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New Season - New Faces

by Tryon Fields

After several weeks of grueling practices and two scrimmages (McCamey and Blanco), the 2002 Sonora Broncos will open this football season against the Alpine Bucks at 7:30 p.m. The other four non-district opponents will consist of Ingram, Brady, Forsan (Homecoming), and Brackettville. With the new UIL alignment; the Broncos will face Reagan County, Eldorado, Wall, Ozona, and Grape Creek in District 2-2A play. District competition will begin on October 11, in Big Lake.

Head coach, Jason Herring, will enter into his third season as the Bronco mentor. Joining him on his staff will be Karl McCormack, Drew Cox, Eddie Favila, Thomas Hanson, Fred Buchanan, and Matt Fryar. Herring sporting a 27 and 3 record along with a State 2A Semi-Finalist appearance and a State 2A Championship will take the field with 18 returning lettermen.

However, Herring and his

staff only have 4 offensive and 4 defensive starters returning from last years 12 - 3 squad.

Big shoes will have to be filled; as names like Renfro, Elliott, Fields, Hughes, Hall (Stetson), Williams, and Armke will not be heard for the first time in as many as 8 to 10 years. Anchoring the Broncos will be All-State linebacker, Thomas Bloodworth, Scottie Moore, Emmanuel Lopez, Israel Arevalo, Dustin Martin, and Zed Snodgrass. Filling those shoes that were left behind will be Landon Brockman, Doug Yocham, Wylie Wagoner, Jared Parks, Luis Segura, Brandon West, and Juan Rodriguez. Other individuals that will play key roles in the Broncos quest for the District Championship will be Matt Glasscock, Chris Martin, Tom Valliant, Justin Sims, Caleb Gulely, Laramie Hall, and Diego Cardona.

Ranked 10th in a 2A pre-season poll and picked to win District 2-2A; the Broncos have their work cut out for them. The new 2-2A alignment puts

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Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony and 9-11 Tribute

submitted

Sonora and Sutton County is invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. The local Boy Scouts will be performing the retirement of the American Flags. A flag is never said to be burned - it is retired. That means it is NOT a Flag Burning Ceremony. Disposing a flag that is worn, faded, or tattered by retiring (burning it) is the only method approved by Congress. The burning should take place at a ceremony which shows respect and honor to the flag/flags being retired.

If you have a flag that is tattered or frayed that you would like to retire, you can drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street. If you have a special story or memory that goes with the flag, leave it also so that it can be shared with all in attendance.

Local churches will provide music and there will be a special time to remember the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001.

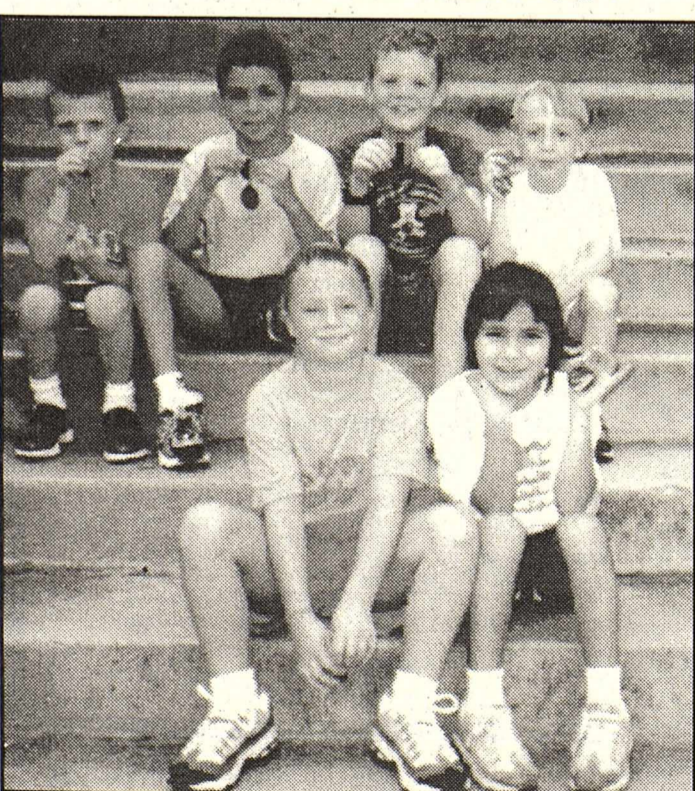
Everyone is invited to attend and join together to pay tribute to a time when our country was hard hit, and to retire "Old Glory" in a most befitting way.

Annual Lions Club Auction Coming Soon

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. A fajita dinner will be served before the auction, about 6:00 p.m. This main fund raiser of the year for the Lions Club helps to raise money for boys scouts and girls scouts, eyeglasses for children that can't afford them, the Crippled Children Camp at Kerrville, emergency needs of community members and more. Donations are now being accepted at the Bank & Trust to be auctioned. Any items from a haircut to food to the "Mystery Gift" can be donated. Please be sure your name is on the item donated. For more information contact any Lions Club member.

Sutton County Days 5K Fun Run Winners

The 2002 5K Fun Run was held on Saturday, August 17th in conjunction with Sutton County Days. Starting off early, before the parade, runners from Sonora and surrounding counties took off from in front of the Sutton County Courthouse to run their allotted route. The divisions were arranged by ages, starting with Kindergarten and ending with adults. This year's Division I winners are pictured below and you can see all the Fun Run winners on page 5.



Back row: (L to R) Boys: Tanner Esparza (2nd - 7:05), Stefan Ortiz (3rd - 7:06), Braxton Snyder (1st - 6:55), Wes Schneider (4th). Front row: (L to R) Girls - Abby Creek (2nd - 9:31) and Kelsey Favila (1st - 9:30).

City of Sonora To Replace Water Tanks On Eaton Hill

submitted

The following information should help the taxpayers of Sonora understand some of the problems we are facing and what is being done about these problems.

The City of Sonora is currently construction a new water storage tank on Eaton Hill. The following information should answer the questions concerning the extent of the need.

The purpose of this project is to replace one of the City's three existing concrete ground storage tanks, located on City Hill, that cannot comply with the current regulations of the TNRCC. This tank would be replaced with a new 400,000 gallon welded steel storage tank that will meet the needs of the City.

The City of Sonora stores over 73 percent of their potable water in four concrete reservoirs that were constructed partially below ground.

Three of these tanks were constructed over sixty years ago and the other one was constructed in 1958. All four tanks need to be replaced and we are proposing to replace them in three phases as grant funds and local funds are made available.

