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## Extension Agency offering gardening class and computer course

by Pascual Hernandez  
County Extension Agent-Ag  
Sutton County

If you are a gardener, you may be interested in attending a Garden Management Seminar on March 30, 2004, at the Sutton County Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. Topics will include planting considerations, variety selection, fertilization and irrigation management, as well as pest and disease control. Call the Extension Office by March 26th to register. If response is adequate, the event will take place.

We are also in the process of developing a Computer Technology Series for beginner and intermediate skills. If you are interested in learning or enhancing your computer skill, call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to enroll. You will then be contacted as to skill level, interest(s) or need, and class preference. Classes will begin in April. There is no charge to enroll.

## Primaries have low voter turnout

by Storie Sharp

The March 9 Primary didn't have the best draw for voters in Sutton County, but some did choose to make their voice heard.

Contested races of local interest included that of District Attorney. With a vote of 164 to 21, Laurie English won the Democratic nomination.

In the Democratic, District 23, United States Representative race, Joe Sullivan beat Virgil Yanta, with 74 to 32 votes in Sullivan's favor. Republican Henry Bonilla was uncontested on the Republican ballot.

In the Republican U.S. Representative District 11, race, Mike Conaway had 59 votes over Bill Lester's 13 votes. The Democratic position was uncontested by Wayne Raasch.

In the Republican race for State Representative for District 53, incumbent Harvey Hilderbran defeated Nicki Harle by a slim margin of 61 to 55 votes.

The Democratic race for president was won by John Kerry, with 100 votes. The next closest contender was John Edwards with 23 votes, out of a total of 153 votes placed.

All of the March 9 Primary results can be obtained at the County Clerk's office or by visiting [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us) and clicking on Primary Election Results.

## Balloon release to raise awareness for neglected and abused children

In conjunction with the presentations by Sgt. Bill Davis on March 25 and 26, the Sonora Child Welfare Board and individuals in Sonora are having a "Raising Awareness Balloon Release".

On March 26, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., at the Sonora Elementary School, students, teachers and caregivers will release blue balloons to help raise awareness of both the impact of child abuse

## Wildlife on the move A reminder from your local Animal Control officer

To all pet owners living inside Sonora city limits. I'd like to take the opportunity to refresh your memory on our local city ordinances. The City of Sonora has, and enforces, a city ordinance that pertains to your pets and/or livestock. These ordinances are set up not only for the safety of your pets, but also for your safety as a pet owner. Also remember that the ordinances are enforced not only by me, but also by your local police officers.

Some of you may also have noticed that our wildlife such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, and other nocturnal animals have been more apparent around town in the last month or so. Because of this, we suggest you use precaution when approaching such animals. These animals carry the rabies virus. If seen out in the daytime, please report sightings to the police department immediately. We have one positive case of rabies already documented to date, which may suggest a problem again this year. So please do you and your pet a favor and have their rabies shot brought up to date.

Here are some of the actual city ordinances pertaining to the keeping of dogs and/or cats inside city limits. Remember the laws are established for the welfare of you and your pets. If you have any further questions regarding the ordinances or simply need to visit with me, please feel free to come by the Sonora Police Department, or call me at (325) 387-3888.

Thank you, Jerri Martin, ACO

Sec. 14-106. Stray animals.

A person who owns, harbors or maintains an animal commits an offense, without regard to its mental state, if he fails to restrain the animal in a fenced yard, enclosed structure or by leash and the animal strays.

(Code 1981, & 5-12)

Sec. 14-107. Duty to impound.

(A) The animal control officer or any law enforcement officer shall have the responsibility to impound the following:

- (1) Any dog or cat running at large.
  - (2) Any dog or cat that is a nuisance or that does not have affixed to its collar or cage a license tag or permit showing there is in effect a valid license or permit for such animal.
  - (3) Any dog or cat not having a valid permit.
  - (4) Any vicious dog.
  - (5) Any dog or animal susceptible of contracting rabies or hydrophobia, which is exhibiting symptoms or has been exposed to rabies or hydrophobia.
  - (6) Any dog or cat known to be or reasonably suspected of being lost or strayed.
  - (7) Any dog or other animal having any infectious or contagious disease other than rabies or hydrophobia and being in the custody of a keeper who refuses to make satisfactory arrangements for the proper treatment of such dog or other animal.
- (B) When a dog or cat is found running at large and its ownership is verified by the animal control officer, the authority may exercise the option of serving the owner with a notice of violation in lieu of impounding the animal.

## Virgil Polocek honored by Texas Lions Camp



Sonora Downtown Lion's Club President Frank Wamble presented Past District Governor Virgil Polocek with a plaque for his dedicated service to the children of the Texas Lion's Camp on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. Polocek was instrumental in raising over \$1,000 from Sonora and District 2A-1 to donate to the children's camp. Virgil is very appreciative of the hard work from everyone in the District and is proud to announce that they are one of the top donors in the United States for charitable organizations.

## School board debates adding volleyball to girls athletic program; extends personnel contracts

by Storie Sharp

It was a full house at the March 8, 2004, meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. School Board. Parents and interested parties were present to ask that Volleyball be included as a part of the athletic curriculum at Sonora I.S.D.

Board president, Scott Jacoby began the meeting, reminding the visitors that the audience was only allowed to speak during the visitors' comments portions of the agenda. All other portion of the meeting are not for public comment.

Chap Traylor approached the Board first, explaining that several young ladies have been playing volleyball with the YMCA in San Angelo, and they feel that the sport would be a good addition to Sonora schools. Coming from a larger district, the Traylor's were surprised that they found no volleyball when they moved here. Traylor explained that he and the other parents involved felt that the program would be beneficial for many young ladies in Sonora. Including volleyball would also offer another sport for young girls, making a more balanced sports program in Sutton County. Traylor said that many girls have many different talents and there may be some out there who just don't have basketball or softball abilities, who may have a knack for volleyball. He asked that the board please consider adding the program.

Bonnie Lou Campbell then addressed the board, also requesting that volleyball be considered for the girls in Sonora. Campbell explained that she is the parent of a young girl in middle school and would like to have another sport for her to take part in. She reiterated Traylor's comments that it might offer an opportunity to someone who has never taken part in the other sports. She again asked that the board consider the request.

The board thanked the visitors and began the regular meeting. Volleyball was discussed again later in the meeting. Superintendent Myers began the conversation by explaining that, trying to be pro-active on the subject, he and Athletic Director Jason Herring had done some research on the subject. Myers explained that the start-up fee for a volleyball program would begin at \$15,000 for equipment and uniforms, etc. Then there is the cost of travel, meals, coaches, and referee expenses to consider. The cost was already reaching \$56,000 to begin, and



Parents fill school board meeting to discuss volleyball.

that did not include the possibility of having to pay the salary of new teachers instead of just stipends for the existing coaches to take on the additional sport. The second main area of concern was the amount of travel that would most likely be involved in playing. The two closest schools that have volleyball programs are Junction and Grape Creek and both are part of different districts. Myers and Herring both expressed concern that U.I.L. would put Sonora in the district with schools as far away as Tornillo and Anthony. This would cause major mileage for the girls playing, and games are usually played on Tuesday nights and/or Saturday mornings. Both Myers and Herring tried to explain that they were not against the possibility, but they had to look at all areas involved. Another concern that Herring brought to the table was that of taking away from the girls basketball and cross country programs. The pros and cons of implementing this program were discussed at length, with no final decision being made at this time.

In other business, Superintendent Myers gave the financial reports and went over the list of bills for the month of February.

The quarterly cafeteria report said that the cafeteria was operating \$445.43 behind and Superintendent Myers said he would be happy if they could just break even in that area. New state regulations on what can be served may prove to be costly for all schools because it will cut down on the snack bar and vending machine revenues.

The new equipment for the automated ticketing machines will be installed during spring break.

In the superintendent's report, Myers said that enrollment was at 950, down from the all-time high of 953, but was sitting well. Attendance was up some.

February maintenance reports included a health inspec-

tion that found the dish washer not to be hot enough. Adding sanitizers to the machines corrected the problems. Some broken windows in the middle school gym had been repaired and the one scoreboard at the softball field had been hit by lightning, but was repaired by Danny Hardin.

Superintendent Myers congratulated the basketball teams for a very successful year, finally losing to state champions.

In other maintenance news, recent wind storms blew the roof off the restrooms at the football field, throwing them onto a truck down the street. The insurance company was handling the claim. The wind had damaged several other areas around the high school and there was major leakage in the middle school gym during the science fair. Myers ended his report by telling everyone that the principal search had resulted in 67 inquiries, and they were being reviewed. Interviews will begin after spring break.

Alice Cox reported that the money has finally been received from the grant she had applied for and was awarded. She said that they will be moving on with more purchases for equipment.

The construction report began with John Williams saying that a lot of activity was going to be seen beginning during spring break. The new sidewalks and walkways will be started soon if the weather holds out. The roof on the Rock Building is still being worked on, but the bell tower is complete. The structural steel had arrived for the cafeteria additions and would be placed within the week. These additions are predicted to be complete in three days. Williams reported that they are looking closely at additional costs on the project, especially with the rock building. A conversation took place regarding the false doors on the rock building. Williams said they were thinking about putting

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## Sonora blinded them with science in San Angelo



Sonora Middle School San Angelo Science Fair winners strut their stuff.

