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2000 BRONCOS - DISTRICT 2-2A CHAMPIONS

by Tryon Fields

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The 2000 Sonora Broncos have reached two of the goals that they had set out for themselves at the beginning of the season. The Broncos third consecutive District Championship and a perfect 10 and 0 season going into the play-offs set the stage for the Broncos to reach their third and final team goal: A 2A State Championship. The Bronco Express begins it quest this Friday as it rolls out of the station to face Reagan County in the Bi-District round of the play-offs.

The Broncos captured their first Gold Football of the 2000 season this past Friday in Eldorado as they defeated the Eldorado Eagles 21 to 0. With rumors flying about an overly wet playing surface, a Bronco defense that had not faced a good running back all season, and all the other hoopla associated with playing a long time rival; the Broncos as they have done all season kept their focus and proceeded to dominate a good Eldorado Eagle football team.

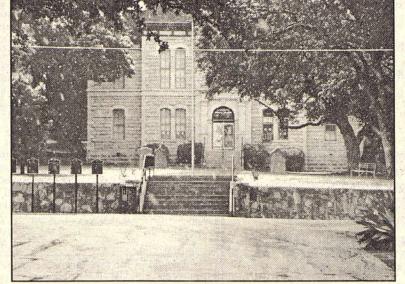
After winning the coin toss, the Eagles deferred to the second half. Many of the over capacity crowd probably questioned this decision by the Eagles, as why would you give a very high powered and diverse offense the football to start the game? It soon became apparent, as the swarming Eagle defense began to show that it was not in awe of the Mighty Broncos. With the Broncos starting at their own twen-ty, quarterback, Bryce Williams immediately went to the air to try and shake the Eagles up. The Eagles not willing to concede the District Championship easily set the tone on this very first play. A quick defensive line and a swarming sec-

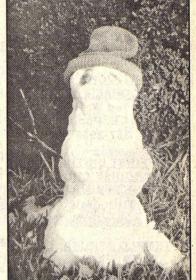
ondary limited the Broncos to only a short gain on their first play from only able to gain ten yards on two scrimmage. William Renfro, the Broncos leading ground gainer, took advantage of the Eagles over pursuit on the next play, as he cut back against the grain and sprinted into Eagle territory at the Eagle forty where Eagle safety, Kenny Covarrubiaz, saved the touchdown with a shoe string tackle. Another pass to Elliott, one to Riley Crain, runs by Renfro and Sean Fields along with a major face mask penalty by the Eagles moved the football to the Eldorado eight. Hoping to take advantage of the overly aggressive Eagle pursuit, the Broncos resorted to trickery. However; the Broncos out tricked themselves, as they suffered their first miscue of the game. Eldorado returned the favor on their first possession; as Bronco safety, James Elliott, intercepted a Jason Brock pass to give the Broncos excellent field position at the Eagle forty-two. Alternating between the run and the pass, the Broncos began to inch the ball down the field. A very aggressive Eagle defense limited Fields and Renfro to only eleven

yards on five carries. In the passing

department, the Red Hosses were attempts. At the Eagle twenty-one, the Broncos were faced with a fourth and four. Quarterback, Bryce Williams was forced to scramble and the very speedy pursuit of the Eagles kept Williams from gaining the needed yardage for the first. With four minutes and fifty-eight seconds left in the first quarter, the Eagles would take over on downs at their own nineteen yard line. Going strictly to the running game, the Eagles began to use. Joey Bullard, John Ray Espinosa, and Kenny Covarrubiaz to grind the football down the field. As the Eagles crossed into Bronco territory, the Bronco defense began to stiffen. At the forty, a tremendous rush by the interior line and excellent coverage by the secondary forced a coverage sack to stop the Eagle advance. An excellent punt by the Eagles put the Broncos in a hole at their own six yard line. As the first quarter came to a close, the Broncos used the running attack of William Renfro and Sean Fields to move the ball out the

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Drought, Floods,... Snow?

The old saying is "If you don't like the weather in Texas, wait a minute, it will change". This is definitely true in West Texas this year. Sonora has seen severe drought turn to flooding highways and running draws. Then on Thursday, November 9th, there was a small snow storm.

The snow didn't stay on the ground long and we didn't get as much as some of our neighboring counties, but there was enough to make driving a bit difficult. There was also enough to turn the Sutton County Courthouse lawn white and for local youth, Samantha Tidwell to build a snowman (or snow mini-man) in her front yard.

The cold, cloudy weather is expected throughout the rest of the week, with possibilities of more rain toward the week-end.

The Deadline for the November 23 **Devil's River News** will be Monday, November 20 at 12:00 noon. The DRN office will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. **Fire Cleanup Continues**

Game Dinner Draws Large Crowd



Miss Sutton County, Heather Felts and Sutton County Princess, Kasey Kearney drew winning names at the 32nd Annual Game Dinner. Staff photo



Sean Fields danced by the Eldorado defense Saturday night. Photo by SHS Journalism Dept.

Sutton County Elects First New Sheriff in 24 Years

by Storie Sharp Sutton County let their voices be heard by going to the polls last week. Although we are yet to have a next President of the United States,



by Storie Sharp

Cleanup is well under way at the Multi-Chem location, the site of last weeks warehouse fire.

return to their homes Wednesday evening.

The Sonora Police Department are still taking statements and will turn all information over to Fire

Marshal, Carl Teaff, who will deter-

mine the official cause and origin of

million. The average for the entire

city of Sonora registered at 12 parts

per million. Archer said that they

will continue do to air, soil and



we do have a new Sheriff. Joe Fincher will take the office as of January 1, 2001. Fincher will replace Bill Webster, who has held the position of sheriff for twentyfour years.

Fincher moved to Sonora in August of 1974, where he joined the Sonora Police Department. In 1977 he became a Deputy with the Sutton County Sheriff's Department, where he will be leaving the Chief Deputy position.

Joe and his wife, Karen, have five children, Kendra, Kent, Ty, Tracy and Tate. They also have two granddaughters, Morgan and Addison

Fincher stated that he ran for the position because he has the experience

"The Sheriff part will be new, but the law enforcement I know" he

stated

As for changes in the office, Fincher said that their would only be minor ones to better attune to his style.

Fincher would like to thank everyone who voted for him.



Pascal Allison EMT - Paramedic

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Glenna Hulsey EMT - Intermediate

Meet Sutton County EMS members, Pascal Allison and Glenna Hulsey.

Pascal has been with the EMS organization since 1992. He and his wife, Dorothy, have two children, Scott and Sabrina. Scott is the owner of Scott Allison Real Estate and Sabrina hand her husband have two children. Pascal is a life time rancher in Sutton County. In addition to being an EMT Paramedic, Pascal is certified in Basic Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and is a Certified Instructor by Texas Department of Health.

Glenna joined the organization in February of 1993, she and her husband Roy have three children and 7 grandchildren. In addition to being an EMT Intermediate, Glenna is certified in CPR.

Chief of Police, Chris Croy reported that residents and businesses within 200 ft. of the area were evacuated early in the week, for precautionary reasons. "Due to the cleanup activities, a higher level of contaminates (parts per million) in the area were recorded." stated Croy. He went on to say, "the EPA then advised that the clean up process be improved to an 'overpack' method, meaning the barrels of chemicals were covered with larger barrels and sealed, allowing no further leakage." Residents were allowed to

James-Archer, owner of Multi-Chem reported that the first phase of air monitoring is complete. As of Thursday at 11:00 a.m., emissions testing done off-site, in the immediate area, were recorded at 0 parts per

the fire.

