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Thursday, September 21, 2000

## City Of Sonora Asks Consumers To Voluntarily Reduce Water Use

Submitted

The Sonora City Council decided to implement Step One, of the Drought Contingency/Emergency Management Plan. Mild Conditions of the plan call for (a) the city's residential users voluntarily reduce water use; (b) Major commercial water users are asked to voluntarily reduce water use; and (c) Voluntary lawn water schedule, as well as proper methods to water lawns be used.

The intent is to prevent waste. We have enough water to use, but not a drop to run down the gutter. We are asking people to do what they can to prevent waste. Water wise tips can save money by reducing water bills and can help conserve the state's precious water resources. The city expects most people to be supportive.

OUTSIDE WATER - WISE TIPS TO FOLLOW:

Voluntary Lawn Watering

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Water only when needed. Look at the grass, feel the soil, or use a soil moisture meter to determine

Do not over-water. Soil can absorb only so much moisture, and the rest simply runs off. A timer will help, and either a kitchen timer or an alarm clock will do. One and a half inches of water applied once a week in the summer will keep most Texas grasses alive and healthy.

To avoid excessive evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water, rather than a fine mist. Sprinklers that send droplets out on a low angle also

help control evaporation. Set automatic sprinkler systems to provide thorough, but infrequent watering. Pressure-regulating devices should be set to design specifications. Rain shutoff devices can prevent watering in the rain.

Use drip irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees, or shrubs, or turn soaker hoses upside-down so the holes are on the bottom. This will help avoid evaporation.

Water slowly for better absorption, and never water on windy

Forget about watering the streets or walks or driveways. They will never grow a thing.

Condition the soil with mulch or compost before planting grass or flowerbeds so that water will soak

in rather than run off. Fertilize lawns at least twice a year for root stimulation, but do not over-fertilize. Grass with a good root system makes better use of less

water and is more drought-tolerant. Do not scalp lawns when mowing during hot weather. Taller grass holds moisture better. Grass should be cut fairly often, so that only 1/2 to 3/4 inch is trimmed off. A better

See Water Conservation page 7

Due to safety concerns, it is strongly advised that parents of students accompany their children to football games. Students are expected to stay in the stands and watch the game.

The Student Code of Conduct will be



### Local Knights of Columbus Council Receives Top International Award

Submitted

Knights of Columbus, Council # 10609, of Sonora has earned the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award, for the 1999-2000 fraternal year. The announcement was made by the organization's headquarters located in New Haven, Connecticut, The award recognizes overall excellence in their areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program and sponsorship of serviceoriented activities. The award will be presented to the membership by District Deputy No. 106, Miguel Villanueva at a special ceremony being held on Sunday, September

In announcing the local winner of the Star Council Award, Virgil C. Dechant, president of the international organization, said "Please accept my sincere congratulations and benevolent causes.

upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order shown by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead."

"The Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We're extremely proud of this accomplishproclaimed Ruben Samaniego, head of the local group.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with nearly 1.6 million dues-paying members in more than 11,000 councils worldwide. In 1999, they gave more than 55.3 million hours of volunteer service and donated \$108.9 million to charitable

strictly enforced!



## Homecoming Honors Merrill and Neal



Pat Merrill

by Storie Sharp

Pat Merrill and Smith Neal will be honored at this year's Homecoming festivities being held on Saturday, September 23, 2000. Merrill and Neal were long time educators in the Sonora School District and left a lasting impression on all those whose lives they touched.

Pat Merrill was born in Washington D.C. and was raised in North Carolina. She received a BA from East Carolina College and went on to get a Master of Education from Texas A&M. Pat met Leo Merrill in 1942 while he was a pilot at Harvey Point Naval Air Station in Hertford, N.C. They were married in 1945 and moved to Sonora in November of that same year, after he was offered a job at the Texas A&M Experiment

Pat began her career in education around 1957 when she taught in Rocksprings for a couple of years. She began teaching 7th grade in

Station.

Sonora soon after.

After leaving to raise her first child she returned to teaching at the Kindergarten level. She found that this was where she belonged and remained a Kindergarten teacher for the remainder of her 23 years of teaching.

Merrill said that the children were all so precious at that age, and they were the best part of the job. She also recalls working with a great bunch of people, under Rex Lowe as their superintendent.

Pat and Leo have two children, a son, Cliff and a daughter, Pattie Cutbirth. They have five beautiful grandchildren, Camilla, Catherine, Candace, Casandra, and Caroline

Also being honored at this year's Homecoming is Smith Neal. Smith was raised in Raines Co., east of Dallas and graduated from North Texas State in Denton. He moved to Sonora in the fall of



Smith Neal

1960, where he immediately began teaching. For thirteen years Neal taught English and Speech at the High School.

