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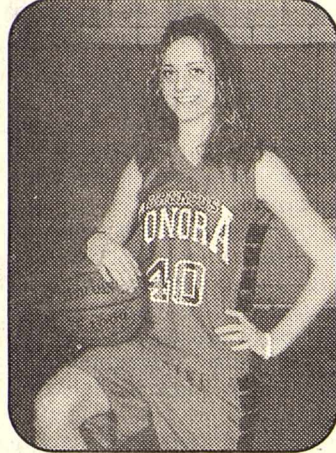
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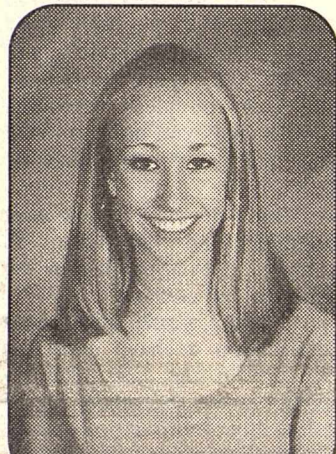
Lady Broncos chosen for District 2-2A All-District

First Team All-District



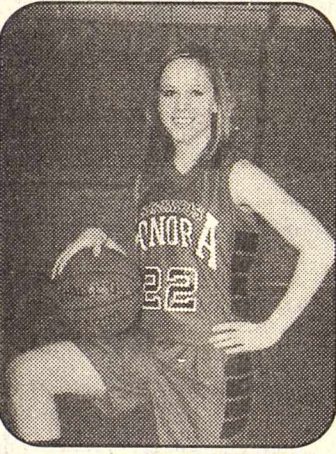
Meghan Krieg
Sophomore

Second Team All-District

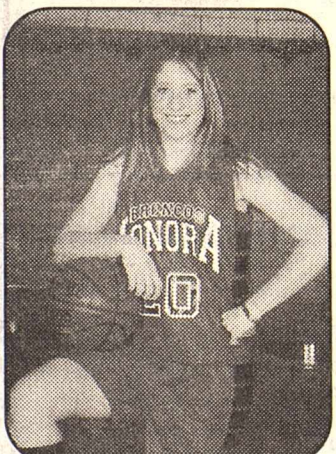


Jillian Gulley
Junior

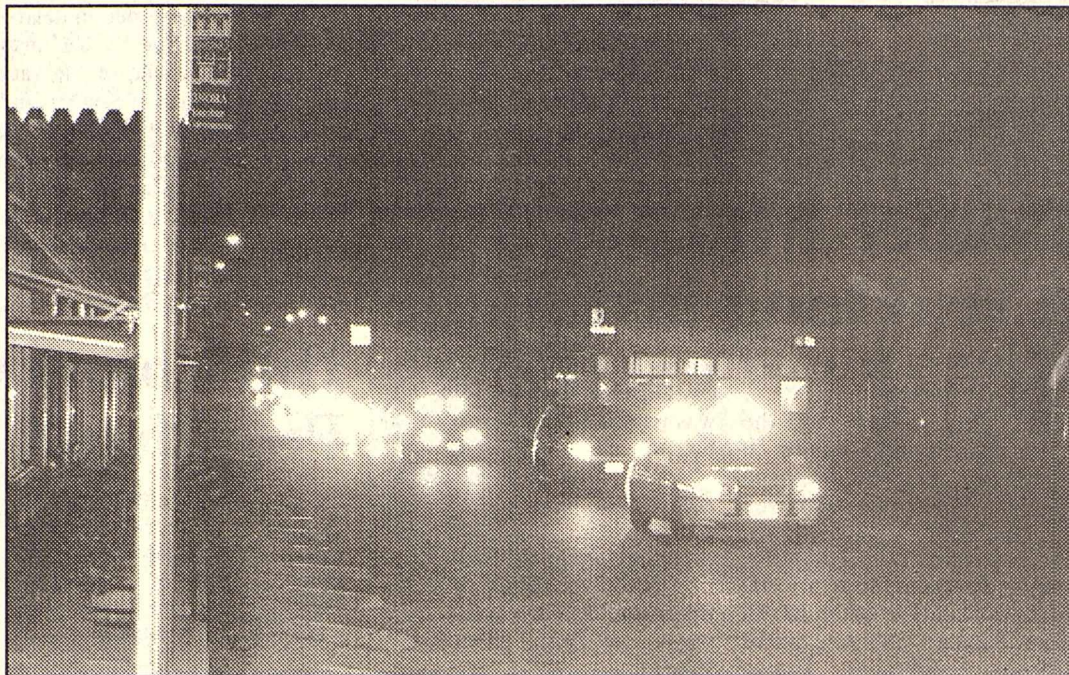
Honorable Mention All-District



Lauren Smith
Junior



Chelsea Seaton
Senior



A police escort and a parade of honking vehicles escort Sgt. Javier Weingart to his home.

Late night welcome home for Sgt. Weingart

by Storie Sharp

The darkness of the midnight hour did nothing to dim the light shining in one mother's eyes as she drove in to town on Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Sonora once again proved how proud they are of their young men and women fighting in Iraq, as a group of family and friends anxiously awaited the homecoming of Sgt. Javier Weingart.

Local law enforcement met the vehicle at the 400 exit, falling in to lead the way to the waiting group. Sgt. Weingart wasn't sure if they were being

pulled over or if there was an accident until his mother, Maura, explained that the excitement was for him.

The group made their way through town, down Main Street and to Sgt. Weingart's home, where hugs and handshakes were shared by all.

Sgt. Weingart is currently stationed in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. He flew in to San Antonio last week from Camp MacKenzie in Iraq, where his mother and grandmother picked him up to bring him home. He

will return to Germany around the 25th of this month, where he is scheduled to remain for approximately another year and a half.

Sgt. Weingart was honored with a Purple Heart last year in Iraq, for injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sgt. Weingart said that he is very happy to be home with family and friends and appreciates all that the community has done while he was in Iraq and since he has been home.

Welcome home Javier!

Parents advised to preregister for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sonora Elementary School will be having early registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Intermediate School office. A child is eligible for enrollment in pre-kindergarten if the child is 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2005 and is 1) limited English proficient; 2) economically disadvantaged (qualifies for free/reduced lunch); or 3) homeless. There may be some spots open for qualifying 3 year olds depending upon 4 year olds enrollment. A child who is at least 5 years old on or before September 1, 2005 may enroll in Kindergarten. You will need to bring birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record for the child you are registering. Your child must be current on immunizations before being permitted to register. Please call 387-5669 or 387-2414 if you have any questions. Please make every effort to register your child on April 27th & 28th. This will help us make plans for the 2005-2006 school year.

La matriculación para Pre-Kindergarten y Kindergarten se llevará a cabo en la oficina del edificio de la escuela intermedia, el miércoles, 27 de abril y el jueves, 28 de abril, 2005 de las 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Un niño es elegible para matricularse en Pre-Kindergarten si el niño tiene 4 años de edad para el día 01 de septiembre, 2005 y es 1) limitado en el idioma de inglés; 2) desaventajado económicamente (que califique para el programa de comida gratis/rebajada); o 3) está sin hogar. Posiblemente tengamos lugar para algunos niños de 3 años dependiendo en la cantidad de niños de 4 años que se matriculen. Un niño que tenga 5 años cumplidos para el día 01 de septiembre, 2005 puede matricularse para Kindergarten. Por favor presente el certificado de nacimiento, tarjeta de seguro social, y registro de vacunas del niño que va a matricular. Su niño debe estar al corriente en sus vacunas antes de ser permitido matricularse. Llame al número 387-5669/387-2414 si tiene alguna pregunta. Por favor haga todo el esfuerzo de matricular a su niño estos días de 27-28 de abril. Esto nos ayuda al hacer planes para el año escolar de 2005-2006.

The buzz on diseases carried by mosquitoes

Submitted by the City of Sonora

In the last article we talked about mosquitoes being a vector, a living transmitter that transmits a disease from one host to another. There are other vectors besides just mosquitoes. For instance filth flies, houseflies, flesh flies, fleas and rats are vectors that can also transmit diseases. Did you know that black flies bite humans and are often present in very large numbers?

Some of the diseases that mosquitoes carry are listed below.

Different types of Encephalitis (which is a virus) are West Nile virus, Eastern equine, St. Louis, and Western equine.

These are serious viruses that are transmitted from bird to mosquito to bird with humans and horses being an incidental host. (Birds also include chickens); Dengue (back bone fever virus), Dog heartworm (parasite). This is transmitted from dog to mosquito to dog, with people being an incidental host. Malaria (parasite), Yellow fever, Mosquito borne encephalitis, dengue and dog heartworm occur with some frequency in Texas.

There are many state and local laws to protect people from the diseases that vectors can carry. Many times these laws intertwine to also protect the environment, sanitation, the public health and help enhance the community's environment by keeping it cleaner.

Some of the local laws involving vector control are under the City's ordinances Environment section 38-32 listed below. These conditions constitute a nuisance.

(2) Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk and other abandoned materials, metals, lumber.

(3) Any condition that provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes and other vermin.

(10) Any accumulation of stagnate water permitted or maintained on any lot.