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Cleanup crews are steadily working at the Multi-Chem fire site. Staff photo

JV Broncos Complete Undefeated Season

By Nancy Glasscock

The last game of the JV football season was action packed. The Broncos completely dominated the JV Eldorado Eagles both on offense and defense. Juan Rodriguez, Emmanuel Lopez, and Doug Yocham scored three, two, and one touchdown respectively to beat Eldorado 44-0.

Eldorado kicked off to Bronco Chris Martin who fielded the short kick. Dustin Martin, Shaun Ramos, Rodriguez, Lopez, and Yocham quickly went to work moving the ball down the field. Only three minutes into the first quarter, Lopez went in for the touchdown and followed the left side of the line in for the two point conversion.

The Eagles' first possession began on their 42 yard line. The Bronco defense led by Tan Cade, Mark Gandar, Josh Everett, and Ramos stuffed the run. On third and sixteen, the Eagles fumbled the ball forward. Landon Brockman picked it up and rambled to the six yard line

while avoiding several Eagle tacklers. Rodriguez took the handoff and followed the left side of the line into the end zone for the touchdown. The two point conversion failed.

Zed Snodgrass kicked off deep to the Eagles' 14 yard line where Tom Homra and Brockman stopped the Eldorado return man in his tracks. Chris Martin destroyed the Eagles' next series by blitzing and sacking the Eagle quarterback for a big loss. The Broncos took over on downs. The Broncos quickly scored their third touchdown with a quick screen pass to Lopez and a draw to Rodriguez up the middle for six more points. Yocham ran the ball in for the two point conversion. The score was 22-0.

The next Bronco score' took two series. Penalties and a quarterback sack hampered the first series. After Eldorado had finally stopped the Broncos, they immediately fumbled the ball and the Broncos recovered. Dustin Martin carried for four

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Little Miss Sutton Co., Leslie Levario and Little Mr. Sutton Co., Colton Moore were decked out in their camo to help hand out prizes at the Game Dinner. Staff photo

by Storie Sharp

The 2000 Sutton County Game Dinner kicked off hunting season with a "bang"! The Game Dinner Association gave away guns and door prizes of all sorts, ranging from jumper cables to Christmas decorations. Approximately 1500 people attended this year's event and over \$21,000 was sold in door prizes.

A menu of wild game of all types was served on the slab and then everyone congregated in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center to see if they were a lucky winner.

This year's firearm winners from Sonora include: Wanda Shurley, Nancy White (2 times), Dean Dermody, Steven Duhon, Kirk Joy, Lance Haynes, Pedro Noriega, Carl Lang, Harold Schwiening, Melinda Crain, Allen Prather and Gregg Tedford.

Out-of-town gun winners were: Jason Ward, Lubbock; Charles Mitchell, Caddo (2 times); Lee Burch, Ozona; Jimmy Brown, San Angelo; La Joyce Watts, Livingston; James Daniels, Eldorado; Carl Cobb, Baytown; Delbert Neddo, San Angelo; James Whitlock, San Angelo; Gary Lee, Ozona; Clint Sims, Colorado City; Bernard Fuchs, Eola; Stanley Herbert, Maurice, LA; Mario Ybarra, San Angelo; Carlos Porter, San Angelo; James Sittinger, Allen; Chris Mabie, Lafayette, LA; Emory Watts, Livingston; Jimmy Dixon, Houston; John Stephen's, Bellville; Timothy Moore, Big Lake; Terry Anderson, Mesquite; Robert Wayham, San Angelo; William Withers, Zachary, LA; Gretchen Childress, Galveston; Eric Godwin, San Angelo; Roddy Riddle, Ft. Worth; Jack Casey, Jr., Dallas; Chad Mitchell, Dallas; Brady Johnson, San Angelo; and Donald O'Sullivan, Baytown.

The drawing to raise money for Claudia Dempsey was also held Saturday night. The big winner of the tickets to watch the Dallas Cowboys play was Stephani Morriss.

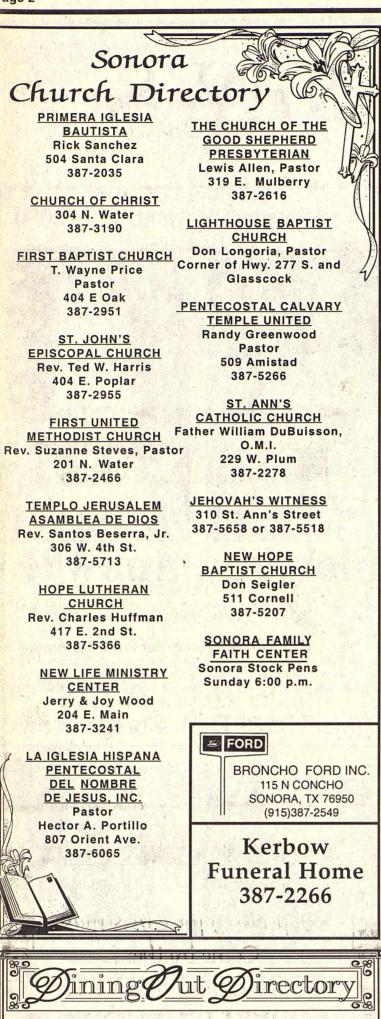
Congratulations to all the winners.

5th Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch

The Knights of Columbus and the Sonora Main Street Program will hold the 5th Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch on Sunday, November 19. The meal will be served at the Sutton County 4-H. Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. until everyone has eaten.

Everyone is invited to go and listen to music and eat a wonderful meal. There is no charge for the meal, and take out orders will be available. Donations are provided by: D&V Roustabout Service, Schlumberger, Dowell, Rye Supply, La Mexicana, Cox Drug, Devon Oil, Sonora Dairy Queen, Sutton County Steakhouse, Carl J. Cahill, Inc., Sonora Chemical & Supply, The Bank & Trust, KHOS, Devil's River News, Louis Dreyfus, First National Bank, Pool Co. and Carl Weaver.

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Card of Thanks

Friends & Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my opponent, Miguel Villanueva on his victory in the November 7th Commissioner's race. And a special thanks to Tom E. Whitehead, my campaign manager, and all who voted in my behalf.

Lee Bloodworth

At this time, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the voters Precinct 1 for their votes and support on the November 7, 2000 elections. And to the rest of the voters in Sutton County who came out and voted, thanks for exercising the privilege one has as an American - the privilege to vote

Also I'd like to thank God, my family, relatives and friends for their moral support, encouragement and campaign contributions. Thank you folks and God bless you all, Miguel (Mike) Villanueva

En este momento me gustaria expresar mis mas sinceras gracias para los votantes del Precinct 1, por su voto y su apoyo en estas elecciones del 7 de Noviembre de 2000. Y para todos los votantes del Condado de Sutton que fueron a votar, gracias por ejercer el privilegio que tiene uno como Americano - el privilegio de votar. Tambien quiero agradecer a Dios, mi familia, parientes y amigos por su apoyo moral y por su contribucion en la campaña. Sinceras Gracias Y Que Dios Los Bendiga A Todos

I deeply appreciate your confidence in me and your votes. I am grateful for your generous contributions of personal services and campaign funds. Thanks to all who displayed my campaign signs, sent flowers, balloons and the delicious chocolate cake. Your phone calls and visits made me feel special. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Sonora is a wonderful community and I am proud to reside here. I pledge my continued dedication to the Office of Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector and I look forward to serving all of you. Thank you Ann Hill, Peggy Sharp, Wayne Sawyer, my loving family and my many friends. Muchas gracias a todos!

