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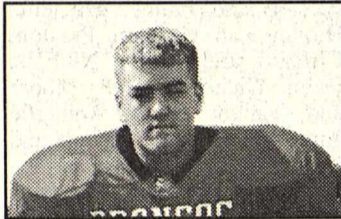
2002 Bronco All-District Football Offense



Juan Rodriguez
1st Team Running Back



Zedekiah Snodgrass
1st Team Offensive Line



Chris Martin
2nd Team Running Back



Douglas Yocham
2nd Team Wide Receiver

Offense/Defense



Israel Arevalo
2nd Team Offensive Line
2nd Team Offensive Line

Defense



Thomas Bloodworth
1st Team Linebacker



Diego Cardona
1st Team Special Teams

Honorable Mention



Justin Sims
Defensive End



Tom Valliant
Tight End



Emmanuel Lopez
Linebacker



Dustin Martin
Defensive Back

It's Christmas Time In Sutton County

Santa and the Mrs. arrived in Sonora on Monday evening, December 2, 2002, officially marking the beginning of the Christmas season. Taking their traditional ride down Main Street in a West Texas style sleigh pulled by a horse instead of eight tiny reindeer, the Clauses were joined by the 2002 Little Miss Sutton County, Kaitlyn Lopez and Little Mr. Sutton County Carter Zook. The little cuties joined many other young dreamers waiting in line to tell Santa what their Christmas wishes were this year.

Outside on Main Street Christmas music filled the air, joined by the laughter of friends and families gathered to enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and candies while shopping for Christmas treats. Merchants on Main Street were open for business and a few vendors offered gifts outside.

Due to Basketball games, the crowd was not as large as organizers would have wished, but those that attended were treated to some hometown hospitality and good Christmas cheer.

As the sun set and the streets grew dark, the Promenade riders, led by Miss Sutton County, Koda Armke, made their way to the Courthouse for the official lighting of the lawn. Santa Claus then thanked everyone for helping kick off the season and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus joined by Little Ms. Sutton Co., Kaitlyn Lopez and Little Mr. Sutton Co., Carter Zook.

Ladonna Wardlaw and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Ann Kay and the Main Street Program work very hard to put together activities such as these each year for the benefit of our community. Volunteers assist and are welcome at any time, to help make each event bigger and better.

Thank you to everyone that helps make Sonora such a great place to call home - at Christmas and throughout the entire year.



Miss Sutton County, Koda Armke, lights up Main Street.

Santa Bucks Add Up For Great Gifts



This Santa Bear will have a blue Christmas without you!

Let Sonora be your one-stop shopping place for Christmas! Everyone can be Santa at the Merchant's Christmas Santa Bucks Silent Auction. By now you should already be stocking up on those Santa Bucks that will prove to be valuable at the Silent Auction On December 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sutton County Civic Center. If you haven't got any yet, it's easy to do. Just shop at many of the Sonora businesses and don't forget to ask for your Santa Bucks. This Christmas currency will allow you to purchase many gifts for the elf of your choice.

This week, Busy Bee Dept. Store is donating a Christmas Balloon Surprise. Belia and the girls are stuffing the balloons with silver jewelry, bears, toys or shirts of your choice for that

special person. This gift is valued at an estimated \$21.00.

Fran at image apparell has put together a western fire starter bucket, complete with all the items necessary to build a warm fire on a cold Christmas night, valued at \$75.

Marla at Team Graphics would like you to cozy up with a cute little Santa Bear that is sure to make anyone's holiday "bearly" special.

These are just a few of the items that will be available for bidding at the Santa Buck Silent Auction. There is only 21 more days of shopping left and the more you shop Sonora, the more Santa Bucks you earn. So don't be left in the cold, get out there and shop.

Light Up The Town and Be The Best "Dressed Up" House On The Block

Christmas decorations are a way people reach out and spread Christmas cheer during the holiday season. Each year the town of Sonora is divided into four parts and a winner is awarded for the best "Dressed Up" house every week until Christmas. Winners get awarded with a small gift and get the coveted "Winner" sign in their yard for the week.

The judges will be out on Sundays, judging the homes all over town, looking for the Best "Dressed Up" homes. The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio will announce the winners each week. Help celebrate the season and show your Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas From the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Directos and Ann Kay.

Rummaging Up Some Funds For The Hospital

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Rummage Sale fund raiser on Friday, December 6, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. till it's all gone at the Hudspeth Hospital Annex. Items to be sold will range from a wide variety of furniture, household goods, holiday decoration and much, much more. All proceeds from the rummage sale will go to the purchase of patient recliners for the hospital. Last year's sale helped purchase two recliners and the Auxiliary is hoping to raise more this year. For more information call Rose Butler at 387-2743 or Janalyn Jones at 387-3101.

Gonzales Takes Home The Quilt



Sandra Luz Gonzales was the lucky winner of the handmade quilt that was raffled off during the Christmas Light Promenade. The quilt top was given to the Sutton County Sr. Center several years ago by Jean Davenport. The ladies at the Senior Center volunteered their time and their sewing talents to complete the heirloom and the Senior Center Support Group decided to raffle it off to raise money for the Center. All proceeds will go toward "extras" at the center.

City Council Awards Fuel Bid To Eddins-Walcher, Inc.

On the 19th of November 2002 the City Council of Sonora, Texas met in Regular Session at City Hall with Mayor James Stephen presiding over the meeting. Councilmembers Vivian Miears and James Blackman were present, as well as, Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Becky Covington, City Secretary. Others attending all or part of the meeting were Tony Lane, Justin McGeath, James McLaughlin, Mary Ann Kay, Ladonna Wardlaw, Chief House, Larry Lynch, Judge Garner, Juanita Mesa and Judge Sessom.

Mayor Stephen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Judge Sessom delivered the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Miears made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2002 as written.

