lozier, Texas on May 14, 1897. Other tales of their riding with Butch Cassidy's Hole-in-The-Wall Gang are probably exaggerated.

During the summer and autumn of 1896, everyone in the Southwest heard a great deal about the Black Jack gang. Black Jack was the nick name of Will Christian, an outlaw from Oklahoma and the Indian nations. With his brother and others, he embarked upon a series of robberies in New Mexico and Arizona.

He was killed in Graham County Arizona, in April of 1897, and some mistakenly identified the outlaw as Thomas Ketchum. It was after Christian's death that folks began calling Tom Ketchum Black Jack. Both men were tall with dark skin and hair, and both rode with their brothers.

However, Tom Ketchum was never known as Black Jack among those who rode with him or those who had been acquainted with the real Black Jack.

On September 3, 1897, the Ketchum gang held up the Colorado and Southern Flyer train, just south of the town of Folsom, New Mexico, between Clayton and Raton. A posse of New Mexico and Colorado lawmen was hurriedly formed, but the outlaws escaped and their trail was obliterated by a rainstorm.

Other train robberies included an unsuccessful attempt to hold up a train near Stein's Pass on the Arizona-New Mexico border in December of 1897; the April 28, 1898 hold-up of the Southern Pacific near Comstock, Texas; and the July 1, 1898 hold-up of the Texas and Pacific Railway near Stanton, Texas.

Between the robberies the men traveled widely, establishing hide-outs at Texas Canyon, south of Bisbee, Arizona, and in Turkey Creek Canyon, 11 miles northwest of Cimarron, New Mexico. Also, from time to time, they visited friends and relatives in Texas. It is interesting to note that although the proceeds of their train robberies probably were in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, the gang never spent much money, nor was any of their ill-gotten gains ever recovered by the railroads. They spent very little time in towns, preferring the solitude of their hide-outs.

To be continued in next week's issue of The Devil's River News.

EARWOOD WORK ON DISPLAY IN SAN ANTONIO

submitted

"Circles and Triangles", a transparent watercolor painting by Barbara Earwood, has been accepted in the Forty-Sixth Annual Exhibition of the Texas Watercolor Society. The painting, one of the 85 selected from the 800 submitted for inclusion, will be exhibited at the University of Texas Health Science Center on Floyd Curl Drive in San Antonio, Texas from April 23rd to May 19th, 1995. This is the third honor for "Circles and Triangles". The Exhibit, open to all individuals, eighteen years or older, residing in the U.S. or its territories, has long been recognized for its excellence.

The entries, which must be original in design and execution and not done under supervision, were judged by Mary Todd Beam of Cambridge, Ohio and Cosby Tennessee. She holds signature memberships in American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic, Society of Layerists in Multi-Media and is listed in Who's Who in American Art.

There is no entry fee to view the exhibit which is open to the public.

BEAR SCOUTS MEET

submitted

The third grade Bear Scouts met March 8, 1995 and discussed soil conservation with Virgil Poloczek. The boys also worked on an art project in which they began making Indian musical instruments.

March 25th all of the boys traveled to San Angelo for a day of scout activities. The boys started off at the Chicken Farm Art Center where they had a pottery demonstration. They then visited the Children's Museum and were able to see the Russian Children's Art display and also worked on several Russian art projects. After lunch in the park, the boys visited the Scout-a-Rama at the Coliseum. There were many scout activities and exhibits that the boys participated in.

March 27, the boys attended the pack meeting and received the following advancements: Joseph Ainsworth - 2 silver arrow points, art belt loop; David Cook - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop; Lane Folds - 2 silver arrow points, art belt loop; Stevie Hernandez - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop; Payton Holekamp - 1 silver arrow pin, art belt loop, music pin; Scottie Moore - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop; James Ross - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop; Trapper Valliant - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop; Wilson Wallace - 1 silver arrow point, art belt loop and music pin.

The boys are finishing up the year and looking forward to graduation in April to Webelos.

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HOW THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FIGHTS CANCER IN TEXAS

submitted by Lou Faulks

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Does the organization publish an annual report with financial information audited by a certified public accountant?

Do the organization's fund raising costs meet the accepted standard of 30 percent or less? Are administrative costs no more than 15 percent of the budget?

Are fund raising methods ethical and economical? Paid collectors, sweepstake contests, and give aways should alarm you.

Does the organization have a board of directors? A health charity should include medical professionals on the board who are active in planning and programming.

Are the organization's programs effective and useful?

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The American Cancer Society is a toll free phone call away. The public is invited to call us free from anywhere in Texas to ask questions, request materials or obtain information about local services and programs. Call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 "1-800-227-2345".

