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School Board Accepts Resignation of Superintendent

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for their regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2000.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, there was no tax collection report available. However, all other items on the consent agenda, including the cafeteria report, the minutes of October 16, and current bills in the amount of \$490,791.96 were unanimously approved after a motion by Tryon Fields and a second by Jesse Bustamante. Additionally, Food Service Supervisor Dora Gonzales requested permission to sit in on monthly Breakfast Club meetings in order to address any concerns that the club had with food service.

Motion was made by Tryon Fields to certify the 2000 Tax Roll as presented by the Sutton County Appraisal Office. The motion was seconded by Sam David Hernandez

and carried unanimously. The total tax levy is \$5,226,044.67.

John Williams, representative of Pfluger & Associates, reviewed the preliminary report regarding the facilities study. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Williams prioritize the work to be done and present it to them as part of his final report at the December meeting.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby presented a budget amendment in the areas of pre-kindergarten expansion grant and accelerated reading instruction. The Board unanimously approved the budget amendment as presented after a motion by Tryon Fields and a second by Tammy Favila.

Middle School Principal John Berry presented further information regarding the interlocal agreement for distance learning, an item that had been tabled at the October meet-

ing. Mr. Berry stated that funding for distance learning would come out of 2001 funds. Following Mr. Berry's remarks, the Board unanimously approved the agreement after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Scott Jacoby.

Superintendent Harlan listed enrollment figures as follows: High School - 271, Middle School - 213, Intermediate School - 218, Primary School - 236, with a total of 938.

Dr. Harlan gave an update on the problems with the High School floor, stating that the engineering firm hired by the insurance company was evaluating core samples. Additionally, the Superintendent informed the Board that he had given the insurance company an ultimatum to either pay or be sued.

Intermediate School Principal Kelley Hirt, on behalf of the Ele-

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Kick Off Christmas on Main Street

Submitted

The 7th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade is coming up on December 4th. The Courthouse Lawn will once again be set aglow with thousands of Christmas lights. The Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the "Adopt-A-Tree" program this year. As you may remember the Chamber began the Adopt-a-Tree Program several years ago to try to improve our Christmas Light display. The Adopt a Tree Program has become an excellent fundraiser for the chamber while also being a great way to add to the light display.

For this year's light display, the Chamber is selling a 12-foot tree of lights. The cost for adopting these trees is a 1-time fee of \$200. You may adopt the tree in your name, your business name, or in memory of a loved one.

The light display will be lit on the evening of December 4, in conjunction with the 7th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade. The Promenade will include food, Christmas music from the Sonora High School Band, local vendors, a live nativity scene sponsored by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance, and of course the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

Booths will be open from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on the evening of the 4th.

If you would like to have a merchandise or food booth, please contact the Chamber office.

The evening will begin at approximately 5:15 PM with the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. The evening will conclude at approximately 7:15 PM, when Miss Sutton County, Heather Felts and Sutton County Princess, Kasey Kearney lead the lighting promenade down Main Street.

Alvizo is Weekly Winner

The Shop Sonora Christmas promotion is underway. There will be weekly drawings held live over KHOS radio at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 11, 18 and 22.

To enter the weekly drawings, go to a participating merchant (look for the red sign on the door), get a drawing card and shop. For every \$5 spent in merchandise you will receive a stamp on your drawing card. Turn in your completed card to one of the local merchants and you will be entered in the weekly drawing. Weekly winners are then announced on the radio on Monday morning. Monday is also "discount" day. Each merchant will determine what type of discount is offered on Mondays through December. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 387-2880.

This week's Merchants Association Christmas Promotion winner is: Lisa Alvizo. Lisa will receive: A Bronco hat from B&C Department Store, a free makeover and cosmetic gift pack from Ol' Sonora Trading Co. and Merle Norman, a weekly planner from Business Basics, and a C.D. from KHOS/KYXX Radio.

Don't forget to be sure to Shop Sonora each Monday to take advantage of Discount Mondays.

Texas Main Street Cities Receive National Recognition

McKinney, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized the City of Sonora, Texas as one of the 39 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2001 National Main Street Cities include: Beaumont, Breckenridge, Brenham, Celina, Corsicana, Decatur, Denison, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Fairfield, Farmersville, Garland, Gatesville, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goliad, Gonzales, Irving, Kerrville, La Grange, Levelland, Lufkin, Marlin, Mineola, Monahans, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Quanah, Rusk, San Marcos, Seguin, Shiner, Taylor, Tyler, Weatherford, and Whitewright.

The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Conference in McKinney. The National Trust for Historic Preservation will honor these cities at the 2001 National Town Meeting on Main Street to be held April 1-4 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sonora Industrial Board Announces Projects to City Council

by Storie Sharp

The City Council met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2000.

Rick Taylor, of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation reported that he has been very busy, working on many different projects. He stated that he had been working with Multi-Chem for the last 6 months on their relocation to the Industrial Park area. He informed the court that the Multi-Chem company will be bringing in

at least three families to the area with their expansion, as well as possibly providing several new positions when the new warehouse is completed and their Soap Stick Factory is moved to Sonora.

Taylor also told about a gentleman that is working with WTU and will be attending several large trade shows and wants some information on Sonora to present at these tradeshows. He went on to report

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Local Authorities Have a "Beary" Busy Weekend

by Mary Humphrey

At 4:48 pm on Thanksgiving Day 2000, truck driver Marrell 'Smitty' Smith was travelling east on Interstate 10 in tandem with 2 other tractor-trailer rigs when they saw a black bear sitting on the side of the highway in front of them. Smith and his partners actually had to reduce their travelling speed in order to allow the bear to make it safely off the highway and noted that it continued south towards the area around Sonora. At 8:30 a.m. the next morning, Friday November 24th, local ranchers David and Glen Fisher spotted the bear just a few miles east of Sonora on the Howorth Ranch (the old Stella Keene place). Taylor Velarde had this to report about his experience with the black bear:

"It was about 10:00 in the morning on the day after Thanksgiving when Sonora Game Warden, Rodney Knight, knocked on the back door of our ranch house. He told my father not to be alarmed, but a black bear had been sighted on our property about a half-mile from our house. He said he didn't know where the bear came from, or where it was headed, but we should be careful when we went outside. The Sheriff's office called shortly afterwards with a similar message. An hour later, my grandmother (Jimmie Howorth) suggested that we drive around the ranch to see if we could get a look at the bear. So, we all piled into the Suburban - my parents, grandparents and little brother, Landon - and we started driving around. After about half an hour my mom spotted the bear trotting along the fence line by the Loop 467. The bear saw us and stopped [stood upright on its hind feet] to look us over. We all got a great look at it at a very close distance. It had shiny black fur and a brown nose. After it looked us over for a few seconds, it ambled off into some cedar trees. We continued to look for it for about an hour, but never saw it again."

Hunters Kyle and Brock Lowke and Gretchen Ellis from the Schulz Ranch saw the bear again at 3:30 pm on Friday in the same vicinity - about 1.5 miles east of town off East Loop Road 467. As they were driving east on the Loop Road they saw the bear on the southeast side of the road easement. They slowed down and got closer to it and the bear then crossed the road about 20 yards in front of them and disappeared into the brush on the northwest side of the road.

The bear finally decided to make its way into town about 6:00 p.m. on Friday where it startled Cash Jennings and other kids playing in the area of 107 Oakwood on the east side of town. Disbelieving parents and grandparents came outside to



No, that's not an Olney Cub being taken away by crazed Bronco Fans, it's Marie, the Black Bear that wandered around Sutton County over the Thanksgiving Holidays. The tranquilized bear is being loaded into a truck, after being removed from a local resident's tree. Photo by Duwayne Castro

investigate the validity of the bear reports. Kate Jennings and Jill Mathews spotted the bear climbing over a fence towards their alley as the bear decided to vacate the neighborhood for the woods behind the Thompson place (the old Hunt mansion), back towards the Fisher residence, and the woods along the northeast side of the East Loop Road. Rosemary Mathews placed a 911 call to the Sutton County Sheriff's office and on-duty and off-duty officers dispatched to their residential location as well as to the East Loop Road. Instead of crossing the East Loop Road for the country, the bear turned into the woods behind

the hospital and continued to make its way into town where at 6:35 p.m. it was almost hit by a local motorist in the area of Hwy. 1691 and Crockett St. At 6:40 p.m. another 911 call was placed to the Sheriff's Office from Clyde Dyson in the 1000 block of Crockett where the bear was travelling down the alleys 1/2 block off Crockett Street. Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh located the bear in the alley behind the 1100 block of Tayloe. It moved out of the alley and into the backyard of 1107 Tayloe where Officer Routh spotted it climbing up into a tree.

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Sonora's visiting bear slowly wakes up in her new home with the help of Bonnie R. McKinney, Texas Parks and Wildlife. Photo by Mike Pittman

Spotlight on Sutton Co. EMS



Monica McGee
EMT - Paramedic



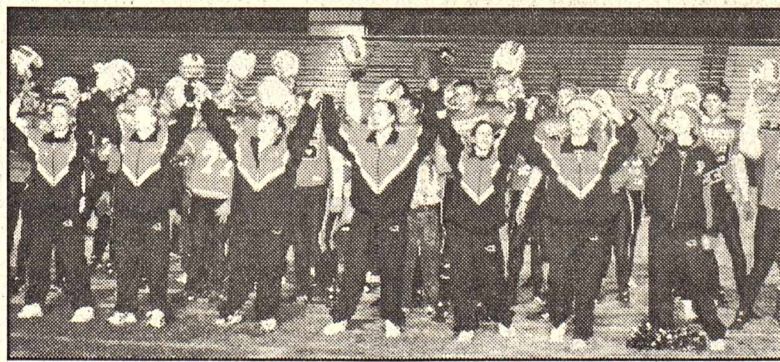
Echi Samaniego
EMT - Paramedic

Meet Sutton County EMS members, Monica McGee and Echi Samaniego.