The Sutton County Appraisal District monthly tax collection report for October 2002 was approved. \$49,077.18 or 8.17% of taxes have been collected to date.

Once again, Judge Garner came before the council to inform them of Sutton County's intention in January to take over the administration of the Rural Public Transportation System. Judge Garner advised that the budget would be approximately \$35,742.36 a year, with COG supporting 25% of the funding, the vehicle and maintenance, fuel, telephone, answering machine, and time clock for the program. The budget would include salary for two drivers at 30 hours a week plus insurance and retirement benefits. She also reported that office space would be provided in the courthouse and at times that they were not busy driving they would help in the Justice of the Peace office. Judge Garner asked for funding of 25% or approximately \$8,935.00 or whatever the city could afford. Mayor Stephen thanked Judge Garner for the information and advised that the City would be holding a workshop in January to discuss long range planning and would further discuss, the request to participate at that time.

Justin McGeath, presented the quarterly Sonora Industrial Development Corporation financial report for the use of 4B sales tax. Justin advised that the George Thorp Water Well Service contract has been completed and the Sonora Air Cooled project contract is still pending. Justin also reported on several prospects that the board is working on. The financial report was approved as presented.

A motion was made and approved to accept \$46,956.52 of budget amendments for fiscal year 2001-2002 for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Miears made a motion to amend the hotel occupancy contract with Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. to include the new statutory authority for the local hotel occupancy tax to be used to fund certain promotional and event costs for sporting events that qualify. Blackman made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Ann Kay, Manager of the Friends of Historic Sonora, presented the council with an award from the Texas Downtown Association for "Best Restoration Project 2002" - Sutton County Courthouse. The council commended Judge Garner and Ann on the project. Ann also advised that she was re-elected to serve another two



Help brighten everyone's Christmas by "dressing up" your home and yard!

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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.
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387-5713

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

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205 E. Main
387-3241

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387-6072

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

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

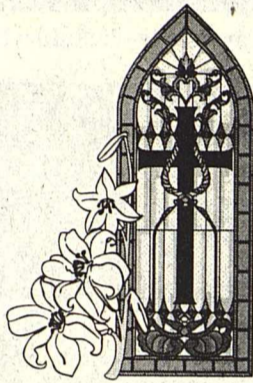
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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
Interim Mike Dixon
511 Cornell
387-5207



Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Engagement



Carrasco - Kassahn

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carrasco are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Leslie Ann Carrasco to James Daniel Kassahn of San Antonio, Texas. Leslie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Sanchez of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Baltazar Carrasco of McCamey, Texas. She is a 1993 graduate of Sonora High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government. She earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1999. Currently, she is employed as an Attorney for the

City of San Antonio in the Administrative and Financial Services Division. Dan is the son of Ms. Paula Kassahn and the grandson of Ms. Mary Waldrep, both of San Antonio. He is a 1992 graduate of the Texas Military Institute and a 1996 graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1999. Currently, he is employed as a Prosecutor for the City of San Antonio. The couple plans a February 15, 2003 wedding at the Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

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School Lunch Menu • Dec. 9 - 13, 2002

Breakfast

Mon. - French toast sticks, syrup, peaches.
Tues. - Cinnamon roll, asst. juice or fruit.
Wed. - Pancake on a stick, asst. juice or fruit.
Thurs. - Peanut butter toast, asst. juice or fruit.
Fri. - Biscuits/sausage, fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Texas Tajitas on flour tortilla, pinto beans, rice, tropical pears.
Tues. - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, apple cake.
Wed. - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, peaches, biscuits.
Thurs. - Chili dog/mustard, baked beans, vegetable salad, mixed fruit.
Fri. - Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, strawberries and bananas.



Obituary

Alma Louise Ward

Alma Louise Ward, 82, died Saturday, November 23, 2002.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002, in the First Baptist Church of Claude with the Rev. Truman Ledbetter, pastor of the First Church of Claredon, and Edwin Campbell, of Claredon, officiating. Burial followed in the Claude Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Claredon.

She was born February 7, 1920 in Sonora, Sutton County, to Stacy Pinkny Glasscock and Rhoda Dollye Stokes Glasscock. She had been a resident of Claude most of her life.

She had resided at the Palo Duro Nursing Home since June 2001 and considered the residents and staff her extended family. She married Jack Ward in December of 1947. He pre-

ceded him in death on July 3, 1994.

During her early life she was very involved in the activities of her children and was a longtime 4-H leader. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Claude.

Pallbearers were Stacy Don Ward, Roy Dale Cooper, Bryan Matthews, Doodie Tyler, Wayne Tyler and Jack Fields.

Survivors include three daughters, Janet Cooper and husband Johnny of Claredon, Beth Smith of Junction, and Jackie Matthews and husband David of Amarillo; a son, Stacy Ward of Amarillo; two stepchildren, Patricia Bradbury and Jerry Ward of Kilgore; a brother, Roy B. Glasscock of Odessa; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Palo Duro Nursing

Charlie Applewhite

Charlie Applewhite (Po), attended throughout by loved ones, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and family members that had passed before him, on Saturday, November 30, 2002, in San Angelo Community Hospital after a short illness.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2002, in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Charles Granvel Applewhite was born on Onion Creek near Austin, Texas, on November 4, 1917, to Isaac and Velma Applewhite. His school days were spent in Eden and Paint Rock, Texas. He graduated from Paint Rock High School and attended San Marcos State College before enlisting in the Army where he served as a Signal Corps Sergeant in Africa, Italy, Sicily and England during World War II.

Charlie married his life partner of 56 years, Elizabeth Coose of Ozona, Texas, on March 14, 1946.

