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County Commissioners Meet In Regular Session

The Sutton County Commissioners met in regular court on Monday, February 11, 2002. Present for the meeting were: Sutton County Judge Carla Garner, Commissioners Belia Castaneda, Mike Villanueva, and Milton Cavaness, County Clerk Betty Hernandez, County Attorney David Wallace, EMT Manager Pat Campbell, Road and Bridge Department Manager Oscar Jimenez, Sutton County Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez, Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher, County Tax Appraiser Rex Ann Friess, County Auditor Maura Weingart, Jesse Kerbow, Kelly Thorp and Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Manager Ann Kay.

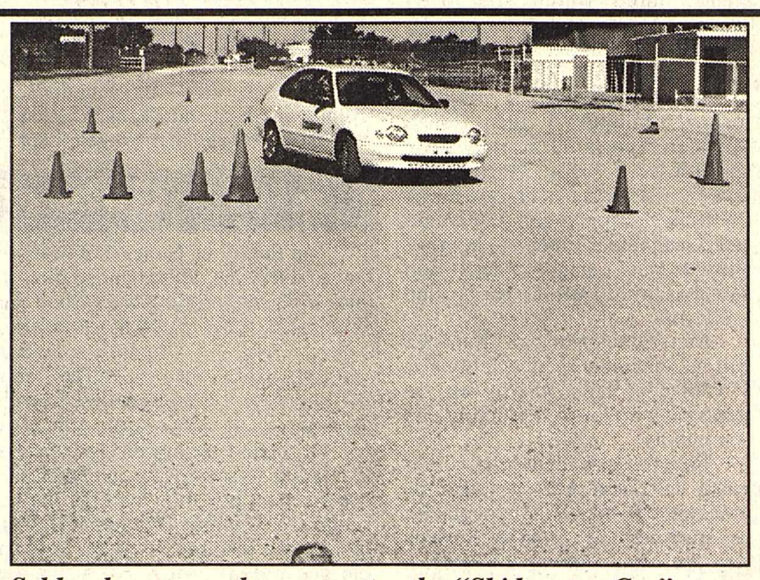
After the approval of payment for current bills, Adelita Alvarez reported that the J.P.'s office had 611 criminal cases filed in January and 28 small claims cases filed. Alvarez reported $39,358.50 collected, with $14,545.25 for the County.

Sheriff Fincher reported that there were 54 inmates processed in the County Jail for the month of January, with a daily average of 6.3. The average cost for meal was reported to be up to 99¢ for the last month. Fincher went on to report that the Sheriff's Office had logged over 7000 miles in the month of January, making it over 33,000 miles for the year. At about 16 miles to the gallon the average price for gas is 8¢ per mile. Fincher informed the Court that Deputy Chavez had been involved in a minor accident earlier in the week, causing some damage to his vehicle. Chavez was not injured in the accident, but was hospitalized due to an illness.

Pat Campbell reported that the EMS had treated 22 patients for the month of January and had billed out $5,122.00. $4,381.06 had been collected for the month.

Oscar Jimenez reported that the Road and Bridge Department had also damaged a vehicle last week in an on site accident. A water truck had been backed into. Jimenez reported that the parts cost about $1500 and that they would be repairing the damage within the Department. Jimenez also informed the Court there had been problems at the Civic Center with the lights and with a water leak, but that both had been taken care of this week. He concluded his report by telling that the cemetery has been having some water line problems and they were tending to it and would be

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Schlumberger employees master the "Skidmaster Car".

Schlumberger Practices Pro-Active Approach To Driver Training

submitted

"Schlumberger has been in Sonora, Texas since the 1970's and has been one of the leaders in "Driver Training" the whole time. All driver's working for Schlumberger have had two weeks of driver training at their Driver Training Center at Kellyville, Oklahoma followed by a month or more of hands on training conducted at the Sonora district by their local driver trainers when they return home to Sonora," says Oscar Marshall, the manager of the Schlumberger Sonora district.

In the continuing effort to be a leader in the field of Driver Training Schlumberger's latest Pro-Active approach is the use of two driving simulators that are in Sonora this week. Many in town have seen a small Schlumberger car driving around orange cones at the rodeo grounds in the parking lot. This is the "Skidmaster Car" that simulates driving on slick roads. Driver's experience front wheel skids, rear wheel skids and how to control and recover from both. Drivers will also go through training on "Head-on" avoidance and what Schlumberger calls "Dropping-a-Wheel" and what to do in both situations. All of the Sonora Light Vehicle drivers have gone through this training.

Also in the yard is a "FAAC Simulator" that is built into a 42-foot tractor-trailer. Inside the trailer is a truck cab that has all of the same equipment as a truck. The simulator instructor/technician, Mark Mabry says "We can let our drivers drive anything from a 1 ton pick-up to our biggest tractor-trailers. We train our drivers how to handle things like blow outs, head-on collision avoidance, slick roads, mountain driving and a lot of other emergency response situations that we were only able to talk about before. We can now put them in to those situations and see how they handle them. If the driver has a problem we can repeat the situation as many times as needed until each driver handles them correctly."

Bear Bryant, Schlumberger QHSE manager at the Sonora yard, says "The simulators are one more step that Schlumberger has taken to ensure the driving safety of our employees, their families and the people in the communities that we work in. Making our drivers safer is one way Schlumberger gives back to Sonora."



Bear Bryant takes a turn in the "FAAC Simulator" learning how to handle the unexpected.

Sonora Wins Big At San Antonio Stockshow

submitted

Once again Sutton County dominated the Angora Goat Show this week in San Antonio. Top honors were Chance Armke with 2 Champion Buck awards and one Reserve Champion Buck. Emily Earwood had a Reserve Champion Buck and the Premier Exhibitor award. Koda Armke kept the Sutton County group breathless, as she narrowly missed the Reserve Champion Doe award that would have given her a $6000 college Scholarship.

Results in the Junior show are as follows:

Buck Kid (46 total entries) - 1st & 4th Emily Earwood, 6th Meredith Earwood, 9th Landon Brockman, 10th Shane Benson

Yearling Buck - 1st and 2nd Chance Armke, 3rd and 5th Emily Earwood

Aged Buck - 1st and 3rd Emily Earwood, 2nd Landon Brockman

Champion and Reserve Champion Buck, Chance Armke

Doe Kid - (51 total entries) 2nd Landon Brockman, 4th Koda Armke, 5th Emily Earwood, 8th Meredith Earwood, 10th and 14th Cash Jennings

Yearling Doe (34 total entries) - 2nd Koda Armke, 5th & 7th Emily Earwood; 8th Cash Jennings, 10th Chance Armke

Aged Doe (27 total entries) 2nd Emily Earwood, 5th Landon Brockman

Exhibitors Flock - 1st Emily Earwood, 3rd Cash Jennings, 4th Meredith Earwood

Other Exhibitors and helpers from Sutton County were Thomas Bloodworth, Kelsey and Garrett Watkins.