Monica joined the organization in 1996. She and her husband, Frank, have two children, Dee and Kash. As well as being an EMT-Paramedic, Monica is certified in CPR, Advanced BTLS, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and is a certified Instructor/Examiner with Texas Department of Health.

Echi has also been an EMT-Paramedic since 1996. She is the daughter of Elvia Lopez and the granddaughter of Chapo and Anita Samaniego. Echi has two children, a daughter, Mariah, who is 7 years old and a son, Meeko, who is 3 years old. She also has one younger brother, Jerry Lopez, who is a member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to being an EMT-Paramedic, Echi is certified in CPR, Advanced BTLS and Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

Bronco Express Rolls On



The Broncos celebrate their win against Idalou. Photo by Robin Street

by Tryon Fields

The Idalou Wildcats were the latest football team to fall victim to the power and might of the Bronco Express. The Big Red Machine tallied 42 points on 358 total yards of offense (106 passing and 252 rushing) while limiting the Wildcats to 16 points on 180 total yards (108 rushing and 72 passing).

The Broncos focus became very apparent on their first possession as the Bronco offense covered sixty seven yards on six plays using two minutes of the game clock for their first score of the evening. Crisp passes from Bryce Williams to Riley Crain and James Elliott along with the power running of "Thunder" (Tom Jacoby) and "Lightning" (William Renfro) would get the

Bronco Express out of the station quickly. At the nine minute and fifty-three second mark of the first quarter, William Renfro would slide into the end-zone for his first of four touchdowns. Bronco place kicker, Javier Gayton would add to his already impressive point total as he would split the uprights to put the Broncos up by seven. Wildcats 0 - Broncos 7. After the ensuing kickoff by Stetson Hall, the Red Hoss defense picked up where they left off a week ago against the Reagan County Owls. Danny Solis, Stetson Hall, and Anthony Sanchez would lead the Bronco defense in shutting the highly touted Wildcat offense down. Faced with a third and six at his own thirty, Idalou's quarterback, Jonathan Martinez would attempt

his first pass of the evening. Bronco secondary back, Matt Torres would intercept the first of five Bronco picks at the Idalou forty-four. Continuing the offensive mastery, the Broncos used up almost four minutes of the first quarter clock in driving the football down the field. Tom Jacoby, not showing any ill effects of his recent knee surgery, would punish the Wildcat defenders as he would gain 16 of his game high 89 yards on this drive. Bryce Williams would add an eleven yard scramble as well as completing two passes to Elliott and Jacoby for twelve more yards. On a third and inches at the goal line, Jacoby would power his way into the end-zone for the Broncos second score. Gayton boomed the extra point thru giving the Broncos a 14 point advantage. Idalou 0 - Sonora 14.

Idalou's next possession met with the Bronco defense's Standard Operating Procedure - Three and out! The Broncos next possession would begin deep in their own territory at the fifteen. Bryce Williams directing a methodical offensive attack would begin to engage the big wheels of the Broncos. Scrambling for seven; then handing off to Ren-

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Sonora Church Directory

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Cards of Thanks

I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful dinner.
Nadine Porter

The family of Alex Escamilla would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, came by or called us during our loss. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.

Sonora High School would like to say THANK YOU to T. Wayne Price for announcing the Regional Championship game Saturday in Abilene. We appreciate you very much.

I recently had the privilege of landing at your fine municipal airport. It just so happened that I could no longer go any further because of the weather. At which time I called the number posted at your office. I was greeted by a friendly voice (dispatcher) and was told to wait for assistance.

Shortly thereafter a young man by the name of Juan showed up to help us. This young man was very helpful with assisting us with our fuel, hangar space, and motel. I very highly recommend your facility and your people. You should be proud of what you have accomplished in your town.

Your City Manager (Brent Gesch) was also extremely helpful in assisting us with transportation to Uvalde, so that we might meet up with our ride. Ya'll have a FINE man in charge of your city and should do all that you can to keep him representing your community.

I write this because sometimes you don't know what you have until it's gone. We also have an airport, but it is nothing compared to yours. Your logistics and coordination were so impressive. So, please tell everyone that I said hello and thank them for me.

Clark Rossi

The Sonora Main Street Program and Knights of Columbus would like to express our appreciation to the First National Bank, the Bank & Trust of Sutton County, City of Sonora, Sutton County, The Corner Drug Store (formerly Westerns), Dowell, Schlumberger, Town & Country Stores, Louis Dreyfus, D & V Roustabout, Rye Supply, Devon Oil, Carl J. Cahill, Sonora Dairy Queen, Sutton County Steakhouse, SonoraArt.com, Sonora Chemical & Supply, Multi-Chem, Son-Tex Rathole Service, Business Basics, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, Pool Co., La Mexicana Restaurant and Mayfield Paper Company. We would like to thank the students of this community and the members of the Sonora Main Street Advisory Board who helped with clean up and serving. We would also like to thank the churches of the Community for their support as well as the New Life Ministry Center for the music. We truly appreciate the Senior Citizens and the Senior Citizen Staff that assist with this project. The Sonora Main Street Program and I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful plant. The Community Thanksgiving lunch was once again a great success with the help of all these folks. We are so thankful for all the help and the wonderful citizens of this community.

The Sonora Main Street Program is thankful for the businesses in Sonora that supported the November Promotion. We are also thankful for the Sonora Independent School District and the staff that encouraged the children to be part of the "What am I thankful for?" November Promotion. The pictures and stories were great and they are on display at the Sonora Dairy Queen. If you would like to pick up your child's picture or story please visit the Dairy Queen. If you have not claimed your prize please visit or call the City Hall.

Special thanks to Sonora Dairy Queen, The Video Store and Business Basics

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends and my parents friends for all the phone calls, visits, flowers and gifts during my recent stay in the hospital for my knee surgery. I want to thank Israel Arevalo for making the wait during the surgery easier for Emmanuel. A very special thanks to Coach Duke, who stopped by on his way to a friend's funeral, then returned later that day to see how I was feeling after my surgery. It meant so much to my parents and me. Thanks again everyone!

Lorena Lopez

The Sonora Cub Scouts would like to say thank you to Mary Humphrey for taking the time to teach us about wildlife habitats. And, also informing us about poisonous snakes and how to properly handle them. Thanks, Mary!

Sonora Cub Scouts
Pack 19

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

- Dec. 1 - AAA reports due...San Angelo!
- Dec. 4 - Bingo! Come play with us. We have very nice prizes!!!
- Dec. 5 - Help us decorate Center for Christmas after lunch!
- Dec. 6 - Sugar/Blood checks with TDHS from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7 - Start Christmas Crafts for those who sign up after lunch!

Senior Menu

- Dec. 1 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, carrot sticks, applesauce.
- Dec. 4 - Meatballs with spaghetti & tomato sauce, seasoned spinach, French bread, tossed salad, banana pudding.
- Dec. 5 - Pork roast with gravy, French cut green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, prunes.
- Dec. 6 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, roll, broccoli, green salad with dressing, cherry cobbler.
- Dec. 7 - Pork chop with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, coleslaw, fruit cocktail.

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

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

Obituaries

Minnie Alice Sloan Harris

Alice Harris, 85, died Sunday afternoon, November 19, 2000, in a Kerrville Nursing Home. She had been a resident of Sonora for about two years prior to moving to Kerrville, but had lived in Odessa since November of 1947.

Alice was born November 25 - Thanksgiving Day - 1915, in Wewoka, Oklahoma, to Nancy and Sydney Sloan. She married T.J. "Jack" Harris, February 18, 1935, in Wellington, Texas. They had two sons, the Rev. Ted W. Harris of Sonora, and R.J. "Ron" Harris of Atlanta, Georgia. Jack Harris preceded her in death in 1998.

Besides her sons, Alice is survived by seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-

grandson, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:30, Wednesday, November 22, at the First United Methodist Church of Odessa. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland. The Rev. Steve Trout, officiating. Special music will be offered by Harriet Berlin. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Alicia Harris, Cassandra Harris Burris, Wayne Harris, Tom Harris, Don Burris, and Conan Milsap.

Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, Odessa, or St. John's Episcopal Church, Sonora.

Homer Chalk Lee

On November 19, 2000, Homer Chalk Lee of San Angelo passed away following a brief illness.

Visitation was held at Johnson's Funeral Home. Graveside services were held November 22, in Belvedere Memorial Park with the Rev. Jason Smith officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Clark was born February 19, 1922, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Homer Lee and Annabella Wilcox Lee. He married Bessie Evelyn Thaxton on May 31, 1947, in Brady. As a young man he joined the Navy and became an aircraft mechanic and later he and Bessie started their own business, United Rent All and retired in 1987. In his later years he was active in Code Blue and enjoyed fishing as well as working with the AARP. He was also an active Masonic Lodge and Emergency Corps. member for many years.

Chalk was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Bessie; and a sister, Delilah Haynes.

Survivors include three loving daughters and their spouses, Annabeth Lee and Lee Schuch, of Dallas, Dollye Lee of Phoenix and Sandy Fields and John David of Sonora. He also is survived by his loving granddaughters, Ricki Paige Fields of Sonora and Sherri Widener of Austin; and one great-granddaughter, Allison Mae Widener of Austin; a brother, Don W. Lee of Arlington; and many nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Lorg, Johnny Paul Wolfe and Alex Valdez.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo, PO Box 471, San Angelo, TX, 76902.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Dr. Peter Chang, Linda Roberts and John Epperson with Hospice of San Angelo.

Paw-Paw, we will miss you. May you and Maw-Maw have peace together. We love you, the Girls.

Francisca Lira

Francisca Mata Lira, 75, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2000 in a San Angelo Hospital. She was born on March 25, 1925 in Santa Monica Coah, Mexico. Francisca married Narciso Lira, Sr. in May of 1950.

Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, November 29, 2000 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Francisca was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years. Narciso Lira, Sr., her parents Cirillo and Virginia Mata, her brother Marcellino Mata, and two sisters, Aurora Lopez and Pabla Guzman.

