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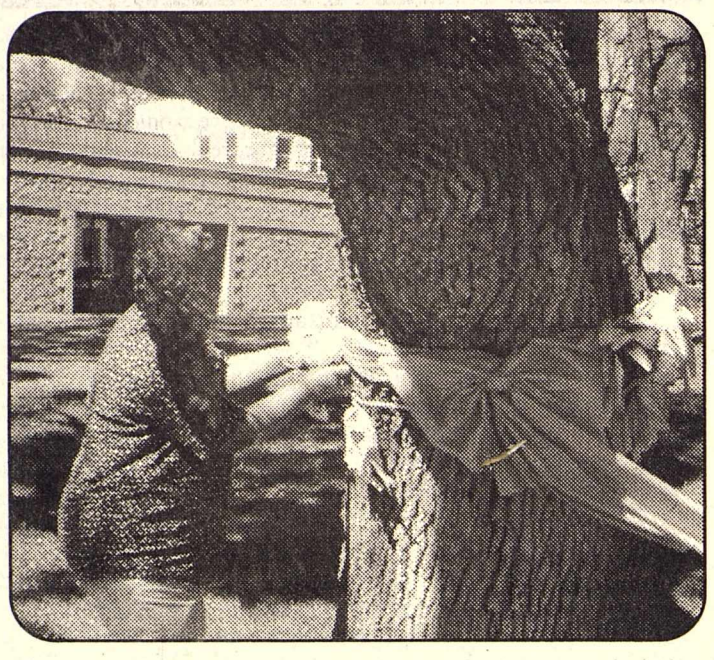
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One ribbons goes up...

Staff Seargeant Luna honored with yellow ribbon



Another proud parent, Anna Martinez, placed a yellow ribbon on the Old Oak Tree this week, in honor of her son, Staff Seargeant Alfredo Luna. Luna is stationed in Iraq with the Army and will be there anywhere from six months to a year. This is Luna's second tour of duty. The 1985 Sonora graduate was supposed to be retiring soon, but was called back to duty with the current situation in Iraq. His parents, Albert Luna and Anna Martinez, are joined by family and friends as they pray for a safe return for Alfredo.

...and another ribbon comes down

Garrett family celebrates homecoming on courthouse lawn

by Delyse Jaeger

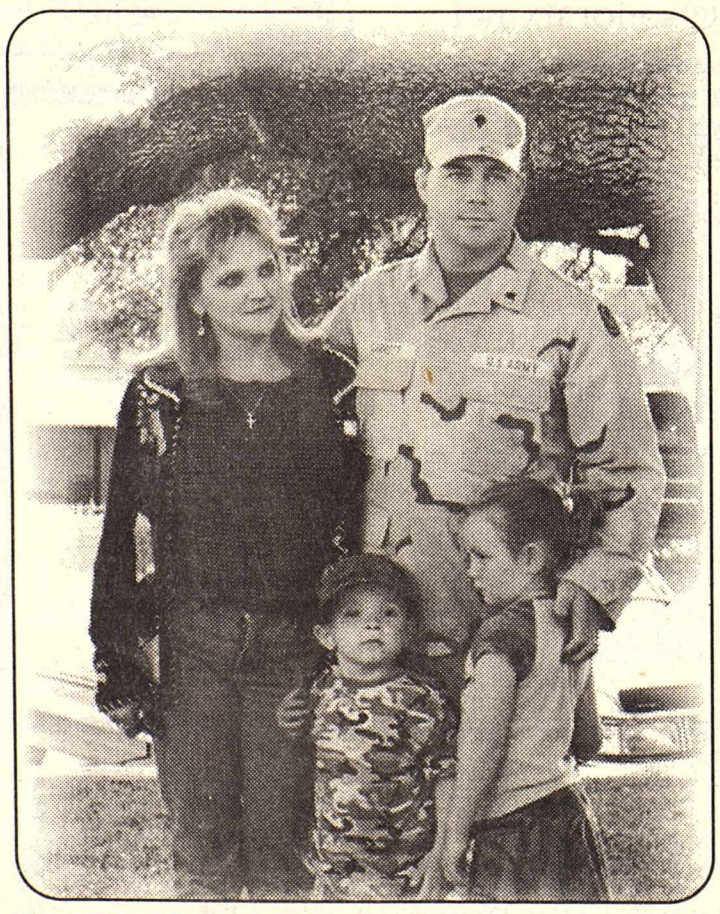
The enduring wake of tragic losses suffered by our community, heightens the tenderness with which we receive our own, back into the fold and out of harms way.

The community of Sonora officially welcomed Spc. Scott Garrett home with a yellow ribbon ceremony held Thursday evening on the courthouse lawn. Gathering under the "old oak tree" were family and friends, clergy and representatives of numerous local organizations. Poignantly symbolic of the celebration, Scott stood beside the ribbon-laden tree in military attire, arms around his wife Donna, five year old daughter Kristin and three year old son, Levi.

Ann Kay opened the ceremony, describing the significance of the oak tree in serving as a continual reminder to the community of our loved ones serving in the military and as a visual representation of their presence in the collective heart of Sonora. Ann presented Scott with gifts from the community including a gift certificate from La Mexicana Restaurant, Sonora Christmas ornaments from Main Street and a special desert-wear T-shirt. Rev. Lewis Allen voiced our prayers of gratitude for Scott's service to our nation and safe return. Sonora Chamber of Commerce manager Ruthie Bounds presented Scott with a hometown Outlaw Pro Rodeo T-shirt and the soldier support poster that has been displayed in the Chamber window during Garrett's deployment. Scott also received a special Proclamation of Gratitude certificate issued by the City of Sonora and Sutton County. On behalf of the community, Bounds tearfully thanked Garrett for his service. Scott removed his ribbon from the mighty oak and expressed his deep gratitude to the community, friends and family for the love and support he and his family have received throughout his tour of duty.

Scott was deployed on December 8, 2003, and has spent the last 12 months serving in Iraq as part of the Texas Army National Guard 1836 Transportation Company, Detachment 1. Spc. Garrett and his unit were responsible for transporting heavy equipment such as tanks to the units deployed at the front lines of conflict. Asked to share what might be of interest concerning his experience, Scott noted that the war in Iraq has been "...a

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Donna, Scott, Levi and Kristin Garrett gather to remove Scott's yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree.

Texas businesses have April 15 deadline to file property tax rendition or face penalty

The Appraisal District is reminding businesses to render their property by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2005.

Business owners are subject to monetary penalties if they file their property tax rendition late, fail to render or file an incomplete or false rendition.

If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, that places a greater tax burden on honest, hardworking business owners and home owners.

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on January 1, 2005.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, or the Comptroller's property tax division.

Easter Egg and Treasure Hunt scheduled for Saturday

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt will be on Saturday, March 26, 2005 on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. The Wild Life Easter Bunny will be hiding his special eggs, prizes, money eggs, and Sonic Drive-In Eggs on Eaton Hill. The prizes are great this year, and you may see them at the First National Bank of Sonora, Radio Shack/Tedford Jewelry, Amis' Gift Shop, other merchants in Sonora, and The Bank & Trust. There will be a drawing for the big prizes at the end of the hunt so be sure you are registered before you hunt the eggs on the courthouse lawn starting at 8:30 a.m. and Eaton Hill Wild Life Trail.

We would like to express our appreciation to the sponsors who made donations this year: Town & Country Stores - Gift Certificates, Alco - Easter Eggs, First National Bank of Sonora – 75 Silver Dollars, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County – 75 silver dollars, Sonic Drive-In -Gift Certificates, toys, stuffed toys, water guns, camping supplies, 3000 prize eggs from Friends of Historic Main Street Program, and Oilfield Answering Service-Giant Bunnies. Other supporters of the Hunt are The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, La Mexicana, Sonic Drive-In,

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City Council relieves Gesch of City Manager position, Morgan hired as interim

by Storie Sharp

In a unanimous vote by the Sonora City Council on March 15, 2005, acting City Manager, Brent Gesch was relieved of his duties, effective immediately.

In a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, the council elected to go into executive session to discuss the performance of the city manager, announcing that no decisions would be made in closed session.

After reconvening in open session, a motion was made by Smith Neal to terminate the city manager immediately for unprofessional conduct and performance of duties, with pay through the end of the month. A second to the motion was made by Virgil Polocek, with all council members, including Fred Perez and Laurie Garza voting in favor.

Gesch was immediately dismissed from the position he held for the last eight years with the City of Sonora. Gesch had been employed by the City of Sonora in various positions for 28 years.

The probation period began in November, when a letter of reprimand was placed in the city manger's file and he was placed on probation for unprofessional conduct and neglect of city business.

A special meeting was called on Friday, March 18, to discuss the possibility of naming an interim city manager, but no decision was made at that time.

A second special meeting was called for Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Lopez called the meeting to order and immediately called for an executive session to visit with interested parties in the city manager position.

Two gentlemen from Texas First were asked to remain in the room for the first part of the closed session.

After some time, the gentlemen left the room and Sonora resident, Doyle Morgan was asked to join the council in closed session. After a lengthy time, Morgan left the meeting and, eventually, the council called for open session again.

Mayor Lopez called for a motion from the council, at which time Garza made a motion to hire Doyle Morgan as the interim city manager at a salary of $4,000 a month, with a $200 car allowance. Polocek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Morgan was not present at this portion of the meeting, but stated before he left that he had advised the council that it was important that the city manager position be filled by someone with good people and business skills. He also advised that he felt it would be a mistake to hire someone from out of town because they would not be familiar with our town and the people of our town.

Morgan has served on the council and as mayor in the past.

Mayor Lopez then addressed the department heads individually to discuss ongoing projects, number of employee and workloads. Questions and concerns were fielded from both sides, the departments and the council, so that everyone was aware of how things stood in the City.

The Council approved the advertising of five positions in the Public Works department, with the understanding that three positions would be vacated within the next few months.

The council also advised the Public Works supervisor to make the time to take the test needed to ensure his Class C position, as is now a requirement from the State of Texas.

The council also advised new code enforcement officer, Juanita Gomez, to confer with Patti Prather, City Secretary, about the possibility of going full-time. This would allow for Gomez to conduct the leg work on requested permits and assist the city secretary.

