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The Advantages of a Small Town

By Ashley Brockman

As you walk into a business, you are greeted by a friendly merchant who calls you by name and asks about how you're doing. That is a nice feeling, wouldn't you say? In Sonora, most people know the owners or manager's of local businesses, and vice versa. It is comforting to walk into a store and be greeted personally, instead of being just another customer. After surviving all of the graduation exercises, I have come to realize just how nice a small town can be. What do you like about our small town? I know there is at least one thing everyone likes about Sonora.

Through 17 years of Sonora I have finally come to realize that small towns aren't horrible. As graduation has past, I have seen that so many people truly care and are

interested in the plans and goings on of others, and not for gossip. As new people move to town, everyone is aware of it. Nothing goes unnoticed. Most people try their hardest to make sure their new neighbors feel at home and are comfortable. Does that happen everywhere? I don't think in large towns that always happens. I think one of the greatest things about Sonora, or just small towns, is the fact that everyone knows everyone else. Most graduates ventured out to make selections at stores across town and I think were surprised by the outcome, I know I was. First of all, all of the merchants were so nice and sincerely helpful. They did all they could to make the graduation process a lot easier. Secondly, the overall community was so kind. I had no

idea what a huge response graduation selections brought, and I'm sure I'm not the only one. After everything dealing with graduation was over, I sat back and realized that this only happens in small towns. I feel lucky to be a part of this small town.

I believe everyone has at least a handful of things that they like about our town. Sometimes it takes strange events to realize it. Small towns are close, friendly, safe and supportive, and Sonora is no exception. Take the time to step back and look at the small town you're living in. I think you'll be pleased with what you see. I really do appreciate the fine qualities of this small town, and I know there are many who share my point of view. How do you feel about your small town?

Eastern Star Inducts New Officers



The Sonora Chapter #575, Order of the Eastern Star held an open induction of officers on the morning of June 12, 1999. Officers are pictured above from left to right: (Front Row) Virgil Polocek, Dorothy Baker, Darla McKissack, Kathleen Moore, Gene Shurley, Isabella McCutcheon. (2nd Row) Brenda Valliant, Carole Ann Hardee, Wayford Tyler, Geneva Wade, Candy Nelson, and Linda Burkes. (Back Row) Jackie Polocek and Charlotte Wilson.

2 Town Select Shot Tournament

Championship Flight:

Ronald Koerth & Devoe Smith
Sat. - 60 Sun. - 66
Stan Allen & Ricky Webster
Sat. - 64 Sun. - 62
Adolf Garza & Charlie Prince
Sat. - 61 Sun. - 60
Tom Arredondo & Joseph Arredondo
Sat. - 61 Sun. - 68
Ray Roe & Virgil Burge
Sat. - 69 Sun. - 65
Dane Lee & Clark Turner
Sat. - 68 Sun. - 68

President Flight

Mike Womack & Jimmy Moore
Sat. - 67 Sun. - 73
Tom Gray & Jim Bailey
Sat. - 70 Sun. - 70
Billy Holden & Dale Cloud
Sat. - 65 Sun. - 68
Bruce Woods & Mark Swartzkoff
Sat. - 67 Sun. - 66
Marty Russell & Alan Schenck
Sat. - 67 Sun. - 71
Gary Yoage & Kirby Kirlan
Sat. - 66 Sun. - 72

Donnie Gibbs & Larry Sanders
Sat. - 74 Sun. - 71
Wade Beasley & Duane Childress
Sat. - 66 Sun. - 63
Erasmio Lumbreas & Juan Guterrez
Sat. - 69 Sun. - 67
Jesse Cook & Mark Holt
Sat. - 71 Sun. - 66

First Flight

Tony Stewart & Will Seehorn
Sat. - 67 Sun. - 73
BT Turland & Danny Weant
Sat. - 70 Sun. - 71
John Adams & Preston Joy
Sat. - 66 Sun. - 69
Thomas Hanson & Ed Price
Sat. - 74 Sun. - 70
Bob Bryant & Randy Hobachi
Sat. - 73 Sun. - 70
James Phillips & Sam Goode
Sat. - 75 Sun. - 69
Jed Davenport & Jim Kay
Sat. - 70 Sun. - 72
Mickey Powers & John Plumby
Sat. - 74 Sun. - 72

Sonora City League Baseball Results

Major League:

1st place - Cubs
2nd place - Diamond Backs
3rd place - Rangers
4th place - Dodgers

Minor League

1st place - Astros
2nd place - Rockies
3rd place - Indians
4th place - Rangers

The All-Stars will be announced at the swim parties. Majors - June 21st at 6:30 p.m.
Minors - June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

See Golf page 6

4-H Playdays Start For The Summer

The first playday in the summer series was held Thursday evening at the Sutton County Park Arena. The next playday date is set for June 24 with a 6:00 p.m. registration.

Results were as follows:

Showmanship at Halter:

Pre-junior: 1) Steely Ingham, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Dustin Crittendon, 4) Word Hudson, 5) Kelsey Taylor, 6) Gunter Pennington, 7) Alex Lang
Junior: 1) Courtney Caruthers
Senior: 1) Sheryl Strauch, 2) Amberlie Kinder

Western Pleasure:

Pre-junior: 1) Bailey Joe Pennington, 2) Steely Ingham, 3) Kelsey Taylor, 4) Dustin Crittendon, 5) Alex Lang, 6) Gunter Pennington, 7) Word Hudson
Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Courtney Caruthers
Senior: 1) Amberlie Kinder, 2) Sheryl Strauch

Pole Bending:

Pre-junior: 1) Steely Ingham, 2) Word Hudson, 3) Alex Lang, 4) Dustin Crittendon, 5) Gunter Pennington
Junior: 1) Courtney Caruthers, 2) Jordan Hilliard
Senior: 1) Sheryl Strauch

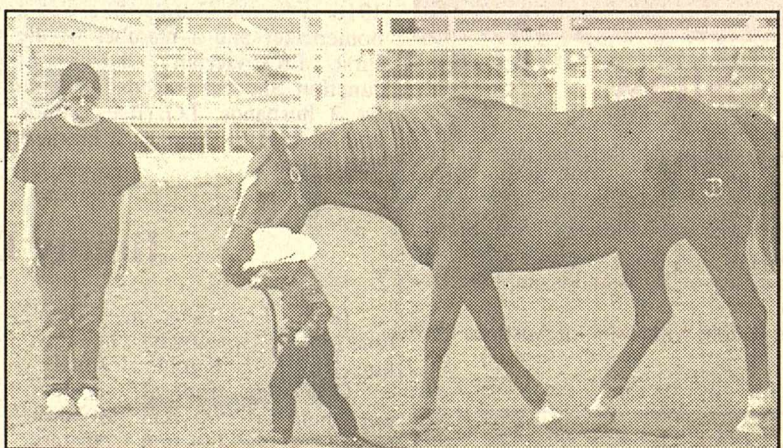
Clover Leaf Barrels:

Pre-junior: 1) Steely Ingham, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Word Hudson, 4) Alex Lang, 5) Kelsey Taylor, 6) Gunter Pennington
Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Courtney Caruthers, 3) Jordan Hilliard
Senior: 1) Amberlie Kinder

Goat Tying:

Pre-junior (ribbon pulling): 1) Steely Ingham, 2) Bailey Joe Pennington, 3) Gunter Pennington, 4) Word Hudson, 5) Dustin Crittendon 6) Kelsey Taylor, 7) Alex Lang
Junior: 1) Mishay Black, 2) Courtney Caruthers
Senior: 1) Sheryl Strauch

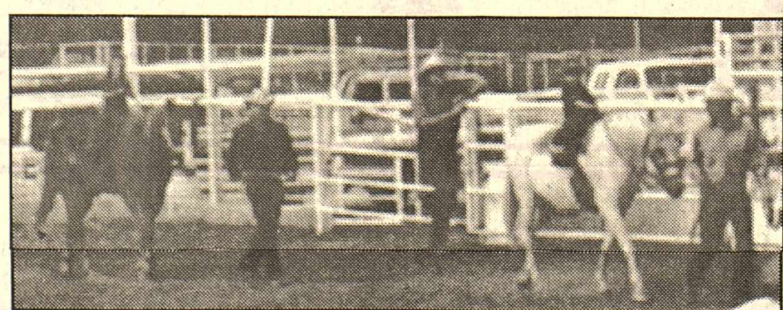
Lead line participants in western pleasure, barrels and goat ribbon pulling were Nolan Kinder, Kaden Kinder, Maddie Lang, Stella Ingham, Macie Friess, and Garrett Sharp.



Gunter Pennington leads his horse "Sic' Em Charlie" in the Pre-junior Halter class.