Her survivors include two

daughters Maria Del Carmen Flores and husband Jesus of San Antonio, and Feclia (Faye Gamez) and husband Carlos of Sonora, one son Narciso Lira, Jr. and wife Evangelina of Sonora, two sisters Consuelo Pejino of Chilicoth, and Guadalupe Juarez of Mexico, three brothers; Martin Mata of Del Rio, Jose Mata and Felipe Mata both of Mexico. Her grandchildren Cynthia, Jessica and Gabriel Flores of San Antonio; Annette and Carlos Gamez Jr. of Sonora, Narciso Lira III and wife Natalie of Houston and Rachel Lira of Alpine; three great grandchildren Adrianna and Karina Velez of Sonora and Joseph Flores of San Antonio.

Pointers For Parents

Make Toy Buying More Like Child's Play

(NAPS)—This holiday season, that creature, the mouse, is stirring more than ever. A nationally-known retailer offers shoppers live assistance that's only a mouse click away.

The service is free to customers who visit and shop at www.FAO.com, the Web site of the world-famous toy store, FAO Schwarz. The new online service lets shoppers interact with an FAO customer service representative live, thanks to an embedded text-messaging window, or directly through public instant messaging tools such as AOL Instant Messenger.

The toy store joined forces with FaceTime Communications to make the new applications possible. Now customers will be able to ask questions, get gift recommendations and check on product availability, all on the Web. The technology lets shoppers and customer service repre-



The Internet Superhighway can take you to a playground of good ideas for finding gifts at the Web site of a famous toy store.

sentatives exchange instant messages, speeding up the shopping process since the customer will not have to wait for an e-mail response.

The Web site, established in 1995, has become the fastest growing part of the toy retailer's business.

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December

Sonora Merchants Weekly Drawings
every Monday.

Dec. 4

Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

December 8

Senior Center Christmas Party
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Email us at editor@sonoratr.net

Historical Society



David and Serena Adams

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

Q. Do you have an obituary on file for D. G. Adams in December of 1901?

A. We do not have any December 1901 papers on file but did find that Mr. David G. Adams was born on October 10, 1838, died December 8, 1901 and is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery with a Confederate States of America marker on his grave. He was killed by runaway horses in Rocksprings. In a statement by Mrs. Rena Trainer that was published in the Devil's River News on April 9, 1964, she stated the following: Although she was born in Kimble County, she came

here about 1890, when the town was just getting started. "There were just a few buildings then," she says. Her father, Dave Adams who had owned a ranch in Kimble County, bought a hotel and a barber shop about where the Devil's River News is located now. After a few years, they moved back out on a ranch about 35 miles from town toward Junction. While he was serving as assessor for Sutton County, Adams was killed by runaway horses in Rocksprings. "There was a telephone line from Rocksprings to Sonora, but the phone didn't operate on Sundays, and since my father was killed on Sunday, we didn't receive word until the next day, when a rider brought us

the news."

David G. Adams was born in Virginia and his wife Serena Estes Adams (1841-1926) was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky. They were married in Lincoln County on February 8, 1858. Their first seven children, Francis Marion, Wiley Bailey, Emilene Alzada, Sarah Alice, Linsea Rebecca were born in Lincoln County. They moved to Greene County, Missouri, near Springfield, Missouri and had three more children, Thomas Boone, Columbus W. and Loisa L. The family then moved to Hood County, Texas then San Saba County where another child, Melinda Frances was born. In McCulloch County they built a home of post oak logs in Rochelle. They were living in Burleson County when their next child, David Quincy was born. They lived along the Guadalupe River until there were too many Indian raids. In 1880 they moved to London, where David learned how to herd cattle and sheep. It was in Kimble County that two more children, Mattison and Serena were born.

From London the family would move to Sutton County where David owned and operated a hotel and barber shop on Main Street. He was killed in a wagon accident when a team of horses ran away and turned the wagon over on him. David had served as tax assessor for Sutton County at the time of his death and had also served as a private in the Texas mounted Volunteers, CSA.

Many people in Sutton County are descendants of David G. Adams Devil's River News, December of 1930 a little walk back in time.

In the December 5th issue it was stated that the city commissioner and mayor issued a warning about shooting fireworks within the city limits would not be tolerated.

Mason beat Sonora 19 - 7. The benefit clash netted \$17 for the Sonora school athletic fund. Players were Hillman Brown, center; A. B. Shoemaker, left guard; Max Leman, left tackle; Jodie Trainer, left end; Allison, right guard; Izzy Leaman, right tackle; Joe Berry, right end; Everett James, full back; Cliff Johnson, left half; B. Hamilton, right half, Monte Woolford, quarter back.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association had a standing reward of \$500 to the officer whose apprehensions lead to the conviction of sheep and goat thieves. Various ranchers wanted the rule changed and any person responsible for the conviction of a thief be paid. It was stated that a ranchman's protective organization will be formed here in the near future.

Mrs. Ida Huggins, mother of Mrs. Robert Halbert, died in San Angelo and was buried there.

Edgar Shurley, Worshipful Master of the Dee Ora Lodge, left for Waco to attend the 95th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

In the December 12, 1930 issue we find that Martin Rose, Jr, 8 year old grandson of W. A. Miers, bagged a 15-point buck on the Miers' Black Ranch.

The 13 Dramatic Club was

organized, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, with 13 charter members. The purpose of the group is to stage plays for a civic club or organization on a fifty-fifty basis. Bill Gilmore was elected president and general manager; Ruth Lee Hoggett, secretary; Cecil Allen, treasurer; Bernice Stokes, press reporter; Claude Roe, director. Other members are: Mrs. Bill Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson, Hazel Edwards, Margaret Hull, Joe Berry, Joseph Trainer and John Eaton.

Bill Mittel, coal and wood dealer, this week purchased the coal business of A. B. Shoemaker.

The Sonora Bakery, Richard Vehel proprietor, was selling fruit cakes for 75 cents a pound.

Felipe Virgen, phone 216, had green and dry liveoak firewood reasonably priced and would cut it to any length and deliver. He would also contract wood cutting.

In the December 19, 1930 issue we found the San Angelo-Sonora extension of the Santa Fe had it's first wreck on December 12th at two o'clock in the afternoon. The engine tender, box car and three cars of cattle were derailed two miles north of Sonora. No one was injured and no cattle were killed so the damage will not exceed \$200. A wrecker from San Angelo was called and the track put back in order by ten o'clock the next morning.

The Menard All Stars beat the Sonora Wonders 7 to 6. Blame was given to the fact that Menard had two full teams and Sonora only had one substitute.

According to the fifteenth census, the population of Texas on April 1, 1930 had increased to 5,824,715. Houston ranked first, Dallas second and San Antonio third in population.

A ten and one-half pound baby girl was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Sessom. The little lady was named Badie Geane according to the office of Dr. Blanton.

Faustino Bautista, ring no. 254, has for sale oak or cedar, green or dry, in any quantity.

In the December 24, 1930 issue we found that the Santa Fe is said to be thinking of making an extension from Sonora to Del Rio, Mrs. Robert Hallum died in a San Angelo hospital.

Under "35 Years Ago" we found the following: We are erecting at Fort McKavett a beef canning plant to be known as the "Range Meat Canning Co." We shall be prepared to slaughter by the 1st of December next, and perhaps sooner. We particularly want to work on hogs and we hope that all ranchmen will endeavor to send us in some for which we agree to pay full market value. Wm L. Black.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net. You may call me any day but Wednesday at 915-387-2855.

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Senior Center News

Submitted

The Senior Center took a group of seniors to the Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Thanksgiving Lunch at the Civic Center. Those that attended included Pablo Favela, Julia Reynoso, Marie Allen, Jacinto Garza, Elida Castro, Rosa Galindo, Lucy Ramos, Barbara Urbanski, Amelia Ramos, Ofilia Torres, Maria Gutierrez, Eulogia Flores. Meals were also delivered to the C2 seniors and a special thanks goes to those that helped, Lesa Galindo, Lilia Flores, Arturo Trevino, Javier Gaitan, and Oscar Hernandez, Jr. The senior citizens really enjoyed their meals.

The center would like to thank our young ladies who performed for us at the Center on Wednesday the 22nd. The girls that danced were: Selena Mesa, Krystianna Mendez, Shelby Onofre, Victoria Robles, Anali Garcia and Kayla Garcia. Everyone really enjoyed the dancing, great job girls! We also thank the parents and grandparents for helping out. We should do this more often.

The Center would like to extend a thank you to the members of the Committee on Aging for the "new" chairs, tablecloths and meat slicer. It was very great of you to purchase them, and everyone involved with the Center is very grateful.

The Christmas Party at the Center will be on Friday, December 8th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., so make plans to join us on this day for good food and enjoy entertainment.

Of course, we can't forget Pancho Clause from the South Pole will be visiting! Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a side dish or dessert. We will have ham, turkey, tamales, & brisket. Have your picture taken with Pancho Clause!

We would like to have a different type of Christmas Tree at our Center this year. We are planning a "Memory Tree", where ornaments or decorations will be made in memory of a loved one. Just put their name and dates on the ornament and put it on our tree. You can make your own or join us at the Center for Craft Day and make one yourself. We will begin decorating Monday, December 6th. We would also like to invite everyone to come help decorate the Center on Tuesday, and Thursdays, after 2:00 p.m.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!
One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly. Sometimes in the rush of events, we tend to overlook the important friendships that are the true basis of relationships. In this spirit it is a pleasure to say "THANK YOU" and extend sincere appreciation for all that everyone has done to help out at our Senior Center and also for all our Senior Citizens. May a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and yours!

Thank you all so much!

Sutton County Senior Center



These young dancers entertained the Senior Center crowd for Thanksgiving.

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F.Y.I.