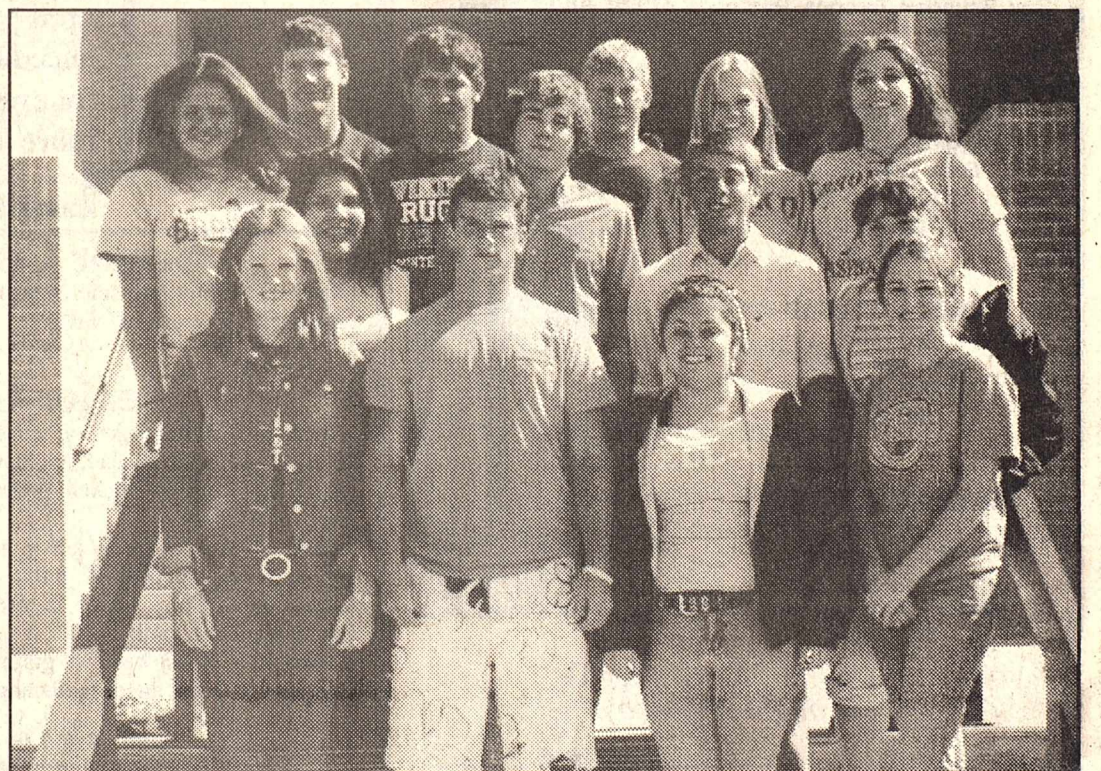
The State of Texas Health and Safety Codes, Chapter 341 sets minimum standards of sanitation and health protection measures by identifying nuisances that can affect public health. These are some of the definitions below. (1) A condition or place that is a breeding place for flies that is in a populous area. (2) Garbage, sewage, and other organic waste deposited, stored in such a way as to be a potential instrument in disease transmission to a person. (3) A vehicle or container that is used to transport garbage, human excreta that is defective and allows spilling of contents. (4) A collection of water in which mosquitoes are breeding. (5) A place or condition harboring rats in a populous area. (6) An object, place or condition that is a possible and probable medium of disease transmission to or between humans.

The civil enforcement under this chapter by state law can be assessed a civil penalty of not less than \$10 or more than \$200 for each violation and for each day of a continuing violation. Subsequent convictions at any time are \$200 to \$1000 fine and up to 180 days in jail.

In the next article we will talk about some easy ways to identify mosquito larva and pupa in stagnate water. We will also cover more about the tire, container species of mosquitoes, including flight ranges and feeding habits (day or night).

Broncos accrue academic awards at District U.I.L. competition

District U.I.L. results on March 23 and March 29th at Wall High School were as follows: Embré Smith: 5th Social Studies and 1st Computer Applications; Jack Turney: 2nd - Computer Applications; Allison Higdon: 3rd - Current Issues & Events, 2nd Persuasive Speaking; Desiree Alvarado: 4th - Accounting; Swade Draper- 5th-Accounting; Mason Martinez: 6th- Accounting; Cameron Cox- 3rd- Persuasive Speaking; Stacy Sanchez: 4th-Persuasive Speaking; Erin Newton: 5th-Poetry Interpretation; Mackenzie Perez: 1st - Informative Speaking; McKenzie Watkins: 2nd-Informative Speaking; Warren Wallace: 3rd- Informative Speaking; Green/Seaton: 1st- CX Debate; Leonard/Sanchez: 1st - CX Debate; Wagoner/Wallace: 3rd- CX Debate, 2nd Accounting Team, 1st Speech Team.



One-Act Play advances to Area competition



In Zone One-Act Play Contest at Ozona High School on March 22, 2005 awards went to Nash Traylor- Best Actor, Kayla Fields- Best Actress, Chelsea Seaton, Austin Wagoner, Brandon Munn- All-Star Cast, Stacy Sanchez- Outstanding Crew Member.

In District One-Act Play Contest at Ozona High School on March 31, 2005 awards went to Nash Traylor and Kayla Fields for All-Star Cast, Chelsea Seaton, Austin Wagoner and Brandon Munn for Honorable Mention All-Stars, Stacy Sanchez received Outstanding Crew Member and our One-Act Play members were awarded UIL Academic 3rd Place Overall.

The Area One-Act Play contest will be at Buena Vista High School in Imperial on Thursday, April 7, 2005.

Sonora Middle School Tennis Teams finish strong in District competition

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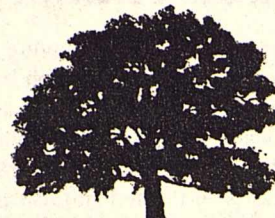
The Jr. High traveled to Big Lake Saturday April 2nd. The 7th grade girls won district. The 7th grade boys came in 2nd, the 8th grade girls came in 2nd, the 8th grade boys came in 3rd. This year we played in the west zone of our district. We competed against Big Lake, Ozona, and Eldorado. The results were:

Alyssa Favila/Alyssa Vela 1st; Cassie

Krieg/Hillary Borrego 2nd in doubles; Maraya Dunn 2nd in singles; Meredith Earwood 3rd in singles; Cash Jennings/Tyler Creek 1st doubles; Mario Oliden 3rd singles.

8th Grade
Monica Traylor 1st singles; Steely Ingham/Samantha Tidwell 4th doubles; Kody Word/Pecos Roberts 3rd doubles; Andy Galindo Consolation finalist singles.

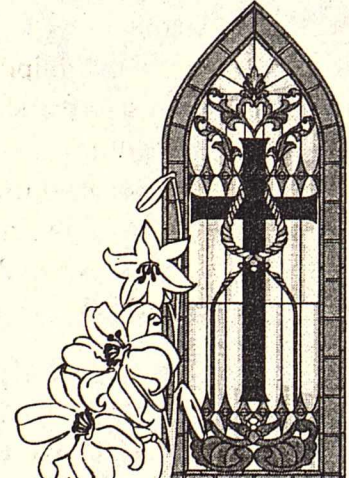
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Notes of Appreciation

The family of Paul W. Lippman would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the flowers, food, prayers and outpouring of love during our time of loss of our son, father and husband.
The Paul W. Lippman Family

We would like to express our gratitude to the community of Sonora for your contributions during the recent bake sale and fundraiser held in support of Maria del Carmen Rodriguez.
Mrs. Rodriguez was diagnosed with colon cancer. She appreciates everything that is being done for her. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
Many thanks to all

*Texas Tales Told By
Tumbleweed Smith*

**Daniel Murphy had
a real long last name**



Tumbleweed Smith
One of the longest names in the world belonged to a man who lived in Grayson County. He was called Daniel Murphy, but his full name took a while to say: Daniel Wisdom May I know Steven's Faith And Spirits Chose John's Divine Communion Fields Moses Meekness And Joshua's Zeal Win The Day And Conquer All Murphy.
Grayson County has some more unusual names and an interesting history.
Texana Dumas was the first non-Indian child born in Grayson County.
Dwight Eisenhower, the US President during the fifties, was born in Grayson County.
The first Grayson county courthouse was torn down in 1858 to settle a bet as to whether or not a grey goose was nesting under the building.
The first commercial transportation available in Grayson County was by river. Then came the stagecoach, then the railroad, then the electric railroad, or interurban, which ran from Sherman and Denison to Waco.
The interurban ran for about fifty years. It made its last run in 1948. Some of the interurban tracks are still on the streets at Van Alstyne in southern Grayson County. That city was named for a railroad stockholder.
OK. That gets us to Van Alstyne, a city with several acceptable pronunciations, according to Delta Elliott.
"We have people who say the name of my town three ways: all-steen, all-stun, all-stine."
Delta knows about that man with the long name. He was a member of a prominent black family. The name was genuine and legal and had 26 words in it.
"When he was born, friends and neighbors came to see the baby and his mother. Several of the visitors wanted to name the new addition. The mother hadn't decided on a name yet, so she asked people who had suggestions for names to write them in a tablet. When she got up and started looking over the list of names she thought they were all so sweet, she just used all of them."
Delta says kids used to memorize the name and felt quite accomplished when they could recite it. Usually the name stayed with them throughout their lives. In later years when they got together for reunions, they could repeat it.
Daniel Murphy knew of only one person with a longer name: his son.
He named him Junior.

Obituary
Neva Jasik

Geneva "Neva" Rose Jasik, 49, of Pleasanton went to be with her Lord on Sunday April 3, 2005. She went peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at the Atascosa Show Barn Arena.
Neva was born December 4, 1955, to Orville and Rosalee Whitefield in Eden, Texas. Neva loved her God, her family, her friends and a good horse. She loved to run barrels on "Doc." She was involved in the Bluebonnet Barrel Racing Association and the National Barrel Horse Association.
Neva was preceded in death by her parents.
She is survived by her husband, Albert Jasik, of Pleasanton; one son, Cody Jasik, of Pleasanton; two daughters, Shanna Petty and husband Brian of Sonora, and Leslee Jasik, of Jourdanton; two grandchildren, Kadee Brian and Grayson Anthony; one sister, Wanda Brown and husband Spencer of Kerrville; three brothers, Durwood Whitefield and wife Earlene of Kerrville, and Jim Whitefield and wife Susan of Lockport, New York.; Joe Whitefield, and wife Joyce of Iradell, Texas.
In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Hill Country Child Care
Providers Conference**

By Kelly L Thorp, County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension

Violence are just some of the topics being highlighted this year.
Also, participants will have a chance to meet face to face with Jim to address individual issues in a question and answer session, which is sure to be the most popular. A director's track and newly added registered home track will provide focused training in those specific areas.
If you or your staff need ideas on bridging the gap between teacher and child, building positive relationships with children, and dealing with behavioral issues, this conference is designed to meet your needs.
Connecting with children in a positive way is a daily challenge for teachers, directors, and parents. This year's conference will give you ideas, resources and the tools you need to make your facility a positive place for kids.
Don't miss out! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this exciting day in the beautiful hill country.
If you would like more information or have questions concerning the Hill Country Child Care Conference, please call Kelly Thorp at your local County Extension Office at 325-387-3604.