The Pre-juniors did great in the Western Pleasure Class. Pictured from left to right are Steely Ingham, Alex Lang, Kelsey Taylor, Bailey Pennington and Dustin Crittendon.



Macie Friess, led by her father Mike and Garrett Sharp, led by his father Mickey were two of the new comers to participate in the lead line class.

At the ceremony held for the new officers, Kathleen Moore, pictured here with Worthy Patron Virgil Polocek (Left) and Worthy Matron Darla McKissack (Right), was awarded a pin and certificate for 50 years of service with the Order of the Eastern Star.



Ports-To-Plains Corridor Project Update

There have now been 18 out of 29 named cities along proposed routes signed up for the "Ports-to-Plains Corridor Project. This corridor between Denver, CO and Del Rio, TX is a high priority corridor and a higher emphasis is being placed on improving transportation via this route. These cities as well as many of the counties that are to benefit from this route have joined this coalition. Sonora and Sutton County are members of this coalition at present.

This coming November 4th and 5th, 1999 there will be a Ports-to-Plains Summit hosted by Lubbock, Texas. This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 4th and will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the 5th. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The plans for this meeting are to discuss in detail the route dynamics and the information that has been gathered on improvements planned to take place along the route.

This summit will provide a

forum for your elected officials to learn more about this project. A sample letter has been provided with the latest newsletter to send to your elected official urging them to participate in this summit. Copies of this letter can be obtained from City Hall.

The governors of the three states involved have also been invited. We will be providing more information on this summit in the coming months.

Commissioners Court Approves New Building For County Slab

The Sutton County Commissioners Court had a full agenda for its regular meeting held on June 14, 1999.

Regarding questions concerning the electric bill at the new 4-H Civic Center, County Extension Agent Preston Faris and County Judge Carla Garner explained that this first year will be a type of trial period to feel out what the bills will run. Considering the size of the building, it was explained that it hasn't really run much different for the past bills and the ultimate goal is to generate enough revenue through rentals to more than compensate the cost of electricity. Having no more questions concerning bills, it was approved to pay the bills for the month of May.

Justice of the Peace, Adalita Alvarez, reported that 363 criminal cases had been filed, generating \$25,903.67, \$11,976.65 of which goes to the county.

Preston Faris invited everyone out to the Wool Show being held at the Sonora Wool and Mohair this week.

Pat Campbell reported that the EMS had 35 runs last month.

Oscar Jimenez of the Road and Bridge Department reported that Davis Road had been completed and the department was currently working with WTU on replacing burnt bulbs at the Sutton County Arena and were trying to find any additional problems with the lighting, in preparation of the Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Jimenez also reported that there had been a small accident involving one of the departments trucks and the repairs would cost

about \$736. It was approved to fix the truck. He went on to inform the court that the lighting around the Sutton County Park Slab was being looked at and WTU wanted to know what type of lighting improvements that county was interested in making. Flood lights would light up the entire dance area, like the baseball fields, or they could use the guard lights that are currently in use. It was decided that the guard lights were a better choice because the flood lights would offer to much light for evening dances. It was also decided that some additional plugs be put in on the poles around the slab area.

Bid for a new truck for the Extension Office were opened and examined. There being only one from Broncho Ford for a 3/4-ton supercab pickup, the bid was accepted.

The Game Dinner Association presented the court with a proposal to build a permanent building on the West side of the Sutton County Park Slab. The building is primarily for the Game Dinner Association to have a place to cut meat to prepare for the annual game dinner, but will be a benefit to everyone because the building will be for rent to the public holding functions at the slab. There will be no appliances in the building, just counters and sinks, but food could be served from it. It will sit where the bandstand currently sits and will have doorways that will open out to the slab. The Game Dinner Association is planning to have the building finished in time for Sutton County Days and can be used to serve refreshments from.

Two restrooms are in the plans for the building and these restrooms will also be available for those using the slab. The bandstand will have to be moved and the exact place where it will be placed is still in discussion. After considerable discussion on the plans for the new building it was approved to go ahead with the plans.

The JP's office requested a line item transfer so that 2 work stations in the amount of \$3,029. could be purchased in order to make their office Y2K compatible. After some questions concerning the necessity of this request, the transfer was approved.

A request to replat the Fitz Henry Subdivision from 2 tracks into 3 was approved.

Clay Hicks approached the court with the request that the Sonora City League be allowed to hold a baseball camp for the youth of the community. The City League will be responsible for paying the coaches and the cost is \$40.00 per child.

Judge Garner presented the board with the possibility of considering a fee increase on ambulance base charges from \$75 to \$150 and from \$2 to \$3 per mile. Sutton County is currently charging lower fees than any of the surrounding areas, Schleicher being at \$200, and will still be lower with the proposed raise. The motion was approved to be effective as of July 1st.

Discussions were began on the upcoming budget; where cuts need to be and will be made.

Having no more items on the agenda the meeting was adjourned.

Sonora Church Directory

**PRIMERA IGLESIA
BAUTISTA**
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Dobbs, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman,
Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

**ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Suzanne Steves,
Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

**JERUSALEM
ASAMBLEA DE DIOS**
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

**NEW LIFE MINISTRY
CENTER**
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

**THE CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
PRESBYTERIAN**
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

**OUTREACH CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
Hwy. 277 S. Glasscock

**PENTECOSTAL
CALVARY TEMPLE
UNITED**
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

**ST. ANN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father William
DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

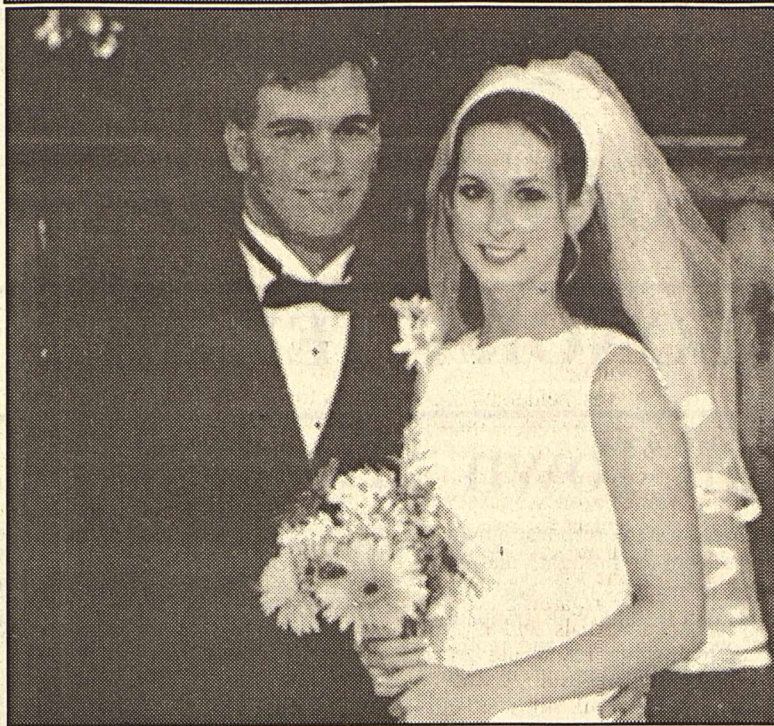
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SONORA, TX 76950
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Funeral Home**
387-2266

Weddings



Chalk - Burns

Rebecca Kay Chalk of Sonora and William Dean Burns of Robert Lee were married May 22, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Suzanne Steves of Sonora officiated. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the backyard of Allar and Claire Richards.

The bride is the daughter of Luther Chalk and Joyce Chalk, both of Sonora. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Burns of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harris of San Angelo.

Matron of Honor was the sister of the bride, Laura DeRusha of College Station. Bridesmaids were Tonni Balas and Jesse Crain of San Angelo. Flower girls were Ashley & Caitlyn Hearn of Big Spring, Baile Hearn of Uvalde and Hailey Shurley of Uvalde.

Best man was Jamon Hamilton of College Station. Groomsmen were Brantley Heiser of San Angelo and Jess Williamson of Robert Lee. Ring bearer was Laredo Williamson of Robert Lee, candlelighters were brother of the bride, Russell Chalk of Kerrville and sister of the groom, Sheree Hardin of Bryan College - Station.

Ushers were brother of the bride Larry Chalk of Sonora and Scott Harris of Carrizo Springs.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and attended Angelo State University. She plans to transfer to the University of Texas in Arlington in the Fall.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Robert Lee High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Angelo State University with a minor in Chemistry and Biology. He is employed by Insituform Technologies of Dallas, Texas.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Arlington.

Engagement

Dolan - Gryder

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dolan of Mertzon, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Katherine to Brandon Hal Gryder, both of San Angelo. Brandon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Gryder of Sonora, Texas.