In 1974 Smith left the High School to become the Jr. High Principal. He was the principal for about 14 years, until he went to the Administration Building as the

Assistant Superintendent. At the time of his retirement Smith had dedicated 36 1/2 years to education in the Sonora School sys-

Smith said that Sonora always had good schools because the people demanded it. He remarked that he worked with an outstanding faculty at the High School, under Principal Doyle Morgan and Superintendent Rex Lowe.

Neal laughed when he told that he came to Sonora to teach for only \$4,200 a year, and that was a \$1,000

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The First National Bank of Sonora celebrated their 100th birthday on Thursday, September 14, 2000. On hand to help celebrate were family members of the founding fathers, bank directors, employees, share holders and patrons. Those present were able to go back in time as they wandered through the Civic Center and admired the old advertisements and historical articles that were on display around the room. There were photo albums and pictures from yesteryear and some interesting comparisons were made to those first Board members and those that are on the board today. The Chamber of Commerce presented Bank President, John R. Childers with a plaque of appreciation, in honor of the special occasion. A fajita dinner, catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse, was provided for everyone to enjoy. Lena Belle Ross was given a standing ovation after being introduced as the Oldest Bank Customer doing business at FNB. Lena Belle said she likes to go on "Popcorn Days"

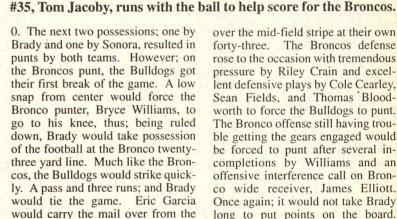
The First National Bank extended a big thank you to everyone that has been a part of their first 100 years and expressed their desire to do it all again in another 100 years.

To see more of the 100th Birthday Fun, see page 8.

## Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Football

Last Friday, the Broncos traveled to Brady to face the 3A Bulldogs. The first half of the ball game was an ugly affair with the Broncos turning the ball over four times, committing three costly penalties, giving up seventeen points and only able to generate 166 yards of offense and fourteen points. The second half, was a totally different game for the Broncos; possibly the best football played by a Sonora team in quite a few years. Twenty-eight unanswered points, 263 yards of offense and a defense that only gave up eleven total yards of offense to the Bulldogs. Definitely a case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. With this 42 to 17 victory, the Broncos, ranked number 4 in the state, move to a 3 and 0 record and will entertain the Bucks from Alpine this week

After winning the coin toss, the Broncos deferred to the second half. The Bulldogs received the kickoff and would only be able to get one offensive play off before disaster would strike. Eric Garcia, a Bulldog running back, would be separated from the pigskin at the Brady thirty with Bronco cornerback, Sean Fields recovering to give the Broncos the football at the Brady thirty-four. From this point, it would only take the Broncos fifty seconds and four plays to strike pay dirt. A fourteen yard pass from Bryce Williams to Riley Crain and two runs of seven yards each; one by Tom Jacoby and the other by William Renfro. Renfro's run resulted in the Red Hosses first score of the evening. Javier Gaytan added the extra point to give the Broncos an early seven point lead in the first quarter. Sonora 7 - Brady



With four minutes left in the first quarter; Sonora 7 - Brady 7. The Red Hoss offense would suffer its next miscue on their next possession. Faced with a third and seven, Bronco quarterback, Williams, would be intercepted by Bulldog secondary back, Rhett Behrens, just

one and Jody Jones would knot the

game at seven with his extra point.

over the mid-field stripe at their own forty-three. The Broncos defense rose to the occasion with tremendous pressure by Riley Crain and excellent defensive plays by Cole Cearley, Sean Fields, and Thomas Bloodworth to force the Bulldogs to punt. The Bronco offense still having trouble getting the gears engaged would be forced to punt after several incompletions by Williams and an offensive interference call on Bronco wide receiver, James Elliott. Once again; it would not take Brady long to put points on the board. Faced with a third and eight at their own twenty-seven; Brady's quarterback, Rhett Behrens, would find his tailback, Johnny Menefield, in the flat on an out route. The rest of it was up to Menefield; as he would elude several Bronco defenders and race for seventy-three yards and the

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#### Commissioners' **Court Votes to** Repair Roof at Civic Center

The Sutton County Commissioners' Court met on Monday, September 11, 2000.

Adelita Alvarez, Justice of the Peace, reported 449 criminal cases filed and \$63,159.98 collected for the month of August.

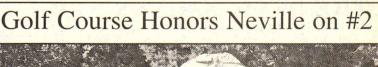
Chief Deputy, Joe Fincher, reported a total of sixty inmates during the month of August.

The Extension office report was approved as presented. Pat Campbell gave the EMS

Dept. report. Campbell reported 38 runs and \$6,320.00 collected.