Are you the director or employee of a child care center? Do you need continuing education units for certification? Would you like to meet new people or connect with others in your profession? Here is an excellent opportunity for you.
The annual Hill Country Child Care Conference will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2005, in the Cailloux Activity Center at Schreiner University located in Kerrville. Pre-Registration is \$30 which includes refreshments and lunch. Conference begins at 8 a.m. followed by a jam-packed schedule of workshops and activities sure to excite and spark your interest.
Jim Kern, writer and author, is presenting "Connecting With Kids Heart to Heart," the theme for this year's conference. Kern is known for his work in helping audiences reach out and build positive relationships with children. Following the presentation, workshop sessions include: SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome, Positive Discipline, Building Resiliency after

KIMBLE COUNTY GUN & KNIFE SHOW
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Senior Center News

April 11 - Blood pressure checks w/ TDH at 11:00 a.m.; Bingo
April 12 - Exercise w/ video

Senior Center Menu

April 11 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, oven French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk
April 12 - Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk
April 13 - Pork chops w/ gravy, baked potato, yellow squash, cornbread, pineapple Waldorf, milk
April 14 - Chicken/rice casserole, broccoli, rolls, peach half, chocolate cake, milk
April 15 - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, juice, angel food cake, milk

Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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.

School Lunch Menu • April 11 - 15, 2005

Breakfast

Mon. - Pancake on a stick, orange pineapple juice.
Tues. - Biscuits w/sausage, asst. juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.
Thurs. - Toast w/jelly, asst. juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, orange juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.


Lunch


Mon. - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit icee hot roll.
Tues. - Spaghetti w/meat, California vegetables, tossed salad/dressing mixed fruit, roll.
Wed. - Chicken fajitas, flour tortilla, pinto beans, salad, pineapple cherry dump cake.
Thurs. - Corndog/mustard, mac and cheese, celery sticks/dressing, Jello-O w/topping.
Fri. - Chicken burger, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, fries, fresh fruit.

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Community Calendar

<p>April 8 Head Start Trike-a-Thon Sutton County Slab 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>April 11 Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>April 11 SISD School Board Meeting Administration Building 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>April 13 Sutton County Days Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>April 14 Chamber of Commerce Meeting 12:00 p.m. at Chamber Office</p> <p>April 14 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Civic Center 6:30 p.m.</p>
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The Community Calendar

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Thank you to Edwin E. Sawyer, III for the generous donations made in memory of Elizabeth McKinney, Gene Benson, L.P. Bloodworth, Nick Shurley, Nolan & Helen Johnson and Mac (Mary Ella) Bundy.

Q. Will you please tell the story of the 1928 Main Street fire?

A. Devil's River News, May 4, 1928-Fire Here Monday Night 12 o'clock Did \$35,000 Damage-Three Business Houses Were Totally Razed: Fire, caused from the explosion of a stove in the rear of the Rutledge Café, Monday night at 11:30 did \$35,000 damage to five business houses in the heart of the business section. The Rutledge Café was completely burned with the loss to the owner of approximately \$3,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Mr. Rutledge lost fixtures valued at \$3,000 while he had \$1,800 insurance. Mr. Mayfield has not decided whether he will build or sell the lot. Should he decide to build, he will erect a fire-proof building.

Gilmore Hardware, next door to the café stood a loss of \$3,000 in the burning of their tin shop in the rear of the hardware store. A rock wall saved their stock and building from the flames.

The City Market Building owned jointly by H.P. Cooper and Theo. Savell was not insured losing approximately \$15,000. Mr. Cooper who operated the market, carried insurance in the sum of \$2,000. He estimates his loss at \$5,000. \$1,000 worth of meat was put in refrigeration the day of the fire.

The J. W. Trainer Store, known as the Friendly Store, was the biggest loss. He estimates his loss at \$15,000 with only \$3,000 insured. This building was owned by Theo. Savell. Mr. Savell has not announced whether or not he will rebuild, but it is believed that he will erect a modern fire-proof building.

E.S. Long, proprietor of the Long Barber Shop, lost and was damaged to the extent of about \$500. The fire was checked before heavy damage was done.

Stites Motor Company was well protected from the blaze by the A & W Drug Store new building of tile and brick. They state their loss was very little. However, it will require time yet to straighten the stock as it

was moved into the street when the fire reached its height.

The A & W Store owned by Misses Allison & Wardlaw was slightly damaged by smoke but not enough to hurt.

The alarm was given by night watchman J.K. Lancaster at about 11:30 and at 12:00 the fire was under control.

Had it not been for an extra still night with no wind, Sonora would have suffered a \$100,000 loss, it is believed.

Everyone complimented the fire boys in their hard fight to check the flames, and they did exceedingly well. The fire truck from Ozona started to the rescue but a burned bearing three miles from town halted it.

Other news of interest in this issue: Vander Stucken to Start Building Soon

A contract has been let to J.T. McClelland local contractor for the remodeling and brick front of the E.F. Vander Stucken store. A brick front 105 feet will be built as will fire proof walls. The cost of this building will be about twenty thousand dollars Mr. Vander Stucken said.

Two nice store apartments will be built where the hardware and feed departments now stand. He has not decided what class of stock will be handled in this new department.

A ladies ready-to-wear department will be built in the present dry goods side of the building. A complete stock of ladies, apparel will be handled.

The building and stock will represent one of the largest mercantile establishments in West Texas. Their stock will invoice in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00.

Mr. Vander Stucken has been doing business in their present building since 1890, and the increase in business demands larger and more modern quarters.

We have all heard of paved or tarred highways but did you know that back in 1928 the term was called tarviating of highways. The roads were first graded and graveled then tarviated. It cost \$80,000 to tarviate from here to Schliecher County and from here to the Kimble County line. The tarviating procedure was the latest thing in highway improvements and a caliche strip was also worked along the sides of the road beds.

Alfred Schweining announced that Bell Hollow, thirty-six miles east of Sonora on the Old Spanish Trail will stage its biennial free barbecue on the 14th of June. A big dance was to be held on the night of



Do you know who this is? Let us know at the SCHS office, 387-5084.

the 13th, one of the best orchestras in San Antonio to furnish the music. A large platform was built for the dance.

A crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 has gathered every election year and attended these barbecues. Goat roping, baseball and other entertainments were furnished. Candidates had the opportunity to tell the people about themselves from the platforms.

Five beeves and about forty head of goats were barbecued in the old fashioned way and served with bread and pickles. Ladies from all over the country brought home made dishes to go along with the meat.

The children had a merry time with concessions for amusements. Since it is held on one of the shadiest places on the Llano River it is one of the best places for the gathering. Alfred Schweining, Edwin Joy, Mr. Schroyer, Otto Theirs and Mr. Adams were the committee in charge.

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@sonoratrax.net. You may call us at the

office at 307 Oak Street, telephone 325-387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings regarding questions on history and on rental of buildings. This gives you 3 mornings and one is a weekend day to call us at the office.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WASH DOWN THE EXTERIOR OF THE JOHN AND MILDRED CAUTHORN BUILDING, OLD DEPOT, USING SCRUB BRUSHES AND HOSES. Due to the age of the building we cannot use pressure wash on the old siding, but have several long handled scrub brushes and buckets we fill up with Tide. It cleans the walls beautifully but we need a few more hands. Rick can't do this work with his upcoming back surgery and neither can I. How about grabbing some old clothes, a scrub brush and coming down and giving us a hand any Saturday. God loves a person who gives of themselves to help others, especially with a smile. So send that teenager who has nothing to do or hubby who is bored or come down and scrub off a few pounds from all that good Easter eating with us on a Saturday morning from 8 to noon.

Water bill would tack per-gallon fee on consumers

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
AUSTIN - The latest single-digit measure expected to make a big splash in the legislative hopper could affect consumers' water bills.

Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria) was expected April 4 to file Senate Bill 3, a major water bill that would establish a water conservation and development fee to pay for water infrastructure needed over the next half-century.

Consumers would be allowed 5,000 gallons of potable water per month at whatever rate their provider charges without having to pay the fee. But for each 1,000 gallons of water used after that point, water utility customers would pay a fee of 10 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Armbrister hopes the new fee would raise \$200 million a year, money that could collateralize loans and stimulate grants for badly-needed water projects across the state.

Among other provisions, the bill would give the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality authority to set a minimum flow needed to keep the state's streams, rivers and estuaries viable. Water rights could not be granted if the amount would drop the flow below the set point.

Governor's "race" heats up

Gov. Rick Perry's campaign recently admitted releasing a clandestinely-shot video showing U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton being cordial to each other at a Washington event.

A few days later, a five-paragraph letter Perry wrote the

then First Lady on April 6, 1993, to say he found her health care initiative "commendable" magically reappeared after nearly 12 years.

Whether Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has ever said hello to Sen. Clinton has not yet been uncovered.

All-female appeals court...

Gov. Perry has appointed Bexar County District Judge Rebecca Simmons to the seven-judge 4th Court of Appeals.

If the Senate confirms her appointment, the court will become the first all-female appeals court in Texas and perhaps the nation.

The judicial glass ceiling in Texas hasn't been shattered so thoroughly since the first term of Texas' first female governor, Miriam "Ma" Ferguson. She appointed an all-female state Supreme Court.

Sex offender database free...

The recent slaying of a 9-year-old girl in Florida, allegedly at the hands of a convicted sex offender who lived nearby, underscores the importance of knowing your neighbors.

To see if any registered sex offenders live in your neighborhood, you can check the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry for free online at records.txdps.state.tx.us.

Texas Yes! communities honored

Ten cities participating in the Texas Yes! program have been recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture as winners of its 2005 Hardworking Rural Community Awards.

Coordinated by TDA, the Texas Yes! program promotes economic development and tourism in rural Texas. For more information on the program, visit the Web site www.agr.state.tx.us.

Head Start Program to trike for St. Jude's fund

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN announced today that CVCOG Sonora Head Start will join hands with the hospital to conduct the "Bring a Bike Day" Trike-A-Thon. This unique one-week event is scheduled to begin on April 8, 2005, at the Sutton County Park, and will promote bicycle safety while raising money for childhood cancer research.

Lack of training is the most frequent contributing cause of bicycle accidents. The Trike-A-Thon teaches riding safety tips using coloring sheets, stories and riding activities. Parents support the program by collecting tax-deductible donations to sponsor their child.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, TN, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatment not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay.

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If you are interested in receiving more information, please con-



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Chamber Chatter**Keeping busy in April**

by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

I need to begin my column this week by apologizing to our readers. I made a mistake in my column last week. It was my mistake, not a misprint on the part of the Devil's River News. I mistakenly typed \$10.00 instead of \$15.00 for the price of a ticket for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, "Beach Party in Sonora." Tickets went on sale at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center last Friday April 1st, and you can purchase tickets in advance for the "Beach Party in Sonora" through Wednesday April 13, 2005. We are looking forward to a wonderful banquet and hope that you can all join us.