Miss Dolan is a 1994 graduate of Irion County High School and attended Angelo State University and Howard College. She is employed as a Pediatric Dental Assistant for Dr. Scott Brown.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Sonora High School and a Senior Finance Student at Angelo State University. He is employed by American Sales and Service.

The couple plans an August 14 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Mertzon, Texas.

Obituaries

Francisco Bianueba

Francisco Bianueba 86, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 1999 at a local hospital.

Services were held Saturday, June 12, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial at Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Bianueba was born April 2, 1913 in Ruidosa (Presidio County) Texas and had lived in Sonora since

1952. He was a Catholic and a retired cowboy.

He is survived by his wife Antonia Ramon Bianueba of Sonora, 3 sons - Francisco Villanueva Jr. of San Angelo, Manuel Villanueva and Miguel Villanueva both of Sonora, 2 daughters - Maria Soto and Belinda Villanueva both of Del Rio, 19 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

Tino Martinez

Tino Martinez, 54, of Sonora died Sunday, June 13, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 1, 1944, in Sonora. He was a truck driver and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife,

Rebecca Martinez of Sonora; his father, Gilbert Martinez of Sonora; four sons, Tino Martinez of Colorado Springs, Colo., John David Martinez and Manuel Martinez, both of Sonora, and Richard Martinez of Uvalde; three daughters, Sandra Romero and Debra Martinez, both of Sonora, and Janelle Martinez of San Angelo; a brother Gilbert Martinez of Sonora; 13 grandchildren.

Gail VanWinkle

Gail Ann VanWinkle, 37, of Mansfield and formerly of Rocksprings, died Wednesday, June 9, 1999, in an Arlington hospital.

Services were held at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial in Rocksprings Cemetery. Arrangements were by Nelson Funeral Home.

She was born June 6, 1962, in Junction. She worked at a horticultural nursery and was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Greg Oines of Houston; four chil-

dren, LaVina VanWinkle, Garrett Oines and Sierra Oines, all of Rocksprings; her father, Ed VanWinkle of Junction; her mother, Janie Samora VanWinkle of Rocksprings; six brothers Elias Barrera of Rocksprings, Eddy VanWinkle, Michael VanWinkle and Billy VanWinkle, all of Junction; Rick VanWinkle of San Angelo and Tommy VanWinkle of Sonora; two sisters, Alicia Benavidez of Rocksprings and Peggy Taylor of Austin; and one grandchild.

Ida Belle Sykes Simon Barnes

Ida Belle Sykes Simon Barnes, age 83, of Sonora, passed away Thursday, June, 10 at Kimble Hospital in Junction.

Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 13 at the Roosevelt Community Center in Roosevelt, Texas with Rev. Fred Babb officiating.

Mrs. Barnes was born May 23, 1916 in Sutton County. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Junction. She was preceded in death by 2 husbands, I.G. (Ilee) Simon and W.K. (Bill) Barnes, 2 brothers and 5 sisters.

Survivors include a son, Ilee Simon & wife Martha of Roosevelt; 2 daughters, Elizabeth Miller & husband Kenneth of Yoakum and Barbara Weaver & husband Oscar of Somerville; 5 grandchildren, Marc Simon & wife Jennifer Simon of Roosevelt, Key Simon & wife Michelle of San Angelo, Ron Weaver & wife Tilde of Garland, Dawn Leadford & husband Tait of Bryan and Denise Miller of Yoakum; 3 great-grandchildren, Ashley and Tiffany Simon of San Angelo and Lindsey Weaver of Garland; and numerous relatives and friends.

Jimmy Lott Cook

Jimmy Lott Cook, age 70, of Junction, passed away Thursday, June 10, 1999 at Kimble Hospital.

Graveside funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 14 at the Junction Cemetery with Rev. Cecil Conner officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Graham Funeral Home.

Mr. Cook was born in Sonora

on July 17, 1928. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include 2 sons, Gregory Lott Cook of Junction and Robert K. Cook of ConCan; 2 daughters, Judy Bob Worthington of Aspermont and Belinda Mullins of Kerrville; a sister, Wanda Turner of Lampassas; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 N. Hwy 277
387-2118
Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616
La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552
Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Woods - Shaw

Janice (Nance) Woods would like to announce the marriage of her daughter Kellie Woods to Kevin Shaw on May 22, 1999 at the Abby Mansion in Austin, Texas.

Kellie is the granddaughter of Cleveland and Mildred Nance. She is attending College and is currently employed in Austin.

The groom is a graduate of The University of Texas and is employed by A.T. & T. in Austin.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple will reside in Austin.

**Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.**

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June 17

Legends & Lies of Sutton County
Melodrama Character Try-Outs
5:30 p.m. at Cauthorn Trust Building (Depot)
310 Mulberry

June 21

Major League Boys Baseball
Swimming Party • 6:30 p.m.

The Community Calendar

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June 21 - 24

Bronco Baseball Camp
Sutton County Park
June 24
4-H Playday
6:00 p.m.
Sutton County Park Arena

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Senior Center News

By Juanita Mesa

Appreciation Day at Senior Center was May 28th.

May is Older Americans (Texans) Month so we like to recognize our Senior Texans- active Senior Citizens who come to our Center every week or are registered: Marie Allen, George Brockman, Santos Brown, Aurora Cardenas, Lupe Chavez, Juanita Chavez, Linda Cumpian, Ellen DePugh, Byerl Dillard, Lazaro Dominguez, Alda and Robert Duran, Jose Espinosa, Pablo Favela, Eulogia Flores, Elodia and Oscar Galindo, Rosa Galindo, Jacinto Garza, Mary Lou Gilly, Primitivo Sr., Candi Guerra, Jack and Bernice Hearn, Charles and Beverly Howard, Jim Brisbin, Horace and Jean Humphreys, Jack and Gloria Kerbow, Lupe Mendez, Kathleen Moore, Sam Perez, Amelia Ramos, Johnny and Pauline Ringgold, Victoria Romero, Gretta Smith, John and Dell Tedford, Arturo Trevino, Maria Angelita Trevino, Charlotte Wilson, Romana Duran, Lucy Ramos, Gus and Anna Eustace, Barbara Urbanski, Maria (Fina) Hernandez, Beva Esparza, Baldamar and Lidia Reina, Darrell Curtis, Tina Capuchina, Joe and Olivia Longoria, Jackie and Jimmy Harris, Odell Flores, LaLa Morales, Santos Hernandez, Maria Gutierrez, Maria Leija, Hershel and Jeanne Davenport, Dorothy Baker, Jesus Favila, Joe and Elvira Garcia, Vicenta Lopez, Lura Sawyer, Jose and Leonor Sentena, Ruth Shurley, Ofilia Torres, Nell Wallace, Mae Ward, Mike Villanueva, May Dell Moore and Don Surridge.

We also need to recognize our Senior Texans that are home bound and are registered with our Senior Center. They are as followed: Zaragosa and Emelia Beserra, Francisco and Antonia Bianueba, Sheila Castro, Elida Castro, Vivian Crites, Willie Duran, Sebero Galvan, Brigida Garza, Petra and Telesforo Gonzales, Paula Hernandez, Trouba Kaplan, Glen Krieg, Antonio and Maria Lira, Narciso Lira Sr., Si Loeffler, L.C. Matthis, Maria Morin, Jesus and Alicia Noriega, Ramona Noriega, Isidora Ramirez, Aniceto and Maria Ramos, Leonor Reyna, Lionel and Espy Samaniego, Alfredo and Marcelina Sanchez, Esperanza Sanchez, Mary Swithart, Jesus and Julia Carbajal, Jesus DeHoyos, Bernardo and Felis Solis, Alex and Maggie Noriega, Gilberto and Amelia Lumbreas, Mary Mauldin, Beatrice Black and Tulus Valadez.

We also would like to recognize all of our Volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Some volunteer at the Senior Center by helping with crafts, activities, programs, Bingo, fundraisers and especially delivering meals to our homebound seniors. They are: Lura Sawyer, Nell Wallace, Polly Covey, Marie Aldwell, Charlotte Wilson, Marie Hollmig, Linda Cumpian, Iris Garza, Janalyn Jones, Kelly

Thorp, Olivia Longoria, Arturo Trevino, Lupe Mendez, Florie Gonzales, Maria Mesa, Carmen Sanchez, Robert Duran, Buddy Avila, Maggie Mesa, Bettye Hardegree and Teresa Zurita. Thanks to the Committee on Aging for the Christmas Party and for doing our Birthday Parties each month, also for painting our doors at the Senior Center.

