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Local Masons host open house

Sunday, March 10, Masons across Texas celebrated 100 years of free Masonry with a state wide Masonic open house. Each Masonic Lodge hosted members and visitors alike with tours, history, information on what being a Mason is all about and refreshments.

The Dee Ora Lodge of Sonora opened its doors to the public as an encouragement for the citizens of Sonora to see what kind of organization exists here. There were several fraternities represented at the open house. Jim Harrington explained that the York rite expands on the religious aspects of the Masons using the New Testament and that there are 13 different degrees of the York. Thomas

Adkins explained that the Scottish-rite consists of 29 various degrees and also expands on the religion of the Masons representing the Old Testament. The Shriners, were also represented and are probably best known for their support of various medical facilities.

Among some of the community services provided by the Masons are work in the local charities such as Christmas in April, the award of scholarships to young men and women to further their educations, and the Masonic Home and School. It should also be noted that the Shriner's Hospital and Burn

Centers are made available to those needing care at no cost to the families involved.

Along with the Masons, the Sonora Chapter of Easter Star was also represented. Easter Star is the sister sorority to the Masons. They are celebrating 75 years as a chapter locally. Each year the members of the Easter Star provide state wide and local donations to various charities.

Some of the things provided in the past include a Bake Sale to benefit Ann Hill, sponsorship of the Christmas Angels, and help with the food drive for the ministerial alliance at Christmas. Plans are currently being made to contribute puppets to the Special Education Program and to sponsor a meal for some of the Christmas in April workers. In order to become a member of the Eastern Star, you must have some affiliation with the Masonic Lodge. Current enrollment stands at sixty-six.

The Masons have several sayings that they go by, an example of such is, "Masons don't make bad men good, but makes good men better," and "Brotherly love belief and truth." There are 116 Masonic lodge members in Sonora at present.

The Dee Ora Lodge was organized in 1888 but did not receive its

charter until July of 1891. The 1st meetings were held in Wentworth, a rival town south of Sonora at that time. The building was moved from Wentworth to Sonora in 1891 and was used as a school while the Lodge held its meetings upstairs. In November of 1938 the present building was started with funds donated by the members. Over several years each member gave a monthly donation to the building fund. In February of 1939 the dream was completed and the building was accepted at a cost \$7,629. The building has the main lodge hall upstairs with the kitchen and reception room downstairs.

Present officers are: Thomas Adkins, Worshipful Master; Tommy Valliant, Senior Warden; Pat Campbell, Junior Warden; Eddie McReynolds, Senior Deacon; Jim Harrington, Junior Deacon; Lester Rainer, Secretary; Jody Luttrell, Treasurer; Tommy McKissick, Tiler; Ronnie Cox, Senior Steward; Gene Denton, Jr. Steward; Troyce McKnight, Master of Ceremonies; and Rusty Frasier, Chaplain.

The Masons meet every 3rd Thursday and current plans are being made to have a Flag Raising Ceremony on June 14 (Flag Day) and another open house in September.



Representing Masons, Front Row: Jim Harrington, Thomas Adkins, Eddie McReynolds. Second Row: Tommy Valliant, Pat Campbell, Wayford Tyler. Third Row: Milton Caveness, Lester Rainer.

St. Johns Episcopal Church dedicates new Parish Hall

Members of St. John's Episcopal Church officially dedicated their new Parish Hall Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 140 people attended the ceremony which began outside the new building and later continued inside. Members of 2 Zeteo performed for those in attendance captivating them with beautiful songs.

Mabel and Joseph VanderStucken donated the Parish Hall in memory of their daughter Jan, who died in March of 1990. A few days after her burial, Mr. & Mrs. VanderStucken approached The Rev. Monte Jones and told him they would like to build a new Parish Hall for St. John's in Jan's memory. The planning stages began almost immediately.

A building committee was formed, and Corky Schwiening, who at the time was serving the Church Vestry as Junior Warden, was selected chairman. Many meetings followed among themselves, as well as with prospective architects and builders. After much consideration, Cooper

Construction of Odessa was chosen by the committee as general contractor, with Ken Toland as architect.

Approximately two weeks later, Mr. Toland presented three drawings, all of which were excellent, but added to the confusion of the building committee. Following discussion, the present plan was chosen and this led considerably to more decision making.

In May 1990, Shelton Wilkerson, construction worker and

friend to all with whom he worked, arrived in Sonora. Before long, the site was laid out, only to be scooped west about 2 1/2 feet, and ground was broken. Enough caliche was hauled in to seemingly cover Iraq, only to see much of it wash into the surrounding ditches during torrential rains last summer, which began on Sunday, July 15 and continued what seemed to be forever.

However, ditches were re-dug, roots hacked through, plumbing lines laid (and water lines broken)

and the slab was finally poured. Without a doubt, St. John's Parish Hall is the end result of much labor, an overwhelming outpouring of love and generosity, and in no small part, very special diligence on the part of Corky Schwiening, Building Committee Chairman, who was present at the building site almost every working day. Mr. Schwiening was presented a plaque Saturday during the dedication for his devotion.

The Reverend Monte Jones expressed his appreciation to all those who donated to the Parish Hall. He stated, "They continue to teach us and many others wonderful lessons about Christian

stewardship." To those in attendance, he also said "Thank you for your prayers, presence, interest and encouragement throughout this past year."

Following the ceremony, delicious refreshments were served in the newly dedicated parish hall. Home-made cookies, coffee punch and fruit punch were enjoyed by those in attendance.



Representing Eastern Star, Front Row: Charlotte Wilson, Darla McKissack, Wayford Tyler. Back Row: Jim Harrington, Brenda Valliant, Pat Tyler.

Webb arrested in local burglary

Terry Lynn Webb, age 22, of 107 Pecan was arrested for Burglary of a Building early Friday morning. A silent alarm at the Sonora Golf Club Pro-Shop alerted Sutton County dispatcher Abby Gesch, who notified Officer Bryn Humphrey at 12:21AM.

Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Humphrey approached the south side of the building and moved along its east side after insuring no one was there.

Humphrey reports, "As I moved alone parallel to the guest room picture window, I observed the curtains shielding the sliding-glass door, separating the guest room from the Pro-Shop. The curtains were open 12 to 16 inches in the center. The Pro-Shop lights were on. I saw the shadow of a subject move across the opening."

"As I approached the southeast corner, I saw the subject whom I recognized from previous contacts as Terry Lynn Webb, kneeling next to the money box... pry open the money box with a silver pair of slip joint pliers... and take an

unknown amount of US currency."

Officer Humphrey lost sight of Webb when he started crawling on his hands and knees behind a counter. After positioning himself in front of the soft drink machine at the building's northeast corner, Humphrey noticed a window on the north side of the Pro-Shop broken with glass laying inside and under the opening. When he turned to look where he had last seen Webb, he discovered the subject again in front of the money box, "just looking around." After crossing the room, Webb entered the Pro-Shop's storage room.

Deputy Mo Salinas arrived as Officer Humphrey waited for the subject to exit the storage room, whereupon Salinas was advised of the situation and requested to call for back-up. Officer Mike Routh

responded and covered the southeast corner, shining his flashlight into the guest room's picture window.

Officer Routh shouted to the other officers, wanting to know if they had seen the suspect in the

building, and Officer Humphrey acknowledged that he had. In the report Humphrey stated, "I told Webb to come out of the building and give himself up. Webb entered back into the Pro-Shop room and exited the building through the broken window, where I was located."

At this point Webb was taken into custody.

Off duty Deputy Ed Duncan arrived at the site and along with Salinas and Officer Humphrey, witnessed the reading of the Miranda Warning to Webb by Officer Routh.

The subject was then removed to the Sutton County Jail by Officer Humphrey and later booked. A search yielded \$34.00 and three syringes of Cutter's brand Tetranus Toxoid Vaccine.

Sonora Police Chief Brent Gesch stated, "Terry Webb is being investigated as a suspect in several local burglaries of buildings in Sonora over the past 3 to 6 months."