We are busy preparing for many wonderful events in Sonora this spring. The weekend of April 16th & 17th Sonora will host the Sonora Classic Goat Show at the Sutton County Civic Center. This is the 2005 National Boer Goat Show, and our little community is honored to be hosting such a wonderful event. Come out to the Sutton County Civic Center and bring the family to learn more about a growing mainstay of our economy. There are more registered Boer goats in the 76950 (Sonora) zip code than anywhere else in the nation, so we are truly the Boer Goat Capital of the U.S.

The weekend of April 30th & May 1st brings several great events to Sonora. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Sutton County Car Expo will kick off

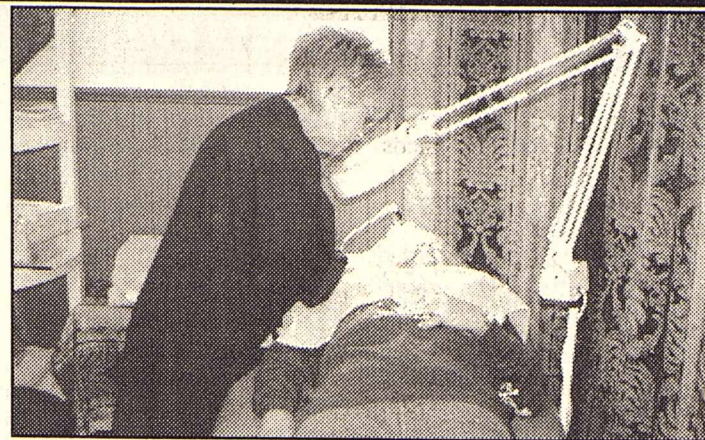
with a parade at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday from Downtown Sonora to the Sutton County Park. This year there will be more wonderful food throughout the day than you can even imagine, along with a show & shine, entertainment, children's rides and retail booths. Saturday evening at dusk there will be a "Sonic Cruise Night" and a dance on the County Slab from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sunday the food and retail booths, the children's rides, and entertainment will start up again and the judging of the cars in the car show will take place.

On that same weekend of April 30th & May 1st the American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) rodeo will be in Sonora at the Sutton County Park Arena with rodeo performances beginning at 11:00 a.m. both mornings. Many people in Sonora have grown up participating in AJRA rodeos and there are many young people in Sonora currently involved in these rodeos for youth. The AJRA is a wonderful organization that promotes parental involvement with the young people and fosters a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition at the same time. This is a family event, so plan on bringing the family out to the Sutton County Park & Arena and enjoy a wonderful rodeo while supporting a great organization for young people.

If you have any questions about these or any other event in Sonora or the surrounding area, please feel free to call us at 325/387-2880.

Popcorn funds benefit Sonora Senior Center

First National Bank President, Michael Hale, proudly presents Juanita Mesa, Beto Duran, and Victoria Romero from the Sonora Senior Center with the proceeds from the February Popcorn Cart. The Senior Center offers daily lunches and activities for the seniors of Sonora and Sutton County. The Popcorn Cart is rolled out every Tuesday, offering fresh popcorn, while raising money for local organizations. Stop by and get some soon.



Sheila Alley applies permanent make-up to Geneva Wiatrek.

New services offer permanent changes

by Storie Sharp

Fresh new faces are popping up all over town. Sheila Alley of Colorado City, has been visiting Sonora every other week, bringing a new opportunity of beauty enhancing to the already lovely women of Sonora.

Sheila offers permanent make-up and electrolysis, and is operating out of Stirrup-Trouble Salon.

Permanent make-up enhances a woman's natural beauty by adding color to eyelids, eye brows and lips. The client relaxes on a comfortable massage table, while a numbing medication similar to lidocaine is applied to the area to be worked on. After the area becomes numb, the permanent makeup is applied to the skin. The procedure is done with a small, electric wand and lasts about an hour and a half. Sheila has been teaching and applying permanent make-up for eight years.

Electrolysis is the permanent removal of hair cells by radio waves. Electrolysis can also be used to remove spider veins, moles, etc. Since starting at Stirrup Trouble in Sonora on March 17, Sheila has worked on approximately 25 people, with steady bookings continuing throughout the next month. Salon owner Kim Lewis and cosmetologist Krista are learning the permanent make-up technique, and will soon be able to offer the procedures on a regular basis.

Sheila says that the procedures are painless, and Geneva Wiatrek, who drove in from San Antonio to have her eyes and brows done, agreed with her.

Nancy West, also of San Antonio, said she heard about the permanent make-up procedures a long time ago, but never did it until her daughter, Kim, started offering it in her shop. Nancy also was having her eyes, brows and lips done, as well as some electrolysis.

Microdermabrasion will also be offered at the salon soon. Microdermabrasion is sometimes referred to as the gentle way to a younger complexion. The Diamond Peel™ technology that will be offered is less expensive than chemical and laser techniques, and provides a gentle, yet effective mechanical peeling of the skin. The Diamond Peel™ is fast and virtually pain free. It leaves little or no redness and can help minimize the most difficult skin conditions. Treatments take less than an hour.

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"Mom, someone is picking on me"

In the light of the recent

Red Lake School shooting, one might wonder what drove the young gunman to the point of walking into his school and unloading his gun on peers, teachers and safety personnel. Many news reports indicate that he was a loner and over the years, he was often made fun of by his peers. Was the bullying that this young man received from his classmates, a piece to the puzzle? If so, what role did bullying play? Did the taunting from classmates add fuel to the fire of the young man's anger already brewing over his troubled home life? Did the bullies ever put themselves in the shooter's shoes? His father committed suicide when he was young and his mother lived in a nursing home because of brain damage she received in an auto accident - what a burden to bear. Did anyone ever consider what his life must have been like or did they just notice that he dressed differently and consider him "freaky." More and more news reports indicate increases in school violence. School surveys indicate that bullying is rampant and on the rise - Sticks and stone may break bones but who ever said word don't hurt was WRONG!

Bullying and Harassment**What is it?**

Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional, and that involves an imbalance of power or strength. Typically, it is repeated over time. A child who is being bullied has a hard time defending him or herself.

What does bullying look like?

Bullying can take on many forms such as hitting or punching (physical bullying); teasing or name calling (verbal bullying); intimidation through gestures or social exclusion (non-verbal or emotional bullying); and sending an insulting message by email or instant messaging (cyber bullying). Verbal bullying is the most common experienced by males and females.

Who takes part in bullying?

Bullying often involves groups of students picking on another student. Within these groups there is often a ring leader and a number of followers. In addition, many students observe bullying but do not take necessary action - they neither engage in bullying nor help stop it. Children and youth are often afraid to step in and stop the bullying because they don't want to be bullied themselves, because they want to be part of a popular group, or because they simply are not sure how to help.

Who is bullied?

Unfortunately bullying is a very common problem during the elementary and middle school years. Approximately 30 percent of all children and youth grades 6 through 10 have been bullied or have bullied other children. One study found that 80% of middle school students reported engaging in some form of bullying during the past 30 days; with 15% doing so frequently. Any child can be bullied. It is important not to blame or look for faults in the children that are being bullied, because nobody deserves to be ambushed by their peers.

Isn't bullying part of growing up?

Perhaps this attitude is why bullying is so common in American. Most do not consider bullying a "real" threat. Children are often taught the saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." The problem is words DO hurt. Being the target of unkind words can cause great pain.

Consequences of bullying

Bullying can have serious effects on ones self-esteem. Reports indicate that children who are bullied are more likely to be depressed, lonely, and anxious; feel unwell; have more migraine headaches; and to think about suicide more often. Children who are bullied are more likely to drink alcohol, smoke, be truant or drop out of school, and carry a weapon.

What can be done to reduce bullying in schools?

The good news is that much has been done to stop bullying in our schools. A single school assembly or parents meeting won't cut it. What is needed is a team effort by the students, administration, parents and community to change the culture of schools. An effort must be made to discourage bullying. This can be done through the education on how to recognize and respond to bullying. The schools must develop consistent rules against bullying and put them into place. Currently, many schools are meeting this challenge. To learn more about what your school or community can do to address bullying, check out some of the following websites: www.safeschools.co, www.lfccc.on.ca/bully.htm, www.pta.org/bullying/ and www.bullybeware.com/.

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Bronco Baseball still winning

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Broncos remain undefeated in District, with a record of 6-0, 11-2 for the season.

On Tuesday, March 29, before a large home crowd, the Broncos faced our neighboring Eldorado Eagles.

On the mound was Anthony Longoria, who went six innings with seven strikeouts, five walks and two hits. In the last inning Dustin Creek faced four batters, striking out two of them while getting the save.

In the second inning Sonora crossed the plate five times. Embre Smith started the rally after getting hit by a pitch. Chris Perez hit a double followed by a Creek RBI single. Steven Duhon reached on a single and he later scored on a wild pitch. Longoria hit an RBI double and then later scored on a Lito Trevino single.

In the 4th, Duhon hit his second single, and Diego Cardona reached on a bunt. Longoria got his second RBI after he hit a sacrifice fly to center field. On an Eagle error, Clint Cearley reached first, scoring one in the process.

Sonora scored once more in the 5th. Smith hit a shot past the third base for a single and he eventually scored after several throwing errors by Eldorado.

The Eagles managed to score three on two hits, along with several costly Bronco

errors.

Final score, Sonora 8 Eldorado 3.

On a very cold and blustery Friday night, April 1, the Broncos traveled to Mason to meet up with the Punchers.

Cullen Parker pitched four innings, finishing with three strikeouts, two walks, four hits and two runs. Creek once again was the closer, with seven strikeouts and three hits.

Sonora got on the scoreboard first with RBI singles by Cearley and Smith.

In the 2nd, Brian Payton, hit a single and then later scored on a Longoria single.

In the 3rd, Cearley reached on his second single and then later scored on a Longoria single.

Longoria hit a double in the 4th, but was left stranded.

Sonora would not score again until the 6th, when Duhon and Longoria (RBI) each hit singles.

With the final at-bat, Roland Solis and Creek each reached on singles, but were unable to score.

Throughout the game the Broncos were able to reach base but were unable to capitalize leaving eight stranded. This kept the score very tight with either team capable of winning. With the combination of pitching and defense, the Broncos won 5-2.

This week Sonora will play Ozona and Wall, both games are away.



Meghan Krieg hits a grand slam against Grape Creek.

