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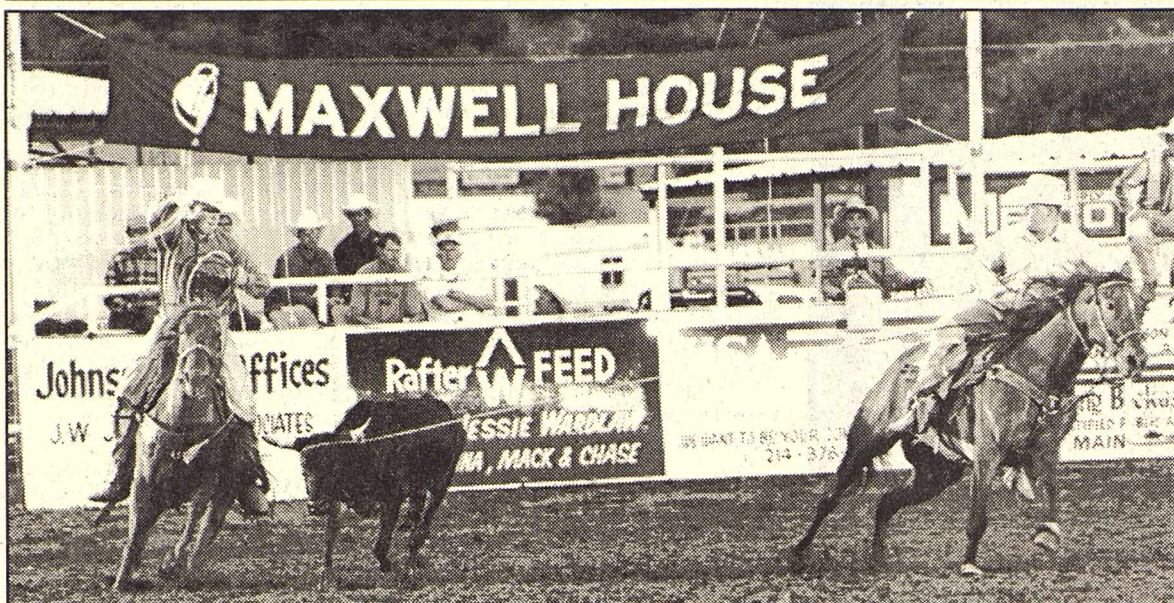
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Team Ropers, Thomas Schenkel of Sonora and Ryan Bean of Ozona rope under the Maxwell House sign at the 28th Annual Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Photo by David Jennings

Sutton County Days Makes Memories

The dust has cleared at the Sutton County arena and the Sutton County Park, but the memories will last for a long time.

Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages, from all over the United States competed for the gold buckles and the added money at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. Bad Company Rodeo brought to town some of the best livestock and entertained crowds Wednesday through Saturday.

On Friday night, Gunter Pennington took first prize in the Mutton Bustin' to start the night off right.

Then on Saturday night, the new Miss Sutton County was crowned before the main grandstand crowd. Heather Lawson was second runner up, and Shalayne Hobbs was named first runner up. Both girls will receive a \$250 dollar scholarship to the college of their choice. Shalayne will also receive a hand made silver medallion, donated by Lee Silver Co.

The new Miss Sutton County for 2001 is Tori Valliant. Tori will receive a \$500 scholarship, a tiara donated by Tedford Jewelry, and a hand made bracelet donated by Lee Silver Co. She will go on to represent Sutton County at many functions in town and in surrounding counties.

In the Outlaw Team Roping Challenge, Hayes Worthington and Sterling Price were first with a 43.65 on 4 steers. Worthington and Cole Wadesworth were second and Mike Rabenaldt and Cliff Davis were third.

The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo was just one of the events held during Sutton County Days.

The Sutton County Days Fun Run and 5-K run got everyone off to an early start Saturday morning. Everyone was a winner this year, with all ages being represented.

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| Division I | |
| Boys: | |
| 1. Phillip Stephens | 6:55.09 |
| 2. Stefan Ortiz | 7:11.14 |
| 3. Clayton Parks | 7:14.78 |
| 4. Garrett Smith | 7:16.97 |
| 5. Jacob Lipham | 7:50.77 |
| 6. Fabian Guzman | 8:09.15 |
| 7. Blake Esparza | 8:18.05 |
| 8. Tanner Esparza | 8:28.64 |
| 9. Stephen Bedwell | 9:28.01 |
| 10. Tanner Myers | 10:22.10 |
| 11. Jesse Amador | 11:37.70 |
| 12. Logan Jenkins | 12:15.10 |
| Girls: | |
| 1. Kash McGee | 8:23.48 |
| 2. Stephanie Hulsey | 8:26.64 |
| 3. Jennifer Vandivere | 8:44.10 |
| 4. Madison Myers | 8:44.78 |
| 5. Baylee Jenkins | 9:21.01 |
| 6. Kelsey Favila | 9:24.34 |
| 7. Abby Creek | 9:29.01 |



Little Sutton County Royalty, from left to right: J.D. Garcia, Garrett Sharp, Dustin Holmes, Sydney Burnham, Kaci Lewis and Crosby Liverman.

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| 8. Tiffany Vandivere | 11:40.64 |
| Division II | |
| Boys: | |
| 1. Clayton Sahr | 5:28.06 |
| 2. Dustin Neff | 6:02.54 |
| 3. Colton Moore | 4:15.15 |
| 4. Michael Stephens | 6:47.38 |
| 5. Tyler Creek | 7:08.20 |
| 6. Cash Jennings | 8:37.26 |
| Girls: | |
| 1. Bethany Berry | 5:53.07 |
| 2. Jessica Snyder | 6:43.09 |
| 3. Alyssa Favila | 7:35.26 |
| Division III | |
| Boys: | |
| 1. Nick Favela | 24:57 |
| 2. Embre Smith | 26:14 |
| 3. C.D. Lipham | 29:39 |
| Girls: | |
| 1. Mandy Brister | 26:21 |
| 2. Alexie Ortiz | 27:53 |
| Division IV | |
| Boys: | |
| 1. John Hicks | 21.03 |
| Girls: | |
| 1. Jessica Baker | 36.10 |
| Division V | |
| Boys: | |
| 1. Juan Perez | 25:09 |
| 2. Jason Donaldson | 25.10 |
| 3. Bob Miller | 31.30 |
| Girls: | |
| 1. Janice Jenkins | 21.13 |
| 2. Trish Lee | 21.38 |
| 3. Debra Favela | 34.45 |

The annual Sutton County Days Parade followed the run, with a great turn-out. The Sonora Bronco Band was awarded first prize in the Organization/Group category, with the Class of 1981 winning second. Louis Dreyfus won the Float Category, with the Devil's River Dancers winning second. The San Angelo Sheriff's Posse was awarded the Out of Town Best of Show award and the Grand Prize went to Multi-Chem, with Pack 19 of the Cub Scouts. The Little Miss and Mr. Sutton County contest was held on the

main stage following the parade. The second runner-up Little Miss was Kasey Blake Lewis; first runner-up was Crosby Liverman and the new Little Miss Sutton County is 3-year-old Sydney Rhea Burnham. The second runner-up Little Mr. was J.D. Garcia; the first runner-up was Garrett Sharp and the new Little Mr. Sutton County is four year old Dustin Holmes. Mingo Saldivar, Border Trash, Souls Afire and Manuel Campos entertained afternoon crowds with a variety of music and fun. Shoppers were treated to a vast array of crafts, clothes and items of all sorts to choose from.

Saturday afternoon, Chelsey Lou Campbell and Kallie Humphrey took the first prize honors at the Sutton County Days Talent Show. The girls recited a poem entitled "Cow Attack" by Baxter Black. Erin Newton was second, singing and playing the saxophone. Washer Pitching, horseshoes,



Miss Sutton County 2001, Tori Valliant

bed races, a dunking booth and the P.T.A. fishing tank kept kids of all ages busy throughout the day.

Sutton County Days also did everyone a favor by bringing a little rain to the area. Showers slowed some down, but didn't stop anyone from having a good time.

Plans are already underway for next year, which is sure to be even bigger and better than this year.



"...and they're off!!!" Fun Run and 5K Racers take off in front of the Courthouse.

New Laws Take Effect

Each year during the legislative sessions, laws are updated and new laws are adopted. The following is a summary of several changes that might be of interest to the public. These summaries were provided to the Sonora Municipal Court by the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. If you wish to get more information on the completed list of changes and updates, you may visit their web site on the internet at www.tmcce.com.

"Open Container" Law HB 5 Effective Date: September 1, 2001

Creates the new offense of Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle (Penal Code, Sec. 49.031). A person commits an offense if the person knowingly possesses and open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle that is located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked. Possession of one or more open containers constitutes a single offense. It is an exception that at the time of the offense the defendant was a passenger in certain designated areas. The offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Under certain conditions, the statute specifically requires peace officers to issue a written citation and a notice to appear in lieu of taking the defendant before a magistrate.

Interference with Police Service Animal HB 280 Effective Date: September 1, 2001

Creates Section 38.151 of the Penal Code. It provides that a person commits an offense if the person acts to abuse or harm a police service animal. It is a Class C misdemeanor to taunt, torment, or strike a police service animal. It is a Class B misdemeanor to throw an object at a police animal. Interference or obstruction of the animal is a Class A misdemeanor. Injury or attempted injury of a police animal is a state jail felony. Killing or attempting to kill a police animal is a third degree felony.

Graduated Driver's License (Drivers Under Age 18) SB 577 Effective Date: January 1, 2002

Modifies current law to incorporate components of the graduated driver licensing system into the current provisions for driver's licenses. Amends Section 521.204 of the Transportation Code to prohibit the Department of Public Safety from issuing a Class A, B, or C driver's license other than a hardship license to an applicant under 18 years of age unless the applicant has held an instruction permit or hardship license for at least six months preceding the date of the application.

A licensed driver who is at least 21 years old (increased from 18) must accompany a driver with an instruction permit operating a motor vehicle on a highway.