Pack 19 Popcorn will be arriving on Thursday, December 7, 2000. All scouts need to be at the Scout Hut at 5:00 p.m. to pick up their popcorn to distribute. The 4th grade Webelos will have their next den meeting on Monday, December 4th, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sonora Broncos vs. Olney Quaterfinals game is Saturday, December 2, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in Brownwood. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. There will be a team send off on Saturday at 12:15 p.m. at the Field House.

Advent Bible Study - Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, 13, and 20 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from noon - 12:45 p.m. Advent is a time to prepare our heart and minds to meet Jesus Christ. Bring your Bible, a friend and a brown bag lunch and join in on a time of study, fellowship and preparation. For more information, call the church at 387-2466.

Friends of the crockett County Public Library Christmas Tour of Homes Ozona will be Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 392-3565 for more information.

Angels for the Angel Tree are now available at the First National Bank. The Bank & Trust and Alco. For more information call Noemi Samaniego at 387-2234 or Sue Moore 387-3977.

The Library will be closed on the following days, for Library Staff computer training: Monday, Dec. 4th - Closed all Day, Tuesday, Dec. 5th - Closed from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Will re-open from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Peppermint Ball has been rescheduled for December 22,

Sonora Elementary News

submitted

Progress Reports will be distributed on December 4. Please review, sign, and return on copy. Keep one copy for your information. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Primary and Intermediate Book Fair---December 4-8. Students are invited to wear their pajamas to Family Night at the Library/Book Fair on December 5 from 4:30-7:30 (come and go). Families are invited to come and check-out the wonderful selections at the book fair and to tour our library.

Sonora Intermediate will also have a School Performance Report on December 5 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us as we review our TAAS Scores, state standards, and our efforts to provide a quality education for the students of Sonora. Your attendance is important.

Perfect Attendance Report for Sonora Primary School

EE - Claudia Calderon, Pedro Campa, Adrian Gomez, Jonathan Gutierrez

Pre-K - Michael Butterbredt, Jose Garza, Emanuel Gaytan, Kimberly Harris, McKayla Herrada, Harley Johnson, Robert Kesinger, Kassandra Medina, Hector Ortiz, Preston Perez, Valeria Ramirez, Francisco Reyna, Alejandro Samaniego, Andres Samaniego, Jacie Vickers

Kindergarten - Haily Berry, Kevin Buitron, Brian Butterbredt, Jalesa Coronado, Ruby Coronado, Abby Creek, Josue Dominguez, Stephen Esparza, Kelsey Favila, Melissa Freeman, Cassandra Garza, Jomayra Gutierrez, Victoria Hernandez, Aaron Hinsley, Jared Hinsley, Kory Humphrey, Rebekah Infante, Mace Joy, Farrah Lopez, John Lopez, Hagen Mangham, Michael McBride, Destiny McDonald, Phillip Onofre, Douglas Otwell, Marci Parks, Gunter Pennington, Dayron Rabon, Jacinda Sanchez, Michael Sanchez, Tiffany Vandivere, Kimberly Vasquez, Haley Vickers

1st Grade - Delilah Agüero, Stephen Bedwell, Adriana Buitron, Santiago Campa, Jasmine Daniels, Stephen Dominguez, Caitlin Garza, Eduardo Garza, Toby Garza, Alba Gloria, Juan Gutierrez, Laramie Haynes, Robert Hernandez, Sandra Hernandez, Word Hudson, Hannah Jagiello, Justice Kesinger, Jacob Lipham, Logan Luttrell, Selena Mesa, Micaela Moore, Madison Myers, Arlette Ortiz, Stefan Ortiz, Michael Perez, Cadesman Pope, Justin Reddin, Alfred Rodriguez, Roberto Rodriguez, Mark Samaniego, Ricky Samaniego, Ryan San Miguel, Erik Santana, Garrett Smith, Braxton Snyder, Evelyn Solis, Kelsey Taylor, Manuel Tobias, Jennifer Vandivere, Jesus Vaquera, Taylor Velarde, Jorge Villanueva, Davis Virgen, Erin Welch

2nd Grade - Dulce Acosta, Kevin Barron, James Bean, Anna Butterbredt, Ladonna Calvillo, Leandra Castaneda, April Castillo, Crystal Coronado, Julia Coronado, Dustin Covey, Colyer Dermody, Monica Dominguez, William Foran, Marcos Gamez, Esteban Garcia, Gerardo Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Ryan Garmon, Joanna Garza, Jorge Gaytan, Emily Gonzales, Ashley Guerra, Jesus Guerrero, Yarcixa Guerrero, Cassandra Harris, Crystal Hidalgo, Stephanie Hulsey, Courtney James, Rose Karnes, Alicia Lira, Gilda Lira, Preston Lopez, Jennifer Martin, Kashmiere McGee, Ethan Morriss, William Otwell, Bailey Pennington, Jacob Perez, Julio Rivera, Christina Rodriguez, Jennifer Sanders, Roxanne Talamantez, Karina Trevino, Morgan Vylvleacka

Perfect Attendance Class Winners

Pre-K - Mrs. Randolph's Class
Kindergarten - Mrs. Burnham's Class
1st Grade - Mrs. Moore's Class
2nd Grade - Mrs. Field's Class

4-H Holds Annual Food Show



Food Show participants display their winnings. Photo by Kelly Thorp

by Kelly Thorp

The Sutton County 4-H Food and Nutrition Project held its annual food show on November 16th at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Eleven 4-Hers competed with hopes of advancing to the District 10 4-H Food Show in San Antonio, which is held the first Saturday in December. All first place winners will represent Sutton County at this District event. They will contend with over 200 fellow 4-H members from twenty-two counties. Congratulations goes out to each participant for a job well done! The results are as follows:

Clover Kids (Age 8 and under)
Fruits and Vegetable
Shelby Randolph - 1st place
Stella Ingham - 2nd place

Main Dish
Rose Karnes - 1st place

Nutritious Snacks
Elle Newton - 1st place

Pre Junior (Ages 9 & 10)
Fruits and Vegetable
Colton Moore - 1st place

Main Dish
Steely Ingham - 1st place
Emily Newton - 2nd place

Junior (Ages 11-13)
Vegetable
Kaija Valkonen - 1st place

Bread
Erin Newton - 1st place

Nutritious Snacks
Tracey Randolph - 1st place

Senior (Ages 14-18)
Bread
Thia McKissack - 1st place

Sonora City League announces registration for Little Dribblers will begin December 4th, 2000 during the junior high games and December 14th during the junior high and high school games. Registration will continue through December 20th, 2000 at Business Basics. The registration fees are \$20.00. Saturday practices will begin after the Christmas holidays. For questions, call Shelly Hughes at 387-6127.

Ports-To-Plains Coalition Appoints Kevin P. Evans as President

submitted

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition held a press conference on Monday, November 27, 2000 to announce the appointment of Kevin P. Evans as the new President of the coalition. Mr. Evans will be replacing Interim President Tommy Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager for the City of Lubbock. Mr. Gonzalez will continue in his role as the liaison between the City of Lubbock and the Ports-to-Plains Coalition.

Mr. Evans is a 1973 graduate of Hereford High School and completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from West Texas A&M in 1976. His management career is highlighted with Capital Improvement Projects, Transportation Planning and Improvements, Economic Development Initiatives and Community Development efforts. He began his career at the City of Canyon and

was most recently the Deputy City Manager of Grand Prairie.

Commenting on the hire, Randy Neugebauer, Chairman of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition said, "Our partnerships have grown to a point where we need a full time person to continue our intensive efforts to improve our region's transportation infrastructure growth. We are confident that Kevin Evans has the ability to lead this important coalition."

Mr. Evans will assume his responsibilities on Monday, December 4, 2000. He is married and has four children.

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition was formed in 1998 to provide public and private partners the ability to combine resources to improve transportation in our region. The coalition has grown to more than 30 cities and counties, and an additional 17 organizations.

Happy Birthday

November 30

Belia Almaguer, Brenda Chavez, Dee Dierkes, Benny Frasier, Jr., Garrett Jaeger, Kristen Shurley, George Noriega, Crystal Silguera

December 1

Lelo Morales, Manuel Tobias, Ruben Brown, Jr., John Martin Hidalgo, Sue Moore, Linda Wallace

December 2

Whitney Keller, Olivia Longoria, Tanya Luna, Elizabeth Elliott, Cassie Krieg, Kenzie Herring, April Flores, Tanya Coronado, Angela Herrera, Hanna Swanson

December 3

Ruben Brown, Barry Graves, Jack McDaniel, Jacob Smith, Gus Ward, Angelo Vitela, Marshall Heap, Frank Lopez

December 4

Joe Schaefer, Joe Fincher, Darla Lipham, Cora Seymour, Kaci Day, Chris Cooper, Alonzito Pena

December 5

Becki Harris, Marisa Guana, Miguel Ibarra, David Prather, Hervey Santana

December 6

Marie Brock, Jesse Burnham, Robert Hernandez, Logan Luttrell, Wayne Tyler, Kaija Valkonen

Almost \$5.3 Million In IRS Refunds Still Unclaimed By Texans

Return to sender. That's the message the Internal Revenue Service received when it tried to send more than 8,000 tax refund checks to Texans this year. The post office returned the checks to the tax agency this year because they were undeliverable. According to the IRS, the 8,046 checks returned to the agency were worth a total of \$5,279,989. There are 50 tax refund checks each totaling \$10,000 or more. The biggest unclaimed check in Texas is \$71,617.74 and the smallest is \$1. The average unclaimed refund is \$674.

Nationally, 91,827 federal tax refunds totaling \$67.9 million were returned to the IRS this year. California had the largest number of unclaimed refunds (14,648) in the nation, followed by New York (8,519), Florida (8,208) and Texas (8,046).

The IRS asks Texans who are

still waiting for their tax refund to call 1-800-829-1040 to learn how they can claim the money.

Refund checks usually go unclaimed because people move without notifying the IRS. Another reason refund checks go undelivered is because the return address information is wrong. Often, numbers are transposed or information is incomplete. A death or marriage can result in a returned check. The IRS encourages estate executors to check whether a refund check might be involved. Newly married taxpayers are urged to notify the IRS promptly if there is a change of name or address.