Lady Broncos come up short against Wall

by Tryon Fields

The first thing that I need to do is to apologize to the 2004 Lady Bronco Softball Team! Last week I incorrectly named the Grape Creek Lady Eagles as the defending District Champions. This is incorrect and I deeply regret any misgivings that this may have caused. The Lady Broncos are the defending District 2-2A Champions!

This past week, Sonora would get their first true test in district play.

Tuesday, Grape Creek would come to town, and on Friday, the Lady Broncos would travel to Wall. Tuesday's game would be no contest; however, on Friday, it would be a different story.

Against Grape Creek on Tuesday, the Lady Broncos would get off to a slow start. It would not be until the third inning before Sonora could mount any type of threat. A pair of walks to Desiree Alvarado and Kayla Fields, along with back to back fielding errors by Grape Creek would give Sonora a 2 to 0 lead at the end of three innings of play.

In the bottom of the fifth Sonora would add two more runs off of a lead-off single by Adriana Castillo, a walk to Fields, back to back singles by Kimble Luna and Meghan Krieg. The second run of the inning would be scored on a sacrifice fly by Jaimee Duran.

In the bottom of the sixth, with Laura Martin (pinch running for Adriana Castillo) at third, Kayla Fields at second, and Kimble Luna standing on first, Meghan Krieg would hit a bomb into right center field. When the ball finally came down, it would be Meghan's first grand slam of her career! To go with the hitting, Sonora would play excellent defense in backing up Heather Hughes. Grape Creek would only be able to mount one threat and it would come in the top of the seventh. Hughes would give up six hits while striking out nine Lady Eagles.

Defensive plays by Brandy

Neff, Jaimee Duran, Meghan Krieg, and Heather Hughes would thwart any threat that Grape Creek could mount. Grape Creek 0 - Sonora 8.

With the win on Tuesday, a showdown was staged in Wall, with both teams coming into the game undefeated in district play. The first five innings were a pitching/defensive duel with neither team being able to gain an advantage.

Sonora would leave the bases loaded in the top of the first and strand several players in scoring position in the first five innings. Sonora's pitcher, Meghan Krieg, would keep the Lady Hawks off balance for the first six innings, striking out nine batters and only giving up three hits. Krieg was aided by excellent defensive plays. Second baseman, Jaimee Duran made several outstanding stops with Heather Hughes, Brandy Neff, and Kayla Fields chipping in. In the bottom of the seventh the Wall batters finally began to figure Krieg out. With one out, Paige Weishuhn would hit a triple and tie the ball game up on the throw. The next two batters would single, putting the winning run at third base. After a groundout to Duran, the next batter, Eggleston, would rip a hit to right field scoring the winning run.

Sonora 1 - Wall 2.

With this loss the Lady Broncos now find themselves in second place.

However, there is still lots of district play to come. Anything can happen. All the Lady Broncos need to do is take care of business. And that started this past Tuesday against the Ozona Lady Lions. On Friday, Sonora will entertain the Lady Eagles from Junction at 5:00 p.m. So make plans now to come out and support the Lady Broncos as they continue their quest for that District trophy.

GOOD LUCK LADY BRONCOS AND KEEP YOUR HEADS UP! YOU CAN STILL REACH YOUR GOAL!

7th Grade Lady Colts win at home

The 7th grade Lady Colts are still HOT, winning the Colt Relays on March 31, 2005, with 272 points. The closest team behind Sonora was Ozona with 111.5 points, followed by Reagan Co. with 107, Mason 64.5 and Eldorado 31.

Results are as follows:

Shot Put - 1. Loera 27'7"

Pole Vault - 2. S. Gillit 5'6"

Triple Jump - 1. Berry 29'11", 5. A. Hernandez 26'9"

Long Jump - 1. Berry 14'1"3/4, 2. Trevino 14'1/2"

Discus - 1. Valdez 74'10", 3. Sanchez 52'7"1/2, Love 50'5"1/2

High Jump - 1. Dunn 4'4", 2. Dover 4'2"

2400m Run - 1. Taylor 10:11.65, 3. Reynosa 10:59.06, 4. Garcia 11:33.72, 5. Chavez 12:04.34

400m Relay - 1. Berry,

Favila, Morales, Trevino 56.27

600m Run - 3. Sanchez 3:03.07, 6. Hernandez 3:06

100m Hurdles - 1. Dunn 18.53, 3. Earwood 19.43

100m Dash - 1. Berry 14.07, 4. Valdez 14.83

800m Relay - 1. Berry, Krieg, B. Hernandez, A. Hernandez 2:02.05

400m Dash - 1. Trevino 1:07.12, 3. Krieg 1:11.82, 4. Castillo 1:17.98

300m Hurdles - 1. Dunn 54.04, 2. Earwood 57.31

200m Dash - 2. A. Hernandez 30.91, 4. Gutierrez 32.33, 6. Hernandez 32.66

1600m Run - 2. Taylor 6:55, 3. Lopez 6:58.06, 4. Sanchez 7:04.38, 6. Reynosa 7:23.76

1600m Relay - 1. Sonora Morales, Krieg, Dunn, Trevino 4:48.39

Varsity Broncos finish fifth at Angelo Relays

The Sonora Bronco Varsity boys competed in the San Angelo Relays on Saturday, April 2, 2005. The boys finished 5th overall, with 55 points.

Results were:

Pole Vault - 4. Justin Northcutt 12'6"

Triple Jump - 5. Anthony Longoria 40'08"

Shot Put - 3. Brett McDaniel 46'01"

100m Dash - 3. Anthony

Longoria 11.07

1600m Run - 3. Nick Favela 4:51.31

300m Hurdles - 5. Jose Rodriguez 42.07

400m Relay - 5. Steven Duhon, Cameron Cox, Anthony Longoria, Jose Rodriguez 45:19.6

800m Relay - 4. Sonora 1:34.85

Long Jump - 1. Anthony Longoria 21'04.25

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Junior Varsity				
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	
4/11	Reagan Co.	Here	5:00	
Girls Softball				
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	
4/8	Junction	Here	5:00	
4/12	Eldorado	There	5:00	
Track				
Date	Location	Teams	Time	
4/9	Crane	VB, VG, JVB	TBA	
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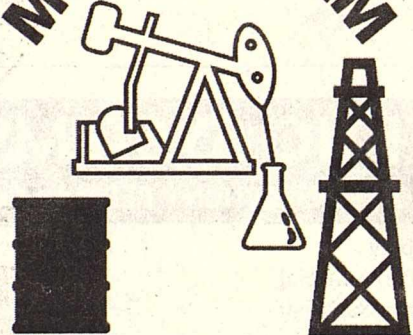
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Sutton County 4-H Forecast

General 4-H Meeting: The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 11, at the Civic Center. Senior officers will preside. District Roundup entries will be presented as the program. All 4-Hers and parents interested in the horse project should plan on being there at 5:30 p.m. for a brief planning meeting also.

Steer Tags: With the stock show season behind us, it is time to be thinking about the new season. In April, you will be ordering steer state validation ear tags if you are considering showing steers at the major stock shows during the next show season. Call the Extension Office with the number of tags that you will need. Order tags for the number of steers that you plan to take to the major shows. Steer validation occurs in June.

State Fair of Texas Validation: The 2005 State Fair of Texas will be initiating lamb, goat and swine validation programs (steer program already in place). This program will be

conducted the same as the original validation program, however, it will be necessary to have separate tag orders due to the differences in dates. The deadline for ordering lamb and goat tags will be April 18, 2005. The deadline for swine tag orders will be May 13, 2005. Tags will cost \$6.00 each. Validation for the State Fair will also be in June.

AJRA Rodeo: On April 30 and May 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m. we will be hosting a junior rodeo. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Sutton County Scholarship Fund. Please call 387-3101 to sign up for working the concession stand and helping with the event.

Horse Project Certification: May 1 - deadline for Certifying all other 4-H Horse Projects in order to be eligible for District and/or State Horse shows. Horses must be owned by the 4-Her, their parent, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian. No loaned, leased borrowed or rented horses allowed.

Post Labor Day School Calendar Keeps Spring Break

Legislation aimed at creating a post-Labor Day to June 7 school calendar for Texas public schools seems to be just what Texans ordered. According to a recent on-line survey sponsored by the School Start Date Task Force formed by the state Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn, Texans support a later school start date, fewer holidays during the school year and an end date in late May or early June.

Over 42,000 responses to the poll were logged. Over half of the respondents identified themselves as teachers. Twenty-nine percent of respondents identified themselves as parents.

The school calendar parameters detailed in House Bill 2 would require school districts to slightly reduce the number of holidays offered during the course of the school year. However, this condensed calendar would provide ample days for school districts to offer a Thanksgiving vacation, two weeks for Christmas vacation and a full week for Spring Break. The calendar is very similar to the school calendar used successfully by states boasting the top academic programs in the nation.

Economic analysis shows the numerous short holidays and the early to mid-August school start dates are costing Texans \$790 million annually. Proponents of starting school later say this money could be used to increase teacher salaries, provide additional services to school children or provide earlier academic intervention programs to our at-risk students.

"The biggest complaint about the proposed school calendar is it infringes on administrators' local control," said Tina Bruno, executive director of Texans for a Traditional School Year. "When you are spending taxpayer dollars you should be more worried about fiscal responsibility than you are at

retaining some perceived power."

Legislative sponsors of the new school calendar proposal say the move could save districts about \$90 million in non-instructional costs. It would also allow Texas businesses to increase summer revenue and collect more sales tax dollars to help better fund public education in the future without imposing higher taxes on Texans.

In a letter to the School Task Force members, TEXAN Power president Luis de la Garza explained that it not only takes more energy to keep a classroom full of children at a constant 75 degrees, but the cost of electricity per kilowatt hour is greater in August than in September, May or June.

School officials with Tulsa, Oklahoma Public Schools say a similar change in calendar saved school district \$500,000 which they used to hire additional teachers.

Bruno said regardless of the school calendar, children receive services from the school district for 180 days. She added that it is much easier for parents to find child care for children during the summer months that will provide educational experiences not offered in the classroom than it is during holidays piecemealed throughout the school year.

"Parents are demanding fiscal responsibility from our school districts," said Bruno. "We want to see our tax dollars helping our students - not increasing revenue of the local electric company."

Texans for a Traditional School Year is a non-profit, grass roots coalition of parents, teachers, administrators and businesses concerned about the negative impact the early August school start date and the year-round school calendar have on our children, families and teachers. To learn how to join the fight, go to www.traditionalschoolyear.org or call 210-479-3106.