Sincerely, Deedie McIntire

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the voters that went to the polls and cast their ballots for this very important election. To all the people that voted for me, thank you for your vote of confidence in me. I will strive to do the best of my ability as your County & District Clerk. Many thanks to all the election judges and clerks that worked so hard and efficiently to make the election process easier and successful despite the large voter turnout! A special thanks to Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos for taking part in helping me with the many preparations for the election. Last, but not least, to my deputies, Genie Crenwelge and Rachel Duran, thanks girls for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

Veronica E. (Betty) Hernandez

On behalf of the Bill Dempsey family, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and merchants of Sonora for their heartfelt generosity toward the Dempsey family. The Cowboy-Redskin benefit fundraiser was a big success - \$1,500.00 was raised. Thanks to the employees of Tedford's, image, Ronda's Styling Haus, Westerman Drug, Ol' Sonora and Business Basics for spending the last few months selling tickets. A special thanks, also, to Tony Valkonen & Nelda Tobias for individually selling many tickets.

A special thanks should go to Sheriff Bill Webster for his donation of a gun that was auctioned at the Sutton County Game Dinner on Claudia's behalf. Many thanks also to the family that purchased the gun for \$750.

A belated thanks needs to go to Joe San Miguel for hosting a softball tournament this past August in Claudia's honor. The Knights of Columbus, Johnson Pest Control, La Mexicana, Sonora Tire Service, The Bank & Trust, Sonic, the Sonora City League, and Town & Country helped sponsor this tournament. Faye Cox and Sharon Creek, as well as many of Joe San Miguel's family members and friends, spent the day keeping books, cooking, and working in the concession stand. Over \$800 was raised in the tournament.

Claudia still needs everyone's prayers and support as she continues to recover in Denver. With hard work and determination, the family has hopes that she will be moved to a rehab hospital in San Antonio by Christmas.

Thanks again to the wonderful people in Sonora for their love, prayers & generosity to Claudia, Bill, Curt, Drew, & Russell Dempsey. Lewis & Cyndy Allen/B It was 8:31

I want to take this means to thank those who supported me in my campaign for Tax-Assessor Collector. Your confidence, words of encouragement, and the giving of your time are much appreciated. A special thank you to my family and the Bloodworth Family for both their financial and moral support. Butch

The Sonora Middle School Student Council would like to thank all the peoble who helped us raise funds for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at our softball game, especially on such a cold, wet afternoon. We want to extend a special thanks to Virgil Burge, Robert Higdon, Jerry Northcott and Tami Love for their work at the game. Our organization could not have done this without the help of parents and community members. Thank You!

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Obituaries W.B. McMillan

Services for Woodrow Buchanan "W.B." McMillan, 86, of Sonora were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, at St. John's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Ted Harris and the Rev. Monte Jones officiated. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. the Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. McMillan died Friday, November 10, 2000.

He was born November 15, 1913, near Fredonia to Richard Marvin and Annis Leach McMillan. He graduated from Mason High School and attended Texas A & M University. He married Lucille Taylor in Junction on February 8, 1938, and he and Lucille then moved to the family ranch in Sonora. Mr. McMillan was a rancher and was involved in numerous civic activities including 14 years of service on the Sonora City Council, as well as over 20 years as a director of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the Sutton County Soil Conservation District and the Kimble County Electric Cooperative. He was active in church affairs at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lucille McMillan of Sonora; one son, Richard (Dick) T. McMillan and wife Jan of Midland; four grandchildren, Kirstin McMillan of Denver, Colorado, Lindsay McMillan of Oxford, Miss., Richard McMillan II and Emily McMillan, both of Midland; one brother, Norris McMillan of Mason, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers Bill were McMillan, Hal McMillan, Lee

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McMillan, L.H. McMillan, Doyle Morgan, Glen Richardson, James Murr and Tom O'Brien. Honorary pallbearers were Vestal Askew, A.W. Bishop, George Brockman, Gay Copeland, Lee Roy Eckert, Walter Pope and Bill Stewart.

The family requests memorials be directed to Concho Valley Home for Girls, P.O. Box 3772, San Angelo, Texas 76902 or a favorite charity.

The family would also like to acknowledge and thank Luke Sanchez, Carmina Trevino, Angie Ramirez, Neria Galindo, Francisca Lira and Maria Galindo, all of whom were of great assistance to W.B. and Lucille during W.B.'s ill-ness. Finally, the family thanks Dr. Pajestka and the nursing staff of Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Their quality of care would be a credit to any facility and Sonora is blessed to have them.

Ora Faye Crites Stephens

Services for Ora Faye Crites Stephens, 64, of Huxley, Texas, were held Thursday at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan, Texas. Rev. Henry Stovall of Trinity Baptist Church in Bryan officiated. Burial followed in Bryan City Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephens was born January 11, 1936 in Bryan, Texas and was reared in Sonora where she lived many years before moving to Huxley. She passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at her residence and one great-grandchild. at Huxley.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Stephens of Huxley, Texas; twin son and daughter, brenda Zane Fish of Rocksprings, Texas and Wayne Granger of Bobby Stephenville, Texas; a son Benny Granger of Sundown, Texas; two daughters, Barbara Boyd of Center, Texas and Bernice Holder of Huntsville, Texas; a step-son Gene Stephens, Jr. of Hearne, Texas and step-daughter Victoria Stephens of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren

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Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

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La Mexicana

240 N. Hwy 277

The City of Sonora, including the Police Department and Fire Department would like to express commendation and appreciation for the valuable services rendered during the recent warehouse fire by the following: TxDot, Pool, Creek Construction, Niblett Oilfield Services, Eldorado Fire Department, Ozona Fire Department, Department of Public Safety, County Officials & Sheriff's Department. Also, a special thanks to all the citizens for cooperating in the evacuation process.

My family and I were out of town when the Multi-Chem fire took place. Out of the kindness of "our friends" hearts, our home was broken into and ourdog along with personal items that can't be replaced were removed from our home. These people put themselves in "great" danger to save our things. Their actions during the fire is something we will never forget and you know what I'm talking about! Thank you, Storie Sharp, Lynn & Les Sahr, Erica & Steve Morriss, Juanita & Tomas Gomez, Tammie Tidwell, Angela & Arthur Crittendon, Danny Abalos, and Tibba & James Edmondson and Moe & Bobby Mogford. If there is someone we missed thank you also.

We want to thank the City of Sonora, and the Police Department for their concern for our health. We appreciate the actions that were taken for us. There were things we would have not known without your coming to us

We also want to thank the firemen. We were not here to see all your hard work, but I am happy you kept the fire away from all the homes. We are very thankful for everyone and their help. God bless you all and best wishes.

Love, Petie, Kim, Amber & Kaci

Community

Senior Center News

- Nov. 20 Bingo!
- Nov. 21 City Council 2 p.m. at City Hall.
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Program! Sign up for Holiday Meals!
- Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving Day! Center Closed!
- Nov. 24 Center closed for Thanksgiving Holidays! Call 387-3888 in case of emergency. Senior Menu

- Nov. 20 Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding.
- Nov. 21 Baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, roll, juice, peanut butter cookie.
- Nov. 22 Beef/cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad with citrus.
- Nov. 23 Center closed! Happy Thanksgiving Day!
- Nov. 24 Center closed for Thanksgiving Holidays... See you Monday!