Open Show results were:

Buck Kid - 1st and 5th Emily Earwood, 2nd Meredith Earwood

Yearling Buck - 1st and 4th Chance Armke, 2nd and 3rd Emily Earwood

Aged Buck - 1st and 5th Emily Earwood, 3rd Meredith Earwood

Champion Buck - Chance Armke

Reserve Champion Buck - Emily Earwood

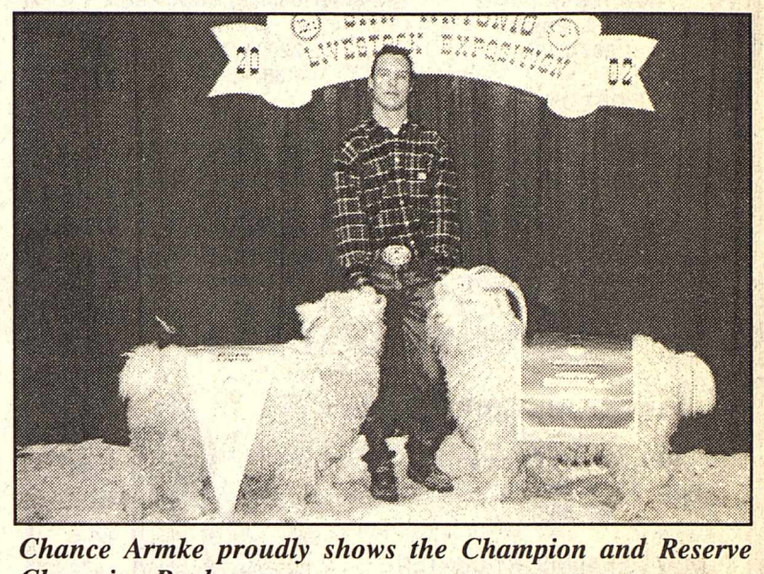
Doe Kid - 4th Emily Earwood, 6th and 11th Meredith Earwood, 12th Koda Armke

Yearling Doe - 2nd and 3rd Emily Earwood, 5th Koda Armke, 6th and 7th Meredith Earwood

Aged Doe - 1st and 2nd Emily Earwood, 5th Meredith Earwood

Exhibitors Flock - 1st Emily Earwood, 2nd Meredith Earwood

Other Sutton County Exhibitors were Hunter and Sky Jennings.



Chance Armke proudly shows the Champion and Reserve Champion Bucks.

Hospital District To Hold Elections

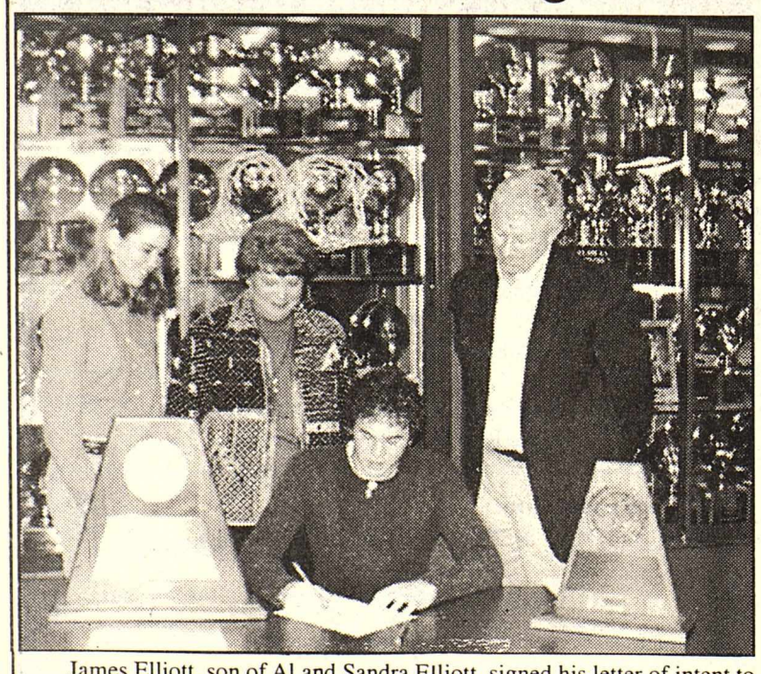
The Sutton County Hospital District will be having an election for Directors on May 4, 2002. There will be one position in Pct. 2, one position in Pct. 4, and one position in At-Large. Applications may be picked up in the office of the Secretary of the Board, at Hudspeth Hospital, 308 Hudspeth, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning February 18, 2002 until Wednesday, March 20, 2002.

Middle School Crowns 2002 Sweetest Hearts



Jillian Gulley, daughter of Jim and Rhonda Gulley and Cameron Cox, son of Drew and Faye Cox were named the "Sweetest Hearts" at the Sonora Middle School 2002 Valentine's Dance. The students are nominated each year by their teachers and voted on by their peers. The students enjoyed an evening of fun and music provided by the NJHS and the Student Council.

Elliott and Renfro Sign Letters Of Intent



James Elliott, son of Al and Sandra Elliott, signed his letter of intent to attend college and play football at SMU. James will receive a football scholarship with SMU and major in Business. James, a senior, at SHS, is 18 years old and has one sister, Elizabeth who is also attending Sonora High School. James will graduate from SHS in May of this year.



William "Bill" Renfro, son of Tony and Billie Renfro, also signed his letter of intent to attend college and play football for ASU in San Angelo. Bill will receive a football scholarship with ASU and plans to major in Kinesiology or Animal Science. Bill, a senior, at SHS, is 18 years old and will graduate from SHS in May of this year.

Those who witnessed the signing of these two Bronco football standouts were:

Mr. & Mrs. Al Elliott, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Renfro, Elizabeth Elliott, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach; Jason Herring, SISD Superintendent; Brant Myers, High School Principal; Doug Bawcom, SHS Journalism Editor; Kristin Keel, Ray Glasscock, T. Wayne Price, San Angelo Standard-Times, KLST News and The Devil's River News.

Sonora Journalism Team Competes Well At Home

submitted

On Saturday, February 9th, several members of the Journalism U.I.L. Team competed in the Sonora Academic Meet.

The annual meet played host to 28 schools, including Sonora. The papers were graded by independent, volunteer judges and were only identified by a number and letter so as to ensure anonymity. The journalism events had over 30 competitors in each contest.

In News Writing, Evangelina Martinez placed first, Katrina Hernandez placed second, Leslie Gamez placed third and Susanna Street placed fourth.

In Editorial Writing, Manuel Campos placed sixth.

In Headline Writing, Gamez placed first, Sheryl Strauch placed second, Evangelina Martinez placed fourth and Kate Higdon placed fifth. The Journalism Team placed first. The team also placed second out of 35 schools at the Bangs meet on February 2nd. The students are coached by Kristin Keel.

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Obituaries

Ubaldo B. Luna Jr.

Ubaldo B. Luna Jr., 28, of Sonora passed from this life to an everlasting one on Sunday, February 10, 2002. He was born on October 19, 1973. He was a great son, a great brother, a great nephew, a great uncle, and a great friend.

Survivors include his parents Ubaldo Sr. and Linda Luna, sister Marie Bantay and husband Allan, niece Myra Aileene and nephew Justin Mathew Bantay, brothers David Angel and Aureliano Luna.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to family and friends, doctors and nurses of Sonora, San Angelo, and Lubbock for the loving care and support they provided Ubaldo Jr. and his family during these difficult times.

Church services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father William DuBuisson officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Allan Bantay, Marco Palos, Trini Sentena, Louie Castro, Sammy Castro, Adam Youngblood, Jerry Levario, and Adrian Sanchez.

Marcelina Noriega Sanchez

Marcelina Noriega Sanchez died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2002, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Rosary and prayer service were at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Kerbow Funeral Home. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Marcelina Noriega Sanchez was born June 2, 1921, in Del Rio, Texas, to Jesus and Maria Noriega. Later the Noriega family established themselves in Sonora, Texas, in the community known as Loma Alta. In 1941, Marcelina married Alfredo Flores Sanchez.

Marcelina Sanchez is survived by her husband, Alfredo Sanchez; her daughter, Alma Sanchez Pérez of San Antonio; her son, Hector Sanchez and wife, Carmen, of Sonora; her grandchildren, Marisol Pérez of San Antonio, Louie Pérez and wife, Amy, Stephanie Pérez Minjarez and husband, Jesse Rene, all of San Angelo, Melinda Castañeda and husband, Osbaldo, Adrian Sanchez and Anthony Sanchez of Sonora; and great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly, Austin Lee Castañeda, Osbaldo Castañeda, Leandra Castañeda, Timmy Sanchez, Abigail Sanchez, Jordan Minjarez, Joshua Minjarez and Jonah Minjarez. She is also survived by her brother, Jesus Noriega of Sonora; sisters, Benecia Cavazos of Ballinger, Esperanza Arredondo and Guadalupe Jimenez, both of Sonora; and many nieces and nephews throughout Texas and California.