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Sonora City League T-Ball Schedule

April 12
Astros vs Rangers
Cardinals vs Lil' Broncos
April 14
Yankees vs Lil' Broncos
Rangers vs. Cardinals
April 21
Astros vs Yankees
Lil' Broncos vs Rangers
April 22
Cardinals vs Lil' Broncos
Yankees vs Rangers
April 26
Lil' Broncos vs Yankees
Astros vs Cardinals
April 28
Yankees vs Cardinals
Rangers vs Lil' Broncos
April 29
Rangers vs Astros

First game is 5:30-6:30; Second game is 6:30-7:30.

May 3
Rangers vs Astros
Cardinals vs Yankees
May 5
Cardinals vs Rangers
Lil' Broncos vs Astros
May 10
Astros vs Yankees
Lil' Broncos vs Rangers
May 12
Cardinals vs Astros
Lil' Broncos vs Yankees
May 17
Rangers vs Cardinals
Yankees vs Astros
May 19
Astros vs Lil' Broncos
Yankees vs Cardinals

Sonora City League Minor Girls

April 11
Angels vs Her-ricanes
Trouble vs Slammers
April 12
Slammers vs Shox
April 14
Trouble vs Angels
Her-ricanes vs Shox
April 15
Slammers vs Her-ricanes
April 18
Shox vs Trouble
April 21
Her-ricanes vs Shox
April 22
Slammers vs Angels
April 25
Angels vs Shox
April 26
Trouble vs Her-ricanes
Slammers vs Angels
April 28
Angels vs Trouble
Her-ricanes vs Slammers
April 29
Angels vs Her-ricanes
May 2
Shox vs Slammers

May 3
Angels vs Trouble
May 5
Slammers vs Her-ricanes
May 9
Trouble vs Shox
May 10
Shox vs Her-ricanes
May 12
Slammers vs Angels
May 13
Angels vs Shox
May 16
Her-ricanes vs Trouble
May 17
Slammers vs Trouble
May 19
Her-ricanes vs Angels
May 20
Slammers vs Shox
May 23
Angels vs Trouble
May 24
Her-ricanes vs Slammers
May 26
Trouble vs Shox

Games start at 6:00 p.m. *Italic* = Games in Eldorado, **Bold** = Games in Sonora

Sonora City League Major Girls

April 12
5:30 Lady Raiders vs Kool Kats
7:10 Diamond Divas vs Stingers
April 15
5:30 Flash vs Diamond Divas
7:10 Kool Kats vs Stingers
April 21
7:30 Flash vs Kool Kats
7:10 Lady Raiders vs Stingers (in Eldorado)
April 22
5:30 Lady Raiders vs Diamond Divas
April 25
7:30 Flash vs Lady Raiders
7:10 Kool Kats vs Stingers (in Eldorado)
April 26
7:30 Flash vs Stingers
April 28
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Lady Raiders
April 29
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Flash
7:10 Kool Kats vs Stingers (Eldorado)
May 2
7:30 Kool Kats vs Diamond Divas
May 3
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Kool Kats
7:10 Flash vs Stingers (Eldorado)

May 5
7:30 Flash vs Lady Raiders
May 9
7:30 Kool Kats vs Flash
May 10
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Flash
7:10 Lady Raiders vs Stingers (Eldorado)
May 12
7:30 Kool Kats vs Flash
May 13
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Stingers
May 16
7:30 Lady Raiders vs Kool Kats
May 17
7:10 Flash vs Stingers (Eldorado)
May 19
7:30 Lady Raiders vs Flash
May 20
7:30 Kool Kats vs Diamond Divas
May 23
7:30 Kool Kats vs Lady Raiders
7:10 Diamond Divas vs Stingers (Eldorado)
May 24
7:30 Diamond Divas vs Lady Raiders

Sonora City League Boys 2005 Schedule

April 11
Heat vs. Orioles
Sluggers vs. Mustangs
April 12
L'Horns vs. Raiders
Astros vs. Rangers (6th grade field trip)
April 14
Rangers vs. Astros
Raiders vs. L'Horns
April 15
Mustangs vs. Sluggers
Orioles vs. Heat
April 18
TAKS
April 19
TAKS
April 21
L'Horns vs. Astros
Raiders vs. Rangers
April 22
Orioles vs. Mustangs
Sluggers vs. Heat
April 25
Rangers vs. L'Horns
Astros vs. Raiders
April 26
Mustangs vs. Heat
Orioles vs Sluggers
April 28
Raiders vs. Astros
L'Horns vs. Rangers
April 29
Sluggers vs. Orioles
Heat vs. Mustangs (3rd Grade Field Trip)
May 2
Sluggers vs. Heat
Orioles vs. Mustangs
May 3
Rangers vs Raiders
Astros vs. L'Horns (Culture Fair)

May 5
Mustangs vs. Orioles
Heat vs. Sluggers
May 6
L'Horns vs. Astros
Raiders vs Raiders (No School)
May 9
Rangers vs. Astros
Raiders vs. L'Horns
May 10
Sluggers vs. Mustangs
Orioles vs. Heat
May 12
L'Horns vs. Raiders
Astros vs. Rangers
May 13
Heat vs. Orioles
Mustangs vs. Sluggers (No School)
May 16
L'Horns vs. Rangers
Raiders vs. Astros
May 17
Heat vs. Mustangs
Sluggers vs. Orioles
May 19
Astros vs. Raiders
Rangers vs. L'Horns
May 20
Orioles vs. Sluggers
Mustangs vs. Heat
May 23
Rangers vs. Raiders
Astros vs. L'Horns
May 24
Heat vs. Sluggers
Mustangs vs. Orioles
May 26
Make Up Day
May 27
Graduation

First game starts at 5:45 p.m. SHARP, even if teams are not ready to play. Second game time is 7:30 SHARP.

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Rabid Skunks Pose Threat to Hunters, Others



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Well, as spring turkey season is upon us, we might pass on a caution issued by Texas Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialist, Ken Cearley. It regards the threat posed by skunks to hunters and other outdoorsmen this spring.

Skunks aren't usually sighted during hunting, but this turkey season, hunters might see a few. A daylight sighting is a good reason to think the animal might be rabid, according to Cearley. Almost anyone who spends time outdoors may encounter a rabid animal. But hunters, especially spring turkey hunters, who sit on the ground much of the time, are particularly vulnerable. Cearley says the presence of rabies is more pronounced this spring than most years.

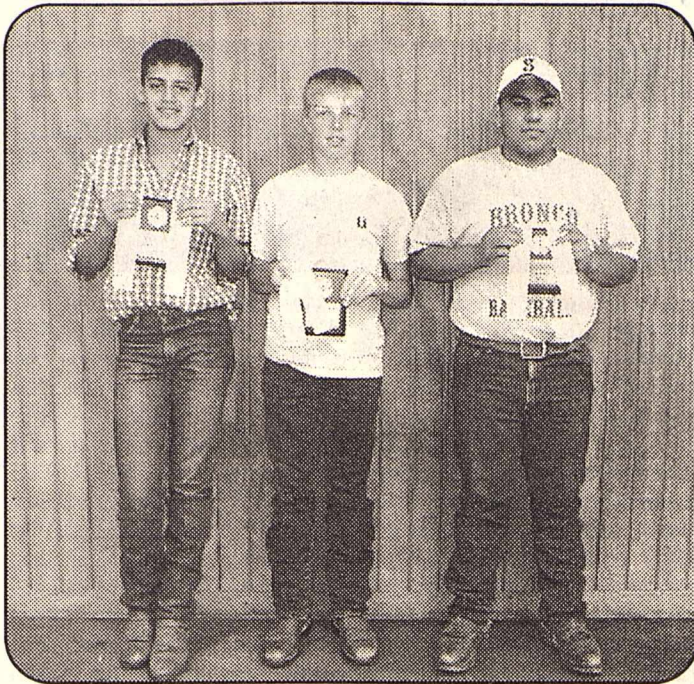
Hunters should avoid contact with any animal, whether wild or domestic, that is acting abnormally, especially one that appears to have no fear of humans, and is active at an uncharacteristic time of day. Not all animals with rabies will show up with foaming mouth and a growl like Old Yeller. Rabid animals in the later stages of the disease may become disoriented and stray

far from their usual habitat. A rabid skunk or fox or bobcat may be out in the daylight, away from its normal protective cover and with little regard for human presence. The animal may be quite approachable or even come to you instead of fleeing-- a dead giveaway that something is haywire.

If you are bitten or have in any way been exposed to an animal suspected of having rabies, report it to your physician immediately. If possible, keep the carcass of the animal involved for testing. Ideally, the head should be left intact and submitted for testing. When handling a carcass of a potentially rabid animal, people should avoid getting saliva on open wounds and mucus membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth. Any veterinarian can ship the animal to Austin for testing. Humans who have been bitten have to undergo five shots of vaccine, plus a shot of rabies immunoglobulin on their first visit to the physician.

Prevention is important. All pets and certain high-value livestock should be vaccinated. For additional information regarding rabies, visit the Texas Department of Health website at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/DISEASES/RABIES>.

Sutton County Range Evaluation Team Finishes Third



submitted

Sutton County was well represented at Saturday's Invitational Range Evaluation Contest in Ozona. The team, made up of Justin Perez, Rodney Doyle, Aaron Gaytan, and Brian Reyes, finished third. Youth identified plants, as well as their season of growth, origin, longevity, economic value, and importance. The project stresses appreciation for conservation of natural resources and implementing wise management practices. Congratulations and good luck at other upcoming contests!

How Long Do Mesquite Seeds Last in the Pasture?

by Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576,

UVALDE - A group of Texas A&M experts have answered an age-old question: How long do mesquite seeds last in the pasture? Their answer? Not long, but there's a bit more to it than that. Dr. Keith Owens, professor of range ecology with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, was the lead scientist on a 3-year study that looked at the aging and weathering effect mesquite seeds undergo on the soil surface. He said within a year, less than 20 percent of the seeds are still viable in good seed production years while less than 0.1 percent remain viable in poor years.

"Mesquite is a native tree that now dominates millions of rangeland acres," said Owens. "The pods surrounding the seeds are highly nutritious and are eaten by many animals. Digested seeds are scattered through the pastures where they potentially become new trees."

Owens said seeds kept cool and dry have germinated after 40 years in storage. But in the pasture, weathering changes the proportion of seeds with soft versus hard seed coats. Those developing hard seed coats remain viable for much longer than those with soft seed coats.