Prather advised that Chandra Hughes was willing to take over the maintenance supervision of the pool. The council advised Prather to contact Hughes and ask that maintenance begin in April on the pool.

After much more discussion in each department, the council discussed pending work orders and advised that something be done to try to get to outstanding orders as soon as possible.

The council was advised by Prather that Carl Teaff would assist with any local inspections, and with no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Doyle Morgan will begin as interim city manager early next week.

Sonora Experiment Station Ram Sale Prices Are Highest in 20 Years

by Steve Byrns

SONORA – Average prices for rams sold during Texas A&M University's Ram Performance Test sale were higher than they've been in 20 years, according to the test's coordinator.

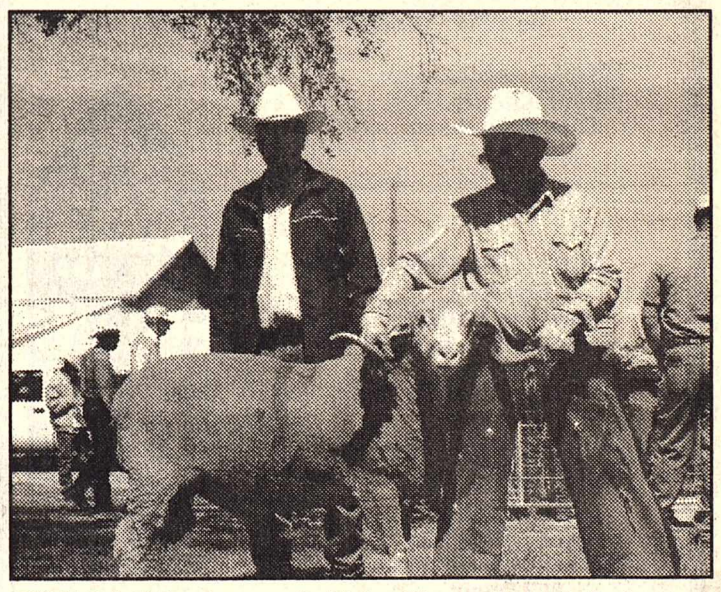
Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station geneticist at San Angelo, said breeders offered their highest indexing rams and buyers paid top prices for those animals completing the test with superior performances.

"We had a wonderful sale," Waldron said. "It's the best we've had since I've been affiliated with the program. I think the prices paid here are indicative of the faith these breeders have in this program and in the future of the West Texas sheep industry."

Twenty-seven rams sold for an average price of $1,307.41, more than twice last year's average of $641. 67 per head.

The high selling ram was CSM 3013 consigned by Menard ranchers, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Menzies. The ram was purchased by Angelo State University for $3,300.

CSM 3013 is a son of CSM 2464, who was a certified ram from the 2000-2001 performance test, and is the current trait leader for fiber diameter on the 2005 sire summary.



CSM of the Menzies was the high selling and high indexing ram at the sale. ***Photo by Erika Campbell***

The Menzies also sold CSM 3116, the second high seller, to Cal Hengst of San Angelo for $3,000, and CSM 3113 to Matt Gainer of Menard. Both rams were sired by CSM 2532, who is the average daily gain trait leader of the 2005 sire summary.

Volume buyer at the sale was the Sawyer Ranch Partnership of Sonora who bought eight rams for a total of $12,350.

The test has been conducted by the Sonora Experiment Station since 1947. Rambouillet rams from some of the world's best flocks are tested on rate of gain and desirable fleece characteristics during the course of the 140-day test.

For more information on the Annual Ram Performance Test, pictures of the top indexing and selling animals and a complete listing of test and sale results go to:

http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm

Dr. Johnson cuts ribbon on renovated office

It was smiles on all the faces at the March 16, 2005 Grand Opening of the newly renovated clinic space of Dr. Johnson and staff. The remodeling is the second phase of work done at the doctor's clinic, offering new patient rooms, waiting area and office spaces.

Refresments were provided for the visitors of the come-and-go reception on Wednesday. If you haven't visited Dr. Johnson at the Sonora Medical Clinic Suite B, stop by and see him today.



Dr. Johnson cuts the ribbon at his newly renovated clinic.

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Relay is looking for your talent

Dear Citizens of Sonora,

It is that time of year when we begin thinking about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of eight people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and will take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. Relay for Life represents the hope that those who lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated!

Our event is scheduled for May 20-21st at Bronco Stadium. My job is that of Entertainment Chairman and my responsibility is to ensure that our event has plenty of good music along with fun and games for everyone involved.

I'm asking you to see if you, your organization, or group would like to be involved in keeping the "Relay" participants entertained? Maybe there is someone among you who has a hidden talent or perhaps the "whole bunch" of you is an "artistic" group of entertainers?

If performing isn't you're "cup of tea" how about organizing some games or activities to keep the Relay "masses" amused? You'll join the thousands of volunteers around the country who devote countless hours raising money for the fight against cancer. Strong community involvement is the reason for the continued success of this national activity.

Please think about joining others in our community on May 20-21st. It is never too early, to begin scheduling, so contact me soon! My numbers are 387-3604 or 387-5031. Let's make this year's "Relay" the best and most fun of all!

Sincerely,
Kelly L Thorp
Sutton County Relay for Life Entertainment Chair '05

Program of Events

Church Of Christ

Spring Lectureship

Wed, March 30, 2005
6:30 p.m.

David Giddings, a father and Christian Counselor, will speak on raising children to have good Christian Values and how to protect them from the allure of the world to use drugs and sexual impurities. Meal will follow and there will be babysitting for children 3 and up. The bus and van will not run. Parents are encouraged to come and bring their children. All children present will receive a special gift. Rick Smitherman will lead singing.

First Baptist Church

announces April ministries....

Pastor's Sermons • Preparing for Spiritual Renewal

April 3 • *When God Breaks Through* • Isaiah 64

April 10 • *The Left Love* • Revelation 2

April 13 • *King's Kids End of Year Program.*

April 17-18 • *Spring Spiritual Renewal* • Rev. & Mrs. Billy Foote

Ladies' Bible Study • 4:30 p.m. • Sundays

"Believing God" by Beth Moore (Amy Sykes-leader)

Experiencing God Study • 6:30 p.m. • Mondays

(T. Wayne Price-leader)

Ladies' Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. • Thursdays

"Believing God" by Beth Moore (Delyse Jaeger-leader)

Emmaus Groups • Men's Group • 8:00 p.m. • Mondays

• Ladies' Group • 5:00 p.m. • Wednesdays

Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study • 10:45 a.m. Worship • 6:30 p.m. Worship
Wednesdays: 3:15 p.m. King's Kids (K-4th Gr.) • 6:15 p.m. *Family Night Meal*
7:00 p.m. Team Kids - Preschoolers & Children
Youth Group at Youth Center
Adults - "Wednesday Spark!"

Welcome – Be part of our family!

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Obituary

Mr. Keith Neff, 65, of Merkel died Monday, March 14, 2005, at his residence. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2005 in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Neff was born to William and Pearl Houson Neff on December 31, 1939, in Colorado City. He was a veteran of the US Army, and a member of the VFW in Merkel. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and tend his garden. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

He is survived by his children Missy and husband Skip Craig of Snyder, Scott and wife Linda Neff of Sonora, Doug and wife Wetonia Neff of Snyder and Todd and wife Connie Neff of San Angelo; eight grandchildren; one sister Fannie Neff of Midland; four brothers, Rush Neff of Colorado City, Tom Neff of Andrews, Joe Neff of Big Spring and Jack Neff of Midland.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Merkel VFW, the West Texas Rehab or a charity of your choice.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you, Sonora, for your prayers and concern for our little granddaughter, Alyssa Collins, who was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia last week. We know that each church in Sonora was in prayer for her on Sunday and we would ask that you continue to lift her up to the Lord in your prayers. Evan and Lindsey are with her in Fort Worth at Cook Children's Hospital and, in order to continually update our families, friends and neighbors, we have established a web site so each person can leave messages of encouragement for Evan and Lindsey and get regular updates on Alyssa's condition.

Our first glimpse of the miraculous power of prayer came Sunday afternoon.

Alyssa received her first chemo injection in her spinal cord on Saturday night. Before the injection, the doctors removed spinal fluid to test for abnormalities, and when the results were delivered to them Sunday, Alyssa's parents were told that there are no abnormal cells in her spinal fluid.

The web site is a long one www.caringbridge.or/tx/alyssacollins.

Please sign the guest register so Evan and Lindsey will know you are thinking of them and that Alyssa is in your prayers.

Becky McAngus and SuzanneWhitworth

The family of L.P. Bloodworth, Jr. would like to express our gratitude to all Daddy's friends for their kindness, food and memorials.

Thanks again!
Buck, Bert, Lee and families

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our dear friends and family for their support during our dad's surgery. Everyone's flowers, gifts, telephone calls and especially prayers were a beautiful way of reminding us how fortunate we are to be blessed with such a caring community.

Thank you,
Julio & Eulogia Samaniego and family

Senior Center News

March 28 - Bingo
March 29 - Volunteer to deliver meals! Need someone on Tuesdays! 387-5657, 387-3941
March 31 - Blood pressure checks with Interpidi

Senior Center Menu

March 28 - Chicken breast w/ gravy, baked potato, fried okra, roll, chunky fruit mix, milk
March 29 - Meat w/ spaghetti sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, garlic bread, white cake w/ caramel icing, milk
March 30 - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, carrot raisin salad, roll, Jell-O w/ fruit, milk
March 31 - Beef tips w/ rice, carrots, cornbread, strawberry/banana mix, lemon pie, milk
April 1 - Tacos w/ cheese, pinto beans, corn, lettuce/tomato, mixed fruit, milk

Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and $4.00 for others.