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Pictured above are the winners of the Easter Hat Parade Contest held at the Sutton County Senior Center. They are: (L-R) Pablo Favela - Most Unusual (won a haircut by Sam Perez), Aurora Cadenas - Prettiest (won a box of candy from Westernman Drug), Wilma Patrick - Most Weird (won a dinner from Sonic), Kathleen Moore - Most Eastery (won a dinner from Sonic), Maria Leija - Most Decorated (won a dinner from Sonic), and Alda Duran - Most Sophisticated (won a shampoo and haircut from Carmen Ramirez of A&C Beauty Salon). The judges for the contest were: Olivia Longoria, Maxine Locklin, Melett Rowland, Joyce Chalk, Florie Mesa and Naomi Samaniego.

25TH EARTH DAY

by Melett Rowland

Saturday, April 22, is the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is a time to pause and think about the world around us. The earth is a precious resource and must be conserved in every possible way.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission urges everyone to observe this day and think about the Clean Texas 2000 goal to reduce solid waste disposal in Texas landfills by 50 percent by the year 2000.

In our rural communities, we sometimes take for granted the clean air, open spaces, lack of pollution, and wonderful nature that surrounds us. Earth Day is a time to rededicate ourselves to conservation of our natural resources to ensure their presence for future generations.

There will be a Conservation Display set up in City Hall with educational materials and ideas for taking care of our earth. This display will be a cooperative effort of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation office, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the City of Sonora. We encourage everyone to come by and view the display and take home the available literature.

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FR. DU BUISSON CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

submitted

Father William Du Buisson, O.M.I. will join his classmates at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. April 25, 1995, they celebrate their 40th Anniversary of Ordination. At the same time other priests of the Order will be celebrating their 50th and 25th Anniversaries of Ordination.

Fr. Bill will celebrate in Sonora on the weekend of September 9 and 10. The actual date of Ordination was September 8, 1955. Fr. Bill will also be hosted by the parishes where he served as Pastor. They are Rocksprings, Camp Wood, Leakey, Andrews, Ozona, and Sacred Heart in Del Rio.

1993-94 LOCAL TAX VALUES

submitted

In 1993-94, Texas local governments increased property taxes \$685 million bringing the total levy to \$14.7 billion. However, tax rates were lowered in 100 of the 405 largest city locations. Most homeowners paid higher taxes because the 20% exemption granted by former county education districts was dropped.

The figures were provided by the Texas Research League, an Austin-based public policy research group, and do not include tax changes in 1994-95 because statewide data is not yet available.

Property taxes in Texas averaged 2.295% of market value (selling price) in 1993-94, but varied widely throughout the state ranging from a high of 3.65% in Meadows to a low of 1.53% in LaGrange.

Locally, property taxes were 2.6477% of value. That rate consisted of .6385% levied by the city, 1.3628 by Sonora Independent School District, .1685% by the hospital district, .4596 for the county, and .0183 imposed by other taxing jurisdictions.

For a single-family house that would sell for \$80,000, the highest tax bill was \$2,860 in Pecos and the lowest was \$1,249 tax in La Grange. If the house were eligible for various homestead exemptions, the lowest tax would have been \$1,154 in La Grange compared to a high of \$2,659 in Robstown.

In Sonora the tax bill on an \$80,000 house in 1993-94 averaged \$1650 if rented or \$1592 if the homeowner claimed homestead exemptions.

The report points out that homeowners over age 65 are eligible for both state-mandated and local-option exemptions and would pay less. Furthermore, school tax bills for the elderly are frozen at the level in place when the homeowner turned 65.

Equitable appraisals among different types of property are a significant favor in attracting new industry and jobs to a community. The 1993-94 property tax on industrial equipment and inventories valued at \$80,000 ranged from \$1,260 in La Grange to \$2,900 in Meadows.

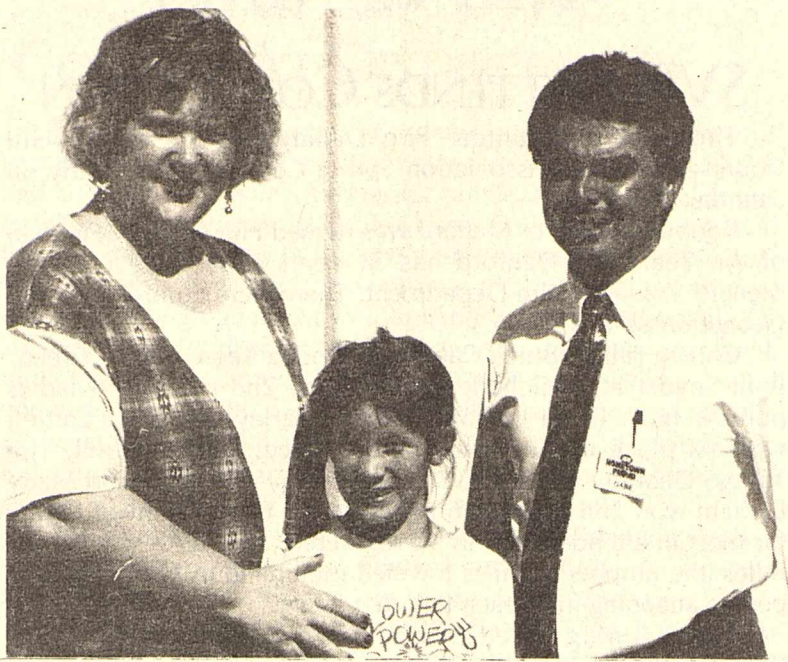
For property worth \$80,000 in Sonora the report shows a combined average tax of \$2118 for all types of property, \$1725 for industrial equipment and inventories and \$1725 also for commercial inventories and fixtures.