Sonora Middle School students who placed in the top six in the Sonora Science Fair traveled to San Angelo to compete in Regional competition on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. Any students who placed first, second or third will continue

and compete at the State level. Sonora had great representation with many of our young scientists going to State.

**Behavior and Social Science**

2. Kayla Garcia, 3. Savannah Leonard, 5. Steely

Ingham, 6. Chelsea Martinez

**Biochemistry**

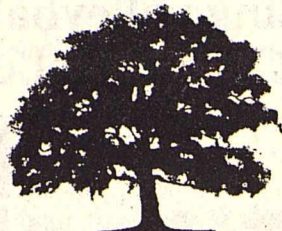
4. Paula Zaragosa, 6. Anali Garcia, 7. Pedro Ramirez, 8. Andy Galindo

**Computer**

3. Cash Jennings

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**Lighthouse  
Community Church**  
A Love Relationship  
that is real, personal and practical  
**Sunday Services**  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
1705 N. Crockett

  
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**Obituaries**

**Kylie Hannah Donaldson**

Graveside service for Kylie Hanna Donaldson, infant daughter of Jason and Beth Donaldson, was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the Sonora Cemetery with Don Sessom officiating.

She is survived by her parents of Austin; her maternal grandparents, Jim and Becky Covington of Sonora; her paternal grandparents, Kyle and Elaine Donaldson of Sonora; her aunts and uncles, Kim and Duane Jones and their children, Kaitlyn and Kera of Brawley, California, and Traci and Jeff Hart and daughter, Kendall, of Del Rio; and her maternal great-grandparents, Ernest and Rita Wilhelm and Ed and Jean Covington, all of San Angelo.

**Remembering**  
Go ahead and mention my child, the one that died, you know  
Don't worry about hurting me further. The depth of the pain doesn't show  
Don't worry about making me cry. I'm already crying inside.  
Help me to heal by releasing the tears that I try to hide.  
I'm hurt when you just keep silent, pretending that she didn't exist.  
I'd rather you mention my child, knowing that she has been missed.  
You asked me how I was doing. I say "pretty good" or "fine."  
But healing is something ongoing.  
I feel it will take a lifetime.  
— Elizabeth Dent

**Letter to the Editor**

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the reception in this community of the three little guys who came and spent some time with us. You have been most kind and very helpful in receiving them. A special thanks to Louise Dermody for helping with school, Amy Davenport for helping with some clothing and Joyce Chalk who also helped with clothing. The little guys have gone to be with a grandmother.

Thanks,  
The Jacksons and the Craigs

**Thank you for Reading  
The Devil's River News**

**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY  
TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

**A Weekend of Kids, Out of Staters, a Cab and a Barge**

**Tumbleweed Smith**

I knew Friday the 13th would be interesting. I just didn't know how interesting.

The Monday before the 13th I learned for the first time that I was expected to speak at the junior high school assembly in Brenham at 9 A.M. on the 13th. I was also expected to be in Corpus to board a river barge departing that evening and to perform on the 14th (Valentine's Day) during the cruise. We use our own sound equipment when we do speeches or performances, and because it takes up lots of room, we travel by motor vehicle.

The barge was to leave Corpus Friday evening, cruise the Texas coast and arrive in Galveston Sunday afternoon at 2. We would then drive home 10 hours away so I could teach an 8 o'clock class Monday morning. That was the plan. But when you're dealing with Texas weather, you have to follow one rigid rule: stay flexible.

The Brenham appearance was fun. The auditorium was packed with 800 screaming kids (I asked them to see how much noise they could make) from three different schools. I had half a dozen kids come up on stage with me and tell silly jokes (they had been told to get some jokes ready). Then we all did a nose flute medley. The kids in the audience were attentive and well-behaved. I told them they were in the cradle of Texas liberty but we weren't going to do any Texas history during the show. They loved that.

After the appearance at Brenham, we drove to Galveston, left our vehicle in a parking garage and called the Busy Bee Cab Company. We took a cab to Corpus, 219 miles away. Lloyd, the driver, had never been to Corpus and was used to traveling only on major highways. So my wife Susan, the best navigator in the world, helped him along the route of small roads. The 5 hour cab ride sounds bizarre, but it was the only way we could get to the barge on time. We got there at 7 P.M., just before scheduled departure. The cruise director told us there had been a change of plans. Because of a storm, the barge would not leave until Saturday night and would not dock until Monday. He said I could perform that night at 8 or not perform at all and still get paid. I said let's do the show. We got everything ready in less than an hour and did our show in the barge auditorium for people from all over the US. They enjoyed our Texas humor.

The next morning (Saturday, Valentine's Day) we took a cab from the barge to the Corpus airport, rented a car and drove to Galveston (219 miles away) to pick up our vehicle. Susan drove it and I followed her to Hobby airport in Houston to turn in our rent car. By now it was about 5 PM on Valentine's Day. Susan had been such a good sport I wanted to do something special. I told her we would drive to Round Top, get a good meal at Royer's Round Top Cafe and spend the night there in one of the B & B's. I prayed we could do it. I was afraid the cafe would be crowded. It was. A dozen people were waiting outside. I asked Bud Royer if he could work us in and he said sure. We then called our favorite B & B in Round Top which had a cozy cottage with a bedroom upstairs. We had a perfect ending to an interesting weekend.

**Card of Thanks**

I wish to express my gratitude to all who voted for me in the March 9th Republican Primary Election, and to Susan Hinsley, Deputy for her dedication and hard work. To serve the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County is a great privilege and an honor. Thank-you.

Sincerely,  
Deedie McIntire, Tax-Assessor-Collector  
Voter Registrar

On behalf of the Perez Family we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Pajestka and the staff of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital for helping during our crisis in the emergency room and for rushing him to Shannon Hospital. We also want to thank everyone for their welcomed visits and calls.

A special thank you to Bernardo Solis (Yogi) and everyone at Location Builders for their special gift and food brought by Lydia Galindo after his hospital stay. May God bless each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

Sincerely,  
Israel, Rebecca and Vanessa Perez

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, visits to the hospital, gifts and food. The support we received through our hospitalization since the birth of our little angels has been incredible. We are looking forward to showing off the girls as soon as their pediatrician gives the okay. We are proud to call Sonora home.

Thanks again,  
Clay and Tammy Gentry

Thank you, Sutton County voters, for participating in the 2004 Primary Election. It was an honor to be a part of the decision making process for representation in the Texas House of Representatives.

As a candidate for State Representative, I learned first-hand what issues you are most concerned about. Together we have helped bring a keener awareness to the needs of the district and a higher level of expectation for how we are represented in the Texas Legislature.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers and voters who supported me. Though I was not elected to serve you in the Legislature, I want to urge you to be proactive in the issues of the county and the district and establish strong communications with our representative and his staff. Let's continue working together to have a strong voice in Austin.

Nicki Harle  
2004 Primary Election Candidate  
for State Representative  
nicki@nickiharle.net

**Ronnie Cox  
loves  
being your  
Pharmacist**

**School Lunch Menu • Mar. 22 - 25, 2004**

**Breakfast**

**Mon.** - Breakfast burrito, orange juice.  
**Tues.** - Muffin, apple juice.  
**Wed.** - French toast sticks, syrup, orange juice.  
**Thurs.** - Cheese toast, apple juice.  
**Fri.** - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.

**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**

**Mon.** - Corn dogs, mustard, macaroni & cheese, green beans, peaches.  
**Tues.** - Hoagie sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, strawberry Jell-O.  
**Wed.** - Crispy beef tacos, taco salad, pinto beans, spice bar.  
**Thurs.** - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pudding, hot roll.  
**Fri.** - Cheese pizza, tossed salad, dressing, kernel corn, rice krispie treat.

**Senior Center News**

**Mar. 22** - Bingo!  
**Mar. 23** - Downtown Lion's Broom Sale. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. City Hall • Post Office.  
**Mar. 24** - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Ed. Noon.  
**Mar. 25** - Crafts...Need volunteers and new ideas! Help! Help! Help!

**Senior Center Menu**

**Mar. 22** - Beef tips with gravy, rice, carrots, cornbread, strawberry/banana mix, pie, milk.  
**Mar. 23** - Smothered chicken, baked potato, fried okra, roll, peaches with topping, milk.  
**Mar. 24** - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk.  
**Mar. 25** - Beef liver with onions, gravy, scalloped potatoes, peas, juice, roll, pie, milk.  
**Mar. 26** - Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, taco shells, tossed salad with tomatoes, cobbler, milk.

**Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+  
and \$4.00 for others.  
\*Menu is subject to change.\***

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**Community Calendar**

**March 19**  
San Angelo Symphony  
High School Auditorium

**March 22**  
County Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

**Al-Anon Family Meetings**  
Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room  
Call 387-2521 ext. 170

**The Community Calendar**


  
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**March 24**  
Ports- to-Plains Public Meeting  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Civic Center

**March 27**  
Creek Swabbing Relay for Life  
BBQ Fundraiser • County Park

**March 30**  
Garden Seminar Civic Center

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## Child Safety: First and Forever with Officer Bill

Most adults know this twenty-nine year police veteran as Sgt. Bill Davis. But he is known as "Officer Bill" to his little friends. Officer Bill's 20-25 minute program for preschool and elementary children talks about his work as a community helper, gun safety, bicycle safety, traffic signs, and seat belts. As he talks to the children about stealing and drugs, Officer Bill reinforces their right to say, "NO". Finally, he deals with the sensitive issue of good touches and bad touches, and the "UH-OH" touch, in a very positive and understanding manner for their innocent and hungry little minds. Officer Bill's interaction with the children throughout the program keeps their attention span at a constant and high level.

**Sex and the Law**  
Most adults are very reluctant to talk to teenagers about SEX! Sgt. Bill Davis's program with high school teenagers is one class period long (55 minutes) and is filled with audience-speaker interaction. Very candidly and professionally,

Sgt. Davis discusses the various criminal laws dealing with sexual encounters that relate to young people. Halfway through the presentation, Bill changes the discussion to civil law, dealing with pregnancy, paternity suits, child support, and the rights of mother, father, and child. The program is filled with laughter, anxiety and 100% attention from his audience.

### Personal Safety: A Fact of Life

Often our professions take us from the safety and security of our office complex. Some professions require home visits or interviews on the violator's turf, sometimes putting our safety at risk. We cannot help the children on our caseload or carry on with our professional life, as well as our personal life, if we are injured, raped, or killed while doing our job. Sgt. Bill Davis presents some common sense ideas and a few defensive tactics to help us maintain a higher level of awareness and safety while working to keep others safe. He also provides profiles of the three types of

rapists thus enabling the audience to have a better understanding of a possible attacker. What better way to defeat your enemy than to know how he thinks and know his motivations.

### Sexual Abuse: Identification and Reporting

Sgt. Bill Davis' 1 to 2 hour presentation discusses the elements of some of the most often used criminal statutes dealing with sex crimes. Sgt. Davis discusses the profiles of rapists seeking teenage and adult victims. He discusses the various types of child sexual abuse, including the various types of pedophilia and the members of the incestuous family. His presentation concludes with how we can all contribute to the curtailment of the most despicable crimes committed in our society.

Remember...  
*a hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove...but the world may be better because you were important in the life of a child.*

## Happy Birthday

- March 18**  
Heather Hughes, Linda Cervantez, David Cook, Jerry Jimenez, Emilio Espinosa, Bianca Trevino
- March 19**  
Jose Gonzalez, Joe Casillas, Kadee Petty, Oscar Perez, Timothy Sanchez
- March 20**  
Les Sahr, Iris McAfee, Luther Creek, Kasey Miller, Gloria Taulbee, Tamara Farley, Cliff Brister
- March 21**  
Justin Zuniga
- March 22**  
Fred Tijerina, Paula Zaragoza, Kendra Jones, Kent Kearney, Jason Surber, Jarod Franks, Rita Lopez, Evan Collins, Angelica Mesa, Sean Fields
- March 23**  
Wayne Hines, John Duke Hudson, Victor Alvidrez, Mahayla Seguera, Delilah Alvizo, Quade Sutton
- March 24**  
Crystal Delgado, Alexandra Kenney, Madison Myers, Kay Creek

## FAQ for Colonoscopy and Sigmoidoscopy

*We are continuing our look at Colon Cancer during the month of March as part of the American Cancer Society's Colon Cancer Awareness Month. We are also preparing for the 2004 Relay for Life in Sonora, on May 21-22.*

"It's not painful or embarrassing," - Len Lichtenfeld, MD.

Colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy are excellent screening exams for colorectal cancer. But false information and a misplaced sense of modesty have scared some people away from these life-saving tests. Both exams are explained here in plain language. And ACS Deputy Chief Medical Officer Len Lichtenfeld, MD, sets the record straight on how these tests feel, a patient's privacy, and more.

**Colonoscopy Explained:** This exam allows a doctor to see and closely inspect the inside of the entire colon for signs of cancer or polyps. Polyps can eventually become cancerous. He or she uses a slender, flexible, hollow, lighted tube about the thickness of a finger. This "colonoscope" is gently eased inside the colon and has a tiny video camera, which sends clear pictures to a TV monitor.

The exam itself usually takes 15-30 minutes. For the most part, patients are put to sleep for the procedure. Your doctor decides how often you need this test, usually once in 5-10 years, depending on your personal risk for colon cancer. It's important for each person to know the guidelines for testing, whether to start before age 50, and to discuss this with a doctor.

**Sigmoidoscopy Explained:** A doctor closely inspects the lower parts of the colon, called the sigmoid colon and the descending colon, for signs of cancer or polyps. Polyps are small growths which can eventually become cancerous. He or she uses a slender, flexible, hollow, lighted tube about the thickness of a finger. This "sigmoidoscope" is gently eased inside the colon and has a tiny video camera, which sends pictures to a TV monitor.

The exam takes 15 or 20 minutes and usually requires no medicine to make the patient drowsy.

**Q: Will it hurt?**  
A: No, these two exams are not painful. For the most part patients are put to sleep for a colonoscopy, so they won't feel anything. Sigmoidoscopy doesn't require medication to make the patient drowsy. So it can be somewhat uncomfortable from the air pressure. Air is pumped into the cleaned-out colon so it holds its normal size, and doctors can get the best pictures. It may be slightly uncomfortable, but it should not hurt.

Several people have offered their candid opinions about colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy, and most found the anticipation was worse than the exam itself.

**Q: Who will do the exam?**  
A: A colonoscopy is almost always done by a physician, usually a gastroenterologist or a surgeon. Studies show that a well-trained clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or

physician's assistant can do these procedures very effectively too. These experts are experienced and gentle.

**Q: Will I be in a private room?**

A: Sigmoidoscopy is always done in a private room; no other patients are around. Doctors and nurse specialists are professional and very careful to respect the patient's privacy.

Colonoscopy may be done in a hospital outpatient department, in a clinic, an ambulatory surgery center, or in a doctor's office. Again the patient's privacy is a top concern.

**Q: How do I prepare? Will I need to miss work?**

A: The preparation for the colonoscopy is having you go to the bathroom a lot! You follow a special diet the day before the exam and take a very strong laxative in the hours before the procedure. You may also need an enema to cleanse the colon. The key to get a proper study with good pictures is to have the colon cleaned out. Preparation for a sigmoidoscopy is similar.

People should ask their doctors whether or not they'll need to miss work before a colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy. You'll need to stay close to a bathroom. You can also schedule the procedure for a Monday, so you can be at home the day before without taking a day off work.

**Q: How will I feel afterward? Will I need someone to drive me home?**

A: Most people feel OK after a colonoscopy. They may feel a bit woozy. They'll be watched and given fluids after the procedure as they awaken from the anesthesia. They may have some gas, which could cause mild discomfort. In general, I would not advise a patient to drive home, but each person should ask his or her doctor.

After a sigmoidoscopy, you get up and walk out. There should be no problem driving yourself home, assuming you have not had any drugs to make you sleepy during the study.

**Q: What if they find something?**

A: If a small polyp is found, your doctor may remove it because it could eventually become cancerous. If your doctor sees a large polyp or tumor or anything else abnormal, a biopsy will be done. For the biopsy, a small piece of tissue is taken out through the colonoscope or sigmoidoscope. It's sent to a lab to be checked under a microscope for cancerous cells.

**Q: Why Are These Tests So Important?**

A: Removing polyps prevents colorectal cancer from ever starting. And cancers found in an early stage are more easily treated. Nine out of ten people whose colon cancer is discovered early will be alive five years later. And many will live normal lifespans.

But too often people don't get these tests. Then a colon cancer can grow and spread unnoticed, like a silent invader. In many cases, by the time people feel any symptoms the cancer is very advanced and very difficult to treat.

## A Good Question

Last Sunday after Church some friends came over for a pot luck dinner and after dinner a young teenager asked me the question, "where do we go when we die?" I said that's a good question and went and got my Bible. I told him it is not what we think but what God's Word (the Bible) says that counts. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God He sentenced them to a physical death (Genesis 3:19). One of my favorite stories concerning death and life after is Luke 16:19-31. It tells of two men and how they lived and what happened after death. One a rich man lived it up and had no regard for God. The other was poor and with many problems but had a regard for God. The question is not about the wealth or poverty but what was in their hearts. They both died but went to totally different places. One went to Abraham's bosom (near God) and was comforted. The other to a place of great suffering and agony. Once physical death arrives we can't change where we will be in eternity (Luke 16:26). This is not Hell just the first stop on the way (Revelation 20:11). If God is in our lives we don't have to worry about life after death.

