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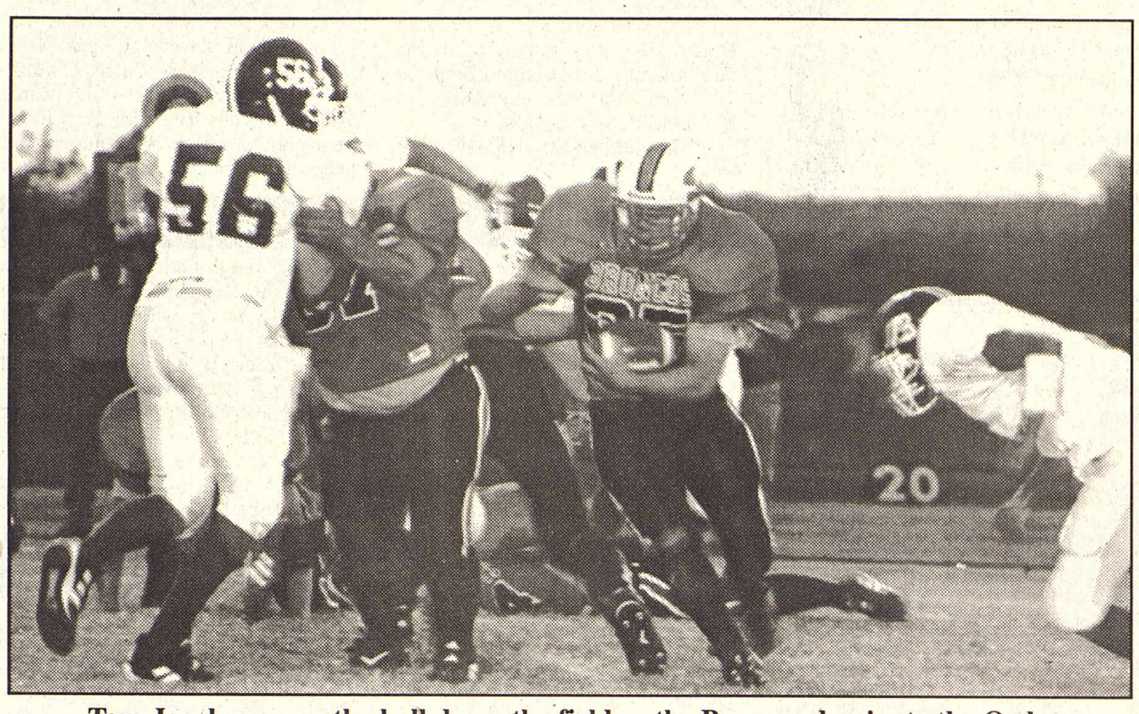
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Broncos Dominate In Season Opener



Tom Jacoby moves the ball down the field as the Broncos dominate the Owls.

by Tryon Fields

The Sonora Broncos 2000 season opener was a much touted match-up between the 1-2A powerhouse Reagan County Owls and our own state ranked 2-2A Broncos. From the opening kick-off, the Broncos controlled every facet of this inter-district contest.

Offensively the Red Hosses rolled up a balanced 377 yards of total offense (191 yards on the ground and 186 yards through the air). On the ground, the Broncos were led by tailback William "Bill" Renfro with 119 yards on 8 carries. Quarterback Bryce Williams went 12 for 22 with an interception and 3 touchdown passes. Williams favorite target of the evening was tight-end Riley Crain who had 3 catches for 90 yards and a touchdown.

The Broncos received the opening kick-off and set up shop at their own 26 yard line. Using almost four minutes of the first quarter game clock, Bryce Williams engineered an eleven play drive. Using three different running backs and two different receivers, Williams moved the Broncos down the field to give the Broncos their first tally of the game.

Hard running by Tom Jacoby, William Renfro, and Chance Armke steadily moved the ball down the field. Broncos head coach, Jason Herring, alternatingly mixed the pass in to keep the Owl defense off balance.

Receptions by James Elliott and a pass interference call on the Owls moved the ball to the Owl five yard line. At the seven minutes and fifty-five second mark of the first quarter, William Renfro streaked across the goal line for the Broncos first score of the game.

Javier Gaytan added the point after attempt to give the Red Hosses a seven point advantage:

Reagan County 0 - Sonora 7.

After the ensuing kick-off; Reagan County would get their first taste of the swarming/hard hitting Bronco defense. Defensive plays by James Elliott, Danny Solis, Thomas Bloodworth, and Sean Fields would limit the Owls to minimal yardage and would be forced to punt. This punt aided by a strong southeasterly wind would put the Broncos in a hole at their own 8 yard line. This Bronco possession met with a little more resistance from the Owl defense.

Using power and a new found agility, Bronco fullback, Tom Jacoby, moved the ball out to the Bronco 27. At the thirty-two, the Broncos suffered their first miscue of the game. A swarming Owl defense stripped the ball from Bronco tailback William Renfro; and a hustling Owl defenseman, Michael Reyes, recovered the loose pigskin at the Bronco thirty-five yardline. The Owl offense sensing a chance to knot the score forgot about the tenacious men dressed in red and black.

Defensive pressure by Anthony Sanchez, Riley Crain, Jerrad Solis, and Chris Green forced the Owls into a fourth and eight situation at the Bronco thirty-two yard line. Bronco cornerback, Matt Torres, ended any hopes that the Owls might of had; as he knocked the pass from Owl quarterback, Justin Lozano, down at the Bronco fourteen yard line. This excellent defensive play would give the Broncos the football with two and half minutes left in the first quarter. The quick strike offense of the Big Red Machine only needed two plays and one minute to reach the Owl endzone.

Faced with a second and fifteen, Bryce Williams dropped back to pass; however, Williams handed off to William Renfro on the draw play. Behind excellent blocking of the offensive line, Renfro powered his way to the forty-five yard line and then outraced the Owl defenders for a seventy-three yard touchdown run. Javier Gaytan split the uprights to give the Broncos a fourteen point advantage with a minute and a half left on the first quarter clock. Owls 0 - Broncos 14.

On the ensuing possession by Reagan County, the Owls were met with much of the same. A very stingy Bronco defense led by Stetson Hall, Chance Armke, Jerrad Solis, and Danny Solis effectively shut the Owls down on three straight plays. On the ensuing punt by the Owls, Bronco defenseman Matt Torres broke free and was able to block the Charles Graves punt. Taking over at the Owl twenty-nine, the Broncos were unable to capitalize on their good fortune and were forced to turn the ball over on downs at the Owl thirty-six. The Owls still unable to generate any offense returned the favor by giving the pigskin up at their own forty-nine yard line. Once again; the lightening attack of the Broncos only needed three plays and a minute and a half of the game clock to light up the score board again. A dropped snap by Williams, a short run by Renfro, and a touch pass from Williams to James Elliott was all the Broncos would need.

The thirty-six yard catch and run by Elliott would give the Red Hosses their third touchdown of the game. Gaytan remained perfect to put the Broncos up by a score of: Owls 0 - Broncos 21.

With a little over six minutes still left in the first half, the Reagan County Owls would meet with the "Same ol, -Same ol," on their next possession. Bronco defensemen; Jacob Percifull, Jerrad Solis, Stetson Hall, and Thomas Bloodworth would lead the Mighty Bronco charge and force the Owls to punt after three downs. After the Owl

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Explorers Reunite at Caverns of Sonora

by Storie Sharp

Labor Day Weekend marked the 45th Anniversary of the discovery of something beautiful and, until that time, uncharted. Three of the original cavers that helped to discover and develop the Sonora Caverns were on hand to lead a small group along the same path that was taken that weekend 45 years ago.

The men were anxious and excited to be making the trip together again and could hardly be kept back off that fateful ledge. Knee replacements and age did nothing to slow down the trio as they led the group to an opening at the edge of "the pit" to give an interview and tell their stories.

Jack Prince told of the day that he and a couple of caver friends from Dallas came to the pit area and he slowly inched his way around the ledge that opened up a whole new world of undgergound beauty, like none seen before. Prince said that fear was not an issue that day, more curiosity and the observance of safety. He told how he sat down on his backside and laid back as close to the wall as he could get and scooted his way around the wall. He also told that is was just luck that he happened to be first in line to arrive at the pit and be the one to go on ahead of the others.

Bart Crisman, also a caver had tipped Prince off about the "Secret Cave" on Mayfield Ranch, but left that cave to explore another cave in Sutton County on the day that the group crossed the ledge. Crisman and his son were on hand Saturday to also tell of his part in the discovery.