Thanks to all the businesses and our community who donate to the Senior Center so our Seniors can enjoy themselves. We would like to thank the following: Perez Barber Shop, V.L. Chavez Barber Shop, Al's Oil and Lube Service, A&C Hair Designs, Avon Products- Sandra L. Gonzales, Broncho Ford Company Inc., Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance, Busy Bees Day Care, Cavens of Sonora, Charles Howard Construction, Inc., Craft Cottage, Creek Company, D&V Roustabout Service, Dairy Queen, Devil's River News, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Elliott Law Office, Edna's Hair Fashions- Viola Solis, Federal Land Bank Association of Sonora, Flowers by Irene, Food Center, T&C, The Hair Studio, image apparel, Jimco Enterprises, Johnson Law Office, Keller Vet Service, Kerbow Funeral Home, KHOS/KYXX Radio Station, Location Builders Inc., Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas, Ol' Sonora Trading Company- Mary Ann, Newkirk Electric Company, Lisa's Flowers and Gifts-Judy, Pizza Hut, Rosie's Cafe, Phillip Miller-DDS, Charles Pajestka MD, Guido Calderon MD, Sam Dillard- State Farm Ins., Shot's #5 & #6, Sonic Drive-In, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County Steakhouse, The Bank & Trust, Teaff Oil Company, Tedford Jewelry, Thorps Laun-Dry, Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions, Video Store, Wallace Law Office, Westerman Drug, Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Sonora Headstart, Sonora Schools, Sonora Senior Apartments-Josie, Texas Department of Human Services- Maria Carrasco and Noemi Samaniego, B&C Department Store, Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, Sysco Foods, Los Jarritos Restaurant, Rafter L Bar-B-Que, Terry Surridge, Elodia Galindo, Marie Aldwell, City Hall Staff- Patti, Becky, Belia, Gloria and Sue and Sutton County E.M.S.

Thanks to all of our elected officials (city and county), Area Agency on Aging, and especially the staff at the Senior Center. Our Senior Center, programs and services would not be a success without each of your many hours of dedication and support. You all make our work effective and rewarding.

I hope I didn't forget anyone but if I did, it wasn't on purpose. Again let me say "Thanks" for all you do for us at our Senior Center.



Primo Gonzales, Sr. celebrated his 93rd birthday at the Sutton Co. Sr. Center on Wed. June 9th. His daughter, Gloria Lopez brought a cake to share with all his friends at our center. Primo says he looks forward to celebrating his 94th birthday next year!

Historical Society Holds Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Sutton County Historical Society the following officers were elected: Eddie Sawyer, President; Kelly Owen, Vice President; Al Elliott, Treasurer and Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary.

It was stated that the purpose of the Sutton County Historical Society is to preserve the written history of Sutton County, along with some key buildings and to make the history of our county available to the public.

Discussion was held on landscaping of the Sutton County Historical Society properties. A report was given by Ann Kay, Main Street Co-ordinator, on the possibilities of several grants for improvements of Main Street area facilities. She stated that she will need letters from the society regarding certain parts of the proposals and it was agreed that the society would assist her in any way we could to obtain grant money. We will still need private funding to complete parts of the project.

Due to regular demand for books now out of print, it was suggested that we reprint "Bad Old Days In and Around Sutton County" and "Sutton County 1889-1890". Al Elliott will obtain bids for the reprints and covers.

The Sutton County Historical Society copy machine will only make one copy before it quits. It is over 6 years old and just a small PC

copier, so it has more than paid for itself over the years. A replacement is needed as soon as possible to properly assemble the Eaton Collection which was donated to the society.

If one can't be obtained by donation, funds will have to be raised in order to purchase a new one.

Discussion was held on the Old Jail Building. It is in dire need of painting on the interior and some other minor repairs are needed. We will have to look into volunteers or contractors to do the work. It was stated that the Old Jail will be open for tours this summer and anyone interested should contact Ann Kay at the Main Street office to find out dates and times it is open.

Following the meeting our hostess, Lura Sawyer, who had graciously volunteered the use of her house as a meeting place, served delicious refreshments to the members. Those who didn't attend missed some great chocolate cream pie. We deeply appreciate her support of the Historical Society.

Anyone interested in joining the Sutton County Historical Society or making a donation can drop by Al Elliott's office on Main Street or send a check to the Sutton Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885.

Anyone interested in doing any type of volunteer work for the society should call any officer and let us know how you would like to help.

Update On Library Grounds

Submitted by Ann Kay - Director - Sonora Main Street Program

The Sonora Main Street Program has received the following information from the Sutton County Public Library Building Committee. In the interest of clearing up confusion about the library grounds we would like to pass it on.

The Sutton County Public Library Building Committee is an independent committee, which raised all the funds through contributions and grants to build and equip the new Sutton County Public Library. The library building opened for public use in November of 1996, but the grounds were unfinished. Since that time the Sutton County Public Library Building Committee has been responsible for the cost and design of all exterior construction, rock-

work, walkways, steps and railings to the historical area, irrigation systems, trees, plantings, and decorative items such as the cast concrete benches and the sundial. The money for the site work and landscaping was designated for this purpose by individuals at the time of their donations to the Building Committee.

Sue Wamble is volunteering her time, her gardening expertise, and her aching muscles, to plant and care for the flowers supplied by the Sutton County Public Library Building Committee. She is doing a wonderful job and deserves the thanks of the community. The Building Committee appreciates the gift of the azaleas from Micci Carter Landscape. Sue has incorporated them into the eye-catching bed under the big tree at the back

Senior Center News

June 18 - Honor all of "Senior Fathers! Tie Contest after lunch! Door Prizes

June 21 - Bingo!

June 22 - Exercise with video...anyone want to try again? morning or after lunch!

June 23 - Let's visit Nursing Home after lunch!

June 24 - Birthday party for June babies after lunch!

Senior Center Menu

June 18 - Catfish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, tossed salad, sugar cookie.

June 21 - Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, carrots, tossed salad, peach cobbler.

June 22 - Oven fried chicken breast, potato salad, orange slices, zucchini squash, wheat bread, lemon square.

June 23 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, potato wedge, Spanish green beans, wheat bread, juice, lime swirl.

June 24 - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 noon. \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Craig Sheford is seven years old and had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Craig has expressed his wish to Make-A-Wish Foundation he would like to make the Guinness book for the largest collection of business cards. Time is of essence and Southwest Texas Telephone Company would like to invite you to join us in making Craig's dream come true.

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and was 20 1/2" long.
Caroline is welcomed by her
sisters Camilla, Catherine,
Candace and Cassandra
Proud Grandparents are
Leo and Pat Merrill
and
I.B. Cutbirth

It's A Girl!

Roxanne Talamantez
would like to welcome her sister
Jasmine Talamantez

She was born Saturday, May 22, 1999
1:04 p.m.

at Shannon Women's & Children's Center
She weighed 7 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs.
and was 19" long.

Proud Parents are James & Lisa Talamantez
Maternal Grandparents are
Henry Mata & Juanita Duran.
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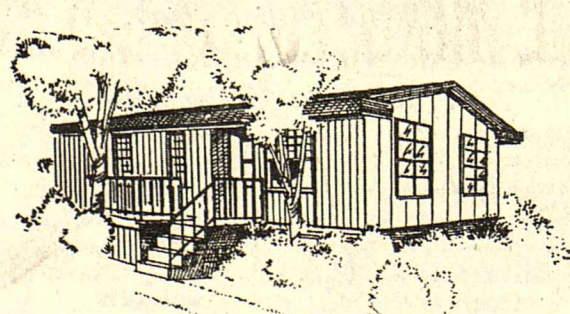
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Who's Who**Davis Honored As Salutatorian
At Bishop Lynch High School**

Christin Sawyer Davis

Submitted

Christin Sawyer Davis is the Salutatorian for the Bishop Lynch High School Class of 1999. At Honors Convocation, Christin received the Faculty Award for English, Spanish, and Theater Arts. She received honorable mention for Calculus and Theology. Christin was also recognized for being a

National Merit Commended Scholar and was voted by her classmates to receive the Senior of the Year award.

Christin is the daughter of Carlos and Jane Davis of Dallas and the granddaughter of Lura Sawyer of Sonora. Christin plans to attend Rice University in the fall.

**Barron Graduates With
Honors****Submitted**

Ada Charlene Barron, daughter of Dolley Galindo of Houston, TX, and granddaughter of Felipe and

Teresa Leyva of Sonora, recently graduated with all A's and 2 B's from the Alief Elsik High School.

While in school, Barron participated in a yearlong hospitality internship at the Adam's Mark Hotel. For a year end project the students, along with several other schools, hosted a multicourse "Taste of New Orleans" meal to show off their culinary skills they acquired during their internship.



Ada Charlene Barron



Ada prepares oysters.

**Honor Students Named at
Baylor University**

For the 1999 spring session at Baylor University, 1,696 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

Michele Yvonne Cramer of Sonora was named to that list.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

**Area Sophomore Attends
Leadership Program****Submitted**

Chris Weingart attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar in San Antonio. Chris joined more than 290 other young leaders representing many high schools throughout West Texas on June 3-6.