The report cites two reasons for the wide range of taxes. First, local officials adopt budgets and set tax rates and the amount of homestead exemptions. Second, unless all property is appraised uniformly, tax burdens will vary. The lowest average ratio of tax appraisals to market value (selling price) was 81.8% in Childress ISD; the highest ratio was 151.9% in Kenedy Countywide ISD.

Locally, the report shows a ratio of 122.8% for all types of property in the Sonora ISD.

Taxes levied by counties ranged from \$0.150 per \$100 of market value in Leon County to \$1.203 in Brooks County. Including countywide special districts, county rates ranged from \$0.150 in Leon County to \$2.52 in Fisher County. In Sutton County the true rate was \$4.60 per \$100 or \$.646 if countywide special districts are included.

Gary Wood, President of the Texas Research League, cautioned that the figures are for last year. Taxpayers already have paid their 1994-95 taxes.



Carole and Claire Thorp are pictured above with Gabe Urias, Manager of Food Center. Carole won a freezer in a drawing held Saturday, April 15th at Food Center.

REGISTRATION FOR 1995-96 HEAD START PROGRAM BEGINS

submitted

The Tom Green County Community Action Council (CAC) Sonora Head Start Center will be registering new students and current students for the 1995-96 School Year on Friday, May 12th. The CAC Head Start Program is a comprehensive child development program that is free to all participants. Children ages three, four and five years old participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises. Head Start includes the whole family in working together to introduce the adventure of learning to the child, in the development of the child and assisting families in areas of difficulty in order that they can positively support their child and themselves by linking with services or training.

Registration will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is required that the child be three years old by September 1, 1995 in order to register for Head Start. Parents or guardians of a child must bring proof of income (3 consecutive recent check stubs, 1994 W-2 form, copy of AFDC check), proof of age (child's birth certificate), child's social security number and up-to-date immunization records. All of these items must be brought to register for the program.

Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. During registration, please be sure to let the Center Director know if this applies to your child. To answer questions and concerns or to make arrangements for a tour or visit to the center, please contact Ed Carrasco at 387-6132.

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NATIONAL ORGAN & TISSUE DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

submitted

This year National Organ and Tissue Donor awareness Week will be April 16 through April 22, 1995.

There are currently over 37,000 Americans waiting for lifesaving heart, liver, lung, pancreas or kidney transplants. Over 700 of these waiting patients are children, age ten or younger. About one out of four of them will not receive an organ in time.

This special week honors the thousands of caring donor families who have consented to give the gift of life from a loved one, so others might live.

The wonderful progress made in the medical science field of organ and tissue donation and transplantation is also celebrated.

Then, congratulations to the fortunate recipients who are living almost normal lives, thanks to the caring donors and their families.

Millions of tissues and organs are buried every year, many of which could enhance or save lives.

Join The Living Bank's nationwide campaign which is attacking the shortage of organ and tissue donors. Call 1-800-528-2971 and ask for a free organ and tissue donor information packet.

Hundreds of thousands of patients will need donor tissues during the coming year. Tissues include: skin, to aid burn victims; bone, to help someone walk again; corneas, to give or restore sight; heart valves; etc. Make your decision now, and sign up to be a donor.

Remember you, or someone you love, could be the next person on the waiting list.

BROWNIES EARN SUZY SAFETY

submitted by Darla McKissack

The girls and leaders of Del Rio Cadette Troop #59 sponsored a Suzy Safety course for area Brownie Girl Scouts.

Sonora Brownie Troop #12 attended this event. Those attending were Allie Higdon, Kate Higdon, Thia McKissack, Susanna Street with leader Darla McKissack.

Del Rio Border Patrolmen Carlos Aguilar and Al Caraz presented a program on illegal aliens and drug prevention. Robot W.A.D.E. (War Against Drugs Education) was in attendance.

The Del Rio Fire Department taught fire safety and the girls were given a tour of their mobile smoke house. The girls were instructed on how to crawl through smoke and were given other life saving pointers.

Nurse Judy Rhinesonith taught basic first aid and the girls learned what to do for adult, child, infant foreign body obstruction.

Patsy Moore taught play ground safety, do's and don'ts. Officer Mary Wilson with the Val Verde County Sheriff's Department gave 911 instructions. She is also a D.A.R.E. officer and a juvenile investigator.

Del Rio Police Department Officer Dwayne Wilson gave safety information on being "street safe".

Thanks to Del Rio Cadette Troop #59 on earning their Silver Award for sponsoring such an informative event.

Brownies attending made a Safety Center for their refrigerator at home, as well as, earning their Suzy Safety try-it.