"Even though individual seed survival is low, we still have millions of mesquite trees and the number is increasing," said Owens. "A typical large, mature mesquite may produce 50,000 seeds in a good year and none in a poor year. Averaged out, that means there may be 50 seeds under mature trees even

during extremely dry years."

Seeds can germinate after a soil disturbance as slight as a cow's hoof striking the ground, he said.

"In good seed producing years, there may be as many as 5,000 viable seeds under a tree, making the potential for replacement much greater when conditions are right."

Owens said seeds lost their hard seed coats, thus their viability during all three years of the project. During the first year, more than 80 percent of the seeds were either not viable or had soft seed coats 12 months after dispersal. Only 20 percent of the seeds that year remained on the soil with hard seed coats. Only 2 seeds out of 1,200 seeds sampled the second year were viable after 12 months. Seeds the final year, one of the driest on record, were sampled immediately after dispersal and again three months later.

"Eighty-five percent of the seeds sampled during that last year were non-viable within three months," said Owens. "Knowing this, our data suggests that removing mesquite trees 12 months after a poor seed production year would decrease the number of seeds available for regenerating the mesquite stand."

The other scientists working on this project were Drs. Bill Pinchak range animal nutritionist, Jim Ansley range ecologist, and Jeff Slosser entomologist of the A&M System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon.

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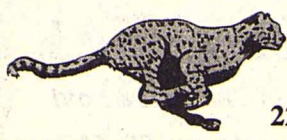


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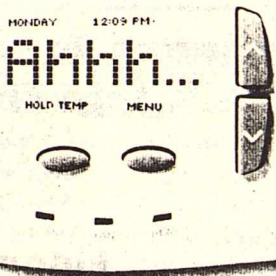


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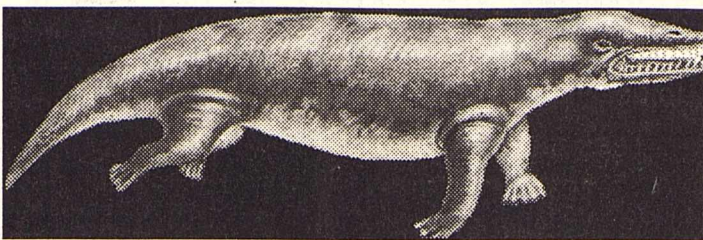
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**Must Micro Mean Macro?
Whale hooves and antelope blubber**



Artist drawing of a transitional species, dubbed Pakicetus.

by Delyse Jaeger

In November 2004, National Geographic Magazine published a cover story article by David Quammen, titled "Was Darwin Wrong?" On the first page of the article the answer offered is a resounding "NO". In addition, this qualifier is given "The evidence for evolution is overwhelming."

Since embarking on this odyssey of discovery, this charge has been leveled again and again: proponents of evolution who dismiss scientists that are questioning the theory, categorize those dissenters as "agenda driven fundamentalists". Are they? This gives the impression that true science does not support a critical review of neo-Darwinism. Is that true?

Darwin's theory of evolution basically states that all life has descended from common ancestry and the forces of natural selection and random mutations are the mechanisms that gave rise to all the different species. The idea of natural selection eliminating the weaker members of a species, thus favoring those most suited for survival in their environment is not contested. Everyone seems to agree that a species can adapt to changes in its environment, this is called micro-evolution. Often, the finches of the Galapagos Islands are used as examples of micro-evolution. The finches have evolved differing beak sizes on different islands in response to different environments; however they are all still finches. Where the two camps part ways is in taking the leap from one type of organism to another, say like an antelope to a whale. I was, and continue to be surprised to learn that the current evolutionary science actually does suppose that the reason there are mammals in the sea, is because hoofed animals (who, like all, are descended

from the original organism that crawled or slid out of the primordial soup) evolved to reenter the ocean and became present day whales. Recent skeletal discoveries in China are pointing to just that, based on similar body parts and similar genetics. Some scientists say the evidence for this type of evolution, known as macro-evolution, has been sorely lacking in the fossil record. Apparently the clean progression of horse evolution, commonly found in text books has been abandoned in light of further discovery. Currently, the most complete example of evolutionary progression from one species to a wholly different type is of the antelope to the whale. How does that sit with you? In the evolutionary theory, similar body parts or homologous structures are considered an indication of shared ancestry. But an argument against common ancestry can be made using homology as well. I am beginning to understand the controversy.

In his article, Quammen attributes the hefty number (37-44%) of adult Americans who do not accept the theory of evolution, to: 1) biblical literalism 2) creationist interfering with the teaching of evolution in public schools, and 3) honest confusion and ignorance among adults who have never had the theory and evidence adequately presented or "lucidly explained". Nary a nod is given towards opposing conclusions. Humph, surprised again. It seems that it is not the facts that are in question, rather the interpretation of the data, and in this case it may also prove out that human nature holds the greater story.

**TxDOT to host two
Transportation Improvement
Plan meetings**

Officials from the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host two public meetings concerning future projects that will be funded by the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The first meeting will be at the San Angelo District Office at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd. at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting that will follow the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting that begins in the TxDOT Assembly Room at 1:30 p.m. The letting schedule and associated funding commitments for 2006-2008 projects that best address the transportation needs of the local district, area communities, and the State will be discussed.

Scheduled for April 10 at 9 a.m., the second meeting will be in Ozona at the Crockett Room at 509 11th Street.

For more information call 325-947-9205.

**April 2005 Consumer Tips
It's All in the Cards**

There was a time when the only cards in your wallet were a couple of credit cards and your driver's license.

Now you may find a Barnes and Noble gift card, a Blockbuster gift card, a health benefits debit card and a host of other "stored value cards."

According to a report issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, over \$72 billion stored value card transactions are expected by 2006.

While stored value cards may make the consumer's life easier and more efficient, you need to be aware of the features, fees, consumer protections and other conditions of the cards.

Gift Cards

While some may think giving a gift card to someone is taking the lazy way out, it allows the recipients to choose a gift they really want or need and may save them the trouble of taking a gift back to the store and waiting in the exchange line. But remember, different gift cards have different terms and conditions that both the purchaser and recipient should be aware of.

"Make sure you know whether you pay a service or maintenance fee upfront or will the fee be deducted from the balance on the card?"

"Is there a transaction fee or an inactivity fee?"

"Is there a toll-free number to call for inquiries or problems with the card?"

"Is there a replacement fee if the card is lost or stolen? Be sure to keep your receipt for the gift card and write down the card number in case the gift recipient needs to replace the card."

"Is there an expiration date on the card? If it expires, you may not be able to use the remaining balance and it would revert to the company who sold the card to you."

"Can you use the card at all locations?"

Payroll Cards

Today, almost 60 percent of Americans receive their paychecks through direct deposit. However, many employees who do not have a traditional bank account cannot use direct deposit. Many companies are turning to payroll cards.

A payroll card allows the employee to access the funds from their payroll by using the card to make purchases or ATM withdrawals.

When using a payroll card, make sure you consider the following conditions:

"Is the payroll card issuer financially sound?"

"Do you receive the same consumer protections with a payroll card as you would with a traditional bank account should your funds be stolen?"

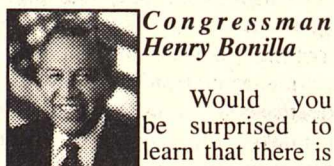
"Are there limitations on where you can use the card?"

"Do you receive free ATM withdrawals and if not, how much is the fee?"

"Can you receive information about the card, including customer service, in a primary language other than English?"

As we move more and more to a technology-driven economy, use of stored value cards will become increasingly prevalent. Just be sure you know the terms and conditions before you start swiping your card.

Vaccinate your infants today



**Congressman
Henry Bonilla**

Would you be surprised to learn that there is one simple step you can take to keep your children healthy? It's not a magic drug. And it won't cost you thousands of dollars. It's a very simple task and one that we all should follow: get your child vaccinated and do it on schedule.

This week marks the ninth annual National Infant Immunization Week (NIW). Across the nation, efforts are being made to immunize more

precious infants. In Texas, you will see this campaign in full swing as little red boots scoot their way across the state to promote "Shots Across Texas."

Vaccinating your children may sound like an obvious step in raising a healthy child, but life is hectic and this step is too often forgotten or put-off for far too long. Vaccinations offer the single best protection for the health of our children and our future.

In today's society, immunization is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. We all know the old adage, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is the

unvaccinated child.

We often forget how fortunate we are to have access to vaccinations. I have first-hand appreciation of vaccinations. You see, I grew up in a public housing complex in South San Antonio. The people living there were poor, but they provided a hard-working, labor force for the city's factories and military bases. In those days, many of today's vaccinations did not exist. Far too many children suffered serious illnesses that today can be avoided by a simple vaccination.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I oversee fund-

ing for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This important administration approves, regulates and monitors all vaccines. I have diligently worked to increase funding for the FDA. I understand that too many families are without health insurance. This is unfortunate in itself. But as we work to increase healthcare coverage, let's remember that vaccinations are still one of the best and cheapest ways to protect our children's health. They could mean the difference between life and death - especially if adequate health care is not available.

I am proud of the many parents who have helped increase immunization coverage among children in the United States. Over ninety percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age two. These efforts have translated into a ninety-five percent reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths. This is tremendous progress, but we must work to stop any child from remaining unvaccinated. There's just no excuse.

Remember, there is no better way for you to protect your children from disease than by immunizing them. Protect the littlest Texans by vaccinating your infants on schedule.

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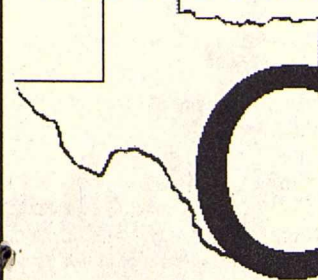
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Public Notices

**Notice to Bidders
Invitation For Bids For
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Corporation**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC) will receive bids for depository of the Corporation's Operating Funds for the period commencing on the 1st day of June 2005 through the 31st day of May 2007. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the SIDC, sealed and marked on the outside "APPLICATIONS FOR DEPOSITORY OF SIDC FUNDS, DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 27 April 2005." The application shall be received in the office of the SIDC Manager, 120 N. Concho, Sonora, Texas or P.O. Box 555 Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 10:30 a.m. on 27 April 2005. Such applications shall be opened publicly and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. 27 April 2005 at the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation office at 120 N. Concho Ave., Sonora, TX 76950.