It is on the 220,000 gallon tank, also the largest of the three old tanks, that we will concentrate our efforts for Phase I of the proposed projects. Each of the four tanks are in violation of almost every regulation of the TNRCC found in 30 TAC §290.43 Water Storage. These tanks have been cited by the TNRCC, with the latest citation coming after the TNRCC inspection of the facilities on June 15, 1998.

Other inspection reports going back to January 19, 1994 also cite numerous violations. These violations include:

(1) The roofs of all four tanks are flat, thus allowing water to pond and cause deterioration of the concrete; there are no drains, nor access ladders for the interior or exterior of the

tanks, nor sampling connections and all of these are violations of 290.43.(c).

(2) None of the four tanks have a proper air vent, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(1).

(3) The roof hatches do not comply with the current AWWA design standards for tank openings, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(2).

(4) These tanks do not have level indicators, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(4).

(5) All four of these tanks are leaking to some degree, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(6) and §290.46.(t).

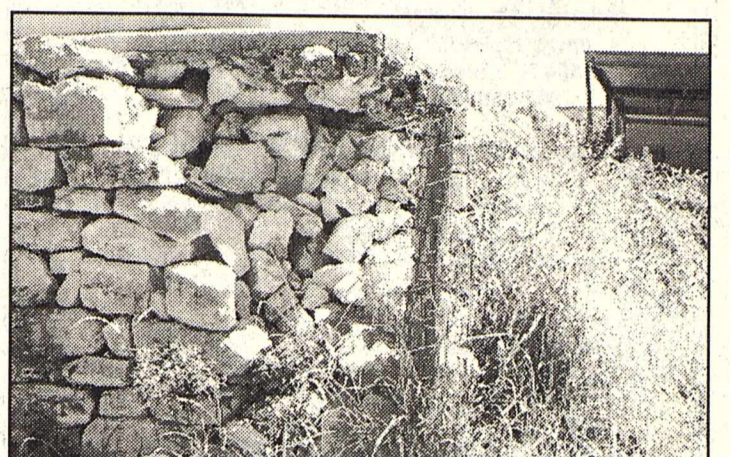
(6) None of these tanks have any way to remove accumulated silt and deposits from the bottom of the tank, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(7).

(7) These tanks do not comply with the current AWWA design standards for interior and exterior coatings. The tanks have never been coated and as a result the concrete is deteriorating on both the interior and the exterior. Concrete failures on the interior of the tank have exposed the reinforcing steel. The hatches and piping have also deteriorated due to a lack of any protective coating. Without any protective coating these tanks are in violation of §290.43.(c)(8).

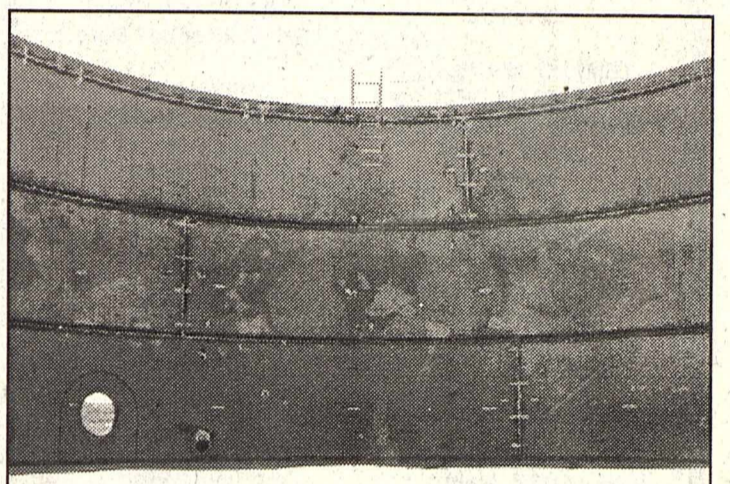
(8) §290.43.(c)(9) requires that no tank shall be used to store potable water that has previously been used for non-potable use. The 0.22 MG tank, which we are replacing in this phase, was reportedly used as both a water storage tank and as the City's swimming pool after it's construction in the 1930's before a top was put on it years later.

(9) All four of these tanks were constructed with a considerable portion of the tank below ground. This violates the recommendation found in §290.43.(b)(2) which states that all tanks be constructed above ground, if at all possible.

This project is needed to meet a mandate by the TNRCC.



The current water tanks on Eaton Hill are showing years of decay.



The inside of the tanks will be primed and painted. The roof will be added later.

in their July 7, 1998 letter, to begin to bring the City into compliance with current regulations regarding potable water storage.

These concrete tanks are in violation of numerous TNRCC regulations and the cost of the necessary repairs and modifications needed to bring them into compliance cannot be justified. Failure to correct these violations, either by making the necessary repairs and modifications or the construction of new tanks, will result in the TNRCC "exercising their enforcement powers... to protect human health..." as stated in their July 7, 1998 letter.

The reliable availability of water is at the mercy of water wells that are 45 to 60 years old, therefore it is of an even greater importance that the City be able to provide quality storage facilities for their supply of potable water.

Water System Improvements

The City of Sonora receives all of its potable water from six wells located throughout the city. The age of the wells and storage facilities is as follows:

- Well #1 - drilled in 1938
- Well #2 - drilled in 1939
- Well #3 - drilled in 1947
- Well #4 - drilled in 1953

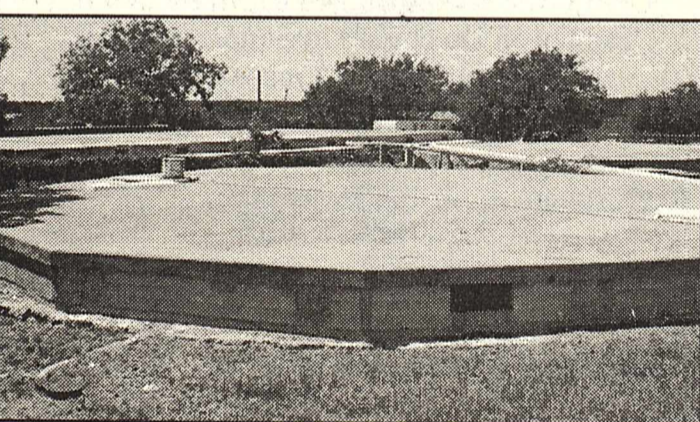
- Well #5 - drilled in 1981
 - Well #6 - drilled in 1996
- Concrete facility holding .075 million gallons built in 1938

- Concrete facility holding .10 million gallons built in 1939
- Concrete facility holding .22 million gallons built in 1939
- Concrete facility holding .40 million gallons built in 1958
- Welded Steel - Ground Storage holding .04 million gallons built in 1996
- Steel Elevated Storage holding .25 million gallons built in 1978

The storage tanks built in 1938 and 1939 will be abandoned because they no longer meet TNRCC's specifications (see pictures).