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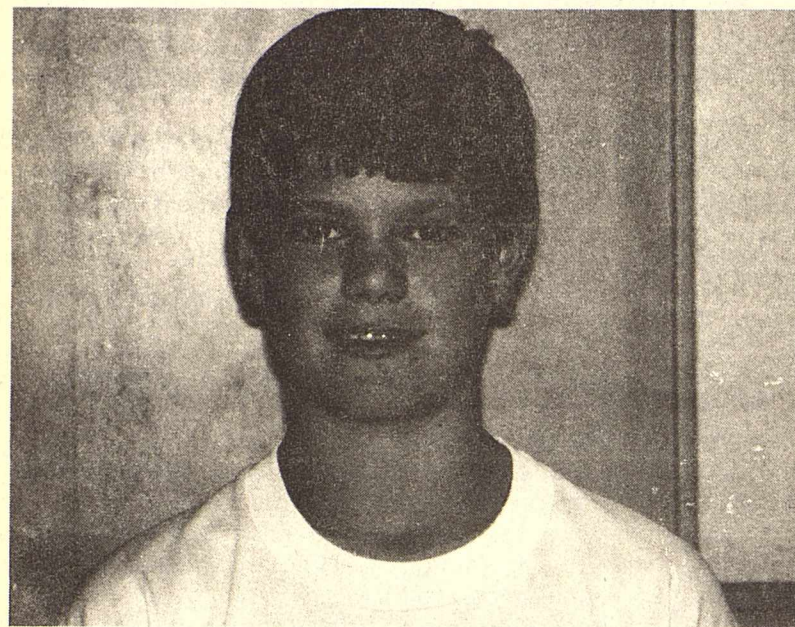
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Jared Percifull - 1st Place Fire Prevention Poster, Junior High Division



Megan Fitzgerald - 3rd Place Fire Prevention Poster, Primary Division

SVFD ATTENDS CONVENTION

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department attend the Hill Country Firemen's Association Spring Convention in Brady on Saturday, April 1st.

Bobby Danford of Menard was named Hill Country Fireman of the Year. Mr. Danford has 31 years experience with the Menard Volunteer Fire Department. There were 6 nominees, and George Keese was in top 3.

Christy Talley, Butch Campbell, Donna Keese, Diana Green, Beth Snyder and Michelle Lipham won 2nd place in 6 ladies pumper race. Darla Lipham, Maray Cearley and Carla Luttrell won 1st place in the 3 lady pumper race. Pat Campbell, Tim Talley, George Keese, Russell Green, Wayford Tyler, and Marty Lipham won 2nd place in 6 man pumper race. Received trophy for most in attendance with 40 registered, and for the most man miles (the number of miles traveled multiplied by the number of people attending from each town).

The winning Fire Prevention posters from the Fire Departments of the Hill Country Fireman's Association were judged. These winners will participate in State Fire Prevention Posters Contest to be held in Abilene in June. Sonora's winners were: High School Division - Valerie Garza-1st and Sesar Lomas-3rd; Junior High Division - Jared Percifull-1st; Primary Division - Megan Fitzgerald - 3rd.

EMS OFFERS FIRST AID COURSE

submitted

The Sutton County Emergency Medical Service will sponsor a six hour First Aid Course on May 2 and May 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The first aid course will cover medical illnesses such as heart attack, stroke, diabetic emergencies, and accidental injuries and their treatment. Among the list of skills presented, you will learn what to do for choking victims, how to stop major bleeding, and bandaging and splinting with materials you have available to you at home. This class is highly recommended for parents, teachers and others who work with children, but is a valuable course for anyone interested in saving lives and reducing the effects of sudden illness or injury.

Remember the time to learn First Aid is BEFORE the emergency occurs. The cost of the First Aid Course is \$30 per person and preregistration is required.

To enroll for the course please contact Sutton County Emergency Medical Service at 211 E. Third Street or phone 387-5132.



Clayton Smith is pictured above with the Easter Bunny from Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions.



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department 3 Woman Pumper Team: (L-R) Darla Lipham, Maray Cearley and Carla Luttrell.



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department 6 Woman Pumper Team: (L-R) Christie Talley, Butch Campbell, Donna Keese, Beth Snyder and Michelle Lipham. (Not pictured is Diana Green)



Sonora Volunteer Fire Department 6 Man Pumper Team: (L-R) Tim Talley, Wayford Tyler, Jr., Patrick Campbell and George Keese. (Not pictured are Marty Lipham and Russell Green)