Taxpayers can file IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," to let the IRS know of address or name changes. The form is available by calling 1-800-829-3676 or Texans can download it by going to the IRS' homepage at www.irs.gov.

Broncos from page 1

fro, Jacoby, and Sean Fields, the Big Red machine began to inch their way toward mid-field. At the fifty; the Broncos would suffer their first miscue of the game. Williams; trying to hit James Elliott deep, would be intercepted by a leaping Clifton Farmer to give Idalou the ball on their own forty. A nice return by Farmer would give the Wildcats the ball at the Bronco thirty-four. Going strictly to a ground pounding game; the Wildcats would begin to chew up large chunks of real estate. The quarterback, Martinez, and his fullback, Robert Garza, would push the Bronco defense to the limit as they neared the Bronco goal line. As they have done all year long, the Red Hoss defense would bend but not break. At the six, tremendous defensive plays by Thomas Bloodworth, Danny Solis, Chris Green, James Elliott, and Shane Mathews would force the Wildcats to attempt a twenty-two yard field goal.

"Mr. Do It All" Jonathan Martinez would finally get the Wildcats on the score board as he would split the uprights. With seven minutes and thirty-eight seconds left in the second quarter, Idalou had cut the Bronco margin: Wildcats 3 - Broncos 14. For the next five and a half minutes, the game settled into a defensive struggle; as neither offense could move the football effectively.

With two minutes left in the half, the Big Red Machine would use the lightning attack of William Renfro to put the game out of reach. Behind the overload blocking of the Bronco front line and the pancake blocks by Javier Gayton, Tom Jacoby, and Bryce Williams; Renfro would stride for fifty-four yards and his second touchdown of the half. Staying true, Gayton would once again split the uprights to give the Broncos an eighteen point advantage: Idalou 3 - Broncos 21. On the ensuing possession by the Wildcats; they would run the remaining fifty-four seconds out and head to the locker room to regroup.

Halftime: Idalou 3 - Sonora 21
Regroup is exactly what the Idalou Wildcats did. Receiving the second half kick-off, the Wildcats would set up shop at their own twenty-four. Using the Bronco offensive tactics of mixing the pass in with the run, Idalou began to march the football down the field. Runs by Clifton Farmer and Robert Garza, as well as passes from Martinez to Farmer, Thomas Anciso, and Byron Bryant would slowly move the ball toward the Red Hoss goal line. Faced with a fourth and

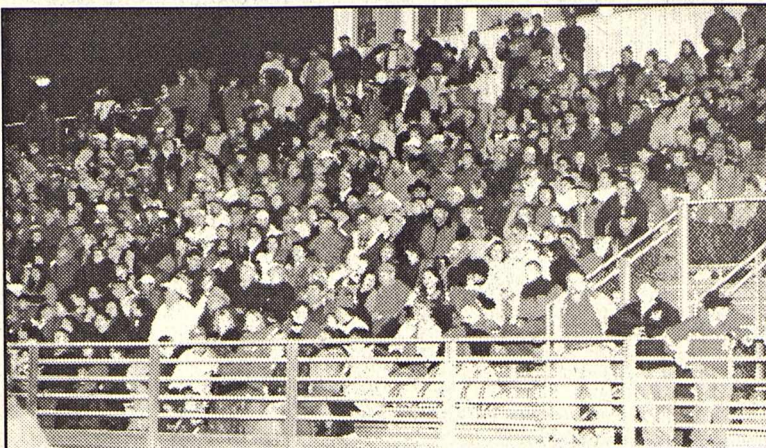
goal at the eleven; it looked as if the Red Hoss defense might be able to stop the Wildcat onslaught. However; a pin point pass from Martinez to Jordan Stegemoeller for the touchdown would put the Wildcats back into the game. Martinez would add the PAT to cut the Bronco lead by eleven. Wildcats 10 - Broncos 21. The Broncos not to be out done, would start their first possession of the second half at their own forty-four. Using Renfro and Jacoby to hammer the Idalou defense and a pass from Williams to Fields; the Big Red Machine would power their way to the Idalou twenty-three. At the twenty-three, Williams would hand off to William Renfro on the draw.

From there - it was all Renfro; gaining 23 of his game high 140 rushing yards and his third touchdown of the game, Renfro along with Javier Gayton would regain the eighteen point Bronco advantage: Idalou 10 - Sonora 28. On their ensuing possession; the Wildcats would only need a minute and forty-eight seconds of the remaining minute and forty-nine seconds to respond to the Bronco score. A pass from Martinez to Thomas Anciso and two runs; one by Kevin Soto (31 yards) and the scoring run by Robert Garza (30 yards) would once again cut into the Bronco lead.

A fake extra point attempt would be smelled out by Bronco defenseman, Cole Cearley, to make the score with one second left on the third quarter clock: Wildcats 16 - Broncos 28.

Explosive is the only way to describe the Broncos on the ensuing kick-off.

With no time remaining on the third quarter game clock, Bronco deep man William Renfro would take the Martinez kick at his own fifteen. Angling toward the home sidelines, Renfro would find a crease; and with his ability to find a faster gear, would accelerate down the sidelines for the back breaking eighty-five yard touchdown gallop. Javier Gayton would add his fifth PAT of the game to give the Broncos a 35 to 16 advantage. Needing points, Idalou would go to the air in hopes of cutting the deficit. What the quarterback Martinez would find; would be the Broncos defensive safety, James Elliott, who would collect his first of two interceptions of the period. Sonora would return the favor on their ensuing possession, as William Renfro would try his hand at passing. Under throwing the intended receiver; Wildcat secondary back, Byron Bryant, would intercept the



Bronco Fans pack the stadium at Abilene Wiley to cheer on their Broncos! The fans have followed the team all the way and filled many stadiums with red and black!

pass at his twenty-five and return it to the Idalou thirty-two. With nine minutes left in the game, Idalou once again went to the air. Martinez under tremendous pressure from Anthony Sanchez threw one up for grabs. Once again; James Elliott would come down with the pass to give the Broncos excellent field position at the Sonora forty yard line. For the next four and a half minutes, the Broncos Express would get back on track and grind the football down the field. A twenty-three yard pass from Williams to Elliott; runs by Jacoby, Fields, and Chance Armke would move the ball to the Idalou nine yard line. With two minutes and twenty-seven seconds left in the game, Williams would go to his big tight-end, Riley Crain. A pin point pass and an excellent catch cumulated the Broncos scoring drive. On the PAT; a nice save by Sean Fields and excellent concentration by Javier Gayton would complete the 42 point out put by the Mighty Bronco offense. Idalou 16 - Sonora 42. The remaining two minutes, were marred by three turnovers. Two by the Wildcats; both being pass interceptions. Bronco linebacker, Danny Solis and Bronco safety, Cameron Sims each intercepted a Jonathan Martinez pass. The Broncos suffered their third turnover of the game when Idalou's Clifton Farmer recovered an Immanuel Lopez fumble. The Regional Championship game would end just

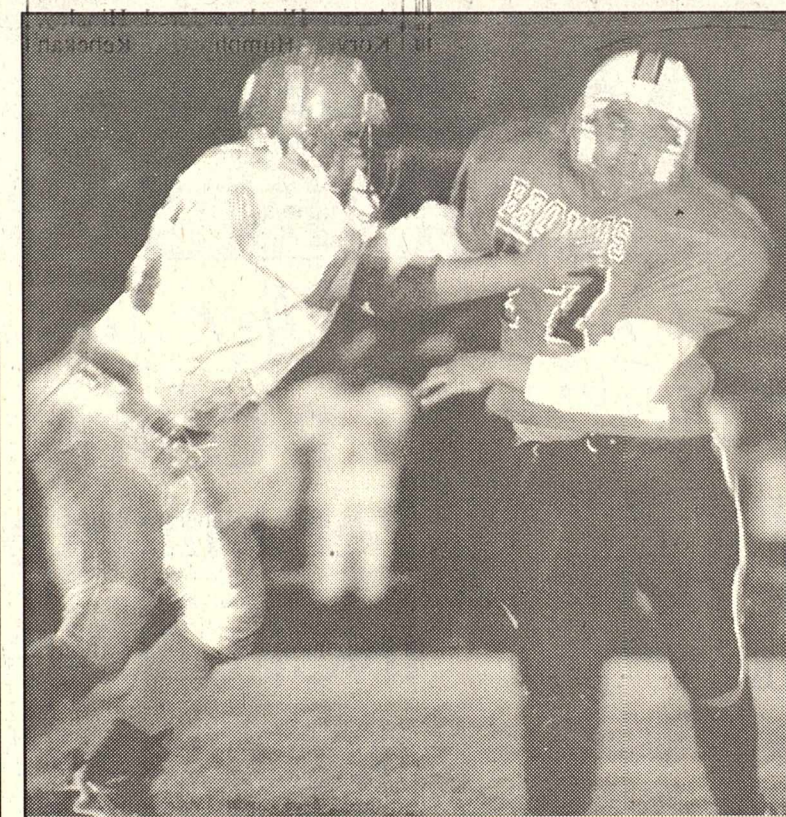
as it had begun - with The Bronco Express in control of the football.

Final Score: Idalou Wildcats 16 - Sonora Broncos 42.

Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood will be the next stop for the Bronco Express. The Red Hosses will face fourth or fifth ranked (depending on which pole you read) Olney Saturday at 6:00 p.m. The high powered Olney Cubs will bring a matching 12 and 0 record into this Quarter-final bout. When visiting with Coach Herring about the Cubs; he was very cautious in his remarks. His primary statement was "They are a very good football team and it will take an all out effort by all of us to bring the Gold Football home. But I feel that we will bring the trophy to Sonora." High School Principal, Brant Myers remarked; "They have eight hosses and we have nine. It will boil down to who makes the least amount of mistakes."