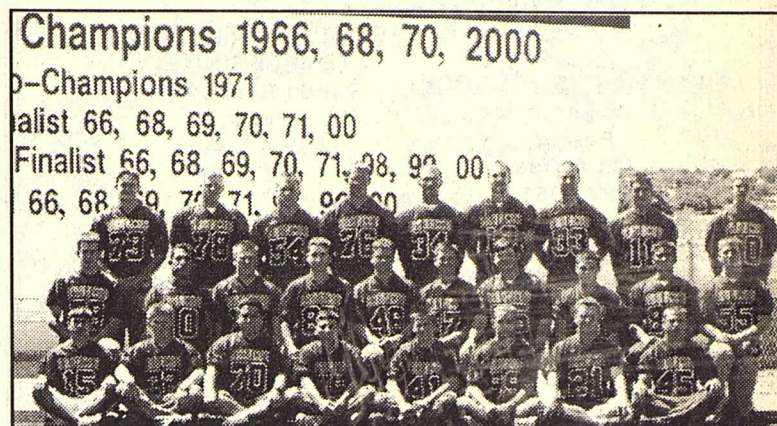
Creates Section 545.424 of the Transportation Code, prohibiting a person less than 18 years of age during the six-month period following issuance of an original driver's license from operating a motor vehicle after midnight and before 5 a.m. unless operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment (including work on a family-owned farm), school, or because of a medical emergency. Nor may the person operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger in the vehicle under 21 years of age who is not a family member.

A person under 17 years of age who holds a restricted motorcycle license or moped license, during the six-month period following the issuance of an original motorcycle license or moped license to the person, may not operate a motorcycle or moped after midnight and before 5 a.m. unless the person is in sight of the person's parent or guardian, or the operation of the vehicle is necessary for the operator to attend or participate in employment or a school-related activity or because of a medical emergency.

These new restrictions do not apply to the holder of a hardship license or to a motorist with a qualified adult companion.

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Broncos Kick-Off 2001 Season



Champions 1966, 68, 70, 2000
Co-Champions 1971
Finalist 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 00
66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 00

School Board Sets Superintendent's Goals

submitted
The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001.

Present for the meeting were: Tryon Fields, President, Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Scott Jacoby, Tom Payton, Brant Myers, Superintendent, Rex Ann Friess, Diane Jacoby and Cynthia Keel.

After being called to order, Board member Tammy Favila stated that the minutes of July 9, 2001 contained a typographical error regarding the word "turnover". Board members unanimously approved the amended minutes of July 9 and the minutes of July 26, 2001 as presented after a motion by Scott Jacoby and a second by Tammy Favila.

Chief Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess, stated that 98.7% of the current levy had been collected.

Superintendent Myers gave information regarding the implementation of new finance software which is a requisition/purchase order program providing a good system of checks and balances regarding purchases along with making personnel accountable for spending.

Mr. Myers stated that the new school year had started smoothly and that he was very optimistic about projected enrollment figures along with the rise in values. Myers also informed the Board that he anticipated there would be 2-3 vacancies in the auxiliary staff (Elementary Library Aide, Special Education Aide, and a mid-year aide vacancy at High School).

The Superintendent presented information regarding energy deregulation, stating that the district would have to begin bidding out the district electricity. He then asked the Business Manager for her comments regarding the new finance software and a general discussion about the program was held.

The Business Manager stated that due to complications with the computer, she had been unable to process all bills and therefore, the check list was considerably smaller. Board members unanimously approved current bills in the amount of \$97,781.08 after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Tammy Favila.

Myers reviewed the proposed budget for 2001-2002, stating that it was his opinion that it was a good, solid document. Additionally, Mr. Myers expressed his appreciation to all office personnel for their work in getting the budget prepared.

A motion was made by Jesse Bustamante, seconded by Tom Payton, to adopt the proposed official estimated budget for 2001-2002. The motion carried unanimously.

Myers gave information regarding the proposed tax rate of \$1.41046 for 2001-2002. The Board President stated that the tax rate would provide a slight comfort level in light of the Superintendent's vigilance regarding spending.

A motion was made by Tom Payton to adopt the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2001-2002. The motion was seconded by Jesse Bustamante and carried unanimously.

President Fields reviewed the revised Superintendent's Goals for 2001-2002 and they are as follows:

1. a district wide attendance rate of 97.5%;
2. a district wide 5% reduction in energy consumption;

3. helping establish Sonora ISD as an Exemplary District;

4. effectively managing the budget and finances for the district;

5. perform duties that will allow Sonora ISD and the community of Sonora to pass a bond election.

Although not officially a part of the goals, board members Jesse Bustamante and Tom Payton expressed their desire for the district to pursue hiring more hispanic teachers.

Following further discussion, the Superintendent's Goals for 2001-2002 were unanimously adopted after a motion by Tammy Favila and a second by Jesse Bustamante.

Superintendent Myers reviewed the revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and stated that member Scott Jacoby had requested that the Superintendent also be tied to the Code of Conduct. Following discussion of that area, the Board also requested a change to the wording of item VI, section A as follows:

"The summative evaluation will generally be conducted bi-annually in the last third of each semester."

Board members unanimously approved the revised SOP's after a motion by Tom Payton and a second by Dayton Armke.

Myers informed the Board that the district must give the state a decision regarding insurance by September 1; however, the insurance co-op will not meet until August 23. Therefore, Myers requested that the Board give him the authority to make a determination regarding the insurance. The Board unanimously approved this request after a motion was made by Dayton Armke, seconded by Tammy Favila.

Myers distributed information from Pfluger and Associates regarding preliminary numbers involved in one part of the renovation project - the food service area at the Middle School. He also stated that he, along with members of the Facilities Committee, would be attending various community group meetings in order to explain the bond issues.

Myers continued his remarks by stating that a video regarding the project had been made by teacher, Kristen Keel and was being shown that night at the Middle School parent meeting. He encouraged Board members to view the video and stated that he would be utilizing it along with the story boards made by the administrative staff when he gave his presentations.

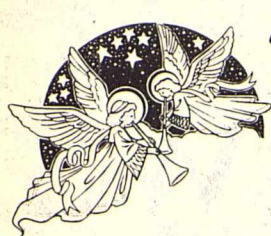
The Superintendent concluded his remarks by saying that the bond election would be called at the August special meeting, at which time Bob Henderson, the district's investment advisor, would present pamphlets publicizing the bond issue.

Board members unanimously voted to employ Rick Fisher of Fisher & Newsome as the district's bond attorney. The motion was made by Scott Jacoby and seconded by Tammy Favila.

After a discussion of the upcoming TASB Convention in Dallas, President Tryon Fields volunteered to be the district's official delegate.

The Superintendent reviewed the revised redistricting plan which had been adopted by the Sutton County Commissioners Court. A motion was made by Jesse

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Sonora Church Directory

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN

Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH

Don Longoria, Pastor
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED

Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father William DuBuisson,
O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

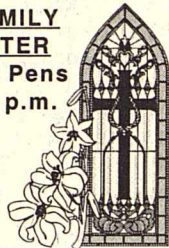
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-5207

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER

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387-2035

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304 N. Water
387-3190

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

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

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

Wedding



Roe - Neely

Suzanne Elizabeth Roe of Las Vegas, Nevada and Edwin Sawyer Neely of San Antonio, Texas were married August 4, 2001 at Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas with Bishop William Frey officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barum of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mr. Allan Roe of Kansas City, Missouri. The bridegroom is the son of Preston and Sarah Neely of San Antonio, Texas. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Al Bryant of Mt. Dora, Florida, and Marge Barum and the late William Barum of Cincinnati, Ohio. The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Lura Sawyer and the late Edwin Sawyer of Sonora, Texas, and the great-grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Sawyer of Sonora, Texas and Seboeis, Maine. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neely and the late Frances Neely of Lindale, Texas.

Maid of Honor was sister of the bride, Allison Barum of Las Vegas, Nevada. Bridesmaids were Erin Webb and Ann Vaznonis of Chicago, Illinois, Sandy Davis of Mcungie, Pennsylvania, Allison Brown of Los Angeles, California, and Carrie Neely of Dallas, Texas, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Rebecca Rahn of Lake Forest, California.

Best man was brother of the groom, Joe Neely of San Antonio, Texas. Groomsmen were Bill Barum of Las Vegas, Nevada, John Jones of Sonora, Texas, Todd Bowie of Clifton Park, New York, and David Prill of Hermosa Beach, California. Ushers were Gene Davis of Dallas, Texas, Brad Giering of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Amir Jaibaji of Austin, Texas.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Edgewater High School in Orlando, Florida, a 1999 graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, and is currently a Juris Doctor candidate at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Blair Academy in Blairstown, New Jersey, a 1999 graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and is currently a Juris Doctor candidate at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Following a reception at Club Giraud, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. The couple will reside in Washington, D.C., where they will be attending law school.

Obituaries

John M. Rabon

John M. Rabon, 78, passed away into a better life on Saturday, August 18, 2001, at his residence. Services were held on Tuesday, August 21, at First Baptist Church with burial in East Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

He was born September 5, 1923, in Millersview to Jake S. Rabon and Leola Dillard Rabon, one of 10 children. He graduated from Doole High School in 1942. He served three and a half years in the U.S. Army during World War II and was with the U.S. Air Force Reserve in Sonora for four years.

He married Dorothy Hunt on January 13, 1945, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was stationed. They were married for 56 and a half years. He worked and managed grocery stores in Eden, Sonora, San Angelo, McCamey and Fort Stockton, and later worked for Gibson's Discount Store in Fort Stockton until it burned; then worked at Circle G Farm and Ranch Supply.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy; one daughter, Jeanie Hendricks and husband W.B., of San

Angelo; one son, John L. Rabon and wife, Cindy, of Seguin; two grandsons, John D. Rabon and wife, Suzanne, of Austin and James D. Rabon and wife, Sharrah, of Temple; one granddaughter, Tamara McAfee of Houston; two brothers, Ray F. Rabon and wife, Sue, of Eden and Bill J. Rabon of Buellean, Calif.; one sister, Dessie Rainwater of Madison, Alabama; and several nieces and nephews; plus good friends everywhere.

He became a Christian at an early age and joined a Baptist church. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Fort Stockton for many years, and served in many capacities. He felt honored to be elected a church deacon in 1964. He was also a member of various service organizations, including Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Panther Booster Club and Masonic Lodge 1022. He was a loyal Dallas Cowboy fan.

He was a good man and will be missed so much, but he will have no pain, only glory! He loved his family, his friends and his church. He was as faithful to all of them as he could be.