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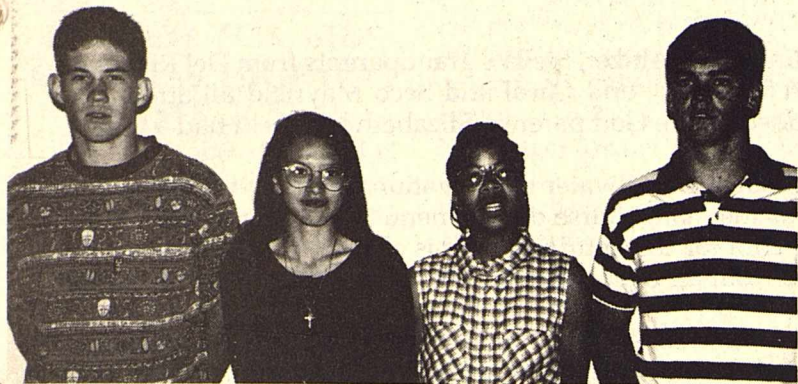
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BRONCO TRACK TEAMS COMPETE AT DISTRICT



Davis Hale, Betty Samaniego, Camille Marshall and Louis Massey - Regional Track Qualifiers.

submitted

The Sonora Bronco Boy's and Girl's Track Teams competed in the District 8-3A Meet in Greenwood on Friday, April 14. While many individuals performed well, team totals were low because of incomplete squads fielded by both the boys and girls. The Broncos were unable to compete with larger, more complete squads from Crane, Greenwood, Kermit, and Colorado City, who were able to put runners into all races and field events, thereby garnering points in events where no Bronco athletes competed.

Times at the district meet were slower than might be expected at a meet with the caliber of competition that exists in District 8-3A, but a vicious wind blew all day in Greenwood, hindering runners all the way down the backstretch and into the final curve. The combination of a hot sun and windy day were adequate to keep all district records intact, and to allow the deepest squad, Crane, to leave with both the boy's and girl's trophies.

Trini Banda got the Broncos' day off to a good start by placing third in the boy's shot put with a throw of 45'1". The throw, however, wasn't good enough to qualify Banda for regional competition in Odessa next week. No Bronco athletes will be represented in the field events next week in Odessa, but Banda's throw was a good effort and caps off a solid season of athletics for this Bronco athlete.

The Broncos fared better in running events. Davis Hale took second in a well-contested 400 meter race with a time of 53.59, and he looks to be a very promising candidate for a medal in this event at the regional meet. Louis Massey ran a very strong race in the 300-meter hurdles (42.35), but an unfortunate stumble over the 5th hurdle kept him from winning the race outright when it looked as though he had it well in hand. Massey had to settle for second in the hurdles, but will advance to regionals next week and with some better luck should also be a strong medal contender. In the 200 meters Andy Mirike was just edged out of a place at the regional meet; he came in third in a very fine individual effort, but was kept from regionals by .3 seconds. He should be a trackster to watch in the years to come.

The Bronco 1600-meter relay garnered a third place finish at the meet, with Davis Hale, Edward Lopez, Andy Mirike, and Louis Massey all running fine legs to earn bronze medals.

The Bronco Girls were also helped by some strong individual performances. Betty Samaniego placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:36.10 in a hard-fought race that saw the lead change three times in only two laps. Victoria Richardson placed third in the 100 meters with a time of 12.8 in a very tight race won by Goodloe of Reagan County in 12.2. The outstanding contributor to the girl's squad, however, was freshman Camille Marshall, who won the 400 meters with a time of 1:06.19, and helped the Sonora 800-meter relay finish third in 1:55.98. Marshall, who suffered leg problems all day, ran a fine race in the 400 meters, catching the field from her lane two at the 200-meter mark and pulling away from them down the homestretch. While her time will have to improve to be competitive at the regional meet, Marshall's run to a district championship was a shot in the arm for Bronco track fans. Congratulations, Bronco Regional Qualifiers!

Good luck at Regionals in Odessa!

CRANE DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

submitted

The Sonora varsity golf teams competed in the Crane District Golf Tournament Saturday, April 8, 1995. The boys scored 332 in the tournament. Sonora team scores were Caleb Barker 37-46-83, Tommy Conner 45-39-84, John Paul Hudman 42-43-85, T.J. Thorp 41-42-83, and John Brown 41-41-82. The Broncos are third in the district standing with 1720. The individual medalists are 6th Caleb Barker - 333, 7th Tommy Conner - 334, tie for 10th T.J. Thorp - 347, and 12th John Paul Hudman - 350.

The Lady Broncos scored 372 in the tournament and are 1st in the district standing with 1876. The ladies' team scores are Beth Covington 37-42-79, Farrah Virgen 43-45-88, Melissa Sanchez 59-40-99, Ashley Henson 50-56-106, and Heather Floyd 60-55-115. Individual medalists are 1st place Beth Covington - 307, 3rd Farrah Virgen - 361, 6th Melissa Sanchez - 380, and 8th Ashley Henson - 428.



Pictured above is the Girls Golf Team. They qualified to compete in the Regional Golf Tournament. They are: Heather Floyd, Johnna Adams, Beth Covington, Melissa Sanchez and Farah Virgen.