He was a partner of the Ozona Butane Company for 40 years. After his retirement, he and Lib were Helping Hands volunteers and delivered Meals on Wheels. He loved to fish on

the Devil's River, where he and Lib had a lease, and was an avid reader.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Lib; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kip Nichols of Hamilton, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelly Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas; and a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Richard Preston of Eldorado, Texas.

Grandchildren include Trey Preston and fiancée, Michelle, Hunter and Carmen Preston, Clifford and Emily Nichols, Derek Nichols, Randy Moore and Shannon Moore, Amberlie Applewhite, John Clayton and Megan Childress, and Courtney and Bob Duke. He is also survived by three brothers, Gene Applewhite and Alex Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas, Billie and wife, Mae Applewhite, of Granbury; a special sister-in-law, Willa V. Baggett of Peach Tree, GA.; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Sam.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Johnny Childress; a grandson, George Austin Preston; and a brother, Jack Applewhite.



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Senior Center News

- Dec. 9** - Bingo!
- Dec. 10** - Start practice for Christmas Carols. Please join us if you would like to sing...after lunch.
- Dec. 11** - Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors...we need you! Call or come by Center!
- Dec. 12** - Poinsettia Day!
- Dec. 13** - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

- Dec. 9** - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding.
- Dec. 10** - Chicken strip with gravy, beans, mustard greens, cornbread, juice, cobbler.
- Dec. 11** - Meatoaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie.
- Dec. 12** - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, seasoned spinach, roll, jello with fruit.
- Dec. 13** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, roll, orange wedges.

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

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134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering
109 W. Main
387-0623

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

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Community

- Dec. 6**
Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale
Annex Bldg. • 8:00 a.m. - ?
- Dec. 10**
Christmas Party at the Senior Center
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pancho Claus will be there.

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

- Dec. 11**
Sonora Job Fair
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sutton Co. 4-H Civic Center

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical
Society

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Sutton County Historical offices are closed until December 15. If you wish to rent the Depot or grounds please call Al Elliott's office at 387-3529. When we return on the 15th we will try to have the office open as much as possible during the holidays so that people coming home can access the old newspapers and files for research. The Sutton County Historical Society's new telephone number is 387-5084. If I am not at the office just give me a call on the phone after the 15th at 387-2855.

We hope you all enjoy the decorations on the Sutton County Historical Society grounds and would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the members who showed up to help decorate on December 1st. Thank you all again for all your hard work. There is a Christmas tree in the depot and lights all over our buildings this year thanks to several people who "stroll the grounds regularly and wanted to donate so others can enjoy them." Thank you all so much!

Let's take a step back in time to the old papers today and see what was happening in December of years ago. Devil's River News, December 4, 1942 "Give the Axis a Run with Your Old Silk Hose". This saying was published in the paper regularly. Women were asked to turn in their old silk hose to recycle it into much needed material for parachutes, etc. for the war effort. Containers were put in different places and the ladies would turn in their hose with runs and other good 100% silk articles for recycling into the war effort. Now we have man made nylons and panty hose, back then it was silk stockings or cotton stockings.

Donations were being accepted for kit bags for men in service. Each bag included many useful items, such as soap, razor, stationary, shoe polish and cloth, pocket size books, shoe laces, pencils, chewing gum, cigarettes, tobacco, play-

ing cards and buttons and thread. This was part of the local Red Cross drive. The Sutton County Chapter also shipped out knit garments the same week, 30 sweaters, 15 mufflers, 15 helmets, 18 pairs of wristlets, 44 pairs of socks and a beanie.

Miss Libby Jo Wallace, a student at Southwestern University, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Libb Wallace over the weekend. Home from A & M for the holidays were Glen Richardson, O. L. Richardson, Wilfred Berger, Eugene Alley and R. W. Johnson.

Devil's River News, December 11, 1942 - George Barrows was named Sonora's new Post Master as T. M. Murray retired with 24 years of service. Winnie Wyatt Fields and J. W. Trainer died. Nelson Stubblefield is now stationed at Camp Murphy, Florida and Weyland Stubblefield is serving overseas with the Army. Harold Cleveland Saunders enrolled in pre-flight school for the Army Air Forces at Maxwell Field, Montgomery Alabama. Lt. Jack Shurley, Co. E, 19th Engineers is camped in a small town on the coast overlooking the blue Mediterranean, Pvt. Clayton White is at Curtiss Wright Mechanical School in Glendale, California and Pvt. R. W. Hill is at Chanute Field in Illinois. Clayton wrote home that he had been to the Hollywood Canteen and saw Bette Davis and Kaye Kyser. "Bette looks exactly like she does on the screen, big eyes and all." Vernon Cook, Seaman 2nd class is at Pacific Fleet Radio School, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii learning radio, signaling and radar.

Miss Marie Watkins is presenting a recital Tuesday at the Methodist Church. The elementary group who will appear on the program consists of: Connie Mack Locklin, Lois Ann Mann, Mary Elaine Stringer, Flora Dell Davis, Peggy Ann Willman, Jackie Gwen Wardlaw, Anne Karnes, Blanche Lavon Taylor, Ernest Carrol Stephens, Norris Loeffler, Jane Neill, Maxine Chalk, James Theodore Hunt, Kathryn Ros, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jimmie Cusenbary, Tommy Bond, David Shurley and Frankie Bond. The public



1940's McDonald Hotel on Concho St.

was cordially invited to attend.