## Hospital Board signs contract with Mid-Tex Construction

submitted

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, March 8, 2004, in the annex of the hospital. Board members present were Lewis Allen, President; Sherrill Dannheim, Vice-President; Lenora Pool, Maria Carrasco and Preston Faris. Also present for the meeting were Keith Butler, Administrator/CEO; Natalie Tankersley, CPA with Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P.; Mark Holman; Sheila Richter; Kathy Knight; Carolyn Lara; Sharon Holman; Colton Moore and Michelle Schaefer, Board Secretary/CFO.

After being called to order, the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, as well as the called meetings on February 16 and 23, were approved.

Mark Holman presented his Eagle Scout project for landscaping around the new clinic, and was approved for the project.

The annual accounting audit was presented by Natalie Tankersley. The board was informed of the changes that were noted in the audit. It was suggested to the board that funds be designated in the near future for the hospital and wellness center project. Action to designate funds was delayed until approximate amounts could be calculated. Discussion was held on the current collection of tax revenue and financial representation. Dannheim moved to change the existing policy to read: The District recognizes

taxes collected by the Sutton County Appraisal District through the end of each month as revenue. Pool seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The meeting locations were changed from the Sutton County Hospital District to the Sutton County EMS training facility.

Diana Green, PA-C was appointed to the active medical staff.

Keith Butler explained the current policies on PTO/EIB and problem solving. A discussion was held concerning possible changes in sick pay verses PTO/EIB. Upon a motion by Pool, seconded by Dannheim, it was approved to keep the current policies in place.

The A/R report, given by Butler, showed above average revenue with little increase in A/R totals.


He reported the clinic expansion is in its final stages. Completion is expected within approximately one week.

A contract should be signed with Mid-Tex Construction in the next few days for the construction of the hospital and wellness center. Ground breaking should start no later than the first week of April and hopefully by the last week of March.

Michelle Schaefer reported the January financials included adjustments as recommended by Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P. for the 2003 YTD audit. Also noted was the above average revenue and receipt of grant money from the SIDC.

February expenditures were approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Pajestka and his staff welcome  
**Diana Green, PA**  
into their clinic.



Ms. Green attended a transition program at the University of North Dakota to advance from registered nurse to physician assistant. Ms. Green is currently accepting patients in all age groups. She is providing family medical care along with women's health. We are proud to have Ms. Green as a part of our health care team. Ms. Green is available for patient consultations Monday thru Friday.

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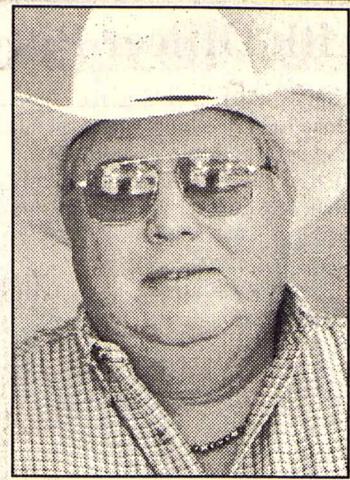
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**TxDOT recognizes two employees for years of service**

Two local employees have been recognized by the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).  
 Manuel Pina, maintenance tech at the Sonora Maintenance Section, received the 10-years-of-service award. Sonora Area Office employee Joe Moore, engineering tech, was recognized for five years of service.  
 The San Angelo District includes 288 employees and 7,110 lane miles in 15 counties.

**Fort McKavett to end March with star party, historical education, and western heritage days**

Fort McKavett has big plans for the remainder of March, starting with the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society Public Star Party March 20, 2004. Fort McKavett State Historic Site and the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society would like to invite you to the Spring Star Party March 20, 2004. Lectures begin at 4 p.m. with viewing beginning at dusk. Regular entrance fees do apply for the event, please bring flashlights.  
 Fort McKavett State Historic Site will be hosting its first annual educational day March 26, 2004. Living Historians from across the state will be on site to allow area school children a hands on experience with the past, through TEKS based educational programs. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.; entrance for local schools is free with regular park fees applying for the general public.  
 Fort McKavett State Historic Site invites everyone to join us in the Celebration of our Annual Living History Day March 27, 2004. Reenactors and Living Historians from across the state will help portray the military and civilian life of Fort McKavett State Historic Site. Park gates open at 8:00 a.m. with Flag Raising and Morning Formation at 10:00 a.m. A barbeque lunch will be provided at noon with all donations going to the Friends of Fort McKavett. Regular park fees do apply for the day.  
 Activities throughout the day include Infantry and Cavalry drills, Artillery and Gatling gun firing, a period baseball game as well as individual interpretation of Military and Frontier life.  
 Fort McKavett State Historic Site consists of 16 restored buildings, which include 4 furnished Officers Quarters, and furnished barracks, and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital, Dead house, Schoolhouse, Post Headquarters, Barracks, Eight Officers' Quarters, Bakery, O.D. Quarters and sinks. The park also includes a hiking trail, which leads to the military limekiln, rock quarry and Government Springs. Picnic tables are available for anyone wishing to bring a sack lunch.  
 Fort McKavett State Historic Site is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 41 miles north of Junction.  
 For more information, contact: Fort McKavett State Historic Site at (325) 396-2253 P.O. Box 68, Fort McKavett, TX 76841.

**Chamber of Commerce calls for award nominations**

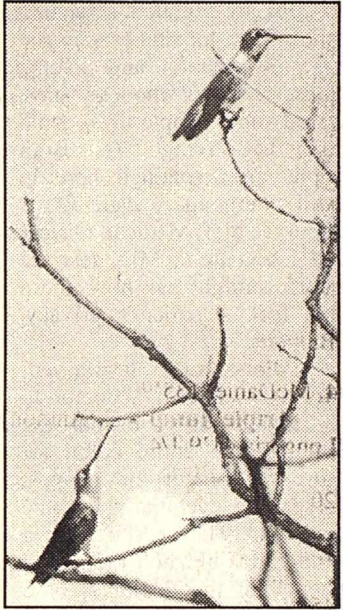
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by *Storie Sharp, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*  
 As many of you already know, our Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, has been very ill for the past couple of weeks. She is home now and is working on getting better. We appreciate Donna Garrett, Administrative Assistant, taking care of things at the office for us. We also appreciate everyone's concern and patience during this difficult time and we hope to have Ruthie well and back in the office soon.  
 Since the office hours have been sporadic over the last couple of weeks, we want everyone to know that we have extended the deadline for returning your Annual Chamber Banquet Nominations. If you have not returned your ballots, nominating deserving persons for Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Educator of the Year, Employee of the Year and Organization of the Year, you have until Wednesday, March 24, 2004. It is very important that ALL Chamber members return these ballots, to ensure that your voice is heard. There are many deserving citizens in our community and each year we like to honor those that have

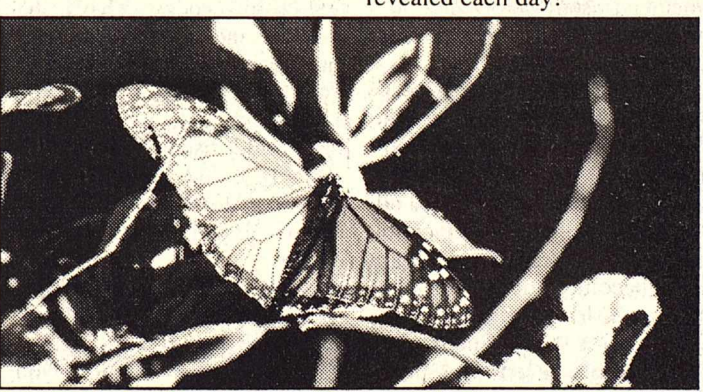
shone brightest in the past twelve months.  
 If you have misplaced your nomination sheet call Donna at the Chamber of Commerce, 387-2880, to get a replacement.  
 The Sonora Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be April 8, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sutton County Civic Center. This is a time to gather with friends and enjoy an evening of recognizing our hard-working friends and community family.  
 Tickets for the banquet will be on sale soon. Watch The Devil's River News for more information.  
 The Cinco De Mayo celebration plans are still underway. We are looking forward to a great event with many fun activities and vendors, and, new this year, a custom car show. For more information contact any of the Knights of Columbus or call the Chamber office.  
 Tickets to the San Angelo Symphony Benefit for the Sutton County Historical Society "Experience the Universal Language of Music" on Friday, March 19th, are still on sale. We have tickets available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and Welcome Center, or you may call the Sutton County Historical Society at 325/387-5084.  
 We want to close by reminding everyone that spring is almost here, and you can shop Sonora first for all your planting, gardening, yard and fashion needs. We have many businesses in town that offer great "Spring" sales, so let's keep our tax dollars local. Shop Sonora!

**Spring extravaganza on Eaton Hill**

by *Delyse Jaeger*  
 Signs of spring surround us! Last week, the first bluebonnet presented itself on Eaton Hill. Yesterday, a monarch butterfly flitted around the yard and I nearly stepped on an earth worm. Swallows are perched along the high lines, trees are leafing out and the crisp breeze carries the fragrances of the season. The monarch migration is expected to spill into Texas at any time and hummingbirds are already arriving along the Gulf Coast. One of the migratory birds that we can expect to see in Sonora is the rufous hummingbird. The female rufous is difficult to distinguish from other species, but the male is colored in a distinct rusty orange along his sides. His back is often a rust color, though it may be green or green with orange. The iridescent throat of a male rufous hummingbird is an electric jewel of vibrant orange. They are also characterized by their feisty behavior and often dominate feeding stations. So, it is time to hang out the hummingbird feeders and allow these tiny buzzing beauties to delight your eyes.