Powers named all-round champ

After winning \$1,777 in team roping and steer wrestling, Houston Powers, of Sonora, was named all-round champion of the 1991 San

Angelo Rodeo on Sunday. Preceding the bull-riding finale, he was presented a gold and silver belt buckle by Buck Owens, stock show president and rodeo chairman Chris Dublin.

Although Powers did not win the most money in the 59th Annual San Angelo Rodeo, his winnings surpassed any other participants in two or more events.

The final performance of the rodeo drew a near capacity crowd and the contestants seemed to be no match for most of the animals.

Alexander presented award for outstanding sales



Jane Alexander

Jane Alexander, agent for Farm Bureau Insurance in Sonora, was recently presented the honor of Professional Agent at a convention in Midland. This honor, the 2nd highest honor an agent can achieve with Farm Bureau, was accomplished by outstanding sales in 1990. Ms. Alexander became associated with Farm Bureau two years ago.

Ms. Alexander is deeply honored to have been presented this award, but gives credit entirely to her clients, as she feels they are responsible for her success. March 21-26, Farm Bureau will hold a convention in San Francisco, California in which Ms. Alexander will be honored for her accomplishment in sales.

Born and raised in Eldorado, Ms. Alexander is a native to this area of West Texas. She and her husband, James have four children and have lived in Sonora for 27 years.

Fish Tales are Coming!

by Jim Fish

As a writer, I am constantly on the prowl for a story, something in which to apply and enhance my skills and watch flourish. Because of other commitments, I have been unable to pursue such desires until now.

The Sonora Observer has afforded me the space and opportunity to tell your story, or for you to write your own. "Fish-tales" will deal with items of historical interest; personal achievements, concerns and ordeals; little known facts and fiction concerning our area, and other related subjects.

If you would like to contribute an item that fits the above criterion, call me at 387-2418 or The Sonora Observer at 387-5719. Printed material and photographs can be sent to: Box 247, Sonora TX 76950.

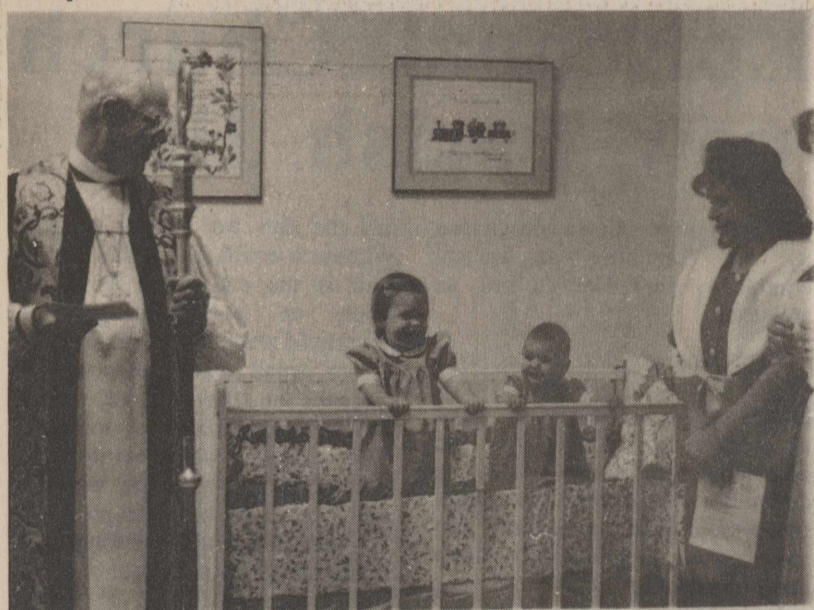
San Angelo stock show results

April Spiller again highlighted the placing's of local youth at the San Angelo Stock Show by exhibiting the Reserve Champion Angora buck. Her other buck kid placed 8th and Cody Schenkel also placed in the top 15 with his buck kid. Shane Keller placed third with his doe kid in a class of over 50 head.

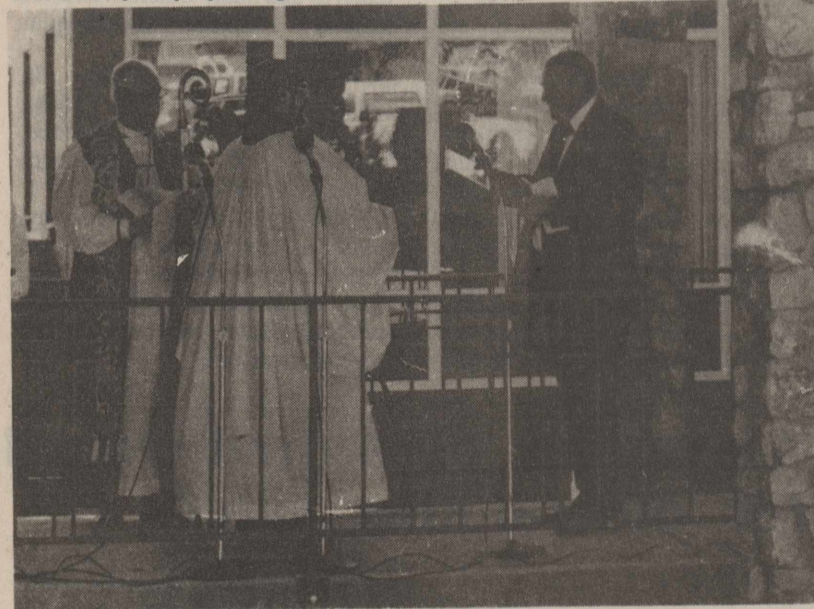
Brian Faris exhibited the Reserve Champion Wool fleece and a second place mohair fleece. David and Tammy Fisher had a first place aged wool fleece.

Local lamb exhibitors Amy Patton, Cody Renfro, Brian Faris, Bobby Mogford, Jason Jacoby, Brad Mogford and Anthony Renfro placed from fourteenth to twenty-fifth but did not qualify for the premium sale.

The San Angelo show was the culmination of a very successful year for Sutton County 4-Hers. Youth have already begun to search for animal projects which will hopefully be next year's champions.



The nursery in St. John's Parish Hall, given by the Elizabeth Neill family and the Armer Earwood family, was already being taken advantage of Saturday by younger members of their families.



The Rev. Monte Jones presented Corky Schwiening with a plaque Saturday for his devotion in overseeing construction of the new parish hall.

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Lara completes training

Tina Lara has completed United Coast Guard Station Radioman Telecommunications A School in Petaluma, California, and has been promoted to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. Lara, 20, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Palmer of Sonora. Tina and husband Michael will be in Sonora for a brief visit before leaving to her new duty station, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Kodiak, Alaska.

McDonald returns from Saudi Arabia

David McDonald, 82nd Airborne, arrived safely at Pope Air Force Base Friday at noon. He had been stationed in Saudi Arabia for seven months and actively participated in Operation Desert Storm.

He and his family are extremely appreciative for the prayers, letters and other support received from young and old alike. Mr. McDonald hopes to be on leave in the near future so he will have an opportunity to see everyone who encouraged and supported him during the last seven months.

Attention Ranchers

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is in need of Deer lease information for 1991. Please call Kathy Davis at the Chamber Office 387-2880.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last night, on Feb. 8th, we watched T.V. and rejoiced along with millions of others, the return of some of our troops from their volunteer "residence" in the Persian Gulf. Since Hershel is a veteran (World War II and the Korean "Police Action") it was impossible not to relate to the joy of those reunited and the pain for the ones who cannot return. We too shared the tears, laughter, pride and relief.

Today my emotions are those of shock, disbelief, and anger as during the night some person or persons stole our American Flag from our front porch. The holder remains, as it was secured. It's hard for us to understand this theft. We don't feel it's only a personal loss as "our" flag is not just "ours".

When YOU took this great symbol, YOU were not being playful, nor smart, certainly not brave. YOU are self-destructive as

YOU probably care very little for many things or even anyone...certainly YOU have no morals, no pride and no self-worth. I hope YOU can allow YOURSELF(VES) to correct this absence in YOUR character. If YOU choose not to, YOU may have the flag but YOU will never have the life YOU could enjoy. I feel sorry for YOU, even in my anger, as YOU truly should be pitted by all.