Representing Sonora High School, Chris Weingart is the son of Joe and Maura Weingart.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide them with a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and the democratic process, while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY Ambassadors are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

"The HOBY seminar challenged me to think about the many issues affecting the world around

me and helped me understand that as a leader, I have the power to make a positive impact in business, government, and society," said Weingart. "HOBY helped me see the leadership potential in myself and to understand that goals and dreams are important regardless of what profession I choose."

HOBY was established by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership at 1-800-929-HOBY (4629) or visiting their web site at www.hoby.org.



Chris
Weingart
is
attending
HOBY
seminars in
San Antonio
this summer.

**Sonora City
League To
Host Baseball
Camp**

The Sonora City League will host the Bronco baseball camp at the Sutton County Ballpark on Monday, June 21, 1999 through Thursday, June 24, 1999. Next year's 4th and 5th graders will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., next year's 6th and 7th graders will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon, and next year's 8th and 9th graders will meet from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. Walk-up registration will begin at 7:30 Monday morning at the park. Campers need to bring drinking water, bats, gloves, sunscreen, and caps. The baseball fundamentals of throwing, catching, fielding, hitting and baserunning will be taught. Cost for the camp is \$40, and that will include a Camp T-shirt for each camper. If you have any questions, please contact Clay Hicks at 387-3286. Both boys and girls are welcome.

**Thank
You****Dear Family and Friends:**

I would like to thank you for all the support and kindness that you have given me throughout my 12 years in school in this community. God has really blessed me through you. I thank all of you who put money into my Senior Selections or bought me a gift. I pray that God richly blesses each and every one of you.

Sincerely, Daisy Mireles



Daisy Mireles

Thank you so much to my "Bloom Where You're Planted" class for baking and selling the dirt cakes. I love you all. Also, thank you to everyone who bought the cakes on my behalf. I really appreciate everything that has been done for me.

Annette Mabry

I would like to thank all the people who kept me in their prayers while I was in the hospital. I would like to especially thank the following family members and friends for all their help: Gil & Rena Favila, Betty Arrrendondo and family, eddie & Tammy Favila, Laurie Garza, Marissa Faz, Sharon Creek, Maria Carrasco, and the Astro baseball team & their mom's for the beautiful flowers. Thank you again for helping me out during my time of need. May God Bless You All.

Rachel Lira & Family

F.Y.I.

The 1999 San Angelo Quilt Show will be held at the Cactus Hotel, Friday June 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday June 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

Any Junior or Senior Girl interested in running for Miss Sutton County, Please contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507. Benefits include Scholarships, Prizes, Cash Bonuses for High Sales, Television and Radio exposure, Style Shows and much more! A great opportunity to become involved in your community.

The Legend and Lies of Sutton County - Come see the Melodrama at the Sonora Caverns. Opening night is Saturday, June 26th and is running for 7 Saturdays at the Sonora Caverns. Time - 6:30 for meal and 7:15 for show. Cost for meal & show is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 8 yrs. and under, show only is adults \$10 and kids \$5. Games and fun for everyone - prizes will be given every night. Tryouts for four characters will be at the Cauthorn Trust Building (Depot) on June 17th at 5:30 p.m.

It's Summer Time Again. If you need transportation for Summer School, Library Reading Program, Vacation Bible School, Drama Camp at Methodist Church or swimming lessons please make reservations by calling 387-2509. Thanks for your support, Thunderbird Transit.

The Bank & Trust is unable to obtain Texas Amusement Park Tickets this year for resale at our Sonora location. However, customers may obtain discounted tickets for various Texas Amusement Parks by submitting a direct application order with payment. Applications are available at the Bank & Trust. Allow 3-4 weeks for ticket delivery.

The First Baptist Church has changed the Sunday evening worship service from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday services remain at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Drama Camp for all kids and youth who will be in 3rd-8th grade next fall. June 8 - Aug. 5 - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at First United Methodist Church (corner of Oak & Water). We'll be working on "Exodus From Egypt County," to be performed during Sutton County Days. To register call Rev. Suzanne Steves at 387-2466 or 387-2684 or Kristen Hicks at 387-3286 or 387-3427.

The Sonora Municipal Pool started booking pool parties May 1, 1999. All parties will be booked at the pool! The pool number is 387-5377.

The Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets every 2nd Monday of the month at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Meetings are at noon. Everyone is welcome!

**Local Resident Named to
Provost's List at Texas Lutheran
University****Submitted**

Jeff A. McCarn of Sonora was named to the Provost's List for the spring semester of the 1998-99 academic year at Texas Lutheran University. The Provost's List was announced by Dr. Frank Giesber, interim, executive vice president and provost of the University. McCarn is a sophomore business major at Texas Lutheran University.

To be announced to the Provost's list, students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point

average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Texas Lutheran University, offering degrees in 27 academic disciplines and 11 pre-professional programs, was listed in U.S. News and World Report's 1999 ranking of "Americas Best Colleges and Universities."

Texas Lutheran had a 1998-99 fall semester enrollment of 1,520 students, a 13 percent increase over the preceding academic year.

Happy Birthday

June 17
Adrian Chevannes

June 18
Virginia Epps
Anna Coronado
Caleb Mireles

June 19
McKenzie Croy
Chrystal Marie Avila

June 20
Zale Santana

June 21
Amanda Cooper

Cody Ainsworth
Jordan Anderson
Allison Freeman

June 21
Agnes Mooney
Luke Sanchez

June 22
Ronnie Bowers
Efrain Castro
Christa Dobbs

June 23
Odilia Paredes
Morgan Smith

June 24
Virgil Burge
Pam Munn

June 25
Nichole Romero
Stanley Mayfield
David R. Sanchez Sr.

Hunter Education Camp Held At McPherson 4M Ranch

Submitted by Rodney Knight

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the McPherson 4M Ranch sponsored a Hunter Education Camp for twenty-one girls last week for the seventh year. The girls ranged in age from 12 to 18. They included Sheryl Alexander, Jennifer Byber, Ashley N. Doran, Heather Homer, and Janet Gardiner of Eldorado, Lacy Ragsdale, Ashley G. Doran, Allison Benson, Kelly Kearney, Courtney Caruthers, and Emily Matchus of Sonora, Kaytee Collins of Ozona, Laurissa Lozano of Langtry, Crystal Hernandez, and Gabriela Flores of Del Rio, Veronica Toudouze, and Charlie Kellea of San Antonio, Rachel Hamilton of Midland, Margo Cardwell and Jennifer Knight of Austin, and Michelle Normeat of Somerset. These girls were unbelievably good. They made this year's camp a pleasure.

While these girls were there they shot muzzle loaders, rifles, pistols, shot guns, and bow and arrows. They learned about wildlife management, survival, game care, and hunting ethics. They really got into the shooting part; finishing 600 rounds of 20 gauge shotgun shells alone. I think if I would have let them, they would have shot up all the ammunition for the boy's camp too! Courtney Caruthers won the Buck pocket knife for being the outstanding participant at the camp. This was one bunch of girls that really all deserved a knife!

The instructors included Game Wardens Mike Porter, J.C. Flores, Freddie Cervantez, Alan Masloff, Marco Alvizo, Gary Pick, and Rodney Knight. Mary Humphrey of Wildlife Division taught the wildlife management section. Also assisting were Marvin Shurley, Brent Gesch,



Tim Talley and Edie Dunn.

A special thanks to Sandy and Doug McPherson, who furnished their ranch, the facilities, and all the food for the camp. They're the ones who make the whole thing possible.

I also want to thank "General Maria", who cooks for us, my fellow Game Wardens and instructors, Laborde Diagnostics of Lafayette, Louisiana, the U.S. Border Patrol of San Angelo, Wanda and Marvin Shurley, the dispatchers at the

Sheriff's Office, Gene and Doug of the 4M Ranch, and my daughter Edie, who helps me each year.

One other thing I learned at this camp. The first day, Monday, every thing that could go wrong went wrong. I sat down that evening at my wit's end; when one girl looked at me and said "Mr. Knight, just remember when you hit rock bottom all you can do is go up." I thought "these kids are smarter than we give them credit for."

Who Do We Blame?

TESTIMONY OF DARRELL SCOTT FATHER OF TWO VICTIMS OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING LITTLETON, COLORADO BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999, 2:00 P.M., 2141 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the heart of men and of women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence.

The death of my wonderful daughter Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher and the other children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA.

I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA - because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughters death. Therefore I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.

I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies!

Much of that blame lies here in this room. Much of that blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves.

I wrote a poem just four nights ago that express my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today.

Your laws ignore our deepest needs

Your words are empty air.
You've stripped away our heritage.

You've outlawed simple prayer.