The construction, general administration and project engineering shall be financed through \$174,999 of Texas Community Development Program funds and \$164,501 of City of Sonora funds. The proposed water improvements included in this application are the minimum necessary to correct the deficiencies in our water system.

The City Council of the City of Sonora wants to provide a water system that is more than adequate and safe for the citizens of Sonora.



These are the three tanks that will be abandoned.

Pre-Game Fun
Homemade Ice Cream Tailgate Party
August 30, 2002
For more information see page 3

Sonora City League To Elect New Officers

Submitted by: Danni Price, Secretary

The Sonora City League will meet Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main Street (Old Mercantile Bldg.).

We would like to encourage all parents, coaches, umpires, etc... to become more involved with your child's extra-curricular activities by taking part in the Sonora City League.

The purpose or purposes for the Sonora City League is to provide entertainment for our children. The Sonora City League is a non-profit organization with the sole interest of serving our youth. The Sonora City League elects officers and a board of directors annually. The officers and board of directors meet several times a year to discuss upcoming sports, fund-raisers and improvements that need to be made at the time.

The Sonora City League has

been offering programs to our youth for over 12 1/2 years, such as Little Dribblers Basketball, Little League Baseball and A.S.A. Girls Softball. This organization is and has been successful due to the hard work, interest, and dedication of those many parents, sponsors and volunteers who have been committed to these programs and our children.

We welcome those of you who have children playing these sports or those of you, who maybe just want to be more involved with our youth, to come be a part of the decision making process and join the Sonora City League. New ideas and new faces are always a welcome site. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions regarding the Sonora City League, please feel free to call Danni Price, Secretary, at 387-2507.

Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership Choose Slogan and Plan Brochures

submitted by John Tedford

A meeting of the South West Texas Tourism Partnership was held at the X Bar Ranch in Schleicher County on Wednesday, August 21. This organization, covering Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett counties, was formed recently to foster the growth of tourism as an economic development strategy. Texas A&M, Angelo State University, Texas Tech University, and the Concho Valley Resource Development and Conservation Service are all participating in the pilot program which, when realized, could become the model nationally for tourism enhancement in multi-county agricultural areas.

Dr. Carson Watt, of Texas A&M, reported that then steering committee had chosen "The South West Country" as the name for the area, with its new logo incorporating the slogan "Experience the TEXAS way of life."

A pilot program utilizing the Texas Hospitality Program has already been made available to several area businesses,

including three in Sonora. The program has been given high praise, and it is expected that many other businesses will want to participate in order to enhance a climate of hospitality in our city.

Steering committee member Stan Meador outlined plans for printing of brochures and tourist maps for "The South West Country." Committees were formed to begin work in several areas including obtaining non-profit corporate status, preparing a budget, projecting sources of revenue, and designing a web site.

Attending from Sonora were Jacqui Bills, Gerry Ingham, Delyse Jaeger, Justin McGeath, Vivian Mears, John Tedford, Kelly Thorp, Sue Wamble, and Ladonna Wardlaw.

Anyone interested in helping with the program or seeking more information about it may contact the Chamber of Commerce, County Extension Office, or any of the persons listed above.



Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr.
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jerry Jackson
304 N. Water
387-3190

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
Pastor Isai Oviedo
509 Amistad
650-3121

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
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387-2616

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707 Glasscock
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PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
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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
Supply Pastor
511 Cornell
387-5207



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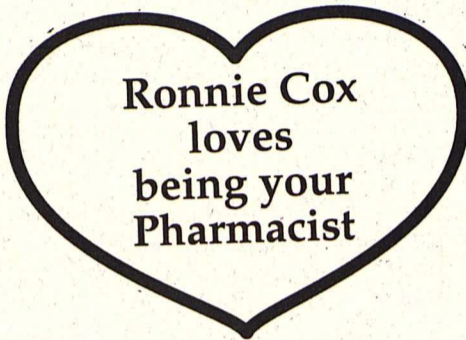
Cards of Thanks

The Family of Doris Merriman wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all her friends and neighbors for the many, many gestures of sympathy and support extended during our time of sorrow. The ladies of her church, the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church were especially supportive with the luncheon they served. Without you, our friends, our sorrow would have been much deeper.

The Class of 1992 would like to thank everyone who helped make our 10 year Reunion such a success. Special thanks to Glen and Linda Fisher, Lola Beth, and Cleve T. Jones, Creek Swabbing, the Luna and Mata families.

As the hospitality chairperson for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee, I would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to all the businesses and individuals who donated food, drinks, and most importantly, your time and support during the rodeo. Because of your generosity, this year's "Cowboy Camp" was, I feel, the very best that it could be. I would like to extend a special thank you to Tibba Edmondson, Tammie Tidwell, Mitzi Matthews, Jennifer Samaniego and especially Jerry Watkins. I really could not have done it without you!

Tina Watkins



"Spirit of America" from WATERFORD CRYSTAL



An interpretive design inspired by the American Flag. Part of a commemorative collection honoring the spirit of the American People. DOF's \$89 per pair

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Obituary

Patsy Gray Quinn Samuelson

Patsy Gray Quinn Samuelson, 79, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, at her residence in Brady. Patsy was born December 22, 1923, in Brady, Texas, to Charles T. Gray and Edna (Schaeg) Gray. Mrs. Samuelson married David Swaney Quinn on November 1, 1942, in Brady. She married Charles Edwin Samuelson on August 12, 1979, in Brady.

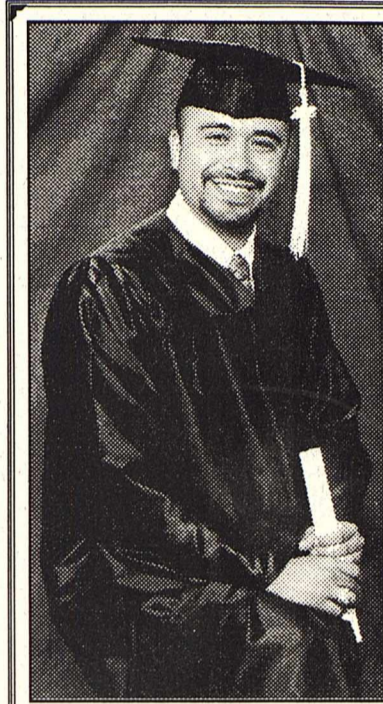
Patsy was a homemaker and a Chrisitan. She was a life-long resident of the Brady area.