Jeanne Davenport
110 Martin St.
Sonora

P.S. We do have another American Flag. It was folded, after covering by father's casket, and given to me prior to his interment at the Ft. Logan, Colorado National Cemetery. I cannot chance losing it.

Daisy Scouts receive honors

Local Daisy Troop #54 held its investiture Monday evening at the Girl Scout House. Troop members Kesha Frasier, Katie Russell, Veronica Padillo, Layna Murr, Jenny Hunt, Kassadie Farrar, Mayra Martinez and Stephanie Reddin were presented certificates and pins.

The ceremony conducted by Melissa Murr, Daisy Troop leader, and Debbie Farrar, Co-Assistant leader, included a short story about Juliet Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts. According to the story, the

first girl scout troop met in the U.S. on March 12, 1912.

Also included in the ceremony were songs sung by troop members, the reciting of the Daisy Promise and a Friendship Circle in which all attending linked hands as a symbol of Daisy's everywhere joining together.

Refreshments, including an exquisitely decorated cake and cookies, home-made ice cream, mints and punch were served following the ceremony.



Daisy troop # 54 received certificates and pins Monday evening. Pictured left to right are co-leader Debbie Farrar, Kassadie Farrar, Jenny Hunt, Stephanie Reddin, Mayra Martinez, Layna Murr, Kesha Frasier, Katie Russell, and Troop leader, Melissa Murr.

Tiger Cubs visit fire department

On Monday evening, March 11, the Tiger Cubs of Pack 19 visited the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. Alan Prather showed the boys around and demonstrated some of the equipment used by the S.V.F.D.

The boys saw first hand how a fire alarm is handled as 4 units were called out to battle a grass fire east of town. Though there was no fire in Sutton County and it was determined that the smoke was

blowing in from Edwards County, the boys expressions as the fire trucks roared out of the station were undecipherable.

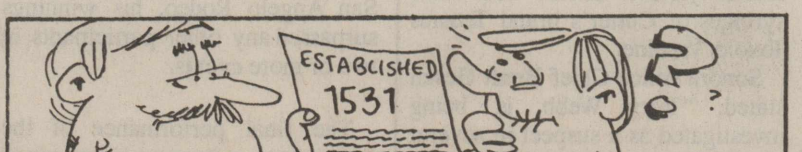
The boys enjoyed trying on the various equipment used including the oxygen masks and tanks, boots, helmets and coats. Afterwards they went inside to enjoy a meal and video tape depicting Smokey the Bear on fire prevention. Thanks to Alan Prather and the SVFD for another educational and informative evening for these young men.



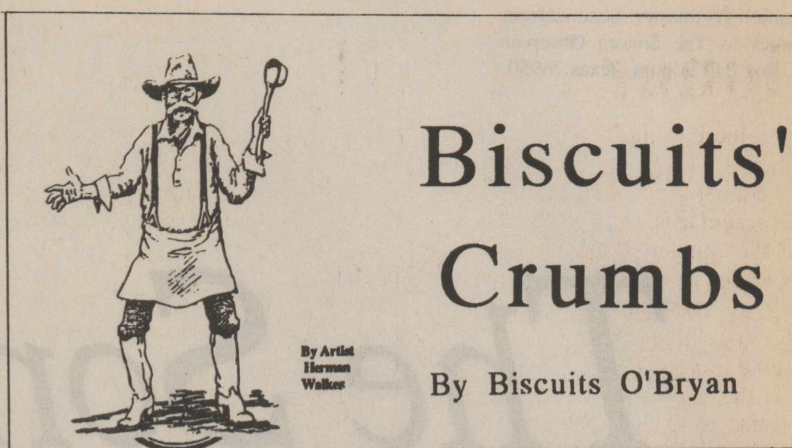
Future Firemen of Sonora: These Tiger Cubs may be small for the equipment now but will grow into it tomorrow.



Most national flags use one or more of only seven basic colors—red, white, blue, green, yellow, black and orange.



The oldest stock exchange is said to be the one in Antwerp, Belgium, which claims to have been established in 1531.



"Just like Mama Used to Make"

From what I hear tell, the worst thing a feller can say to his brand-new bride is "That's not how my mother cooks it." That's where the honeymoon ends and the marriage begins in earnest. I think what that tells us is that we men need to learn to appreciate variety instead of expectin' things always to be the same. (Boy, howdy, I come awful close to splittin' a infinitive just then, and everybody knows what a serious grammer error that is!)

Somebody asked me just the other day for my meatloaf receet. Shoot (I was goin' to say "Hell" but you can't say that in a newspaper), there ain't no receet for meatloaf. Meatloaf's a concoction, and a concoction is somethin' you make accordin' to what kind of mood you're in and what happens to be available at the time. Sometimes I put green chiles in a meatloaf, and sometimes I put hard boiled eggs down the middle of it. Or maybe I feel like choppin' up dill pickles in it. It may have some oatmeal or bread crumbs to help hold it together. 'Course a meatloaf always has meat and onions - that never changes, but the meat could be all beef or a mixture of beef and pork sausage. I've even thought about tryin' that ground turkey sometimes, but I haven't got around to it yet. Somebody who uses a receet for meatloaf probably only knows how to cook pinto beans one way, and ain't that a sad state of affairs?

My mama was a real creative kind of cook. You talk about a whiz with leftovers (and, by the way, my contest is closin' soon, so if you haven't sent in your name for leftovers, you'd better get it in the mail quick), and she could mix stuff together that sounded like the dog might turn up his nose, only to have it come out plumb larrupin'. 'Course she had her disasters, too, just like anyone who cooks with any kind of flair at all, but for the most part, her essays turned out pretty successful. (I still get hurrashed about my pinto bean fried pies.)

It was from my Mama that I learned about tryin' out a receet one time the way it was put down, then seein' what could be added or left out to improve on the basic idea. I got to confess that it was 'cause she cooked it that I actually tried "keesh, however it may be spelled, 'cause she made a green chile, tamale keesh and it was plumb delectable. Neither she nor I have the slightest' recollection of what exactly she put in it, but it sure was good, so I reckon maybe real men can eat the stuff, especially if it's got the right kind of stuff in it. Mama wasn't' always that good of

Biscuits' Crumbs

By Biscuits O'Bryan

a cook. It took a while for her to hit her stride, but once she got goin', there wasn't no holdin' her back. She told me that right after she and Daddy got married, he come down with the flu, so she called my grandmother and asked her what she should feed him. My grandmother told her that some beef broth would probably be good for him, so Mama went down the the meat market and bought a pound of veal cutlets (not the breaded, frozen kind, 'cause there weren't any freezers back then), and brought them home and boiled them in a pot of water. Daddy got well quick so's he

wouldn't have to drink no more of that stuff.

I reckon I got my likin' for readin' cookbooks and receets from my Mama. When she passed on, we found boxes of receets she had cut out of newspapers and magazines, and also lots that she had got from her friends. One of my favorite ones that I like to cook out here on the ranch when we're havin' high-fallutin' company is my Mama's variation of:

BEEF STROGANOFF

In a small mixin' bowl, stir together
A container of sour cream,
The juice off a big can of B&B sliced mushrooms,
And a small can of evaporated milk
Cut 3 pounds of beef tenders or real good sirloin into bite-size thin strips
In a heavy skillet, brown the meat in 2 or 3 Tablespoons butter
Chunk in a handful of finely chopped onion and cook 'til clear
Add 2 more Tablespoons of butter and the can of mushrooms
In a small bowl, mix together:
1 teaspoon salt
A good healty grindin' of white pepper
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon whole caraway seeds
1/4 teaspoon basil
Stir the seasonin's into the meat and turn off the fire
When the meat has cooled,
Stir in the sour cream mixture and Heat but don't let it come to a boil
Serve this up with noodles (homemade are best),
A big salad,
and some crusty sourdough bread and you've goat a feast fit for a cowboy!

I know beef tenders are right costly, but this dish is real rich. Serve lots of noodles and spoon out the meat yourself and you can make it go a good, long ways. Y'all keep on cookin', and don't forget to give thanks for that good food. If it weren't for the good Lord and some real hardy ranchers and farmers, our vittles would sure be a lot different if we had 'em at all.