Marcelina Noriega Sanchez will be remembered by everyone as a woman of faith, charity and as someone who loved her family and community.

Siempre consideraba la comunidad de Loma Alta un lugar de tradición y familia. Allí para ella las generaciones de familia Noriega siempre iban existir. Vamos a extrañar nuestra madre, abuela, hermana y compañera.

Herman C. Walker

Herman C. Walker, 88, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed from this life on Feb. 9, 2002, at Baptist Memorial Center.

He was born to R.O. and Eula Walker on Oct. 4, 1913, in Beaver County, Okla. He married Janet Phillips on Jan. 7, 1934, in San Angelo, Texas and they had three children, Janna Sue, Phillip and Herman.

They ranched throughout West Texas and he was ranch manager for T Half Circle Ranch of Sonora for 25 years. He was awarded honorary director for life of The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet; daughter Janna Sue Lambert; and brothers, Glenn, Lloyd and George.

He is survived by sons, Phillip and wife, Marilyn, of San Angelo and Herman and wife, Deanne, of Eldorado; son-in-law, Roger Lambert of Jonesboro, Ark.; grandchildren, Michelle Fairchild of Ingram, Trey Walker of Midland, Susan Matthews of Dallas and Jim Walker of San Angelo; great-grandchildren, Braden and Austin Fairchild and Kaitlyn Walker; sister, Lois Wilmoth of San Angelo; a sister-in-law, Relda Walker of Midland; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Fairmount Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick Officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Thomas Jefferson Green IV

Thomas Jefferson Green IV "TJ", age 23, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2002 in Sonora. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at First Baptist Church of Sonora and burial will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2002 in East Hill Cemetery at Ft. Stockton. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He is survived by his parents Thomas J. Green III of Mission and Carla Hansen of Kismet, KS and a sister Cara Green of Canyon.

Ramona "Ama" Porras

Ramona "Ama" Porras, 92, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery.

Mrs. Porras was born on Oct. 10, 1909, in Sonora, Mexico, to Sostenes and Angelita Hernandez.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesus Diaz Porras; two daughters, Lupe Ramirez and Inez Hernandez; and two sons, Jesus Jr. and Jose Porras.

She is survived by daughters, Connie and husband, Jesus, Elizada of Cisco, Texas, and Angela and husband, George, Enriquez of Midland, Texas; sons, Joe and wife, Maria Elena, Porras of Sonora, Texas, Dario and wife, Hilda, Porras of Ozona, Isidro and wife, Fransica, Porras of Llano, Texas, Johnny Porras of Ozona, Santos and wife, Rosa, Porras of Cleburne, Texas, and Sostenes and wife, Lala, of Littlefield, Texas; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Norma Martinez, who was a very special person to Ama. Also by a very special granddaughter, Elma Ybarra, who was very close and dear to Ama.

Cards of Thanks

The family of Nancy Dannheim would like to express their appreciation to everyone who attended Nancy's memorial service. Also, for everyone who sent cards, flowers, food and those who called and visited. Your expression of Sympathy has meant so much to us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
The Dannheim Family,
Sherrill, Chayse, Karnea and Maegan

On behalf of myself and the Sonora High School U.I.L. teams, we would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who made this years speech meet possible. Without the help of the S.I.S.D. teachers and many supportive Community members, this event would not be possible. I would like to take this time to give a very special thank you to the following people and groups: The Lions Club, Jerrilyn Ward, Amy Davenport, Kathy Marshall, Kelly Thorp, Tracey Myers, John Berry, Doug Bawcom, Brant Myers, Shane Mobley, Kathy Lewellen, Margie Becknell, Kasey Miller, Lise Miller, Diann Keller, Nelwyn Churchill, the Junior Class, Dairy Queen, Jeanette Thompson and all others who put in many extra hours to make this years Speech and Academic Tournament a huge success.

Cody Eoff

A big thank you to Teaff Oil Co. for donating the helium to the Sonora Kindergarten classes. We used the balloons to help celebrate the 100th day of school.

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Senior Center News

Feb. 18 - Center will be closed. President's Day Holiday!
Feb. 19 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 20 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia NOW! 387-3941.
Feb. 21 - AAA "Answers on Aging" Senior Connections with CVCOG.
Feb. 22 - Washington's Birthday!

Senior Menu

Feb. 18 - Center will be Closed! President's Day Holiday!
Feb. 19 - Salisbury steak with gravy, baked beans, mustard greens, bread, peaches, milk.
Feb. 20 - Chicken fried steak, oven fried potatoes, carrots, roll, milk, vanilla pudding with fruit.
Feb. 21 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, jello with pears, milk.
Feb. 22 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, turnip greens, coleslaw, peach half, milk.

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 • Feb. 18 - Feb. 22, 2002

Breakfast

Mon. - (3) French toast, fruit, assorted juice.
Tues. - Biscuits/jelly, 2 slices bacon, assorted juice.
Wed. - Pancake on stick, fruit, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, assorted juice.
Fri. - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, assorted juice.



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Burrito with chili, French fries, tossed salad, rice krispies.
Tues. - Baked chicken, mixed vegetables, fruit, biscuits.
Wed. - Macaroni & beef, green beans, fresh fruit, hot roll..
Thurs. - Pizza, mexicali corn, tossed salad, banana pudding.
Fri. - Beef or fish burger, tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, ice cream cup.

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Community

February 14
Chamber of Commerce Meeting
12:00 Noon • Sutton County Steakhouse
February 14
Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Senior Center
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
February 15
Sonora Night at the Outlaw Hockey Game
San Angelo Coliseum • PIPS to perform.
February 15
Reception for Artist Marvin Stevenson
The Bank & Trust • 7:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

February 16
Workshop with Artist Marvin Stevenson
204 East Main • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
February 19
City Council Meeting • 2:00 p.m. • City Hall
February 20
St. John's Episcopal Church Lenten Luncheon
12:00 Noon
New Hope and Lighthouse Baptist Churches,
The Rev. Don Longoria, speaker.

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Did Will Carver's former father-in-law try to claim his estate?

A. Devil's River News, April 13, 1901 - E. R. Byler and son Jake of Knickerbocker, former father-in-law and former brother-in-law to Will Carver were in Sonora Tuesday the 9th. The old man tried to claim Will's estate - said they were his closest relatives. It appears they forgot about his mother, sister, half brothers and half sisters. E. R. Jackson, administrator of the estate knew who all the closest and legal heirs were. He gave Old Man Byler the picture of Laura Bullion that Will had been carrying and the old wedding ring from when he was married to Vianna Byler and sent them packing. Byler hated Jackson because he wouldn't give him the big diamond ring that Will had on at the time of his death. The money made on the sale of Will Carver's effects went to pay his funeral expenses, and then what was left was sent to his Mother in Pipe Creek and she divided it with his only full Sister, who lived in Arizona.

Q Tom Clifford had a serious accident around the turn of the century, do you have anything on it?

A. Devil's River News, 3-2-1901 - Tom Clifford who is well known to many of the old settlers, met with a serious accident about six miles southwest of Sonora, Thursday morning. He was returning to Green Justice ranch with 2,000 pounds of supplies and when going down the steep hill near the Babe Barksdale ranch he reached over to set the brake but the wagon lurched and Clifford was thrown to the ground. The wheels crushed his arm and some ribs. He was unconscious when found by Ben Hill about 11 o'clock a.m. Hill returned to town and notified the officers and Deputy Sheriff J. L. Davis and Justice of the Peace D. B. Woodruff left at once for the scene of the accident and brought the injured man to town. The horses and wagon uninjured were found about a mile from where Clifford fell. The injured man is in a serious condition.