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

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

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt response to the fire at our ranch house. We appreciate your time that you give to the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County. Sometimes we take for granted what we have until we have need of it.

Thanks Again, The George And Martha Wallace Family

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SISD Thanksgiving Holidays Al- Anon Meeting

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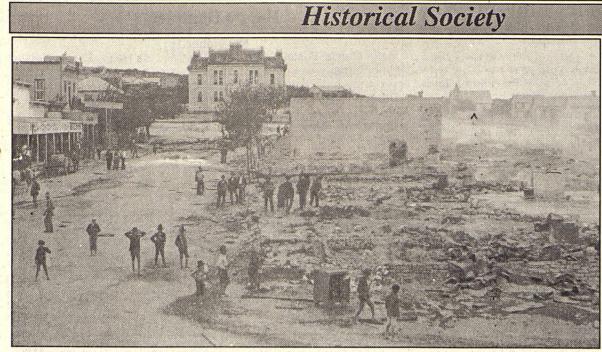
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Fire destroyed much of Main Street in September of 1902. Photo by O.H. Palmer collection

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Q. Was the Multi-Chem fire the worst to ever hit Sonora?

A. The figures aren't in yet on just how much the Multi-Chem fire has cost Sonora. You have to figure the lost building, stock, cleanup costs in the area surrounding the building' that were damaged by smoke. I am afraid we aren't going to have an accurate total of all costs for some time to come.

Going by the figures that were published last week it is not the worst one to hit here. If you factor in inflation over the years the \$100,000 fire of 1902 would beat out this one. Also in the 1902 fire there was one death caused by the fire, you can't put a price on a human life. We have no paper for that fire, but the article was reprinted in the San Angelo Standard of Saturday, September 13, 1902 by Mike and Steve Murphy's brother Pat:

Disastrous Fire Visits Sonora, Entire Business Block Wiped Out by Flames, Total Loss \$100,000 The Fire Originated in Mayfield's Mercantile Company Store and 12 Business Houses, Including the Bank, and One Residence Were Destroyed.

A most disastrous fire swept over the little city of Sonora at an early hour yesterday morning, and as a result, one of the chief business blocks in the city is now a heap of wreck and ruin. The total loss to

Years of Service

property is estimated all the way from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The fire originated from an unknown cause in the store rooms of the Mayfield Mercantile Co., and was first discovered at 5:30 A.M. An alarm was immediately turned in and the fire boys responded as quickly as possible, but the flames were under such headway and the north wind blowing such a gale, that the entire block was wiped out.

The principal losses are as follows: Mayfield Mercantile Co., loss in stock between \$25,000 and \$30,000, insurance \$18,000. E. R. Jackson, loss in building, occupied by Mayfield Mercantile Co., \$5,000. First National Bank of Sonora, loss on office and fixtures \$5,000. Insurance, \$2,000. The Maud S. Saloon, owned by Geo. W. Morris, loss \$4,000. No insurance. W. W. Berry barber shop, owned by Geo. W. Morris, total loss. Ranch Saloon owned by A. J. Swearingen loss, \$8,000. No insurance. Mrs. Ben Keenon, restaurant, loss \$200. George Kirkland loss on building occupied by Mrs. Keenon \$500. R. W. Hill, butcher shop, loss about \$150. A. N. Galey, loss on building occupied by Mr. Hill \$200. J. F. Cannaday, boot and shoe shop, total loss. Mrs. James restaurant, loss \$300. A. N. Galey, fancy groceries, loss \$300. George S. Allison loss on building occupied by J. F. Cannaday, Mrs. James and A. N. Galey, \$4,000. Blacksmith shop owned by G. S. Allison, loss \$200 on building and \$300 in stock. San Angelo Telephone and other fixtures, \$150. A. A. DeBerry estate loss on residence \$600. John I Word, loss on household goods \$200.

The DeBerry residence which was occupied by Mr. Word was situated 800 yards south of the burning block and was set on fire by flying embers blown there either by the high north wind or sent flying through the air by the explosion of some coal oil tanks in the Mayfield building. This explosion was terrific, and when it occurred; many of the firemen and bystanders were thrown to the ground, and window glasses for blocks around were shattered to pieces.

All the glasses in the Sutton County Court House were broken, and the glass fronts in some of the buildings across the street, including that of E. F. Vander Stucken Co. were blown in.

The boys made a noble fight to save the block, but fate was against them. The fire was under such headway when the first alarm was given, and the wind was blowing so hard, that no company in the state could have checked the flames any sooner.

A number of citizens were slightly injured in the fight, among them T. D. Newell, proprietor of Sonora Water Works, who was struck and knocked down with a ladder carried by an enthusiastic fireman. Guy Yankee who was also thrown to the ground, received a severe cut over his eye, most issue

It was 8:30 yesterday morning, when the fight was finished and the fire boys withdrew for breakfast, having battled fiercely for 3 hours against the flames. One wall of the First National Bank and the vault on the inside of it were the only survivors on the block.

The block will be rebuilt of

decided on that within 30 minutes after the fire. The First National Bank will erect a beautiful stone building on the corner where the Mayfield Store stood. The San Angelo Telephone Co. secured an office immediately after the fire, in the E. F. Vander Stucken Co. establishment, and were able to resume business without interruption. E. R. Jackson, president of the First National Bank, was in San Angelo yesterday morning, when the news of the fire reached here. He immediately telephoned to officials of the bank and learned that the vault passed through the flames intact. Mr. Jackson said that business will be resumed within 3 days. Devil's River News, September

20, 1902

Died at the Decker Hotel, Sono-Texas, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1902, James W. Keene, aged 35 years. The direct cause of his death was pneumonia and congestion of the stomach brought on by exposure and injuries received on the morning of the fire, Friday, Sept. 12. The departed leaves two children, a wife from whom he was recently divorced in Sonora, his mother and sister and brother at Bonham to mourn his loss. Jim Keene was popular with a large number of friends who sincerely mourn his untimely death

Note: When you factor in all the damage to surrounding buildings, smoke damage to stock in the stores and the interior of the courthouse, this fire would total well over the \$100,000 figure.

"How Sutton County Helped Win World War II" Part I, September 1, 1939 - April 2, 1943 is the latest Sutton County Historical Society publication. This book includes stories on rationing, victory gardens, Red Cross work, scrap collecting, draft boards, servicemen's letter home, etc., taken from the Devil's River News of that time. You may obtain a copy at the Devil's River News, Al Elliott's office or Westerman Drug for \$20. Take a walk down memory lane, see what your grandparents did during the war or find out what your friends were doing when you were off at school. This is an excellent book on local involvement in WWII.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, drop them off at the Devil's River News office or give me a call at 915-387-2855. You may also e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net.

If you haven't paid your dues yet please send to Al Elliott or stop by his office and pay them. Without your support we cannot pay insur-



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Bobbie Smith Recognized For

Bobbie Smith receives congratulations for her 31 years of serv-

Submitted

The County and District Clerk's Association recognized Mrs. Bobbie Smith on October 13, 2000, in Bandera, Texas. Bobbie was the recipient of a beautiful plaque for her 31 years of distinguished service to Sutton County. Bobbie worked as a Deputy Clerk for about 21 years and was appointed as County and District Clerk by the Commissioners' Court on January 1, 1990. She was re-elected and served as Clerk until her retirement on December 31, 1999.