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Sonora I.S.D. hosts open house

On Tuesday night, March 5, the Sonora I.S.D. hosted its semiannual open house. Among the presentations made, were a play by the kindergarten classes on Texas history and various projects done by the fourth grade classes depicting the Alamo and the settling of the west.

At the high school level, several students displayed their talent and art to line the halls of the school while parents visited with teachers and enjoyed refreshments.

As always the Jr. High demonstrated its talent and art to line the halls of the school while parents visited with teachers and enjoyed refreshments.

The Jr. High Band entertained with a concert and the annual History, Art, and Science Fair was on display.

The awards were as follows:

History Fair Awards:

Sixth Grade Social Studies
1st Sarah Marrs, Renaissance; 2nd Kristi Burge & Pam Jones, Ancient Egyptian Mummies; 3rd Kasey Farrar & Andy Mirike, Hindenburg; 4th Walker Wallace, Geneva Conventions; 6th Brandi Bible, Windmills.
Seventh Grade Texas History
1st Kelly McKnight, Judge Roy Bean; 2nd Curt Dempsey, Six Seals of Texas; 3rd Kent McAnally, Dog Run Cabin; 4th Coley Thompson, Texas Missions; 5th Betty Samaniego, First Texas Capitol;

6th Laura Purvis, Jane Long Doll. Eighth Grade American History
1st Callic Moore, Uncle Sam; 2nd Casey Fitzgerald, Indian Chart; 3rd Sara Reston, Flag Cakes; 4th Francisco Vaquera, Jamestown Fort; 5th Javi Weingart, Custer's last stand; 6th Jenni Noriega, Constitution.

Sutton County History
1st Shauna Youngblood, Sonora Watershed Project; 2nd Carla Weaver, Miens Home; 3rd Chris Clifton, Sonora Early Days; 4th John Paul Hudman, Caverns of Sonora; 5th Becca Chalk, Sonora History Quilt; 6th Armando Castilleja & Kelly Morrow, Sutton County Jail.

Science Fair Awards:

Sixth Grade
1st John Paul Hudman, Agronomy; 2nd Johnna Adams & Lora Hale, Water, Water Everywhere; 3rd Kasey Farrar, Earthworm Diet; 4th Sarah Marrs & Carla Weaver, Is it magic?; 5th Kristi Burge & Michele Cramer, Light and Sight; 6th Pam Jones, Dancing Balls; 7th Robert Teaff, Color Chromatography.
Seventh Grade
1st Davis Hale, Up, Up, Away; 2nd Curt Dempsey, Electrolysis; 3rd John Jones, Refraction of Light; 4th Gayla Frederickson, Common Conduction of Elec.; 5th Ben Taylor, Goat Feeding; 6th Josh Burnham, The Skull.
Eighth Grade

1st Casey Fitzgerald, Bionic Microbes; 2nd Stormi Matthews, Temperature Control of Space Vehicles; 3rd Chris Neal, Desalination; 4th Jason Claxton, Volcanoes; 5th Jodi Johnson, How Glaciers are Formed; 6th Jennifer Covey, Topographic Maps.

(Some of these student will be competing this Friday, March 15, at the San Angelo and Area Science Fair for top honors and advancement to further competitions.)

Art Fair Awards:

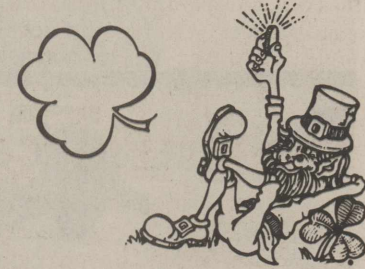
Sixth Grade
1st Amalio Villanueva, Horse Yard; 2nd Jericho Ramos, Not just another fish story; 3rd Rosy Bryant, Ruler Design; 4th Raymond Rainer, Wagon Wheel; 5th J.J. Vasquez, Ranch; 6th Lisa Valdez, Windmill.
Seventh Grade
1st Pete Ramirez, Untitled Car; 2nd Christina Gomez, Art Room; 3rd Cesar Elquezabal, Look like a King; 4th Ysenia Castilleja, Symmetrical Fruit Bowl; 5th Lilly Trevino, The old fence; 6th Mary Hernandez, Balance.
Eighth Grade
1st Casey Thorp, Sunset; 2nd Gilbert Vara, Snow Collage; 3rd Jennifer Covey, CAT; 4th Cody Renfro, Winter collage; 5th Serina Torres, Eagle; 6th Cody Bush, Windmill.
Best of Show was Casey Thorp.

Harris/Ramirez sentencing held

The sentencing phase of the Ernesto C. Ramirez and Richard Carl Harris trials was held Friday afternoon at the Sutton County Courthouse.

112th Judge Brock Jones sentenced Mr. Ramirez to 45 years in the Texas Department of corrections and fined him \$10,000. Mr. Ramirez had previously been found guilty in January on charges of delivery of a controlled substance/methamphetamine (less than 28 grams). The guilty verdict was reached after only 15 minutes of deliberation, by a 6 man 6 woman jury.

Richard Carl Harris was sentenced to 28 years in the Texas Department of Corrections as well as being fined \$5,000. The case against Harris was the result of consolidating two charges of delivery of a controlled substance/methamphetamine (less than 28 grams).



Welcome home to Desert Storm Personnel

The community of Sonora has several times expressed its support of its service men and women involved in Desert Shield/Storm. Several persons have expressed a desire to do something for these service men and women as they return home, but no one knew quite where to start. The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a meeting to form an ad hoc committee to direct Sonora's welcome home to these military personnel. It will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 18, in the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church.

We invite all organizations who

would like to be involved in the welcome to send at least one representative to the meeting. We also invite any individuals who have an interest in this project. We especially invite anyone who has specific ideas of projects, gifts, etc. Our intention is that this will become the project of the community, not of any one group or club. Please come help us to express our gratitude to those from Sonora and Sutton County who represented us so well.

For further information, you may call Kent Kepler at 387-2466 or 387-2684, or Charles Graves at 387-5380 or 387-3072.



Sonora Mohair Originals-formerly OI' Sonora Trading Co. A familiar store with a new image. Stop by and see all the new merchandise. Everything from jewelry and accessories to beautiful Mohair Coats.

Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept. Celebrates 95th Birthday

In March, the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate its 95th Birthday. The department was officially organized in March 1896, when citizens of Sonora met at the Courthouse. The consensus of those in attendance was to form two companies, each of fifteen men, and to elect, by ballot, a chief and fire policeman. During the meeting,

D.H. Burroughs, was elected as chief and J.P. McConnell, was chosen as fire policeman. The names of thirty firemen were placed in a hat and the first fifteen selected composed Hose Company No.1 and the other fifteen names made up Hose Company No.2. Original members of the SVFD are as follows: Lewis Mayfield, Henry Moon, W.A. Stewart, W.R.

Rudicil, D.H. Burroughs, Felix VanderStucken, W.D. Thomason, J.P. McConnell, George Traweek, Max Mayer, E.S. Briant, F.M. Wyatt, Steve Murphy, T.D. Newell, G.S. Allison, Henry Decker, E.R. Siliman, Fred Kessler, John Fulcher, R.C. Dawson, John McCleary, J.B. Duke, Carl Atkinson, J.B. Hill, Ed Trimble, J.M. Bell, Bob English, Henry Cusenbary, C.F. Adams, S.H. Stokes, R.E. Covington, and Herbert Palmer.

Hose Company No.1 held its first regular meeting on March 3, 1896 to perfect organization. Officers were elected as follows: T.D. Newell, permanent chairman; S.H. Stokes, secretary; G.S. Allison, treasurer; T.D. Newell, foreman; and Henry Decker, asst. foreman. A committee of three men was selected to confer with Hose Company No.2 regarding the fireman's ball.

On March 3, Hose Company No. 2 also had its regular meeting.

Following a roll call and appointment of committee on permanent organization, the following officers were elected. J.M. Bell, president; E.S. Briant, vice-president; E.R. Siliman, secretary; Steve Murphy, treasurer; E.S. Briant, foreman; and Henry Moon, Asst. foreman. A

committee of three men was appointed to discuss the fireman's ball with Hose Company No.1.