Services were on Monday, August 26, in Leatherwood Memorial Chapels with the Rev. Brian Wiggins officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Swaney Quinn on December 16, 1977; husband, Charles Edwin Samuelson on December 02, 2001; son, David T. Quinn on May 5, 1975; and sister, Charlene Gray Carriethers.

Patsy is survived by sons, John Walt Quinn and wife, Elaine and James Ray "Jim" Quinn and wife Cynthia, all of Brady; and grandchildren, Jamie Lynn Quinn Haynes and husband J.T., of Amarillo, Patricia Ann Quinn of Austin, Wesley Ray Quinn of Harper and David Ross Quinn of Sonora.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.



John W. Brown, Jr.

*Look at you now!
After all the hassle
You got the tassel!*

Congratulations,
John
We are so proud
of you!

Your Family,
Joe, Irene & Jose
Casillas

Happy Birthday

August 29 - Shaylynn Kresta, Rodolfo Charo, Keeli Taylor, Kathy Jones, Leandra Perez, Arturo Lopez
August 30 - Robert Zook, Stacy Sanchez, Rosa McGee, Fidel Acevedo, Brad Holms
August 31 - Sharon Holman, Ronnie Cox, Joey Samaniego, Lori Newton, Florie Gonzales, Harvey Garza, Marisha Henson
September 1 - Pokie Samaniego, Gloria Paredes, Letticia Longoria, Emmanuel Lopez, Smith Neal, Clint Cearley, Caleb Romero, Jessie Mathews, Gracie Lopez, Molly Cook, Sutton Foulds
September 2 - Hilda Vasquez, Courtney Hill
September 3 - Brooke Northcott, Manuel Campos, Teresa Harris, Guy Parker, Levi Pool, Ronald Pincince, Jr., Dustin Dillard
September 4 - Mason Surber, Sherry Ingham, Sidney Anderson, Lindsey Palmer, T. Wayne Price, Oscar Gutierrez, Kaitlyn Henderson, Diana Hidalgo

Sonora Wool & Mohair
210 W. College
387-2543

Thorp's Laun-Dry
107 Plum St.
387-2666

Senior Center News

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday. Center will be closed.
Sept. 3 - AAA reports due. Exercise with video.
Sept. 4 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509.
Sept. 5 - Run errands & pay bills. Bingo!

Senior Menu

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday! Center will be closed!
Sept. 3 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk.
Sept. 4 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk.
Sept. 5 - Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, cake, milk.
Sept. 6 - Ham with pineapple slices, green beans, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bar, milk.

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

Dining Out Directory

Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

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

Choi's Tae Kwon Do

Director Grand Master Sin Il Choi
Chief Instructor Master Richard H. White
Instructor Paul Stephens 1st Degree Black Belt

Starting Wednesday, September 19, 2002,
Choi's Tae Kwon Do will continue to offer
Tae Kwon Do classes in Sonora for both
children and adults. Please come join
us for our 4th year!

Registration: Wed., Sept. 4th • 11th
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Classes Begin: Wed, Sept. 11th (Orientation etc.)

Class Times: 5:30 - 6:30 Wednesdays

Tuition: \$100.00 first month (includes uniform, T-shirt, student handbook and video)
\$30.00 each month thereafter.

Location: Sonora Elementary School
Gymnasium/Cafeteria

For additional information or if you should have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Stephens at 387-5821. Classes are ongoing and new students may start at any time.

Community

Aug. 30
Sonora Broncos vs Alpine Bucks
7:30 p.m. • Bronco Stadium
Sept. 2
Labor Day Holiday
No School

The Community Calendar



Calendar

Sept. 10
Lions Club Dinner & Auction
6:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center
Sept. 16
P.T.O. Meeting
6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

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Worship 11:00 a.m.

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 This year we will be offering for the first time fast, fresh, hot, and inexpensive food just for you!



Just look at your menu: Pizza Pockets, Hot Dogs, Chicken Nuggets, Frito Pie, Cheese Nachos and much more!

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Devil's River Dancers

Clogging Lessons for Beginners



Starting September 3
For more information
Call Carolyn McMeans
387-9315 or
Debbie Thompson
387-3385

Awards Presented At Final 2002 4-H Playday

submitted
 The last playday was held Saturday, August 24, 2002 at the Sutton County arena. Awards were presented to participants following the playday events. Thanks to volunteer efforts of parents and leaders the series was very successful with an overall participation of forty-four (44) 4-Hers from Sutton and surrounding counties.

No one left without taking a bag of prizes with them. Lead-line contestants with the required 3 playdays received buckets filled with assorted products. Lead-line entries were Jacob Kimbrel, Jayme Sauer,

Grand Opening of Cedar Hills Geriatric Center

Cedar Hills Geriatric Center opened on August 15th in the former Camp Wood Convalescent Center. This family owned business is starting fresh with a renovated facility, new furnishings and decor. The staff invites the community to visit the Facility and see the changes for themselves. Private pay or Medicaid qualified residents can be admitted today and the Facility expects final certification for Medicare admissions within the next few weeks. Individuals or family members of individuals who may be interested in admission to the Facility can call Michelle Williams, Director of Nurses or Michele Hernandez, Administrative Assist. Either of these ladies can provide information about the care that is available at the Facility and the qualifications a person must meet for admission as private pay or under Medicaid or Medicare reimbursement. Each potential resident will be assessed to determine whether the facility can meet the individual's medical, social and emotional needs. The management and staff of Cedar Hills Geriatric Center are looking forward to serving the area's geriatric population and becoming an active contributing member of the community.