Hummingbirds bask on Eaton Hill.



Monarch butterflies will soon be visible in Sonora

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# Sonora takes third at Team Tennis competition

by Evangelina Martinez

March 5th and 6th, the Bronco Tennis Team traveled to San Angelo, Texas, to compete at the Regional Team Tournament. This region is said to be the hardest region in the state. Attending the tournament were Susanna Street, Laura Word, Chelsea Seaton, Evangelina Martinez, Amanda Word, Cerissa Hedgecock, Allison Higdon, Joseph Ainsworth, Marcos Morin, Swade Draper, Steven Barthelemy, Shane Love, Brett McDaniel, Brandon Munn and Craig Leonard.

The first day of the tournament, Friday, the team faced-off against 7-time consecutive state qualifier Eldorado in the quarterfinals. The Broncos played at the Lakeview High School tennis courts. The wind made playing conditions a little rough but the Broncos fought hard and pulled through defeating the Eagles 12-7. Defeating Eldorado put the Broncos in an excellent position to get the chance to play for a spot to represent this region at the state tournament. In what seemed like a 10 minute break, the team traveled across town to Bentwood Country Club to face-off against last year's defending state champions, Mason in the semi-finals. Mason was a very tough competitor and the Broncos played hard and skillfully, but the Punchers were too much and the Broncos lost 10-2. This allowed Sonora to play for third against Wall. That was the completion of the first day of the



Bronco Tennis Team brings home third from San Angelo.

2004 Regional Team Tournament.

The next day, the Broncos once again headed to San Angelo to play. They faced Wall at the College Hills Tennis Courts. This day, the weather was much calmer and perfect for playing some tennis. The Broncos played well and ended up on top of Wall 10-7. This gave the Broncos the big break they had been waiting for, a chance for a playback against Ozona to see who would get the second spot for the state tourna-

ment. Once again, the Broncos traveled to Bentwood Country Club. Once there, the tension began to rise as both teams stepped out onto the courts ready to win. From the first match of girls and boys doubles to the mixed doubles match, the score would fluctuate back and forth between these two rivals. This round consisted of lots of yelling and cheering for fellow teammates from both sides and a few "minor" disagreements between some girls' matches. In the end, the Lions BARELY

scraped past the Broncos to win 10-9 in one of the closest and most exciting rounds of tennis this team has had to face. This was a disappointing loss for the Broncos; however, they played hard and fought throughout the whole tournament. The Broncos finished the tournament in third behind Mason and Ozona. This made them the alternates for the state tournament. The Broncos tennis team will play in Big Lake the weekend of March 19-20. Come out and support them. Go Broncos!!!

# Sonora burns up the track at Bronco Relays

The Bronco Relays were held in Sonora on Saturday, March 13, 2004.

The Broncos won first overall in the Varsity Boys division with 106 points. The remaining places were as follows: 2. Irion County 86; 3. Junction 84; 4. Wall 80; 5. Iraan 56; 6. Ozona 51; 7. Nueces Canyon 38; 8. Mason 34; 9. Crane 32; 10. Christoval 21; 11. Ballinger 15; 12. Reagan County 8; 13. McCamey 2.

The results for the Varsity Broncos were as follows:

- Discus - 1. Valliant 155'2", 4. McDaniel 135'9"
- Triple Jump - 2. Anthony Longoria 41'9 1/4
- Long Jump - 1. Longoria 20'7 1/4, 3. Bloodworth 19'5"
- Shot Put - 2. Valliant 44'6 1/4, 4. Cardona 43'4 1/8
- 400m Relay - 2. Sonora 45.05
- 100m Dash - 3. Bloodworth 11.29
- 400m Dash - 6. Cameron Cox 54.60
- 200m Dash - 2. Longoria 22.96
- 1600m Relay - 5. Sonora

- 3:38.67
- 800m Relay - 1. Sonora 1:34.78
- 300m Hurdles - 6. W. Wallace 43.90

The Lady Broncos finished second overall with 132 points, only 14 points under first place Wall. The other placings were: 3. Iraan 91, 4. Ballinger 49, 5. Junction 49, 6. Reagan County 48, 7. Mason 36, 8. Grape Creek 28, 9. Christoval 19, 10. Nueces Canyon 14 and 12. Wink 14.

Sonora Results were as follows:

- Discus - 5. Danielle Fox - 87'7, 7. Longoria 78'0
- High Jump - split 2. Elizabeth Elliott - 5'0", 3. Megan Berry 4'10"
- Pole Vault - 2. Fields 8'6", 4. Caruthers 8'
- Triple Jump - 2. Megan Berry 32'8", 3. Lauren Smith 32'5 1/2, 4. Amanda Berry 32' 1/2
- Long Jump - 1. Elizabeth Elliott 15'7", 4. Megan Berry 14'6 3/4, 5. Lauren Smith 13'10 1/2
- Shot Put - 6. Danielle Fox 32'4 7/8
- 400 M Relay - 1. Sonora

- 52.31
- 100m Dash - 2. M. Berry 13.33, 5. Perez 14.06
- 200m Dash - 1. M. Berry 27.90
- 1600m Relay - 5. Sonora 4:29.96
- 800m Relay - 3. Sonora 1:56.01

The Sonora J.V. Broncos competed against 13 teams, finishing 5th overall, with 46 points. Wall was first with 156 points, followed by Ballinger (108), Junction (82), and Iraan (46).

J.V. Bronco results were as follows:

- High Jump - 2. Dustin Duhon 5'6", 4. Vaquera 5'4"
- Pole Vault - 2. (tied) Vaquera and Justin Northcott - 9'6"
- Shot Put - 5. Solis 34'10 5/8
- 400m Dash - 3. Duhon 58.37
- 1600m Relay - 5. Sonora 3:54.47
- 800m Relay - 5. Sonora 1:43.30
- 300m Hurdles - 4. Rodriguez 47.67

# Bronco Track boys compete well in Big Lake

The Sonora Bronco and J.V. Bronco Track teams traveled to Big Lake on March 6, 2004, to compete at Reagan County's Invitational.

The Sonora Varsity Broncos finished second with 130 points, behind Reagan County with 158 points.

Eldorado was third with 98 points, followed by Midland High with 91, Alpine 55, Fort Stockton 20, McCamey 16 and Coahoma 8.

Results were as follows:

- 3200 yard dash - 3. Nicholas Favila 12:06.83, 5. Antonio Torres 12:48.02
- Discus - 1. Tom Valliant 190'02, 6. Cameron Cox 107'04.50
- Long Jump - 1. Anthony Longoria 21'01
- Pole Vault - 2. Miguel Vaquera 10', 3. Warren Wallace 9'06
- Shot Put - 1. T. Valliant 47'02.5, 3. Diego Cardona 42'01.5
- Triple Jump - 1. A. Longoria 41'01
- 800 yard run - 5. Ty Love 2:20.68
- 100 yard dash - 4. Stevie Hernandez 11.61, 6. Scottie Moore 12.04
- 110 yard hurdles - 4. Nash Traylor 18.17
- 400 yard dash - 4. Steven Duhon 56.83, 6. Diego Cardona 58.52
- 300 yard hurdles - 1. Wilson Wallace 42.33, 5. Nash Traylor 44.55
- 200 yard dash - 1. Anthony Longoria 23.24, 4. Cameron Cox 24.83, 7. Scottie Moore 25.36
- 1600 yard run - 4. Nicholas Favila 5:30.17, 7. Antonio Torres 5:44.55
- 800 yard relay - 2. Steven Duhon, Cameron Cox, Brett McDaniels and Wilson Wallace 3:41.00

The J.V. boys finished 5th out of 9 teams, with 53 points. Permian was first with 168 points, followed by Ft. Stockton 135, Coahoma 64, and McCamey 62.

J.V. Bronco results were as follows:

- Discus - 2. Roland Solis 97'03.50
- Pole Vault - 2. Justin Northcott 9'06
- Shot Put - 4. Roland Solis 34'02.5
- 400 yard relay - 3. Justin Northcott, Carlos Aparicio, Angel Silva and Fred Romo 48.78
- 800 yard relay - 4. Justin Northcott, Angel Silva, Carlos Aparicio, Fred Romo 1:44
- 800 yard run - 7. Andrew Barthelemy 2:44.00
- 1600 yard run - 5. Andrew Barthelemy 5:38.70
- 1600m relay - 3. Justin Northcott, Fred Romo, David Luna and Dustin Duhon 3:52:03

# Lady Broncos get second diamond victory

by Tryon Fields

Due to the rain, the Lady Broncos were only able to play one game last week.

This game was played, in Junction on Tuesday. The Lady Broncos stayed perfect on the season by defeating the Lady Eagles by a score of 12 to 2.