The first Grand Ball of the Sonora Firemen was held Friday, March 20, 1896 at the Courthouse. Prof. M.S. Benadidez String Band from San Angelo, provided excellent music for the ball, and since a few Sonora men paid the bands expenses the \$65 to \$70 generated from ticket sales was applied to the fireman's hose purchasing fund.

In 1990, the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department continues to thrive and provide service to the community. The department is comprised of 22 men, 14 of those are working toward fire fighter certification and 5 are striving for advanced fire fighter certificates.

In April, some local firemen will attend a fire prevention seminar in Eldorado. Eight members of the volunteer fire department are going to fire training at Texas A&M University in July.

Attending training seminars as well as acquiring up to date equipment has been an asset to the department and allows the firefighters to handle emergency situations quickly and efficiently. At present, the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department owns six grass rigs, one pumper truck, and one rescue unit equipped with various types of rescue equipment.



Butch Campbell buys several items from Dr. Alvis Johnson during the Annual Lions Broom Sale.

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Cook-off to be held

The Dry Devil's River Barbecue and Festival (a goat, brisket and chicken cook-off) is planned for April 13 in Sonora. Sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, the cook-off will feature a local pie baking contest and after judging is completed and ribbons awarded, the pies will be auctioned off.

Numerous local businesses and individuals have already contributed to the upcoming event however, community involvement and support are sincerely needed. Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of San Angelo, will sponsor children's games and activities and horse shoes as well as washer pitching will be offered for adults.

An entry fee of \$25 will be charged for the first category entered. However, there will only be a \$5 charge for each additional category entered. One-half of a goat will be provided for those participating in the goat cook-off. There is no registration deadline and if interested in cooking for the competition, calls may be directed to Kathy Davis at the Chamber of Commerce 387-2880 or Jeanette

Thompson 387-5585. Trophies will be presented to those placing first, second, and third in the cook-off as well as first and second in the showmanship area. First and second place teams in horseshoe and washer pitching (including both men and women) will also be awarded trophies.

Other planned activities include a supper for cook-off participants and their families on Friday night. A dance is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Saturday night at the park slab.

South 67, of San Angelo, will provide the music and the public is invited to attend. There will be a charge for attendance, however, all money raised from any aspect of the cook-off will be applied to next year's cook-off.

At present, Dry Devil's River Barbecue committee has plans of being in charge of a coke booth during the event. However, they organization to set up food booths. If interested in this or any other aspect of the Dry Devil's River Barbecue and Festival, please contact Ms. Davis at the Chamber of Commerce.

ASCS News

The Sutton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) announces a meeting to be held on March 21, 1991. Subject of the meeting is to review provisions of the 1991 Farm Bill recently signed into law. The meeting will be held at the First National Bank Community Room (second floor annex building), 102 North Main Street in Sonora. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include sodbuster/swampbuster provisions

(highly erodible land determinations), Producer eligibility for ASCS programs, and Payment Limitations. The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 contains several new program options. It is important that agriculture producers become acquainted with these options and program changes before May 1, 1991. "All Sutton County Ranchers are urged to attend this meeting," said Herb Schwertner, County ASCS Director.

Water District Hires Manager

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District has hired Mike Smith as manager. Smith has been a resident of Sonora for eight years. He is married to Martha Smith, a teacher at Sonora Junior High, and has two sons, Matthew, 15 and Hadley, 13. He has a B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas Tech University and a Master of Agriculture degree from Texas

A&M University.

A temporary office for the Sutton County U.W.C.D. has been established at 401 Hwy. 277 N., Suite A. The phone number is 387-2369. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but problems after office hours can be addressed to Smith at 387-5771.

Older Worker Week March 10-16

For the past twenty-five years, Green Thumb, Inc., a Senior Community Service Employment Program, has provided our nation's seniors with training and employment opportunities to maintain their dignity and remain as productive members of their communities.

Each year Older Worker Week spotlights the contributions senior workers bring to the labor force and encourages employers to utilize their skills and abilities.

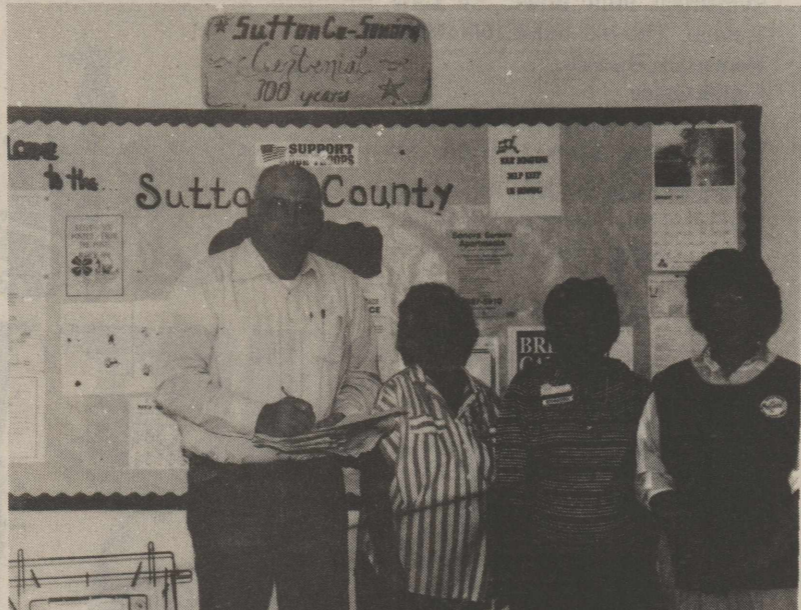
Joe Rankin, President of Texas Farmers Union, which sponsors Green Thumb, invites employers "to invest in experience by hiring an older Texan, it's simply good business." "We in Farmers Union take very special pride in our affiliation with Green Thumb and salute those senior Texans who are working hard and working proud to make life better for themselves and their neighbors."

Green Thumb, funded by the Department of Labor, currently operates in 119 counties and enrolls over 1,000 economically-disadvantaged seniors who provide supplemental manpower assistance to local community-supported organizations. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist the older worker in securing employment in the private and public sector.

"During Older Worker Week and every other week, employers who want experienced, dependable, and

productive employees should hire an older Texan," Rankin concluded.

Green Thumb enrollees currently working/training in Sonora and Sutton County are: Pauline Thormahlen, Sutton County Library; Nora Dominguez, Sutton County Senior Center; Victoria Romero, Sutton County Senior Center; and Tina Sanchez, Sutton County Senior Center.



Mayor Gosney signs a joint resolution for Sonora and Sutton County declaring March 10-16 Older Worker Week. Green Thumb enrollees pictured are Nora Dominguez, Vicky Romero, and Tina Sanchez.



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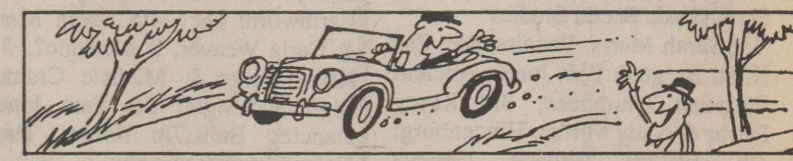
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Kids manage to get a lot of minor cuts and scrapes. Know how to treat them.

