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Engagement



Avalos - Luna

Erika Avalos of San Angelo and Ramiro Luna of Sonora will be married October 7, 2000, at the Iglesia Sagrado Corazon in San Angelo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Magdeleno Avalos. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Luna, Sr. Miss Avalos is employed as a secretary at Shannon's Children Center. Her fiancé was enlisted in the Marines for 4 years. He is currently attending Angelo State University and is employed by Skinny's Convenient Store.

Birthday



Happy Belated "30th" Birthday! Katie Kinder

Cards of Thanks

A Big Thank You to all the wonderful people supporting the Rena Elliott Music Scholarship Fund by making contributions at our flower booth at Sutton County Days. Your donation makes possible the 7th scholarship available for a graduating senior majoring in music.

In appreciation,
The Scholarship Committee

Sutton County Committee on Aging Thanks the Community
Only a few words for now - for so many. All donations, business and personal, made our ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE the BEST yet!! In a future issue, we shall list our benefactors. We appreciate all of you who obtained tickets and attended. An enormous "Thank You" to the hard-working Committee Members.

Hershel Davenport
President, SCCOA

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

- Sept. 4 - Center will be closed for Labor Day!
- Sept. 5 - Exercise with video 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 6 - Trax Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
- Sept. 7 - Crafts anyone?? We need volunteers & new ideas for Holidays! Call 387-5657
- Sept. 8 - Recognize all "Senior" Grandparents after lunch.

Senior Menu

- Sept. 4 - We will be closed for Labor Day! Call 387-3888 in case of emergency.
- Sept. 5 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, roll, banana pudding.
- Sept. 6 - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini with tomatoes, roll, orange juice, peach cobbler.
- Sept. 7 - Meatloaf with tomato gravy, blackeyed peas, carrots, corn bread, melon salad.
- Sept. 8 - Polynesian chicken salad, peas, golden salad, wheat bread, vanilla pudding.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.

\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

Birth Announcement

Jothanan has a new playmate!
Amber Lynn Freeman
arrived Friday, August 18, 2000
9:48 a.m.

She weighed 6 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs.
and was 19" long

Amber is also welcomed
by her proud parents

Edee and Terry Freeman



Cards of Thanks

Dear Sonora Community and Business Owners,
As your 2000-2001 Miss Sutton County, I would like to say "thank you" for your support! Without your help, I would not have been able to run for Miss Sutton County and have the opportunity to represent Sonora. I would like to extend a special thanks to my sponsors, First National Bank of Sonora, image apparel, and Sonora Wool & Mohair, and also the coordinator of the Miss Sutton County Pageant, Storie Sharp. Without your generous support, none of this would have been possible. I would also like to thank the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for their hard work in making the Sutton County Days Celebration at the Courthouse successful and an enjoyable part of the community's biggest event of the year.

Because of the continued support of the community of Sonora, queen contestants raised record breaking amounts of money this year through rodeo and dance ticket sales. Kasey and I knew it would not be easy, but thanks to you, we did it. I would also like to thank the out-of-town business and people who also supported us by purchasing tickets from us. Hopefully, our efforts created a large economic impact beneficial to our entire community of Sonora and our local and out-of-town sponsors.

A special thank you goes to the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee and other volunteers, for all of their hard work and patience in making this year's rodeo and pageant a huge success. Without all of them volunteering their time and labor, the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and other events would not be possible. We are so fortunate to have people who care so much and work so hard, not only during the rodeo but months in advance, to help benefit the community, non-profit organizations, and youth of Sonora and Sutton County.

As Kasey and I continue what has been and will be a wonderful and exciting year representing Sutton County, I would once again like to offer a collective "thank you" to Sonora. It is my hope that through our representation, Kasey and I will make each and every one of you proud to be from Sutton County.

Sincerely,
Heather Felts - Miss Sutton County 2000-2001

I would first of all like to thank my wonderful sponsors: OJ Sonora Trading Co., the Bank and Trust and Rafter W Feed for all of their help and support throughout this experience. I would also like to thank all of my friends and family for being there for me. I know at many times within the last couple of months I have been extremely stressed and busy, but they were very patient and understanding. Two individuals that I would like to thank are Storie Sharp and Kim West who coordinated the Queen Contest. They don't get enough credit for the wonderful job that they do so, "Thank you ladies!" And finally, I would like to thank the community for being so supportive of me. In return, I hope to be a good representative of Sutton Co. as the first ever Sutton County Princess.