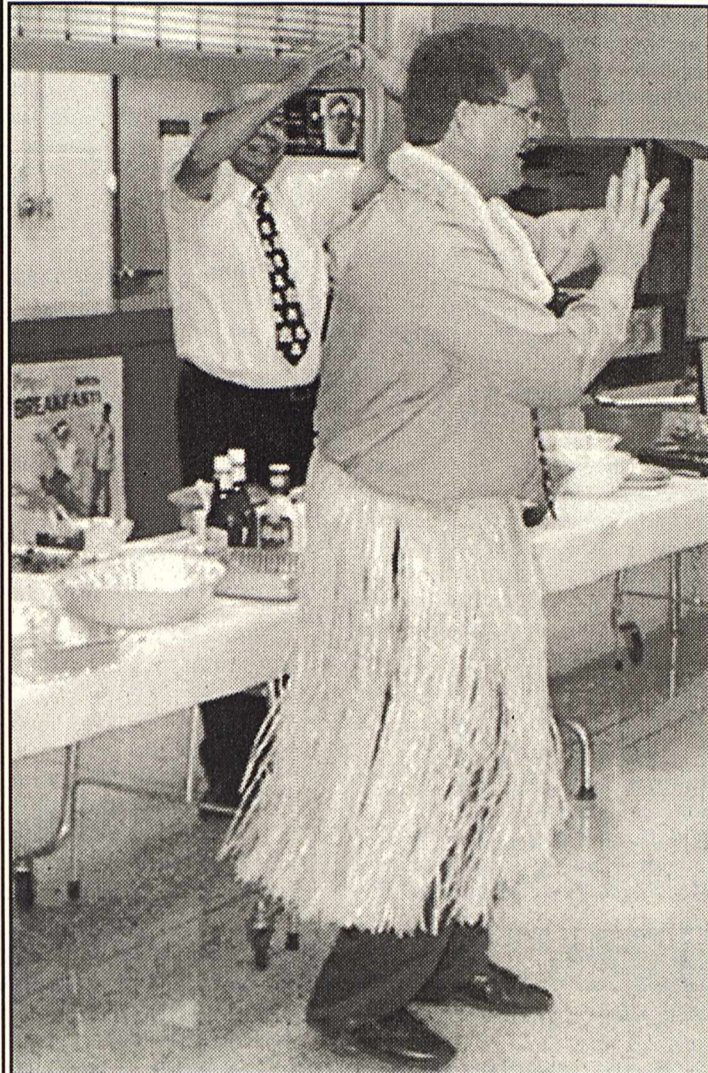
Kaitlyn Gibbens, Corbin Geske, and Jaymie Pullen.

Pre-juniors finished in this order: 1st Gunter Pennington, 2nd Lane Hale, 3rd Daniel Newbury, 4th Paige Sykes, 5th Cuatro Jones, 6th Stella Ingham, 7th Lexi Poindexter, 8th Nolan Kinder, 9th Kelsey Taylor, 10th Christian Pullen, 11th Shelbie Darr, 12th Alex Lang, 13th Macie Friess, 14th Shawnda Price, 15th Hunter Jennings and Shelby Smart. Other participants in the pre-junior group were Sol and Sierra Stokes, Katy Heap, Alexa Sykes, Zella Powers, Kelbie

Renfro and Maddie Lang.

Junior placings were: 1st Steely Ingham, 2nd Bailey Joe Pennington, 3rd Dustin Neff, 4th Brandyn Tebbets, 5th Holly Ford, 6th Jadyne Poindexter, 7th Justyn Gray, 8th Jena Teasley, 9th Dustin Crittendon, and 10th Cash Jennings. Others who had ridden in the summer series were Shae'na Price, Justin Rutland, Desi Newbury, Kyann Kothmann, and Hanna Swanson. Steely Ingham was the overall high point Sutton County participant and received the Keyes Caruthers revolving trophy again this year.

"High Scores Make Me Want To Hula..."



Acting on a promise made to inspire students last year, Sonora Middle School Principal, John Berry, did a hula dance at the "Back To School" Dinner held on Thursday, August 22. Berry agreed to do the "hawaiian jig" if the Middle School students achieved an Exemplary Campus rating on the TAAS test for the second year in a row. The students excelled, and Berry kept his word. How will he beat that for this year's scores?!

Fields and Hughes Receive UIL Scholarships

Sean Wardlaw Fields and Beau Bradley Hughes, both graduates of Sonora High School, have each been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Fields and Hughes both received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$6,000 each, payable \$1500 each semester of the first two years. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 88 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. Three scholarships were awarded to students who plan to major in nursing. One scholarship was given in honor of Garry W. Vacek, TILF President.

This year the TILF awarded 450 new awards and will renew approximately 260 awards for a total of 710 scholarships for 2002-03 with an approximate value of \$1,386,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Fields and Hughes competed in One Act Play at the 2002 UIL Academic State Meet. Fields also participated in UIL Prose Interpretation, football, baseball, and basketball throughout his high school career. He was Class President and football team captain, and was involved in National Honor Society, PALS, and Drama Club. He was active in the community through his volunteer efforts with Little League. Fields plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio and major in communications.

Hughes also participated in UIL football, and was involved in FFA, National Honor Society, and yearbook throughout his high school career. He was active in the community through 4-H. Hughes plans to attend Angelo State University and his major is undecided.

F.Y.I.

The First PEP RALLY for the game against Alpine, will be held on Friday, Aug. 30th at 2:15 p.m. in the High School Gym.

The Bronco Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 in the High School Commons. Election of new Booster Club officers will be held, after the Alpine football game film is reviewed.

GED classes will begin on Tuesday, September 3. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Attendance is free and open to anyone ages 17 and older who needs a GED. If you have any questions, please call Laura Bedwell, class instructor, at 387-7190 or Ben Solis, Chief GED Examiner, at 387-3023.

The Devil's River Dancers are offering clogging lessons for Beginners starting Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. FMI call Carolyn at 387-9315.

School pictures for Pre-K - 11th graders and all administration, faculty and staff of Sonora Independent School District will be on Thursday, September 5th. 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 Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Donations are now being accepted to be auctioned at the Bank & Trust. Please be sure your name is on the item donated. For more information contact any Lions Club member.

Are you ready for another year of Bronco sports? The Bronco Spirit Shop is now open and is located at Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Concho Ave. Purchase this year's Bronco caps, visors, and spirit items for the start of the new season. Bronco Booster Club memberships from \$10 to \$100 are also available at Ronda's. Thank you for supporting all boys and girls athletics in Sonora.

The Sonora Bronco Booster Club will NOT be having any fundraiser meals before the Bronco Varsity football home games this fall. If any organization in Sutton County would like to sponsor a fundraiser meal before the home games, please contact the SISD administration for information and approval.