Here's some expert advice on how to treat small cuts and abrasions:

- Wash your hands first.
- If possible, rinse the injured area under cool running water, or remove visible dirt by sponging with a clean cloth or gauze pad.
- Disinfect the injured area with liquid soap and water. This lessens the chance of local infection.
- After cleaning, apply a properly fitting dressing such as Curad® Kid Size™ Bandages. Specially designed to fit children, they are less likely to come off and reduce the amount of adhesive in contact with skin. Curad Kids Size are available as Happy Strips™ decorated with Ronald McDonald fun characters and packaged with a surprise to cheer up the child. The bandages also come in knee and elbow sizes to cover the wide abrasions that kids are prone to.
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Potato Salad
Green & Yellow Squash
Bread
Lemon Squares
Friday:
Baked Turkey Ham
Candied yams
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Cherry Cobbler
Monday:
Hamburger Pattie
w/Cheese
French Fries
Sliced Tomato, Lettuce,
Pickles, & Onions
Vanilla Pudding
Tuesday:
Sweet and Sour Pork
Hot Rice
Sweet Peas
Cornbread
Peach Half
Brownies
Wednesday:
Frito Pie
Pinto Beans
Broccoli
Crackers
Apple Cheese Crisp
Thursday:
Creole Chicken
Corn
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pear w/cheese
Rice Crispie Squares

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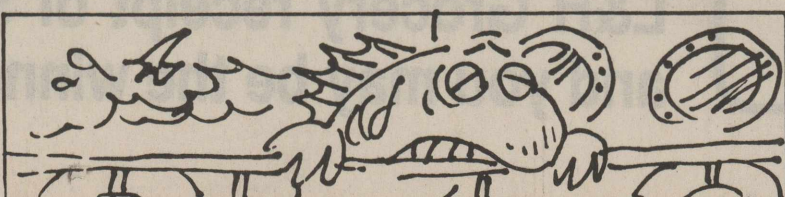
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School Menu

Thursday:
Chicken & Rice
Okra & Tomatoes
Potato Wedges
Cinnamon Roll
Milk
Friday:
Fish nuggets w/sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Cole Slaw
Pears
Corn Bread
Milk
Monday:
Chili Dog
Potato Rounds
Carrot & Raisin Salad
Cookies
Milk
Tuesday:
Fried Chicken & Gravy
Yellow Squash
Fried Okra
Banana Pudding
Whole Wheat Rolls
Milk
Wednesday:
Meat Loaf
Glazed Carrots
Mixed Fruit
Rolls w/honey butter
Milk
Thursday:
Bar-B-Que Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Cinnamon Roll
Milk

Police Reports

3/6
At approximately 2:20 a.m. burglars entered the building at the WT Oilfield Casing Crews on Highway 1691 and stole a Lincoln cracker box welder valued at \$600.00.
At 6:58 a.m. a caller request an Officer to unlock a blue Chevrolet pickup at the Devil's River Inn.
At 10:39 a.m. a caller from the Sonora Bus Station is requesting travelers assistance with gasoline Officer House is dispatched.
At 11:19 a.m. Officer House arrested a male subject wanted by the Baxas County Sheriff's office on warrants issued from Bexar county. This arrest was initiated behind the Sonora Post Office.
At 3:37 p.m. a female caller request an officer check out her neighbors residence because the neighbor left during the night to go on a trip and there is something suspicious about the residence. Chief Gesch responded.
At 4:52 p.m. the bus driver called to advise the Officers that he has just dropped off a subject and given him a stop over ticket because he was drinking alcoholic beverage on his bus.
At 6:35 p.m. an official with the school system request an officer to check out a camper type vehicle and some subjects who are parked near the Vocational building. Officer Humphrey was dispatched and did check the people out.
At 7:15 p.m. the clerk at Town & Country Store at 610 Crockett Avenue reported that someone had driven off in a white over tan Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup without paying for \$10 worth of gasoline.
At 11:00 p.m. the clerk at I-H 10 Texaco reports that there are two suspicious subjects there asking other people for money. Officer Humphrey is dispatched.
3/7
At 8:05 a.m. a female caller from Sutton County Specialities reports that a traffic accident has just occurred in front of their place of business in the 600 block of Crockett Ave. Chief Gesch investigated the accident.
At 8:57 a.m. two suspicious males are reported in the area of the Pizza Hut. Chief Gesch and Officer House checked them out.
At 9:03 a.m. an escort is requested by the First National Bank. Officer House assisted.
At 7:41 p.m. the manager at the Sonic Drive Inn reports that there are some people setting up camp behind the building there. Officer Humphrey checked them out.
At 8:22 p.m. the lady in the 400 block of Poplar reports a skunk in her yard.
3/8
At 12:21 a.m. Sonora Police Officer Bryn Humphrey answered a burglar alarm at the Sonora Golf Course Pro Shop where he arrested one male subject inside the building.
At 6:15 a.m. Johnston Holekamp reports that his business Red Hoss Feeds has been burglarized again. Officer Routh investigated.
At 8:05 a.m. Mr. Deloyce Eaton called in to report that his business, Sonora Ford, had been broken into over the nighttime. Officer House took the report.
At 10:10 a.m. a female caller from the 700 block of Tayloe Ave. reports that she has locked her keys in her 1985 Mercury Cougar. Officer House unlocked the vehicle.
At 12:27 a.m. the attendant at the Live Oak Phillips 66 called to request an Officer to assist with the keys locked in a gray 1989 Chevrolet Blazer.
At 1:28 p.m. Bryan called from the golf course to report that a rabid fox was chasing the geese. Animal Control Officer Prieto and Officer House were dispatched.
At 2:16 p.m. Mr. Gildon called to have Chief Gesch meet a Mr. Coop from California at the Golf Course in reference to an attempted burglary of Mr. Coop's travel trailer. Investigation revealed that no burglary had occurred to the trailer.
At 2:28 p.m. a female called from the Sonora Bus Station to report that a female passenger had lost some money. Investigatin by Chief Gesch revealed that the money was taken by a second female passenger. The money (forty dollars) was returned to the victim by the suspect and victim did not wish to file criminal charges.
At 8:47 p.m. a female caller reports the strong odor of natural gas in the area of the Jug.
3/9
At 6:58 a.m. the clerk called from the Town & Country and reported that he had a very irate customer who wanted to buy beer and was getting belligerent because he would not sell it to the man.
At 7:59 a.m. the keys are reported locked in a blue pickup in J&V Mobile Home Park.
At 11:18 a.m. a male caller reported the alley blocked on Concho Avenue behind the Yeager hot rod shop. Officer House was dispatched and asked the violator to move his vehicle.
At 11:47 a.m. the managers assistant from the Perry's store called to request an Officer to come to the store to assist with a shoplifter that had been apprehended. Upon Officer House' arrival one male subject was arrested for the theft of a can opener valued at \$5.47. He was taken before the City Magistrate where he pleaded guilty, was fined, made restitution and was released.
At 12:06 p.m. a male caller reports that a red extended cab Chevrolet Pickup is running about sixty miles per hour going down Poplar Ave. and out Miers road. Officer House was notified.
At 12:10 p.m. a female caller reported the theft of an American flag, three feet by six feet, from her front porch.
At 12:28 p.m. a female caller reports that there is a suspicious looking man in the area of the Funeral Home. Officer House is notified.
At 12:29 p.m. a male caller reports that the keys are locked in his 1986 Ford Escort.
At 6:01 p.m. a male caller reports a gray van with four males in it hanging around the First Baptist Church.
At 8:23 p.m. a male caller reports the keys locked in a Pontiac at the Devil's River Inn. Officer Humphrey responded.
At 11:00 p.m. a complainant called from the Devil's River Inn to report that his vehicle had been vandalized while he was attending services at the Catholic Church here in Sonora. Investigation revealed that someone had painted red spray paint on the trunk lid of the complainant's vehicle.
At 11:58 p.m. a female caller reports two male subjects in the parking lot of the Devil's River Inn. Officer Humphrey checked them out.
3/10
At 7:10 a.m. the clerk at the Town & Country reports that they have a shoplifter. Officer House responded.
At 9:19 a.m. a caller request travelers assistance with broken down vehicle about 13 miles West of Sonora on the Interstate.
At 11:32 a.m. the keys locked in a 1984 GMC pickup at the Circle K Store.
At 4:57 p.m. a caller from the I-10 Texaco requesting aid with gasoline. Officer Humphrey is dispatched.
At 5:00 p.m. an adult female reported that she had been bitten by a dog at approximately 2:00 p.m. while visiting a friend. The lady was bitten in the upper thigh while inside the friends house.
3/11
At 12:40 a.m. the clerk at the Shot's #6 reported that someone had pumped \$9.01 worth of gasoline and driven away after leaving only a \$7 deposit with him.
At 12:45 p.m. a family at the Police Department requesting assistance with gasoline to get to San Angelo. Officer House assisted.
At 2:05 p.m. a female caller reports a family disturbance at her mother's residence. Officer House is notified.
At 5:30 p.m. a caller reports that a subject needs a ride to his residence because he is too intoxicated to walk there. Officer Jarratt is dispatched.