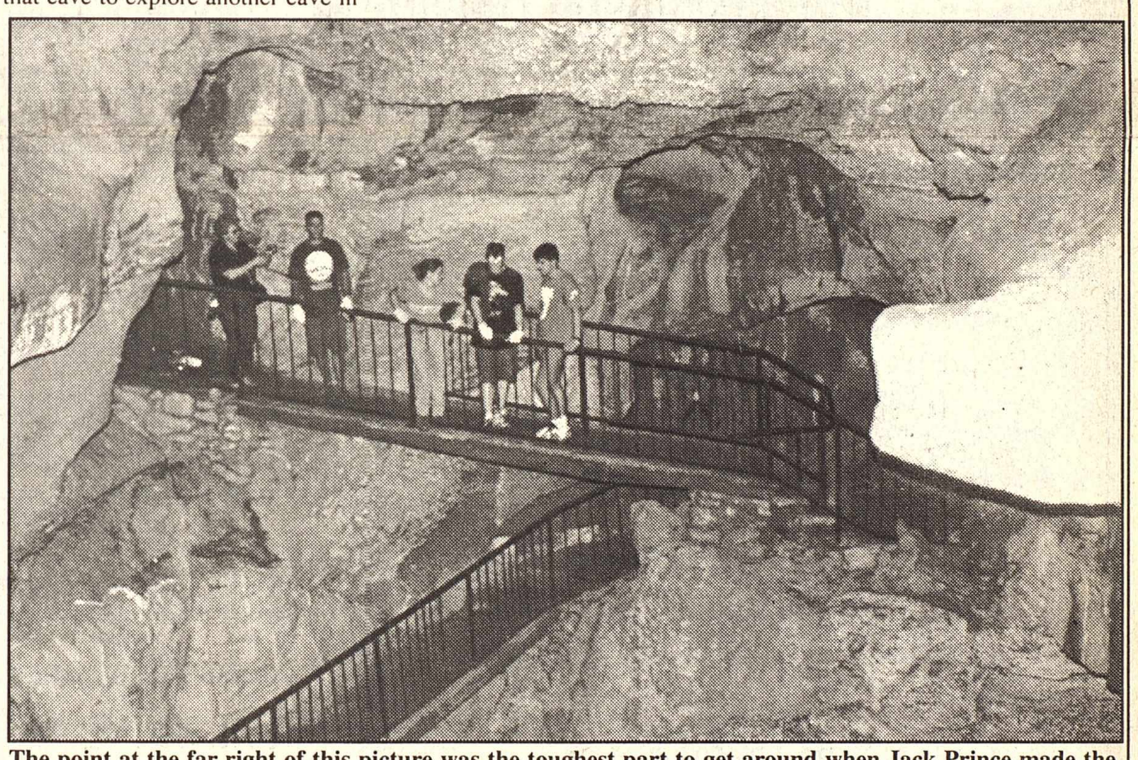


Jack Prince (far left) points out how he crossed the ledge over the pit, as Jack Burch (middle with striped shirt) and Bart Crisman (far right), reminisce about early explorations.

The third key player in the group that was on hand to tell tales, was Jack Burch. Burch played an instrumental part in the mapping and development of the cave, that led to the opening to the public. Burch told how he and one other caver would work a bit at a time and spend entire days down in the cave. Sometimes he would have to use a "pinch" of dynamite to remove a boulder that was in the way of progress. He explained that one had to be very careful using dynamite down there, so as not to disturb any of the formations.

It was quite a learning experience and a privilege to make this trip down history lane with these three cavers. One can only imagine what it was like to be crawling through that dark area with only the light equivalent to a candle and to come upon such natural magnificence.

Everyone is encouraged to take the time to visit the cave if you haven't, and see for yourself what Sonora has to be proud of.



The point at the far right of this picture was the toughest part to get around when Jack Prince made the first trip across the ledge that skirted the pit.

Old-Time Twin Fiddle Contest Winners

Submitted

A good time was had by all at the Sutton County Days Fiddlin' Contest. Listeners were treated to several numbers by Wesley Hall, a 12 year old multi-instrumentalist from Comanche, TX. He plays fiddle, dobro, and banjo. From old-time fiddle tunes to snappy Bluegrass numbers, he can play the music and sing the vocals. With no trace of nervousness or stage fright, Wesley is a natural performer.

The results of the Twin Fiddle Contest were:

1st - George Smith, San Antonio and Wilford Wagner, Junction
2nd - Patti Strauch, Sonora and Wesley Hall, Comanche
3rd - Jim Barton, Hondo and Bill Tuckness, Llano
4th - W.A. Tampke, Hondo and Bob Davis, Leakey

Junior Division - Wesley Hall, Comanche, TX (uncontested)

Senior Division (80 and over)
1st - Arnold Taylor, Kerrville
2nd - Jim Barton, Hondo
3rd - Clyde Jones, Kerrville
4th - W.A. Tampke, Hondo

Senior Division (60-70)
1st - George Smith, San Antonio
2nd - Wilford Wagner, Junction
3rd - Bob Davis, Leakey

Senior Division (16-60)
1st - Ray Burney, San Angelo
2nd - Patti Strauch, Sonora
3rd - Bill Tuckness, Llano

Grand Champion Fiddler - George Smith

Thanks to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, The Bank and Trust and The Devil's River Internet for helping sponsor the Old-Time Fiddlin' Contest.

Coahuila, Texas, Oklahoma Corridor Association

Submitted

Who are we? The Coahuila, Texas, Oklahoma Corridor Association is made up of individuals and businesses who want to do things with others that we cannot do by ourselves. We realize that new business is started by individuals and not organizations. We bring together people with the same interests who get to know one another, make friends, develop trusts and make successful new ventures.

What we do: The purpose of the Coahuila, Texas, Oklahoma Corridor Association is to boost the economics in our area. We do that through promotion of Trade, Tourism, Education and especially, development of new industrial and retail growth. In short, we endeavor to bring entrepeneuer of various fields together with those of another country.

The Coahuila, Texas, Oklahoma Corridor Association (formerly named the Southern Corridor Association)just completed a reunion and trade mission to the cities of Piedras Negras, Sabinas, Nueva Rosita, Muzquiz, Monclova, Fonterea and Saltillo. During this trip the group met with mayors, State Officials and other interested in manufacturing and commerce, agriculture and ranching, education and public administration and tourism.

Before this trip, there have been many successes, including Sister City relationships, exchange of students, business ventures, as well as the development of many close friendships. The groups meet and get to know, in social governmental and business engagements, their counterparts from the different states.

The President and Vice President of the Association are chosen from different states, and there are seven directors from each state.

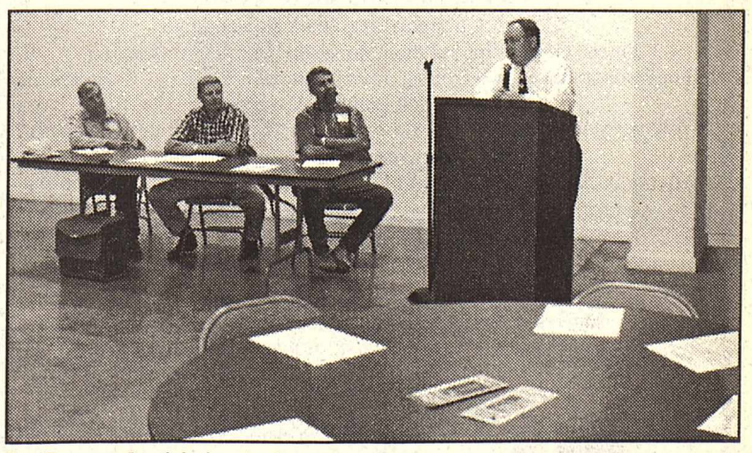
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Joel Carrasco, Vice-President of Corridor Association; JoAnn Hernandez, Mayor, City of Sonora; Enrique Martinez y Martinez, Governor of Coahuila; John Paul Bates, President of Corridor Association and Teresa Mullican, Mayor, Elk City, OK were on hand to discuss tourism and trade in Coahuila, Mexico.

Edwards Plateau SWCD Hosts Area Meeting

Tuesday, August 22nd, the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the annual business meeting of the Hill Country Assn. of SWCD's. The Hill Country Assn. of SWCD's is made up of directors from 22 counties in the Texas Hill Country. Norm Rousselot, local SWCD chairman, opened the meeting and introduced special guests. County Judge Carla Garner, welcomed the group to Sutton County and thanked them for their attentiveness to natural resources and especially water issues that are of great concern to us all. Approximately 75 people gathered at the 4-H Community Center for the program given by Dr. George Veni, noted hydro-geologist from San Antonio. Following the program, Senator Jeff Wentworth and



Jim Reaves, Legislative Assistant to Representative Bob Turner, addressed issues of concern for agriculture and rural areas of Texas. A business meeting was then held, followed by a catered lunch. After lunch, those who were interested joined Dr. Veni, for a special educational tour of the Caverns of Sonora.