Mrs. Genevieve Crenwelge traveled with her to Bandera. Bobbie was an invited guest to the Clerk's area meeting where she was recognized and thanked for all her years of service. Many of the surrounding Clerks and Deputies were in attendance and she received a warm reception with many best wishes. Bobbie was treated to a lovely lunch at the Flying W Ranch.

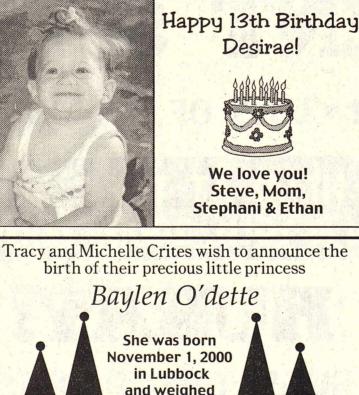


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ance, do building upkeep and continue to record the history of Sutton



1902 Main Street fire. Photo by O.H. Palmer

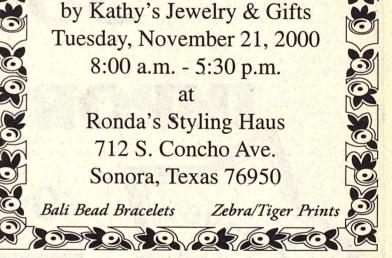


 November 1, 2000 in Lubbock and weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20" long.

 Baylen was met by loving Grandparents, John and Vickie Barker, Tracy and Jeannene Crites, Aunts and Uncles, Kenny and Casey Henderson, Carla Crites and Caleb Barker, very special cousins, Kaitlyn and Hannah Henderson, Ross and Ryder Crites.

Great Grandparents are Ruth Hester of Ozona,

John and Lavon Reinner and Ann Barker all of Friona.



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Some things are staying the same

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Same excellent service!

Same caring excellent staff!

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

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Sutton County Public Library New **Books List**

Sandra Brown - Switch, Elizabeth Berg - Open House, Richard Evans -Carousel, Joy Fielding- The First Time, Fern Michaels - What You Wish For, Debbie Macomber -Return to Promise, Mary Jo Putney -China Bride, Rosamunde Pilcher - Winter Solstice, Ann Perry - Slaves of Obsession, Karen Roberts

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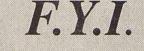
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FOR RESERVATIONS

Flower Boy, Kathy Reichs - Deadly Decisions, Ann Rice - Merrick, Nancy Taylor Rosenberg - Buried Evidence, Anne Rivers Siddons -Nora, Nora, Katherine Stone -Island of Dreams, John Sandford-Devil's Code, Dick Francis - Shattered, Colleen McCullough - Morgan's Run, David Baldacci - Wish You Well, Janette Oke - Beyond the Gathering Storm, Candance Bushnell - Four Blondes



The 4th grade Webelos Den meeting scheduled for November 20th has been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Peppermint Ball has been rescheduled for December 22, 2000.

PIPs will meet at their regualr time on Tuesday, November 21.

Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 19, 2000 at the Civic Center. Senior Citizens eat FREE! Everyone is Welcome- Donations Accepted. For more information contact Mike Villanueva with the Knights of Columbus at 387-5300. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free Excellent Customer Service seminar. This seminar will discuss the importance of excellent customer service for the success of any business. The seminar will be conducted on Tuesday, November 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at ASU in the Rassman Building Conference Room. To register or for more information, please call the ASU*SBDC at 942-2098.

The new Sutton County book on World War II is now available at Westerman Drug, the DRN office, and Al Elliott's office. Proceeds go to the New Historical Society Archival Storage Facility.

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Happy Birthday

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November 17

Desirae Boldt, Diane Reiner, Jenny Sue Trainer November 18

Cadesman Pope, Lindsey Bowers, Melinda Herrera, Cody Perez, **Curtis Howard**

November 19

Vel Cole, Jessie Kerbow, John Moore, Tom Ramon, Felicia Rivera, Caitlin Garza, Melissa Teaff, Ponciano Castillo, Sr. November 20

Bianca Fay, Santos Duran, Brandon Lock, Lourdes Capuchina, Chelsea Martinez, Christine Gonzales

November 21

David Boggs, Steve Bolt, Manuel Hernandez, Amy Patton, Brian Payton, Jeffery Surber, Janet Smith, Owen Friess November 22

Roland Solis, Jacklyn DeCordova

"Libb's Trail" to Open in Amarillo

The Wildcat Bluff Nature Center in Amarillo, Texas is planning a walking trail for 2 1/2 acres of land behind the visitor center. The trail is to be called "Libb's Trail",

The trail is being named after Libb Wallace, son of Will and Peggy Wallace of Blanco and grandson of Nell Wallace of Sonora. Libb was 7 years old when he was tragically killed in an accident in 1994.

A friend of the Wallace family, who prefers to remain anonymous, has donated \$20,000 to kick off the project. The trail is being named in memory of Libb because he was such a lover of nature and outdoors.

This trail will give people a chance to view native plants and learn about the geography of the area.

Who'sWho Among Teachers

Submitted

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics...Their former students, in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, or The National Dean's List, publications which recognize 5% of our nation's high school and college students respectively. Paul Krouse, publisher of Who's Who Among America's Teachers said, "there is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students."

The students were requested to Don Sessom.

nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level. One student wrote about her teacher saying, "she made education something pleasurable, instead of a dreadful ordeal by letting me spread my wings and showing me the best way to fly.'

Local educators honored in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000 include:

Nancy Brockman, John Creek, Cody Eoff, Edward Favila, Dale Heath, Bruce Hirt and-

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Broncos In Training

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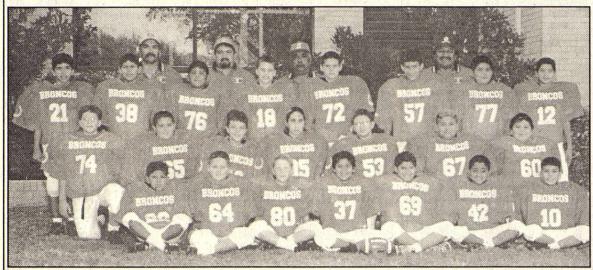
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The Sonora Bronco YMCA Heavyweight and PeeWee football teams ended their seasons on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2000. This was a wonderful learning experience for our "Broncos in Training" and all that were a part of the groups agree that it was a good time.

A big thank you goes out to the YMCA, the coaches, the parents, and the local sponsors; Schlumberger, The First National Bank, Creek Oilfield Company, and Multi-Chem. Without the help that was received from everyone, the season could not have been so successful.

2000 Bronco Heavyweights



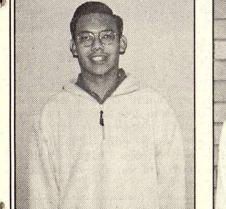
Front row: (left to right) Mario Coronado, Randy Galindo, Hunter Lawson, Jacob Ibarra, Nicholas Pena, Cody Perez, Riley Sanchez. Second row: Aaron Nitsch, Marco Jimenez, Justin Zuniga, Bianca Sepeda, JT Downing, Zadrian McGee, Adrian Segura. Third row: Jose Casillas, Pedro Gloria, Mikey Sanchez, Evan Gulley, Dustin Duhon, Alonzo Pena, Alex Perez, Robert Guerra. Coaches: George Sanchez, Jerry Jimenez, Juan Jimenez, Joe Casillas.