Carol Jean Jones Bundy

Carol Jean Jones Bundy, 53, of Hico died Friday, Aug. 17 in Hico.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of Hico with Mike Fritsher officiating. Burial will be in Hico Cemetery under the direction of Rutledge Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bundy was born March 15, 1948, in Fort Sill, OK. She had lived in Hico since 1995 and was a homemaker and businesswoman.

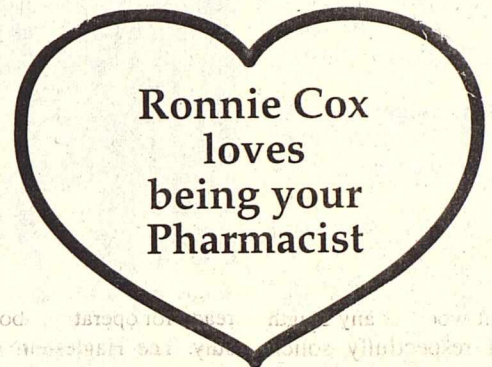
She was married to Stanton Schofield Bundy III on Nov. 25, 1977, in San Antonio. She was a graduate of John Marshall High School in San Antonio before attending San Antonio College and the University of Texas at Austin.

She was a key partner of Legends Imports, a retail import business in Hico. She was a member of Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Nicole Lucile Bundy of Hico; a son, Stanton Schofield Bundy IV of Hico; her mother, Velma Jones of San Antonio; a brother, Wayne Jones of San Antonio; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Pallbearers will be Donald "Mack" Malmsten, Mike Epley, Don Jones, Paul Ake, Jody Littleton and Bob Catlett.

Memorials may be made to charity of choice.



Life is like a play; it's not the length,

but the excellence of the acting that matters.

—Seneca

School Lunch Menu • Aug. 27 - Aug. 31

Breakfast

Mon. - Waffles, syrup, juice, fruit.
Tues. - Biscuits & Sausage, fruit, juice.
Wed. - Muffins, fruit, juice.
Thurs. - Grilled cheese, fruit, juice.
Fri. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Hot dog on a bun, French fries, apple.
Tues. - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, jello with fruit.
Wed. - Tossed salad, chicken fajita burrito, refried beans, mixed fruit.
Thurs. - Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, pudding.
Fri. - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato slices, pickles, apple crisp.

Snack Bar Menu

Monday & Thursday: Chicken Strip Plate with gravy
Tuesday: Steakfinger Plate with gravy
Wednesday: Fish Plate
Friday: Burger Day - Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chicken burger.

Cost per plates:
Students \$1.75
Adults \$2.25

Offered everyday: Burrito plate, corn dog plate, burgers, chef salads on flour shell, pizza pockets, nachos, chicken & cheese crisps, mozzarella cheese sticks (all plates include French fries, tator tots, salad & milk, all plates will be a reimbursable meal. (a la carte cannot use tickets)

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Dining Out Directory

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

Lighthouse Baptist Church

Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett

Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Senior Center News

Aug. 27 - Bingo!
Aug. 28 - Exercise with video! 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!
Aug. 31 - Ice Cream Social. Join us for ice cream and cake as we close the summer right before Labor Day! Noon.

Senior Menu

Aug. 27 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler.
Aug. 28 - Hot dogs on bun with chili & cheese, candied sweet potato, pineapple waldorf, brownie.
Aug. 29 - Oven fried chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, jello with fruit, parfait.
Aug. 30 - BBQ on bun, baked French fries, baby carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping.
Aug. 31 - Soft tacos with cheese, pinto beans, tortillas, corn, lettuce, tomato, fresh fruit cup, cantaloupe.

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

Menu is subject to change.

Community

August 27
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

Sept. 10
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar



Member FDIC
207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

Calendar

Sept. 17
Sonora Schools P.T.A.
6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium
Sept. 18
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. - City Hall

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Didn't you once mention that the Half Century Club met in Sonora?

A. Sonora Sun, Thursday, June 5, 1902 - YOU ARE INVITED - The Half Century, or Old Men's Club is going to give an old time Pic-Nic at Leifeste's Grove, four miles east of Sonora on Saturday, June 21st, 1902. Messrs. M. B. Atkinson, Joe Glasscock, committee on grounds selected the site for the picnic.

It is to be a basket picnic; everybody is invited to attend, and bring a basket. All candidates are cordially invited and they are not barred from bringing two baskets, if they want to do so. The following named gentlemen will have charge of the arrangements and see that all who attend will have a good time: P. Hurst, W. J. Owens, B. F. Bellows. "The proof of the pudding is the eating of it," and the only way you can enjoy an Old Fashion Pic-nic, is to attend one; sit down on the ground and partake of the good things on the "Spread" as your ancestors did in olden times. Now, the Old Boys of the Half Century Club, want to show the children of this generation how their ancestors enjoyed pic-nics in their days.

In order that the young people may not be disappointed arrangements have been made for an up-to-date baseball game between two nines of this day and generation; after the game of ball is over, there will be speaking by Messrs S. C. Tayloe, Jas. Cornell and W. A. Anderson; music by the celebrated Blind Band.

Now if you want to have a good time, don't forget the day and date Saturday, June 21st, 1902. By order of the Committee you are invited to attend.

Note: The Half Century Club was organized in Sonora, January 1, 1902 and dissolved March 19, 1915.

If anyone knows the names of any of the people in this picture please give us a call or drop a line. Thanks.

Other items of interest in this issue were: R. C. Humphrey and M. D. Barheld have opened a Wood Yard at the Traweek building in Sonora; they can supply you with sawed and split wood of any length and size and respectfully solicit

your order.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell and baby, Mrs. Virginia Miers, and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Woodruff, made a little excursion into the country last Sunday; Theo is an expert with a gun and killed quite a number of doves on the trip. We met Mr. B. M. Halbert out at his ranch; he informed us that he saw a white deer out in his pasture about two weeks ago; he wants to get that deer on account of the madstone.

Henry Decker, Coleman Whitfield, Jim Keene and Lon Reynolds went out for a short excursion last Sunday; they took their guns with them and killed doves; the boys will please accept our thanks for a nice mess of birds.

Bob Martin was in town the first of this week; he says that his little boy has been suffering recently from a cancer of big toe; the toe was amputated at the first joint and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

Ed Grimland and family and W. B. Keesee and family went out to the Allison ranch last Sunday to spend the day; after partaking of a "kid" for dinner, W. B. wanted to round up a whole flock of goats and drive them to town to show what good eating is.

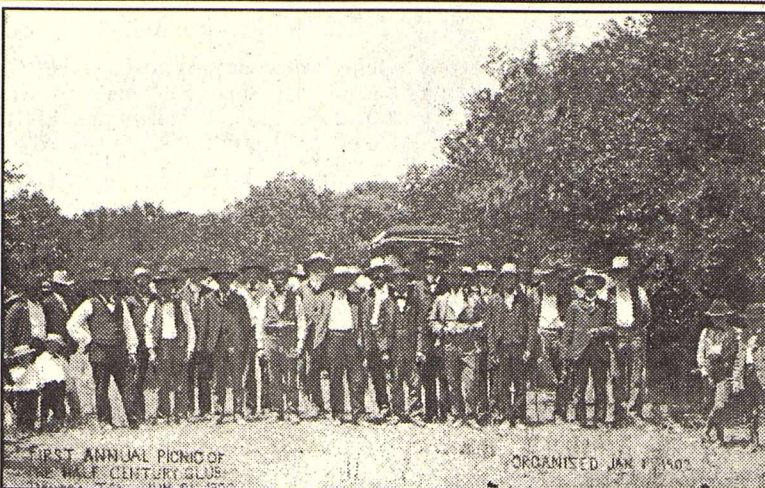
Frank Sparks, proprietor of the Bank Saloon, left for Del Rio Sunday on a visit to his wife and son. He will bring them home with him.

Bob Ogle, charged with killing his brother, was tried for insanity before the county court and the jury returned a verdict of "Non Compos Mentus"....Rocksprings Rustler.

B. F. Bellows and his assistants are busily engaged this week in putting a new roof on the E. F. Vanderstucken store.

The Grand shirt sleeve and empire ball given at the courthouse last Friday night was the finest ball of all the season. Ozona, Rocksprings, Eldorado, and the surrounding county turned out in full force. Everything passed off nicely and all in attendance had a remarkable good time.

G. W. Morris returned home last Saturday; when he reached San Angelo he decided to give his order for an Automobile to Chris and Geo. Haglestein. The machine will be ready for operation about the 15th of July. The Haglestein Brothers will



O. H. Palmer picture. Picture was taken by June 21, 1902. Occasion was a basket picnic and baseball game. The picture was taken at Leifeste's Grove, 4 miles east of Sonora.

have an automobile in San Angelo this week and they are going to make a run to Ozona, to Sonora, to show our people how the machine works. The Sun hopes that the machine will prove a success. Mr. Morris thinks that the road from Sonora to San Angelo can be made a good road at small expense. He will put a team and hands on the road to work the same; the different counties on the line have promised him assistance in the work, and the road, after being graded and ditched in some places will be easily kept in repair except in rainy season.

J. J. and Ely Kuykendall, the tank builders were in town this week; J. J. claimed that he was electioneering for the county judge but some of the boys say he was setting his cap for some pretty widow.

The following are candidates for office: County Judge; R. C. Dawson, D. B. Woodruff, J. O. Rountree, Sheriff and Tax-Collector; Henry V. Sharp, Sam Merck, W. D. Thomason. District and County Clerk; S. H. Stokes and T. A. Cahill. Tax Assessor; George J. Trainer and R. H. (Bob) Martin. Treasurer; Theo Savell and D. H. Burroughs. Note the following were elected to serve: R. C. Dawson, County Judge; J. L. Davis, Sheriff and Tax Collector; S. H. Stokes, County and District Clerk. County Commissioners were R. F. Halbert, A. T. Word, H. Theirs, and E. L. Martin. Note: It was interesting to see that J. L. Davis was not running at the start of the electoral race but won the office. E. S. Briant and J. L.