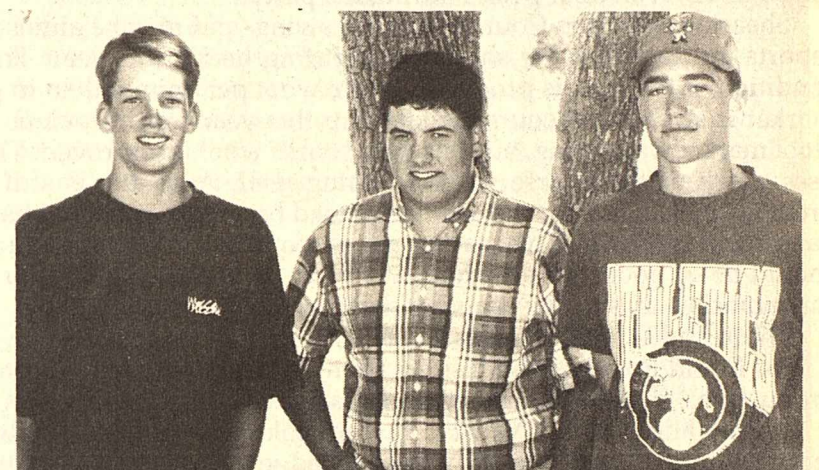
GREENWOOD DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

submitted

The Sonora golf teams competed Wednesday, April 12 at the Greenwood District Golf Tournament in Midland. The varsity boys scored 330 placing 3rd. Team scores were Caleb Barker - 76, Tommy Conner - 91, John Paul Hudman - 81, T.J. Thorp - 94, John Brown - 82. Individual medalists were Chris Clifton - 86, Mayer Anderson - 86, Alex Gonzales - 86. Sonora boys are 3rd in district standing at 2050. All district medalists are: tied for 5th Caleb Barker - 409, 6th Tommy Conner - 421, and 9th John Paul Hudman - 431.

The girls placed 2nd at the tournament with 377. The team scores are Beth Covington - 82, Farrah Virgen - 92, Melissa Sanchez - 96, Ashley Henson - 110, and Heather Floyd - 107. Johnna Adams was the medalist. Sonora is 1st in the district standings at 2253. All district medalists are: 1st Beth Covington - 387, 3rd Farrah Virgen - 453, 6th Melissa Sanchez - 476, and 9th Ashley Henson - 538.

The varsity girls will advance to Regional April 24 and 25.



Pictured above are the All-District Boys Golfers. They are: John Paul Hudman, Tommy Conner and Caleb Barker.



Katie Burge and Katie Key - Regional Tennis Qualifiers.

RODEO TO BENEFIT BOYS RANCH

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Mr. Boots and Wrangler will present the Region II High School Rodeo Finals April 22, at Bly's Indoor Arena, to benefit West Texas Boys Ranch.

Two rodeo performances have been set for the day beginning at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The cutting horse competition will precede the rodeo beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the arena.

Over 90 high school students from 32 West Texas counties will compete in calf roping, bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, pole bending, saddle bronc riding, goat tying, and team roping. Contestants qualifying from the Region II for the state High School Rodeo Finals will be determined during the two rodeo performances.

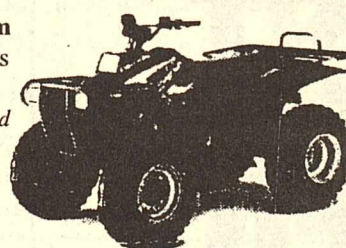
Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. An all day admission price is available for the two performances at \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

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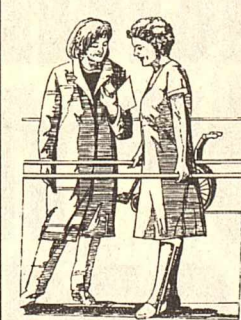
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Joseph, Mabel & JoBess

Valliant Effort

by Martha Valiant McLain (call 387-5060 or 3873066 with news)

A celebration on April 23 from 2 to 4 pm will honor Maida and J.W. Sutton. The party will be at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Sonora. The children and grandchildren of the Suttons will be hosting the party to celebrate the couple's 50th anniversary. Please come and join the fun.

And speaking of anniversaries, next Thursday, Mabel and Joseph Vander Stucken will be celebrating 70 years of married life. They plan an anniversary party at their home for everyone who would like to help them celebrate. Seventy years is almost unbelievable. How fortunate for us that Mabel and Joseph have shared so much of their life with us.

Mattie Nix hosted two bridge clubs together. The Tuesday and Thursday clubs met on Tues. last week. Three tables of guests enjoyed a fruit plate, turtle pie, and lemon chess pie. High was won by Liz Hemphill, second high by Jeri Wallace, and slam by Faye Morgan. Bobby Thompson won bingo. Allie Askew was a guest.

Easter guests of Ron and Linda Jean Mayers were from Alaska. Bob Cramer's family from Austin was visiting during the holidays. Cathy Ball flew to Houston to see her Dad, Mike Ball for Easter. The Sawyer family spent Easter in Dallas with Jane this year. It is a rare holiday to find Lura is not in the kitchen. Bill, Tracey and Will Ferguson were in South Padre for Easter with their family. The trip was a great success because they all managed to avoid sunburns.