The Bereaved parents Support Group will meet September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, in cooperation with Texas Tech University Health Science's Center, is pleased to provide the Mobile Mammography Clinic on October 1st and 2nd, 2002. The cost will be \$75.00 for Screening Mammograms and \$150.00 for Diagnostic Mammograms. Texas Tech will file most insurance programs to include Medicare and Medicaid. For an appointment, please call 1-800-222-8388. Other questions may be directed to Keith L. Butler, CEO at 387-2521

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sutton County

Commissioners' Court

conducted a public hearing

on a proposal to increase total

tax revenues of Sutton County and

FMFC from properties on

the tax roll in the preceding year by

8.0 percent on August 26, 2002. The

Sutton County Commissioners' Court

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate

that will result in that tax increase at a

public meeting to be held on

September 9, 2002, at 9:00 A.M.

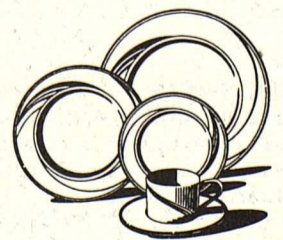
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New Season from page 1

Sonora in possibly the toughest 2A District in the state. Ozona and Reagan County move into the district and bring very strong programs to the fray. Ozona under head coach, Steve Taylor, will have 17 returning lettermen; 7 offense and 8 defense. Joey McQueen, the second year coach at Reagan County, returns to the grid iron with 14 returning lettermen; 6 offensive and 5 defensive. And then there are the Wall Hawks who are the defending District 2-2A Champion and who came within an eye-blink of possibly facing Blanco in the Division II 2A Championship game last year. Head Coach, Kevin Burns, faces many of the same problems that Sonora's Jason Herring faces. Having to

replace the bulk of his 2001 starters. Wall will start the season with 16 returning lettermen; 2 offensive and 5 defensive. The Pre-Season poll has District 2-2A shaping up like this:

1. Sonora
2. Ozona
3. Wall
4. Reagan County
5. Grape Creek or Eldorado
6. Eldorado or Grape Creek

It all starts Friday night! Alpine at Sonora at 7:30 p.m. This has the potential of a preview of the playoffs; due to the fact that Alpine has dropped in classification to 2A.

GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!

It's Time to Play Ball!!!

Bronco JV Scores One Touchdown Against Blanco



JV Broncos bring down a Blanco Panther. Photo by Ray Glasscock

by Ray Glasscock

Once again the JV Broncos looked good. Until the players start wearing their numbers, it is very difficult to tell who made great individual plays. However, it was easy to see the team tackling and impressive hustling. The Panthers started the scrimmage on offense. Blanco managed three total first downs in the 15 play series. The Panthers broke one long run, but he was caught from behind by Hilton Bloodworth who stripped him of the ball as he was falling to the ground. The Broncos recovered. Brian Payton had an impressive pass defensive play.

The first Bronco offensive series saw some big plays. Cameron Cox had a nice 15 yard gain for a first down. Clint Cearley completed a 15 yard pass to Steven Duhon. The Broncos almost scored on their first series on a long pass to an open receiver in the end zone. The unknown Bronco

was unable to make the diving catch.

On the next Blanco offensive series, there were several nice runs by Cox, Stetson Perez, and Bloodworth. Bloodworth scored a touchdown when he started to his right on a sweep, stopped, and reversed his field to the left.

On the Bronco's last offensive series, there were several nice runs by Cox, Stetson Perez, and Bloodworth. Bloodworth scored a touchdown when he started to his right on a sweep, stopped, and reversed his field to the left.

There was one scary moment when Cearley hurt his neck on an awkward fall while being tackled. As a precautionary measure, he was taken to the hospital to check the extent of the injury. Thankfully, it was not serious and he was able to rejoin his teammates in the locker room at the end of the scrimmage.

Sonora Broncos Renew Competition With The Blanco Panthers

by Ray Glasscock

The Broncos traveled to Junction to scrimmage the Blanco Panthers. The last time the teams played was in the 2000 Division I State Championship game. Last year the Panthers were able to win their first state championship. The scrimmage should be an indication of the strength of each of the current teams.

The Panthers had the ball for the first offensive series. On the second play, Blanco's BIG fullback (6'1", 205 lb) broke through the Bronco line and cut back against the grain for a long touchdown. It turned out to be the only touchdown of the night.

On the next possession, the Broncos were able to stop the other backs. The fullback again gained good yardage, but was stopped short of the first down. On the next play, the quarterback tried a quick pitch to his halfback. The halfback didn't catch it and it appeared that Emmanuel Lopez recovered the fumble. The Panthers moved the chains twice with completed passes. Two running plays and a short pass resulted in another first down. The drive ended when two passes were successfully defended by the Bronco secondary.

On the first play of Bronco offensive series, Scottie Moore ran the keeper and was hit very hard by their big fullback now playing middle linebacker. (He was their district's most valuable defensive player last year.) Moore got up immediately with no ill effects. On the next play, Moore completed a 15 yard pass to a back. On the next play, Dustin Martin was stopped for no gain. Moore went back to the air and completed a seven yard pass. On third down, a sweep by Juan Rodriguez was stopped for a loss.

The Broncos went three and out on their next three

plays. On the next series, Martin took the pitch and gained 20 yards down the right sideline. Tough running by Lopez gained another first down. After no gain on a fullback dive, Lopez gained enough yardage for a first down on the option play. The drive ended with a Bronco fumble.

The Panthers and Broncos finished the non-free play portion of the scrimmage with scoreless offensive series.

The Broncos received the kickoff in the live quarter. The Broncos started on their thirty yard line. On the first play, Lopez gained five yards, but an unnecessary roughness penalty moved the Broncos backwards. On second and twenty, the Broncos gained five yards on a run. On third and long a side-line pass from Moore to Matt Glasscock was broken up by an excellent defensive play by the Panther defender. After the punt, the Panthers started their first drive on their 35 yard line. Two nice runs by their big full-back resulted in a first down. The Panthers lost five yards on their next two runs bringing up third and long. The third down pass was broken up, but the Panthers still gained yardage on a five yard face mask penalty. On third and five, the Panther quarterback gained ten yards on a nice broken field run. The big fullback gained another first down on an off tackle run up the middle. The Panthers were able to reach the Bronco 15 yard line. Then the Panther quarterback fumbled the snap and the Broncos recovered.

After two running plays failed to gain yardage, Moore rolled to his right and threw deep to Landon Brockman who made a nice catch for the first down. Three plays later, Lopez made another first down as the time ran out.