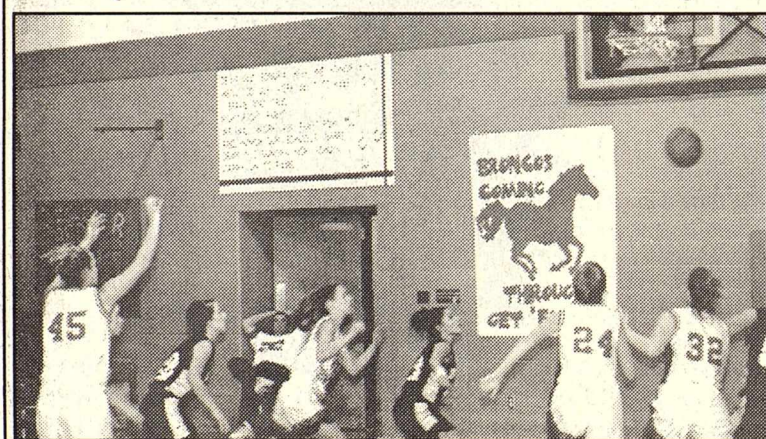
Both of these gentlemen have seen the Cubs play in person on two separate occasions and watched countless hours of film. If anyone can get the Broncos ready to play this game - It will be Jason Herring and his staff; because they believe. And in believing - So do the Broncos!!!!

Three to go - But remember One At A Time!
**GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!
BEAT OLNEY!!!!**



#77 Adam Mendez tosses aside an Idalou player, as the Broncos move on down the line toward State.

Lady Broncos Defeat Brady



Heather Felts sinks a free throw shot at the game against Brady. The Lady Broncos defeated the Bulldogs

Yearbook Selling Senior Ads

Dear Senior Parents,

The yearbook class will once again be allowing you to purchase a senior ad for your child. These ads may contain any pictures you have of your child that you wish to provide to the yearbook staff. We will return the pictures to you when the yearbooks are produced. Not only do these ads become a lasting memory for you and your child, but they also help provide funding for our yearbook which costs approximately \$20,000 to produce. The deadline for buying an ad and providing pictures for that ad will be December 15th.

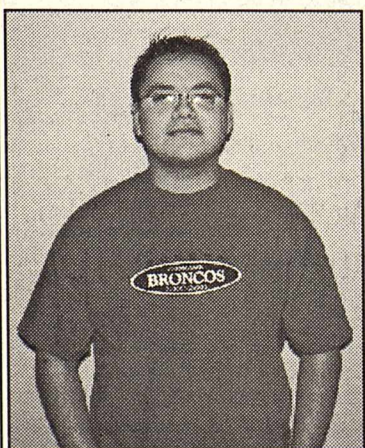
The prices for the ads will be as follows:

Full Page--\$125.00
1/2 Page--\$95.00
1/4 Page--\$75.00
1/8 Page--\$65.00

If you are interested in purchasing a senior ad please mail the correct amount to the following address: SHS Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950.

If you have any questions, please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315 or at home at 387-3706.

Band Students of the Week



Manuel Campos

The High School Band Member of the Week for last week was Manuel Campos. Manuel is the junior drum major for the Bronco Band and is an excellent saxophone player.

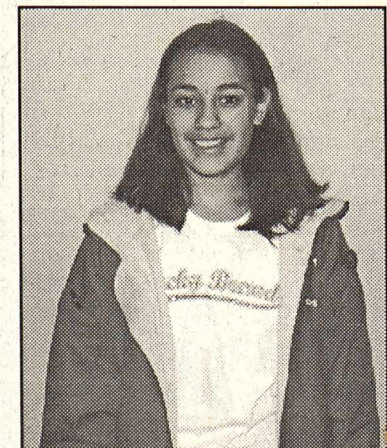
This week's High School Band Member of the Week is Evangelina Martinez. Evangelina is a freshman clarinet player in the Bronco Band and a great student.

The Junior High Band Member of the Week for last week was Tyler Talley. Tyler plays trombone for the 7th grade band and is playing with the High School Band during the playoffs.

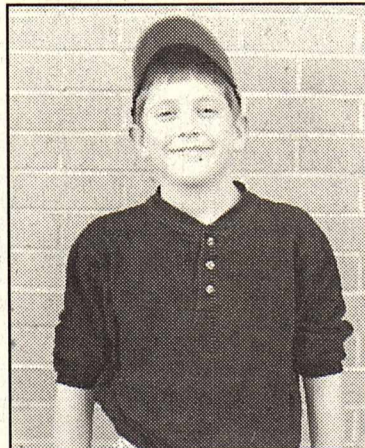
This week's Junior High Band Member of the Week is David Adkins. David has moved from baritone to tuba to help out in the 8th grade band and is also performing with the High School Band during the playoffs.

The Bronco band would like to congratulate Joe Flores on being named to the Texas A & M Commerce Senior Honor Band.

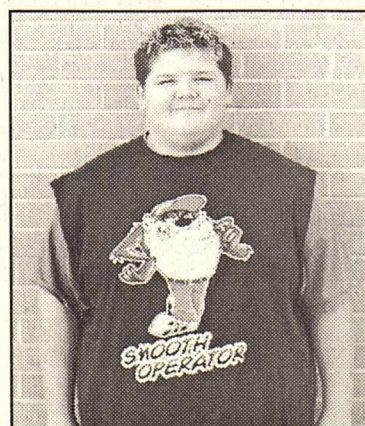
The Band would like to thank Dairy Queen for supporting the Band Member of the Week program.



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Wed. - Cinnamon roll, fruit or assorted juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, fruit or assorted juice.
Fri. - Potato & egg burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Hoagie sandwich, ham & cheese (Primary), salad, fries, shortcake.
Tues. - Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, jello, roll.
Wed. - Vermicelli with beef, pinto beans, diced apricots, cornbread.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, baked potato wedges, green beans, fruit, roll.
Fri. - Beef burrito with chili, vegetable salad, mixed fruit, cookie.

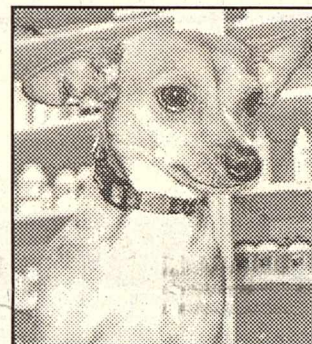
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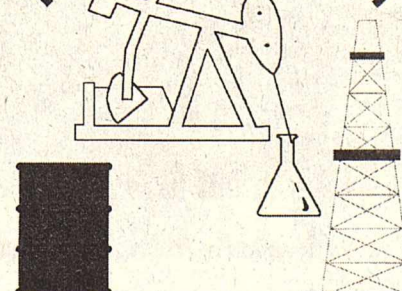


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about "Project Seal", which is a company that is trying to open up a rubber and plastics company in our area. They have recently provided their electric power demand ratio and were told that by using natural gas in the area they could cut production costs by half. The company is very interested in moving to this area.

Another project that Taylor is working on involves Nicholson Meat. The company wants to expand to this area, tripling the size of their current company. By moving to this area they would be offering at least 15-20 job opportunities, as well as marketing the Sonora name everywhere they ship to. The company is currently trying to purchase land in Sutton County in order to get the project underway.

Schedule Propane Heating Checks

As colder temperatures begin to settle in across the state, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza today encouraged homeowners to have their propane tanks and heating appliances thoroughly inspected by a licensed technician.

"The colder weather means winter will soon be here," said Williams. "Licensed propane technicians in your area are ready to inspect your home heating system to ensure it's prepared for the months ahead."

"Millions of Texans rely on propane not only for home and water heating, but also for cooking," noted Matthews. "Propane fuel systems need regular service checks to ensure maximum reliability and safety."

"Many systems may not have been used for some time," Garza added. "A thorough inspection of your home's heating system is a good way to know you'll be able to stay warm safely throughout the winter."

According to Williams, Matthews and Garza, other important safety tips to remember include:

- * If your home has a propane furnace, water heater, range or other conveniences, schedule a check of the whole propane system - including appliances.

- * Your local propane service technician should check your tank, piping, regulators, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners and appliance controls to make sure they are all in good working condition.

- * Homes with propane gas logs or fireplace systems should be checked each fall.

- * Naturally odorless propane gas has a rotten egg smell added to it to help identify any leaks. If you ever smell gas, leave the home immediately without using any electrical switches or appliances. Close the service valve under the protective dome of your tank by turning it to the right as far as it can go. Call your propane supplier or local fire department from a neighbor's phone.

To help consumers properly use propane-fueled appliances, the Railroad Commission of Texas offers a free safety brochure entitled Home Safe Home. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division toll-free at 1-800-64-CLEAR (1-800-642-5327).

Taylor advised the court that he had been in contact with Haliburton and that the company would be returning to the Sonora office, though the details were still vague. Taylor completed his report by stating that he would be moving the Sisd office to the Eaton Hill house.

Lewis Allen reported that he wanted to be on the next agenda so as to discuss the fact that some of the property that the Bird Trail crosses belongs to the City of Sonora and what needs to be done about this.

Eddin's Walcher received the contract for fuel dispensing for the municipal fleet.

The Court agreed to upgrade to InVision computer software on a monthly lease purchase agreement with Incode.

School Board from page 1

mentary Facilities Committee, invited the Board to tour her campus at any time. The Superintendent commented that at the recent Breakfast Club meeting, elementary personnel were very concerned with leaks in the buildings.

High School Principal Brant Myers requested that the Board give him permission to devise a one-way system in the High School parking lot and the Board agreed to the request.

Mrs. Hirt stated that many visitors to her building entered through the ground level entrance (which is really the back door) and she would like to lock that door during school hours so that visitors would have to enter the front door, next to the offices.

Mrs. Hirt stated that this procedure would be very helpful with student safety and the Board agreed.

Board Member Tryon Fields commended both the band and the football team on their successful seasons and requested that each

The Court also agreed to a change order for the Police Department building regarding the structural beams under the building.

After the Court met in Executive Session, it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and work with Schlumberger on some deliberations regarding real property.