The Lady Broncos were led by pitcher Meghan Krieg, not only on the mound, but also at the plate. Krieg went the full seven innings facing 24 batters. She allowed only 2 runs on 1 hit, while striking out 15 and only walking 2. At the plate, Krieg had 2 singles, a double, knocked in 3 RBI's, stole 3 bases, and scored 3 runs herself. Along with Krieg, Tamika Marshall went 3 for 4 at the plate, 4 RBI's, and scored a run. Others contributing offensively were: Denerya Gloria with 2 hits, 2 stolen bases, and 3 runs scored; Kayla Fields with 1 hit, a walk, a stolen base, and 2 runs scored; Brandy Neff with a hit; Jamie Duran, Brea Hughes, and Debra Martinez all with a run scored and a base on balls each.

Defensively, when the ball was put in play, the Lady Broncos were led by Meghan Krieg, Jamie Duran, Brea Hughes, Kayla Fields, and Debra Martinez.

This week the Lady Broncos played in Winters on Monday, at home on Tuesday against Brady, and will play Winters again on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Good Luck Lady Broncos!!!!

# Sonora grounds the Cranes

by Maray Cearley

On Tuesday, March 9, 2004, the Sonora Broncos hosted the Crane Golden Cranes on an ideal evening for baseball.

Clint Cearley went the distance on the mound, giving up two runs on five hits. He had nine strikeouts and two walks.

The Broncos kept the Cranes from scoring through three innings. In the 4th, Cearley struggled a bit, giving up four of the five hits, but the Bronco Defense only allowed two to cross the plate. That proved to be the only points Crane would score.

Sonora scored their first run in the second inning. Diego Cardona reached base on a single and then later scored on a single by Chris Martin.

In the third, Sonora increased their lead by five. After several walks and an RBI single by Anthony Longoria, Peter Duran hit a bullet into center field. The Crane fielder misplayed the ball, allowing two to score and leaving Duran standing on third.

Sonora scored again in the 4th, with a sacrifice fly by Scottie Moore. In the 5th, the Broncos crossed the plate twice on hits by Brian Payton, Chris Perez and Cearley.

In the final two innings, neither team reached base, leaving the final score Sonora 9, Crane 2.

# Schubert to teach tennis at Stanford University



Cassidy Schubert has been chosen from many of the nation's top college tennis players to work at a summer tennis program at Stanford University in California. She is attending North Central Texas College in Gainesville, Texas, on a full tennis scholarship.

Cassidy is the daughter of Dennis Schubert of Sonora and Nita Schubert of Big Lake. She graduated from Big

Lake with the class of 2003.

Cassidy has done very well in college level tournaments and her records are some of the best of the team. The Stanford University program chose Cassidy from many college tennis players from all across the country. She was noticed by the Stanford tennis staff and offered an instructing job for the summer at the University, as well as the opportunity to attend the Women's Pro Tour Tournaments.

NIKE Apparel will be sponsoring Cassidy for the summer. She will be under the supervision of Coach Dick Gould, head of Stanford's tennis program. Coach Gould has won 17 NCAA championships while at Stanford. His program is considered one of the best in the nation. They will be working in the Taube Tennis Stadium, one of the finest facilities in the country and she will be working with some of the best coaches in the nation.

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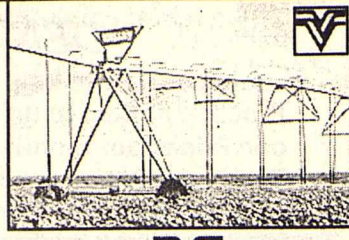
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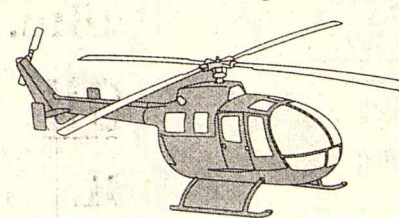
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**USDA announces \$325 million available for economic investment in rural communities**

WASHINGTON, March 5, 2004-The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it is making \$325 million in loans and grants available to rural communities to strengthen distance learning and telemedicine programs that serve rural America.

"Bringing specialized health care and expanded educational programs to rural areas will save lives and improve the quality of health care for residents who live in more sparsely populated areas of the country," said Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Gilbert Gonzalez.

Telemedicine technology makes it possible for doctors to examine and direct the treatment of patients without being physically present. The distance learning program finances equipment to expand educational resources to students and educational institutions in isolated rural areas. Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, over \$100 million has been invested in local distance learning and telemedicine programs, allowing 1,384 rural educational facilities to expand their access to modern telecommunications technology, and 658 health care institutions to develop technologies needed to enhance local medical care.

"Rural Texas communities can benefit from the opportunities provided by the distance learning and telemedicine programs. These programs are among many that USDA Rural Development can utilize in our on-going commitment to the future of rural communities," said Texas State Director Bryan Daniel.

Applications for \$15 million in grants must be submitted by April 30, 2004, and will be scored and awarded on a competitive basis. Applications for the grant/loan combinations and loans can be submitted throughout the fiscal year and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the USDA Rural Development distance learning and telemedicine program for 2004 is available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in home ownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

**Hair Sheep Symposium and Sale set for April**

by Steve Byrns, [s-byrns@tamu.edu](mailto:s-byrns@tamu.edu)

STERLING CITY - Texas Cooperative Extension's offices in Sterling and Irion counties and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will hold a Hair Sheep Symposium and Sale April 17 in Sterling County's Community Center.

Chad Coburn, Extension agricultural agent for Sterling County, said hair sheep are a new industry to the area.

"The program's purpose is to further a growing awareness of this potential new West Texas industry," said Coburn. "We're offering hair sheep for sale because organizers want to put animals into the hands of West Texas sheep producers. There are some lucrative markets now being explored for these animals, but numbers are still too low for them to realistically make a market impact. Breeders are actively working to correct this shortage. Their hope is that these well-adapted animals will soon become an important and permanent part of West Texas agriculture."

The free educational program begins at 9 a.m. with a talk on the history of hair sheep by Dr. Maurice Shelton, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station genetics researcher - emeritus from San Angelo.

Other speakers and their topics include: "Where We Are And Where We Are Going In The Hair Sheep Industry," Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist, San Angelo; "Skin And Leather Research Update," Dr. Dennis Shelley, Texas Tech Leather Research Institute, Lubbock; "Mechanics Of Taste Panel Studies," Dr. Mandy Carr, Angelo State University, San Angelo and "Multi-Species Management," Dr. Bob Steger, Irion County ranching consultant.

The morning program will end with a Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association update.

A report from the Texas Hair Sheep Association is scheduled after the noon meal. A USDA representative is set to present two grants to the association at that time for hair sheep research. The grants, \$145,000 and \$27,460, come from USDA's Value Added program and the National Sheep Improvement Center respectively. The monies are to be used for hide and meat research.

The sale starts at 2 p.m. The auction, featuring several hair sheep breeds, will be handled as a silent auction - private treaty sale.

"Members of the Texas Hair Sheep Association are eligible to consign sheep to the sale," said Coburn. "We are also strongly encouraging member and nonmember hair sheep breeders to bring their best animals to the symposium for an on-site display of different breed types and genetics."

"This program is open to anyone interested in hair sheep production at any level. We really want to get the word out on what we hope will materialize into a viable new commercial sheep industry for West Texas."

The program and accompanying meal provided by the Texas Hair Sheep Association, are free, but those planning to attend should RSVP by April 9 by calling the Extension office in Sterling County at (325) 378-3181 or by calling Angie Davidson, Secretary, Texas Hair Sheep Association at (325) 378-2811.

**Groundwater leasing, sales and transfers focus of conference series**

Dr. Ronald Kaiser, COLLEGE STATION - Groundwater leasing, marketing and sales will be the focus of a conference series set for April 1 in San Antonio, July 29 in Alpine and Sept. 14 in Nacogdoches.

The series, organized by The Texas A&M University System, Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, is designed for landowners, realtors, bankers and members of groundwater conservation districts.

Ronald Kaiser, a Texas A&M University professor who specializes in water marketing, law and policy, and who is one of the conference organizers, said these day-long conferences will describe laws governing groundwater sales and exports, implications for landowners and communities, and negotiation of sales arrangements.

"Buying and leasing water is not a new idea," Kaiser said. Landowners and cities have been buying and selling water for more than 100 years. However, in the last five years, cities have increasingly sought

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**Find Out At TDA's Landowner Liability Workshop In Eden**

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Agriculture has scheduled a workshop addressing landowner liability issues on Friday, March 26, in Eden. The event, hosted by The City of Eden, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Forts Trail and several Eden businesses, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Eden Multi-Purpose Center, 319 W. Blanchard. The workshop lasts until 3:30 p.m.

The workshop is aimed at landowners who have opened or are thinking about opening their ranches or farms to paying guests for any recreational purpose - hunting, birding, fishing, wildlife viewing, trail rides, camping, bed and breakfasts or nature tourism. Workshop topics include wildlife economics, insurance for diversified farms and ranches and liability topics including bed and breakfasts and equine issues. Presenters include Judon Fambrough from the Texas A&M Real Estate Center and Kirby Brown from the Texas Wildlife Association.