Now gunshots fill our classrooms.

And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere.

And ask the question "WHY"?

You regulate restrictive laws through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand.
That God is what we need!

Men and women are three part

beings. We all consist of body, soul, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our makeup, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and wreak havoc.

Spiritual influences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historic fact.

What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God and in doing so, we open the doors to hatred and violence.

And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs, politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that continue to erode away our personal and private liberties.

We do not need more restrictive laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre.

The real villain lies within our OWN hearts. Political posturing and restrictive legislation is not the answer.

The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place that will not be squelched!

We do not need more religion. We do not need more gaudy television evangelists spewing out verbal religious garbage. We do not need more million dollar church buildings built while people with basic needs are being ignored.

We do need a change of heart and an humble acknowledgment that this nation was founded on the principle of simple trust in God.

As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes. He did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right!

I challenge every young person in America and around the world to realize that on April 20, 1999 at Columbine High School - prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain.

Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your conscience and denies your God-given right to communicate with Him.

To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA - I give to you sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before you cast the first stone!

My daughter's death will not be in vain. The young people of this country will not allow that to happen.

The above letter was emailed to the DRN office, if you have something of interest send it to editor@sonoratr.net

A Plea For Hunting and Hunters

By Roy A. Harrell Jr. - Ozona

One of the many unfortunate results of the shooting in Georgia and Colorado might be its effect on hunting and hunters. It is plain that families in the cities and suburbs throughout America are concerned and have made their feelings known far and wide. West Paducah, Kentucky; Jonesboro, Arkansas; Springfield, Oregon; Littleton, Colorado and Conyers, Georgia - all in the past few years have had a persistent but increasingly vocal public perception that guns and school age kids are a potentially lethal mix. The first lady, Hilary Rodham Clinton, on Mother's Day no less, urged to "Protect our Kids from Guns." This is a concern that many more parents are taking seriously. Sixteen states now have laws which restrict a child's access to guns at home. And the U.S. Senate is now considering tighter restrictions on gun sales, background checks at gun shows, and mandating safety locks for handguns.

Here there is truly a rural-urban divide regarding guns in North America. During my childhood here in Ozona, I was taught that guns should not be considered instruments of either power or influence. Rather they were considered as tools that, like any tool, could be dangerous and even lethal if mis-handled. Guns were something I learned to respect, but not fear. Living in Crockett County and I think most of Texas, guns were considered just part of culture.

Throughout many areas of the United States, hunting is considered a common pastime. Like me, during my childhood, hundreds of thousands of kids and adults regularly head for the back forty. In West Virginia, where I used to hunt, so many pupils were absent on the first day of the deer hunting season that the public schools felt compelled to close. I myself confess to day-dreaming about hunting when the first days of November dawned. Parents in these communities like here taught the gun safety- and learning the attendant lessons there- were just part of the culture. Guns for us, and in other places, were locked in a room. And there were locks which went through the trigger and pump action. The Boy Scouts of America regularly teaches these concepts for rifle and shotgun merit badges.

According to recent statistics, over 700,000 students enroll in hunter safety courses throughout the United States and Canada. Some of these courses are even taught in public schools. The courses are a prerequisite to obtaining a hunting license. This side of the story is seemingly absent in the reporting about the horrible incidents in Colorado and Georgia.

Such horrible incidents make newspaper headlines and tend to shape public perceptions about guns. But there is a segment of the American population, including many young people, who come into contact with guns every day and do

not encounter tragedy nor misuse them. A hunting license is a part of tradition and actually benefits rather than harms the wildlife.

My paternal grandfather and his hunting friends took me hunting with them. It was my first real male-bonding experience. Lots of kids today, due to extracurricular activities, just don't get enough time to spend with either parents or grandparents. Some states, such as Virginia and Pennsylvania make hunting illegal on Sundays. Such idiotic laws greatly reduce the amount of time kids can spend with parents and grandparents. Saturday hunting is out of the question for many kids I knew through Scouting in those two states for to so participate they would have to give up sports or Scouting.

Guns have been a part of the social fabric of the United States since its founding. It seems to me that the fear of guns is really prompted in part by a demographic shift. America has gone from being a nation of farmers to one increasingly urban and totally cut off from a world where activities like hunting are a way of life. And the public's overall concept of the utility of firearms has definitely changed. Unfortunately, for a lot of people, their first impression of firearms is often a negative one.

It should be recognized that there is a difference between trying to aggrandize guns in the eyes of a child and mentoring them about the indispensable obligation to be responsible. But the fact is that whenever the public is better educated about guns, the safer they will be. Registration of guns should pose no real threat to anyone, including the hunter.

On the issue of gun-control, support should be made dependent on the type of weapon. Many people tell me that they oppose restrictions on the firearms which my friends and I use for hunting, but just might support controls on handguns and semi-automatic weapons. It really doesn't take a Uzi to kill a deer or an elk. To me, the crux of the argument on gun-control should be focused on prohibiting the sale of assault weapons, but not under any conditions try to do away with firearms used for hunting. The phenomena of people developing gun fetishes and people who turn to guns in a passionate moment is an atrocious and disgusting development in our culture.

This is not to say that hunting is for everyone. The hunting of wildlife to put meat on the dinner table should be the reason to get into the sport, not the acquiring of heads. If kids do develop an interest in hunting, adults should help them become aware of all that is involved. They should learn that the gun is not really the most important element of hunting. Rather, it is a dangerous apparatus that is part of the process. One should not hunt just because they worship guns or want heads to show off.

Hunting is definitely violent

towards game animals. But paradoxically, young hunters seem to be more in touch with life and death than kids who have little or no contact with wildlife and whose total world is tethered to a digital reality where virtual murder had no real consequences. Rather, hunters see death up close. Hunting does encourage kids to carefully consider their intentions and their actions, while video games do no such thing. There seems to be the perception that hunters are, by their very nature, violent, but I would argue that more people get hurt by billiards and golf than they do hunting.

In Virginia, during the early part of the century, over 3,900 deer were harvested. During that same time, there were over 45 hunter fatalities, equating to one human fatality for every 90+ deer taken. But by the mid-nineties, there were over 4,000,000 deer shot by 700,000 hunters, and there was only one fatality. Hunting education does have a payoff in terms of human life.

For some years it has been apparent that the hunting population is in decline. In 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that over 14 million people hunt in the United States- at least based on the hunting licenses sold. But others place the actual number closer to 20 million. Yet few dispute that the number of hunters is declining. Gone are the days when hunting was the social glue of the family.

Kids today often cannot have the experience I had in my pre-teen years. In many states, 12 is the minimum legal hunting age. Today all young hunters must successfully complete a course in hunter education. They learn what I learned with the guidance of my grandfather and his friends; how to store a gun, carry it, load and unload ammunition, check to make sure the trigger is on safety, and clean the barrel of guns so that it fires cleanly. But at the very least, all kids- whether they hunt or not- should learn how to handle guns. The kids we see in the Scouting movement have more respect for guns because they realize how dangerous they are. This does not mean that they are afraid of guns.

Guns can be lethal when they are treated as objects of power and cultivate a mystique that can be so alluring to kids. Guns never were the main object of attention in our household, and we did not center our lives around them. Guns can be and indeed should be stored under lock and key. The only time they should come out is for hunting or shooting targets.

But we hunters must come to grips with reality. The recent school shootings are changing attitudes and actions. Some schools already are prohibiting carrying backpacks to prevent handguns and other weapons being smuggled into schools. The day is a sad one. Hunters need to make their case forcefully. If they fail to do so, a lot will be lost, including wildlife management.