All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the SIDC Manager and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as though fully set forth verbatim herein. The SIDC Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on May 2, 2005, at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m. and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

**Official Notice to Tenants of
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Sonora, Texas, Sutton County will begin to sell contents of three (3) storage units on April 8, 2005 to satisfy back rents owed. Tenants are: Benny Garza and Oscar Galindo. Business phone: 325-387-5548

Sonora ISD will accept quotes for a sprinkler system. Specs can be obtained at the Admin. Office or by calling 325-387-2545. Sealed quotes will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until April 11, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at which time said quotes will be opened and presented to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting of the Board at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sonora ISD will accept quotes for a digital marquee. Specs can be obtained at the Adm. Office or by calling 325-387-2545. Sealed quotes will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until April 21, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at which time said quotes will be opened and presented to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting of the Board at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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- Laborers - Water & Sewer Departments
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- Office Clerk (summer only)
- Senior Center Aide (summer only)
- Laborers (summer only)

Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office. Additional information on departments, location, grade level, job summary, essential duties and qualifications (required skills and abilities) are available upon request. The City is an equal opportunity employer.

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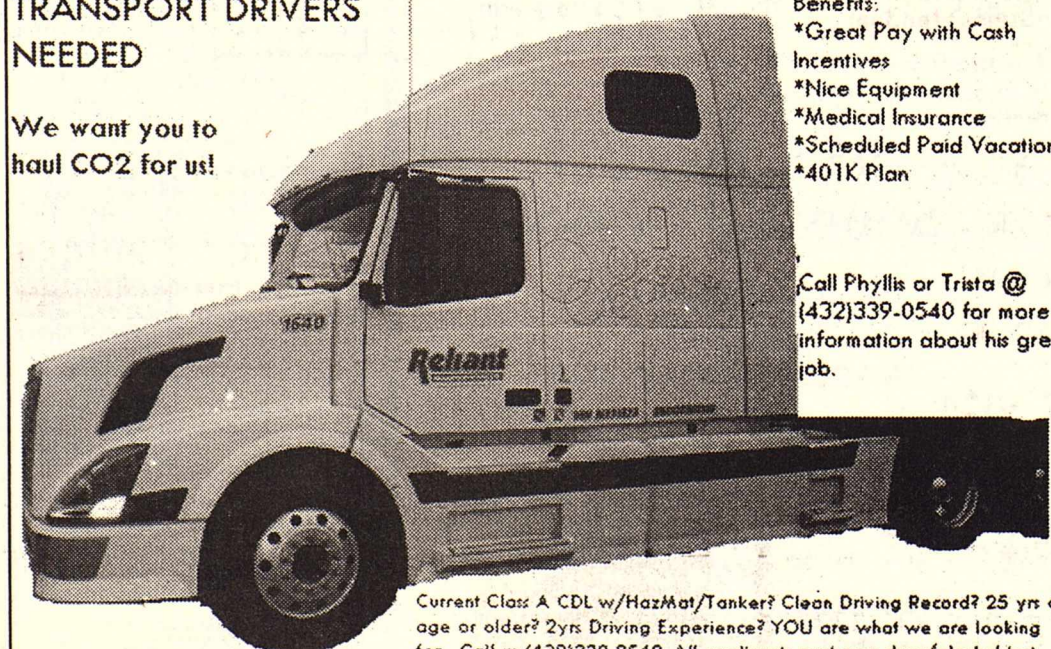
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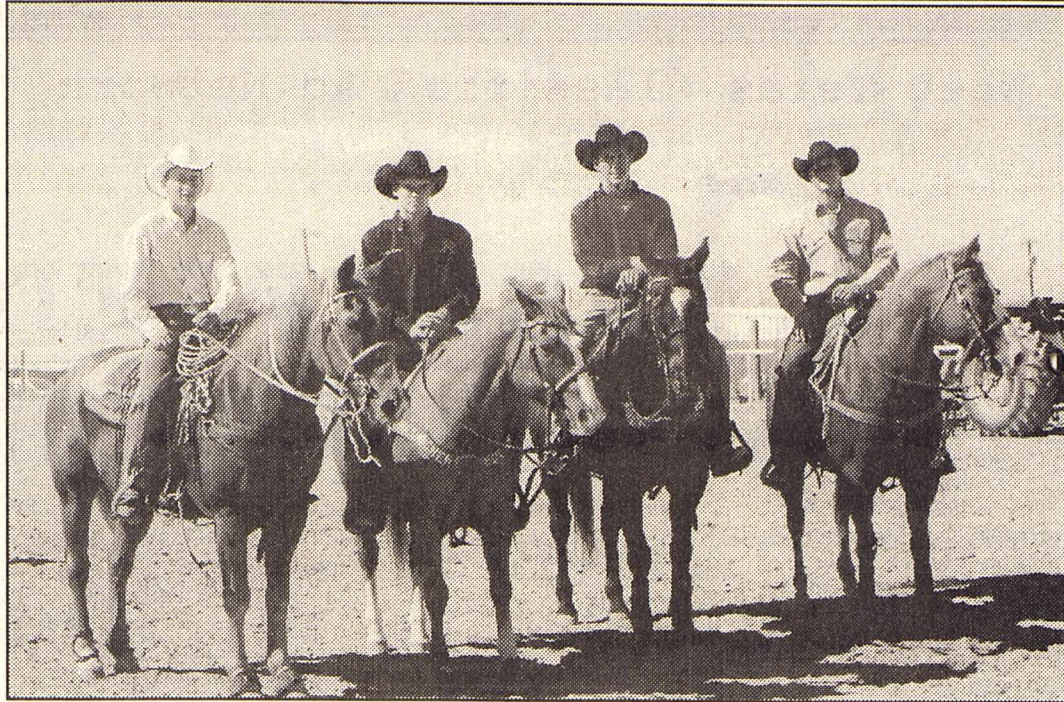
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Parents are reminded that they must bring the following documents:

- child's birth certificate
 - child's social security card
 - proof of insurance of Medicaid
 - proof of income, may include:
 - IRS Form 1040/W2
 - Child Support information
 - Proof of TANF/SSI/Food Stamps
 - paycheck stubs for the prior 12 months
 - copy of child's last IEP or IFSP
 - copy of child's shot records
- Please call the center at (325)387-6132



Rodeo team to ride at Region Finals

Hey Sonora, it's rodeo time again. The Sonora High School Rodeo Team will be competing in San Angelo this weekend, April 9-10, to wrap up the 2004-2005 season at the region finals. The S.H.S. team members are Craig Leonard, Steven Duhon, Dustin Duhon and Laramie Hall. The big event will start with a grand entry at 7:00 p.m. at the Spur Arena. So come out and enjoy a night of rodeo entertainment and support your Sonora cowboys in the Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping and Team Roping.

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F.Y.I.

The St. John's Episcopal Church Relay team is having a Plant Sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. at Poplar Street Greenhouse.

The Days Inn/Comfort Inn/Steakhouse Relay Team is having a bake sale on April 16.

The Dominion Relay for Life team, "Vanessa's Guys & Terry's Gals" will be holding a Fish Fry on May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Park. The event is being held by National Oilwell, Cactus Flow, HEEP Equipment, Weatherford, Crume Sales, and RJ Sales. Come out for fish, fries and fun, with all proceeds going to the ACS Relay for Life. Tickets may be purchased, \$6 or \$10 for 2, from Dominion team members or for more information call 387-3588 or National Oilwell at 387-6567, or go by the office on Hwy 277 S.

The First National Bank Relay for Life Team will be selling water, pickles and popcorn at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on April 30, 2005 at the Sutton County Park to raise money for the 2005 Relay for Life.

AJRA Rodeo - On April 30 & May 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting a junior rodeo. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Sutton County Scholarship Fund. Please call in to sign up for working the concession stand and helping with the event, 387-3101.

FYI - The high school counselor's office is getting the list together for this year's local scholarships. If you or your organizations would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Kay Friess at Sonora High School. Scholarship applications will go out on March 14, 2005. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Friess at 387-6533.

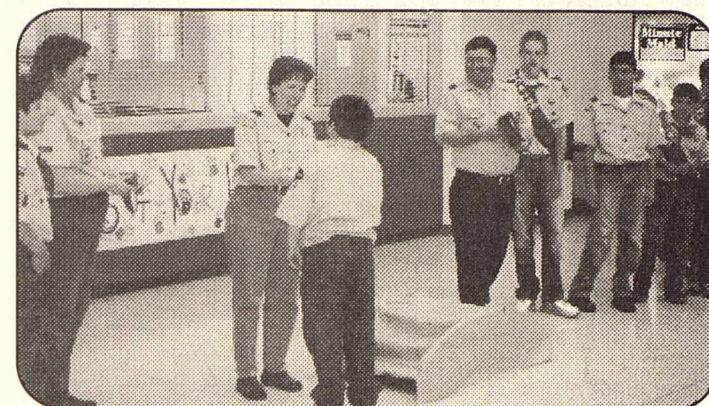
Levis & Lace Square Dance Clubs 19th Annual Anniversary Dance Festival will be April 8 & 9, 2005 at the Ozona Civic Center at the corner of 1st St. and Ave. H in Ozona. Dance from 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. with soup and crackers after the dance on Friday; Saturday a workshop will begin at 2:30 p.m., followed by a Bar-b-que at 5:30 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. Callers will be Roy Lombard from Del Rio and Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass. For more information call Carol Adcock 325-392-2912 or Otis Nester 325-392-3174.

Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Polite FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

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.

Scouts cross over at Blue and Gold Banquet



Webelos Den Leader Jan Stephens congratulates Jesse Amador during the Crossing Over Ceremony.



Webelos are ready to cross over.



Tiger Cubs are recognized at the Blue & Gold Banquet.

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet, celebrating 75 years of Cub Scouting was held on March 15th at the Sonora Middle School. There were over 100 in attendance for the celebration and to support the boys' achievements in Scouting this year. Six WEBELOS, along with John Felon were also honored in the Crossing Over Ceremony which marks the transition from Cub Scout to Boy Scout. On behalf of the den leaders, parents and family we applaud all these young men and their commitment to an organization dedicated to fostering service and integrity, and encouraging young men to always "Do Your Best!"

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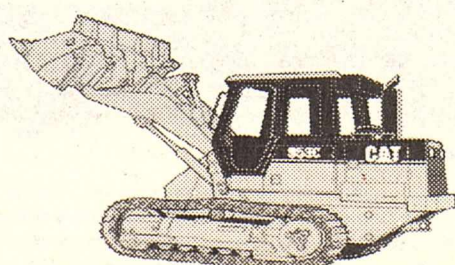
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