Q. Did anyone escape the jail besides the man that pushed out a section of stone and crawled out when he was supposed to be taking a bath?

A. Devil's River News, 8-31-1901- Al Gardner, who was in jail laying out a fine for carrying a concealed weapon, was allowed the privilege of the run around and took French leave Tuesday night by climbing on the top of the cage and through the ceiling. Once in the loft he passed over to the trap door above the stairs, used a blanket to drop to the floor, went down the stairs and out the unlocked outer jail door and disappeared. Jailer Sharp, who had left the doors unlocked thinking no one could get out, and there would be more air, did not find him missing till breakfast.

In the next weeks paper it states that Boosie Sharp moved from the jail to the Jess Hill residence and Sheriff E. S. Briant moved to the jail. He vowed there would be no more escapes while he was Sheriff of Sutton Co. About 6 months later the Sheriff of Val Verde Co apprehended Gardner and returned him to Sutton Co.

Q. How long have they used dogs to sniff out law breakers in Sutton County?

A. Devil's River News, January 30, 1896 - Sheriff J. P. McConnell of Sutton County received this week from J. A. Herring, Sergeant and Manager of the Convict Farm of Hariam, Texas, two blood hounds. They are fine looking dogs and past two years old and cost $150. On Tuesday afternoon Sheriff McConnell had the Negro Dennis Green make a run through the country east of town and put the dogs on his trail, Dennis had selected a cool and comfortable seat in a tree when the dogs came up. Mr. McConnell was satisfied with the trial circumstances considered.

Several ranchers had dogs that were used to track wild animals that could also help track men who stole stock and lead the sheriff and posse right to the thieves. So using dogs as a form of apprehending law breakers has been going on for over 112 years in Sutton County.



Can you name these ladies from the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Q. How long was John Wesley Hardin in the pen?

A. Devil's River News, February 17, 1894 - John Wesley Hardin released from pen, sentenced 25 years started serving 6-5-1878. He served 15 years 8 months and 12 days and had sentence reduced for good behavior. Three children await his return.

Q. Do you have anything on the death of Willie Lee Holland in 1894?

A. Devil's River News, 4-7-1894 - Twelve miles below Sonora on the D. R. Holland Ranch on Friday, April 6, 1894, Willie Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Holland died at the age of 2 years and 5 days.

Q. Do you have anything on an 1894 marriage of Feleciana Gonzales?

A. Devil's River News, 6-9-1894 - Married at the residence of Sanches Gonzales in Santa Rosa de Sonora, Wednesday night, Don Crescencio Rodriquez to Senorita Feleciana Gonzales, W. A. Stewart, Justice of the Peace, officiated.

Q. Where did R. H. Martin go when he left Sonora?

A. He went on to become President of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and in 1920 he had a ranch in Val Verde Co., and a residence in Del Rio.

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@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 until the new offices are finished. If you would like to tour the museum, give me a call to book a date. The Miers Home Museum and Depot are ready for tours. The Old Jail is having the walls scraped downstairs and new sealer and paint on all the downstairs walls.

Until we get this done and reset the exhibits into a Law Enforcement Room, Mexican-American Heritage Room, Miscellaneous Room and Ranching Exhibit the Old Jail will not be open for tours. Please be patient, the displays will be worth the wait. Thank

EMS Calls For January

1/1/02 - Accident - IH-10, 420MM to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/1/02 - Transport - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to Ben Juarez Street - Unit 101
1/2/02 - Medical - Ben Juarez Street to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/4/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
1/5/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
1/6/02 - Transport - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to Ben Juarez Street - Unit 102
1/9/02 - Medical - Ben Juarez Street to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/10/02 - Medical - Deerwood Street to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/16/02 - Accident - Oak Street - No Transport - Patient Refused Service - Unit 100
1/18/02 - Stand-by - Structure Fire Crockett Street - Unit 100
1/20/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 101
1/21/02 - Medical - Poplar Street to SCCI San Angelo - Unit 102
1/24/02 - Transport - SCCI-San Angelo to Poplar Street - Unit 102
1/24/02 - Accident - Hudspeth Street to Shannon Medical Center - Unit 100
1/25/02 - Accident - IH-10, 420MM to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/26/02 - Medical - Concho Street - No Transport - Patient Refused Treatment - Unit 100
1/26/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
1/26/02 - Medical - Paso Del Norte to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 100
1/29/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 101
1/29/02 - Medical - Lillian Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center - Unit 102
1/29/02 - Medical - Poplar Street to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital - Unit 101

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SHAMROCKS AGAINST DYSTROPHY - The Muscular Dystrophy Association is kicking off its Shamrocks Against Dystrophy Program February 15 - March 17, 2002. The proceeds will benefit MDA's Summer Camping Program for children with muscular dystrophy. In Sonora, please stop by one of the following participating stores and puchase your green ($1) or gold ($5) shamrocks and share in the hope and good luck that each one brings. Participating stores are: Amigo's Texaco, The Bank & Trust, Los Jarritos Restaurant and Town & Country.

The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is now placing orders for native grass seed and wildflower seed. This is the time to secure seed before supplies are limited, and the time to plant is before the weather gets too hot. Each order is customized to your needs regardless of size, and we will be happy to give you an estimate. Normally, seed arrives within a week of the date ordered. For more information please come by our office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 387-2730.

The 2002 yearbooks are on sale. The cost is $30 and the price will increase. You can send payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 or call Kristen Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for details.

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Richard and Jennifer Espinosa
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Richard Espinosa, Jr.
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in Shannon Women's & Children's Center at 7:11 p.m..
He weighed 8 lbs. 5 1/2 ozs. and was 20 1/2" long.
Maternal grandparents are Lino and Pat Villanueva,
Paternal Grandparents are Joe and Maria Elena Espinosa,
Maternal Great-Grandparents Reynaldo and Olivia Perez,
Paternal great-grandma Adelina Mata,
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You are invited to join Marvin Stevenson, SWS, for an Artist Spotlight Reception & Workshop at the Bank & Trust of Sutton County. The reception will take place on Friday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. The workshop begins on Saturday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. A box lunch will be served. The fee to attend will be $20.00 (lunch included).

Supplies that will be needed are: some kind of easel (a table easel or stand that will support your canvas while you paint)

- 12x16 Canvas
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bag
- Assorted Brushes
- Paint Thinner (to clean your brushes)
- Oil paint you will need are:
- Grumbacher
- White - Permalba or zine
- Cad. Red
- Aliz. Crimson
- Cad. Yellow Light
- Ultramarine Blue
- Burnt Sienna
- Black

For more information you can contact Main Street at 387-2248 or Sonora Art.com at 387-7200.

Sponsors for this event are: Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program, Sonora Art.com, Sutton County Steakhouse and The Bank & Trust of Sutton County.

Happy Birthday

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February Senior Center News

Submitted

We've been very busy at the Center getting ready for the Valentines Party and Dance. Come join us on Thursday, February 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We'll have sandwiches, chips, cookies and punch – live music and door prizes. Everyone is Welcome!

Thanks to Senior Center Support Group and our other Volunteers for providing goodies and planning the party for our seniors to enjoy.

Program with Senior Network "Olay Provital Care Program" on Friday, February 15th at noon. Free "Olay" Samples!

We will be closed Monday, February 18th for President's Day, sign up for holiday meals with staff now.

Senior Companions will be honored in San Angelo on Tuesday at the Area Agency on Aging Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Lisa and I will be taking them. Juanita Chavez, Angelita Trevino, Lupe Mendez, Doris Grantland are SCP for the Sonora area. Companions support families through assistance with meals, promoting independence, encouraging health seeking behaviors and verifying safety. Companions are reimbursed for their service, tax free, if income eligible, additional benefits include training, supplemental insurance, mileage reimbursement, and a yearly physical. However, the greatest satisfaction is the difference they are making in the community in home assistance to the homebound elderly, they increase the quality of life for families and seniors through regular visits! We are in need of more volunteers at this immediate time. Call the Senior Center FMI or 1-877-944-9666 in San Angelo.