Thank You,
Kasey Kearney - Sutton County Princess 2000-2001

Loved Ones Rally For Claudia Dempsey

Friends and loved ones have shown their concern and support for the Dempsey Family by participating in several fund raisers. The money raised is going to help the family with the medical bills incurring daily while Claudia remains in ICU.

A softball tournament held recently, raised about \$1000. The drawing for the Bar-B-Que grill that was held during the Outlaw Pro Rodeo raised \$1250. Donations can still be made to a Trust Fund in Claudia's name at the First National Bank of Sonora.

Claudia is still in critical condition in Colorado, but has shown some improvement. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

School Lunch Menu

Sept. 4 - 8

Breakfast

- Mon. - School Holiday!
- Tues. - Pancakes, syrup, juice or fruit.
- Wed. - Toast, ham and eggs, juice, fruit.
- Thurs. - Sweet roll, juice or fruit.
- Fri. - Sausage & egg burrito, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

- Mon. - School Holiday!
- Tues. - Chili dog, tator tots, peaches, peanut butter cookie.
- Wed. - Frito pie with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, jello with fruit.
- Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding.
- Fri. - Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, fruit.



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- Sept. 2 - 4
Labor Day Boer Goat Sales
- Sept. 2-4
Caverns of Sonora
45th Discovery Anniversary Celebration

The Community Calendar



Calendar

- Sept. 4
School Holiday
- Sept. 11
4-H Meeting 6:30 p.m.
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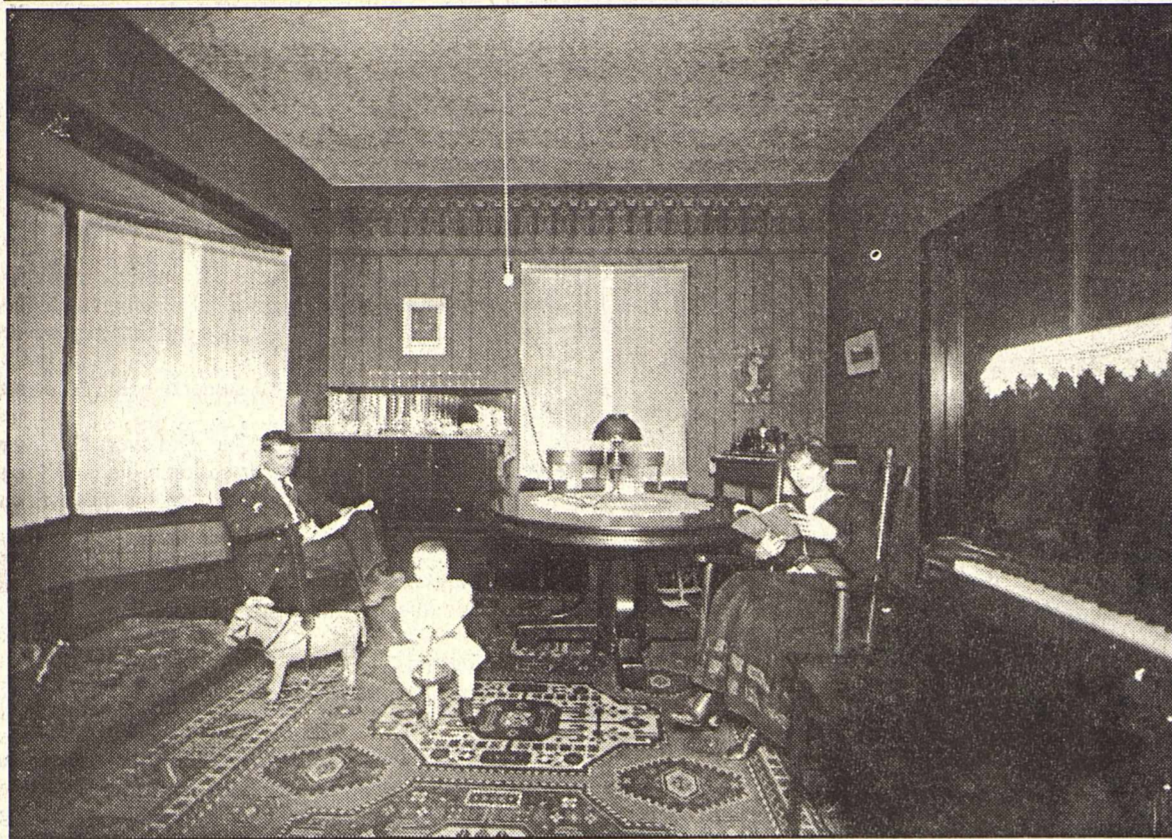
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Historical Society