Davis, Henry V. Sharp and W. D. Thomason were all in on the capture of Will Carver in April of 1902.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855. All monetary donations or dues should be addressed attention Al Elliott, Treasurer. Please don't forget your dues payment, it is time to pay insurance on all the buildings again. A reminder, all donations of items for the Miers Home Museum Complex and the Old Jail Museum, or the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot) which are maintained by the Sutton County Historical Society, should be given to one of the officers, who are Al Elliott, Treasurer; Eddie Sawyer, President; Kelly Owen, Treasurer and Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary. In this way they can be properly received and entered in the files and a receipt issued to you for your donation.

If you would like to book a tour of the museums and grounds or rent the Cauthorn Memorial Building, contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855. Thank you!

Miles Cotton Festival To Be September 8th

Submitted by Jo-Ann Palmer
Fun, Fun, Fun is the word for the Annual Miles Cotton Festival to be held on Saturday, September 8th in Miles, Texas.

The All-Day Activities include a brisket, pork rib and bean cook-off with over \$1,000.00 given away in prize money; a parade, breakfast, arts and crafts, children's games and washer pitching. Entertainment all day long, a noon meal in our historic Opera House, barbecue supper, tug of war, queen's contest and to round out the activities a boot-scootin' under the stars street dance with music by Nashville Recording Artist Waylon Pierce.
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Police Reports

August 11, 2001 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 1900 block of Tayloe in reference to an assault. Upon arrival Officer contacted complainant. Complainant advised that someone known to her had assaulted her. Complainant was undecided about filing charges.

August 12, 2001 - Burglary of Auto - Officer was contacted by a complainant wishing to report a theft. Complainant advised that someone known to him had entered his vehicle without consent taking some items from his vehicle. Investigation continues.

August 15, 2001 - Fugitive from Justice - Officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Crockett Ave. in reference to a fight. After further investigation Juan Manuel Ruan from Odessa, TX was arrested on a warrant out of Ector County for Probation Violation.

August 15, 2001 - Public Intoxication - Officer was dispatched to the 600 block of Crockett

Ave. in reference to a fight. Upon arrival Officer made contact with individuals involved. After further investigation Sergio C. Corral of Odessa, TX and John A. Rodriguez of Odessa, TX were both arrested for Public Intoxication.

August 16, 2001 - Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle - Officer received a call in reference to a 1994 Ford Thunderbird being stolen from his residence, a search for the vehicle led to its discovery approximately two miles South on Bond Road.

August 17, 2001 - Burglary of Building - Officer received a call to the Sonora Golf Pro Shop in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival Officer met with complainants. Complainants advised that several items had been taken from their golf sheds. It was unknown who might have burglarized the sheds. Investigation continues.

August 18, 2001 - Incident-

Officers were dispatched to the Stadium Trailer Park in reference to a loud party. Upon arrival Officer's located several minors to be in possession of alcohol. Several other minors were not apprehended when Officers arrived at the location. The minors were from Sonora, Menard and Rocksprings. All apprehended were issued MIP citations.

August 18, 2001 - Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of St. Ann's in reference to an assault. Upon arrival Officer contacted complainants. Complainants advised that both had been assaulted by someone known to them and wished to file charges.

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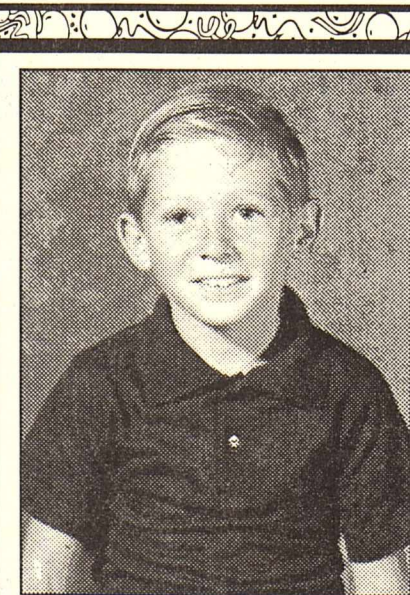
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City of Sonora Employee of the Month

Fernando Ibarra was chosen by the employees of the City of Sonora as the "Employee of the Month" for July. Fernando has been employed with the City since February 28, 2000 as a Customer Serviceman. He acquired his Class D Water Works Operator certification in July of 2001 and is currently working to obtain a Class C license. Fernando, his wife Alice, and children, Alyssa - 14, Jacob - 12, and Leonard - 6 have lived in Sonora since 1989. Fernando states that he has really enjoyed working with the City of Sonora family and has learned a lot about the water system. He would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the employees that voted for him and he is very proud to be the employee of the month.



Ainsworth and Sims Receive TILF Scholarships

Christopher Cody Ainsworth and Cameron James Sims, both graduates of Sonora High School, have been awarded scholarships by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. Ainsworth received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$6,000 payable \$1500 each semester of the first two years. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 76 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Sims placed second in 'Accounting at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL Mathematics, Number Sense, Baseball, Basketball, and Football throughout his high school career. He was National Honor Society President and was involved in Math & Science Club and FFA. He was Valedictorian of his graduating class and was named to the 1st Team Academic All-State Football Team. Ainsworth plans to attend Texas A&M University - College Station and major in electrical engineering. Sims also plans to attend Texas A&M University -College Station, where he will major in engineering.

\$1,334,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas. Ainsworth competed in Computer Applications at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet. He also competed in UIL Computer Science, Accounting, Number Sense, Band, Cross-Country and Track throughout high school. He was a member of National Honor Society, Math & Science Club, and Peer Assistance Leadership, and was named an All-American Scholar. He was active in the community through Boy Scouts and Relay for Life. Sims placed second in 'Accounting at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL Mathematics, Number Sense, Baseball, Basketball, and Football throughout his high school career. He was National Honor Society President and was involved in Math & Science Club and FFA. He was Valedictorian of his graduating class and was named to the 1st Team Academic All-State Football Team. Ainsworth plans to attend Texas A&M University - College Station and major in electrical engineering. Sims also plans to attend Texas A&M University -College Station, where he will major in engineering.

F.Y.I.

The Sonora City League meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex of the First National Bank Annex Building. This will be an organizational meeting for 2001-2002 Little Dribblers and Little League. Anyone wanting to coach, referee, or help in anyway is invited to attend. New officers and board members will be elected.

Season Football tickets are available now at the Administration Office through September 14th.

School pictures for Pre-K - 11th graders and all administration, faculty and staff of Sonora Independent School District will be on Tuesday, September 4th. Students will receive order forms on their campus. Please make all checks payable to Blunck's. Please DO NOT SEND CASH for orders. If you have any questions, please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315.

The 2001 yearbooks have arrived. If you have not picked yours up, please come to the high school. If you wish to purchase one, the cost is \$35. Call the number above for more information.

The Cauthorn Memorial (Depot) Building is available for rent for weddings and parties. We no longer have any chairs or tables in the building; you will have to rent these separately from another source or supply your own. To reserve a date and make your security deposit please contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855.

Tours are available of the Old Jail, Miers Home Museum and Cauthorn Memorial Building by appointment only. To book a tour contact Jo-Ann Palmer at 915-387-2855.

Watch the mail for your ballot supporting extended area service between San Angelo and Sonora. Ballots will be mailed the week of August 15, 2001 and must be returned by August 29, 2001. Every vote counts, so please VOTE!

The Texas Chapter LST/Amphibious Association is looking for all amphibious personnel for reunions. The next reunion will be held in Kerrville, Texas October 18 - 20, 2001 at the Best Western Sunday House Inn. Contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948.

Santa Rita Days will be August 25, 2001 at the Reagan County Park & Gazebo in Big Lake, Texas, featuring Johnny Rodriguez for a concert & dance in the park. FMI call 884-2980 or 650-0960.

The Big Lake Bluegrass Festival, a Bluegrass Reunion will be held September 7-9, 2001 at the Big Lake Community Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Gore Brothers, Star Canyon, Concho Grass, Big Sandy, Hickory Hill, and Texas Country. Admission Friday at 6:00 p.m. - \$6, Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. - \$10, Weekend Pass - \$15, Sunday Gospel Show - FREE. FMI call 915/884-3650 or 884-3396.

The Arts and Crafts Guild will hold their Annual Arts & Crafts Fair on November 10, 2001 at the Fair Park Convention Center at the fairgrounds (old 290 east). Any interested craft person should contact T.K. O'Bryant, 915-392-3557 or Box 141. For applications: Sandra Ramon, Box 1835, Ozona, Texas 76943, 915-392-2346. The hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may set up tables and backdrops Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. There will not be security in the building this year, so other set up time is 6 a.m. Booth prices are \$30 - \$50, depending on size. Sr. Citizens (age 55) get a 10% discount on booths.

Area Wide Worship

The Church of Christ of Sonora is inviting friends and neighbors of this community to come and enjoy an evening of spiritual fellowship at the Civic Center on Sunday, August 26th. At 5:30 p.m. the singing group, Koinos Adamah, of Odessa will sing. This group is made up of the Lonnie Hamill Family associated with the Sherwood congregation in Odessa. They have sung at many special occasions.

At 6:30 p.m. we will begin the evening worship. We have invited John Snider of Greenwood near Midland to be the guest speaker.

Steve Forehand of Uvalde will lead Singing. Both of these men do an excellent job. Due to the universal involvement in singing, we will be adding a few extra songs which will be very uplifting.

Following the worship assembly there will be sandwiches, chips and dips, and desserts for all to enjoy.

Also invited are about 25 area congregations. In fact, we expect there to be about 300 in attendance. The Church of Christ of Sonora would like to invite everyone to be a part of this very special occasion.

Sonora ISD Does Well On TAAS/State Accountability

Texas school districts' official accountability ratings came out on the 16th of August and the children and teachers of Sonora ISD fared very well. Overall the district rating was the same as last year - Recognized - but at a much closer glance, our students improved a great deal and the district was very close to becoming Exemplary. The individual campuses were rated as follows: Primary - Recognized; Intermediate - Recognized; Middle School - Exemplary; and High School - Recognized. The Middle School and the Intermediate School also received additional acknowledgments for attendance and the Middle School for campus comparable improvement in reading.