The van will be going to San Angelo on Wednesday, February 20th, sign up now! Call 387-3941.

Sutton County and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments will host a community meeting "AAA Answers on Aging" on Thursday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. at our Senior Center. They will provide information about services and programs available to the elderly, and will have a question and answer session. Come visit us.

Birthday Party for February will be on Monday, February 25th. Join us for cake and punch. Seniors with February Birthdays are: Myrtle Armentrout, Candi Guerra, Hensel Matthews, Johnny Ringgold, Leonor Sentena, Ruth Shurley, Comina Trevino, Robert Wilson, Valentina Gallegos, Jonita Jimenez, Roy Lambert and Linda Robles.

We will start new Bingo games – Spanish Bingo "Lotteria" also "White Elephant Bingo", everyone brings an article in a paper sack and when someone bingos that person can come up front and pick a sack. They need to open the sack, the next person that bingos has the option of choosing your article or another sack. The purpose is to have fun!!! No food items please!

You need to sign-up now for the HEB Camp in Leaky, Texas! The fee is $45.00 and that includes food, transportation, Insurance and a good time. We will leave Monday, February 25th before noon, and will return on Wednesday, February 27th. We need volunteers to help with this! Call us at 387-5657 or 387-3941.

Sugar and Blood Pressure Checks (not this month), but will be here in March. TDHS with Maria Carrasco.

Well gotta run for now – come check out the other activities at the Senior Center. We're open Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. –4:30 p.m.

Later,
Juanita Mesa

High School College/Career Center To Stay Open Late

Christy Bell, the high school counselor, would like to announce that the High School College/Career Center will stay open late two (2) nights a month. Those nights will be the first and third Mondays of each month, starting with Monday, February, 18th. The other dates are March 4th and 18th, April 15th, and May 6th and 20th. The hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The center will be open for parents and students who need access to college and career information. They will also have access to the computers and the Internet. Miss Bell will be available to help with questions about scholarships, colleges and/or careers. If you want to call ahead to make and appointment to see Miss Bell, please call 387-6533.

Sonora Grads Making The Grade At Texas Colleges

Southwest Texas State University

San Marcos - Southwest Texas State University announces that Crystal L. Martin of Sonora, TX, earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall 2001 semester. SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List".

Tarleton State University

Stephenville, TX - Sam Odom III has been named to the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Fall 2001 semester at Tarleton State University.

There were 368 students listed on the A Honor Roll for last fall. These students had a 4.0 grade point ration (GPR) on the 4.0 system and were taking a minimum of 12 hours.

The Distinguished Students list had 916 names. These include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Texas A&M University

College Station - Diplomas were awarded to 3,391 Texas A&M University graduates during mid-year commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were presented at four separate ceremonies. Among those receiving degrees from Sonora was Kay Faris. Faris received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Dean's List for Texas A&M was also recently released. Sonora students making the list included Kay Faris and Andi Allen.

ACT Scheduled For April

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 6, 2002, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 1. Late registration postmark deadline is March 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is $24 (27 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math, and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was taken by students nearly 2 million times last year.

Spotlighting Sonora Volunteers



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by a 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Today, more than a century later, the Knights of Columbus has become the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church.

As the Order has grown, its benevolence has multiplied. The Order continues to break all previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights donated nearly $1 billion to numerous charitable causes and nearly 400 million hours of volunteer service. In 1999 alone, the Knights donated nearly $109 million and 55 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. It was on these bedrock principles that the Order was founded over a century ago and remains true to them today.

The Sutton County unit of the Knights of Columbus host the annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch, the Free Throw Contest, the Diez Y Seiz Celebration, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, breakfast at St. Ann's Catholic Church, assist with CCD classes and church on Sundays and Wednesdays and they also are in charge of the concession stands at the Sutton County Days celebration.

Pictured above are Knights of Columbus members: (Back row) Miguel Villanueva, Joe San Miguel, and Guadalupe Medina. (Center row) Jerry Lopez, Juan Gloria and Ruben Samaniego. (Front row) Carlos Gallegos, Francisco Torres and Manuel Paredes.

Not pictured are: Zenon Acosta, Epigmenio Arevalo, Librado Arredondo, Jose Angel Buitron, Manuel Cabezuela, Edward Carrasco, Ismael Castaneda, Ector Castilleja, Christopher Castro, Edward Castro, Everardo Castro, Chris Chavarria, Federico Chavez, Oscar Chavez, Jose Contreras, Fernie Emiliano, Ramon Estrada, Pablo Favela, Edward Favila, Jesus Favila, Jose Flores, Carlos Gamez, Eginio Garcia Jr., Jesus Garcia, Juan Garcia, Juan M. Garcia, Javier Gaytan, Alex Gonzales, Jr., Jessie Guerra, Esteban Hernandez, Rosalio Leos, Lemuel Lopez, Raynaldo Lozano, Heraldo Martinez, Refugio Martinez, Edward Maskill, Edward Mata, Samauel Mata, Armando Medina, Girardo Mesa, Ernesto Murillo, Jesus David Noriego, Jesse Ortiz, Emilio Pacheco, Charles Pajestka, Alfred Perez, Ramiro Perez, Ricardo Perez, Rito Renteria, Floyd Rust, Enemencio Samaniego, Fermin Sanchez, Fred Sanford, Bernardo Solis, Jr., Salvador Trinidad, Jr., Salvador Trinidad, Miguel Vaquera, and Santos Vaquera.



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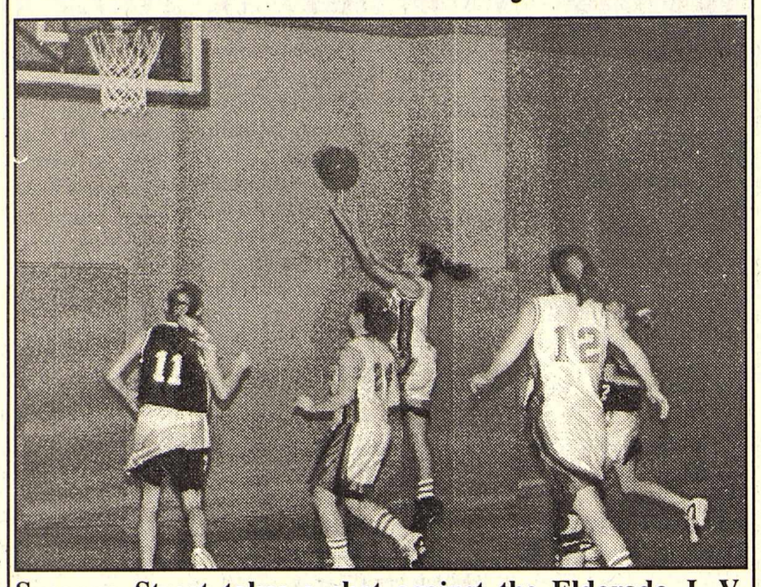


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J.V. Lady Broncos Finish Season With Victory



Susanna Street takes a shot against the Eldorado J. V. Lady Eagles. Photo by Robin Street

submitted

The Sonora J.V. Lady Broncos finished their season on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 in fine fashion with a 35-19 victory over the Eldorado J.V. Lady Eagles. Sonora was able to jump off to an 8-6 first quarter lead. The second quarter was a 6-6 tie, as both teams continued to struggle on the offensive end. The second half was all Sonora. They outscored Eldorado by 12-3 in the third quarter and 9-4 in the fourth. This victory brought Sonora's record to 15-10 for the year and 6-4 in District. It was a very good year for the young Lady Broncos.