Devil's River News, December 18, 1942- Three plays were presented at the Elliott School. Two short plays in English and one Spanish play with a cast made up of parents and teachers. There were also 3 Spanish songs, two readings and 2 Spanish dances all done in costume. The proceeds were used to buy Christmas gifts for the children. The cast included Clemencia Flores, Adolph Flores, Mrs. Pilar Martinez, Elodio Torres, Mrs. Odilia Sosa, Joe Sanchez, Mrs. Lein Castillo, Mrs. Aldor Castillo, Pablo Favela, Jesus Villarreal, Enrique Cardona, Margarita Martinez, Juanita Virgen, Ruben Gomez, Adador Figueroa, Anisto Castro Jr., Cecilia Martinez, Fidenso Cardon, Perda Servantez, Rudolph Garza, Mrs. Liberada Ramirez, Elpidio Torres, Mrs. Bienta Lopez, Ismael Castro, Pat Brown, Margaret Barton, M. A. Tant, Mildred Mund, Maxine Speck and other minor characters.

Pvt. Clay Puckett of the Marines wrote he was on his way to San Diego in a train of 22 cars of Texas troops. H. H. Black, arrived safely at the 1st P. G. torpedo Squad at Elgin Field, Florida from Baltimore. Cpl. E. Nelson Stubblefield is at Camp Murray Florida with the U. S. Army. Pvt. Harold C. Pierce is somewhere in Alaska and wishes he could be home for Christmas.

Devil's River News, December 25, 1942 - The Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. sold this week 100,000 pounds of mohair to Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Co. at 50 and 70 cents a pound for grown and kid,

respectively.

The W. C. Bricker home was burned by a fire that broke out due to the explosion of an oil stove. The family escaped from the house just in time. The house and most of the furniture in it were destroyed and the Esquibel home next door was damaged on the exterior.

Emil Vander Stucken, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, who is in the Navy has been promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander and is now stationed in Washington, D.C.

Miss Snookie Reiley, an Incarnate Word student, is spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Reiley and Miss Margaret Sandherr, who is attending Southwestern University is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sandherr.

See some things don't change. We have children scattered around the country in the military again. We are still having school plays, children coming home for the holidays and seasonal celebrations and we still make up boxes to send off to those who can't get home for the holidays. Luckily we are not under rationing anymore and don't have to scrounge for coupons to get presents, tires, gas, sugar, meat, etc. for our Christmas celebration.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76850-0885. Until the 15th if you need to rent the Depot or make an appointment to come in after the 15th for research call 387-3529, Al Elliott's office and speak with one of his employees. Thanks!

Happy Birthday

- December 5 - Erika Campbell, Sabrina Surber, Becki Harris
- December 6 - Logan Luttrell, Kaija Valkonen, Wayne Tyler
- December 7 - Preston Love
- December 8 - Cameron Sims, Bobby Joe Mogford, Quincy Crain, Mike Fay, Willie Gutierrez, Whitney Hooper
- December 9 - Rose Hooper
- December 10 - David Lopez, Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder, Tyler Edmondson, Kristen Hardgrave, Melanie Smith
- December 11 - Carl Weaver, Sam Taylor

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That Day ...

Last Sunday some friends mentioned the name of a college that I used to attend. It brought back a lot of old memories but many of them were not good. I was not a Christian then and I just lived to please myself. As I thought about my life it seems like there were two different life styles. One with fun and pleasures (2 Timothy 3:4) but with many regrets and heartaches. The other not as wild or out of control but with love, joy and peace in abundance and very few regrets. Right in the middle of those two different and distinct lifestyles was one day. That day was different than all the rest. That was the day a man (a preacher, Romans 10:15) came out to my house and shared with me about knowing Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. That day I asked God to forgive me for the way I had lived (Job 22:21& Job 33:26-28) and I asked Christ to have mercy on me and please come into my life (to let His will be done) and be my Lord and Savior. You talk about a change, not on the outside but on the inside (Isaiah 12:1-5). It is amazing the difference a day can make. I hope you have had a day like that in your life. See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J

**Special Christmas
Introduction**

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The Sounds of Christmas Filled The Air



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ECA Course To Be Offered

Sutton county EMS will sponsor an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course beginning on January 14, 2003. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS training facility from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday through March 25, 2003.

The ECA course provides classroom and skills instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, bleeding and shock, bandaging and splinting, childbirth, injury and illness care for infants and children and various other emergency subjects.

After successful completion of the course, the student will be registered with the Texas Department of Health as an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA).

The tuition for the course is \$50.00 plus cost of textbook. For more information, please contact the Sutton County Emergency Medical Services at 387-5132, or come by 211 East Third Street. Pre-registration is required. Register early, the class is limited.

Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street Membership Report

by Ann Kay, Main Street Mng.

Let me start by saying thank you for your support by helping the community of Sonora in preserving our future today. The Friends of Sonora web site has received 680 visitors in the last 8 weeks. We are so proud of our members that have pledged to support many of the community activities that the Main Street Program does each year. We promote Sonora as a friendly place to visit and maybe even settle down in.

We would like to express our appreciation and to honor the individuals supporters, businesses, professionals, Super Golden Supporters (60+ years +),

Corporate members and associate supporters who have joined the Internet world with the Friends of Sonora. We invite everyone to visit the web site at www.friendsofsonora.org. If you would like to be a part of the Friends of Sonora family just call the Main Street Program office at 915-387-2248 or log on to www.friendsofsonora.org and retail businesses may advertise merchandise in the Sonora Under One Roof Country Store, Churches may advertise the times of Church services and special events on our community calendar. You can even take a virtual walking tour of the historic main street.

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We would like to thank Sonora for a successful year and hope that you will become a member of the Friends of Sonora web site and support the Sonora Main Street Program. Give our best to your family and we'll see you soon on the web site. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

F.Y.I.

Child Welfare Board is once again sponsoring the Angel Tree. Angels are available at First National Bank, The Bank & Trust and Alco. Please pick up an angel and provide a gift of clothes for a child in Sutton County. Gifts must be dropped off by December 18th to the place where you chose your angel.