Fish can become seasick if kept on board a ship.

County commissioners discuss problems at county baseball fields

During the regular meeting of the County Commissioners Monday morning, several important issues were discussed. The use of the County Baseball Fields by the Sonora Youth Baseball Association was among topics discussed.
Three problems at the county field would need to be considered top priority according to Tryon Fields, representative for Sonora Youth Baseball Association. These problems include lighting of the fields, the cutting of base paths, and leveling the fields with a sand/chat mixture. The consensus was that the actual money required to make improvements would be less of an issue than the hours of manual labor needed. The City Council had approved payment for fifty percent of the lighting costs at the county field, however, these additional issues were not addressed since they had not arisen prior to the Commissioners meeting. Several arrangements which could be made were discussed, however, until the City Council holds its next meeting, nothing could be agreed upon. Commissioner Bill Keel explained that he needed assurance the City Park would not be used again due to traffic at the park jeopardizing the safety of children.
Rev. Lewis Allen attended the meeting to report on the progress with the Christmas In April Project and request the counties assistance on behalf of the Christmas in April Board.
Rev. Allen requested use of the County dump trucks and personnel for the work day scheduled in April. He reasoned that the vehicles were needed to haul materials and clean up outside homes for health purposes as well as beautification. Rev. Allen also indicated the project would need a permanent place to store materials and

requested use of the county warehouse on a permanent basis. County Attorney, David Wallace, stated he would research the matter because he wasn't sure the County could donate to the project without some benefit.
The issue will be discussed further at the next county commissioner's meeting. County Judge Carla Fields stated that pending a legal opinion from Mr. Wallace, she would approach workers in the road and bridge department to inquire if they would be interested in volunteering time to the project.
The commissioners agreed to maintain the contract with Permian Basin Probation Services at the cost of \$8,000 a year for a probation officer. The other option available is to fund their own probation office, however, since exact cost is unknown, the final decision was to stay with the firm. At present, a local applicant meeting the Permian Basin's criteria, has applied for the probation officer position.
Lolabeth Jones, County Extension Agent - Home Economics, presented a Long Range Extension Plan in which citizens of Sonora identify what they consider to be 17 critical issues. In turn, as a county, these problems can be addressed. Ms. Jones gave the commissioners information providing an overview of what the extension service covered in 1991 and presented a packet of training information to Commissioner Barrera and County Clerk Bobbie Smith.
Preston Faris, County Extension Agent - Agriculture, reported that the Soil Conservation Office which they share space with is faced with an upcoming move. This is due to the inoperative elevator making the office inaccessible to the

handicapped and the cost of repairing this problem is not feasible. The extension office would need to make the decision to stay or move with them.
The SCS is considering renovating the building that used to be O'Bryans and offered to rent space for \$450.00 a month, to the extension service with a five year commitment and a clause which allows for rent increase in case the interest rate on the loan climbs during that period. Since eventually the Extension Service will be forced to move for similar reasons as the SCS, they requested the commissioner's to consider the proposal by the SCS.
The extension service faces an additional problem as well which can be corrected by obtaining a ground level office. The present office being used by the extension service does not offer a place for equipment needed to develop a strong home economics program.
Although there were concerns voiced by the county commissioners about the variable interest rate which in turn could raise rent costs for the Extension Service, the consensus was they were interested in the offer.
Due to problems with residents speeding down Cornell St. through the Sinola neighborhood, the county commissioners agreed to erect speed limit signs in the Sinola area.
Other items on the agenda included the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, examination and approval of accounts payable, approval of reports from the Justice of the Peace, Jailor, Treasurer, E.M.S. Department, Road Department, approval of the tax status report, and consideration and acceptance of the outside 1990 Auditor's report.

Sonora students compete in Wall U.I.L. math & science contest

Sonora Junior High Students showed their academic talents when they attended the Wall U.I.L. Math and Science Contest on March 4, 1991.
Coming home with honors were the following students:
Seventh Grade Number Sense - Curt Dempsey, 2nd; Bonner Walsh, 7th.
Seventh Grade Calculator - Elaine Ortiz, 7th.
Seventh Grade Science - Ben Taylor, 1st; Junior Odom, 2nd; Gayla Frederickson, 4th; Bonner Walsh, 5th; Curt Dempsey, 9th; Christina Escamilla, 10th.
Eighth Grade Number Sense - David Davenport, 1st; Cody Renfro, 7th; Casey Fitzgerald, 10th.
Eighth Grade Calculator - Chris Neal, 7th; Casey Fitzgerald, 8th.
Eighth Grade Science - Casey Thorp and Casey Fitzgerald, tie for 4th.
These students show how Sonora Students are well rounded academically as well as in extra curricular activities. We congratulate them on a job well done.



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Weds. Study 7:00 pm
Daniel Timmerman, pastor

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Sunday School-9:45 am
Worship Service -11:00 am
Training Union-6:00 pm
Evening Service -6:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
W.M.U.-Sunday-2:00 pm
Between Santa Clara & Chestnut

New Hope Baptist Mission
708 SE Crockett
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Sun. morning Worship-11 am
Sun. evening Worship-7 pm
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Dana Floyd, pastor

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Sunday Mass
8 am Spanish
11 am English
Holy Day Mass 7 pm

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Sunday Evening Serv.-5:00 pm
Wednesday Serv. -7:00 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting -7:00 pm
Daniel Diaz de Leon, pastor

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Evening Worship-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting-6:00 pm
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Theocratic School-7:30 pm Wed.
Service Meeting-8:15 Wednesday
Bible Study-7:30 Monday
Spanish Meeting
Public Talk-1:00 Sunday
Watchtower Study-1:55 Sunday
Theocratic Ministry-7:30 pm Tues.
Service Meeting-8:15 Tues.
Bible Study 7:30 Thurs.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim Stephen
Sunday School-9:45 am
Morning Worship-11:00 am
Church Training-6:00 pm
Evening Worship -7:00 pm
Wednesday Service -7:00 pm

Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday School-10:00 am
Worship Service-11:00 am
Thursday:
Adult Bible Class-8:00 pm
Charles Huffman, Pastor

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Minister-Don Jones
Bible School-10 am
Worship-11 am
Sunday Night-6:30 pm
Wednesday Night-7:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church
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Sunday School -9:45 am
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Rev. J. Monte Jones, Rector

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Varsity Boys team win meet

Sonora High School Boys track team won their 2nd Consecutive Track Championship in as many weeks Saturday, March 9, in Eldorado.

This years boy's team is led by Seniors Eric Espinosa, Oscar Perez, Ector Castilleja, Ramiro Luna, Johnny Terry, Russell Crenwelge, Blayze Sykes, and Joe Lopez. The juniors are Adam Youngblood, Robert Gallion, Michael Escalera, Ricky Gandar, and Chris Hazelton. Sophomores are Shannon Escalera, Shane Keller and Adam Mirike.

Scoring for the varsity division are as follows: High jump, Adam Mirike 3rd; Shot put, Johnny Terry 1st with a toss of 49'11 1/2" and Robert Gallion placed 3rd with 45'6 1/2"; In the long jump, Eric Espinosa placed 1st with a leap of 21'9"; In the discus, Terry finished 2nd with a toss of 14'4"; We have no triple jumpers or pole vaulter entries at this time but we will have by this week at the Ozona meet.

In the running events Ector Castilleja came up with two first places in the 3200 meter and 1600 meter run, while Ramiro Luna

placed 3rd in both events.

400 meter relay made up of Oscar Perez, Blayze Sykes, Shane Keller and Adam Mirike placed fourth with 45.74. In the 800 meter, Michael and Shannon Escalera placed 1st and 3rd respectively and Espinosa and Ricky Gandar placing 2nd and 4th in the 110 meter hurdles respectively. Blayze Sykes ran 2nd in the 400 meter while Espinosa won the 300 hurdles with Ricky Gandar finishing 4th. Adam Mirike ran 3rd in the 200 meter and our 1600 meter relay ran 2nd to Regan County but we did improve our time from 3:33.3 to a 3:32.3

Last Saturday the varsity boys took 1st as a team in Junction and the J.V. boys took 2nd overall as a team. In Eldorado the J.V. boys fell one place to 3rd however, they made a very strong showing.