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Kent Hokit & Kelly Martin
Sat. - 68 Sun. - 66
Claude Hudson & A. Ware
Sat. - 69 Sun. - 74

Second Flight
Larry Hernandez & Scott Farley
Sat. - 70 Sun. - 74
Benny Frasier & Jimmy Crowder
Sat. - 79 Sun. - 80
James Williams & Eddie Hale
Sat. - 77 Sun. - 75
Jerry Don Balch & Zane Powers
Sat. - 73 Sun. - 74
HO Hoover & Wayne Tomlenson
Sat. - 72 Sun. - 75
Rick Hensly & Lynn Ponell
Sat. - 84 Sun. - 82
Gay McGehee & Steven Peters
Sat. - 78 Sun. - 72
Sooner Williams & Clint Penre
Sat. - 71 Sun. - 66
Brad Michaels & Pat Hamilton
Sat. - 85 Sun. - 76

Championship Flight:

Saturday:
1st - Koerth/Smith
2nd/3rd - Garza/Prince
2nd/3rd - Arredondo/Arredondo
Sunday:
1st - Garza/Prince
2nd - Allen/Webster
3rd - Roe/Burge

President Flight:

Saturday:
1st - Holden/Cloud
2nd/3rd - Yoager/Kirlan
2nd/3rd - Beasley/Childress
Sunday:
1st - Beasley/Childress
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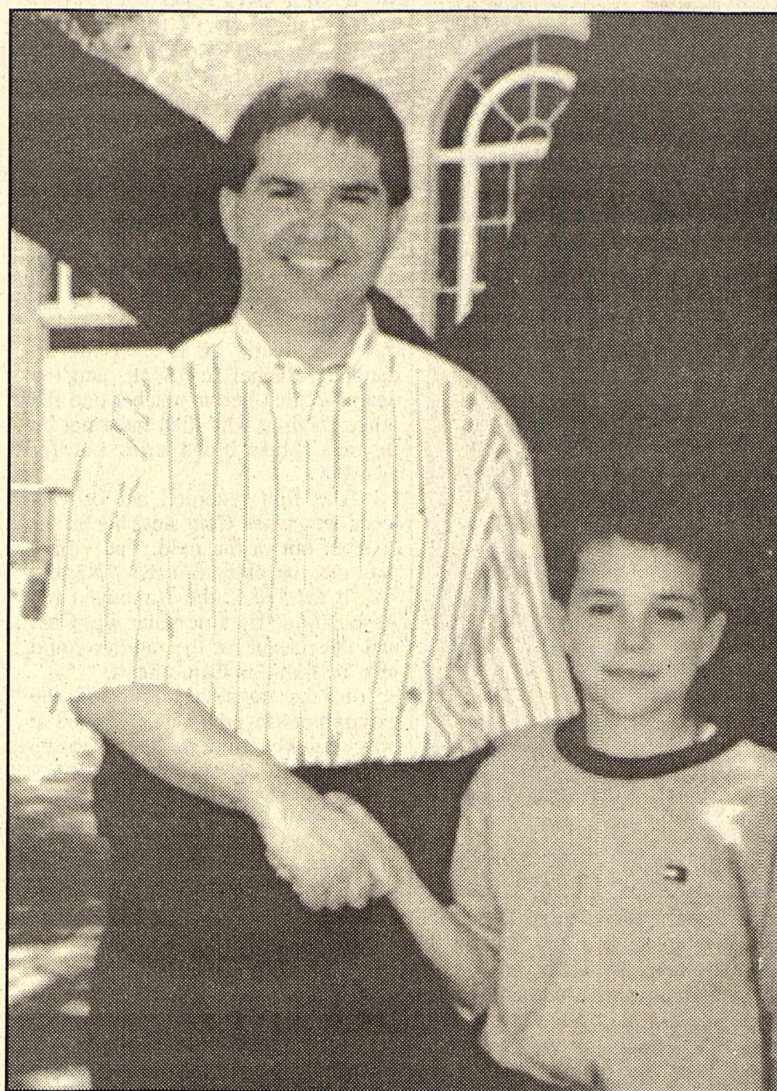
First Flight

Saturday:
1st - Adams/Joy
2nd - Stewart/Seehorn
3rd - Hokit/Martin
Sunday:
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2nd - Adams/Joy
3rd - Phillips/Goode

Second Flight:

Saturday:
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1st - Williams/Pener
2nd - McGehee/Peters
3rd - Hernandez/Garley
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Dr. Charles Pajetska and Warren Wallace

Submitted
The student chosen for this week's Concho Valley School-to-Work/Tech Prep Partnership contest winner is fifth grader, Warren Wallace. Warren's choice of professionals to write about was Dr. Charles M. Pajetska, Family Practitioner, MD. Pajetska attend-

ed Bartlet High School, Temple Jr. College, Texas A&M, and University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and has 15 years experience. The Doctor's duties are to keep you as well as possible and if you have a disease to help you live with it. The best part of the job is visiting with the patients and the worst part of the job is when people don't take their medicine and complain that they aren't well.

A typical day at work for Doctor Charles M. Pajetska is to go the office and see his patients for about two hours. Then he checks on his sick patients that are in the hospital. After another hour or two he goes back to his office and checks his patients and does other stuff until 5 o'clock when the office closes. He also says he gets called out at night 0-8 times if he gets called out at all. It's good that we have someone like Doctor Pajetska on call here in Sonora.

Written By: Warren Wallace, 5th grade, Sonora Elementary

Honoring Our Ranch Women

Submitted by Guy Wyatt Askew

Mary Burleson Wyatt, born April 4, 1900 to a pioneer ranch family, one of (12) twelve children of James Beverly, and Effie Inez Burleson was born at Calvary Indian Post, Fort McKavett, Texas. Mary, born Marie, grew up at the Indian Fort, and was later educated in the San Angelo Schools. In her very earliest years after her finishing school, she was a governess on several ranches teaching the children reading, writing and arithmetic. On one of these ranches, at old Owensville, Texas ranch in eastern Sutton County she met Henry C. Wyatt, son of Chris Wyatt and Zadie Baker Wyatt. She married Henry Wyatt in the Spring of 1920 on the San Saba River in Menard County.

Mary was raised a ranch girl and married a ranch man, Henry Wyatt, from one of the oldest West Texas ranching families of the area. She learned to ride horseback as a girl, and was an accomplished rider. She rode regularly, working cattle, sheep and goats. This, however, never took away her ability from totally being a lady. Not only could she saddle any ranch horse, and gather sheep for shearing; she could milk almost any cow, but, Mary dressed as a sophisticated lady down to wearing her driving gloves when going to town on business.

Mary ranched side by side with her husband Henry Wyatt for 56 years. Their ranch Headquarters of 6,000 acres being South of Sonora, Texas on part of the Wyatt and Vander Stucken properties, particularly, being part of Henry's Uncle Joe Wyatt's country. They later obtained ranches and ranched in Cotulla, Uvalde, and Marfa, Texas.

Mary always lived on the ranches and helped operate them, often times alone. She oversaw the feeding, branding, and marketing, and the daily activities of the ranch hands. She always had a good meal, ready in minutes and welcomed everyone to her home.

Mary and Henry Wyatt had only one daughter Mary Gwen

Wyatt, now of San Antonio, Texas. They had two (2) grandchildren, Guy Wyatt Askew and Mary Gayle Davis-Jordan, whom now own the Headquarters ranch located south of Sonora, Texas on Ranch Road 1691. Both Guy and Mary Gayle live in the San Antonio, Texas area.

Mary was very well-known for helping others in their time of need. She was always ready to help buy groceries, fill a prescription, pay a doctor or hospital bill, or helping students with The Make-it-yourself with Wool Contest; she helped many to save a home, or make a down payment. She counseled and offered advice to many both young and old alike. She loyally loved her friends and family.

She traveled quite extensively in South Africa with the Mohair Council of America and cherished this memory. She spoke of it often and often remembered obtaining her American Passport; which was granted without her Birth Certificate. She was born at the Indian Fort, Fort McKavett, Texas in 1900, but her birth had never been registered due to problems at the Fort at that time.

Mary was severely burned in 1973 and was at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas for a year. She always had a positive attitude, and never lost her strength to fight, she had a very positive way of thinking and never lost sight of how to win, she fought and recovered miraculously, even though she had been severely burned in an accident at the ranch when a pickup caught fire.

Mary B. Wyatt was truly a pioneer ranch lady, who never met a stranger and had a heart of gold. She loved all mankind regardless of race, creed or color and accepted every person as the same. She was a devout Christian, being a long time member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Sonora, Texas.

We love her, miss her, and speak of her on a daily basis. She is our inspiration and strength even today. We immortalize our beloved Mother and Friend of all.



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Successful Session

Submitted

State Representative Bob Turner, D-Voss, announced that most legislative initiatives for rural Texas were successful this session of the legislature. Legislation assisting agriculture, rural economic development, fire protection, county government and prosecuting criminals all passed the legislature. Early estimates place increase in state funding for rural programs at about \$203 million.

"The 1999 legislative session did more for rural Texas than any other since I began my tenure in the Texas House of Representatives," Turner said. The recessed state of rural Texas' main two industries-agriculture and oil/gas-pushed the needs of rural areas to the forefront according to Rep. Turner. At one point during the session, the number of rural initiatives passed by the Texas House was met by a backlash from inner-city representatives who felt too much was being done to help rural Texas while no legislation to help low income inner-city areas was a priority.

The legislature began the session by providing \$45 million in emergency severance tax relief to oil and gas producers to help offset record low prices. Many counties and school districts are bracing for significant losses in tax revenues and state funding due to the recession in the industry earlier this year. Some provisions of S.B. 4, which is best known for providing teachers with a \$3,000 a year pay-raise, contain financial help for school districts adversely affected by the low oil and gas prices.