Attention ALL Cub Scouts: The Scouts of Pack 19 will have their monthly pack meeting on December 8, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Sonora Junior High Snack Bar. The Scouts will be Christmas caroling. Any parents that can volunteer their time to help set up and have refreshments ready would be very much appreciated! For any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821.

The Sutton County Senior Center will hold their annual Christmas party on December 10th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Join them for "festive" evening of fun and friends. Pancho Claus, from the South Pole will be on hand to visit and give out goodies. Everyone is welcome.

Sonora ISD recently sent out informational surveys to parents and students of the Classes of 2000, 2001, and 2002. You may return the survey in the self addressed envelope that was enclosed or drop it by the Administration Building at 807 S. Concho. Your reply would be greatly appreciated.

The next Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank & Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of someone close to you, you are urged to attend.

Cleaning out for the holidays? Let us help you. The Hospital Auxiliary is having another one of their great rummage sales on December 6, 2002 at 8:00 .am.!

There will be a Little Dribbler Coaches meeting on Dec. 5th at the Devon Office (Main St. Mercantile Bldg.) at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to be a coach or help coach.

The deadline to purchase a Senior Ad for the 2003 Yearbooks is December 18th. Text and pictures are also due at this time. Your pictures will be returned to you when the completed yearbooks arrive in September of 2003. For more information call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315.

If you have not purchased a 2002 Yearbook, they are still on sale. Come to the High School or send your payment to S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 or call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext 315 for more information.

The Sutton County Historical Society office will be closed until December 15, 2002.

A new bilingual service for anyone needing help to fill out applications for social security or other programs will be offered at the Sr. Center starting on the 3rd Wed. of November or by appointment. Maria Carrasco will be available. Please call 387-5657 or 387-3941 Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m or come by the Center FMI.

Parent information classes are being offered weekly at the elementary auditorium. Classes are on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Area agencies along with school staff will be presenting information on a wide range of topics such as positive behavior support, building self-esteem in your children, nutrition, and much more. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Lending A Helping Hand To Those In Need



Congressman Henry Bonilla

The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and

loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate.

All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference -- especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united.

There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to

make it a priority to give something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

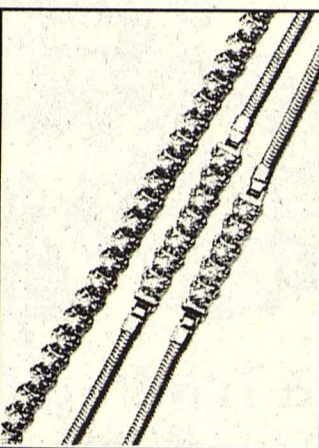
There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother. Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs - that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

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Sonora Students Named Who's Who

A total of 30 students from this area are included in the 36th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002*. Local students selected include Chance Armke, Koda Armke, Marjorie Becknell, Landon Brockman, Ruben Brown, John Castro, Jessica Collins, Karla Dominguez, Danielle Galindo, Desiree Gonzales, Ervey Hernandez, Katrina Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Marilyn Holman, Kasey Kearney, Heather Lawson, Emmanuel Lopez, Christopher Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, Thia McKissack, Reyna Moreno, Ashley Parker, Leandra Perez, Stetson Perez, Maria Rojo, Nicole Samaniego, Amanda Sanchez, Justin Sims, Sheryl Strauch and Wilson Wallace.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based

upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 36th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

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Sonora High School 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

All A's

Freshmen

Hilton Bloodworth, Boomer Galindo, John Healy, Ty Love, Candice Martin, Erin Newton, Embre Smith, Charles Turney, Warren Wallace

Sophomores

Courtney Caruthers, Dustin Creek, Karla Dominguez, Tara Green, Laramie Hall, Allison Higdon, Chelsea Seaton, Amanda Word

Juniors

Elizabeth Elliott, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Sheryl Strauch

Seniors

Shane Benson, Gabby Duran, Katrina Hernandez, Josh Hopkins, Brandon West

A's & B's

Freshmen

Desiree Alvarado, Chantel Arispe, Casey Arredondo, Desirae Boldt, Mandy Brister, Felicia Castillo, Tina Covey, Cameron Cox, Isaiah Cutler, Swade Draper, Steven Duhon, Lisa Frye, Filemon Garza, Jessica Govea, Jillian Gully, Jessica Gutierrez, Kristina Hernandez, Jeb Hunt, Anthony Longoria, Julia Lugo, Christina Martinez, Mason Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Deangelina McGee, Maricela Moreno, Kathryn Pacheco, Anabel Perez, Christopher Perez, Daniella Perez, Trent Reiner, Kali Roberts, Vanessa Salazar, Kaleena Samaniego, Christine Sanchez, Ivan Silva, Lauren Smith, Juan Solis, Nash Traylor, Holly Trevino, Luis Tovar, Julie Villanueva, Tissie Wagoner, Sandra Yorba

Sophomores

David Adkins, M.J. Brown, Adriana Castillo, Chris Castro, Clint Cearley, Benny Frasier, Kenia Gutierrez, Jennifer Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Debra Martinez, Erika McClintock, Brian Payton, Yesenia Portillo, Lance Roberts, Amanda Samaniego, Austin Wagoner, Garrett Watkins

Juniors

Joseph Ainsworth, Megan Berry, Oscar Chavez, David Cook, April Flores, Danielle Galindo, Paola Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Crystal Guerra, Dainah Hernandez, Stevie Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Kelly Kearney, Scottie Moore, Amelia Moreno, Nicole Samaniego, Hanna Scott, Zed Snodgrass, Barbara Solis, Susana Street, Cady Taylor, Tom Valliant, Maria Vaquera, Wilson Wallace

Seniors

Israel Areal, Koda Armke, Landon Brockman, Amani Capuchina, Keshia Frasier, Caleb Gully, Amy Gutierrez, Kara Hard, Ervey Hernandez, Brittany Longoria, Emanuel Lopez, Jared Parks, Leandra Perez, Heath Prather, Seth Prather, Adrian Ramirez, Vigilia Rojo, Amanda Sanchez, David Sanchez, Justin Sims, Laura Word, Susan Vaquera, Douglas Yocham

Lady Broncos Come Back Strong

The Varsity Lady Broncos showed a lot of hustle and determination against Ingram on November 22, 2002, but just couldn't get the ball to fall their way. The Ladies rallied and came within 6 points before Ingram open the gates on them again and came out on top 70 to 54. Morgan Hobbs was the player of the game with 13 points. Ashley Parker and Elizabeth Elliott both had a strong showing with 11 points each. Tamika Marshall was right behind them with 10 points. Marshall also lead the rebounding with 4 saves. Hobbs and Elliott each had 3 rebounds.