Easter Sunday the Valliant and McLain families celebrated Victoria Valliant's 11th birthday at the ranch with Lasagna and homemade ice cream - Tori's favorites!

The Ol' Sonora Trading Company entertained customers with an Easter Style Show and about 130-140 attended. Terry Mikeska from San Angelo brought his own piano and played for the show. Sutton County Steak House catered the party and served wonderful food. The menu included beautiful cookies, shaped like baby chickens, eggs and rabbits and decorated in spring colors, finger sandwiches, and a vegetable tray. Jimmy Cahill provided valet parking for the event. A style show was held featuring many new items from the store. Door prizes were given to 19 winners. The winners were: Elaine Donaldson, Patty Rivers, Carla Luttrell, Dorothy Jiminez, Ida Bruns, Melett Rowland, Pete Samaniego, Martha Miers, Billie Renfroe, Joy Galbraith, Janice Carruthers, Joy Kemp, Joetta Friess, Diane LeBuff, Mary Lou Gilley, Pam Payton, Rhonda Gulley, Becky Purvis, and Page Ragsdale All won door prizes during the party.

Shearing in Sutton County is in full swing, and may be almost half-way through. Early reports indicate that the sheep are shearing heavy this year. The mild winter and good condition of the land is producing more wool per animal than in previous years. The wool market is strong and course wool is up this year from previous years. Last year the fine wool market was strong, but this year course wool is improved. The carpet industry, which uses much of the course wool, is doing well. Australia is still the #1 country in wool production. The mohair market has dipped because buyers still have a supply of mohair on hand from last year. The market dip is expected to be temporary and prices for mohair should be up soon. A Texas tour will be in Sonora on the 28th to visit the wool house and some ranches. It is always good to share our industry with others.

Sheep and Goat Raiser Association's annual meeting will be in July this year. Joe David Ross has had visitors from England, who are visiting to learn about our wool production. They have been at the Ross Ranch and at Sonora Wool and Mohair.

Wilson and Warren Wallace, Payton Holekamp, Trapper Valliant, and Jason Chadwick received a God and Me, Boy Scout Badge on Sunday. The boys met at church and discussed Jesus and church with their minister Monte Jones. The badge gave the boys a variety of choices of activities to complete for the badge. One of the activities that Trapper liked was the one that required him to visit all of the other church buildings in the community. He was amazed at how many pretty stained glass windows we have in town. Some scouts interviewed family members about going to church in the "old days". Sounds like a good project. Beth Wallace is one of their leaders.

Stella Ingham, daughter of Sherry and Ben Ingham, was baptized Sunday at St. John's

Episcopal Church. Jim Bob and Minnie Lee Altizer, Stella's grandparents from Del Rio were present. Elizabeth Mayfield, Gerry Ingham, and Carol and Seco Mayfield all attended. Billie Bob Galbraith and Anita Hudson were God parents. Elizabeth Mayfield had a family luncheon following the services.

Sixth graders attended the annual soil and water conservation field day at the Sawyer ranch on Tuesday with hot dogs as the main course on the menu. Jim Stephen and Monte Jones will cook, and there will be chili for the hot dogs. This is always a favorite field trip for students. Soil conservationists from all over will speak. It is an exciting outing for all sixth graders in the Sonora Schools.

Biscuits O'Bryan will be featured on the Nashville Network on American Skyline Program. They bought the Texas Country Reporter programs. The film came from interviews and performances that Monte did at the Alpine Cowboy Poetry festival. The performance includes some poetry and performances done in Alpine, and it ends with the church service at Ft. McKavett. The show will be aired this spring or early summer. Monte Jones will be taking Biscuits O'Bryan to New York in December for the convention of the American Association of Performing Arts Presenters. He hopes to do a show case there, and he will have a booth with his books and video.

Our sympathies are with the Whitehead families with their loss last week of Winnie Lou Whitehead, Hazel Whitehead Coe, and Walt Wardlaw. That really seems to be too much for one family.

We had an old friend from Midland attend my play in San Antonio last week. He is the new director of Lone Star Production Company, a firm that has two theaters in Galveston. One theater is an amphitheater on the beach, and the other is a restored theater down town. He has asked Dean to be on the board's advisory council, and I am considering directing a show there. It is fun to renew old acquaintances.

I received a book in the mail last week from Charles Bryan Valliant who has compiled the Valliant family into a wonderful book. He has traced the Valliants back to 1685 when John Valliant came from England as an indentured servant. Poor old John was to serve for 4 years, but he ran away, and he was sentenced to 6 more years. He also has material that indicates John Valliant's father came to England from France because of the attacks on Protestants in France. He has done so much research that I really feel lucky that I don't have to do it. I have talked to him several times, and I believe that he spends most of his waking hours on genealogy. Library planners hope to have a good section for genealogy in the new Sutton County Library. The historical room will house the Devil's River News copies. There is a wealth of information in those documents. If you are at all interested, let me know if I can help you. Our courthouse still has a lot of information that helps in the search for our ancestors.