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aldwell and son LeRoy relaxing at home.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Q. Were the Longhorn Caverns at Burnet discovered before the Caverns of Sonora?

A. Longhorn Caverns State Park was opened to the public in November of 1932 that is around 60 years before the Caverns of Sonora.

Q. Who were the co-captains of the football team for 1933?

A. Devil's River News, December 9, 1932 reported the following in an article on the banquet:

Herbert Fields and Ernest Smith were elected co-captains of the 1933 Sonora High School football team. Smith was made captain of the line and Fields captain of the backfield. Mascot chosen for the year was little Miss Dorace Gene Smith, new-born daughter of Coach and Mrs. A. L. Smith. The following 1932 lettermen were announced: G. W. Archer, Harold Friess, Bob Johnson, Gilbert Castillo, George Ory, Troy White, Earl Smith, Marvin Smith, Ernest Robertson, Joseph Logan, Bill Stender, Lacey Smith, Raymond Allison, Herbert Fields, V. J. Glasscock, Wess Hill, Captain Dewight (key), King, Jesse Green, Barton, and Ernest Smith. Honorable mention was given to Lem Eriel Johnson, Jess Willis and Jack Turney.

Q. When did Mora Lee Meckel open a beauty shop in Sonora?

A. Mora Lee Meckel graduated

from Sonora High School in the class of 1932.

She went to Dallas following graduation and took the Marinello School's course in beauty culture and returned to Sonora where it was announced in the June 2, 1933 issue of the Devil's River News that she would open a new beauty shop in a few weeks in the residence owned by her father opposite the Methodist Church. One of her schoolmates from Dallas would join her in the venture.

In the same issue I found an announcement for a "Prosperity Dance" to be held on June 12th, 1933 to celebrate the return of profitable prices to wool and the drought-ending rains of the last few weeks. We wouldn't have to hold a dance to celebrate if it rained. I think about now most of us would be so exhausted from being out kicking up our heels jumping around in it and from bending down on our knees to kiss the muddy earth and praise God we'd be too tired to dance. As to the profitable mohair prices all I can say nastily is "Thanks Aussie land" and a few others for flooding the market.

In June 1933 J. W. McLendon caught a 60 pound catfish in the Llano River near Junction. J. T. Penick opened a new sandwich and drink stand on the lot adjoining his Texas Company service station. J.

W. Hull of Sonora, electrical engineering student, won second place in the sophomore division of the 1933 mathematics contest at the Texas A. & M. College.

The children's park cared for by The Sonora Woman's Club was carefully cleaned and made ready for the summer under the park committee headed by Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson assisted by Mesdames W. E. Caldwell and H. V. Stokes. Three new swings were donated by Mesdames E. C. Mayfield, L. W. Elliott and W. E. Caldwell.

Miss Gertrude Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Babcock is one of the 155 seniors at Texas College of Women who will receive bachelor degrees on June 5, completing four years of undergraduate work. She is majoring in fine and applied arts and is a member of the Alice Freeman Palmer Club. Her parents and Kenneth and Edyth Mae will attend the graduation exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Sanchez are the parents of a baby boy born on May 24, named Samuel.

Marion, Hermon and Carl Holland and Dossie Blanton are in the U. S. Conservation Army in a re-forestation camp near Slatonia, Arizona.

Russell Long is building an English-style three room and bath house and J. T. Penick has just moved into a recently built frame house of five rooms at the edge of Sonora on the Junction Highway. The McClelland house has been started and is located just south of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse.

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge was expected to host a joint meeting of chapters and councils from June 25 - 27, 1933. Over 75 members from surrounding lodges were expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace were proudly displaying a beautiful bear skin rug at their home, made from the coat of a large bear which was killed by their son, Libb Wallace, in the Chisos Mountains last year.