Community Calendar

March 25-28
Easter Break - No School

March 26
Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt
10:00 a.m. Sutton County Courthouse

March 27
Community Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m. Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot)

March 28
Sutton County Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m.
Sutton County Annex

April 14
Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
Civic Center

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Ask the Historical Society

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

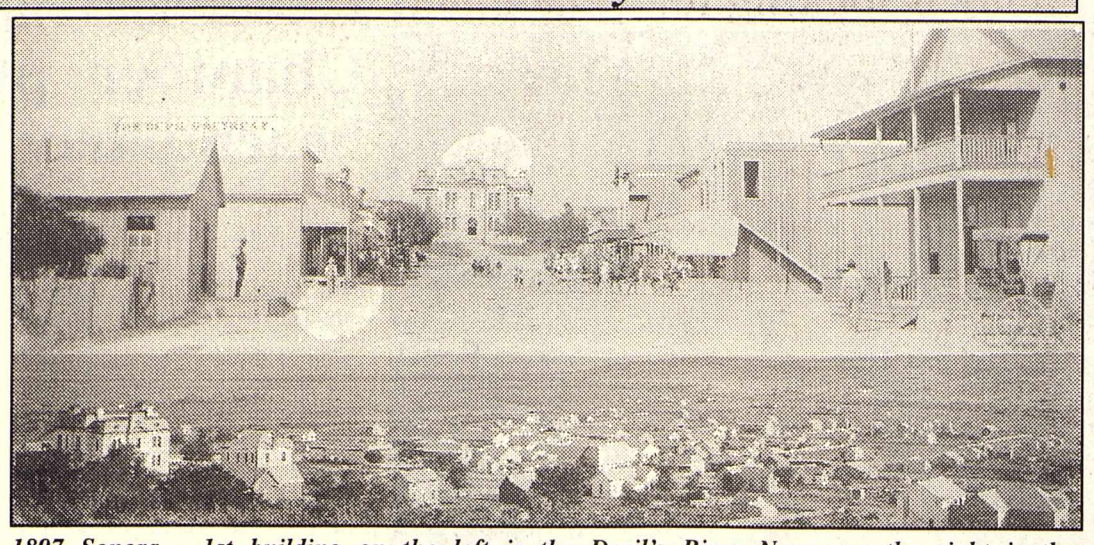
Q. I think you are mistaken, my mother always told me that Mrs. McDonald built the hotel in Sonora and that was why it was called the Hotel McDonald. Where did you get the idea someone else built it?

A. By volunteering in this office, reading over 100 years of newspapers, researching court records and deed records and reading local books on the history of this area I have learned a lot of "truths" about things.

"The Devil's River News", Saturday, September 28, 1895. F. M. Wyatt bought the lumber for his new two story hotel, in Kerrville last week. The building will be built on the corner opposite "The Devil's River News" office. Although the plans are not yet prepared we can state that the building will be large, substantial and well built and will improve the appearance of Sonora. In the October 5, 1895 issue it states that F. M. Wyatt bought 20,000 feet of lumber from Beitel's yard which will be shipped to Sonora as fast as he can have it loaded. He is going to put up a fine hotel in Sonora. Reprint from Kerrville News. Mike Murphy goes on to state that F. M. Wyatt is having his blacksmith shop moved from the corner of the old place near Mrs. Carsons. The lumber for his hotel will be on the road and will be here in a few days. October 12, 1895. Four wagon loads of lumber for the Wyatt hotel came in from Kerrville this week. This is the first shipment of lumber to arrive in Sonora from Kerrville. In the November 2 issue there is a note that some further shipments have been delayed due to all the rain and muddy roads. It also states the hotel building will cost between $1500 and $2000.

"The Devil's River News," February 29, 1896 states that S. W. Stephenson, the painter, had a serious accident when he slipped and fell off the ladder while painting the cornice of the Wyatt Hotel. After that we are missing some papers but find in the March 6, 1897 issue an advertisement: STOP AT THE WYATT HOTEL, EVERYTHING NEW AND FIRST CLASS, CHARGES REASONABLE. F. M. Wyatt, Proprietor, Sonora, Texas.

During this time frame Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald have been ranching and not living and working in town. They sold their ranch to their son and move to Sonora. George McDonald made arrangements to purchase the Wyatt Hotel and he bought a mercantile business from Maj. A. A. DeBerry of Sonora, which he moved and added to his newly acquired hotel property. He used parts of the first floor for the store and the rooms overhead for the hotel. In February of 1897 the building was still called the Wyatt Hotel but shortly after that we find the advertisements changing to the Commercial Hotel.



1897 Sonora - 1st building on the left is the Devil's River News, on the right is the Wyatt/Commmercial Hotel. Noah Rose Photo.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. McDonald sold out the stock from the store and turned that area into a sales and exhibit room and meeting room for salesman coming to Sonora and a sitting room area when not in use by the salesmen. In 1909 she was the agent for "The Sonora and San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line" in Sonora. In 1920 the advertisements were still listed as the Commercial Hotel with Mrs. Josie McDonald, Proprietress. Her room rates at that time were $3.50 a day. In 1919 we find that part of the lumber was on the ground for extensive improvements to the Commercial Hotel. Mrs. McDonald the owner had long contemplated making these improvements; the work was to be done by McClelland & Scott.

In 1920 the building became a social hub for Sonora. Estelle McDonald hosted the Sonora Woman's Club needle craft department meetings on the Commercial Hotel porch in 1920. The ladies sat and sewed then played bridge and five hundred. She and the other children held many little entertainments for their friends at the hotel. Through 1920 I still find it listed as the Commercial Hotel. It was during the 1920's that Mrs. McDonald changed the name of the hotel to the Hotel McDonald. In "The Devil's River News of March 30, 1928 there is an article that Mr. McDonald had improved the hotel and turned it into a 44 room establishment. There was extensive remodeling and repairing work under way for over two months under W. W. Miller, Jr.

There were 6 bathrooms in the hotel and hot and cold running water to most of the rooms. An electric refrigeration system was added to the dining room and many new features. The exterior was stuccoed in a brown and was set off with a blue paint trim. In 1930 Estelle McDonald was married to W. P. McConnell in the parlor of the Hotel McDonald.

At the onset of rationing Mrs. McDonald was forced to close down the dining room in the Hotel McDonald. In 1949 Mrs. R. D. Trainer leased the dining room and re-opened it for business in August of that year. Over 80 people made dinner reservations to eat at the hotel the night of its grand re-opening.

Mrs. Josie McDonald died at the age of 85 at the McDonald Hotel on January 15, 1956 from a heart attack. Her beloved hotel was leased to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wood until 1963 but following a fire it was closed down for good and torn down in October of 1969. Her son-in-law, Wm. P. McConnell, donated a wash pot and bowl, a large metal wash pot and the old bell which stood on the porch of the McDonald Hotel and was used to call people to dinner to the Sutton County Historical Society in 1969. The bell was also used to summon the early volunteer fire department to a fire. The first fire equipment was stored at the hotel for many years, then finally a shed was built on the courthouse lawn to house it.

The McDonald Hotel is long gone. The First National Bank of Sonora now stands at the corner of Main and Concho Street on the lot that had once housed the old hotel. Because the hotel had served Sonora for so many years, many generations of Sonorans remember the old building.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. Office hours are from 8-11:45 Monday and Friday mornings and from 8:00 to at least noon on Saturdays. Saturday mornings are work days. We have to rake leaves, mow the grass, trim dead growth on trees, clean buildings etc. in the mornings and are in and out of the office. If you can't find us at the office just check on the grounds we are pretty easy to find in either the Miers Home Museum or at The John & Mildred Cauthorn Trust Memorial Building - Old Depot. We could use a few more volunteers on Saturday. We had hoped to finish scrubbing the back of the Old Depot in time for the sunrise service on Easter morning but due to lack of help were unable to finish on time. Folks, Rick and I and several others put in countless volunteer hours for the society. Some more of you have got to help us out. We are getting old and can't do a lot of things around the grounds we used to do. These buildings belonged to your ancestor's time, you should take pride in them and help to keep the memory of life in their times alive. To rent the Old Depot and grounds give us a call at the office at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings.

Proposal would move freight lines out of urban areas

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - With flourish worthy of a treaty-signing, Gov. Rick Perry and Union Pacific Railroad CEO Richard Davidson have put their names on a memorandum of understanding that represents the first step in moving freight rail lines from urban areas in Texas.

The agreement included no specifics, but the idea is that the state and the private sector will work together to get freight trains out of the cities and into the country. That, the governor said, will improve safety and make it easier to develop commuter rail service between places such as Austin and San Antonio.

"Relocating rail lines from crowded city centers will lead to safer crossings, less hazardous cargo carried through populated areas, (and) greater efficiency in the movement of products," Perry said.

Two, four, six, eight...

Rep. Al Edwards (D-Houston) has filed a bill prohibiting sexually suggestive movements by cheerleaders at sporting events and other extracurricular activities.

Under HB 1476, a school district could be docked a certain amount of state funding (to be set by the state commissioner of education) if that district "knowingly" allowed its cheerleaders to perform inappropriately.

Concealing concealed handgun holders' names...

A bill that would make the names of licensed concealed handgun holders confidential passed the House on March 17.Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp's (R-Lampasas) HB 318 would prohibit the Department of Public Safety, which administers the handgun licensing program, from revealing the names of any of the state's 237,000-plus license holders.

A similar measure made it through the House in the last regular session but was gunned down in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the DPS has negotiated a reciprocal agreement with Pennsylvania allowing licensed Texans to tote guns in the Keystone State and vice versa. Texas has concealed handgun agreements with 18 states.

State Historian...

Texas has an official poet laureate, state musician and two state artists. Now a proposal's in the hopper to create the post of state historian.

House Bill 2938, introduced by Rep. Harvey Hildebran (R-Kerrville), says the state historian would be charged with enhancing Texans' awareness of their history and heritage, encouraging the teaching of Texas history in schools, speaking on Texas history and consulting with state officials "on matters related to the promotion of Texas history."

If the bill passes, before you rush an application to Austin, here's the fine print: "The state historian may not receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses from the state for serving as state historian."

Kinky update...

Kerrville singer-mystery writer Kinky Friedman continues to say he expects no trouble in getting the 50,000 signatures necessary to get him on the ballot next year as the first independent candidate for governor since Sam Houston in 1859. And his effort may get some help from an unlikely person, a Republican House member.

Rep. Todd Baxter's (R-Austin) House Bill 1721 would eliminate the present provision in the state Election Code that prohibits a registered voter from signing a petition to get another name on the ballot if he had already voted in his party's primary.