The cost of the conference is \$25 per person, and this fee includes breakfast, lunch, coffee and snacks. Those who register before March 19 receive a discounted rate of \$20. To register for the workshop or for lodging information, call Genora Young at (325) 869-2211 or e-mail her at [genyoung.ed@wcc.net](mailto:genyoung.ed@wcc.net).

TDA's rural economic development programs help Texas' rural communities by increasing rural and agribusiness development opportunities throughout the state. These programs help Texas producers, processors, marketers and entrepreneurs capture a greater share of state, national and international markets, and assist in economic development for rural communities.

## School Board from page 1

a balcony facade to replace the stairs that were there. Fields said that it is important to check with the historical commission on what needs to be done, in order to keep everyone happy with the project. The cost of adding to the project was again stressed and a decision was not immediately made. Williams said that Mike McGee was hoping to have the rock building completed by May, but it may be in the first part of June because of the continuing unforeseen problems.

Another unseen cost that came to view recently is that a bell and P.A. system will have to be added in the little gym building. This cost will come from the contingency fund.

Louise Dermody reported that money from the state for summer school has been cut drastically. She said they hope to make up the lost funds with comp ed. money that is designated for at-risk children. Summer school will be for four weeks in June, and they won't know until after TAKS testing how many children will attend. The summer classes will most likely be held in the intermediate school building.

One bid was received for the roof on the middle school gymnasium. Myers said that there was major flooding in the

gym after the heavy rains the prior week. A representative from Turner Roofing in San Antonio, who placed the bid, said that some major problems were found when he inspected the area, including leaking in the walls on the exterior part of the gym. He explained what would have to be done to rectify the problems and said that his company would give a two year warranty on the work and a 20 year manufacturer's warranty. Turner Roofings bid was for \$183,000, and the project should be completed within ten weeks of the approval date. The board approved the bid for \$183,000 for middle school gym roof repairs.

The next bid that was opened was from Power Lift, a company based in San Antonio, Austin, etc. to fix the foundation at the teacher apartments on Mesquite St. The bid, for \$76,308.00, was broken into two parts, but all would have to be spent to do a complete job and repair the problem. The crack in the foundation can be seen from the outside and has caused major plumbing and structural problems on the inside. The board approved the bid from Power Lift.

A budget amendment to compensate for the additional Pre-K teacher hired earlier in the year, was approved.

The lease for 160 computers was approved, after a thorough explanation for their planned use from the technology director. The current computers will be replaced with Dell systems, allowing top-of-the-line computer use.

The board also approved an engagement letter with Eckert, Ingnum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr for the Audit of the 2003-2004 school year. They also agreed to share election workers and expenses with the Hospital District.

Textbooks for 2004-2005 were approved.

In board member comments, Tryon Field stated that there were rumors circulating about the potential high school principal and he wanted to assure everyone that the board would work to the best of its ability to have someone as good as, or better, to replace the gentleman that is leaving the position. Board president, Tom Jacoby, reiterated this statement.

Tammy Favila commented on the middle school Science

Fair, commending the students and the teachers on a job well done. She said she was very impressed with the creativity that was displayed.

Tom Payton invited all of the board and administrators to be a part of the annual 6th grade water conservation field trip to the Sawyer Ranch.

The board then went into executive session to discuss the extension of contracts for campus principals, athletic director, special education director and the re-hire of professional personnel, including teachers, Business Manager and nurse.

After reconvening in open session, it was announced that the two year contracts for campus principals, athletic director and the special education director were extended.

A motion was then made by Tom Payton, seconded by Sam David Hernandez, to renew the contract for all professional personnel for 2004-2005 as recommended by Brant Myers, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, John Berry and Doug Bawcom.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2, with Tryon Fields and Barbara Jennings voting no.

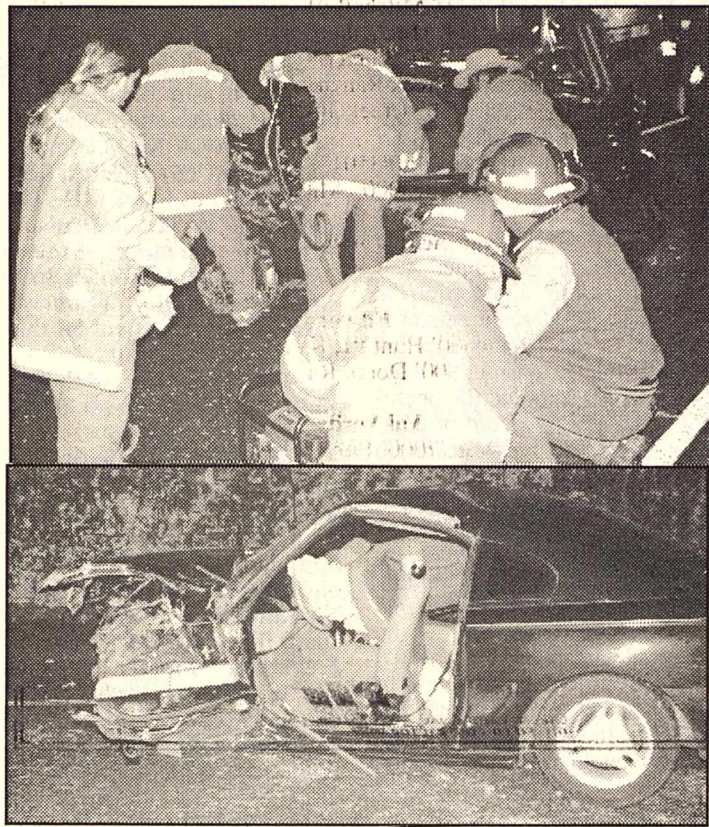
## Emergency crews respond to one vehicle roll-over

Sutton County Emergency crews responded to a report of a one vehicle roll-over at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2004. Sutton County dispatch called for the Sutton County EMS to respond to an accident approximately four miles south on Hwy 277 S.

The small silver sports car was traveling north on Hwy 277 from Del Rio when apparently the driver took a curve too fast and lost control. The car rolled and hit a rock wall on the opposite side of the road before landing upright facing south in the oncoming lane of traffic.

EMS crews worked to get an unrestrained, female passenger in the back seat out of the car to be treated. The driver was trapped in the front seat and had to be cut from the vehicle by Sutton County Volunteer Fire Department Rescue workers.

Both victims were transported to the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.



## Groundwater from page 6

to acquire groundwater from rural areas and move it to growing population centers. Political and public interest in this hot topic is definitely up, he said.

A question and answer forum will be included in the conferences to allow participants to interact with the experts.

Invited speakers and topics are:

- Kaiser, the status of groundwater marketing in Texas.

- Russell Johnson, an attorney from San Antonio, ownership of Texas groundwater and landowners' rights to use and sell their groundwater.

- Mary Sahn, an attorney from Austin, powers and duties of groundwater districts regarding water sales and transfers and fees that districts can charge when water is exported.

- Barry Miller, manager of the Gonzales Groundwater District, how district managers and staff handle groundwater sales and transfers.

- Lonnie Jones, professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M, possible economic impacts on rural and urban communities when groundwater is sold, exported or imported.

- Charles Gilliland, professor and research economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M, possible impact on land values and property taxes from the sale of groundwater.

- Frank Ruttenberg, an attorney from San Antonio, options and transaction forms used when selling, leasing or conveying groundwater.

- Susan Butler, director of Water Resources for the San Antonio Water System, cities' wants and needs in purchasing groundwater from landowners.

- Doug Caroom, a water attorney from Austin, what landowners should consider when selling or leasing their groundwater.

Dates and conference locations are April 1 at the San Antonio Garden Center in San Antonio, July 29 at the Espino Conference Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, and Sept. 14 at the College of Forestry Conference Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Registration is \$55 for each conference and includes written materials and lunch. To register, call Kathryn Nachlinger at (979) 845-5419 or register online at <http://texaswater.tamu.edu>. For additional information, contact Val Silvy at (979) 845-2027 or [vasilvy@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:vasilvy@ag.tamu.edu).

Conference cooperators include the Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Texas Farm Bureau, Environmental Defense, Sierra Club, Sul Ross State University Department of Natural Resources, College of Forestry at Stephen F. Austin State University, and City of San Antonio.

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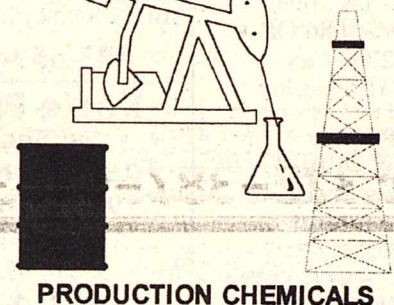
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DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38  
Case No. 0237738  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
February 24, 2004

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND STREET, TULSA, OK 74103 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to distance between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 9, Gerald Nicks Lease, 654.5 Acres, Sec. 7, Bk. CC, E. L. & RR Co Survey, A-82, Denison (Strawn) Field(s), Sutton County, being 15.7 miles in a southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:  
933' from the south line and 1975' from the west line of lease.