Scoring were Shannon Vick 7 points, Cady Taylor 6 points, Brittany Longoria, Alyssa Ibarra, Missy Longoria and Savanah Hedgecock 4 points each and Ruby Galindo, Chelsea Seaton and Dainah Hernandez each with 2 points. Also playing were Susanna Street, Mayra Martinez, Amanda Sanchez, Tara Green, Kenia Gutierrez and Leandra Perez. Congratulations to all these young ladies.

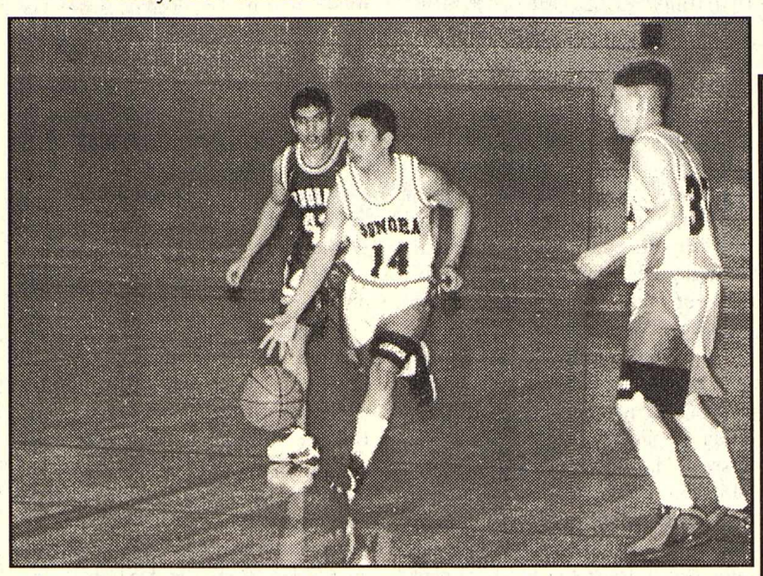
Junior Varsity Broncos Have Tough Week

by Maray Cearley

The Junior Varsity Boys had 2 losses this week. The first came at the hands of the Eldorado Eagles by a score of 33-49. Clint Cearley led the Broncos with 15 points. Seth Prather and Austin Wagoner each had 6. Dustin Creek had 1 basket from the 3 point range while Diego Cardona had 2 points and Brian Payton added 1. The Broncos shot 75% from the free throw line making 9 of 12.

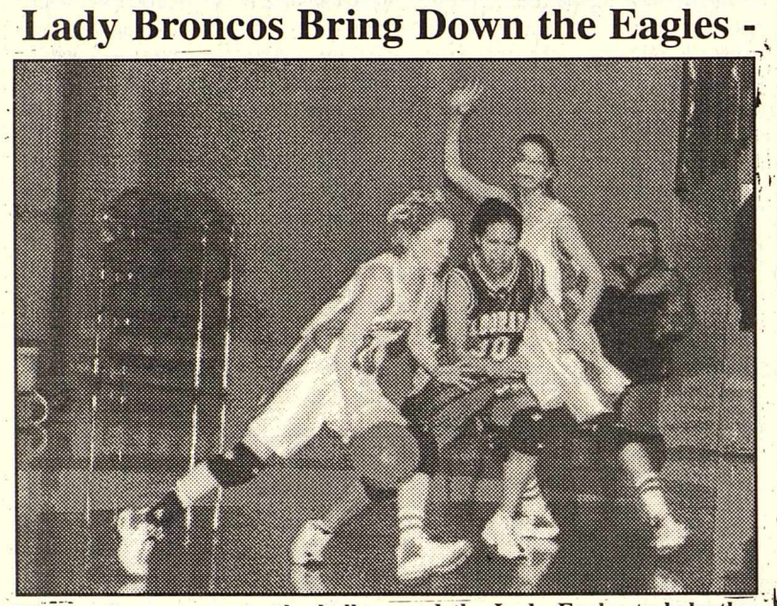
On Friday, the Broncos lost their second game to the Wall Hawks. The Broncos committed too many turnovers for the much larger and faster Hawks. Final score was 29-60. Leading scorer for the Red was Prather with 11. Wagoner had 7 and Stevie Hernandez had 6. Creek rounded out the scoring with 5. Again the Broncos were successful from the foul line shooting 55%.

The Broncos final game of the season will be against the Grape Creek Eagles.



J.V. Broncos move the ball down the court against Eldorado. Photo by Robin Street

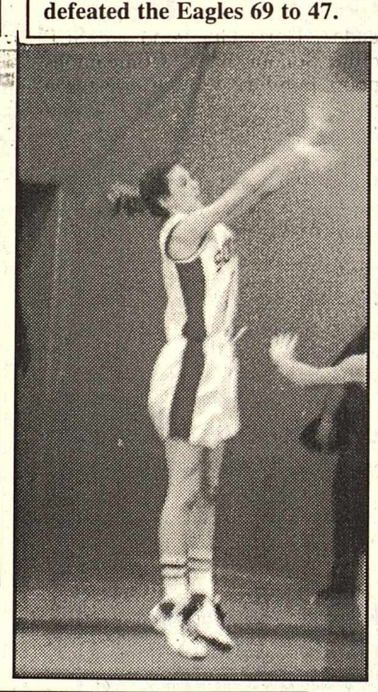
Lady Broncos Bring Down the Eagles -



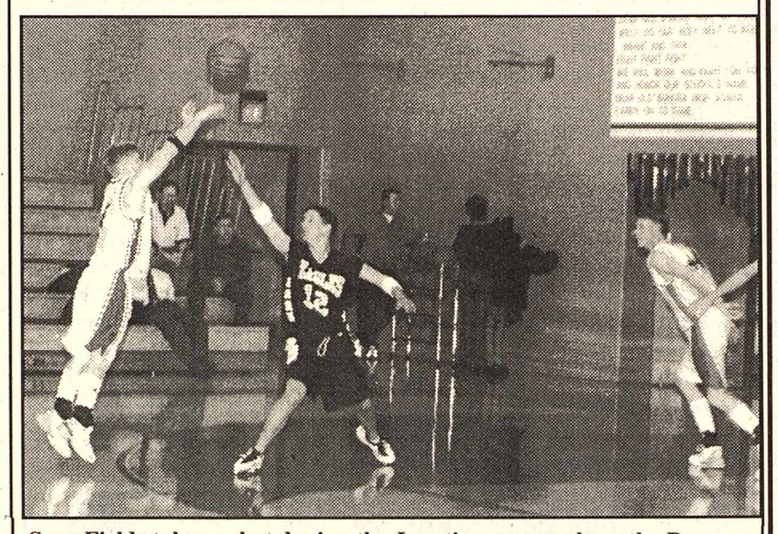
Heather Lawson moves the ball around the Lady Eagles to help the Lady Broncos on to victory. Photo by Robin Street



(Above)Kara Hard blocks a Lady Eagle. (Right) Morgan Hobbs takes to the air for a shot. Photo by Robin Street



Bronco Basketball...



Sean Fields takes a shot during the Junction game, where the Broncos defeated the Eagles 69 to 47. Photo by Robin Street

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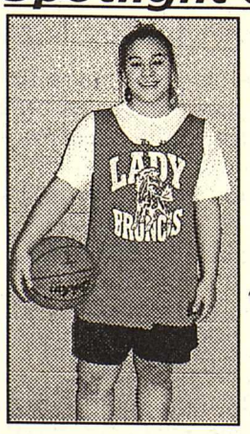
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Spotlight on Lady Broncos



#3 Monica Lira
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Chairman Bonilla Holds One-On-One Meeting With U.S. Ag Secretary

Invites Secretary To Visit 23rd District



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) Four days after President George W. Bush presented his budget to the Congress, Chairman Henry Bonilla held a one-on-one meeting with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman. The two met in Mr. Bonilla's Washington, D.C. office and discussed how the budget would affect farmers and ranchers throughout the 23rd district, the state of Texas and the nation.