Sonora Church Directory

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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 N. Water
387-3190

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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387-5713

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

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387-3241

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387-6065

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319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

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Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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387-2278

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

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511 Cornell
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387-2266

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387-9525

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

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

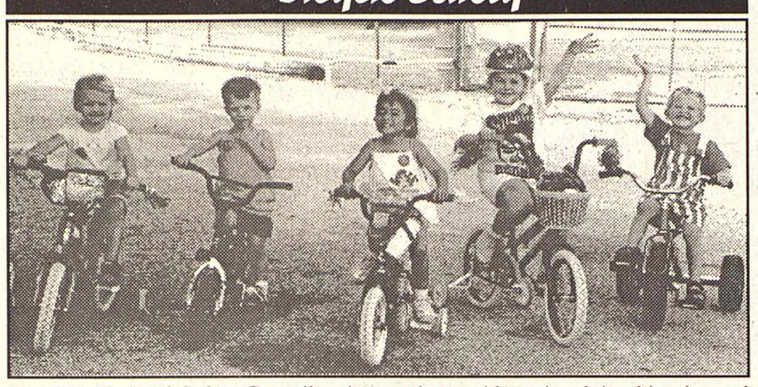
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Sacred Heart of Mary
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ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 16th
10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Raffle - $1000 cash
* Shearing Contest * Folklorico Dancers * Car Show *
* Parade * Food Booths * Queen Coronation * Games *
* DJ/Karaoke - "Millennium Mix" of Uvalde *
* Washer Pitching Contest *
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If you are interested in participating in contest please call:
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General Information call:
Edward Gonzales 683-6177
or Juan M. Enriquez 683-4470

Bicycle Safety



The National Safety Council estimates that accidents involving bicycles and motor vehicles cause about 1,000 fatalities and 40,000 injuries each year. These statistics indicate the need for creating an early awareness of good safety habits in our children. This is one reason we have chosen to participate in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Trike-A-Thon safety program and we are asking for your support of this activity.

God's Little Angels held a Trike-A-Thon, Sept. 1 to help students learn four important trike and riding safety rules. They learn these rules through a story lesson, which is reinforced through a coloring sheet that corresponds with that day's lesson and is brought home. On the fifth day, our students will practice the safety rules they have learned and at the same time help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals are America's leading childhood Cancer research center. Today, thanks mainly to research conducted at St. Jude Hospital, the overall rates of the most common forms of cancer have risen dramatically. Today, more than 70% of all children with cancer will survive their fight with the disease. St. Jude freely shares all of its research findings with doctors and hospitals around the world. St. Jude has also treated more than 15,000 patients since its founding in 1962. St. Jude will pay all costs for treatment above those reimbursable by third party insurance. Families with no insurance are treated free of charge.

Your involvement is critical to the success of this program. The children are collecting donations until Sept. 9. Together, we can help save the lives of millions of children around the world - both through increased safety and cancer research and treatment.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,
Pam Bolt
If a child has not contacted you and you would like to donate please call Pam Bolt at 387-5572

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

Sept. 11 - Bingo!
Sept. 12 - Sysco Food Show in Lubbock! 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 13 - TDHS Program with Victor & Ronda after lunch! Call center FMI
Sept. 14 - TDHS Sugar/blood checks with Maria & Noemi

Senior Menu

Sept. 11 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler.
Sept. 12 - King Ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, roll, oatmeal cookie.
Sept. 13 - Oven baked pork chops, zucchini & yellow squash, corn, tossed salad, wheat bread, fruit parfait.
Sept. 14 - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, chocolate cake.
Sept. 15 - Chicken fajita salad, lettuce, tomato, pumpkin pie, crackers, macaroni salad, cherry perfection salad.

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

Obituary

Bonnie Hartman

Bonnie Ruth Hartman, 77, of Emmaus, Pa., and formerly of Wall, died Sunday, Aug. 27, in Emmaus.

Services were held in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

She was born June 21, 1923, in Coryell County. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Hartman of Sonora and Roy A. Hartman Jr. of Rutland, VT.; a sister, Jane Bramlett of Wichita Falls, four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Marguerite Adams

Marguerite Adams, 77, died Sunday, September 3, 2000. Services were held Wednesday in Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Brady with burial in Rochelle Cemetery.

She was born May 6, 1923, in Brady. She was a nursing home administrator for Leisure Lodge for 19 years and was a member of Rochelle Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Ann Owens.

Survivors include a daughter, Elaine "Laney' Weise of Voca; a sister, LaJuana Griffay of Brady; a brother, Gene Sellman of Brady; four grandchildren; Bobby Liverman and wife Shannon of Sonora, Todd Liverman and wife Laura of Lampasas, Curtis Owens and wife Robin of Brady and Drenda Owens of Leander; nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Card of Thanks

I would like to give a big thank you for all the donations and help we had for the first Fund Raising Supper before the Reagan County football game. All proceeds from these fund raisers will go to provide meals for all the athletes in every sport. A special thanks to Lisa Karnes, Kathy Hardgrave, June Williams, Herbie Seaton, Sergio Gutierrez, Dowell Schlumberger, American Sales & Service (Ben & Lenora Pool), Martha & George Wallace, Ronda Hall, Sonic, La Mexicana, Coach Marshall and Al Elliott.

Thanks,
Jane Rushing
Chairman for the 1st Fund Raiser of the Bronco Boosters

Birth Announcements

Joe and Diana Hidalgo are proud to announce the birth of their son Joe Mikael Hidalgo.
He was born on August 13, 2000 at 4:10 a.m. at San Angelo Community Hospital.
He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 20" long.
Maternal Great-Grandparents are John and Rita Lopez Sr.
Proud grandparents are Martin and Mary Tabarez.
Paternal Grandparents are Jose and Alicia Hidalgo from San Antonio. He is also welcomed by his sister Crystal Danielle and brother John Martin Hidalgo and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

It's a Boy!

Alejandro Julian Mata
was born on August 25, 2000
at Community Hospital in San Angelo, TX at 4:01 a.m.
He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19" long.
Proud parents are Edward and Elva Mata.
Maternal Grandparents are
Fedinco and Theresa Vasquez of Sonora.
Paternal grandparents are
Sam and Irma Mata of Sonora.
Paternal Great grandparents are
Prajedez and Carmen Avila of Sonora,
Also welcoming their baby brother are sisters Jennifer and Kimberly, brother Anthony Mata and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

School Lunch Menu

School Lunch Menu
Sept. 11 - 15

Breakfast

Mon. - French toast, syrup, juice or fruit.
Tues. - Bean & cheese burrito, juice or fruit.
Wed.- Muffin, ham slice, juice, fruit.
Thurs.- Scrambled eggs, toast, juice or fruit.
Fri.- Biscuits, sausage patty, juice or fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.- Beef & bean burrito with chili, tossed salad, mixed fruit pudding.
Tues.- Spaghetti with meat, green beans, fruit, Texas toast.
Wed.- Beef tacos, cheese pinto beans, salad, brownies.
Thurs. - Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli, applesauce.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fruit icee.

Community

Sept. 8
VOTERS REMINDERS
First day to submit an application for ballot by mail for the Nov. 7 general election. Contact Betty Hernandez, County & District Clerk/Early Voting Clerk, 387-3815, or Deedie McIntire, T.A.C./voter Registrar, 387-2342 for an application.
Sept. 11
4-H Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Civic Center
Sept. 18
P.T.A, Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

Calendar

Sept. 22
Homecoming
7:30 p.m. Bronco Stadium
Sept. 23
Steel Magnolias Play
performed by SCAT
3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 24 - Performance at 3:00 p.m.
Al- Anon Meeting
Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church Basement

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Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have any information on a man named Bunger?

A. Devil's River News, December 27, 1890, was the only article I could find on anyone named Bunger: G. L. Bunger, the young and handsome owner of 3,000 sheep, lately arrived in the Stockman's Paradise from Runnels County, is ranching at F. M. Drake's and was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Q. I was told I might find mention of a wedding at Buffalo Draw in your paper. Do you have any entry of a marriage between Rosa Tankersley and T. Parsons?

A. Devil's River News, July 7, 1900: On the first morning of July, the first and grandest wedding took place in the little settlement of Buffalo Draw, the contracting parties being Mr. T. Parsons and Miss Rosa Tankersley.

Early in the morning was floating, from a huge mast, the Stars and Stripes denoting that something exciting was to take place. About ten o'clock buggies and gigs of all descriptions were seen winding their way in the direction of the pretty, secluded little mansion and by twelve o'clock the road and drives were blocked to such an extent that it became necessary to call for volunteers to regulate the traffic. Unfortunately the excessive heat made it very unpleasant resulting in the swooning of several ladies who were quickly restored by Dr. Lewis.