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The Knights of Columbus Raffle has been changed!

The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 30th, during the Cino de Mayo Celebration at the Sutton County Park

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Wedding Announcement



Mrs. Brandon Evans

Baldwin and Evans unite in marriage on New Year's Day

Julee Baldwin and Brandon Evans were married January 1, 2005 at Vanderveer Church of Christ in Burnet, Texas. The Reverend Dewey Baldwin, the bride's grandfather, officiated at the ceremony. A dinner and dance reception was held at the Burnet Community Center immediately following the ceremony.

The bride wore a white satin princess cut gown with beaded bodice and hemline. The jeweled fingertip veil cascaded down her back. She wore her great-grandmother's pearl necklace and carried a tied bouquet of deep red roses.

The matron of honor was Annalyn Deen, the bride's cousin, and the maid of honor was Jenna Baldwin, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids were Jaren Davis, cousin of the bride, Heather Evans, sister of the groom, and Ashley Loos and Natalie Wiatek, both friends of the bride. They all wore claret satin evening gowns. The junior bridesmaid was the groom's cousin, Megan Gailey, who also wore a satin gown fashioned by Megan and the groom's grandmother. The flower girl was Kaley Kelley, a young friend of the bride and groom. Brandee Baldwin, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book. Kelsey Kelley and Blair Kelley served as candle lighters. Other attendants were Chelsea Moore and Susan Parker who served at the bride's and groom's tables during the reception.

The best men were the groom's long-time friends, Brandon "Tex" Evans and Randle Corley. Groomsmen were Ryan Baldwin, the bride's brother, Jordan Davis, Andy Beard, and Cody Deen all cousins of the bride. The ring bearer was the groom's cousin, Jared Gailey. Mr. Mike Lewis, friend of the bride and groom's families, sang "The Wedding Song" during the ceremony, Keenan Ramsey, cousin of the bride, Randy Tillery, uncle of the groom, and Eddie Parker, cousin of the groom, served as ushers.

The bride is the daughter of Rusty and Vicki Baldwin of Sonora, Texas. She is a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural development.

The groom is the son of Larry and Cheryl Evans of Burnet, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural science in 2004 from Texas A&M University at College Station and teaches agricultural science at Boling High School in Boling, Texas.

The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and will make their new home in Boling, Texas.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Tremendous advances have been made in eye, tissue and organ transplantation in recent years, offering the hope of life and significant quality of life improvements for many individuals. Yet much remains to be done to overcome the shortage in supply of donated eyes, tissue and organs.

Since 1996, The Western Texas Lions Eye Bank alliance located in San Angelo, has helped restore sight to hundreds of West Texans. Nationally, more than 46,000 Americans received corneal transplantations. Since 1960, eye banks nationwide have made possible more than 700,000 sight restoring corneal transplantations. Each year more donors are needed to meet that need. Signing a donor card is the first step; but, more importantly, talk to your loved ones and let them know your donation wishes.

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Have a Tasty Easter

Chamber Chatter

Chamber prepares for beach party banquet

In anticipation of our fun "Beach Party" Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held April 14th at the Sutton County Civic Center, I want to remind everyone to submit their ballots for the award recipients and the ballot for the board of directors. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful banquet, so dust off the tropical shirts, shorts and sandals, to get ready for a "Beach Party in Sonora."

We have a lot happening in Sonora this spring. The Sonora Classic Goat Show will be the April 16th & 17th at the Sutton County Civic Center. This is the 2005 National Show and will bring many Boer Goat breeders to Sonora for the 2-day show. If you want to see some of the best goats in the world, come out to the Sonora Classic Goat Show, Saturday & Sunday April 16th & 17th.

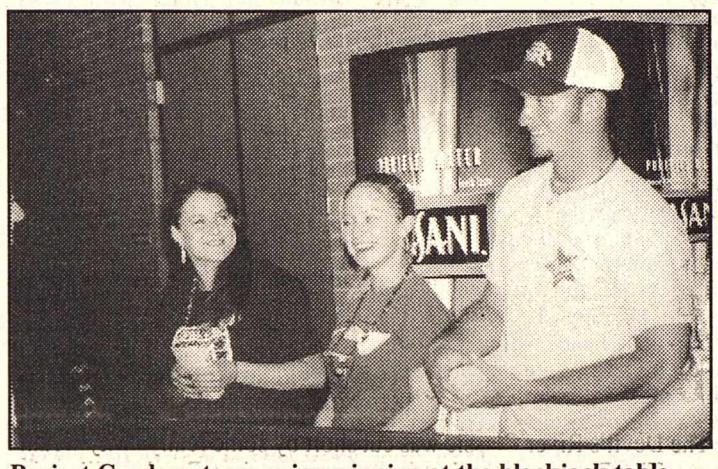
The Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Sutton County Car Expo will be held on April 30th and May 1st at the Sutton County Civic Center and Park. This event brings in many out of town visitors to Sonora and we invite everyone to come out to the Sutton County Park for two days of family fun. There will be a parade on Saturday morning, a Cinco de Mayo Queen Contest, Food Booths, Arts & Craft Booths, children's rides and games, and a dance on the slab. The events for the weekend are sponsored by Lino's Custom Stereo's and the proceeds will go to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Saturday night will feature a "Sonic Cruise Night" and Sunday there will be a sound-off event, car show judging, as well as all the booths that are open on Saturday will be open on Sunday.

There will also be an American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) sanctioned rodeo at the Sutton County Arena on April 30th & May 1st. Come out and support our local competitors in the AJRA.

Sonora is a busy little community and we have events all the time that bring in visitors from other areas. To that end, we also have a new motel. The Comfort Inn Sonora will be open this spring to offer another wonderful place to stay while visiting Sonora. We are so fortunate to have this business in our town.

This is the last week for you to turn in your ballots for the Board of Directors for Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the awards nominations for the Annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Don't forget it is a fun evening, so mark your calendars for April 14th so you will be there for the "Beach Party in Sonora."

Project Graduation looking for donations and volunteers



Project Grad partyers enjoy winning at the blackjack table.

Project Graduation 2005 committee members are hard at work to make this year's graduation night party the best ever! Many have already responded to calls for donations with tremendous generosity and the funds donated are being used to purchase items that will benefit the students in their future endeavors. If you have not yet been contacted and would like to help with this project, please send donations to Project Graduation, c/o Beth Wallace 105 SW Main, Sonora, TX 76950. If you would like to volunteer your time on the night of Project Graduation, May 27, 2005, please call Beth Wallace at 387-5786 of Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

At this time, orders for Project Graduation T-shirts are being taken. Shirts can be ordered until May 1, 2005 at a cost of $12.00 (payment is due at the time of the order). If you would like to order a shirt, contact Kay Friess at the Sonora High School or order at Team Graphics.

Just what is this Elgoatarod all about?

submitted

On the first weekend of April, the third annual Eldorado Elgoatarod will commence on the Eldorado courthouse square. It still remains a mystery to some people, but it's really quite simple. The Elgoatarod is all about goats! The centerpiece events are the goat races which mimic the Alaskan Iditarod. Any person, regardless of age, residency or mental competency, may enter the event. The rules are...there are no rules. The primary fact to mention is that the goats do not have to be able to motivate themselves without being led. Most of the entrants are simply pet or lead goats that are hooked up to some type of conveyance, so bring your goat! And what a variety of vehicles show up! The key phrase for the whole week-end is that everything is "bleat"antly silly!

And what a supporting cast! Besides arts, crafts and such food booths as funnel cakes, corny dogs, roasted corn and grilled chicken, there will be a virtual inflatable carnival on the grounds including slide, three bounce houses, velcro wall, bungee run, jousting ring and boxing ring. Then add such goat contests as goat kissing, goatee growing, goat pill flipping, best dressed goat, stick goat races, pets dressed like goats, goat look alikes, cutest kid goat, cutest kid dressed like a goat, etc. and you have the perfect weekend for a goataholic.

In honor of April Fools Day, festivities will begin on Friday with a jam session, gnat catching contest, blindfolded washer tossing, stupid human tricks, stupid pet tricks, slug races, onion eating and jalapeno eating contests, chigger catching contest, crab crawl races, worst Elvis impersonator contest and mountain oyster eating contest, with some of these events spilling over into the weekend.

If that isn't enough, Saturday will host the state washer tossing championships, Guinness Record breaking attempts and the Kid Does clogging group, while Sunday will see a goat fry cook-off, car show, more cloggers, the mobile dairy classroom demonstration, and a concurrent goateo at the local rodeo grounds. Throw in an open mike both days and you have something for everyone.

Admission is free and there is no charge to enter any contest. There is a fee for the washer tossing with fees divided among the top three places. For complete information contact Jim Runge at eoboc@hotmail.com or 325-853-2541.

School Lunch Menu • March 28 - 31, 2005

Breakfast

Mon. - No School
Tues. - Pancake on a stick, orange juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon toast, grape juice.
Thurs.- Fruit muffin, orange pineapple juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.- No School
Tues.- Chili dog, pinto beans, scallop potatoes, mixed fruit
Wed.- Lasagna, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, garlic roll
Thurs.- Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, pudding hot roll

Lady Broncos Split with Lake View

by Tryon Fields

This past week the Lady Broncos finished up their pre-district schedule against the Maidens from Lake View. On Tuesday Sonora entertained the Maidens JV in their season home opener. An explosion of eleven hits, solid defensive play, and a strong outing by Heather Hughes gave the Lady Broncos their ninth win of the season. Hughes would face 19 Maidens in 5 innings, giving up 4 hits, striking out 6 and walking only 1 batter. Off of the 11 hits, Sonora would score 10 runs. Lady Bronco sophomore short stop, Kayla Fields, led Sonora at the plate going 3 for 3 plus being hit by a pitch.

Senior center fielder, Jennifer Burton, would drive in 4 runs off of 2 hits, one of these hits being a massive shot over the left field fence.

This home run is the first home-run ever hit over the fence in Lady Bronco history that this reporter can remember. Sophomore Jamie Duran, would add a triple of her own while sophomores Meghan Krieg and Madeline Higdon would each add a single. Junior Desiree Alvarado and freshman Kimble Luna would round out the hitting with a single each. When the Maidens did put the ball in play, the defense led by third baseman, Brandy Neff, along with left fielder, Madeline Higdon would record 2 putouts each. Catcher Kimble Luna would throw out her third runner of the year attempting to steal second. With this victory, the Lady Broncos improved their record to 9 wins with 4 losses and 1 tie.