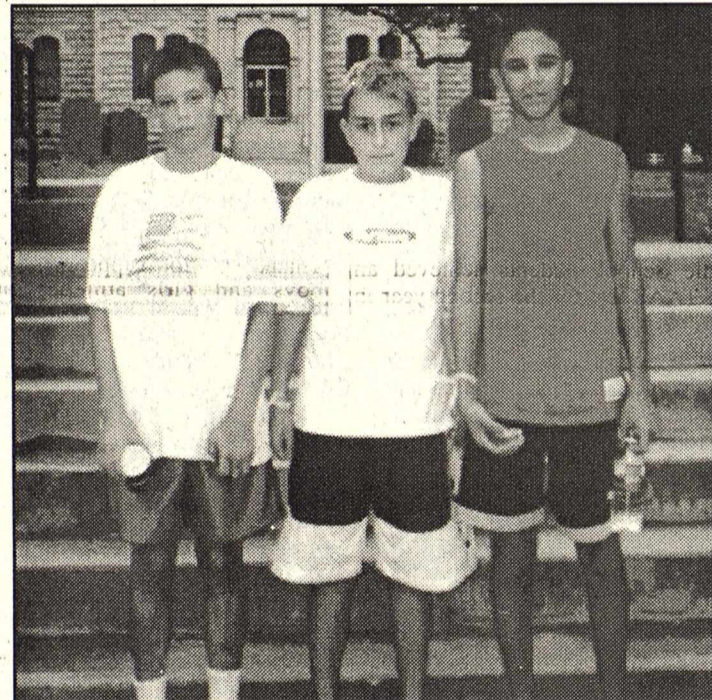
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Division II



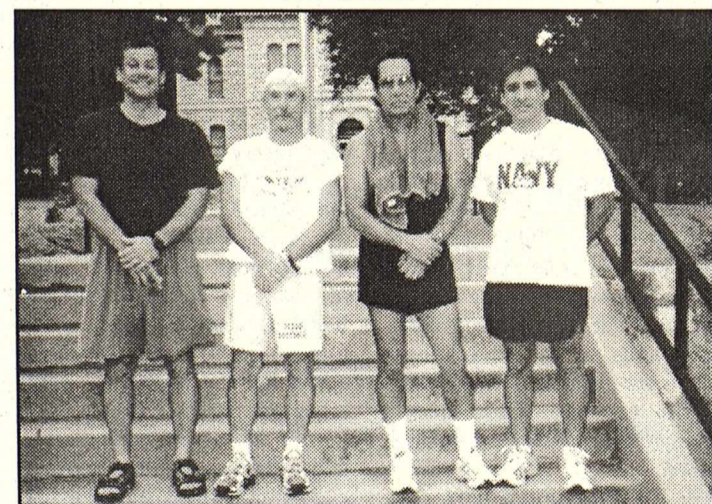
Back row: (L to R) Boys - Dustin Neff (1st - 6:09), Tyler Creek (2nd - 6:41) Front row (L to R) Girls - Jessica Snyder (1st - 6:54), Alyssa Favila (2nd - 7:53)

Division III



From left to right: Clayton Sahr (2nd with a 23:18), Max Schneider (3rd) and Nick Favala (1st with a 22:03). Not pictured is the Girls Winner Alexie Ortiz who ran a 25:32.

Division V



From left to right: 1st place - Randy Jones, Bill Schneider, Juan Perez, and Art Hernandez. Not pictured is the Women's Winner: Sandy Schneider

Division IV



1st place - John Hicks

2002 Bronco Football Schedule

COLT FOOTBALL

Sept. 5 • Ingram There • 5:00/6:30
Sept. 12 • Brady There • 5:00/6:30

JV FOOTBALL
Aug. 29 • Alpine There • 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 5 • Ingram Home • 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12 • Brady Home • 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY
Aug. 30 • Alpine Home • 7:30
Sept. 6 • Ingram There • 7:30
Sept. 13 • Brady There • 7:30 p.m.

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Wed. - (2) Pancakes, syrup, fruit
Thurs. - Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice
Fri. - Waffles, syrup, fruit

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Labor Day School Holiday!
Tues. - Spaghetti with meat, green beans, tossed salad, pudding with topping, roll
Wed. - Fish nuggets with ketchup, macaroni & cheese, 4 carrot sticks, spiced apples
Thurs. - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, cole slaw, jello with fruit
Fri. - Hamburgers, oven fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, fruit icee.

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Fort Stockton To Hold Flag Retiring Ceremony on Sept. 11

submitted

Historic Fort Stockton will host a Flag Retiring Ceremony conducted by the Boy Scouts. "We have chosen September 11th to pay tribute to all who died on that fateful day," stated Curator, Andi Martin. The Ceremony will fall on a Wednesday evening, which conflicts with some church services, however, as David Woods declared, "This wasn't a day chosen by Americans, but a day thrust upon us by History."

Burning the American flag is not always a disrespectful act or an act of protest. Burning the American flag is a right and proper thing to do with American flags that have liver past their prime. Many misconceptions exist about what to do with our country's flag once it becomes worn, old and tattered. Do we throw it away? Do we put it in a box? Do we put it in a drawer? Or do we place it in storage so that we can worry about it another day. NO!

There is a correct procedure on what to do involving the

proper way of disposing of an "experienced" U.S. flag. It does not mean just getting the flag as a whole and applying fire to it by a match, a lighter, or blow torch. The process of retirement involves cutting the flag into segments separating the blue field from the rest of the flag. Then it is to be respectfully placed in a well maintained fire until it becomes ash and is no longer recognizable as being an American flag. The ashes are then to be respectfully buried in American soil. This retirement ceremony should be properly conducted by persons who know how to perform this task in a very solemn manner.

The Ceremony will be held on the Fort Parade grounds on Wednesday, September 11th. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend and to bring their torn, tattered flags to be retired properly. Everyone will have the chance to dedicate their flag to a veteran, a group of veterans, or a loved one.

What Are The Consequences Of Inhaling Tobacco Smoke?

by Jessie Johnson, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley

The health consequences of tobacco use may include lung cancer, laryngeal and esophageal cancer, oral cancers, emphysema, high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. Additionally, tobacco smoke can be linked to impotence or infertility, a lowered immune system and a great chance of debilitating disease or premature death. Nicotine is the highly addictive substance in tobacco that stimulates the nervous system. Within seconds after inhaling tobacco smoke, blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration rate increase. Even a single puff can adversely affect the body.