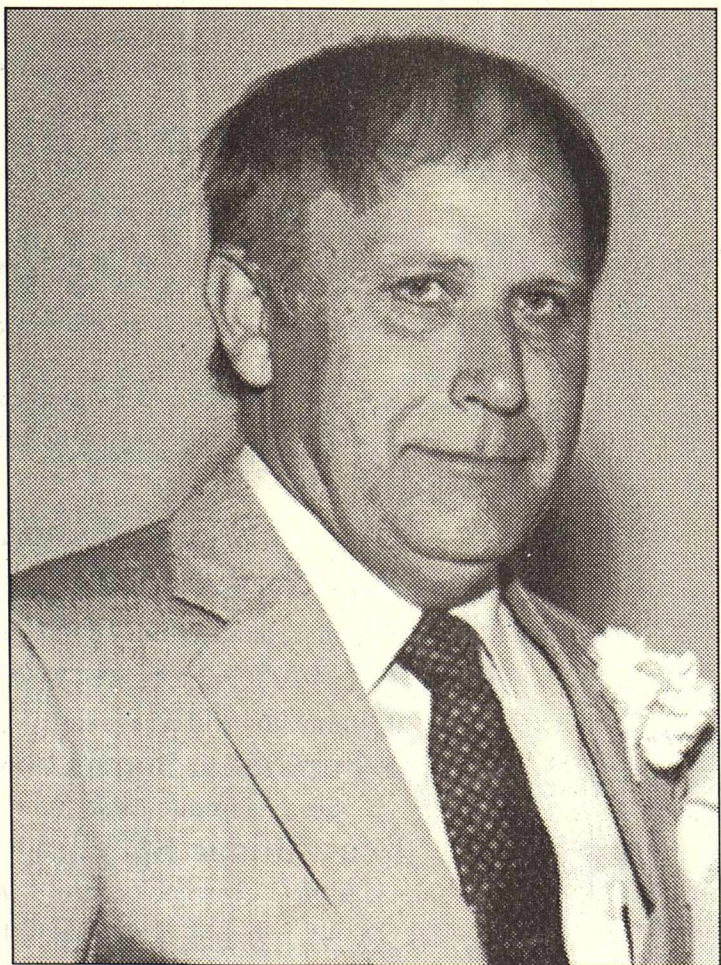
Sonora ISD student subgroup percentages for the TAAS were outstanding when compared to those same percentages from last year and statewide.

	Sonora ISD Spring 2001	Sonora ISD Spring 2000	Statewide Percentages
Reading			
All Students	90.2	89.3	88.9
Hispanic	87.7	85.1	82.5
White	93.9	94.9	95.1
Econ.	84.9	83.1	82.3
Disadvantaged			
Mathematics			
All Students	94.1	91.8	90.2
Hispanic	93.4	89.6	86.9
White	95.1	94.9	95.1
Econ.	93.4	90.8	85.3
Disadvantaged			
Writing			
All Students	95.5	90.1	87.9
Hispanic	93.5	85.3	83.0
White	98.4	96.1	92.9
Econ.	90.6	83.6	81.8
Disadvantaged			

The Administration at Sonora ISD would like to thank and congratulate our students and teachers for all the hard work put into this last year's results. At the same time, we challenge the students and teachers to become stronger, work harder, and do even better in the years to come. Great job!!!

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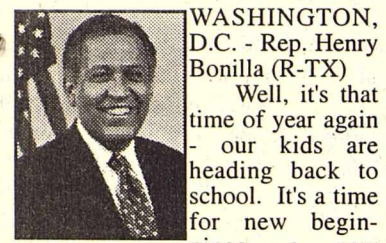
Broncos Kick Off 2001 Season

by Tryon Fields
Last Saturday, the 2001 Sonora Broncos opened the much awaited football season. The highly ranked 2A Broncos traveled to Ingram to hold their first of two controlled scrimmages against the 3A Warriors. The horsepower of the Broncos (and I mean race horse power, not diesel) proved too much for the Ingram squad. As the Broncos were able to tally 4 scores; while holding the Warriors to none. Coach Jason Herring and his staff took the field with what many would consider a very young and inexperienced team. Gone are the Seniors; who were the main stay of last years State Championship team; in their place a whole host of new faces. Only eleven returning letterman, with six of these being starters on last years team. Tradition means a lot to any competitive organization. Tradition along with the five extra games the Broncos played last year will go a long way in helping overcome the inexperience. On Saturday, the Broncos did not look like they had been out of a football uniform for eight months. Yeah.... a little ragged, rough around the

edges, but my hat is off to this bunch of Broncos that have some pretty Big shoes to fill. And Saturday..... this group of young men began to fill those shoes!
Offensively, the Broncos used eight or nine different running backs to carry the football. Of these, the yardage gained was fairly equally distributed between, William Renfro, Sean Fields, Dustin Martin, Juan Rodriguez, and Scottie Moore. With Chance Armke, Thomas Bloodworth, Brandon Adkins, and Imanuel Lopez also contributing positive yardage. The passing game which has taken on a new look this season; still features James Elliott; but with Coach Herring's spread offensive; be on the look out for Stetson Hall, Sean Fields, Juan Rodriguez, Imanuel Lopez, Dustin Martin, and Chance Armke just to name a few. The Ingram Warriors got a good dose of all the above mentioned names. As everyone was kept guessing as to who was going to get to touch the pigskin next. The Broncos scored twice on the ground with Sean Fields and William Renfro getting the honors. Scottie Moore connected with James Elliott

twice for the Red Hosses other two tallies.
Defensively, Coach Russell's Broncos kept up last years "Bend, but not Break" policy as they limited the Warriors to very little positive yardage. But; when Ingram would break a long gainer, the Broncos would step up and deny them the promised land. Thomas Bloodworth, Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, James Elliott, and Sean Fields led the Bronco charge in effectively shutting down the Warrior offense.
All in all..... this was a very good first outing for this years Mighty Broncos. Yes - they still have things to improve on and there will be times that the inexperience will show up. But with Tradition, Dedication, and Hard Work - Who is to say that the 2001 Sonora Broncos might not just put their names in the history books!
Tonight, Thursday, the Broncos will host Rocksprings in their second controlled scrimmage. The JV will kick things off at 5:00 p.m. with the Varsity starting about 6:30. So come on out and support the Broncos as they continue on the road to their ultimate goal.

NEW BEGINNINGS



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

Well, it's that time of year again - our kids are heading back to school. It's a time for new beginnings, a new school year, new grade levels, new teachers and new classrooms. Fresh from the long summer break, students all over Texas are trotting off to school once again to begin a new year of homework, studying and tests.

But students aren't the only ones marking a new beginning this school year. Parents, teachers and local communities all over the country are marking a new beginning as well. It's the beginning of the end of the federal one-size-fits-all approach to education.

Earlier this year, Congress passed the president's education plan. The "No Child Left Behind Act" is going to change the education of our children. By cutting the bureaucratic red tape, we're putting our nation's education system in the hands of educators, not political leaders in Washington, D.C.

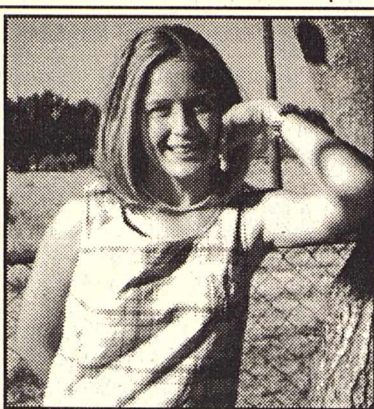
Our new approach is going to cut down on federal requirements and give schools more of the flexibility they need and deserve. First things first, we're making it possible for schools to reduce class size by hiring more teachers. This is simple math. The smaller the classroom, the more attention students receive and the better they do in school. And we're not just hiring more teachers, we're also giving schools the freedom to provide more professional development for teachers. The more knowledge our teachers possess, the more our children will receive.

The "No Child Left Behind

Act" is going to promote early reading skills and increase the focus on math and science education. Funds will be allocated for better math and science programs. We're also going to encourage schools to make their programs more rigorous to help children reach higher education goals. The new plan includes a performance-based grant program. This program is going to supply more funding to schools to increase literacy in technology. In other words: schools that need the most help will get the most help.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we're putting discretion in the hands of the schools. We're giving the schools the decision of how to spend federal funding. They can choose to spend more on development or they can make reducing class size a priority. Schools will make the decisions, not bureaucrats. This plan is not a one-size-fits-all approach. Of course we're looking at our public education system, but we're also including programs that will protect home schooling and make schools safer from gun violence. This is a comprehensive plan that is going to give the power to the schools, because as we all know: that's where it belongs.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, I'm proud that our new education initiative will begin the process of removing Washington from the education equation. Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible. Class dismissed.



Kearney Chosen as Who's Who

Kelly Kearney, a sophomore at Sonora High School, has been chosen for publication in the *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001*. Only 5% of the students from the nation's 24,000 high schools are honored in *Who's Who* each year.

Being chosen for *Who's Who* allows Kelly to be eligible to compete for one of 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each, which will be awarded this year. Over \$2,907,000 has been awarded through this program to date. Recent surveys indicate that 95% of responding colleges use the CRS, a reference service for college-bound *Who's Who* students, to recruit students for admissions.

Kelly is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Kearney. She has one sister, Kasey and she is a cheerleader at Sonora High School.

For All Your Bronco Highlights Don't Miss The Devil's River News! Submitted articles and pictures are greatly appreciated!

Happy Birthday

August 23
Sarah Blakely, Tino Dominguez, Haleigh Miller, Kevin Snyder, Coley Thompson, Miguel Vaquera, Blair Crain, Jason Edward Vitela II, Ulys Beard
August 24
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August 27
Clifton Lipham, Allison Higdon, Carl Johnson, Megan Fitzgerald, Lupe Duran, Erbey G. Moreno
August 28
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Broncos Scrimmage Ingram Warriors

by Nancy Glasscock
Last Saturday was a day die-hard Bronco fans have been waiting for since December 16th last year. The Sonora Broncos' football season was finally underway again - even if it was a scrimmage. The scrimmage was held at the Warriors' stadium with the Junior Varsity taking the field at 5 PM. The JV defense appeared ready to step up and fill the shoes of the players who moved up to Varsity. The Bronco defense held the Ingram JV team to one rushing touchdown. The Bronco offense scrambled and quickly struck for one rushing touchdown also. The final result was each team scoring one touchdown and no injuries on either side.