On Friday, Sonora traveled to Lake View and faced the 4-4A Lake View varsity, both teams wanting to fine tune before starting district play next week. Both teams got strong performances from their starting pitchers.

With Lady Bronco ace, Meghan Krieg, nursing a back injury, freshman pitcher Heather Hughes would once again take the mound. Hughes would pitch 6 excellent innings, giving up 2 runs (only 1 being earned) off of 6 hits and 1 walk, while striking out 8 Maidens. The bats of the Lady Broncos would pound out 7 hits; however, they would only be able to push across 1 run.

Kimble Luna and Heather Hughes would each have 2 hits with Meghan Krieg and Jaimee Duran each having a single. Brandy Neff would get the credit for the RBI with a double to left center. Defensive plays by Brandy Neff (third base), Jaimee Duran (second base), Meghan Krieg (first base), and Heather Hughes (pitcher) would limit the Maidens to only 1 earned run also. The difference in this defensive struggle would be the errors. Sonora would commit 2 errors and Lake View would not commit any. Ultimately this would be the difference in the ball game. Sonora 1 - Lake View 2.

This week the Lady Broncos began District 2-2A play. This past Tuesday, the Lady Broncos traveled to Junction to face the Lady Eagles. Thursday, due to the Easter break, Sonora will entertain the Lady Eagles from Eldorado.

All district games will start at 4:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Baseball Complex. So come out and support the Lady Broncos as they begin their quest for the District Championship!

Good Luck Lady Broncos!! Think District Title!!!!

Powerful start to Bronco baseball season

The Devil's River Classic was cut short by some really nasty weather. The Broncos completed one game against Brackettville winning by a score of 8 to 2. Cullen Parker was the winning pitcher and Miguel Vaquera logged a save in relief. Parker struck out 5 and Vaquera struck out 6. The Broncos turned 8 hits into 8 runs. Anthony Longoria, Dustin Creek, Clint Cearley, and Lito Trevino all had stolen bases. Cearley led the hitters going two for two with 3 runs batted in.

On February 25, the Broncos defeated Junction in a non-district tournament game 8 to 2. Lito Trevino won the game logging 6 strikeouts. Anthony Longoria logged the save by striking out the last Junction batter. The Broncos scored 8 runs on 5 hits. Once again, the Bronco base stealing helped the Broncos' cause as they stole 8 bases on 8 attempts.

On March 1, the Broncos traveled to Coahoma. The Broncos were leading 5 to 4 going into the bottom of the ninth when Coahoma scored twice to win the game 6 to 5.

The Ballinger Bearcats visited Sonora on March 4 only to be clubbed by the Broncos. The Broncos scored 10 runs on 14 hits. Garrett Watkins was 2 for 4 and drove in 3 Bronco runs. Lito Trevino was 3 for 4 driving in 2 runs. Cullen Parker was the winning pitcher and Miguel Vaquera got the save in relief. The final score was 10 to 3 in favor of Sonora.

Sonora let the visiting team from Bangs steal a victory on March 8. The Broncos were leading 6 to 5 going into the top of the ninth when Bangs scored 3 runs to get the win 8 to 6. Anthony Longoria belted a home run. Chris Perez, Roland Solis, and Cullen Parker all had stolen bases.

On March 10, the Broncos traveled to the Bangs tournament winning two games. Sonora won over Eastland by a score of 10 to 3. The Broncos scored 10 runs on 12 hits. Anthony Longoria was the winning pitcher in a complete game. He faced only 27 batters.

Later that afternoon, Cullen Parker struck out 5 Comanche batters and held on to win a 6 to 5 game. Chris Perez, Anthony Longoria, and Clint Cearley all had home runs.

7th grade Lady Colt track team wins Iraan meet

submitted by Kelli Crain

The 7th grade Lady Colts took top honors at the Iraan track meet on March 18, 2005. Competing against Crane (196), McCamey (68), Iraan (32), Eldorado (31), Wink (10), Rankin (6) and Midland Class, Sonora dominated with 220 points.

Sonora ladies placed as follows:

Shotput: 2nd - Jessica Loera 26'5"

Discus: 4th - Gina Valdez 58'2.25"

Long Jump: 1st - Bethany Berry 13'3"; 3rd - Bianca Trevino 12'4.25"

Triple Jump: 1st - Bethany Berry 28'4.5"; 3rd - Amy Hernandez 24'11.5"

2400m Run: 2nd - Alejandra Reynosa 11:05.36; 3rd - Anali Garcia 11:22.21; 4th - Kati Chavez 11:56.30

400m Relay: 2nd - Berry, Morales, Hernandez, Trevino 56.43

800m Run: 1st - Monica Sanchez 3:02.01; 2nd - Brittani Dover 3:06.17; 6th - Sarah Hernandez 3:22.87

100m Hurdles: 1st - Meredith Earwood 20.06

100m Run: 1st - Bethany Berry 13.64; 4th - Alyssa Favila 15.22

800m Relay: 1st - Berry B., Hernandez, A., Hernandez, Krieg 2:01.16

400m Run: 1st - Bianca Trevino 68.22; 4th - Victoria Castillo 78.38

300m Hurdles: 1st - Meredith Earwood 58.75; 6th - Sara Gillit 72.75

200m Run: 2nd - Amy Hernandez 31.00, 3rd - Cassie Krieg 31.10; 5th - Kasey Gutierrez 32.13

1600m Run: 1st - Monica Sanchez 7:01.49, 3rd - Amber West - 7:15.55; 6th - Alejandra Reynosa 7:30.56

1600m Relay: 1st - Morales, Krieg, Hernandez, Trevino 4:45.40

Bronco baseball begins district with two wins

by Maray Cearley

The Broncos began District Baseball Tuesday, March 15, 2005, starting the season with two big wins.

On Tuesday, the Broncos defeated the Ozona Lions with a a score of 3-0. Sophomore Lito Trevino gave the fans a show when he was two batters shy of pitching a complete game. He and Cullen Parker combined for the shutout.

From the plate, Clint Cearley had an RBI double and a single. Other Broncos getting an RBI were Anthony Longoria, on a single, and Martin Gonzales, on a sacrifice fly. Diego Cardona had a single on a perfectly hit bunt down the third base line.

The Broncos appeared to struggle once they had men on base, as they left 12 stranded throughout the game.

On Friday, March 18, the Broncos traveled north to face the Grape Creek Eagles.

Sonora dug themselves into a hole early in the game, as they trailed 10-0 after two innings.

Cearley and Longoria were on the mound for the first three innings, with Dustin Creek going the distance for the win.

Sonora trailed the entire game, except when it really mattered at the end. The Broncos scored four in the third inning. Cearley had an RBI single and Gonzales had a three-run shot over the left field fence (his second homerun of the year).

In the 5th, Cearly, Gonzales and Creek all had singles. Chris Perez hit into a fielder's choice, scoring Nash Traylor, a courtesy runner. Gonzales scored after getting into a "hot box" and the catcher made an errant throw to third base.

In the 7th, the Broncos trailed 13-7, but they never gave up. They rallied around each other, scoring 7. Embre Smith was the first to reach base after being hit by a pitch. Steven Duhon and Creek both were walked. Roland Solis was also hit by a pitch, which scored one. Cardona scored one on a sacrifice to center field. Longoria walked, loading the bases once again. Trevino hit a sacrifice fly to right, scoring another. With two outs the Broncos dug a little deeper. They were patient at the plate, drawing two more walks by Cearley and Gonzales. Smith batted a second time in the inning, hitting a shot to the left field corner. The standup double, with two crossing the plate, tied the score at 13.

On a wild pitch, Gonzales scored, giving the Broncos their first lead of the game.

In the bottom of the 7th the Broncos allowed only one to reach base, but they made short order of the Eagles, winning the game 14-13.

The stats were almost identical, with both teams having nine hits and 10 walks (8 base on balls and two hit by pitches).

Sonora had two fielding errors, while Grape Creek had only one.

The Broncos now have a record of 7-2, 2-0 in District.

Broncos Golf teams shooting strong at area tournaments

submitted

The Sonora Bronco Golf team traveled to Reagan County on March 2, 2005, to compete in the Ken Stout Invitational. The boys finished 2nd in the tournament, shooting 324, behind Iraan with a 306.

Shooting for the team were Stetson Perez 75, Trent Reiner 80, Cullen Parker 84, Embre Smith 85, and Mason Martinez 87. Individual medalists was Swade Draper 90. Individual placings had Perez second overall and Reiner 9th.

The Lady Broncos fared even better in Big Lake, finishing 1st at the Ken Stout Invitational, with an overall score of 374. Kayla McBride led the Sonora girls, shooting 89, followed by Sara Baggett with 93, Candise Martin and Jessica Chavarria each with 96, and Kaci Chavarria with 110.

Erin Newton shot a 108 as an individual medalist.

McBride finished 3rd overall, followed by Baggett 4th, and Martin and Chavarria tied for 5th and 6th.

The boys were on the road again for March 11-12, traveling to play in the San Angelo Invitational. Sonora finished 2nd out of the 17 schools that participated. Stetson Perez shot a 77 at Bentwood, and 75 at Riverside, Reiner shot a 72 and a 79, Parker shot a 79 and a 78, Mason Martinez shot 81 and 88 and Morgan Martinez shot a 91 and an 83.