933' from the south line and 1975' from the west line of survey.  
As a part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Wildcat field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field.  
Field rules for the Denison (Strawn) field(s) are 933/1867, 320/160 acres.  
Field rules for the Wildcat field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h)(2)(A), and 38, this application may be granted 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 James M. Clark, Agent, at 512-480-8800. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38  
Case No. 0237737  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND STREET, TULSA OK 74103 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to distance between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 8, Gerald Nicks Lease, 654.5 Acres, Sec. 7, Bk. CC, E.L. & RR. Co Survey, A-82, Denison (Strawn) Field(s), Sutton County, being 15.6 miles in a southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:  
2327' from the south line and 1804' from the west line of lease.  
2327' from the south line and 1804' from the west line of survey.

As a part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Wildcat field. No Rule 37 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field. Field rules for the Denison (Strawn) field(s) are 933/1867, 320/160 acres.  
Field rules for the Wildcat field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38  
Case No. 0237739  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
February 24, 2004

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND STREET, TULSA, OK 74103 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease line and distance between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 7, Gerald

Nicks Lease, 654.5 Acres, Sec. 7, Bk. CC, E.L. & RR. Co Survey, A-82, Denison (Strawn) Field(s), Sutton County, being 15.6 miles in a southwest direction of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:  
559' from the north line and 1881' from the west line of lease.  
559' from the north line and 1881' from the west line of survey.  
As a part of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Wildcat field. No Rule 37 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field. Field rules for the Denison (Strawn) field(s) are 933/1867, 320/160 acres.  
Field rules for the Wildcat field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres.  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.  
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## Governor travels to Italy to bring business to Texas

**State Capital Highlights**  
Texas Press Association  
By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry this week is in Italy - the boot-shaped country, not the town in Ellis County - to try to interest Italian officials in doing some business in a state with a boot-shaped culture.

The governor will try to interest Italian companies in locating plants in Texas, or expanding Italian-owned businesses already here. He traveled at the invitation of the Italian prime minister and Texas consul general.

Though taxpayers are not picking up the tab for the four-

day trip to the European country, the Democratic party pulled no punches in saying what it thought of the trip.

Party Chairman Charles Soechting said he hoped Perry would discover a solution to the state's school financing problems "in an Italian gondola ... because it sure doesn't seem to be anywhere near the Texas Capitol."

Kathy Walt, the governor's press secretary, countered that Perry "has made economic development a cornerstone of his administration" and likely has been "the most active governor we've ever had in terms of economic development and job creation."

**Property tax plan...**  
While he was packing for the out-of-country trip, Perry laid out a four-point plan he said would provide relief to Texas property taxpayers.

What the governor said he would like to see the Legislature do is limit homestead property tax appraisal increases to 3 percent a year, limit the amount of revenue local governments can generate from property taxes, require sales price disclosure on

real property and create elected appraisal district boards.

Under the plan, local governments would be limited to tax income equal to the previous year's revenue adjusted for inflation and population growth. The plan also would allow a local governmental entity needing a tax increase above the cap to seek voter approval. With a simple majority, taxes could still be raised.

**Election alters political landscape...**

Last week's primary produced a couple of surprises - losses by two longtime incumbents. Thirty-year House veteran a Rep. Ron Wilson (D-Houston) was turned out of office, as was Rep. Glenn Lewis (D-Fort Worth.)

Both lawmakers still will be able to participate in a special session on school finance, but the long term picture has definitely changed, since both representatives are members of the House Select Committee on School Finance.

**Goodbye to a pollution source...**

Glen Rose writer John Graves wrote his classic,

"Goodbye to a River" back in 1960, realizing a planned dam would change the Brazos River forever.

The river survived the building of lakes along its course, but anglers and other Texans concerned about the stream's quality had more recently been worried about the effect runoff from a rock quarrying operation was having on the stream.

After nearly nine months of effort on the part of the Office of the Attorney General, Osborne Stone Co. agreed recently to close its rock mining site near the river in Santo and pick up the tab for a mitigation effort to stop dirt from washing into the river. That runoff had been playing havoc with the environmental quality of the historic stream, which near its mouth saw the first Anglo settlement in Texas.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 7C  
**DATE OF ISSUANCE:**  
February 27, 2004  
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0237943

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLAHOMA TEXAS E & P, INC., 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PARKWAY 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 distance between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 18, Shurley 141 Lease, 581.64 Acres, Sec. 141, Bk. C, HE&WT RR CO Survey A-450, Sawyer (Canyon) Field(s), Sutton County, being 9 miles from southerly southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows: 500' from the east line and 1100' from the north line of lease. 500' from the east line and 1100' from the north line of survey.

As apart of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary pursuant field rules for this field.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field(s) are 500/1000, 320/40 acres.  
Field rules for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field(s) are 467/1200, 40 acres.

**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 of 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 Protest 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, Consultant, at 405-748-2767. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY April 08, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District posts this notice in compliance with 28 C.F.R. (g) as follows: On March 8, 2004 at a duly called and noticed meeting, the Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a RESOLUTION regarding a change in the single-member district precinct boundary lines between Single-member District Precincts 1 and 3 of the Sonora Independent School District pursuant to applicable State law. As required, the change was submitted on February 23, 2004 to the United States Attorney general for pre-clearance consideration. Copies of the RESOLUTION and pre-clearance submission are available for public review during business hours at the business office of the Sonora Independent School District located at 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas. Any persons wishing to make comments for the consideration of the United States Attorney General may submit such comments to:

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La Tabla de Fideicomisarios del Sonora el Distrito Independiente de la Escuela anuncia esta nota de acuerdo con 28 C.F.R. 51.28 (g) de la siguiente manera: En el 8 de marzo de 2004 en un llamado debidamente y la reunión advertida, el Sonora la Tabla Independiente del Distrito de la Escuela de Fideicomisarios adoptó una RESOLUCION con respecto a un cambio en las líneas de la frontera de zona de distrito de solo-miembro entre Zonas de Distrito de Solo-Miembro 1 y 3 del Sonora el Distrito Independiente de la Escuela la ley según aplicable del Estado. Como requerido, el cambio se sometió en febrero 23, 2004 al Ministro de justicia de Estados Unidos para la consideración de preclearance. Las copias de la sumisión de la RESOLUCION y preclearance están disponibles para la revisión pública durante horas de negocio en la oficina del negocio del Sonora el Distrito Independiente de la Escuela localizado en 807 South Concho, Sonora, Texas. Cualquier persona que desea hacer los comentarios para la consideración del Ministro de justicia de Estados Unidos pueden someterse tan comentarios a:

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**F.Y.I.**

Tickets to the San Angelo Symphony Benefit for the Sutton County Historical Society "Experience the Universal Language of Music" on Friday, March 19th, are still on sale. Tickets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce or you may call the Sutton County Historical Society at 325/387-5084.

Sonora Downtown Lions Club, Caravan Sales for the Blind, Broom & Mop Sale - City Hall - Tuesday, March 23, 2004, starting at 8:00 a.m. Come help the blind help themselves, while helping the Downtown Lions Club and Sonora.

Parenting Classes Begin, Dealing with Stress in the Family, sponsored by Sonora ISD, April 2, 2004 - 6:00 - 7:30 - St. Ann's Catholic Church Childcare and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact Amy Davenport at 387-5669 or Noemi Samaniego at 387-3029.

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a Free workshop entitled, "Understanding Financial Statements" on March 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in CVCED Conference Room located at 1702 W. Avenue N. Attendees will learn about basic financial statement formats (balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements) in addition to analysis tools (break even point and ration analysis). Please call the SBDC at (325) 942-2098 to register.

There will be a Team Captain meeting for the 2004 Relay for Life at the First National Bank at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2004. Bring your ideas and team registration. For more information contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed monthly in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

Big Lake Spring Bluegrass Festival - March 19 - 21, 2004, Indoor Stage - Entertainment: Batten Family, Gore Brothers, Star Canyon, Concho Grass, Hickory Hill, Salt Grass, White House Harmony, and Sat. only - Sundowners. For more information call Alan at 325-650-1150.

Creek Swabbing Relay for Life team will be selling goat, brisket and chicken plates at the Sutton County Park (in front of the Civic Center) on March 27, 2004.

Tickets are now on sale for chances to win a guided turkey hunt, led by Rodney Knight, at the Encino Ranch on April 3, 2004, to benefit the Sutton County Health Foundation. Only 250 \$5 tickets will be sold and can be purchased at Rafter W Feed Store, Teaff Oil and Mr. D's. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2004.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Dining Room. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

Westside Lions Club meetings will meet the 3rd Wednesday of March, on the 17th at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays and Fridays until noon and Saturday afternoons.

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**Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale**

The Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by the Texas A&M Agricultural Research Station here is set for March 19. The station is 28 miles south of Sonora on Highway 55. Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data during the morning of the field day. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. After lunch, the afternoon's formal program will be directed by Pascual Hernandez, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Sutton County. For further information contact: Waldron or Craddock at (325) 653-4576 or call the Sonora Station at (325) 387-3168.

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