Three main initiatives were adopted for the Texas agricultural industry this session. The legislature provided an increase in funding for the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) to make more money available for low interest loans to cover the cost of boll weevil eradication, starting a value-added agricultural processing business, and the Young Farmer Program. S.B. 441 was amended by Rep. Turner to provide franchise tax credits for Ag processing facilities expanding or locating in rural counties. And finally, the legislature adopted H.B. 2 to outline the development of the state's agriculture policy. Rep. Turner was a joint author on this legislation.

"H.B. 2 is going to provide Texas with a state policy which covers every aspect of producing and selling an agricultural product from the moment the producer decides to raise or grow something until the product is used or eaten by the consumer," Turner stated.

Turner believes representatives, senators, and community leaders should not rest on the laurels of these successes. "There is still a lot of work ahead of us to see the kind of economic growth and prosperity being experienced East of IH-35," Turner stated. During the interim between the legislative sessions, Rep. Turner will be involved first-hand in developing the state agriculture policy as mandated by H.B. 2, and will continue working to help rural communities improve and diversify their economy.

Rep. Bob Turner said he does intend to run for a sixth term in the Texas House of Representatives during the fall of 2000. "I had the best session of my legislative career in 1999. I was able to pass and amend legislation to the benefit of District 73 and all rural Texas. It wouldn't make sense to abandon my leadership position on rural issues and my chairmanship in the Texas House at this time. It is important to maintain the momentum to effect further positive changes for the district," Turner explained.

Junction Livestock Auction

6/14
Sheep and Goats: 4,900 Week Ago: 4,921 Year Ago: 4,726
Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 2.00-4.00 lower. Slaughter lambs 4.00 lower. Slaughter ewes 2.00 lower. Stocker Spanish nannies 6.00 lower. Slaughter Spanish nannies 2.00 lower. All classes slaughter Spanish 6.00-9.00 lower. Stocker Angora nannies 4.00 higher. All classes slaughter Angora 1.00-3.00 lower. Supply included around 10 percent sheep including near 200 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep:

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: 50-65 lb springers 76.00-78.00; 65-90 lb old crop 60.00-65.00 CWT.

Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 80-95 lbs 64.50-70.00 CWT.

Slaughter Ewes: Culls 20.00-23.00; Utility 2-3 36.00-39.00;

Good 2-3 45.00-53.00; Bucks 27.50-40.00 CWT.

Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: Nannies 30.00-39.50 per head

Angora Goats: 50-60 lb nannies 54.00-56.00 CWT.

Slaughter Goats:

Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 63.00-69.00; 35-65 lbs 65.00-76.00; Good 35-65 lbs 60.00-65.00 CWT.

Nannies: 75-130 lb fat nannies 45.00-55.00, thin nannies 33.00-38.00 CWT.

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Angora Goats: 80-115 lb fat muttons and billies 38.00-45.00; 70-85 lb fat nannies 36.00-42.00; 40-70 lb kids 60.00-69.00; thin nannies and muttons 30.00-35.00 CWT.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USA

Producers Livestock Auction Co.

6/10
Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts: 1900:
Last Week: 1717: Last Year: 3260:

Compared to last week calves and yearlings firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Quality average to plain. Supply included 50 percent calves, 30 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 89.00-95.00; 400-500 lb 82.00-90.00; 500-600 lb 76.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 71.00-84.00; 700-800 lb 66.00-72.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 300-400 lb 80.00-92.00; 400-500 lb 74.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 70.00-76.00; 600-700 lb 64.00-71.00; 700-800 lb 62.00-67.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lb 82.00-88.00; 400-500 lb 73.00-83.00; 500-700 lb 68.00-78.00; 700-800 lb 62.00-63.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 300-400 lb

72.00-80.00; 400-500 lb 64.00-71.00; 500-700 lb 62.00-69.00.

Slaughter Cows:

	Percent Lean
Breakers	75-80%
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855-1525 lb	33.00-38.50.
Lean	85-90%
770-1030 lb	28.00-35.00.
750-850 lb	28.00-29.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1520-2065 lb 45.00-49.00; low-dressing 1450-1500 lb 43.00-45.00.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.

Medium 1-2 360.00-490.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair:

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Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 490.00-620.00.

Stocker and Feeder Heifers:

Medium and Large 1-2 (young)

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Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

Extended Forecast

6/16- 6/20

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Thursday - Mostly cloudy in the morning...partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. High near 90.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Low in the upper 60s. High in the lower 90s.

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World Diagnostic Group Meets in College Station

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A group of scientists who set the stage for world livestock trade policy conducted their business at Texas A&M University for the first time this month.

The World Association of Veterinary Laboratory

Diagnosticians, which meets every two or three years to discuss the latest in veterinary diagnostic techniques, met for only the second time in the United States and the first time in College Station. The association's new president, Dr. Konrad Eugster of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, said the meeting was important because it can help ease world trade as advanced diagnostic techniques help assure trading partners that livestock are disease free.

"What we did is discuss diagnostic advances related to moving animals from one country to another. An example is bluetongue, a disease in cattle that is caused by a virus," Eugster said. "Current procedures require a negative test for bluetongue, but because antibodies to the virus can cause a positive test, between 50 and 60 percent of Texas livestock tested come up positive and cannot be exported.

"By applying DNA-based tests, which look for the virus itself instead of antibodies, we can bring down the percentage of positive tests to less than 1 percent."

That, of course, means easier trading. Scientific acceptance of new techniques, which starts at meetings like this one, eventually can lead to new policies by the Office International des Epizooties, also known as the "World

Organization for Animal Health."

The organization sets international standards for moving livestock between countries, although individual countries have ultimate say over whether they set their own standards for importing. Australia, for instance, allows imports of cattle tested using the newer bluetongue tests, Eugster said, but is the only country doing so at this time.

"A major part of our program was discussing these newer tests and encouraging regulators to accept them," Eugster said of the conference's agenda. "Some countries take a little while to be convinced, but I think we made progress."

The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, of which Eugster is the executive director, is the U.S. leader in offering molecular genetics test like the one for bluetongue. It thus has a major role in facilitating livestock exports, which total about \$1 billion annually in Texas, Eugster said.

Other subjects discussed at the meeting included genetic testing for scrapie; the role of diagnosis in controlling retroviral infections (especially avian leukosis virus); methods of distinguishing between animals vaccinated for foot and mouth disease and those who are persistent carriers; identifying salmonella strains in poultry; diagnosis of pestivirus infections in pigs, cattle and sheep; the status of mad cow disease in the world; and the emergence of a new virus, the NIPAH virus, which in recent months killed dozens of people and pigs in Malaysia.

Two hundred delegates from 18 countries were in attendance. They enjoyed the Texas hospitality and deemed the conference a success, Eugster said.

Where's The Beef?



By U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla

When we send our hard earned tax dollars off to Washington, we have no choice but to trust that federal bureaucrats will spend our money in a wise way. But as we all know by now, the words "bureaucrats" and "wise" are not generally found in the same sentence. The latest example of bureaucrats needlessly wasting taxpayer dollars comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Recently, the USDA announced a plan to buy \$6 million worth of ground buffalo meat. The federal buyout is aimed at easing the stress on bison ranchers who are having trouble unloading their product. Apparently the buffalo steaks are selling well, but the ground bison, which is very lean, is somewhat of an acquired taste and hasn't been selling well.

This federal buyout sounds like a good plan at first glance, and for some it is. But for who? Who is really being helped by this federal buyout? Certainly not the buffalo! The fact is, there are relatively few buffalo ranchers in the United States.

Granted, a few bison producers in this small industry really do need the help. But a good part of the buyout money will go into the pockets of wealthy buffalo ranchers like Ted Turner. Turner is the billionaire TV mogul who started up the CNN news channel. He is also the largest producer of buffalo in the United States.

The fact that the federal government is throwing money at wealthy bison ranchers like Turner, is a bit hard to swallow for struggling cattle producers in Texas and across the country. Cattle producers have been through some really tough times lately. In Texas, devastating droughts and low commodity prices have really taken their toll on livestock producers.

The USDA should be spending taxpayer dollars more wisely. Putting federal tax dollars into the pockets of millionaires in an effort to bailout a relatively small, specialized industry like bison, is a ridiculous waste. There are struggling livestock producers that could really use some help. The USDA should focus its attention on getting aid to the producers who really need it.

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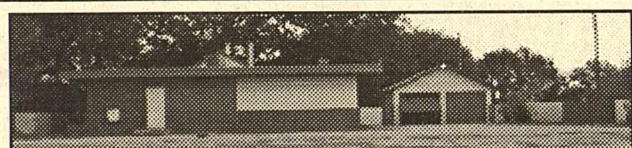
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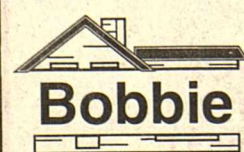
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