Punctually at 4 o'clock, the bride appeared, leaning upon the arm of her father closely followed by the handsome groom and Mr. Jim Taylor, who officiated as best man. The Rev. West from Bug Scuffel pledged them in the bonds of matrimony and pronounced them to be man and wife. The lovely strains of Juan Garzas string band filled the air and amid the shaking of hands and showers of blessings and good wishes toward Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, the happy couple took their departure to Bug Scuffel, where they will spend a few days.

Q. Was there any report in the Devil's River News of the wedding of Annie Walters in 1902?

A. Devil's River News, July 26, 1902: Judge D. B. Woodruff informed The News Thursday afternoon that he had just tied hard and fast F. V. Steele to Mrs. Annie Walters. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride in West Sonora at 2 o'clock p.m. and The News extends best wishes to the contracting parties.

Sutton County Marriage Records indicate that the marriage took place July 24, 1902.

Q. I've forgotten how the little Bobbitt girl died. Would you please tell her story again?

A. Devil's River News, June 30, 1900: Died on Friday, June 22, 1900, Sonora May, the youngest child and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bobbitt, aged two years, five months and five days. The funeral took place at the Sonora cemetery Saturday Evening. The News extends sympathy to the parents.

About 2 o'clock p.m. Friday, Mrs. Maggie Black Gonzales heard the Bobbitt child cry and looking to ascertain the cause saw the little boy aged four years trying to carry the baby out of the tent. Mrs. Gonzales ran to their assistance and the little boy said the baby had taken carbolic acid. Mrs. Gonzales took the baby to her house and sent for the doctor. It seems the child had been playing with a bottle of carbolic acid and the cork coming out the acid was spilled on her neck and breast from the effects of which she died in three hours. Mrs. Gonzales has a very severe burn on her arm caused by the acid when she was carrying the child to her home, Mrs. Bobbitt was not at home when the accident occurred.

The Bobbitt family moved away long ago. The little girl is buried a few graves to the left of Will Carver, right at the bend in the road. Her little gravestone stands there, a silent reminder of the little girl that was named after the town in which she was born on January 17, 1898 and in which she met such a tragic end.

Q. Do you have any articles on the marriage of M. E. Toole to H. McKenzie?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, September 28, 1895: Hector McKenzie the well known mutton buyer was married to Mrs. Minnie E. Toole at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones on the South Concho, on Tuesday, Rev. Gibbons of Sherwood officiating.

Q. Do you have any information on the military service of Herman Huebner?

A. Devil's River News, October 4, 1919: Herman Huebner who volunteered for the Navy two years ago when his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Huebner lived in Sonora was here this week on a visit to "dear old Sonora" friends. Herman was trained at the Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago and his stay there was made agreeable by the hospitality shown him by Mr. G. H. Kinter of Chicago who entertained him while on leave in that city. The kindness of these people must have given the young West Texan an encouraging view of the true American spirit of patriotism. After his training at the Lakes he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone where he served for eighteen months in the submarine service, most of the time being Gunners Mate 2nd class. He passed through the Canal last winter and was there when the Pacific fleet of war ships went through, which makes him a spectator to or participant in a history making event. His description of the working on torpedoes, submarines and diving is very interesting but told only in answer to questions. He will return to Ozona, where his parents are now living but he is undecided as to the future. He received his discharge at Dallas a week ago.

Books: The Sutton County Historical Society's new book, "How Sutton County Helped Win World War II," is available at Westerman's Drug Store on Main and Concho. This includes servicesmen's letters home, rationing, victory gardens, Red Cross work and scrap collecting, stories of men drafted or enlisting, among other things.

"Destiny In Texas" the story of the descendants of Jacob Hampshire and Hanna Lee is available from Datatrace Systems, P.O. Box 1587, Stephenville, TX 76941 for $35 and Texas sales tax of $2.88. I just finished reading this book and it is an extremely well-documented account. Families mentioned locally include the "Indian fighter Joe Gurley; San Antonio socialite May Callahan and her husband Judge S. G. Tayloe; social climber Ada Stewart; and gold-digger Myrtle Gurley, whose husband Sheriff E. S. Briant shot and killed one of Butch Cassidy's cohorts. Destiny in Texas also reveals the bizarre web of fraud, and bigamy, insanity, suicide and murder surrounding Martha Rubarth's ruthless husband, R. W. Callahan - the founder of Sonora, Texas." There are over 100 photographs in the book and for a well documented family tree it is surprisingly enjoyable reading and a definite must have for collectors of Sonora history or Texas history.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society", P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX, 76950-0885 or e-mail me at schs@sonoratx.net. You may call me at 915-387-2855 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat or leave your requests at the Devil's River News office.



Wedding day. One couple is Ellie Ogle and Minnie Grimes Ogle. They are on the left. We don't know who the other couple is. Can any of our readers identify them?

Committee on Aging News

by Hershel Davenport, President, SCCOA

The Sutton County Committee on Aging has been in existence as a non-profit entity for 25 years. Their existence is for the purpose of serving and helping all Senior Citizens in Sutton County.

When started, there were no local resources for seniors. We started with monthly activities for them in the basement of the Methodist Church providing transportation, refreshments, and craft materials donated by local merchants and citizens. We later were allowed to use the Home Ec Bldg. at the old Elliott School and continued to recognize and offer fellowship to our Seniors.

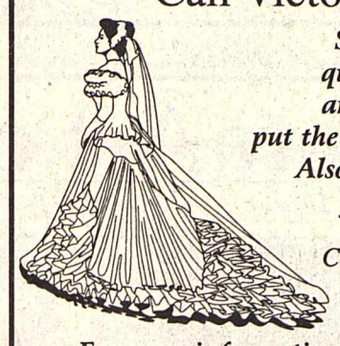
The Senior Center was established plus the Nutrition program funded by the Concho Valley Council of Government, Sutton County, and the City of Sonora. The Committee on Aging has always helped the Senior Center by donations and purchasing "extras" for it until November 1998. Fund Raisers such as the Valentine Dinner Dance and Sutton County Days Bar-B-Que have enabled us to have money for decorations, dishes, tableware, tablecloths, appliances, monthly birthday cakes and most important, Lifeline Units, 45 currently in use. Our Committee members also volunteer for meal delivery.

As of August 25, 2000, we are no longer allowed to have the Monthly Birthday Parties, at the request of the Senior Center Director. She stopped our other full participation in November 1998, although we were allowed to have the Valentine Fund Raiser last February. We have always had a Christmas Party to celebrate the Holiday season at no charge for all Seniors in the County. We also have our monthly business meetings, open to all, at the Senior Center at 5:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Since this pleasurable monthly birthday party has been denied us, we shall concentrate on money needed for Lifeline Units. The cost $700.00 each, for the new system that goes into effect in December 2000. We must up-grade 14 units to keep the 45 currently in use. Any funds raised, or donations received, will be used for these Units, to keep this vital service and help keep our Senior Citizens Healthy.

If you would like to donate any amount at any time, our address is: SCCOA, P.O. Box 152, Sonora, TX 76950.

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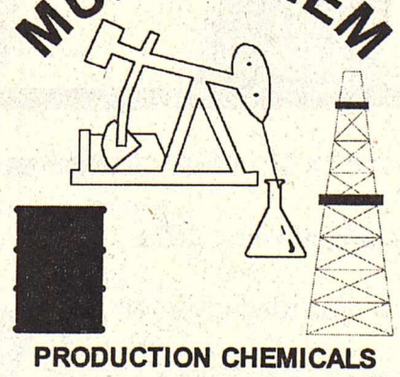
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September 12

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September 13

Logan Smith, Brandi Bible, Matt Batchelor, Mary Gail Gandar, Aaron Gaytan, Jesus Gutierrez

Letters to the Editor

The Devil's River News office would once again like to explain our "Letter to the Editor" policy. We encourage and welcome the letters. Letters must have a signature and phone number. The signature does not have to be printed in the paper, upon request, but must be on file in our office. Letters are subject to editing. You can submit letters by mail to 228 E. Main, Sonora, TX, by email to editor@sonoratx.net or in person. Thank you for expressing your opinions and concerns and please continue to write to us.

Dear Editor,

The Education Commissioner did not award the Exemplary rating to Sonora High School students. It was given to the school. This highest honor could not have been if it were not for the planning and direction of a good principal and the very hard work and devotion of the teachers. TAAS scores are not the only criteria used by the state and all communities have great groups of kids. Due to the social, ethnic, and economic makeup of our community it should expect an Acceptable rating, but has usually gotten above that. This was because of the extra effort of our school employees.