"This was a productive meeting. I always appreciate having the Secretary visit me on Capitol Hill," said Mr. Bonilla. "She and I share several goals, most importantly how to keep the agriculture industry strong and productive."

At the meeting, Mr. Bonilla and Secretary Veneman discussed the president's Fiscal Year 2003 Budget. The two specifically discussed the Women Infants and Children program, which is a nutrition assistance program; foreign food aid and donation programs, which will assist the world's needy and hungry, most specifically in Afghanistan; border inspections; the USDA's role in food security; and the progress made in foot and mouth disease prevention. Mr. Bonilla expressed his appreciation for Secretary Veneman's ongoing support and cooperation.

"I look forward to another successful year on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. With the Secretary's assistance, our agriculture industry will remain strong. Our food supply will remain safe. And our nation will continue to be prosperous and prepared," said Mr. Bonilla.

At today's meeting, Mr. Bonilla extended an invitation for Secretary Veneman to visit the 23rd district and meet with farmers, ranchers and producers. The secretary accepted and plans will be in the works shortly.

"I always make a point of inviting my colleagues in Washington, D.C. to visit my friends in the district. Showing photos and discussing the issues just isn't enough. Being in Texas, meeting with farmers and ranchers, and touring the region really makes a difference when it comes down to decision time," said Mr. Bonilla.

The two also discussed an issue currently facing Mr. Bonilla's district: the Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) eradication program. The program was enacted to help prevent the continued spread of this disease. Mr. Bonilla has introduced legislation that will amend a 1986 section of the tax code so that farmers are not penalized for participating in the program.

"Over the last couple of years, I secured the funding necessary to complete the herd depopulation necessary to eradicate Bovine TB. But for the plan to work, we must address the negative tax ramifications that will result from the herd buy-out," said Mr. Bonilla, who is expecting a letter of support for his legislation from the USDA in the very near future.

Mr. Bonilla was appointed chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in January of 2001. This will be his second year working with Secretary Veneman. The two will meet again next week when the secretary testifies before Mr. Bonilla's subcommittee.

"Our nation has changed greatly since September. We have many new issues and concerns on the agenda," said Chairman Bonilla. "Rest assured that my subcommittee will not forgo their commitment to the farmers, ranchers and consumers of our great nation. We will continue to get the job done. We will not let the terrorists slow us down."



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman and Chairman Bonilla

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Farm Bureau Endorses Sen. Bernsen For Land Commissioner

The Farm Bureau AgFund announced today their endorsement of Senator David Bernsen (D-Beaumont) in the March 12th Democratic Primary for Texas Land Commissioner.

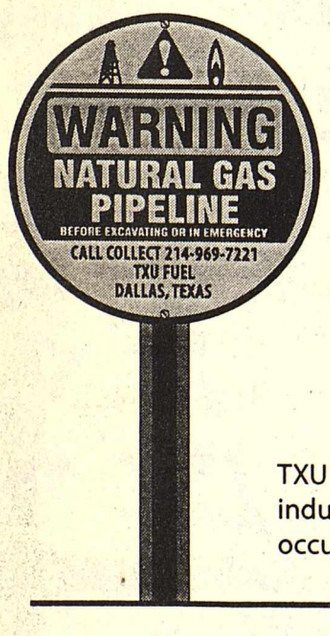
"I'm thrilled to receive the Farm Bureau's endorsement," said Bernsen. "As a State Senator from rural East Texas, I've fought hard to get agricultural issues back at the top of the legislative agenda. I'll continue my commitment to agriculture as the next Land Commissioner."

Bernsen has an extensive legislative record supporting Texas agriculture. He co-authored landmark legislation addressing 16 major issues facing Texas agriculture including water availability, transportation, taxes and capital availability, infrastructure, and rural economic development.

"I've been around the kitchen table late at night with farmers and ranchers while we talked about the pains of the industry. We've talked about young people who want to follow in that tradition, but taking a good look at it, feel they can't. And I just don't believe there is reason to let it all go," said Bernsen.

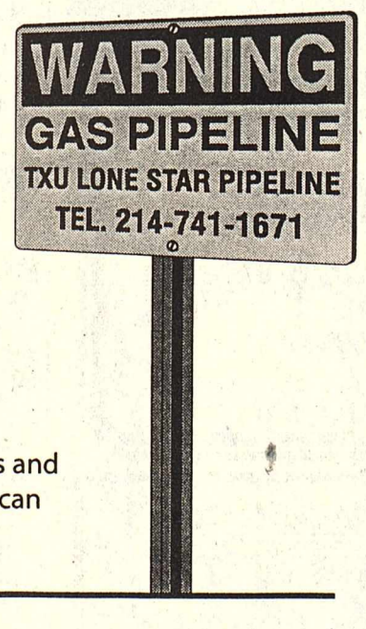
Bernsen believes that water resource planning is a major issue facing rural Texas. " On this last round of water planning, I made sure that "agricultural uses" got bumped up on the list of surface water appropriation preferences. We need someone with a long-term vision for all of Texas' water problems, but not at the expense of rural Texas," said the Senator.

Senator Bernsen is running in the March 12th Democratic Primary for Texas Land Commissioner. The General Land Office is responsible for the management of state lands and mineral-right properties totaling 20.3 million acres. Included in that portfolio are the beaches, bays, and estuaries. In managing that property, the land office leases drilling rights for oil and gas production on state lands, producing revenue and royalties which are funneled into the state's Permanent School Fund.



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Bearing The Special Grief Of Suicide

by Arnaldo Pangrazzi

The suicide of someone you care about is a devastating tragedy. It happens in the best of families and to the best of people, shattering the lives of the shocked survivors.

In many ways, suicide is one of the most difficult deaths to mourn. As you mourn the death of your friend or loved one, you probably feel a sense of betrayal. You have invested years of caring, loyalty, and patience with the deceased. Suddenly you are abandoned and rejected. Perhaps you have had such thoughts as: "How could she do this to me?" "Couldn't he think about the children? Weren't we enough for him?"

Because you are bewildered by what has happened, you search for whys. A message left may help interpret what went on in the person's mind before the suicide. Yet the painful questions remain: "Why did he do it?" "Was she angry at me?"

You may also be filled with guilt, for suicide seems like not just a loss but also an accusation. You may feel that somehow you did not love enough, or that your relationship was not good enough. You keep rehearsing all the "if only" "Why didn't I realize how sick he was?" "If only I had been home on time."

Recovery from the suicide of someone close is a monumental task, for the process of mending a broken heart is painful and slow. The road to recovery requires you to accept your feelings, to draw from your inner resources, and to develop positive attitudes toward the past, present, and future. The journey of healing starts with small steps leading from darkness to hope, from death to a renewed commitment to life.

Learn to live with unanswered questions. We do have some clues why people choose suicide. We know that suicide is often the response to some kind of loss; to real or perceived failure; to physical, psychological, or spiritual pain. The person's problem becomes the only thing that exists, and he or she cannot conceive that life will ever become any better.

But even knowing all this intellectually, you can still feel very confused emotionally. Behind your questions is a broken heart that can't be healed with simple answers. Struggling through the not knowing is extremely difficult. Your whys may never be answered, the puzzle never resolved. People who commit suicide often take with them the mystery of their life and death. You must gradually let go of the whys, accept what has happened, and go on living.

Allow time for bad memories. In the early stages of grief, survivors often experience playback of the suicide scene in their thoughts or in nightmares. You may feel robbed of pleasant memories and oppressed by this replay of the details surrounding the final event.

You need to own and deal with these negative images before you can get in touch with your good memories. As the hurt gradually becomes less intense, positive feelings will surface and become more frequent and longer lasting.