Mr. and Mrs. McDermott of St. Louis are the parents of a son, James Robert, who weighed 8 lbs and 14 oz. He is the grandson of George S. Allison.

J. L. Johnson and wife sold the Cedar Pond ranch near Rooksprings to Mrs. Mona Sweeten for \$30,000. Mrs. Sweeten had owned the ranch and sold it in 1928 to H. G. Franks who sold it to Johnson in 1930.

W. D. Wallace died of a heart attack in Sutton County and Ed. Mears died of a heart attack in Austin. A daughter, Bonnie Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Quisenberry at 11:35 o'clock on Saturday, June 17, 1933.

A small residence belonging to Mrs. John Swinburne and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lohn, on the Menard Road in east Sonora, was totally destroyed by a fire discovered at 9:30 Saturday night. A pond near the house was almost empty and the fire hose would not reach to the nearest hydrant on the courthouse lawn.

Eight Sonora girls were recognized as part of the ten outstanding girls at Camp Louis Farr Camp Fire Girls Outing. They were: Lillian Kring, Jo Nell Miers, Muriel Reiley, Kathryn Brown, Cathryn Trainer, Elizabeth Elliott, Renna Glen Shurley, and Joyce McGilvray. Mrs. John Eaton supervised the girls.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net or give me a call at 915-387-2855. Those strange noises coming from the old former Fincher House has been a few of us going in and working at starting to gut the house for renovation into the new Sutton County Historical Society building. Finally Sonora will have proper archival storage and a historical society office in the downtown area. This will be a big plus for researchers and I will happily turn over all my research to the building. My research has been done for the sole purpose of preserving the history of Sutton County for the benefit of the people of Sutton County. My house is jammed with files and storage boxes and my husband will be happy to not have to keep falling over my volunteer work. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the board members of the Cauthorn Trust for their support over the years of projects to preserve local history. They deserve the thanks of everyone in this community.

Labor Day Driving Tips

Celebrating the end of summer is a rite of passage for Americans. As you take to the road this Labor Day weekend, celebrating the end of a very wet or very dry summer, bear in mind the findings of a recent survey by progressive.com:

* Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they were more likely to drive when overtired or fatigued while driving home from a weekend getaway.

* Fifty-nine percent were more likely to drive when they shouldn't have because they wanted to get to a summer getaway in one night.

* Twenty-six percent of respondents reported driving when they shouldn't due to alcohol consumption at summer barbecues.

* Twenty-three percent of respondents said they would be more likely to drive after drinking at a summer barbecue if they didn't have very far to drive to get home.

"People are stressed out working too many hours each week and traveling for business. So when it comes time for vacation, people's attitudes are different. They want to enjoy the outdoors, relax and de-stress," said Alan Bauer, Internet Business Leader, Progressive. "But what we found was that while people go to great lengths to enjoy the summer, they may be pushing the limits of safety and letting their busy lives affect their driving habits. It's extremely important that consumers are aware of the risks that they and their friends and neighbors create when traveling this holiday weekend."

Further, the progressive.com study of more than 400 consumers found that more than one-fifth of consumers reported having taken their kids out of their car seats while driving on a summer trip. And it looks like women are more likely to take chances women were four times more likely than men to break a traffic law (i.e. speed, run a red light, drive on the shoulder) while stuck in summer traffic with kids in the car. Also, families with children were six times more likely to drive home from a long day trip while fatigued during the summer

than those people without children.

Progressive offers the following tips on safe summer highway travel. Follow them this Labor Day weekend:

1. Wear a seat belt/restrain children. It is estimated by the NHTSA that safety belts save 9,500 lives a year. If every passenger over the age of four was strapped in, an additional 9,000 lives could be saved annually. An estimated 312 children under age five are saved annually in the U.S. by being strapped into a car seat.

2. Allow extra time to reach a destination. Speeding causes 30 percent of all fatal crashes and over 13,000 lives are lost each year due to speed-related accidents.

3. Keep children under age 12 buckled up in the back seat to avoid injury from airbag impact.

4. If you're on a long drive, stop for a walk or meal at dusk - the most dangerous driving period of the day - and avoid city travel during rush hours.

5. Take frequent breaks. Stop, get out of the car and stretch tired muscles. Exercise increases the oxygen flow to the brain and boosts wakefulness. Avoid sugary snacks and caffeine that give drivers a surge of quick energy but leave them feeling more tired later.