The next meet is in Ozona this coming Saturday. Both boys teams have certainly proved themselves and deserve your support. If you can't be in Ozona Saturday, don't be disappointed because on Saturday, March 22, Sonora will host their annual track meet.



The agony of winning? Expression doesn't tell all as Ector Castilleja finishes 1st in the 1600 meter run.

Varsity Girls face tough competition

The Bronco Boys were not the only force present Saturday as the Lady Broncos Track Team faced off with the field of other teams. This was the Lady Broncos first track meet of the season. The results of the days events were as follows: Yvonne Mata, 2nd in the 400 meter dash; Carmen Chavez, 3rd in the 800 meter and 1600 meter runs; Dana Evans, 4th in the 100 meter intermediate hurdles and in the 300 meter low hurdles; Anna Teaff, 5th

in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs; Gloria Escalera, 6th in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs; and the team of Alma Sanchez, Cindy Chavez, Jodi Trainer and Yvonne Mata, placed 4th in the 1600 meter relay.

This team is comprised mainly of freshman and sophomores so it is relatively young and has certainly started off with a good showing. Good luck next week in Ozona and on March 22 at the Sonora Relays.

8th grade boys take 2nd at meet

On Friday, March 8, the sonora Colt eighth grade boys finished in 2nd place with 92 points in the Plateau Relays Jr. High Division. The following boys helped this effort by scoring team points.

In the field events Gilbert Vara placed 4th in the pole vault; Trini Banda 2nd in the discus; Robert Trevino 6th in the high jump; and Joey Guerra 4th in the long jump.

In the running events, Ruben Lomas and Francisco Vaquera placed 3rd and 5th respectively in the 2400 meter run; Francisco Vaquera 6th in the 1600 meter run; and Gilbert Vara 4th in the 800

meter run. In the 400 meter relay, the team of Cody Renfro, Joey Guerra, Hadley Smith and Robert Trevino placed 2nd and the team of Gilbert Vara, Chris Gutierrez, Joey Guerra and Robert Trevino place 1st in the 1600 meter relay. Joey Guerra placed 1st in the 100 meter dash and Robert Trevino placed 2nd in the 200 meter dash; Gabriel Perez 5th in the 110 meter hurdles and in the 300 meter hurdles Robert Trevino placed 2nd.

The eighth grade boys also competed last week in Junction placing 4th overall and will also compete on March 15 in Ozona.



Up & Over: the last hurdle before the finish for Colely Thompson Friday at the Jr. High Track meet.

8th grade girls compete in Eldorado

The Colt eighth grade girls participated in their 2nd track meet this year, held in Eldorado Friday. Here are the events and names of girls placing for the 8th grade.

1200 meter run - Beth Covington, 3rd; 400 meter relay - team of Mary Galvan, Serina Torres, Sara Reston, Josie Cumpian, 5th; 800 meter relay - team of Josie Cumpian, Candie Sessom, Beth Covington, and Vicki Richardson, 3rd; Mile relay - Team of Amy Torres,

Jennifer Covey, Sara Reston, and Beth Covington, 4th; 100 meter dash - Vicki Richardson, 4th; 200 meter dash - Vicki Richardson, 4th; 100 meter hurdles - Candie Sessom, 5th; 300 meter hurdles - Candie Sessom, 5th; Shot put - Rosa Gloria, 6th; Long Jump - Vicki Richardson, 6th.

Overall team placing was 6th for the meet. Next week they will be traveling to Ozona.

7th grade boys show improvement

The 7th grade boys showed improvement as they took 4th place overall in the Eldorado track meet compared to last week's 5th place standing in Junction.

In the running events, Carlos Salinas placed 2nd in the 2400 meter run; Mark Montez 2nd in the 400 meter dash; The team of

Pool, and Marcus Montez placed 6th in the 400 meter relay and 5th in the 1600 meter relay.

In the field events, Marcus Montez placed 1st in the shot put and 2nd in Discus. Davis Hale placed 6th in the Shot put while Ben Taylor placed 6th in the Discus. Josh Burnham 2nd in high jump and 6th in the triple jump.

Michael House, Davis Hale, Levi

High School tennis team takes 3rd place in Big Lake

The Sonora High School Tennis Team travelled to Big Lake to compete with a field of 18 teams. The tennis team fared well bringing home 3rd place honors for the tournament and managing to put every player in the quarter finals.

The results were as follow:

Boys Doubles; Josh Burnham and David Kemp beat the Junction team 6-1, 7-6; Iraan team 6-3, 6-3 and lost to Castro and Woodfin (Stanton) 6-4, 7-5.

John Russell and Ronnie Woodard beat the Ozona team 6-1, 6-0 and one Reagan County team 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; lost to one Reagan County team 6-1, 6-4 but won 3rd place by beating Castro and Woodfin from Stanton 6-3, 6-3.

Girls Doubles; Christina Ramirez and Amy Fields beat a

Garden City team 6-0, 7-5 but lost to Evans and Martinez (Eldorado) 6-1, 6-1. Allison Schwiening and Susen McCleery beat teams from Reagan County, Ozona, and Greenwood and lost to Hardy and Hardy (Eldorado) 6-1, 6-3 but won 3rd place by beating Dittman and Prince from Reagan County.

Boys Singles; David Mirike beat opponents from Sanderson and Wink before losing to the eventual winner Flores (Reagan County) 6-0, 6-0. David Rotter won against opponents from Sterling City and Reagan County before falling to Burfiend from Greenwood 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Girls Singles; Jessica Johnson beat Valencuela from Wink but lost to Colin from Ozona 6-2, 6-4, and Lisa Noriega lost to Perkins from Sanderson 6-4, 6-3.

High School golf team stands 3rd in District 6-AAA

High school golf teams from Sonora, Kermit, Crane, Big Lake, Midland Greenwood, and Colorado City competed in the second round of the District 6-AAA round-robin golf tournament Saturday in Crane.

After 18 holes of golf, the Sonora High School Golf Team, with a score of 361 points, continued to maintain a 3rd place standing within the District. At present, the Sonora team is only 10 strokes away from 2nd place.

During the Crane tournament, Sonora was represented by team members Edward San Miguel, Papo Sanchez, Wade Spain, Blake Adkins, and Eric Sanchez. When play finalized Saturday afternoon, Edward San Miguel was tied for top medalist in District 6-AAA with Monty Allen of Crane. Both contestants compiled an individual score of 165 points after the first two rounds of the round-robin tournament. Pete Perez, of Sonora, played individually as a medalist in the competition.

The Sonora High School Girl's

Golf Team, comprised of Stephanie Virgen, Becky Lumbreras, Elsa Lumbreras, Stephanie Roberts and Shawn Wallace, played in the Crane Tournament Saturday.

Primo Gonzales, high school golf coach, stated, "In this particular tournament, the girl's team would have placed second if they were officially recognized in District competition. They played extremely well and improved tremendously." In reference to the

Sonora boy's team, Mr. Gonzales said, "We gained strokes on the 2nd place team and I believe we will continue to gain strokes every week. The team has set a team goal to qualify to go to the regional tournament which means they will have to finish first or second in the District."

The third round of the District 6-AAA round-robin tournament will be played Tuesday, March 19, in Big Lake. Crane is currently leading in District competition with Kermit following in 2nd place.

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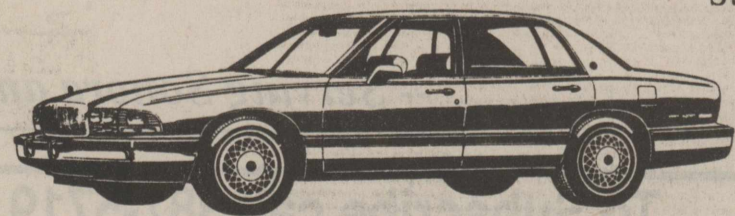


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