The Lady Broncos got back on the winning train on the 25th, defeating Junction 46 to 36 (last

Ten Star Basketball Camp Taking Applications

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stack, Grant Hill and more. Players from 50 states and 8 foreign countries attended the 2002 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-

American Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, TN, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta GA, Dubuque IA, Champaign, IL, Macomb IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Owensboro, KY, Amhers, MA, Hillsdale, MI, Saint Paul, MN, Hickory NC, Hamilton NY, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Commerce, TX, Blacksburg, VA, Olympia, WA. For a free brochure call (704)373-0873 anytime.

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An information meeting on becoming a foster/adopt parent will be held in San Angelo, Texas on: Thursday, December 5, 2002 at the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 622 South Oakes, San

Angelo, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Children's Protective Services is looking for families willing to open their homes and their hearts to abused and neglected children. San Angelo and surrounding counties are in need of foster homes.

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Dec. 12, 13, & 14
Ozona Var. Tournament TBA

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Dec. 5, 6 & 7
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Dec. 16 • Reagan Co. 6:15 p.m. • There

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J.V. "A" Lady Broncos On A Winning Streak

The Sonora J.V. "A" team defeated Ingram 64 to 46 on November 22, 2002. Savanna Hedgecock was the lead scorer with 12 points, followed closely by Tissie Wagoner with 10 points. Chelsea Seaton had 7 points and Jillian Gully, Tara Green, and Amanda Word each had 6 points. Missy Longoria had 5, Kayla McBride had 4, Kenia Gutierrez had 3, Susanna Street and Perla Perez each had 2 and Kali Roberts had 1. All

the girls contributed and played a strong game.

Continuing on their winning streak, the girls defeated Junction 46 to 17. Tissie Wagoner made a strong showing with 14 points. Other points were as follows: Savanna Hedgecock - 8, Tara Green - 6, Jillian Gully and Chelsea Seaton - 5, Kali Roberts - 4 and Debra Martinez and Amanda Word - 2 each.

7th Grade Colts Fall Short Against Ozona

The 7th Grade Sonora Colt "A" Team was unable to hold on to a lead and was defeated by the 7th Grade Ozona Lions 34 to 22 on December 2, 2002.

The first quarter found both teams on even ground, with the score being 6 - all at the buzzer. Sonora pushed ahead and came out just a bit on top of the 2nd quarter, bringing the score within 1, to 13 - 12, Colts.

Ozona rallied in the third quarter, taking over the court and the lead by 7 points for a third quarter score of 26 to 19

in-favor of the Lions. The final quarter stayed on that same course, with Ozona coming out the victors, 34 to 22.

Dalton Dover, J.T. Downing, Alonzo Peña and Riley Sanchez each had 4 points and Aaron Gaytan, Hunter Lawson and Zadrian McGee each scored a basket, adding 2 points a piece to the scoreboard.

The 7th grade boys will play at home against Grape Creek on Monday, December 9th.

Runaway Hotline Could Be A Lifeline For Troubled Youth

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

For most Texans the holiday season that began at Thanksgiving is a time of joyous celebrations and reunions with families and friends.

Unfortunately, thousands of Texas children will spend the holidays on the streets rather than at home with parents. More than 100,000 Texas children between the ages of seven and 17 run away from home each year.

Many children run from overwhelming problems at home that may include physical and sexual abuse. Other runaways are struggling with their own substance abuse. Often youth run away because they and their parents or guardians cannot cope with the conflicts and behavioral patterns that come with adolescence.

Whatever their reasons for

leaving home, once on the street runaways' lives are in real danger. Many of them regret their decision to leave home but are afraid to go back.

To help runaways, the Texas Protective and Regulatory Services maintains the Texas Runaway Hotline. The hotline provides crisis counseling, referrals to organizations in the runaways' area that provide shelter, food, medical help and, if desired, free transportation home.

The toll-free Runaway Hotline has been in operation since 1973 after the bodies of 27 teenagers were found in the Houston area.

Professional staff members and volunteers with at least 40 hours of training answer hotline calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll-free number is (888) 580-4357 (HELP).

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See Runaway page 7

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Texas Feeder Cattle Will Leave State in 2003 Without Restrictions!

A Happy New Year!
The holidays may be brighter for the Texas cattle industry, since federal officials on Wednesday, November 27, gave notice that Texas feeder cattle will not have to meet additional movement restrictions as of January 1, 2003. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) meeting with state animal health officials, announced a delay of at least nine months for any new movement requirements that would impact the interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle.

"The Texas cattle industry has been extremely worried for several months, because after finding two infected cattle herds since summer 2001, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication," said Dr. Linda Logan, executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC),

the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "During the spring and summer, a TB working group comprised of representatives from Texas cattle businesses met with USDA representatives repeatedly to seek relief from unnecessary burdensome restrictions on feeder cattle movement."