6. Stop to read maps or discipline children. The rule of thumb is both eyes on the road and both hands on the wheel at all times.

Progressive (NYSE: PGR), headquartered in Mayfield Village, Ohio, is one of the nation's largest auto insurance companies and the leading provider of insurance services and products via the Internet. In business since 1937, the company provides all drivers with competitive rates and 24-hour, in-person services.

The company sells its products over the phone (1-800-AUTO-PRO), on the Internet at progressive.com and through more than 30,000 independent agencies throughout the U.S. More information can be found at progressive.com.

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Valliant Completes Eagle Scout Service Project

The Sonora Main Street Program and the Sutton County Historical Society would like to express our appreciation to Tom Valliant for the wonderful job he did on painting two rooms in the Miers Home Museum. Tom Valliant chose the Miers Home Museum as his Eagle Scout Service Project. He did a magnificent job, which he was assisted by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Tom E. Valliant. He also received help from Travis Valliant on taking down the stories and the photos of the Ranch Women Exhibit. Tom planned the project from stage one, which was to ask permission from the Sutton County Historical Society and funding from the Sonora Main Street Program and the City Council. Then he began the job of painting the two rooms of the Miers Home Museum. We invite you to visit the completely revitalized Miers Home Museum. Lewis Allen is the Scout Master working with Tom. Tom has been involved



Al Elliott (left) representing the Sutton County Historical Society and Ann Kay (right) were on hand to show their appreciation to Eagle Scout Tom Valliant (center) and his mother, Brenda (back center) for all the hard work that was done on the Miers Home Museum.

with Scouts for nine years. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Eagle Scout Service Project Program, Lewis Allen, and Tom Valliant and his family.

5K Run from page 1

Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee and Rye Supply. Runners were impressed with the course and were in hopes of having a bigger race for next year. All the hard work Coach Eddie Favila and other workers put in was worth it. The Race had a very successful turnout thanks to all who worked and participated in it. There were a total of 58 Runners for the 1st Sutton County Days 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run. Next year will bring a bigger and better race, so start now in preparing for Sutton County's 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run.



(Jr. High Division) Hillary Lawson, Kristina Hernandez, Chris Perez, CD Lipham, and Shalayne Hobbs

- Results of the Run:**
- Fun Run Boys Division 12 years old and under:**
- 1st- Clayton Sahr
 - 2nd- Mackenzie Hirt
 - 3rd- Hunter Lawson
 - 4th- Tyler Creek
 - 5th- Caleb Gonzales
- Fun Run Girls Division 12 and under:**
- 1st- Jessica Snyder
 - 2nd- Kaitlyn Henderson
 - 3rd- Cassie Krieg
 - 4th- Alyssa Favila
 - 5th- Baylee Hirt
- Jr. High Boys Division**

- 1st- CD Lipham
 - 2nd- Chris Perez
- Jr. High Girls Division**
- 1st- Hillary Lawson
 - 2nd- Kristina Hernandez
- Walking Division**
- Beth Wallace
- Men's 5k Run Division**
- 1st- Roland Escobar (Del Rio)
 - 2nd- Justin Matthews (Sonora)

- 3rd- David Wallace (Sonora)
 - 4th- Don Gibson (San Angelo)
 - 5th- Juan Perez (San Angelo)
- Women's 5K Run Division**
- 1st- Janis Jenkins (San Angelo)
 - 2nd- Vanessa Calderon (Del Rio)
 - 3rd- Shalayne Hobbs (Sonora)
 - 4th- Martha Solis (Del Rio)
 - 5th- Adriana Arreola (Del Rio)

If you are interested in writing sports stories for the Devil's River News, please call Storie at 387-2507. Need J.V. and Colt Football, as well as Cross Country.

Troop 19 Elections and Canoe Trip

On August 22, 2000, the Boy Scouts of Troop 19 held elections. The following boys were elected: Tyler Talley - Senior Patrol Leader; Devon Yearout - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; Warren Wallace - Quartermaster; Ty Love - Chaplain Aide; Frank Gallegos - Bugler; Roland Solis - Librarian; David Adkins - Historian; Israel Mendoza - Scribe; Laramie Hall - Wolverine Patrol Leader; Steven Barthelemy - Cobra Patrol Leader; Brandon Munn - Diamondback Patrol Leader; Emre Smith - Diamondback Assistant Patrol Leader; Shane Love - Hawk Patrol Leader; Travis Valliant - Hawk Assistant Patrol Leader.