No action was taken regarding the performance of the city manager.

City Attorney, Beth Wallace reported that in accordance with a new law, there can be no more generalized "reports" from Department Heads. If they wish to give a report, the information must be itemized and added to the agenda by specific items.

There being no reports to follow, the meeting was adjourned.

organization be sent congratulatory letters. Board members agreed and the Superintendent stated that he would write those letters on behalf of the Board.

President Payton then announced that the Board would take a short recess and then would enter into closed session to discuss purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, the resignation of the Superintendent and the proposal of renewal or non-renewal of the Superintendent's contract. Mr. Payton advised that no action would take place in closed session.

After the Board reconvened in open session, a motion was made by Tammy Favila, seconded by Tryon Fields, to accept the resignation of Dr. William J. Harlan as Superintendent of Schools, effective 12/31/2000. The motion carried unanimously.

Bear from page 1

To this point the bear had not shown any signs of aggression or nuisance; however, for the bear's safety as well as for the safety of our residents and visitors it was decided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Officials to attempt to take the bear in order to move it to a more remote location. Officials from the Sonora Police Department, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety, the Drug Task Force, and several local citizens then assisted local Parks and Wildlife officials in the capture of Sonora's one very famous black bear. The bear calmly settled into a crook of the tree about 20 feet off the ground while preparations were made for removal. Joe David West, Joe Fincher, Cody Cory, Oscar Chavez, Don Van Zandt, and Brent Gesch provided assistance in locating the bear and with crowd and traffic control. Local veterinarian Mike Keller provided the correct dosages of a tranquilizing drug that was loaded into 2 darts to be used in a dart rifle provided by the Sonora Police Chief Chris Croy, who assisted with the operation. Local Game Warden Rodney Knight shot the bear in the left rump with the first dart and the bear moved up into the tree an additional 5 feet where it sat while the drugs took affect. After a lengthy period a second dart was delivered to the right rump, as it seemed the original drugs were not having the anticipated affect and the bear had moved into a more precarious position in the tree. Kurney Knight, Darold Norment, Bryn Humphrey, Jacob West, Mike House, Bob Hartman, and Duwayne Castro all manned a tarp below the bear's location in order to break its fall as it released its hold on the tree. They then loaded the bear into a culvert trap provided by Wildlife Biologist Mary Humphrey for transport to the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in the Trans-Pecos

Region next to Big Bend National Park. Candice Humphrey assisted with transfer of the bear to Mike Pittman, Area Manager of the Black Gap, that took place at 11:20 p.m. the same night of the capture. The bear was then transported to the Black Gap where Wildlife Biologists Bonnie McKinney, Bill McKinney, and Tom Vanzant re-tranquilized the bear in order to access measurement, age, and weight data. The bear was determined to be a 140-pound female that is approximately 12 or more years old. Bonnie reported that the bear was in good shape and had lots of fat reserves built up. The bear was fitted with a radio collar in order to monitor her movements, and was released into Frog Canyon - a beautiful, healthy canyon with an abundance of water and vegetation on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area. She joins another 12 collared, resident bears on the Gap where Bonnie is conducting research on bear movements, home ranges, natality, mortality, dispersal of young, and feeding habits.

Many questions have arisen about how this black bear might have come to be in the Sonora area. Willie Mungia and Baldo Casteneda report that they saw a bear in mid-August while checking one of their units in south Sutton County. Disbelieving co-workers intimidated them to not report the incident. A hunter reportedly saw a bear 28 miles south of Ozona in the road right-of-way on the first weekend of November. Are bears to be blamed for the mass-livestock kills that have been reported recently? Most likely not, as bears usually consume most all that they kill but the bones, and usually don't kill more than they're going to eat. Historically, several different subspecies of the black bear once roamed freely across the state of Texas. Human exploitation and loss of suitable habitat since the

time of state colonization has caused the decline in the Texas black bear population. Currently the black bear is listed as a state threatened species and may not be taken, trapped, harassed, or killed in any of its habitat or daily actions. With this high-ranking protection a dramatic comeback of one of our large mammals may be imminent. The further expansion of bears out of northern Mexico, into the southern Trans-Pecos regions of Texas, and ultimately into the western Edwards Plateau is likely. Recently, Biologist Bonnie McKinney from Marathon placed the article seen on page 7, in several west Texas newspapers due to recent, numerous reports of bear sightings and concerns in an extended area of the southern Trans-Pecos region:

In conclusion on our Sonora bear: The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, TPWD Game Warden Rodney Knight, and TPWD Biologist Mary Humphrey would like to thank all the concerned citizens and visitors for reporting our bear and its locations while it was in our area. Thanks to the Sutton County dispatchers Abby Gesch and Mindy Kesinger for relaying information on the bear locations from concerned callers. Most especially thanks to all the law enforcement officials and concerned individuals for their assistance in safely capturing, handling, and loading the bear for transportation to west Texas. It was truly impressive to see so many different agencies and individuals come together, as they have on other occasions and catastrophes in our community, and work so well together to complete a situation. For more information on our bear and its status please call Mary Humphrey at 915/387-5539.

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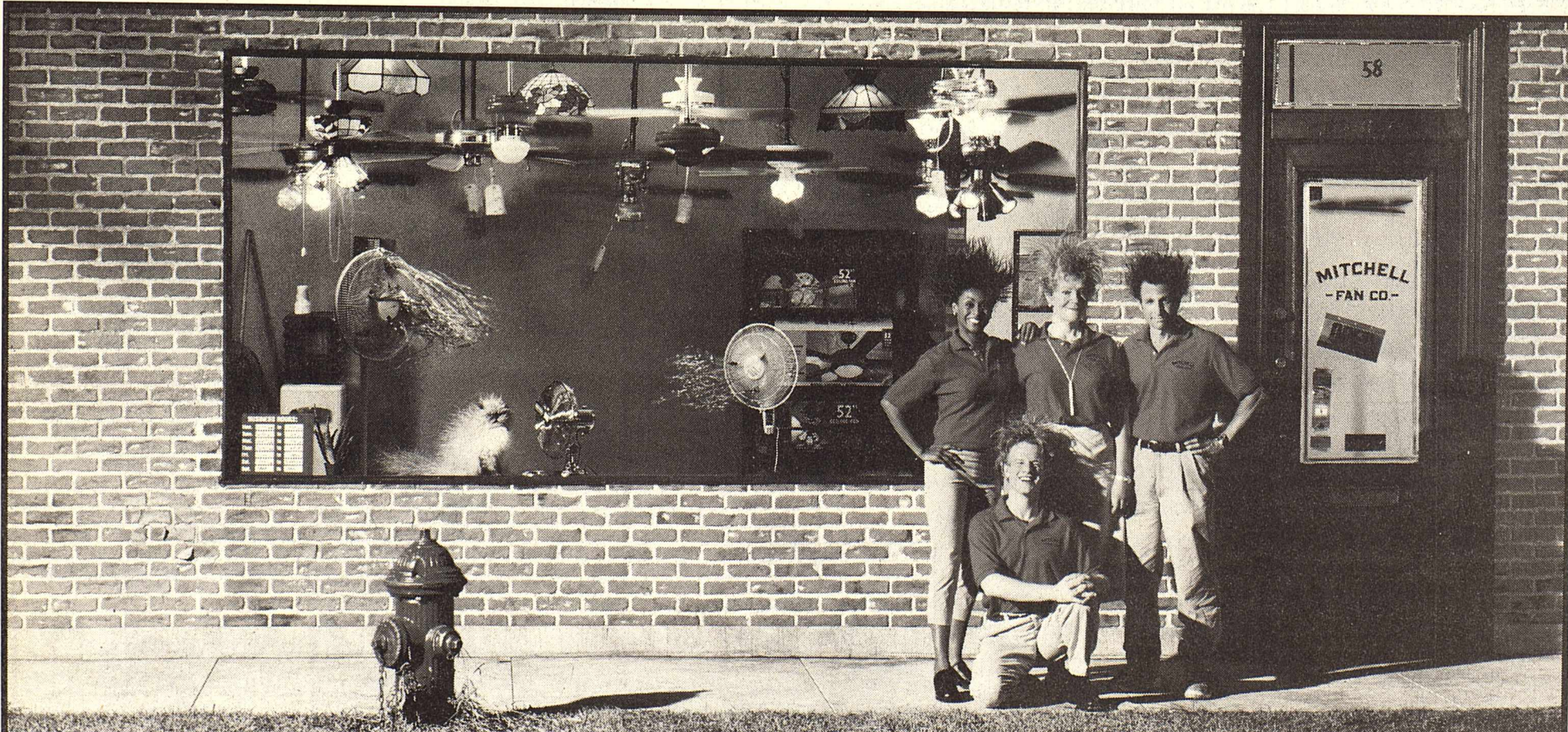
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Academy For Ranch Management Sets 2001 Workshop Schedule

by: Ray Hinnant, (979) 845-5580, rhinnant@tamu.edu

SONORA - The Academy for Ranch Management has scheduled three workshops for the winter and spring of 2001 at the Sonora Research Station, according to Dr. Charles Taylor, Director.

The Academy for Ranch Management is dedicated to providing basic and advanced courses in rangeland ecology, physiology and management to assist ranch and rangeland owners. Two basic rangeland management workshops were conducted during 2000, providing basic resource management information to new ranch owners and absentee owners.

Workshops planned for 2001 include a basic workshop scheduled for January 11-13; an advanced rangeland management workshop scheduled for April 26-28, and a prescribed rangeland burning workshop scheduled for March 1-3.

The three-day workshops feature education in a hands-on field setting.

The Sonora Station has an 80-year history of rangeland management research and of providing management information to the people of Texas. Workshop participants are introduced to the principles of rangeland science and they can observe firsthand the results of different grazing strategies and the use of fire to manipulate habitat.

Most of the instruction is done in the field in small groups to facilitate

discussion. The advanced classes build on the information presented in the basic class and culminate with each participant developing a management plan that will manipulate the rangeland habitat to meet his/her goals.