2000 Bronco PeeWees



Front row: Will Anderson, Caleb Gonzales, Christie Perez, Jovi Carrillo, Skeeter Gentry, Chacho Mesa. Second row: Uvaldo Ramos, Dustin Neff, Christian Lujan, John Duke Hudson, MacKenzie Hirt, Michael Stephens, Paul Faz. Third row: Brady Welch, Tyler Creek, Mario Lira, Kooper Liverman, Andy Galindo, Alberto Tovar, Derek VanWinkle, Cash Jennings. Coaches: Bruce Hirt, John Creek, Larry Jennings.

Band Students of the Week





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shadow of their own goal posts. Passes to Riley Crain and Matt Torres as well as a twenty-seven yard run by William Renfro would advance the ball deep into Eagle territory at the Eldorado nineteen. A short pass to Cole Cearley and short runs by Renfro and Fields would move the ball to the Eagle seven. After playing for over sixteen minutes, the Broncos were finally able to notch the score board on the next play. Bryce Williams rolling to his right on the play action pass would find a diving Sean Fields in the corner of the endzone for the Broncos first tally. Drilling the extra point thru the uprights, Javier Gayton would give the Red Hosses a seven point advantage. Broncos 7 - Eagles 0. With seven minutes and forty-

six seconds left in the second quarter, the Eldorado Eagles began to answer the Bronco score on their next possession. Runs by Bullard, Espinosa, Covarrubiaz and a long pass play from Johnny Herrera to Ramon Barajas moved the football to the Bronco eight yard line. At the eight, Herrera went to the airways once again. This time Bronco safety, James Elliott intercepted his second pass of the evening at the Bronco three yard line thus thwarting the Eagle scoring opportunity. Taking over the football at their own ten yard line, the Red Hosses began a. three minute twenty-eight second ninety yard scoring drive. Quarterback, Bryce Williams, not only used his receivers (Cearley and Renfro), but he took advantage of the Eagle rush to run the quarterback draw and the option play to gain thirtyone yards on two carries. This helped in moving the football to the Eldorado thirty-one yard line. At the thirty-one, William Renfro would take the pitch from Williams and behind excellent lead blocks by Fields, Williams and Dustin Patino would get to the outside. Not being concerned with the slippery surface, Renfro would make several excellent cuts and outrace the Eagle defenders for the Broncos second tally of the game. Gayton remaining true to form would split the uprights for the Broncos fourteenth point. Sonora 14 - Eldorado 0. On the ensuing kick-off, Eagle speedster, Joey Bullard, would take the kick at his own five and race to the Bronco fifteen where Bronco cover man Shane Mathews would save the touchdown by dragging him down from behind.

Having forty-nine seconds left

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in the quarter to work with, the Eagles would try four straight pass plays to try and reach the end-zone. A tremendous rush led by Thomas Bloodworth and excellent secondary coverage by Nick Lozano, Danny Solis, and James Elliott would force the Eagles to turn the ball over on downs. With only eleven seconds left in the half, the Broncos would be satisfied with taking a fourteen point advantage to the locker room.

Sonora Broncos 14 - Eldorado Eagles 0

The second half began with the Eagles receiving the kick-off. Eldorado's offense met with possibly the best half of defensive football that the Broncos have played all year. Forcing the Eagles to punt after three downs and only three positive yards of offense. Sonora's first possession of the second half ended before it could get started. On the first play from scrimmage, a blitzing defensive lineman disrupted the hand off from Williams to Fields with Isaac Saldivar recovering the loose pigskin at the Bronco thirtyfour. Once again, the Eagles were met with a ferocious Bronco defensive attack, that would only allow five positive yards on four plays. After taking over on downs, the Bronco offense would take possession on their own twenty-nine.

Eldorado's defense not wanting to be out done began to limit the Broncos to minimal yardage on the ground. Advantage Broncos; a team may stop the Red Hosses in one area, but with the arsenal of weapons that Coach Herring has to choose from, it is very difficult to shut them completely down. Going back to the air; Bryce Williams connected up with James Elliott and Sean Fields to move the football into Eagle territory at the Eldorado twelve. After runs of four and six yards by Williams and Renfro respectively; the Broncos would have a first and goal at the two yard line. Williams going back to the play action passing game, would take the snap and roll to his left. When it looked as if Williams was going to have to throw the football out of bounds, his tight end Stetson Hall would break free in the corner of the end-zone for the two yard touchdown toss. The Broncos twenty-first point was added by Javier Gayton to give the Broncos a 21 to 0 advantage over the Eagles at the five minute and sixteen second mark of So - ALL ABOARD! the third quarter. For the remainder As the BRONCO EXPRESS leaves of the third quarter and all of the fourth quarter, both teams turned up the defensive heat. The Broncos

would commit three turnovers during the remainder of the game. One proving costly; as the Red Hosses were at the Eagle one yard line, Bryce Williams would lose the handle on the slippery pigskin while attempting to score.

The turnover bug would also bite the Eagles as they would suffer their third interception of the game when Matt Torres would intercept an errant Eagle pass. The other two miscues for the Broncos were in the form of pass interceptions, with Benji Gonzalez and Joey Bullard of the Eagles both intercepting passes.

Due to the miscues and by both teams having very aggressive defenses; neither of the offenses could generate a scoring drive in the last seventeen and a half minutes of the ball game.

For the Broncos there are several players who need to be noted for their efforts; not only in this game, but also in the previous nine. Shane Mathews, Byron Williams, Nathan Longoria, Ricky Lumbreras, Jason Moore, Scottie Moore, Chris Weingart, Jerimy Brown, Adam Mendez, Ryan Hardgrave, and Ed Mayfield. These young men give everything they have four days a week to get the Broncos ready to play on Friday night; and without them, the successes of the Broncos would not be possible. A great debt of gratitude is to be given to these young men. Thank You for a job well done.

Final Score: Sonora 21 Eldorado 0

CONGRATULATIONS **BRONCOS** -2000

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!!! All aboard the Bronco Express

for their next stop! The Broncos will travel to San Angelo to face the Reagan County Owls on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeview Stadium. This Bi-District match-up will be a rematch from the season opener, in which the Broncos won by a score of 35 to 0.

However; it has been ten weeks and the beleaguered Owls have shown definite signs of being a better team than they were early in the year. This game also starts a new season in which there is no next week if you should stumble and be beaten. However; the Broncos have a goal in place and their focus has been tremendous all season. This week should be no different.

the station for its first of five stops.

GOOD LUCK BRONCOS! BEAT REAGAN COUNTY !!!

yards. Lopez gained 20 yards on bulled his way over the left side of aided by great blocking by Brandon West, Wilson Wallace, Snodgrass, and Everett. Lopez scored the last Bronco touchdown on a 34 yard draw play. The two point conversion failed making the final score 44 On the Eagles' next possession, they were kept from scoring by Bronco defenders Peter Duran, Seth Prather, Michael Ramos, Snodgrass, Cade, Everett, and Mata. The Broncos took over on the Eagle 48. Wilson Wallace was sprung for a 30 yard run by a crushing block by Everett. However the drive stalled. The Eagles had one more series and attempted to throw long. Chris Martin intercepted their last pass on the final play of the game and the season Congratulations to the JV Broncos for their 10 - 0 season!