Wednesday, April 26, Henry Bonilla will be at the Sutton County Courthouse for a press conference at 9:15 a.m. If you want to meet your representative, plan to attend.

Funds are still needed for furnishings for the library. Paving stones are also being sold to help with the landscaping and outside decor, signs, trees, lighting, etc. If you can donate, your money can be given at either bank, or to Sharon Holman.

We are planning a trip to see our daughter Melinda graduate from San Francisco Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 20th. She will receive a Master of Divinity degree. Many people have asked what's next. We really don't know. I suppose that it just means that she is now "divine"; of course, we always thought so. She will begin a hospital chaplain residency in preparation for ordination. On May 21st, we will hear her preach for the first time. It will seem strange to hear your daughter in the pulpit, but I suppose that I could get used to it.

Did you hear about Margaret Cascadden's April fool joke? She has lost many pounds, and she was at her diet doctor's for her last visit. She had reached her goal. The doctor was startled because the scales showed a 20 pound weight gain. The poor lady was most upset. She had never had a patient gain 20 pounds in one month. Margaret had to confess that she had stuffed the pockets of her jacket with weights, weighing 20 pounds. The doctor was certainly relieved.

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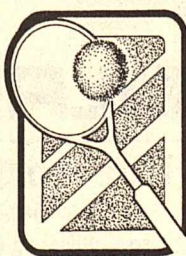
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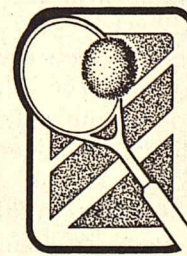


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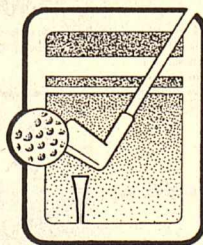


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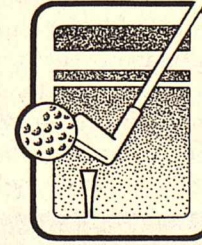


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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of **Paul Chevalier**, Area Engineer, **Sonora**, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division 125 E. 11th St. Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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BID ANNOUNCEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received, publicly opened and read in the Sonora ISD Administration Offices, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 9, 1995 for the HVAC Renovation Project at the Sonora Middle School. Estimated construction cost is \$93,000. Plans and specifications can be obtained from CRC Engineering, Inc., 901 S. 1st, Suite 210, Abilene, Texas 76902, (915) 675-0947, Fax (915) 675-0970. A \$100 deposit is refundable. Performance and payment bonds are not required unless the bid price exceeds \$100,000. A bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the bid is required. Sonora ISD reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all the bids.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND PERMIT FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., 14000 Quail Springs Parkway, Suite 600, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73134 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the existing permit to inject fluid into a porous formation that is not a productive of oil or gas in the Edwin S. Mayer "C" Well No. 8. The permit for this injection well was originally approved by the Railroad Commission of Texas on March 30, 1978, Permit No. 00499, and amended April 4, 1984, with injection authorized for the subsurface depth interval from 10034 feet to 10076 feet. Louis Dreyfus

Natural Gas Corp. is (1) amending the original application and (2) is providing notice to offset operators, to the surface owner of the land and to the County Clerk where the injection well is located. The amended application will provide for injection in the subsurface depth interval from 8260 feet to 10122 feet, at a maximum injection rate of 500 barrels of fluid per day, with the average daily injection volume to be approximately 300 barrels per day.

The applicant has been and proposes to continue to inject fluid into the Ellenburger formation Edwin S. Mayer "C" Lease, Well Number 8. The injection well is located: in the McMullen County School Land Survey No. 5, A-500, 13 miles Northwest of the town of Sonora, in the Sawyer (Canyon) Field, Sutton County, Texas.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8260 feet to 10122 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6790).

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This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser of the Sutton County Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Friess said, "the over 65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes.

Once a homeowner files an over 65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Friess stressed that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of eight percent per year continue to add up. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Sutton County Appraisal District, 300 E. Oak, 387-2809.

EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS

Veterans with a service connected disability may reduce their property taxes in 1995 by filling out a simple exemption form at the Sutton County Appraisal District office.

A veteran's percentage of service connected disability determines the size of the exemption. The exemption ranges from a \$1,500 to a \$3,000 deduction from the veteran's property value. Rex Ann Friess, chief appraiser, explains who is eligible for the application: a disabled veteran; a surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as long as the spouse remains unmarried; a surviving minor child of a deceased disabled veteran, if the veteran's spouse does not survive the veteran and if the child is both under 18 and unmarried; a surviving spouse of a person killed while on active duty, whether the spouse has remarried or not at application time; and a surviving minor child of a person killed while on active duty, if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption must apply by May 1. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on January 1. The applicant must be a Texas resident to qualify.

The appraisal district may require proof of the disability, such as documentation from the Veterans Administration or the branch of the armed service in which the veteran served. Applicants may need proof of marriage, age or proof of a spouse's or a parent's death.

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