On many ranches, prescribed fire is becoming the method of choice to effectively manipulate rangeland habitat at a reasonable cost. Many experts say prescribed burning is more than just brush control, that the whole plant community is affected by fire. Because of the danger involved and vulnerability to legal action, training and planning is crucial.

The burning workshop will feature training in the physical attributes and behavior of fire, equipment use, planning a prescribed burn, and grazing management prior to and following a burn. Each participant will have opportunities to develop a plan, notify the proper authorities, and have a leading role in one or more prescribed burns.

This workshop is limited to 20 participants who have either completed the basic rangeland management course or have equivalent training.

Those interested in learning more about the rangeland resource and wanting to register for one or more of the classes, please contact Dr. Taylor at (915) 387-3168 or Ray Hinnant at (979) 845-5580.

The Bear Facts

By: Bonnie R. McKinney and Mike T. Pittman
Texas Parks and Wildlife

So, you have a black bear on your property, or perhaps you saw a bear. Here are some facts you may find useful in coexisting with black bears. Historically the black bear was found in most ecological regions of Texas. Unregulated hunting, loss of habitat in some regions, and perhaps the extensive predator control efforts in some areas were possibly all factors that contributed to the decline of the black bear. By the 1940s, black bear sightings were fewer with most reports being from the Davis Mountains, and the rugged canyons of the lower Big Bend Region. By the 1950s the black bear was practically nonexistent. Occasional sightings were still being reported from the Davis Mountains, which was thought to be the last stronghold of the black bear in Texas, and from the lower Big Bend Region. In all reality the black bear was extirpated from historic range in Texas. Numbers had also drastically declined in northern Mexico with remnant populations remaining in a few isolated mountains. At this point in time it appeared the black bear was gone from Texas and there were no plans to reintroduce this species.

Natural recovery by a wildlife species into former historical range rarely occurs without the intervention of man. Yet, an amazing reestablishment of black bears into west Texas is occurring. During the 1980s bear sightings started becoming more frequent in the lower Big Bend Region. Currently there are known breeding populations on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area, in the Big Bend National Park, and in the surrounding areas. People on private lands as well as state and federal lands now find themselves living in "bear country." To the south in Mexico the population has recovered and continues to increase; thus in all likelihood providing range expansion into western Texas.

Nobody can say for sure why bears chose to return to former range in western Texas, but their reestablishment of breeding populations is a reflection of the land stewards and their care of the lands entrusted to them, whether private ranches, parks, or wildlife management areas. The country has to be well taken care of for a bear to find ample food, establish a home range, and reproduce.

In west Texas bears feed on a variety of fruits, nuts and berries. Under certain conditions, such as extended drought when natural foods are not plentiful, bears may prey on domestic livestock. Because they feed on carrion, bears are often blamed for livestock kills they did not make. The black bear is not a high-class predator like the mountain lion. A good rule of thumb is, "bears may kill livestock, but not all bears are livestock killers." Black bears are coexisting peacefully with ranches carrying on traditional cattle ranching activities.

Because of the increased sightings of black bears, mainly small

yearlings in Brewster, Jeff Davis, Presidio, and Terrell Counties [and now Sutton and probably Crockett Counties], Texas Parks and Wildlife would like to offer the following management suggestions if you find yourself "living in bear country." These suggestions can prevent a conflict with bears and allow the continued natural recovery of this species into former historic range.

1. Do not feed bears. "A fed bear is a dead bear." Bears learn very quickly and become dependent on these free handouts.

2. Keep a safe distance from any bear, do not approach or harass a bear.

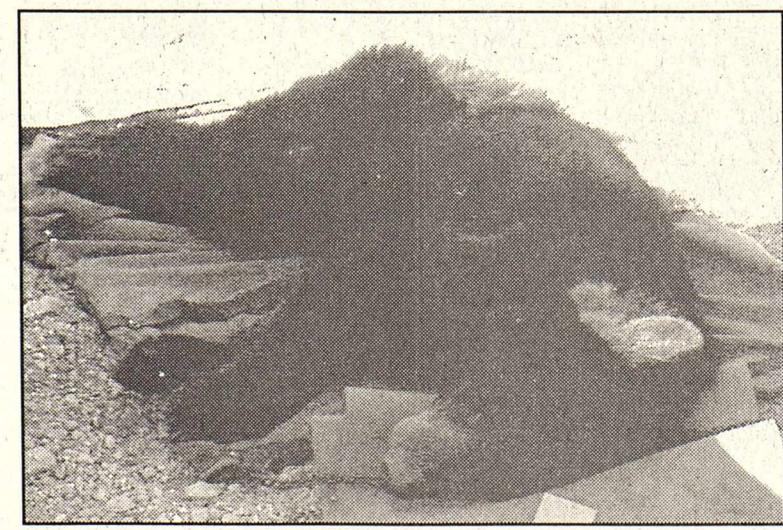
3. Don't be a litterbug! Keep grounds clean and garbage free. Keep your garbage in containers with locking lids. If you can't keep it locked up, either burn or bury it.

4. Keep all pet and livestock foods locked in storage buildings.

5. Burn all livestock carcasses and hunter harvested carcasses to prevent bears from feeding on them.

If you have a nuisance bear on your property, do not attempt to trap, shoot, capture or handle the bear. Texas Parks and Wildlife is the only agency authorized to trap, capture, handle and relocate black bears in Texas. The black bear in west Texas is a state threatened species. Texas Parks and Wildlife is actively involved in research on black bears, and is responsible for the protection and conservation of this species. Texas Parks and Wildlife is committed to assist and help resolve any bear related problems that may occur, as quickly as possible. If you see a bear on your property, would like more information on black bears, or if you are having a problem, contact the following Texas Parks and Wildlife offices: TPW Regional Office, San Angelo (915) 651-4748, Alpine TPW District Office (915) 837-2051, Bonnie McKinney, Wildlife Diversity Office (915) 386-4156 or 386-4529, or the Black Gap Wildlife Management Office (915) 376-2216 or (915) 837-3251. You may also contact your local TPW biologist, wildlife technician, or game warden.

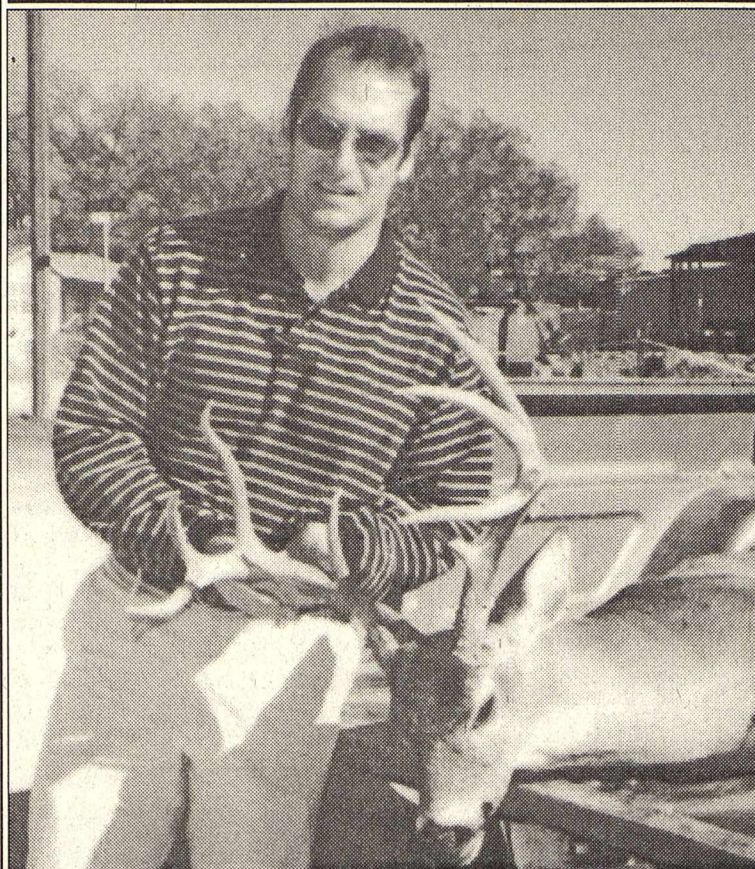
The conservation of black bears in western Texas is dependent on peaceful coexistence between humans and bears. The black bears are doing their part, let's do ours. It



Maria, as she is now known, is still relaxing after her busy visit to Sonora.

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Who's Baggin' the Big Bucks



Guy Cauthorn (above) killed this 9 pt. buck on November 25, 2000 at the Robert Cauthorn Ranch in Juno, Texas. Cauthorn made the score from his truck, using a .30-06, from about 200 yards out. The buck has been scored a 144 on the Boone & Crockett scale. Twelve year old Nick Shurley (below) got his big buck during the youth hunt season, on October 28, 2000 at the Shurley's "Los Cuernos" Ranch. Nick got this 11 pt. prize with a .243 from about 95 yards out and scored a 129 on the B & C scale.



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OXY Permian; 6500' MK Daniels III - A - #4, Cleere Drilling.
Encore Operating LP; 9000' Jones Ranch - B - #9038, Cleere Drilling.
Ricks Exploration; 10000' Miller-Hoover Unit B - #606, Cleere Drilling.
New Union Pacific Res; 7600' Union Pacific - D - #17, Patterson Drilling.
New Harrison Interests; 8900' John W. Henderson III - I - #53, Patterson Drilling.
OXY Permian; 5600' South Cross Unit #213, Key Energy
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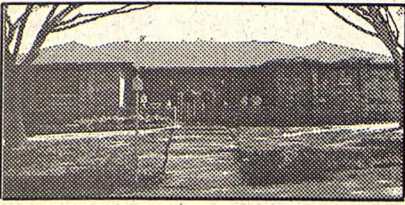
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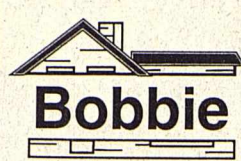
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