There are two new principals this year in the Sonora ISD. These men have taken on the most difficult jobs anyone could imagine. To be a successful administrator, principals require community support. I do support Mr. Myers actions. Maybe it was hard on a few innocent students and maybe some got away with being late, but if the rules were not enforced it would cause confusion in the future with others. As role models, the Christian Athletes could show Mr. Myers their respect and give him support in the coming year. They might also pray for him as he guides his teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, and students. I am not employed by Sonora ISD and have not met Mr. Myers, but as a citizen and tax payer, I would like to see less time and energy spent maintaining control and order in our schools, and more time on education and good moral growth. This can't happen without backing the people that run our schools.

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Fajita Fundraiser

A fajita dinner fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to benefit the Sonora High School boys and girls athletics teams. Join us in the High School Commons Area for a delicious dinner before the Ballinger vs. Sonora football game! Tickets are $6 for a large plate and $4 for a small plate, and are available in advance at Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Crockett. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Take-out plates are available. The dinner is sponsored by the Bronco Booster Club.

Dinners are being planned this year before every home varsity football game. Last week's dinner was a big success, but more volunteers will be needed for the upcoming dinners. The Booster Club would like to involve as many families as possible in the fundraising, as all the athletes benefit. Can you help with the serving? cooking? phoning? clean-up? Please call Melinda Crain at 387-3721.

Reminder to Voters

Sept. 8 - First day to submit an application for ballot by mail for the November 7 General Election. Contact Betty Hernandez, County & District Clerk/Early Voting Clerks, 387-3815, or Deedie McIntire, T.A.C./Voter Registrar, 387-2342 for an application.

Oct. 10 - Last day citizens may register to vote in order to be eligible to cast a ballot in the Nov. 7 General Election.

Oct. 23 - First day of early voting by personal appearance for Nov. 7 General Election. Sutton County Annex

Oct 31 - Last Day for Early Voting Clerkto receive application for ballot by mail for Nov. 7 General Election.Contact Betty Hernandez, County & District Clerk/Early Voting Clerk, 387-3815, or Deedie McIntire, T.A.C./Voter Registrar, 387-2343 for an application.

Nov. 3 - Last day of early voting by personal appearance for Nov. 7 General Election, Sutton County Annex.

Nov. 7 - General Election Day

Police Reports

8-21-00 Incident - Officer was on routine patrol when he observed a 1999 Motorhome attempting to enter Detail Graphix car wash and the vehicle got hung up into the asphalt. The vehicle caused damage to the roadway. Owner of the vehicle was advised of the cost of damage.

8-21-00 Driving While Intoxicated - Officer was on a routine traffic stop, which led to the arrest of James Michael Hayes of Lago Vista for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended. Subject was transported to the Sutton County Jail.

8-23-00 Assault - Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Water Ave in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival officers located complainant and suspect. After further investigation Pedre Munoz was arrested for Assault and was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

8-24-00 Theft - Officer was dispatched to Detail Graphix in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had caused damaged to one of the wash bays coin machines. Investigation continues.

8-24-00 Theft - Officer was dispatched to the Holiday Host in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that person(s) unknown to him had removed an item belonging to the motel. Complainant advised charges would be filed if person was found.

8-25-00 Assault - Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Mulberry in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival officers located persons involved. Cleofas G. Lozano and John David Lozano were both arrested for Assault and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

8-25-00 Public Intoxication - Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Glasscock in reference to a disturbance. Upon further investigation Evelio Carlos Solis was arrested for Public Intoxication and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

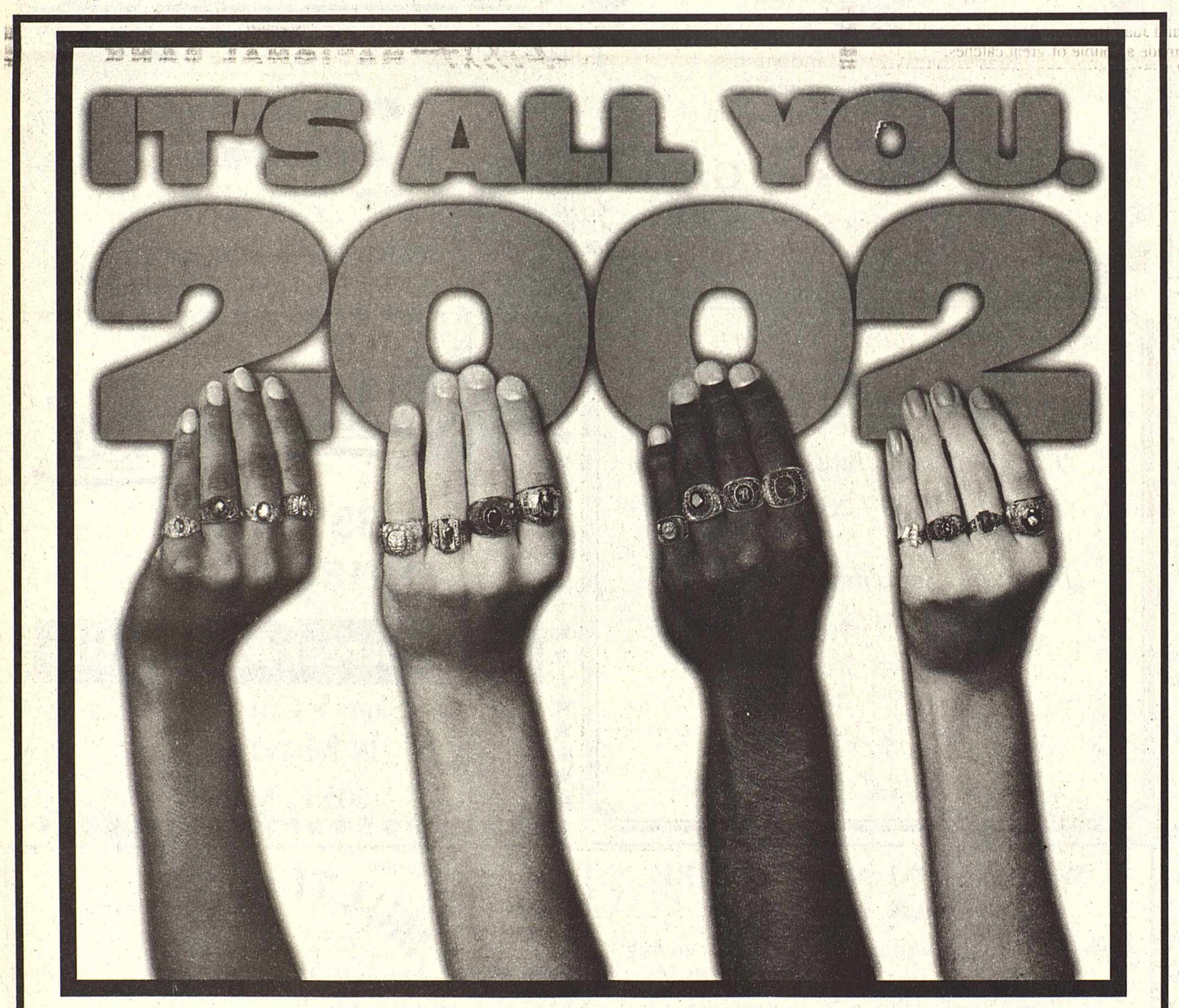
8-25-00 Public Intoxication - Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Glasscock in reference to an intoxicated person. Upon arrival officers located subject. Jesus E. Guerra was arrested for Public Intoxication and was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

8-26-00 Theft - Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of E. 2nd in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had taken some items from her storage area without her consent. Investigation pending.

8-29-00 Animal Bite - Officer was contacted by a complainant in reference to a cat bite. Complainant advised that a cat had bitten her husband. Officer located the cat and it was taken to the City Pound for observations.

8-31-00 Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of W. Mulberry in reference to a disturbance, which led to the arrest of Jennifer Lozano Barker of Sonora, TX. Subject was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail

9-3-00 Assault - Officer was dispatched to the Sage Apartments in reference to a disturbance, which led to the arrest of Homer Hilliard of Sonora, TX. Subject was transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.



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F.Y.I.

Sonora City League general meeting and election of new officers will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the First National Bank Annex.

Beginner Clogging Lessons will begin on Thursday, September 7 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Hut on Pecan Street. For more information call Carolyn McMeans at 387-9315 or Joan Cusenbary at 387-2093.

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

Retired Highway Employees will hold their monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11, at Zenter's Steak House, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways & Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to meet to visit and renew friendships. Spouses of retirees are invited to attend the luncheon.

The S.H.S. Radio and T.V. Class is selling all varsity and junior varsity football games. The cost is only $6 per game. All home 7th and 8th grades games are also available for only $6 per game. Please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315 or go by Ronda's Styling Haus for more information.

The S.H.S. Newspaper class is selling newspaper subscriptions for "The Bronco Times" for the 2000-2001 school year. The cost is $10. Please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315 or go by Ronda's Styling Haus for more information.