Approximately one-third of all cancer deaths in the United States are related to the use of tobacco products. Worldwide, smoking is the cause of millions of deaths every year. Smoking and tobacco use are among the most preventable causes of mortality in the world today. Smokers aren't the only ones affected by smoking - anyone who is exposed to tobacco smoke may be harmed by its toxic chemical components. Secondhand smoke (also called Environmental Tobacco Smoke, or ETS) is a mixture of the unfiltered smoke that comes from burning tobacco and the smoke exhaled by the smoker. Because smoke from a burning cigarette is unfiltered, it may contain twice the amount of tar and nicotine as the smoke that passes through the filter. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke may be more likely to develop asthma or respiratory tract infections. Secondhand smoke inhalation is

responsible for thousands of lung cancer and cardiovascular disease deaths every year. 68% of American adolescents perceive a great risk associated with smoking cigarettes. Only 5% of daily smokers think that they will be smoking 5 years from now. However, according to research, nearly 75% of these daily smokers find that they are unable to break the habit.

Of the current 1/2-a-pack smokers in high school: 95% have used an illicit drug, 81% have used an illicit drug other than marijuana. 72% of the students report that their close friends would disapprove if they smoked a pack of cigarettes each day. Of those who report daily smoking by senior year, 40% began smoking by eighth grade. Of those seniors with an "A" Average, only 7% are current daily smokers, while 47% of those with a "D" average are current daily smokers.

For cigarette use, 70% of high school seniors, 74% of tenth graders, and 78% of eighth, reported that they disapproved of smoking one or more packs of cigarettes per day. 68% of twelfth graders, 59% of tenth graders, and 51% of eighth graders perceive regular smoking to be a significant health risk. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screenings are confidential. All services are provided at no charge. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

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to the bonding requirements will be withdrawn or dismissed, most frequently because the operator eventually secures the wells with either a bond or letter of credit.

For others, we should note that those 116 operators in question accounted for .14% of the oil produced in Texas and .03% of the natural gas produced. The unfortunate reality is that many of the low producing operators cited here will never generate sufficient revenue from their wells to pay for the cost of plugging when it becomes necessary to do so.

It's time for Texans to take notice because the rules and regulations of the Texas Railroad Commission can and do stand to impact our every day lives. We can create an environment where we find the right balance, an environment where production is valued but our resources, especially our water supplies, are preserved, as well.

Take CARE This Labor Day Weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety will join other state police agencies across the nation in promoting traffic safety through Operation CARE during the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

Operation CARE-Combined Accident Reduction Effort-focuses on strict enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and drug-related offenses, and occupant restraint laws. The increased presence of law enforcement on the state's highways will run from Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2.

"During holidays, people sometimes think that tragedy won't strike them or their loved ones, but it can," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

"If you're speeding, driving while intoxicated or not properly restrained, you put your life and the lives of others at risk."

Holiday drivers are sometimes tempted to drink and drive. They justify their illegal behavior by believing that their actions won't affect themselves or others. Drivers must remember that even one drink can diminish driving ability and there are no quick ways to "sober up."

DPS has a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving. Vehicles that are being driven in a manner that indicates the driver is intoxicated will be stopped in every case, and appropriate action will be taken. Drunk drivers are a hazard to themselves and everyone who shares the roadway with them.

"We realize that not every driver will follow our suggestions for safe driving," said Col. Davis, "and that's why our troopers and agencies across the state are stepping up holiday enforcement. We'll do our best to make the roadways safer for Labor Day weekend travel."

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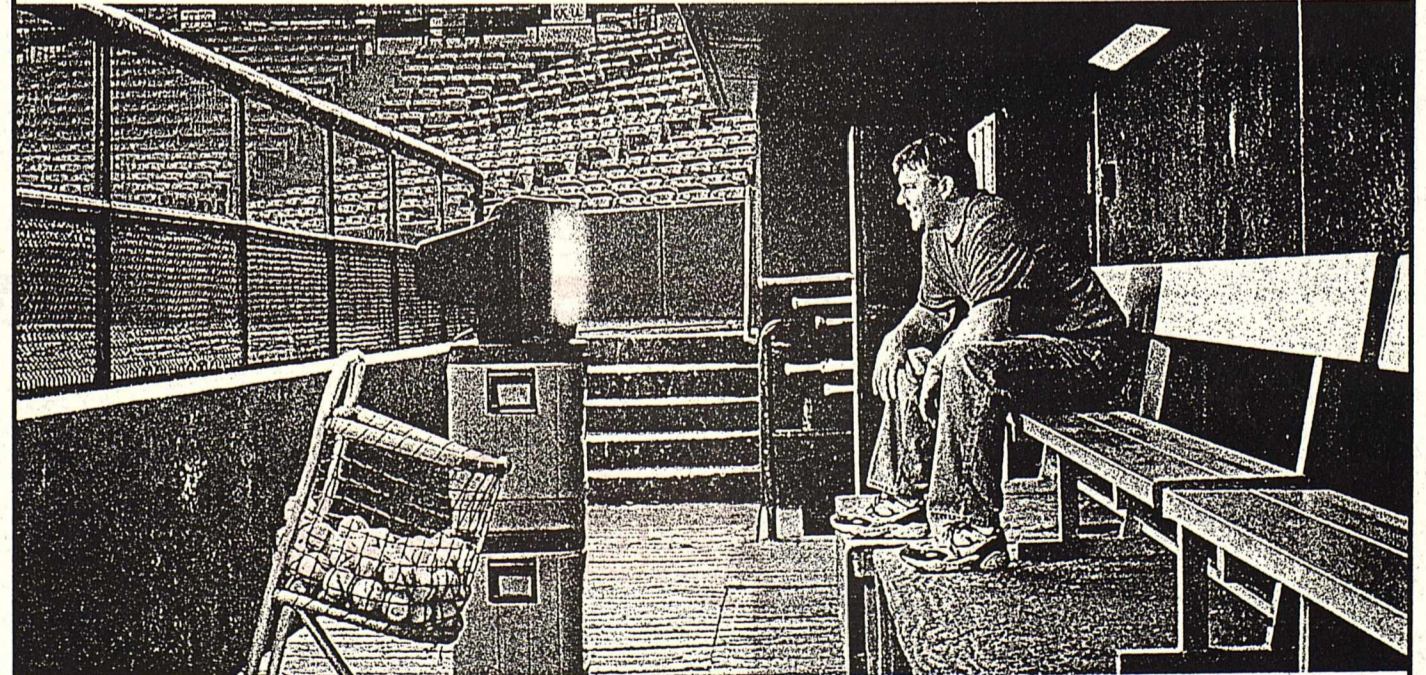
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