The Broncos stuffed the first run. The Bronco starters shut Ingram down and didn't allow their offense into the Red Zone. The Bronco offense with Scottie Moore under center consisted both of passing and option plays along with the tried and true sweep and off tackle plays. The Bronco offense scored four touchdowns evenly divided between passes and runs. The Varsity's final result was Sonora's four touchdowns to Ingram's two touchdowns. Probably just as important, no Bronco was injured during the scrimmage.
The next scrimmage is on Thursday at Bronco Stadium with the Junior Varsity taking the field at 6 PM followed by the Varsity at 7 PM. Come out to support the Mighty Broncos and sign up to join the Bronco Booster Club.

Sonora Chemical & Supply Dragster Wins Big at Nationals

August 1 2001, Bandimere Speedway Denver, Colorado.
The NHRA Jr. Dragster Western Conference Finals drew over 500 racers from as far away as Australia to compete for the title of National Champion.



Drag Racer, Stephanie Murray

On August 2, 2001 time trials began with Stephanie Murray driving the Sonora Chemical & Supply sponsored dragster. Stephanie set the pace with the best reaction time of the day with a .504 second reaction time. This record held till the first round of eliminations when she again set the pace with a perfect .500 second reaction time and a first round win. With 500+ cars she was the only one to achieve this and was presented with a trophy by the track owner. "When I got into the car I was so nervous I wanted to throw up, but when I finished and won the first round I wanted to cry" Stephanie said. On August 3, 2001 Stephanie was set and drove to five more wins as the field was reduced by half each race. During the quarterfinals, Stephanie had some engine problems but still managed a win and a trip to the semi-finals. With the engine back

together, Stephanie ran a great race, but ran 22 thousands of a second too fast and broke out of her dial-in. When asked about the loss, Stephanie said "We did not know if the engine would even start when we went to the starting line - that's drag racing". Out of 96 cars in Stephanie's age group, she finished third. With two trophies, a check for \$1000.00 and Third place in her age group at the Nationals, she will be smiling for a long time.



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 - Sept. 20 - Reagan County • There • 5:00/6:30
 - Sept. 27 - Winters • Home • 5:00/6:30
 - Oct. 4 - Open
 - Oct. 11 - Junction • Home • 5:00/6:30
 - Oct. 18 - Grape Creek • There • 5:00/6:30
 - Oct. 25 - Mason • Home • 5:00/6:30
 - Nov. 1 - Wall • There • 5:00/6:30
 - Nov. 8 - Eldorado • Home • 5:00/6:30
- JV Football**
- Aug. 23 - Rocksprings (Scrimmage) • Home • TBA
 - Aug. 30 - Reagan County • Home • 6:30
 - Sept. 6 - Ballinger • Home • 7:00
 - Sept. 13 - Brady • There • 7:00
 - Sept. 20 - Alpine • Home • 6:00
 - Sept. 27 - Winters • There • 6:30
 - Oct. 4 - Open
 - Oct. 11 - Junction • There • 6:30
 - Oct. 18 - Grape Creek • Home • 6:30
 - Oct. 25 - Mason • There • 6:30
 - Nov. 1 - Wall • Home • 6:30
 - Nov. 8 - Eldorado • There • 6:30

- Bronco Football**
- Aug. 23 - Rocksprings (Scrimmage) • Home • TBA
 - Aug. 31 - Reagan County • There • 8:00
 - Sept. 7 - Ballinger • There • 8:00
 - Sept. 14 - Brady • Home • 7:30
 - Sept. 21 - Alpine • There • 7:30
 - Sept. 28 - Winters (Homecoming) • Home • 8:00
 - Oct. 5 - Open
 - Oct. 12 - Junction • Home • 8:00
 - Oct. 19 - Grape Creek • There • 8:00
 - Oct. 26 - Mason • Home • 8:00
 - Nov. 2 - Wall • There • 8:00
 - Nov. 9 - Eldorado • Home • 8:00
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The First National Bank Parade Committee would like to express our appreciation to all of the parade contestants and entries who helped make the Sutton County Days parade such a great success.

A special "Thank You" to Police Chief Chris Croy, our local police officers, and Harold Martinez with the Texas Department of Transportation, for all their help and support. We are looking forward to next year's parade and hope it will be even bigger and better!

The Middle School Cheerleaders would like to say thank you to the Wardlaw Brothers for the use of their 18 wheel truck that was used in the Parade on Saturday for Sutton County Days. We also want to thank Lisa Karnes for gathering and decorating.

Thanks so much to Kendra Vylvlecka for a great 10 year High School reunion! Your planning, plus the help of other classmates living in Sonora, made a reunion to be remembered. Also, thanks to Vicky Wallace for the parade float and decorations, and to Bill and Judy Webster for Friday's party.

Class of '91 Out-of-towners

The Cub Scouts of Pack 19 had a great time at the Sutton County Days Parade on Saturday, August 18, 2001.

The Scouts decorated their float with hay bales, campfires, trees, a tent and even "WILD" animals! All the boys needed were the stars overhead to complete their campfire theme.

We would like to thank the scouts and their parents, along with all the leaders, for their help in decorating the float.

We would also like to extend our thanks to: Sonora Wool & Mohair-wool sacks, Rafter W-Coastal hay, Multi-Chem-Semi truck rig, balloons and streamers, Kingdom Transportation-Flat bed trailer, and Jesse Paredes for driving our float and our District Executive, Matt Vercher who brought all the banners from San Angelo.

We will be having our Cub Scout Rally on Monday, August 27 at the Jr. High Snack Bar at 6:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a Cub Scout and enjoying lots of outdoor fun, please come and join us. Be sure to bring your parents!

Los Jarritos Restaurant and Bar would like to thank everyone that came by during the Sutton County Days. We would also like to thank Los Temibles for coming on a short notice. We would also like to apologize for the other group that cancelled with three days notice. This shows poor management and disrespect to all Jarritos customers on this special day of celebration.

Los Jarritos and McGee Family

The Sonora High School Color Guard and Drum Majors would like to thank the following people for helping (or rather getting dunked) in our booth at Sutton County Days. Mr. Myers, Mr. Baucom, Mr. Berry, Miss Bell, Mr. Young, Mr. Martinez, Tabitha Ovalle, Cerissa Hedgecock, Mrs. Esparza and Lori Newton. A special thank you to Johnny Esparza for getting the dunking booth and setting it up for us and to Wayford Tyler for filling it up for us. To anyone we forgot, we apologize and thank you.

Thank you.
Missy Longoria, Savannah Hedgecock, Noemi Fay, Karri Wertz, Evangelina Martinez, Erica McClintock, Sarah Quiroz, Brittany Longoria and Morgan Hobbs

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the Miss Sutton County Queen contest. I appreciate you buying tickets from me and encouraging me over the last few months.

Thank you to the businesses that allowed me to wear their clothes and accessories at the Style Show and everyone that helped organize the event. Thank you also to everyone who came to the Style Show, it was a lot of fun.

Thank you to my sponsors, Sutton County Steakhouse and Stagecoach Grill and Cantina, and all the employees for all their help. I appreciate your efforts.

Thank you all very much,
Jalys Mabry

I would like to say thank you to all who supported me during my run for Miss Sutton Co. I would especially like to thank The Bank & Trust and Corner Drug for being great sponsors. Thanks to all my family and friends who supported me through it all. I would also like to thank Storie and Kim for all the time they gave to us and to Storie for all she taught us through the past few weeks. This was a great experience and I learned a tremendous amount. I believe even more now that Sonora is a great place to live. Thanks for the memories.

Heather Lawson

I would like to thank my sponsors. Fran Pennington from image and Mary Ann Kenney from Ol' Sonora Trading Company.

I'd also like to express my thanks to Storie Sharp for the time and dedication that she gave to all of the contestants during the weeks of preparation for the style-show, television, and radio interviews leading up to the rodeo.

To Pam Powers Haynes and the rest of the Sutton County Days Association members, a big "Thank You!" for presenting such a high quality rodeo. I attended several area rodeos during the weeks leading up to ours, and I can say without a doubt that the "Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo" is the best. It always brings us a little rain too! For that, we are truly thankful.

To my parents and grand-parents, my sister and brothers, aunts and uncles, my St. John's Episcopal Church family, the Multi-Chem bunch, Marla Percifull, the guys at the Powers' Farm and the people of Sutton County who encouraged and supported me (financially and emotionally), I really appreciate you opening your hearts and your pocketbooks. I couldn't have done it without your support!

Sincerely,
Tori Valliant, Miss Sutton County 2001

The Sutton County Days Fun Run and 5K Run was a winner in all books. The young and old alike showed up at 7:30 on Saturday morning, ready to run! All the money raised by the event will go to the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams.

Thanks to the following people for all the hard work and extra time they gave: Coaches Larry & Kate Jennings, Coach John & Sharon Creek, Coach Kathy Marshall, Coach Clyde Dukes, Coach Thomas Hanson, Brant Myers and Coach Eddie Favila. A special thanks goes to all the runners, parents and grandparents. We'll see you at the finish line next year!

School Board from page 1

Bustamante to adopt the Resolution of the Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustee Precincts. The motion was seconded by Tom Payton. Voting aye were Dayton Armke, Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby and Tom Payton. Absent and not voting was Sam David Hernandez. The motion carried.

Superintendent Myers explained that there were several items to be addressed before the end of the district's fiscal year on August 31 and there would be a need for a special board meeting. A motion was made by Dayton Armke to hold the special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2001. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was then made by Scott Jacoby to hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on Thursday, August 30, 2001. The motion was seconded by Tammy Favila. Voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby and Tom Payton. Absent and not voting was Sam David Hernandez. The motion carried.

At this point in the meeting, member Tom Payton congratulated both Amy Davenport and Kay Friess on recently being awarded Masters Degrees. Mr. Payton also congratulated the High School Flag Corp for their outstanding achievements at camp, commenting that their awards had provided positive recognition for the band program. Payton concluded his remarks by also congratulating the cheerleaders for their outstanding achievements at camp.

The board then went into executive session. After reconvening at 8:29 p.m., a motion was made by Dayton Armke, seconded by Scott Jacoby, to employ Toni Haydon as the IPC teacher at the High School. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

New Laws from page 1

A peace officer may not stop a vehicle or detain the operator of a vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether the operator of the vehicle has violated this section.

Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat Offenses (Penalty)

HB 1739
Effective Date: September 1, 2001

Amends Section 545.412 of the Transportation Code to increase the penalty for child seat belt and safety seat system offenses by imposing a minimum penalty of \$100 and a maximum penalty of \$200. The former law provided a minimum penalty of \$25 and a maximum penalty of \$50 for offenses involving unrestrained child passengers.

Defendants accused of violation Section 545.412 or Section 545.413(b) (i.e., failure to secure a child who is at least four years of age but younger than 15 years of age) who wish to take a driving safety course under Article 45.0511 of the code of Criminal Procedure must take a special course approved by TEA which includes four hours of instruction encouraging the use of child safety seats and restraints.

Notwithstanding 542.402(a), a municipality or county shall send the Comptroller 50 percent of the fines collected under Section 545.412 and 545.413(b) at the end of the fiscal year. The Comptroller shall deposit the fine money into the Tertiary Care Fund for use by trauma centers.

Vehicle Passenger Safety Systems

SB 113
Effective Date: September 1, 2001

Amends Section 545.412 of the Transportation Code to provide that a person commits an offense if the person operates a passenger vehicle while transporting a child that is younger than four years of age or less than 36 inches in height without keeping the child secured during the operation of the vehicle. The child must be secured in a child passenger safety seat system according to the instruction of the manufacturer. The bill deletes a separate provision that a person commits an offense if the

person transports a child that is older than two but younger than four years of age and does not keep the child secured in a child passenger safety seat system or by a seat belt during the operation of the vehicle. Therefore, a child younger than four years of age or less than 36 inches in height must be kept in a car seat, and mere use of the seat belt no longer complies with the law. The bill also provides that it is a defense to prosecute for such an offense if the person is operating a commercially registered farm vehicle that has a gross weight or registered weight of less than 48,000 pounds.

Section 547.614 of the Transportation Code is added to address the knowing installation of an airbag that does not meet all federal safety regulations. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor

Child Riding in the Open Bed of a Truck or Trailer

SB 399
Effective Date: September 1, 2001

Amends Section 545.414 of the Transportation Code to provide that a person commits an offense if the person operates an open-bed pickup truck or an open flatbed truck or draws an open flatbed trailer at any speed, rather than at a speed of more than 35 miles per hour, when a child younger than 18 years of age, rather than 12 years of age, is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer. Compliance or noncompliance with the provision is not admissible evidence in a civil trial.

The bill creates additional defenses to prosecution. Defenses include that the person was: (1) operating or towing the vehicle in a parade; (2) operating the vehicle to transport farm workers from one field to another field on a farm-to-market road, ranch-to-market road, or county road outside a municipality; (3) operating the vehicle on a beach; (4) operating a vehicle that is the only vehicle owned or operated by the members of a household; or (5) operating the vehicle in a hayride permitted by the governing body or a law enforcement agency of each county or municipality in which the hayride occurs.



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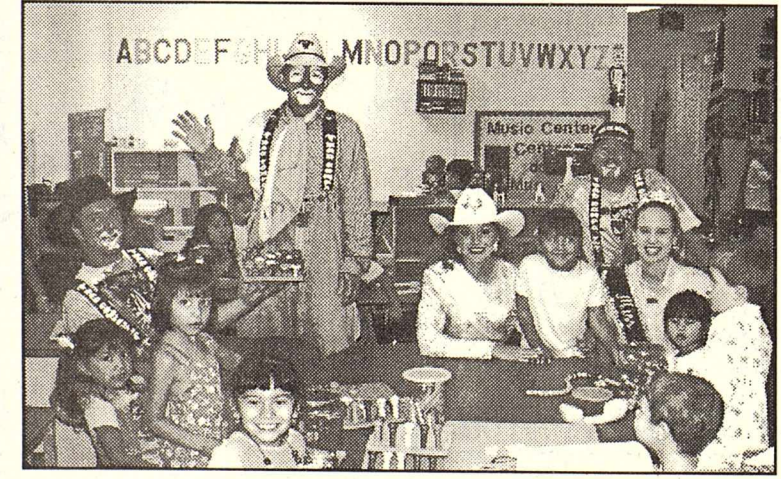
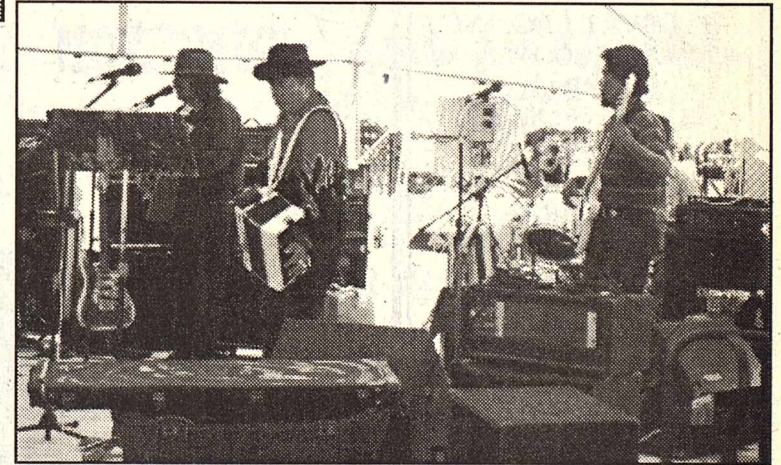
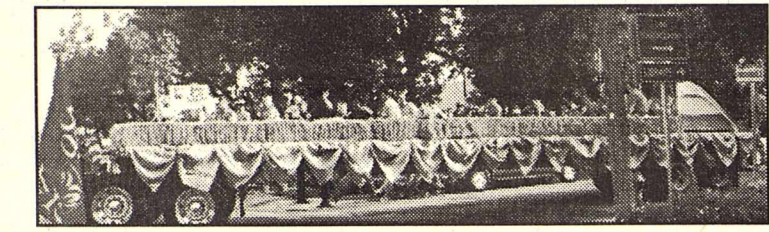
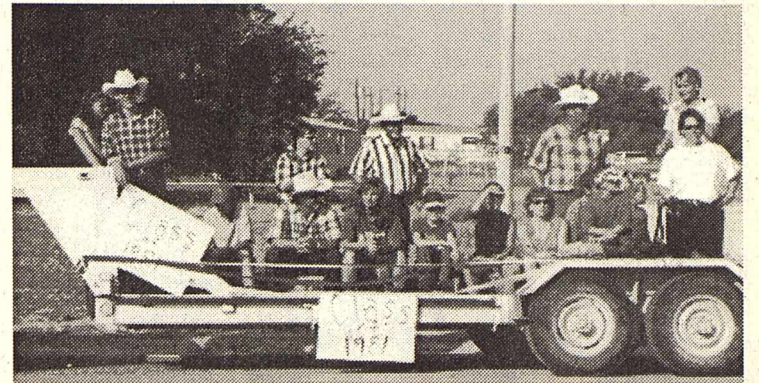
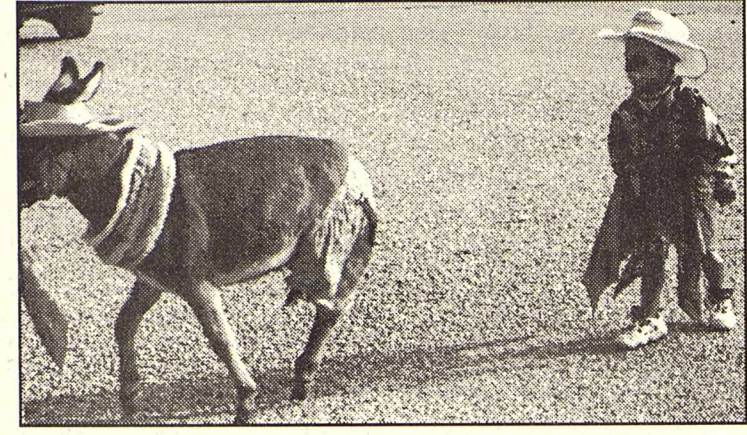
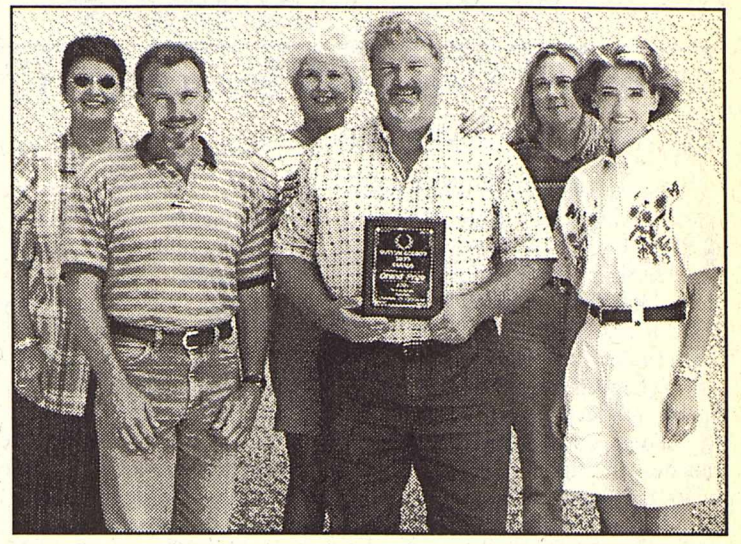
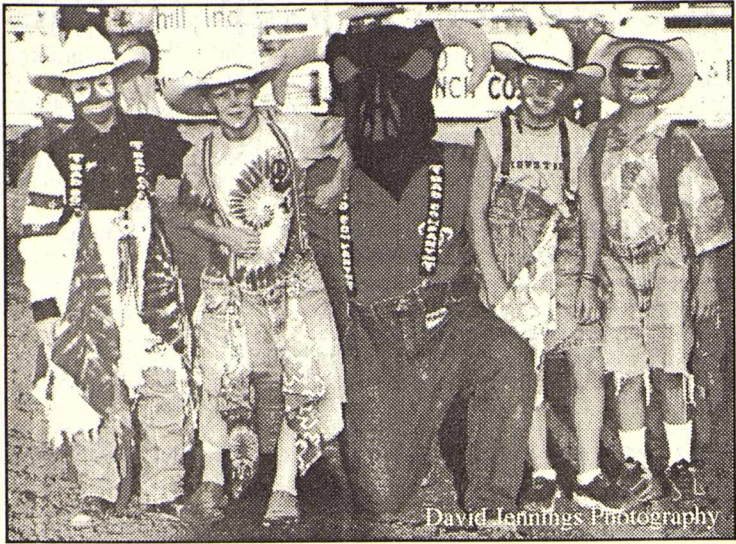
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Arroyo Grande Ranch Hosts Huntmaster Workshop

The Arroyo Grande Ranch hosted a Texas Youth Hunt Program (TYHP) Workshop August 10-12. The workshop was conducted to train adult leaders as HUNTMAS-TERS for the Texas Wildlife Association TYHP hunts.