It's not too late to order a 2000 yearbook. The cost is $35. Please call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 to place an order.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a raffle for 16 de Septiembre Celebration (September 16, 2000). A $1.00 donation can win you a 27 inch RCA Color Television with Remote Control. Contact any member or call 387-5300 for tickets.

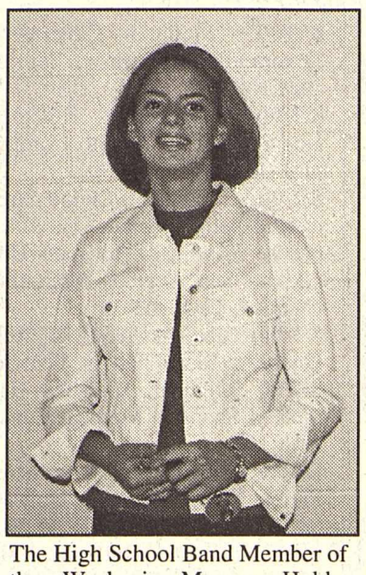
Pep Rally Schedule Change

Mr. Myers and the Sonora High School would like everyone to note the schedule change and they apologize for not having them available to the public before September 1st.

Special "Pep Rally" Schedule for High School

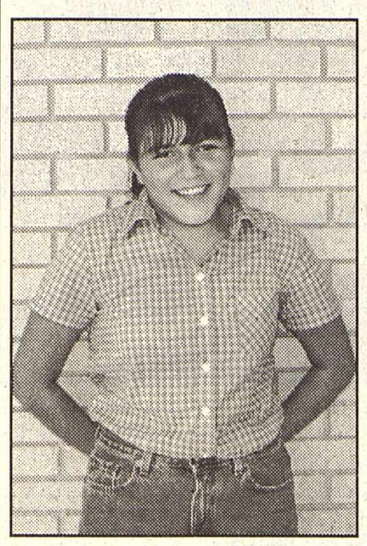
Periods 1 - 3 - Regular Scheudule
7th - 10:50 - 11:35
Lunch - 11:35 - 12:15
5th - 12:20 - 1:15
6th - 1:20 - 2:10
Pep Rally - 2:15 - 2:50
4th - 2:55 - 3:45

Band Member of the Week



The High School Band Member of the Week is Morgan Hobbs (above). Morgan's willingness to switch from French Horn to Trumpet for the marching season is a great help to the band program.

The Junior High Band Member of the Week is Jackie Castillo (below). The eighth grade band desperately needed more low brass players, and Jackie was willing to switch instruments from Clarinet to Trombone to help her group.



The first half-time performance was a great success. The students showed pride in the band organization and gave their all for an outstanding performance. Good Job, Band!

This Friday's game will be at home again. Students should be ready to line up in full uniform with all necessary equipment by 7:20 p.m., Please remember to wear black socks.

Richardson Recognized with Honors

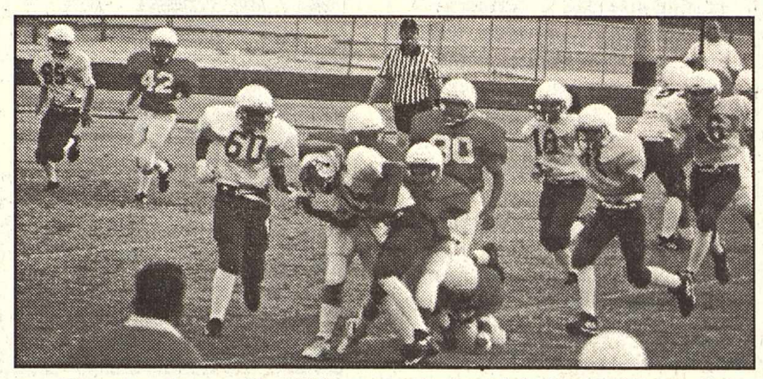
College Station

Texas A & M University has named its honor students for the 2000 summer semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 12 hours. Among those recognized were Victoria Richardson from Sonora, TX.

Diplomas were also awarded to approximately 1,900 Texas A & M University graduates during summer commencement ceremonies. Victoria received a Master of Science degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. She also graduated cum laude. (GPR 3.5 - 3.699)

Sonora Colts/Broncos Open Season With Wins All Around



Thursday, August 31, 2000 was a winning night for the Sonora Colts and the Sonora J.V. Broncos. All teams had winning scores against the Reagan County Owls. The 7th grade Colts started their season with a 14 - 0 victory and the 8th graders defeated the Owls 36-20. Both teams carried the ball well and the year looks to be a good one.

The J.V. Broncos traveled to Big Lake to defeat the Owls 8-0. Mark Gandar completed a sack and a safety from his Defensive End position with three minutes left in a no score game. Then quarterback Scottie Moore scored the games only touchdown with only 15 seconds left to play.

Offensively, Brandon Adkins and Juan Rodriquez carried the ball most of the night and Douglas Yocham made a couple of great catches.

Defensively, Chris Martin had 1 interception and several good tackles. Israel Arrevelo had a lot of tackles from his Defensive End position.

Bronco Football from page 1

punt, the Broncos would put the football in play at their own forty-five yard line. The "special of the day" would be the quick strike offense; as the Broncos, once again would need less than a minute and three plays to tally the score.

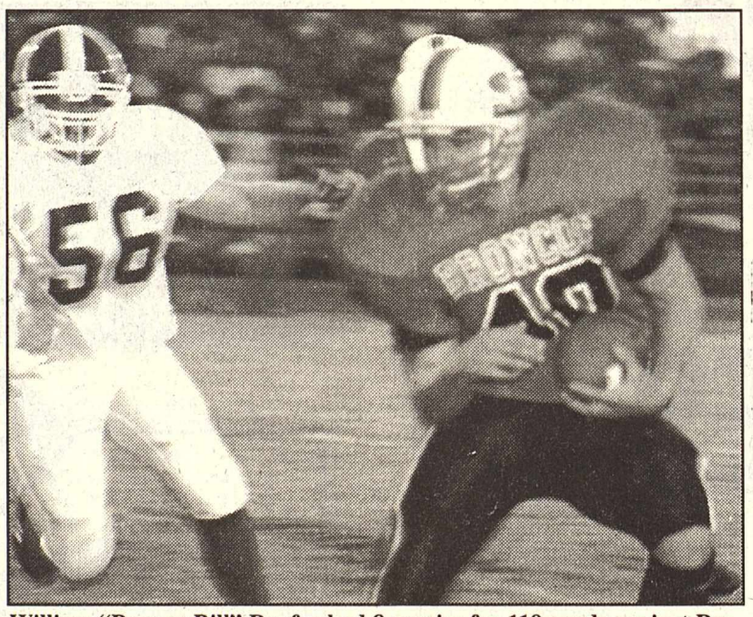
A short run by Renfro and a screen pass to fullback Sean Fields would set up a forty-five scoring bomb from Bryce Williams to Riley Crain. After the PAT by Gaytan, the Broncos would hold a commanding twenty eight to zero lead over the Reagan County Owls. For the remainder of the first half; neither team could generate much offense and at the intermission, the Broncos would continue to enjoy the 28 point advantage.

Reagan County 0 - Sonora 28.

The third quarter would see neither team able to gain an advantage; as both teams suffered interceptions and stalled drives. Bronco's safety, James Elliott, would record his first interception of the young season and Reagan County's Alan Harrison thwarted a possible Bronco score; as he intercepted a Bryce Williams pass at the Reagan County nine yard line.

After this turnover, the third quarter became a defensive tug of war; as both teams exchanged several punts. In the waning minutes of the third quarter; the Broncos had another forty + yard scoring bomb from Williams to Crain called back due to a penalty; however, the Broncos would have to punt the ball away as the third quarter ended. Reagan County would have possession of the pigskin to start the fourth quarter. The Big Red defense found its second wind and continued to dominate the Owls.

Bronco defensemen Shane Mathews, Riley Crain, and Nick Lozano would lead the Bronco defense in stopping the Owls. With just under ten minutes left to play in the ball game, the Bronco offense would put together an eight play / four minute drive to put the icing on the proverbial cake. Bryce Williams throwing to Riley Crain and James Elliott, as well as calling his own number, moved the ball down the field in great strides. The drive cumulated on a seven yard bullet to Elliott for the score. Gaytan added his fifth point of the evening to give the Broncos an overwhelming thirty-five point lead. Owls 0 - Broncos 35.



William "Bronco Bill" Renfro had 8 carries for 119 yards against Reagan County in Friday's game.

The Owls; with six minutes left in the game, would finally get their offense untracked. Beginning at their own thirty, the Owls began to march the football down the field.