Acknowledge your feelings of anger. Instinctively, survivors tend to reject the way their loved one chose to end his or her life. They may resent the deceased for checking out of the relationship on his or her own terms. They may also resent God for having allowed this to happen, or others for not preventing it. Anger is an investment. We never get angry with someone we do not care about. Anger, therefore, is not the opposite of love but a dimension of it - a sign of a love deeply wounded.

Your anger can help you survive and re-enter life or it can become destructive: It depends on how you channel it. You might try discussing your anger with an understanding friend. Or talking about it with God. Or writing a letter expressing it to the deceased. Ultimately, anger needs to be healed through a willingness to forgive.

Turn guilt into forgiveness. Most survivors blame themselves for what they did or did not do. They have the sense of something left unfinished, something suddenly interrupted. They find it hard to let go of their rescue fantasies.

Guilt accompanies many of our experiences of powerlessness and imperfection. It can paralyze and demoralize us, or we can transform it into self-forgiveness and a greater capacity for loving those that are still around us.

Healing takes place when you realize that you cannot judge your yesterday with the knowledge of today, that love alone may not be enough to save another's life, that there are limits to your power and responsibility, that you were not the only influence in the life of the deceased.

Accept the loneliness. Loneliness is the price we pay for loving. When a loved one dies, a part of us dies too. To some degree, the loneliness may last a lifetime, because no one can ever replace that person. An anniversary, a place, a song, a flower may bring back the memories, the aching pain. We feel the keen disappointment of not having that special person there to share in the family's changes, surprises, sorrows.

Loneliness can help you realize the depths of your love. From it, you can learn to become more sensitive to other's losses and to turn to God, who is always there.

Draw from your own spiritual resources. You may be struggling with questions like "Will God forgive her, or has he condemned her to hell?" While the act of suicide continues to be objectively wrong, contemporary theologians emphasize that individual circumstances may make it subjectively guiltless. Those who take their life may be so disturbed that they act compulsively; their perception of reality may be so distorted that their responsibility is greatly reduced. Only God knows what is in the heart of each person.

Obviously, it does not take your grief away simply believing that God will view your loved one's action compassionately. But faith will help you live with your loss and grieve it well. And it will help you discover redeeming values in the midst of your suffering. Trust that God will sustain you through the stages of your bereavement.

Rebuild your self-esteem. The suicide of a friend or a loved one is a terrible blow to one's self-image. Rationally or irrationally, the survivors may feel judged by the community for having failed. They may feel that the suicide is a disgrace to the family or the school or even the community. Some have a strong urge to escape to a place where they are not known. And, unfortunately, the shame may survivors feel keeps them from acknowledging the suicide and talking about it - an important part of the recovery process.

After the shattering experience of a suicide, you need to pick up the pieces, reaffirm your commitment to life, and rebuild confidence in yourself.

Be patient with yourself. Remember that time, by itself, does not heal. It is how you use the time that's important. When you can stare less frequently at the past and can recognize the value of small steps, you develop a framework within which the passage of time makes the loss not easier, but at least less hard.

Reach out to others. You can choose to let your broken-ness defeat you, or you can decide to get up and get going. Once you have the courage to place your hurt, your sensitivity, and your compassion at the service of others, you have discovered the key to help yourself. For when pain is used to reach out to others, it becomes creative and transforming love.

Take heart. Suicide leaves deep scars on the survivors. But there is no turning back: You cannot change what has happened. You can, however, change your outlook - from backward to forward, from death to life.

Those who have experienced the suicide of a loved one can learn to let go of blaming themselves or the deceased for their unhappiness. They can learn to live for themselves, and to take responsibility for their own future. They can emerge from their sorrow with a profound appreciation for the solidarity they have experienced with others, and with a deep awareness of the beauty and fragility of life. And they can begin to see life not so much as a problem to be solved, but as a mystery to be discovered each day.

(Father Arnaldo Pangrazzi resides in Rome as the international coordinator for ministry for the Order of St. Camillus. He has conducted seminars and founded support groups for the bereaved, cancer patients, and suicide survivors.)



Emily Earwood showed a Reserve Champion Buck and was awarded the Premier Exhibtor Award at the San Antonio Stockshow.

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continuing to do so this week if anyone called with questions.

Rex Ann Friess reported that as of the end of January, 95% of the 2001 tax levy had been collected, leaving $79,753 delinquent.

Maura Weingart informed the Court that even though there was no physical damages in the two vehicle accidents reported that a claim still needed to be made for Worker's Compensation, so as to safeguard the County for any future problems. She also told the Commissioner's that the Auditor's office would be getting Internet this week.

In the Commissioner's reports, Cavaness asked about the leaning pole on Miers Road that was reported on in last months meeting. Attorney Wallace said that he had called the company in question, but had not received a response at this time. He agreed to look further into the matter.

Villanueva requested that the Commissioners and Judge Garner attend next week's City Council meeting to listen to a speaker regarding the House of Faith, an organization that puts together a youth center in small communities.

Attorney Wallace reported that $52.75 had been collected on hot checks last month.

Betty Hernandez reported that the District Clerk's office had collected $3,938.03 and the County Clerk had collected $90725.25.

Judge Garner reported that the contractors working on the Courthouse were currently in a penalty phase because they had not completed the renovations by the designated time. The contractors are being charged $300 a day until the architects certify that the job has been done to compliance. Some of the problems that had to be re-done include the tiling, which had to be totally re-done. This, and all other work, is expected to be completed within 3 to 4 weeks. Garner also reported that the re-painting work being done by Armando Trevino looks great.

Ann Kay, from the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 30th and she requested that it be held at the County Park area again this year. The commissioners approved the request.

Kay then made a request to the Commissioner to be allowed to show the Old Jail as a tourist attraction on the Main Street tours. She explained about a grant that could be received to help with cost of paint to begin repairs on the building. Kay requested that she be allowed to move the Main Street office into the bottom of the Old Jail, thus being able to host the tours and be more accessible to tourists in the area. A lengthy discussion was held regarding this request, in which Kay advised that the current money the Main Street program is using for rent could be put toward restoration on the building, as well as searching for more grants. Judge Garner informed the Commissioners that Al Elliott with the Sutton County Historical Society, who currently uses the building, requested that no decision be made until the completion of the archival building being renovated at this time. The Commissioners agreed to hold off on any decision at this time.

Judge Garner then submitted a request from Superintendent Myers to paint the baseball field dugouts, grandstands and concession area. Myers had said that the area was not looking very good and would soon have many visitors from here and surrounding areas. Garner told the Court that she had informed Myers that the County could not produce the personnel to do the painting since there is only one maintenance person in charge of a very large area. Myers agreed that the school would be responsible for the work if the County would agree to purchase the paint. A motion was then made and approved to purchase the paint for repairs at the baseball complex.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bids for Sutton County Medical Insurance

Sutton County is requesting bids for their group medical insurance program. The effective date of the program will be April 1, 2002. Bids will be opened on March 11, 2002, at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex, Sonora, Texas. Bids should be mailed or delivered to the County Judge by 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2002. Bids should be marked "SEALED BID" and should be mailed to: Carla Garner, Sutton County Judge, Post Office Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please call or write to the Sutton County Auditor, Maura Weingart, Post Office Box 16, Sonora, Texas 76950. 915/387-5380.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 6081-21-001 for PLACING SGT AND UPGRADING BRIDGE RAIL in SUTTON County, etc will be received on March 21, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on March 21, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of $123,339.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 5811

State Office

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

District Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
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The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is seeking a qualified individual to fill the role of Manager for the organization. The manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The manager is responsible for the day to day activities of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and will report to a 12-member board of directors. The position requires an individual with excellent communication skills, and consensus building. The successful candidate will possess organizational skills as well as an ability to manage volunteers and paid staff.

Requirements: Experience in volunteer management is desirable. A bachelor's degree in Business, Management, Communications, or a related field is preferred, but not required. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1172 Sonora, TX 76950.

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