Included in the TB working group were leaders of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Independent Cattlemen Association, Texas Cattle Feeders, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau. Dr. Logan applauded the livestock industry for their teamwork to minimize the federal regulatory impact on the cattle producers.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year. Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag, and not only tag, but also TB test all feeder heifers and feeder bull calves," said Dr. Logan. "These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged."

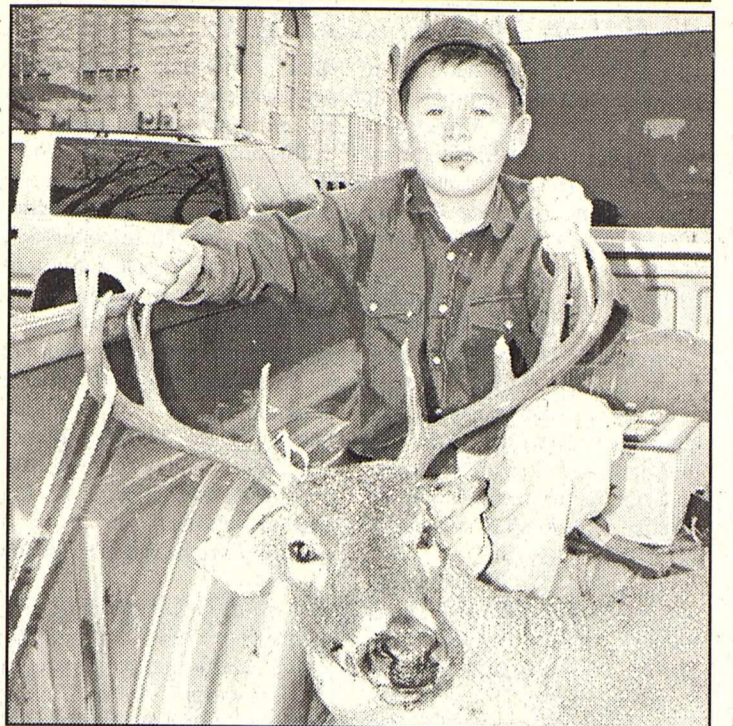
"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," commented Dr. Logan. "According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease."

However, should a statistically significant risk be shown, the USDA could propose and publish additional movement requirements. Any new federal regulations on this issue, however, likely would not go into effect until at least Fall 2003."

Dr. Logan explained that, due to detection of the two infected herds in Texas, the USDA in June 2002 downgraded the state to the second-highest federal status, known as "modified accredited advanced." She noted that the USDA's action to delay implementation of any additional restrictions will not affect current requirements for Texas breeding cattle.

"Texas breeding cattle still must have a negative TB skin test and be identified with an official ear tag prior to being transported out of Texas. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot," she said. About 150,000 breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year.

Who's Baggin' The Big Bucks?



Brenden Biancalana, the 8 year old grandson of Louis Balas, beat out the big boys with this 12 point buck that had a 16 1/2" inside spread. Brenden was hunting with his grandma, Loyce, on Marvin Shurley's Los Curenos Ranch when he got the trophy.



Larry Finklea got this 14 point buck with a .270 on November 21, 2002 at the Black Ranch. Mary Humphrey scored him a 169 4/8 on the B&C scale.

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- J. Cleo Thompson; 9000' Thompson - 27 - #8, Patterson Drilling.
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- BP America Prod; 11452' Banner Estate #4 H, Patterson UTIL/V.
- Conoco; 15300' Culbertson - 16 - #3, H, Nabors Drilling.
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Greg Abbott Sworn In As Texas' 50th Attorney General

AUSTIN—Greg Abbott took the oath of office as the 50th Texas Attorney General today before a gathering of family and agency staff. Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips welcomed the crowd and swore in Attorney General Abbott at a morning ceremony in the rotunda of the William P. Clements State

Office Building.

In his remarks to the gathering, Attorney General Abbott expressed appreciation to those who helped him succeed to the office and outlined his goals for the agency, stressing the importance of service to the people of Texas.

"We are working on behalf of the State of Texas, and we

are going to achieve whatever things we achieve as a team," Abbott said. "I wanted to start out my first minute in office as Attorney General with you - the employees and staff of the Attorney General's Office - to let you know that I'm ready to lock arm-in-arm with you to ensure we do all we can for Texans."

The new attorney general promised to enforce laws to protect Texans and their interests, with a focus on consumer issues, child support collections, crime victims, the elderly, and maintaining public confidence in government.

"We have many challenges ahead of us and many responsibilities, but ultimately they can be reduced to one salient point: we have an obligation to serve the people of Texas," said Abbott. "My promise to you is to do everything I can to meet the expectations of Texans but to exceed them."

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staff and volunteers inaugurated the Texas Youth Hotline to reach youth and families in conflict and possibly prevent the youth from running away. Volunteers and staff members talk with family members who are facing a variety of problems, including family conflict, delinquency, truancy and abuse and neglect. The youth hotline toll-free number is (800) 210-2278.

When a child or parent calls either hotline, they are usually in a crisis situation. Hotline counselors evaluate the crisis, attempt to identify the underlying problem and assist the callers with names of resources and possible plans of action. The hotline database contains the names of more than 2,000 local, statewide and nationwide youth related organizations.

Every runaway who calls the hotline is encouraged to contact his or her parents, a family member, a trusted adult or a community organization. Parents may call and leave messages for their children.

If a runaway is unwilling or cannot make the call, a hotline volunteer will offer to initiate a conference call.

If runaways refuse to contact their parents directly, hotline volunteers encourage them to relay messages with an understanding that their locations will not be divulged. These messages are then relayed to parents.

The best thing is having a runaway child actually come home for the holidays. The next best thing is knowing your child is still alive somewhere.

TDA Accepting Nominations For Rural Heroism Award

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting nominations for TDA's 2002 Rural Heroism Award.