Benefits, we've got <u>ALL</u> the bells & whistles

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Joe Flores

Sponsored By:

Seth Prather

The High School band member of the week for last week was Joe Flores. Joe is an excellent clarinet player, is learning to play saxophone, and is the Senior Drum Major for the Mighty Bronco Band.

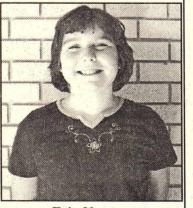
This week's High School band member of the week is Seth Prather. His great tuba playing is an asset to the band, and he has an excellent attitude.

Last week's Junior High band member of the week was Allison Higdon. She plays alto sax for the 8th grade band and will perform with the High School band during the playoffs.

The Junior High band member of the week for this week is Erin Newton. Erin plays saxophone in the 7th grade band and will also be performing with the High School band during the playoffs.

We would like to thank Dairy Queen for sponsoring the band member of the week.

Allison Higdon



Erin Newton

back on a holding penalty. Yocham launched a long pass to Brockman who was unable to catch it. Another holding penalty backed the Broncos to the Eagles' 48 yard line. It was now 3rd and a bunch. Most teams don't have plays designed for 3rd and a bunch. Yocham dropped back to pass, calmly backed up a few more steps, Lopez slipped through the line unnoticed, caught Yocham's screen pass and took off for a 48 yard catch and run to the end zone. Rodriguez ran the full back sweep into the end zone for the two point conversion making the score 30-0.

Snodgrass kicked off deep to the Eagle five yard line. Brockman came flying down the field and tackled the Eagle return man in his tracks. The Eagles failed to move the ball and punted. Lopez caught the ball on their 28 yard line. He ran the sweep for nine yards. Seth Prather caught a pass for nine yards and Yocham ran for a first down. Rodriguez ran three consecutive plays with the last one off right tackle for the score. Shaun Ramos

the pitch; however, it was called the line for the two point conversion. The defense played tough again on the next Eagle possession. Oscar Chavez, Luis Segura, Devon Yearout, Wylie Wagoner, Dustin Martin, and Lopez all made hard-hitting tackles. Yocham playing defensive back stopped this Eagle drive by intercepting their quarterback's errant pass. At the end of the half, the score was 38-0 and the Eagles had not made a single first down.

On the first Eagle drive of the second half, Jared Parks recovered an Eldorado fumble. Then, the Broncos returned the favor by losing a fumble. The Eagles were able to make three first downs on their next possession, but tackles by Shane Benson, Matt Glasscock, R. C. Mata, J. E. Carillo, Cade, and Ramos stopped the drive. The Broncos took over with Dustin Martin and Ramos grinding the ball down the field

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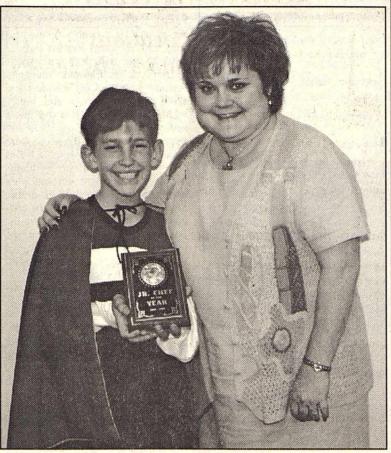


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ADOPT-A-PET 2 1/2 year old female, tri-color **Border Collie needs** a good home! **Excellent disposition.** Sonora Animal Hospital 387-2481 Sponsored <u>I</u> by: Taco Grill invites everyone to join them for Thanksgiving Lunch Nov. 23, 2000 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Our Buffet** will include... Turkey and Dressing, Baked Chicken, Honey Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Yams, Homemade Rolls and Cranberry Sauce. Desserts will include Pecan, Pumpkin, and Lemon Pies. Pumpkin Roll, Fruit Salad and Fruit Pizza. FOR ONLY \$7.95 Seniors and Kids under 10 ... \$6.95 Call Maria to make reservations. If you can't join us call and we will deliver...387-9127

Jr. Chefs Cook Up A Good Time Fire from page 1



Colton Moore was chosen as Jr. Chef of the Year. Staff photo

0, dan Miller.

On Monday, October 30, 2000, the 4-H Junior Chef Contest was held at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. This event was sponsored by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Sixteen of Sonora's finest Junior Chefs participated.

In the Dessert Category, the following participants made a wonderful assortment of delicious sweets! Alex Steves - Chocolate Spiders; Elle Newton - Apple Cake; Erin Newton - Apple Strudel; Steely Ingham - Witchy Cupcakes; Allison Freeman -Apple Pie; Colton Moore - Candy Bar Burnt Sugar Cake; Jordan Miller - Frozen Vanilla Crunch; Sara Gillit - No Bake Bars; Rose Karnes-Pumpkin Pecan Bars; Kallie Humphrey - German Chocolate Cake; and Alex Galindo - Thanksgiving Cake.

Special awards given were: Best Presentation - Kallie Humphrey, Best Chocolate - Alex Steves, Best Family Recipe - Erin Newton, Best Knowledge - Allison Freeman, Best No Bake - Sara Gillit, and the Most Unique - Jor-

In the Meat Category, participants were Emily Newton - South of the Border, Thia McKissack -Stuffed Shrimp, Jordan Miller -Roast Beef, and Tissie Wagoner -Jack's Beef Stroganoff. First place was awarded to Tissie Wagoner, and Second place went to Emily Newton. Special award for Best Main Dish went to Thia McKissack.

In the Vegetable Category, participants were Kaija Valkonen - Vegetable Southwest (First Place), and Stella Ingham- Puppy Pear Salad (Second Place). Special awards in this category were Heart Healthy recipe to Stella Ingham and Best Holiday Dish to Kaija Valkonen.

The Overall Junior Chef for the contest was Colton Moore. This event raised \$621.00 all of which benefits the Sutton County 4-H Project Work. Congratulations to all of these young ladies and gentlemen for their hard work and participation in this contest.

water monitoring as the clean up continues, as regulated by the Texas

Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Archer stated that the analytical work on the debris in the area should be completed this week, at which time it will be sent for proper disposal. Soil testing in the area is expected to be complete in the next

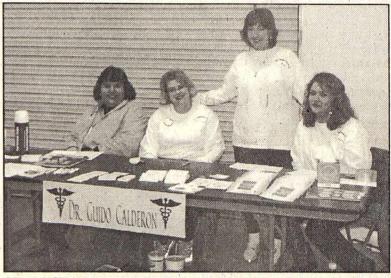
week or two. "All that was found thus far in the testing has been long-chain alcohol solvents that are water and oil soluble and are very common in the oil field." said Archer. He also said that having the best equipment on site, to run the mandatory tests, allowed for faster clean up. location have been classified as a Class 2 Salt Water Disposal Level, with approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Railroad Commission and TNRCC.

Multi-Chem is currently back in temporary operations for Sutton, Crockett, and surrounding areas that are serviced by this location. They plan to continue previous negotiations to build a larger location outside of town.

Archer said that the kindness and support from the community has been overwhelming. "The main goal now" stated Archer "is to complete the clean up and get on with business."

Due to low levels of concentration of alcohol, the liquids at the

Snowy Weather Hinders Health Fair



Noemi Samaniego of the Texas Department of Health and Dr. Calderon's crew, Shanna, Kim and Juanita, were working to inform the public at the 2000 Health Fair. Staff photo

Snowy weather conditions kept much of Sonora homebound on Thursday, but the Sutton County Health Fair 2000 went on anyway.