On Friday, August 25, 2000, the Scouts left for an overnight campout and canoe trip on the Llano River. Adult leaders were Lewis Allen, Carlos Gallegos, David Love, Jack

Smith, Tim Talley, and David Wallace. Boy Scouts were Frank Gallegos, Ty Love, Shane Love, Emre Smith, Tyler Talley, Warren Wallace, Wilson Wallace, David Adkins, Travis Valliant, Devon Yearout, Matthew Glasscock, Roland Solis, Zed Snodgrass and Steven Barthelemy.

After a night of camping under the stars at Llano State Park, the group spent a day on the river, canoeing, swimming, and bravely attempting a rope swing into the water. Many of the boys found it was not as easy as it looked! There were some belly busts into the water by younger Scouts, tripping over large roots, and even a crash into a tree by an older Scout! After that, Carlos really enjoyed singing "George of the Jungle - Watch out for that tree!"

High School Rodeo Kicks Off Season

September 9 and 10 Region II of the Texas High School Rodeo Association will kick off their 2000-2001 rodeo season in Junction, Texas. Saturday's rodeo is at 6:30 P.M. and Sunday will have church at 9:00 A.M. and rodeo at 10:30 A.M. Rodeo events are open to all high school students, whether they are in public school, private school or home-schooled. There are even more events offered in High School rodeo than those in professional rodeo. Boys can participate in the standard Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping and Team Roping. Boys Cutting is offered, too. The girls have many other events besides Barrel Racing. Girls events include Barrels, Poles, Breakaway Roping, Goat Tying, Team Roping, Girls Cutting and a Queen's Contest.

Many students from Junction and the surrounding area are expected to participate in these first two rodeos. Junction contestants include Cassidy Boyles, Cole Holland, Collin Wood and Will Murrah. Renn Rudasill, Bodie Hankins and John Clay Carpenter are expected from Rocksprings and Chelsea Lewis and Jessica Baker from Del

Rio. Sonora has Thomas Schenkel and Stetson Hall in competition and Menard's Seth Newkirk will be there as well. From Eldorado will be Leigh Ann Neal. A total of 100 or more contestants and their families from throughout the west Texas area are expected for the two days of rodeo.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support these kids. This will also be a "director's" rodeo, in which all of the students, parents and director's will be doing the work --- from taking the gate money to sorting the stock and keeping the times. All profits from the rodeos will go toward year-end awards for all of the contestants. Cost is only \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Other rodeos that are scheduled for this fall include September 30 and October 1 in Big Lake, October 14 and 15 in Del Rio, and November 11 and 12 in Ozona. All Saturday rodeos start at 6:30 P.M. and Sunday rodeos have church service at 9:00 A.M. and rodeo at 10:30 A.M.

For more information on High School Rodeo contact Elizabeth Schenkel, Secretary, at 915-387-3019.



Bronco Football from page 1

res. James Elliott, and Sean Fields will have the responsibility of keeping the opposing passing game in check. (Scouting report: good speed, swarming defense that will knock your socks off, eleven individuals that play well together and not too concerned with who gets the credit; just as long as the job gets done.)

Offensively, the Red Hosses are loaded with weapons. Depth is the key to this unit. Three year starter; Bryce Williams will return to guide the Broncos from his quarterback spot. The strength of the Bronco offense is the offensive line. Javier Gayton, Dustin Patino, Anthony Sanchez, Beau Hughes, and Thomas Schenkel will provide the blocking up front. The receiving corp is made up of Riley Crain, Cameron Sims, Cole Cearley, Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, Matt Torres, and James Elliott. Each of these receivers not only can catch the ball; but each one is an excellent blocker, either on the line or downfield. Joining Williams in the backfield will be three year starter Tom Jacoby at fullback with William "Bill" Renfro at the tailback. Spelling these two gifted running backs will be Sean Fields and Jake Percifull. (Scouting report: depth at every position, receivers have excellent speed and excellent hands, quarterback has three years experience and an uncanny knack for the overall game, offensive line has good overall strength and good quickness, backfield is seasoned and very explosive.)