Candidates must have performed a heroic, lifesaving act within Texas during 2002. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching and occur in a rural area. Automobile accidents or accidents caused by negligence will not be considered.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names,

addresses and telephone numbers of everyone involved. If available, newspaper clippings and photographs should accompany all nominations.

Nominations must be post-marked by Feb. 1, 2003 and mailed to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. For additional information on qualifications, contact Lemmon at (512) 475-1611.

The 2002 recipient will be announced March 31 at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston.

City Council from page 1

years as a Board of Director on the Texas Downtown Association.

The request from Sonora Chamber of Commerce for closure of a portion of Water Street, Main Street and Concho Street on December 2, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. to conduct the 9th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade was approved.

Blackman then made a motion to approve the bid to purchase fuel for the city fleet from Eddins-Walcher, Inc. at a cost of \$0.07 above vendor margin. Miers made the second and the motion carried.

Miers addressed the following concerns regarding the newly constructed fence at the Police Department: Property survey lines and questions on whether an alley exists, the appearance of the fence in the residential area, the holes in the bottom of the fence and the possibility of curbing. Mayor Stephen advised the staff to look into those items and report next month.

There being no further business to discuss, Blackman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Miers, Mayor Stephen closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,056,990	\$ -	\$ 98,489	\$ 7,155,479
5800 State Program Revenues	1,114,927	-	251,825	1,366,752
5900 Federal Program Revenues	31,316	120,258	344,744	496,318
5020 Total Revenues	8,203,233	120,258	695,058	9,018,549
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,966,793	91,085	373,176	4,431,054
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	94,765	26,026	4,617	125,408
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	28,686	3,147	10,447	42,280
0021 Instructional Leadership	75,747	-	-	75,747
0023 School Leadership	264,143	-	-	264,143
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	234,105	-	1,000	235,105
0033 Health Services	44,777	-	-	44,777
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	329,901	-	-	329,901
0035 Food Services	-	-	287,506	287,506
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	268,229	-	-	268,229
0041 General Administration	421,126	-	-	421,126
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	829,468	-	-	829,468
0053 Data Processing Services	254,322	-	14,442	268,764
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	257,309	-	-	257,309
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Pymnts to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	35,615	35,615
6030 Total Expenditures	7,069,371	120,258	726,803	7,916,432
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,133,862	-	(31,745)	1,102,117
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	15,176	-	-	15,176
7915 Transfers In	-	-	31,745	31,745
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(31,745)	-	-	(31,745)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(16,569)	-	31,745	15,176
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,117,293	-	-	1,117,293
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,903,844	-	-	2,903,844
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,021,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,021,137

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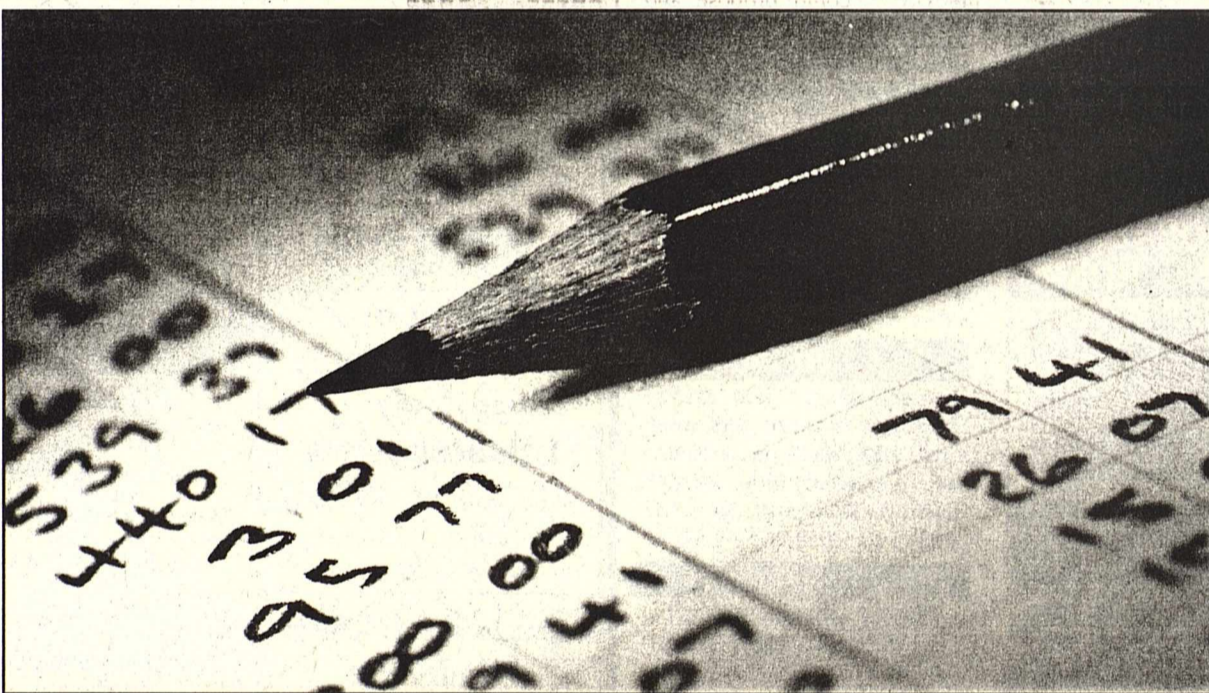
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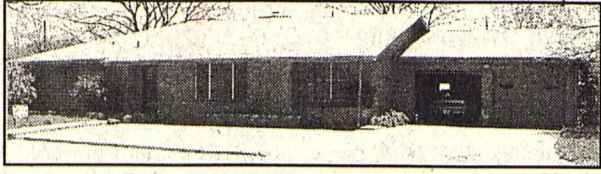
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