7th grade Colts finish second in Junction

submitted

The 7th Grade boys competed in the Junction Hubble Relays on March 4, 2005. Mason, Junction, Nueces Canyon, Ozona, Eldorado, San Saba and Sonora participated in the meet. The 7th grade Colts finished 2nd with 85 points. The results are as follows:

Shotput: 4th - Chris Aguero 33'1", 6th – Tyler Creek 29'7.5"

Discus: 4th – Cash Jennings 66'6.5"

Pole Vault: 1st – Manny Paredes 6'

Long Jump: 6th – Cody Pena 14'10.5"

Triple Jump: 2nd – Caleb Gonzales 28'9.5"; 5th – Paul Faz 26'9.5; 6th – Cody Pena 25'10"

High Jump: 3rd – Chris Aguero 4'6"

4 x 100 Meter Relay: 3rd - Caleb Gonzales, Chacho Mesa, Will Anderson and Chris Aguero – 54.6

110 Meter Hurdles: 5th – Cash Jennings 23.3

100 Meter Dash: 1st – Chris Aguero 12.4, 5th – Chacho Mesa 14.1

4 x 200 Meter Relay: 6th – Will Anderson, Cash Jennings, Dustin Neff and Paul Faz – 2:08.6

400 Meter Dash: 6th – Cody Pena 1:09.1

200 Meter Dash: 3rd – Caleb Gonzales 28.4, 6th – Chacho Mesa 30.1

4 x 400 Meter Relay: 3rd – Mario Oliden, Paul Faz, Caleb Gonzales and Chris Aguero – 4:33.1

Colts compete at Iraan Relays

Submitted

The 7th Grade boys competed in the Iraan Relays on March 18, 2005. Crane, Eldorado, Iraan, McCamey, Midland Classic, Rankin, Wink, and Sonora were the schools entered in the meet. The 7th grade Colts finished 4th with 71 points. The results are as follows:

Shotput: 4th - Chris Aguero 31'11", 5th – Tyler Creek 31'2", 6th – Cash Jennings 30'4.5"

Discus: 4th – Tyler Creek 79'9"

Triple Jump: 4th – Caleb Gonzales 27'4.75"

High Jump: 1st – Chris Aguero 5'2"

2400 Meter Run: 4th – Mario Oliden 10:03.02; Manny Paredes 10:14.17

4 x 100 Meter Relay: 3rd - Caleb Gonzales, Chacho Mesa, Will Anderson and Chris Aguero – 54.69

100 Meter Dash: 1st – Chris Aguero 12.49

4 x 200 Meter Relay: 3rd – Will Anderson, Cash Jennings, Dustin Neff and Paul Faz – 2:05.57

400 Meter Dash: 4th – Cody Pena 65.12

4 x 400 Meter Relay: 3rd – Mario Oliden, Paul Faz, Caleb Gonzales and Chris Aguero – 4:25.94

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
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Student of the Week

Desiree Alvarado



Desiree Alvarado is the 16-year-old daughter of Richard and Rachel Aguero. The Sonora High School junior moved to Sonora in her fourth grade year from Eagle Pass, Texas.

Desiree's hobbies include playing basketball and softball. She listed her favorite subjects as accounting and chemistry. Desiree would like to attend the University of Texas and study psychology.

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Sonora fares well at Bronco Relays

Sonora hosted the Bronco Relays on Saturday, March 19, 2005, making the hometown crowd proud by winning a strong first place with 178 points. Ingram was second with 137 points, followed by Nueces Canyon with 63, Rocksprings 52, Eldorado 50, Christoval 44, Junction 36, Sterling City 16 and Leakey 1. The results for Sonora competitors were as follows:

Varsity Boys

Discus: 1st -Brett McDaniel, 143'1", 3rd -Cameron Cox, 115'2 1/2", 4th -Roland Solis, 113'9"

High Jump: 4th -Dustin Duhon, 5'8", 6th -Jordan Isenhour, 5'6",

Pole Vault: 2nd -Justin Northcott, 12'6", 3rd -Warren Wallace, 10'

3200 Meter run: 6th -Jacob Ibarra, 11:59.03

800 Meter Dash: 5th -Nick Favela 2:10.35

100 Meter Dash: 1st -Brett McDaniels 11.32, 3rd -Cameron Cox, 11.49

Triple Jump: 2nd -Anthony Longoria, 41'6 1/4"

Long Jump: 2nd-Anthony Longoria, 21'3 1/2"

Shot Put: 1st - Diego Cardona, 43'3 1/4", 2nd -Brett McDaniel, 41'1 3/4"

400 Meter Relay: 2nd -Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Anthony Longoria, Pedro Gloria, 44.99

110 Meter Hurdles: 4th -Nash Traylor, 17.43, 5th -Boomer Galindo, 18.40

800 Meter Relay: 1st -Cameron Cox, Anthony Longoria, Steven Duhon, Jose Rodriguez, 1:33.69

400 Meter Dash: 2nd -Jesse Garza, 53.38

200 Meter Dash: 1st -Anthony Longoria, 22.77

1600 Meter Relay: 2nd -Jesse Garza, Pedro Gloria, Jose Rodriguez, Brett McDaniel, 3:40.10

300 Meter Hurdles: 3rd -Jose Rodriguez, 42.62, 4th -Nash Traylor, 42.89

1600 Meter Run: 5th Nick Favela, 5:10.89

JV Boys

Discus: 1st –Caleb Ramos, 109'6, 2nd –Augustine Vaquera, 100'6, 3rd –Travis Valliant, 94'6 1/2"

Pole Vault: 1st –Ty Love, 11'

3200 M. Run: 3rd –Zenon Acosta, 13:03.20

800 M. Dash: 1st –Colton Moore, 2:20.31

100 M. Dash: 1st –Alonzo Pena, 12.42

Triple Jump: 1st –Nick Pena, 36'10 1/2", 2nd -Alonzo Pena, 36'1 1/2"

Long Jump: 2nd –Nick Pena, 17'5 1/2", 3rd –Alonzo Pena, 16'7

Shot Put: 1st –Zadrian McGee, 37'10 1/4" 2nd –Travis Valliant, 31'9 1/2"

400 M. Relay: 1st -Alonzo Pena, Angel Silva, Nick Pena, Carlos Aparicio, 47.17

800 M. Relay: 1st –Alonzo Pena, Nick Pena, Angel Silva, Carlos Aparicio, 1:40.43

1600 M. Run: 4th -Colton Moore, 5:43.71, 6th –J.T. Downing, 5:48.20

1600 M. Relay: 2nd –Nick Pena, Jose Casillas, Travis Valliant, Angel Silva, 3:57.48

Overall Sonora JV placed 1st with 179 points.

Lady Broncos

The Lady Broncos finished second on their home track, with 132 points, behind Ingram with 168 points. Rocksprings was third with 97, followed by Christoval and Junction with 52, Nueces Canyon 31, Eldorado 25, Ozona 20 and Leakey 18.

Discus: 1st - Castillo 94'7" 1/2, 5th - Burton 84'5"1/2, 6th - Arispe 81'6"1/2

High Jump: 6th - Caruthers 4'8

Pole Vault: 2nd - Caruthers 9'

Triple Jump: 5th - Smith 32'1"1/2, 6th - Earwood 31'6" 1/2

Long Jump: 2nd - A. Berry 15'5" 1/4, 5th - L. Smith 14'10" 3/4

Shot Put: 4th - Martinez 29'5" 1/2

3200m Run: 4th - Ortiz 14:38.21, 6th - Gonzales 16:10.56

400m Relay: 1st - Sonora 52.50

800m Dash: 6th - Earwood 2:49.97

100m Hurdles: 3rd - Turney 19.01

100m Dash: 3rd - Smith 13.82, 4th - Berry 13.96

800m Relay: 3rd - Sonora 1:54.90

400m Dash: 3rd - Hernandez 1:07.88, 4th - Chavez 1:09.38

300m Hurdles: 4th - Turney 51.54

200m Dash: 3rd - Berrry 28.36, 4th - Smith 28.71

1600m Run: 6th - Ortiz 6:36.88

1600m Relay: 3rd Sonora 4:43.61

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Oil & Agribusiness

Treating Strawberry Foot in Sheep

by Erika Campbell

Dr. Mike Keller discussed "strawberry foot," at the TAES Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale held Fri. March 18 at the Sonora Experiment Station. "According to the scientific literature, the incidence of this disease in the U.S. is low," Keller started his talk off by saying. This was met with a laugh because Dr. Keller and most of the audience have been working hard to combat a high incidence of the disease this year and last. Having provided his scientific report, he put down his papers and started talking to the audience about what he has seen, and what he has done about it.

Strawberry foot describes a disease syndrome involving infection by a higher bacterial agent which gains entrance through the skin and is found interdigitally, (between the toes). The dead tissue between the toes can be gently removed, and Keller reminded producers to put on their gloves before doing so because the necrotic tissue smells horrific. Underneath the scab is a small very bright red lesion, granular capillaries, giving the disease the name strawberry foot.

Keller warned that early identification is important because the disease is highly prolific, and if missed, can remove tissue halfway through the foot.

The best treatment is to get affected animals out of wet conditions where there is a build up of fecal matter, as is common in livestock pens. The bacteria appear to thrive under moist conditions as we have seen this year and last due to above average rainfall. Treatment of affected animals usually lasts about 2-4 weeks, although severe cases can last up to 6 months. Keller recommended antibiotic treatment with LA-200 and cleansing the foot with a 50:50 mixture of water and sodium hypochlorite (bleach). In severe cases tetracycline can be added to the feed.

To reduce the spread of the disease, pens should be cleaned of contaminated soil, proper drainage should be installed, and lime added as disinfectant.

Seed Rangeland To Boost Forage

Texas Cooperative EXTENSION

submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Ranchers wanting to improve rangeland condition may consider a seeding program during the next few weeks. Seeding forage-deficit ranges with desirable forage plants can make them productive again. Seeding is also necessary following root-plowing for brush control.

Range seeding is usually done in late winter or early spring. Since seeding is expensive and the risk of failure is always present, careful attention must be given to a number of factors. To begin, evaluate the quantity and distribution of desirable plants currently present. If desirable plants make up less than 10 to 15 percent of the vegetation, seeding is probably necessary. Ranges can be improved by grazing management and brush and weed control if desirable plants are uniformly distributed and make up more than 10 to 15 percent of the vegetation. Seed only better sites to insure reasonable chances of success. Steep, potentially erosive sites should not be disturbed. Seeding range sites that receive runoff water usually provides good results.

Species and varieties of plants selected for seeding must be adapted to the area's soil, climate and topography. Also, plants selected should be easily established, palatable to animals, relatively productive, able to withstand invasion by undesirable plants, able to withstand moderate grazing and able to prevent erosion under moderate grazing.