This week starts the Broncos on a long road to achieve their goal - a State Championship - the road will have fifteen or sixteen bumps; with each bump being instrumental in the Broncos achieving their goal. The first bump will be this Friday night at Bronco stadium against the Reagan County Owls. Game time is at 8:00 p.m. So come out and support the Broncos as they begin their quest!

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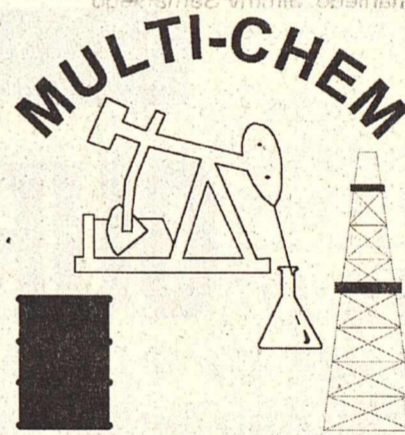
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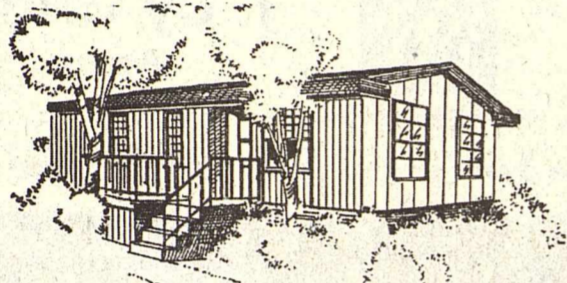
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radar like the other DPS officers had in their vehicles. The officer feels that this radar would be more efficient than the Sate issued radar that he is currently using. The cost is about \$80 a month for the radar. It was approved to purchase the radar.

County Tax Assessor, Vehicles, Deedie McIntire asked if it was necessary to advertise for the full time position opening in that office, since she currently has an employee that she would like to promote. It was agreed that advertising was not necessary and she could promote from within.

The budget was the next topic of discussion, which Judge Garner began by asking to correct some misinformation that seemed to be obtained at the last meeting. Garner informed the Court that on the line item entry for Department Head salary at the EMS building, there seemed to be some misunderstanding that a \$10,000 raise request was being submitted for consideration. In actuality, what was being proposed was that EMS Department Head, Pat Campbell, be given a salary based on a 40 hour week and to do away with a commission-per-student fee that he had received in the last year. In place of the commission would be a set salary, justifiable to the hours worked as a Department Head.

Garner informed the Commissioner that the salary increase looked so large because it came from two different line item areas.

A lengthy discussion then took place on the additional hours

that Campbell worked on nights and weekends. Campbell explained that these additional hours were obtained because no one else was available or trained to cover the after hour calls. It was also explained that a recent class of Paramedic graduates would soon be off their probation period and would be able to take more of the extra calls. Much more discussion took place regarding this subject, including several comments from EMS volunteers present. Many questions were raised regarding job description, volunteer status and personality conflicts. After much debate a motion was made that in light of what had been learned, that Campbell be given the Department Head salary that was originally proposed. After a second was made votes were cast, with 3 voting aye and 1 voting no.

A motion was then made to raise the Road & Bridge Department head salary by 10%. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was then made and approved to change the fee per vehicle in the Road & Bridge Department from \$5 to \$10. Motion carried unanimously.

The Court then adopted the 2001 budget, setting a tax rate, with a 3% increase from last year, of .45222.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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For more information call 1-888-895-5577.

News from the Neighbors

The temperatures may be hot, but it won't put a daze on the upcoming annual Diez y Seis Festival being planned by Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Rock-springs.

Set for September 16th, the festival promises to have lots of fun activities throughout the day for the entire family.

All day activities scheduled to begin with a parade at 10:30 a.m. include football throw, fish pond, duck pond, ring toss, hole-in-one, dart throw, spin-the wheel and a jail-house. There will also be train rides for the little ones.

At 11:00 a.m. there will be DJ/Karaoke entertainment by "Millennium Mix" of Uvalde. "Happy the Clown" of Uvalde will also be around to entertain kids by making characters out of balloons. At 3:00 p.m. live music by "Los Unicos" of Uvalde will begin. The queen coronation will take place in the Church Hall at 4:00 p.m. Imelda Benavidez of Rocksprings and Jerilyn Longo-

ria of Leakey are vying for the crown. After the coronation there will be entertainment by our local Rocksprings Folklorico Dancers.