Representatives from the Doctor's offices of Sonora, the hospital, the Texas Department of Health, the American Cancer Society, Sonora Animal Hospital, the D.A.R.E program, the EMS and more were on hand to give out information to the brave citizens that fared the weather and attended the fair.

Cholesterol Screening, Blood Sugar Checks, and Complete Blood Counts were done. Safety Kids Demonstrations were also given.

A BBQ lunch was provided by Dee Ora Masonic Lodge and door prizes were donated by local merchants.



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- Don't switch anything electrical on or off. Don't strike a match or do anything that could cause a spark. Even telephones use a small amount of electricity that may produce a spark.
- 2 Leave your home immediately, leaving a door open to help ventilate. Do not stop to use the phone.
- ③ Go to a nearby phone and call TXU Electric & Gas at 1-800-817-8090. We'll send a truck right away, but until we do, don't go back into your home.

The nose knows. If you smell gas, call 1-800-817-8090.



The Sonora Middle School Student Council sponsored a Student Council versus SMS Faculty softball game to raise funds for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The student council were split into 4 groups and each played against the 1 smaller group of faculty. Tshirts, caps, and sodas were given away through a raffle. All these items were donated by Coca-Cola Bottling of San Angelo. The final score was Student Council 7 and Faculty 10.

Sonora Main Street Program Goes to Historic Preservation Convention



Ann Kay, Vivian Miears and Jim Kay attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation Convention in Los Angeles, California.

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Vivian Miears from the Sonora Main Street Advisory Board and Ann Kay, Main Street Coordinator, traveled to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Los Angeles, California on October 31, 2000. The Sonora Main Street Program was invited to share Sonora's historical downtown area and the 307 Oak Street Project, which is soon to be the Sutton County Historical Research Center.

It was predicted that there would be 2500 people at the conference from all over the U.S.A.

There were "Three-Minute Success stories from: Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana whose topic was "Prescriptions for Success" by Mark Dollase. "Saving the West Side" by Tyler Gearhart from Preservation Maryland William Pencek, Baltimore Heritage, Inc. "The Land & Community Heritage Investment Program" by Jennifer Goodman & Alice DeS- ouza from The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. "Kaniakapupu" by David Scott from Historic Hawaii Foundation, and "Sutton County Historical Research Center" by Mary Ann Kay, from the Sonora Main Street Program in Sonora, Texas.

During the presentation, slides were shown of "before and after" of the Mercantile Building, Main Street Realty, The Cauthorn Memorial Building (the Depot), the Miers Home Museum, the Sutton County Courthouse, the public restrooms, and the Sutton County Research Center (307 Oak Street).

Ann Kay said "it was a magnificent honor to represent Sutton County and the Sonora Main Street Program at the National Preservation Conference 2000 in Los Angeles. We were the only speakers that represented Texas and the Southern portion of the United States. The Devil's River News • Thursday, November 16, 2000

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thousands of absentee and overseas ballots to be counted across the nation, which could easily go to either Vice President Gore or Gov-Pernor Bush, making them the victor in both the popular and electoral vote counts.

Because it has been such a hot topic of conversation, I thought you would be interested in some of the details and "what ifs" that could take place. Some even involve my job as your representative. By sharing this information with you, I hope to create a clearer picture of what the Framers of our Constitution had in mind when they set up the election system over 200 years ago and also why it has been so successful for so many years. The Electoral College is the foundation and single criterion used to determine the President of the United States. The Constitution provides that "each State shall appoint...Electors," who make up the College. The Electoral College vote insures not only that a president wins the popular vote in each state

with each state casting a single vote. This would mean that Texas would get one vote for president as would Delaware and Florida and Ohio and so on. This has only happened once in our nation's history.

In the 1824 presidential election, John Quincy Adams was elected president by the House of Repre

various local leaders. They toured ag-related sites of interest on Wednesday, including Cameron County Irrigation District #9, the sugar mill in Santa Rosa, Rio Farms in Monte Alto, and J&D Produce and the Edinburg Citrus Association in Edinburg. A dinner and reception was held in their honor at Quinta Mazatlan in McAllen.

development. To date, 162 Texans have com-

pleted the extensive training program. The current TALL VII class began its two-year program in July and includes Javier Moreno of Edinburg and David Drews of McAllen.

Moreno is owner/manager of La Negra Cattle Company, producers of purebred Red Brahman and Simbrah cattle. Drews is district sales and marketing manager of Asgrow Vegetable Seeds.

Luncheon



Landon Brockman and Jalys Mabry were awarded the highest honor in 4-H - The Gold Star pin.

4-H Gold Star Luncheon on Saturday, October 21 at the Uvalde Country Club. Mrs. Marga Lopez-Baker, Manager of Community Services gave the welcome at the luncheon. Approximately 36 4-H members from District 10 were honored with the Gold Star Pin. The Gold Star recognition is the highest honor that a 4-H member can receive. The Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service administers the 4-H program for thousands of youth throughout the state. Pictured above at the Gold Star Presentation are Sutton County 4-H members, Landon Brockman, son of Bob and Nancy Brockman and Jalys Mabry, daughter of Randy and Annette Mabry.

A Historical Column of What Ifs...



U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R -Texas



sentatives. If this were to be necessary this time, the House of Representatives would have to meet between January 6th and January 20th, 2001 to determine the next president of the United States.

As you can see our Founding Fathers were concerned about more than just the popular vote. They established a system that took into account small and largely populated areas alike. They were also thorough, considering the different scenarios. As Americans, we should be proud that the "changing of the guard" in our country doesn't bring bloodshed and doesn't cast doubt.

If there is a lesson to be learned from this year's presidential election, I would have to refer to the old adage, "Every vote counts."

On Thursday, the group departed for Monterrey where they toured a meat packing plant, a tractor implement factory and a brewery.

"An evening reception provided an opportunity for Mexican leaders and class participants to interact and develop communication for future relations," said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, coordinator for the TALL program.

Activities on Friday included visits to a Monterrey produce terminal and HEB's Mexican grocery distribution system.

Future on-site tours and seminars will take the group to Russia, Poland, Washington, D.C., New York, Austin, the Texas Panhandle,

The theme of TALL's Valley/Mexico tour is "Dealing With Change," and is designed to provide class members insight into various issues including NAFTA, changing markets, water, new business strategies, labor, imports, citrus, vegetables, and immigration. To apply for membership in future classes, or for information on how to support TALL, visit the website at http://taex-tall.tamu.edu/, or contact Mazurkiewicz at Texas A&M in College Station at (979) 845-1554.

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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers or ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.



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Concho Valley Council of Governments. Now accepting applications for Executive Director. For an application and job description contact Norma Cummings at (915) 944-9666, P.O. Box 60050, San Angelo, Texas 76906. Beginning salary \$60,000 depending on experience. Application deadline: November 27th at 5:00 p.m. The Concho Valley Council of Governments is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted: Maid needed at Twin Oaks Motel. Apply in person at 907 N. Crockett. No telephone calls please.

Help Wanted: Taco Grill needs dishwashers and waitress for evening shift. Apply in person at 232 Hwy. 277 N. Talk to Maria.

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A Fleetwood Homes of Texas, Inc., Festival Limited mobile Home, Serial No. TXFLT12A51892FD11. Label No. RAD0918179, located in the J & V Trailer Park, Space 70A, in the town of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale;

subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the

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