As far as the seeding operation is concerned, plant into a well prepared seedbed. An ideal seedbed is firm below seeding depth and free from live plant competition. It has moderate amounts of mulch or plant residue on the soil surface. On rangeland, however, the ideal seedbed is a goal seldom attained because of expense and expected return. So, prepare the best seedbed that available resources will allow. The two most common methods of seeding rangeland are broadcast and drill. Broadcasting places seed on the soil surface while drilling puts seed into the soil. Drilling is the superior method of seeding where a drill can be used. However, broadcast seeding by aerial or ground application is often used because most drills are not sturdy enough for rough rangeland.

When to seed is important. Warm-season plants grow if seeded in late winter or early spring. A late summer or fall seeding date for cool-season plants may be best because young seedlings may not be able to tolerate hot, dry summers.

A newly seeded area will need protection from grazing until seedlings are established. With exceptionally good growing conditions, deferment through one growing season may be sufficient. During periods of harsh growing conditions, two or three years of deferment may be necessary to allow seedlings to establish. Seeding can rejuvenate poor ranges, but careful attention must be given to proper planning, use of correct plant material, seeding methods and good management.

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The touch of agriculture



by Congressman Henry Bonilla

I had a meeting the other day with some folks from the Texas Farm Bureau. They're a great group of people and I always look forward to talking with them. In our meetings, we discuss everything from the price of livestock to the latest cotton regulations to foot and mouth disease. An interesting point was brought up in our last discussion. Does the American public realize how often agriculture touches their daily lives?

It's not something we think about every day. You probably don't get up in the morning, put on your clothes, and consider who raised the sheep for your wool pants or who grew the cotton for your shirt. When we get to the breakfast table, we often forget about the corn that was harvested for our morning bowl of cereal or the cows milked for our tall glass of calcium. When our children arrive at school, we seldom think about the school lunch program they are provided each day. Nor do we think about the vaccinations that keep them safe from disease. And when we stop at the grocery store on our way home, how often do we take for granted the high quality of the products we purchase. The produce and meat are fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety. Not many countries have this type of luxury.

I make this point because it's important we understand how fortunate we are to have a safe and successful agriculture industry. Agriculture affects so many aspects of our lives. Beyond food and clothing, the agriculture industry accounts for one in every six U.S. jobs. Farmers and ranchers are not the only people working for this huge industry. Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the clothing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family pharmacist.

No doubt about it - agriculture fuels our economy. The agriculture industry accounts for two percent of our nation's gross domestic product. It also accounts for $50 billion in exports each year. Let's not forget that farmers pay incredible sums of money to cover their business expenses. In recent years, farmers paid as much as $73 billion in purchases and over $25 billion in employee wages.

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages you can come to just one conclusion: the agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country. This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today.

So the next time you're in the grocery story picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see. We may take these things for granted, but for thousands of people nation-wide these items are truly a necessity of life. Let's be thankful for our agriculture industry and for the men and women who work hard every day to keep it strong.

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Family Land Heritage program recognizes 142 farms and ranches at 30th anniversary ceremony

Agriculture Commissioner Susan combs honored 142 Texas farms and ranches form 89 counties during the 30th annual Family Land Heritage ceremony, held on March 18th in Austin. The ceremony recognized families who have kept their farm or ranch in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100 years or more.

This marks the fifth year the Texas Department of agriculture has honored farms and ranches in the 150-year category. TDA recognized twenty properties that were established between 1808 and 1854. This was the largest number of honorees ever recognized in this category.

To date, 226 of Texas' 254 counties have had recognized properties. Gains, Hartley, Lynn and Midland counties were added to the list of counties with honored farms and ranches.

"The families honored at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony have made an enormous contribution to the heritage of rural Texas and the history of Texas agriculture," Combs said. "The dedication of these families – especially those who have kept their properties in continuous production for more than 150 years should be an inspiration to all Texans."

Former Agriculture Commissioner John C. White started the annual recognition of historic family-owned farms and ranches. The first Texas Family Land Heritage ceremony was held at the Pan American Livestock Arena at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on Oct. 14, 1974. More than 560 properties from 120 counties were honored that day with 1,200 honorees, family and friends in attendance, despite record autumn rainstorms.

Neal Spelce, a well-known Texas broadcaster, served as the master of ceremonies. Cowboy poet and entertainer Red Steagall performed following the certificate presentation. Country music artist Dan Roberts opened the ceremony.

The Family Land Heritage Program has honored more than 4,000 properties in 226 counties since its start in 1974.

We are very proud to announce that in Sutton County, Mrs. Dell Davis Tedford was recognized at the Family Land Heritage Ceremony for her Davis T-Heart Ranch which has been in her family since 1903. Congratulations to Dell and her family.

Water, Water Everywhere How Much Should You Drink?

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp
Texas Cooperative Extension Service
County Extension Agent-FCS

The human body is made up of 50 to 75 percent water, or about 10 to 12 gallons, so replenishing your body's water supply is crucial for proper function.

"Although there are many theories about the amount to drink, a safe bet is to drink at least eight cups of water each day to make sure you are properly hydrated," says registered dietitian and American Dietetic Association spokesperson Dee Sandquist. "If you're working out regularly, you should ideally drink even more than eight cups."

According to the American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide, the average adult loses about two and a half quarts or about 10 cups of water daily. To maintain your body's fluid balance, you need to replace it each day.

Sandquist offers ways to make sure you're drinking enough water each day:

"Take a water break instead of a coffee break, keep a cup or bottle of water handy at your desk, take a drink whenever you walk by a water fountain and keep a bottle of water in your backpack or tote bag. All fluids like juice, tea, soup and even coffee count, so drink up."

Sandquist notes that many foods have a high water content, too:

Food	% of Water
Lettuce (1/2 cup)	95
Watermelon (1/2 cup)	92
Broccoli (1/2 cup)	91
Grapefruit(1/2 cup)	91
Milk (one cup)	89
Orange juice (3/4 cup)	88
Carrot (half cup)	87
Yogurt (one cup)	85
Apple (one medium)	84

With nearly 70,000 members, the Chicago-based American DieteticAssociation is the nation's largest organization of food and nutritionprofessionals. ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition and well-being.

National Nutrition MonthR, created in 1973 and celebrated each March, helps promote healthful eating and provides consumers with practical nutrition guidance.

Up On Eaton Hill



Debating Darwinian evolution has ruffled some feathers.

Daring to doubt Darwin

by Delyse Jaeger

I love a good debate and apparently the Mother of all debates has been raging throughout the scientific world for some time. Recently however, the controversy has spread from research labs into classrooms and courtrooms. Everything about this controversy is complex. Complexity is even one of the issues under debate. What's all the fuss about? Well, it appears that a goodly number of credible experts are calling into question the ability of the basic tenets of Darwin's theory of evolution to explain our ever increasing understanding of the complexity of life. The theory of Intelligent Design has garnered heightened credibility as a result of these observations. Obviously, the implications of such statements are limitless, and the reactions throughout the scientific world are just as captivating as the science that raised the questions in the first place. Very few things can be said with absolute certainty, but I can without a doubt state that there is no easy answer here. Because of the multi-faceted dimensions of this issue, I would like to write about it in several installments. For today, I will share a few of the enticements that hooked me into, the whole discussion. But first a little ground work. Because both sides of the evolutionary theory are charged with emotion due of the bearing it can have on our spiritual beliefs, let me say that I grew up accepting that science had pretty well proven the reality of evolution. Personally, (and irrelevantly to this writing) I believed that Creator God could bring whomever into existence however he chose and with whatever explanation He deemed reasonable for His divine purposes. That said merely to avoid the inclination of detractors to identify any reasonable consideration of Intelligent Design as being motivated by religious beliefs. So, on what basis would a reasonable person entertain the notion that a widely accepted scientific theory may be in error? Does it tweak your interest to know that the "legendary British philosopher and atheist icon", Antony Flew, has recently announced his shift from atheism to theism? Flew explains that "...the most impressive arguments for God's existence are those that are supported by recent scientific discoveries." And "...the argument to intelligent design is enormously stronger than when I first met it." Another intriguing element was the discovery that a number of proofs and illustrations used in text books for teaching evolution are inaccurate, outdated and in one case, a known forgery. With the debate over what to teach our children in the classroom being taken into the courtroom, and with scientists being ostracized for considering viewpoints that call into question the accepted theory of the day, one must ask if the free expression of scientific inquiry is being hindered by tightly held ideologies. Reputations are being destroyed and jobs are being lost. Is it possible that the strict defenders of Darwin's theory are now mirroring the type of treatment that the first proponents of evolution received at the hands of those who did not want to consider implications of that theory? If the science is valid, would you consider it important to "teach the controversy" in our schools? The implications are far reaching. Until next week, hit the trails of Eaton Hill and ponder the origin of life!

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war like no other. Usually transportation and support groups are behind the lines of combat, but in this case, there is no clear definition of front and rear lines." Also, in adjustment to the specifics of the conflict in Iraq, transportation companies are performing their own security, protecting their own convoys rather than receiving that protection from the military police that are deployed in other capacities.

During Scott's tour of duty, his wife Donna has been a living testament of patriotic support and loving devotion. Daily adorned in some manner of patriotism, with ribbon magnets and stickers ever present on her desk among the photos of Scott in Iraq, Donna's enthusiastic support has been contagious in Sonora. Her pride and openness sparked a connection with many a visitor to the Chamber office who would then share their own personal stories of loved ones in the military. Spc. Garrett's stateside return was on February 27th, when his plane touched down in El Paso. Scott will resume his employment with Dominion Resources on March 28th.

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Oil and Gas Division
District 7C - Rule 37/38 - Case No. 0237943
Date of Issuance: February 18, 2005
Notice of Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E & P INC, 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PKWY #600, OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73134 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the between well spacing and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the amended permit for **Well No. 18, Shurley 141 Lease, 581.64 Acres, Sec. 141, Blk. C, HE & WT RR Co. Survey, A-450, Sawyer (Canyon) Field(s), Sutton County, being 9 miles south southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:**

500' from the east line and 1100' from the north line of the lease.

500' from the east line and 1000' from the north line of the survey.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.