This workshop was geared to enable graduates from the seminar to conduct youth hunts on various ranches throughout Texas. These hunts are designed to allow young hunters to experience outdoor adventures in a positive and safe manner. These hunts can only be realized with the help and support of Landowners. Each hunt is closely supervised by trained Huntmasters and volunteers.

The advantage for Landowners is the TYHP program is a low impact program that helps groom future hunters and provides insurance coverage for the event. These

landowners have the privilege of introducing the next generation to a safe, enjoyable, and rewarding experience.

During the workshop Huntmasters are instructed on such topics as running a Hunter skills trail, that simulates a real hunt, How to conduct a safe rifle range program, to assure the abilities of young hunters, Game recovery techniques, and First Aid.

The rewards of working with the youth of Texas in a positive way are boundless. Anyone that is interested in helping on a youth hunt or becoming a huntmaster please contact the Texas Wildlife Association at 1-800-460-5494. Anyone that is interested in having a youth hunt on their land or that has a child that would like to participate can also call the Texas Wildlife Association at 1-800-460-5494.

Range Management Meeting Slated for Odessa

Rangelands are one of the most important ecosystems for Texans. Over 60% of water in rivers, streams, and lakes, plus aquifer recharge comes from these areas. Most of the wildlife also occurs here. These lands are also important livestock production areas. The Texas Section Society for Range Management members are dedicated to achieving sustainable management of these landscapes. With your help we can achieve this vision. You are invited to join us in Odessa, October 10-12, 2001 to learn, share information and concerns, and network with the professionals who work daily to take care of this invaluable resource.

The program provides a look at the issues and new technologies that are influencing rangeland management and shaping the future of our profession. The program will include a tour of saltcedar control projects on the Pecos River and panel discussions on GIS/GPS/DOQ'S, summer burning, brush management for water conservation, and computer information systems.

Saltcedar spraying using new technologies will be the highlight of a tour sponsored by BASF, North Star Helicopters, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service. Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is the invited featured speaker. Participants will see the results of research being conducted to document water use by saltcedar along the riparian corridor, view the GIS equipped helicopter that is being used to spray the saltcedar, and visit the area being restored for the Pecos Pupfish.

The Saltcedar Tour will kick off the meeting on October 10th. On October 11th we will begin the day with a Stewardship Breakfast with an inspirational and motivational message given by John Merrill, XXX Ranch, Crowley, Texas. If you attend the session on all 3 days you will receive 8 1/2 CEU's for Certified Professionals in Rangeland Management in the Society for Range Management, and 5 CEU's for Pesticide Applicators License Certification with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Odessa, Texas on October 10-12, 2001. For information you can contact Darren Richardson by email:

darren.richardson@tx.usda.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 611, Andrews, Texas 79714. Pre-registration ends September 21, 2001.

Time To Renew Your Brand

In accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code "Recording" on Thursday, August 30, 2001, the Clerk's office will begin the process or renewals of your brands. You will have until Thursday, February 28, 2002 to renew your registration. On Friday, March 1, 2002, all brands that have not been renewed will become "open brands" for the general public. Any brand that is not renewed becomes "void" on March 1, 2002, in accordance with the Agriculture Code.

The recording fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location. Additional locations filed at the initial filing will be \$5.00 per location. If you also have brands registered in other counties in the State of Texas it will be necessary for you to contact the office of the County Clerk of that County and renew your registration there also.

Our office is located at the Annex Building: 300 E. Oak, Suite 3, Sonora, Texas 76950, (915)387-3815. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Veronica E. Hernandez, Sutton County Clerk

Organizations Team Up To Honor Three Texas Congressman

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Farm Bureau have teamed up once again to host the "Tres Amigos Appreciation Dinner," honoring Chairman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), Chairman Henry Bonilla (R-San Antonio) and Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford). The dinner will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2001 at the East Pavilion Paseo de Santa Angela, in San Angelo, Texas. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:00 p.m.

"These three Congressman do so much for Texas agriculture, we wanted to take the time to show how much we appreciate all their hard work. They have been very busy

this year on agriculture issues such as the farm bill and emergency economic assistance." Glen Fisher, President of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association (TSGRA) said. This is the second year these three organizations have hosted this event. Last year more than 200 people came out to say "Thank you" to the three Texas Congressmen. Chairman Bonilla and Congressman Stenholm have both confirmed that they will attend the event.

"We hope to see as many members of all three organizations there as possible. We want this to be even bigger and better than last year," Fisher said.

TSGRA does ask that anyone planning to attend please RSVP by calling 915-655-7388, to ensure an accurate count for dinner.

Rig Locations as of August 17, 2001

Sutton County
 New Louis Dreyfus; 8775' Duke Wilson #1879, Patterson Drilling.
 New Burlington Res.; 6805' Deberry - A - #65, Patterson Drilling.
 New KCS Medallion Res.; 6000' Miers - A82 - #18, Patterson Drilling.
 New Louis Dreyfus; 6200' Fields - 16 - #15, Patterson Drilling.
 New Louis Dreyfus; 8650' Hicks - 23 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
 New Louis Dreyfus; 6375' Shurley - 94 - #14, Patterson Drilling.
 Louis Dreyfus; 6550' Kelly - 115 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
 New Louis Dreyfus; 6650' Kelly - 115 - #11, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett County
 J. Cleo Thompson; 8500' Vaughan - 83 - #3, Patterson Drilling.
 Oxy Permian; 6500' MK Daniel -110 - #7, Key Energy.
 New RME Petro Co.; 8500' McMullan -18 - Gas Unit #7, Patterson Drilling.
 New RME Petro Co.; 9500' Meybin - 4 - #14, Cleere Drilling.
 Encore Operating; 7000' Montgomery - 2 - #5, Cleere Drilling.
 Oxy Permian; 5600' South Cross Unit #214, Key Energy.
 Harrison Interests; 9300' John W. Henderson III - A - #60, Patterson Drilling.
 New Unit Petroleum; 5600' Baggett #5 - 3, Cleere Drilling.

Schleicher County
 Sharp Image Energy; 5500' Williams Ranch #1, Westexas Energy.
 New Questa Oil & Gas; 7100' University - D - #3, Heart Land Drilling.
 New Caraway Operating; 6250' Reichert - 36 - #1, Cleere Drilling.

Edwards County
 EEX E&P Co.; 9500' Shaw #1, Cleere Drilling.
 SDX Resources, Inc.; 9000' Adamson - 191 - #1, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde County
 EEX E&P Co.; 14000' Lone Oak #4R, Cleere Drilling.
 EEX E&P Co.; 12500' Leonard - 37 - #1, Cleere Drilling.
 KEBO Oil & Gas; 11000' Wardlaw - 75 - #1, Cleere Drilling.

Terrell County
 Conoco; 14000' University - 4 - #5, Nabors Drilling.
 EOG Resources; 10800' Noelke - A - #2701H, Patterson Drilling.
 New Exxonmobil Dev. Co.; 12500' Goode Estate - B - Unit #2, Patterson UTI/M.
 Athanor Texas; 12500' Pakenham - 2 - #2 - Cleere Drilling.

Mosquitoes 2001: Threat to Human & Livestock Health - Part I

By day, the hovering needle-nosed pests attack silently, evidenced only by a bloody "splat" or ugly welt. In darkness the mosquitoes dive bomb, their high-pitched drone cutting a swath through slumber. In late summer 2001, however Texas health officials are the ones losing sleep because of mosquitoes. While most of the time, the pests are just unpleasant and troublesome, this year mosquitoes are threatening the health of humans and livestock. Staff members from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, are pooling resources to prevent, track and alert Texas about cases of mosquito-borne viruses.

West Nile Virus
 In mid-August, West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in a dead bird in a suburb of New Orleans, meaning this virus, first discovered in the US in 1999 in New York City, has made significant progress in its migration toward Texas. The disease, common in Africa, Middle East and West Asia, was not documented in humans or animals in the

Western Hemisphere until 1999. This year, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have detected WNV in mosquitoes or birds: New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana.

"WNV will eventually come to Texas," said Dr. Joe Garrett, veterinary epidemiologist for the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division, which tracks animal diseases which can affect humans. "As soon as it is detected in Texas, state agencies will alert veterinarians and physicians so they can be prepared to recognize the disease in their patients."

"WNV is carried by at least 54 species of wild birds that die from the disease," explained Dr. Garrett, who is also a former TAHC epidemiologist.

"After mosquitoes feed on affected birds, they're then able to

transmit the virus to people or other animals."

He said most WNV-infected humans will have no symptoms of illness.

However, a small number of victims develop fever, head and body aches, skin rashes and swollen lymph glands. Fewer than one in a hundred infected persons may develop inflammation of the spinal cord, known as meningitis, or encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. Symptoms may involve coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Since 1999, 85 persons in the US have been diagnosed with West Nile Fever; nine have died.

This summer two persons hospitalized in Florida and another in New York were diagnosed with the disease.

"Anyone experiencing symptoms compatible with West Nile Fever should see their physician as soon as possible," advised Dr.

Garrett. "Good supportive medical care is needed to assist patients in recovering from the illness. Those persons over 50 years of age, or suffering from other medical problems are at highest risk for illness if they are exposed to the virus."

West Nile Fever is not spread by human or animal contact. And, although there is no evidence that dead birds can transmit infection, Dr. Garrett urges that gloves be worn when handling wild dead birds or animals that may have been exposed to the virus.

"Horses affected by WNV usually don't have signs of illness. Like human victims, however, a few may develop acute illness, and may stagger, become weak, be unable to rise and eventually, could die," he said. Twenty-four horses have tested positive for the disease in 2001; 23 in Florida and one in Georgia.

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