Events scheduled to begin in the morning are the shearing contest; car show and a washer pitching contest.

One thousand dollars cash will be raffled later in the night at the dance, which will begin at 9:00 p.m. Music will be by *Estilo Band* of Ozona.

The church is also selling festival T-shirts. A reminder that there will be no coolers allowed on the church grounds.

If you are interested in participating in any of the contest contact: Stephen Frattco at 830-683-2209 for the shearing contest; Adella Spurlock at 683-2384 for the parade; and John Morgan Davis at 683-2326 for the washer pitching contest. For general information about the festival contact Edward Gonzales at 830-683-6177 or Juan Enriquez at 683-4470.

Hometown Fun in Fredericksburg for Labor Day Weekend 2000

Labor Day weekend in Fredericksburg will offer fun for everyone in the family this year.

Country Peddler
 Mothers and daughters will head to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds for the Country Peddler Show on Friday, September 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fall and holiday fashions, arts and home decor will be featured at this popular show. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors 65 plus and free for children under 12.

Vereins Quilt Guild Show
 Quilting enthusiasts won't want to miss the Vereins Quilt Guild Show at the Gillespie County Historical Society Building at 312 West San Antonio Street. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$3 for everyone over 12 years. See wearable art, wall hangings, award-winning quilts and recognized antique quilts.

Opening Day Outdoor Show
 Now for the men! Fathers and sons will also have events to keep them entertained and educated. The Seventh Annual "Opening Day" Outdoor show will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Marktplatz in downtown Fredericksburg. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children from 6-12 and free under 6. The show offers exhibits, seminars and demonstrations for hunters and outdoorsmen. In addition, close to 100 white tail deer trophies will be on display at the Region 4 Texas Big Game Awards Center.

Island Assault
 Fredericksburg has an island. Not really, but the National Museum of the Pacific War presents "Living History Island Assault" in a wooded area of downtown Fredericksburg that could easily be mistaken for an island in the Pacific. Combined arms demonstrations of the weapons used in the Pacific theatre during World War II take place at 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Grape Stomp
 Just outside of town, the folks at Becker Vineyards will be stomping grapes as part of their harvest celebration. Stop by on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or on Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. for this free event.

Luchenbach Labor Day Weekend Music Festival
 The folks at Luckenbach, the laid-back hamlet about ten miles southeast of Fredericksburg, don't need much of a reason to celebrate since their are a few strummers around just about every weekend under the big, old oak trees. This weekend there will be special music from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and it's free! So, stop by and sit a spell.
 Whether you're into shopping, quilting, hunting, stomping or strumming, head to Fredericksburg for the long Labor Day weekend! For more information, call the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau at 1-888-997-3600 or visit the web site at www.fredericksburg-texas.com for a complete calendar of events.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival

The Big Lake Fall Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for September 8, 9 & 10, 2000. Entertainment is scheduled on the indoor stage. Come early for Beans & Rice with Pot Luck on Wednesday and Free Brisket on Thursday. Barbara's Kitchen will also be serving up some great home cooking. This year's entertainer will be Big Sandy from Brownfield, Gore Brothers from Big Lake, Star Canyon from San Antonio, Hickory Hill, Dison Family and Rocky Creek. For reservations call 915-884-3396 or email BIGLAKEFD@HOTMAIL.COM.

Show times are Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - \$6.00. Saturday from Noon to 11:00 p.m. - \$10.00. A free Gospel session will be Sunday.

Cape Crusaders Cruise Through Sonora



John Williams, Paul Crosshoare and Adam Hooper are traveling across the continent to raise awareness for Down Syndrome. The bikers started in Cape Horn, South America and are traveling to Alaska. They will travel through 13 countries before reaching their destination. You can read more about their adventures at www.cape-crusaders.co.uk/index2.html.

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How Will Our Changes Affect You?

We will no longer take bill payments or offer merchandise at our local offices, effective September 30. However, we will be using most of our offices for operational purposes so that we can continue to provide exceptional customer service and outage response. We have made many changes during the past year that will provide more choices for our customers in how they pay their bills and conduct business with WTU.

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