As a part of this application, Applicant also seeks permit authority for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary for this field pursuant to its field rules.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6850 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Steve Towns, Agent, at 512-480-9600. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701

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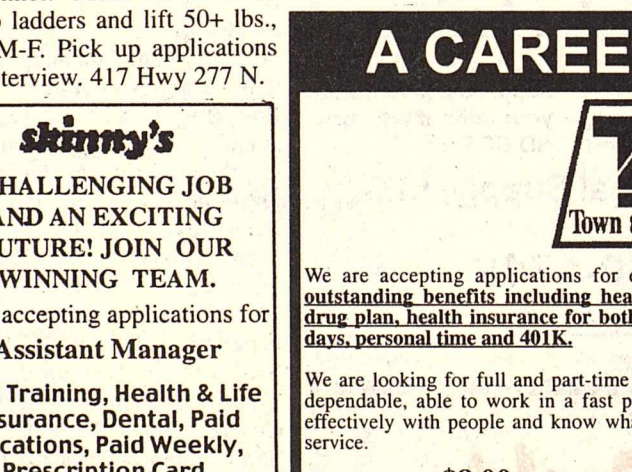
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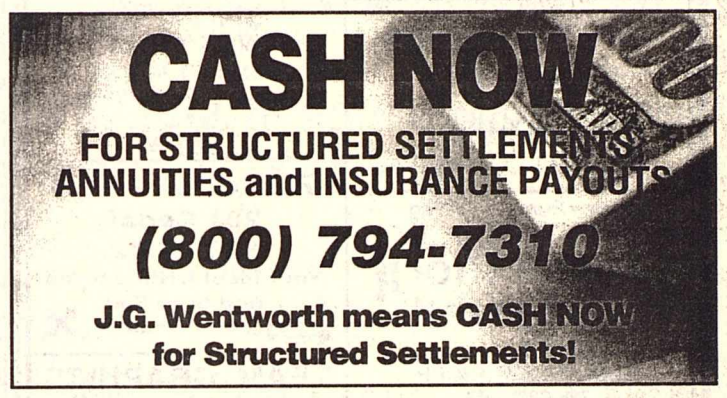
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WHO: Little League Softball Parents and Supporters, WHAT: A work day to get the old T-Ball field ready for softball season use. **WHEN:** Saturday, April 2, 2005 @ 8:30 *Much work has already been done, but we need help!

T&C Village Market Relay for Life Bake Sale - March 25 (Good Friday), get all your Easter goodies and breakfast burritos.

Easter Sunrise Service - Sonora and Sutton County is reminded of the Easter Sunrise service, March 27, 7:00 a.m. , at the Cauthorn Memorial Building amphitheater (Depot). This worship of the living Christ is sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, and gives an opportunity for community worship and fellowship.

TEAM ROPING-Christoval Project Graduation Re-scheduled due to rain, Number 3 & 4, March 26, 2005, Enter @ 10 A.M. & Rope @ 11, Location: Coats Arena –6910 Treece Road (Just off Hwy 87); Wall, Texas, Hy O Silver Buckles awarded to Average Winners heading & heeling for each roping, BBQ & Auction; For More Information: 325 896-2022 or 325 895-0441.

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

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

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

Pesticide Applicator Training: The Sutton County Extension Office is currently taking registration for anyone interested in acquiring a pesticide applicator license. We will provide training and testing. There is no cost other than study materials and to apply for your license. Training will begin on March 28th; testing will be on April 4th. If interested, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

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

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for a six month individual membership to the Health and Wellness Center scheduled to open in April 2005 (a $180 value). The new facility will offer aquatic therapy, water and ground aerobics as well as a fully equipped exercise facility for both strength and cardiovascular conditioning. The drawing will be held at the March Auxiliary Luncheon. Tickets are $1 each and available at the hospital, Sutton County Extension Office and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office.

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

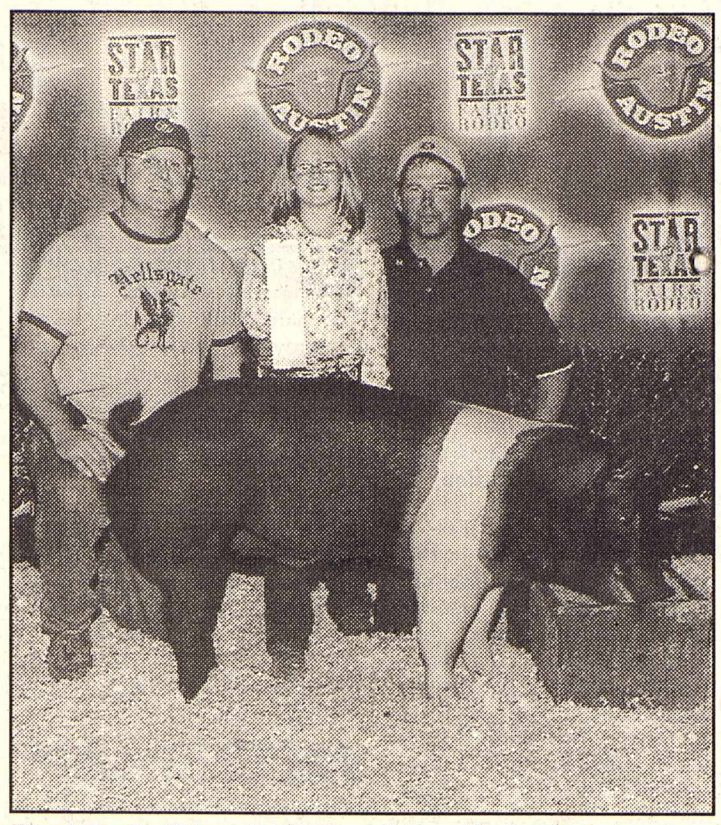
A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

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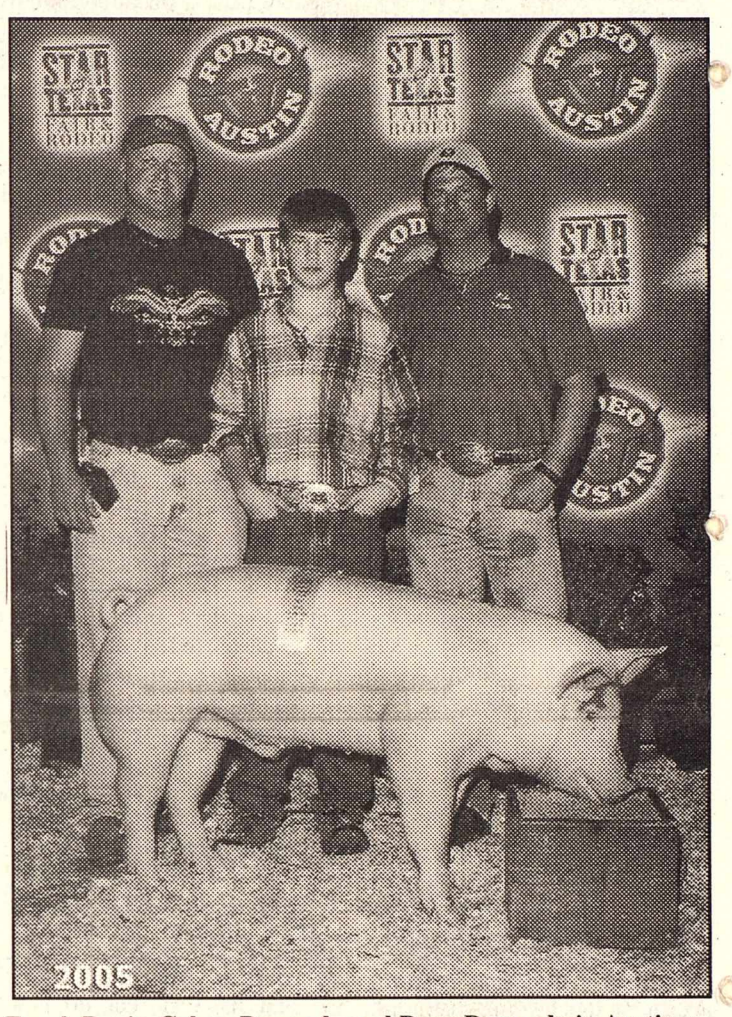
Dermody's make Premium Sale in Austin and Angelo



Frank Davis, Sidney Dermody and Dean Dermody in Austin.

The Dermody family hogged the prizes in Austin last week, with Sidney (above) taking 3rd in the Hampshire Class at the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin, Texas. Big brother, Colyer, took 4th in the Cross class. Both projects made it to the Premium Sale.

Sidney also made the Premium Sale in San Angelo, winning first place in the Heavy Weight Yorkshire Class.



Frank Davis, Colyer Dermody and Dean Dermody in Austin.

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Dairy Queen, Sutton County Steak House, Caverns of Sonora, Team Graphics, Amis Gift Shop, Ol' Sonora Trading Post, Rosy Bud Florist, Oilfield Answering Service, Eaton Hill Committee, Sonora Industrial Development Corp., Everett's Pharmacy, Gifts Galore and More, Adkins Septic Service, Supporters of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Monroe Welding, Sanchez Welding & Construction, Sonora Abstract, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance, Farm Bureau Insurance, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Office Supply, Tedford Jewelry and Radio Shack.

Don't be late! We will start at 10:00 a.m.!

HappyBirthday

March 24
Madison Myers, Damien Zaragoza, Kay Creek, Crystal Delgado, Alexandrea Kenny

March 25
Jillian Gulley, Embre Smith, Allison Mejia, Dawn Adkins

March 26
Kyle Patlan, Edward San Miguel, Maria Silva, Reggie Williams, Clayton Schueling, Jim Davis, Hayden Smith, Cody Chavez

March 27
Dolores Crocker, Mike Foulds, Craig Hopper, Claire Healy, Tara Green

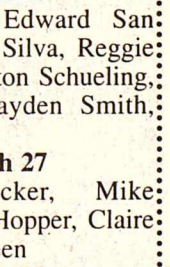
March 28
Stephanie Galindo, Robert Hard, John Mesa, Edward Henson, Juan Garza, Rita Acevedo, Laura Sanchez, Marissa Prieto, Julie Coronado, Noe Chavez

March 29
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March 30
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