The Bronco defense led by Shane Mathews, Adam Mendez, Ryan Hardgrave, and Manuel Lopez would eventually force Reagan County to turn the ball over on downs with five seconds left on the game clock and at the Bronco twenty-five yard line. The Red Hosses would be satisfied to run out the five seconds to preserve the season opening shut out.

FINAL SCORE: Reagan County 0 - Sonora 35.

This weeks game will bring the 3A Ballinger Bearcats to town. This will be an excellent test for the Broncos; as the Bearcats are not only a team with good size, but also a team that matches up with the Broncos in the speed department. Overall the Bearcats are as quick as the Broncos and are as possibly as experienced. This will be an excellent game to attend.

Game time is Friday at 8:00 p.m. at Bronco Stadium. So come on out and support the Broncos; as they will hit the second bump on this long road that the Broncos are on.

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News from the Neighbors

Texas Tech University at Junction: A Vision for the Future

by David J. Schmidly, President, Texas Tech University

When I became president of Texas Tech University on August 1, I brought a vision into my new job to expand the university's influence in the state. It was immediately clear to me that the university had one great, yet underutilized, resource that could significantly expand the scope of Texas Tech while benefiting all Texans.

Covering some 400 acres on the South Llano River in the Land of Living Water, the Junction campus is an excellent setting for many student pursuits. A generous gift of land from the people of Kimble County to the state of Texas in 1940 made possible this center for higher education. For nearly 20 years the beautiful campus served the students for Texas A&M, form the legendary football camps of Bear Bryant and the Junction Boys to the well regarded summer school program for A&M students.

In 1971 the Texas Legislature assigned the campus to Texas Tech. In the past 30 years we have offered full-credit undergraduate and graduate courses in an intensive three-week format and served as a natural sciences field laboratory. We host an important component of the graduate program in art at Junction as well as offering classes in biology, botany, zoology, geography, and education. Hundreds of students and visitors enjoy the beautiful scenery, the fine facilities and the recreational opportunities at Junction each year.

However, Junction and the surrounding Hill Country enters the new century as the fastest growing rural area in the state and one of the fastest growing in the nation. The City of Junction and our campus are poised to take their places as leaders in recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for this dynamic region. The time has come for Texas Tech, the City of Junction and surrounding communities, and the Texas Legislature to invest in the future of rural Texas by making the Junction campus a major branch of this university.

Such an investment would result in substantial benefits for every citizen of this region and for current and future students of all ages from across the state. Among the additions I recommend for the campus are these:

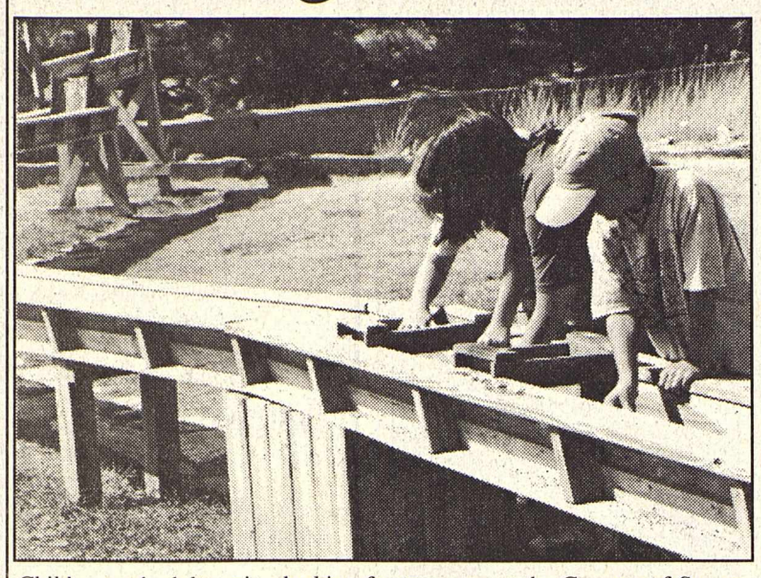
* the establishment of a Multiple Institution Teaching Center (MITCI) on the Junction campus;
* the implementation of training programs for state and local agencies on the campus;
* the development of special courses of lifelong learners;
* creation of campTECH, a freshman spirit camp, beginning July 2001;
* creation of a Higher Education Camp for disadvantaged middle school students and their parents;
* the upgrading and expansion of all facilities on campus; and
* the creation of an electronic communications and technology hub for the entire Hill Country.

The enthusiasm I see for growing at the Junction Center is positive and rewarding. My administration is extremely grateful to the Junction Economic Development Council and the Junction Tourism Board for their recent investments in the Junction campus. My staff is in the process of designing a fund raising campaign to leverage these investments with private funds for the project. Certainly the outstanding Legislative team of Senators and Representatives from this area will serve us well in these efforts.

Excitement over growth of Texas Tech University at Junction as soon as their schedule permits, our faculty in various colleges is assessing what types of courses would most appeal to the Hill Country population, our Dean of Students office is making plans to bring our new entering freshmen and their families to Junction next summer, and our Ex-Students Association is beginning to organize a chapter in Junction to serve the entire region.

I hope you will join me in this excitement over Texas Tech University at Junction. This university could not be more proud of its relationship with the people of Junction, everyone in Kimble County, and the growing number of Texans who live in the Hill Country. We look forward to forming a partnership that will result in more cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for all Texans now and throughout the new century.

Sluicing For Gems



Children and adults enjoy looking for treasures at the Caverns of Sonora. These kids were hoping to find gold over the Labor Day week-end as the Caverns celebrated the 45th Anniversary of their Discovery.

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Letter to the Editor

I knew we could count on the wonderful folks of Sonora! Thank you for helping the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon raise a record $54,610,289 in pledges and contributions.

Hundreds of celebrities and nearly a million volunteers worked Labor Day weekend to help "my kids." Yet, all our hats are off to you Sonora residents for phoning in pledges to the Telethon on KLST-TV, for supporting fire fighter "Fill-the-Boot" drives and other local MDA events. Your caring gives tremendous support to children and adults in Texas and to families across the country.

Thanks to you, MDA maintains 230 clinics, including the clinic at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. These havens of help are staffed by top medical experts dedicated to giving life-enhancing care to people challenged by muscle-wasting diseases.

Thanks to you, MDA will continue to accelerate worldwide research seeking treatments and cures for devastating neuromuscular disorders which affect people of all ages, both sexes and every nationality. You'll be interested to know that the breakthroughs being pioneered by MDA investigators may also soon lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, Parkinson's, and cystic fibrosis.

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August EMS Calls

8/1/00 - Medical- Caverns of Sonora, Patient refused Service, Unit 100
8/2/00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit 100
8/2/00 - Medical - Tayloe Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit 100
8/2/00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit 102
8/3/00 - Medical - IH-10 422MM, Unable to locate patient, Unit 100
8/4/00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit 101
8/4/00 - Medical - Tayloe Street Patient Refused Service, Unit 100
8/6/00 - Accident - IH-10 392MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit 100
8/6/00 - Accident - IH-10 392MM, Patient Refused Service, Unit 100
8/6/00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit 101
8/7/00 - Medical - Cornell Street to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit 100
8/8/00 - Accident - IH-10 395MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit 100
8/8/00 - Accident - IH-10 395MM to Hudspeth Hospital, Unit 101
8/9/00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit 101
8/9/00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit 101
8/11/00 - Medical - Hudspeth Hospital to San Angelo Community Hospital, Unit 101
8/11/00 - Accident - Crockett Street to Hudspeth Hospital, 2 Patients, Unit 100
8/12/00 - Accident - Hudspeth Hospital to Shannon Medical Center, Unit 100

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Sandra Luz Gonzalez, JoAnn Hernandez and Ann Kay learn of many opportunities for increasing international trade while visiting Mexico.

Sonora is proud to announce that Sandra Luz Gonzalez was elected one of the seven Directors for the State of Texas.

The trip to Coahuila, Mexico on August 20 - 24 gave the Sonora group a better understanding of the opportunities available out there. Coahuila is dedicated to working with Texas and Oklahoma, and this was shown time and time again in the meetings, the amount of time and effort of so many (literally hundreds of people), and the almost overwhelming sincerity and friendliness of everyone we met. Not only did the group enjoy interfacing with each other, the respect and appreciation of the people of Coahuila put us in awe of their determination and caring about their opportunities to improve their economy and put us at ease in their state. The potential for a win/win relationship is only limited by our imagination and determination.

Effective September 30

OUR CHANGES MEAN MORE CHOICES FOR YOU.

How Will Our Changes Affect You?
We will no longer take bill payments or offer merchandise at our local offices, effective September 30. However, we will be using most of our offices for operational purposes so that we can continue to provide exceptional customer service and outage response. We have made many changes during the past year that will provide more choices for our customers in how they pay their bills and conduct business with WTU.

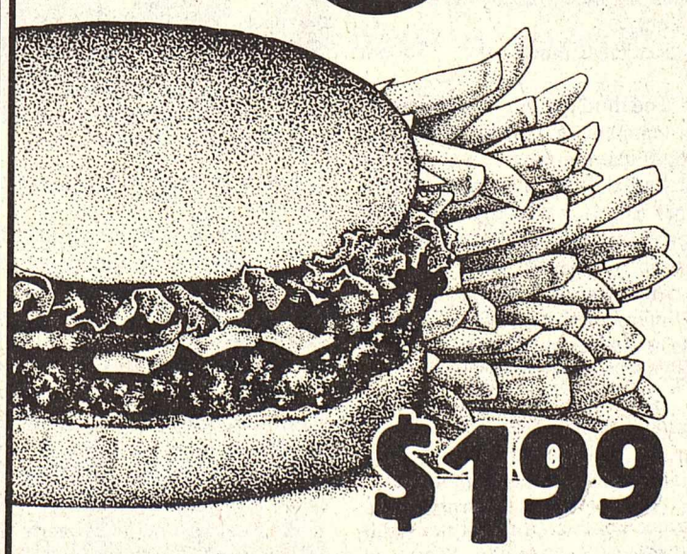
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State Resources Ready For Wildfire Threats

AUSTIN - Record-breaking temperatures, sustained drought, and wildfires burning almost 6,000 acres in just the last two days have the Division of Emergency Management putting all the resources of the state on increased alert. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Austin is at Level III, Escalated Response, and will remain on active status until the threat diminishes.

"The State of Texas has committed every available resource to control the spread of these fires and to meet the threat," said Tom Millwee, Division of Emergency Management state coordinator.

The resources on duty throughout the state currently include:

* Texas Forest Service (TFS) Prevention Teams and TFS Suppression Divisions are conducting initial response to fires and managing the overall fire suppression efforts.

* The Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) has fifteen helicopters, with water buckets, activated and responding, and 8 Dozer strike teams engaged in ground fire suppression.

* The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has Dozer teams in strategic locations and is providing critical water re-supply operations to insure continuous helicopter flights.

* The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has 18 "offender hand crews" of especially trained offenders to keep the fire from re-igniting and spreading, and is assisting with equipment including Dozers and transporters.

* The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is providing law enforcement assistance and regional emergency management coordination through state Disaster Districts.

* The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is flying reconnaissance and emergency supply missions.

The majority of wildfires in Texas are caused by carelessness, and over the Labor Day weekend the Division of Emergency Management recommends the following precautions be taken:

* Follow Burn Ban restrictions; the leading cause of wildfires is burning debris

* Put cigarettes out in the ashtray; not out the window

* Don't drive or park on dry grass. Vehicle exhaust systems are hot enough to start a fire

* Keep weeds and shrubs trimmed for at least 30 feet around structures

* Keep garden hoses connected to outside faucets for emergency use

* Know emergency exits from your house and your neighborhood

No Lip Service For Our Nation's Veterans



Our nation's veterans are a priceless segment of our population. The freedom they have provided, protected and died for-for over two hundred years is also priceless. Our veterans made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and it is only right that we remember their courageous efforts.

Many of us have a relative who fought in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War or the Gulf War. Some of us even know a soldier who gave his life for his country. Is it not only right that the current Administration treat these brave men and women with the dignity and respect they earned and deserve? I think so. And so do many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the House of Representatives. The Administration, on the other hand, must not agree as it has failed to live up to our commitment to veterans.

In the 106th Congress alone, we have delivered the largest healthcare increase in history for veterans. This was well above the amount the President requested. We also passed the Veterans' Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, which provides veterans with increased access to long-term and emergency care. We have continued our commitment of improving veterans' education benefits by updating the Montgomery GI Bill. This was important as it allows veterans to keep pace with the rising cost of higher education.

We also passed a military pay raise for active and reserve forces while providing a cost of living adjustment for military retirees. Additionally, Congress has made efforts to provide housing for homeless veterans. If it were not for Congress, our veterans' needs would have been long forgotten by the President.

The President's record is a clear one. He proposed cutting veterans programs by billions of dollars in 1996. The cuts were so drastic that the Administrations' own appointed Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Jesse Brown, said the cuts would devastate the VA. Members of the Administrations' own party in Congress have criticized the Administration's commitments to veterans, describing the Administrations' proposed VA budget as a house of cards which may work for a while but eventually this house of cards will fall.

Early this year, the United States House of Representatives named the American soldier, 'Person of the Century. This is an honor that is unequivocally deserved. Had it not been for the courageous brave souls who fought and died, the freedom we too often take for granted might not be with us today. I believe it is unfortunate this Administration has forgotten our responsibility to veterans. Congress, however, will continue its commitment and dedication to our nation's veterans. We thank you for your love of our great country.

Sonoran Takes Texas Animal Health Commission Position

There's a changing of the guard at the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) as Dr. Terry Beals, Texas' state veterinarian and the TAHC executive director, retires September 1 to return to his little place in Oklahoma. Taking on the reins of the state's livestock health regulatory agency is Texas native Dr. Linda Logan-Henfrey, who in addition to extensive international experience, has served for the past four years as the national animal health program leader at the Maryland headquarters of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Ag Research Service (USDA-ARS).

Dr. Logan-Henfrey, who prefers to be called "Dr. Linda," was selected by the TAHC's 12 governor-appointed commissioners and will join the TAHC in mid-September. Dr. Beals will return to duty in October and November to assist her with the transition.

Since the mid-60s, Dr. Beals, a native Oklahoman, dedicated his career to public service, first as a field veterinarian for the USDA, then as a veterinary epidemiologist for the federal agency. For almost 10 years, Dr. Beals has headed the TAHC, achieving national recognition for leadership in state, national and international animal health programs.

To protect U.S. border states from tuberculosis-infected cattle, Dr. Beals and the state veterinarians of California, New Mexico and Arizona, helped establish a binational committee with Mexico to set standards and monitor cattle tuberculosis eradication in that country. Mexican states must participate in tuberculosis eradication in order to export feeder cattle to the U.S. border states and at least 16 other U.S. states. Furthermore, cattle brucellosis eradication in Texas has progressed dramatically during Dr. Beals' tenure, with the state's infected herd count dropping from 423 in August 1991, to only three herds in August 2000.

Dr. Logan-Henfrey has shared her expertise in livestock production, disease control and nutrition in Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and several other countries. In her work with the Ag Research Service, she has collaborated with researchers in Mexico, Central and South America, and Russia, and has become familiar with many agricultural industry groups and veterinary associations. In addition to her veterinary medical degree from Texas A&M University, Dr. Logan-Henfrey earned a graduate degree in parasitology from the University of Georgia and a doctorate in comparative pathology from the University of California, Davis. Originally from San Angelo, Dr. Logan-Henfrey grew up on a ranch in Sonora, where her family raised cattle, sheep and goats, and poultry.

AGRIBUSINESS

Boer Brothers International USA LLC. and Shurley XS Ranch Annual Production Sale a Success

Submitted

Boer Brothers International USA LLC. and Shurley XS Ranch held its Annual Production Sale on Saturday, September 2, 2000 at the Sutton County Civic Center. There were 93 registered buyers, with 92 head sold. The Boers went for $605.00 average per head, with a total revenue of $56,000.00.

The highselling buck was XS 487 Rodeo Red sold to Vickie Crane for $3600.00.

Other results were as follows:

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OXY Permian; 16000' Mitchell - B - #49, Nabors Drilling.
New Union Pacific; 7500' Couch - 30 - #17, Patterson Drilling.
New EOG Resources; 8500' Wardlaw - 65 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New OXY Permian; 6500' Hallie Black - 3A - #5, Cleere Drilling.
J. Cleo Thompson; 8200' Chambers - CSL - #2, Patterson Drilling.

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8150', Edwin S Hill -Mayer Jr. -L - #4, Patterson Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 8550' Hudspeth - 54 - #2, Patterson Drilling.
New Burlington Res/Mid; 6600', Deberry-Boyette Unit 7, Cleere Drilling.
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC; 6850', Shurley - 111 - #14, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde

EEX E & P Company; 14000' Walter H Wardlaw - A - #1, Cleere Drilling.

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Conoco/Midland; 13700', Anna McClung - #14, Nabors Drilling.
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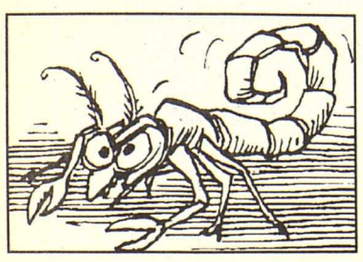
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