Oscar Jimenez, Road & Bridge Superintendent reported that the Askew Road was being worked on and he had been approached by

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Jodie Finklea, Ebbie Sutton, Shelly Hughes, Lori Newton, Brian Rhodes, Steve Thorp, Glen Fisher, Melissa O'Harrow, and Mickey Powers, representing the Ladies Golf Auxiliary and the Sonora Golf Course were on the #2 Green Friday, to present Mrs. Wanda Neville with a plaque in memory of the late Durwood Neville. The Nevilles were major contributors to the improvements done to develop the double level green. The plaque will be displayed on the rock wall at the #2 Tee Box.

### Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA **Rick Sanchez** 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

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

FIRST UNITED

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

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

> **NEW LIFE MINISTRY** CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 204 E. Main 387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC. Pastor Hector A. Portillo 807 Orient Ave. 387-6065

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

387-2616 LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

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

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED Randy Greenwood **Pastor** 509 Amistad 387-5266

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278

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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** Don Seigler 511 Cornell 387-3018

SONORA FAMILY FAITH CENTER Sonora Stock Pens Sunday 6:00 p.m.

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BRONCHO FORD INC. 115 N CONCHO SONORA, TX 76950 (915)387-2549

Kerbow **Funeral Home** 387-2266

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El Torito #2 1005 N. Crockett 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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#### Church News

Come to a service of hoping and coping with the drought of our land and of our souls.

> Join us this Sunday for "Streams in the Desert"

\*fervent prayer for rain and relief \* inspired music \* powerful witness through scripture \*bible teaching about holding on through hard times

Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend

First United Methodist Church 201 Water Avenue Sunday, September 24 11:00 a.m.

child care is provided

#### Revival

New Hope Baptist Church to hold Revival Meetings

You are cordially invited to join New Hope Baptist Church of Sonora in their revival meetings, scheduled to be held September 24th-27th. The meetings will begin on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck meal. The evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided at each service.

The evangelist for the meetings will be Don Warford, who is the Missions Pastor of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The music evangelist for the meetings will be David Prather, formerly of Sonora. David has a unique way of leading the praise and worship, blending fun and fellowship with heartfelt, meaningful worship.

New Hope Baptist Church is located on the corner of Cornell and Savell Street. If you would like further information, please call 387-5207.

> Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

#### School Lunch Menu

School Lunch Menu Sept. 25 - 29 Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast pizza, juice or fruit. Tues. Grilled cheese, tator tots juice of fruit. IIB VID Wed. - Muffin, ham slice, juice, fruit. Thurs.-Scrambled eggs, toast, juice or fruit.

Fri.- Sweet roll, juice or fruit. Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

#### Lunch

Mon. - Pizza, corn, salad, rice krispie treat.

Tues. - Beef & cheese soft taco, pinto beans, salad, spiced cake. Wed.- Chicken on bun, pickles, lettuce, chips, pears. Thurs. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, jello with fruit,

Fri. - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, ice cream cup.

#### **Senior Center News**

Sept. 25 - Bingo!

Sept. 27 - Birthday party for September babies - Noon.

Sept. 28 - Sign up for holiday crafts now with one of the staff.

Sept. 29 - Healthy Aging for Women! Video & Seminar! Senior Network, Inc. - Noon. Free Samples!

#### Senior Menu

Sept. 25 - Frito pie with chili & cheese, chips, salad, applesauce. Sept. 26 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with

Sept. 27 - Soft tacos with meat & cheese, pinto beans, corn medley,

cheese, roll, peach cobbler.

tomato & lettuce, fruit citrus cup with melon. Sept. 28 - Catfish with tarter sauce, hominy, okra gumbo, roll,

apple crisp.

Sept. 29 - Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, melon, fresh fruit parfait.

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

#### Obituary

#### Maria P. Chavez

Maria P. Chavez, 68, of Sonora died Monday, September 18, 2000 in a San Angelo Hospital.

Mass was held Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

She was born August 2, 1932 in Del Rio. She was a retired Legal

Secretary. She was a member of the Legion of Mary and was a Catholic.

She is survived by one daughter; Marina Caballero of San Antonio, 2 brothers, Jaime Chavez and Jesus Chavez, both of Sonora, 5 sisters, Olga Chavez and Maria R. Chavez, both of Odessa, Maura Chavez of Chicago, Rebecca Chavez and Llolanda Fonseca, both of Sonora and 2 grandchildren.

#### Card of Thanks

We would like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with the raffle to benefit the Maribel Sentena and Daniel Garza Memorial Scholarship Fund. Those who sold tickets, sponsors who donated certificates, those who helped set up the booth and who worked at the booth and anyone who helped in one way or another on Saturday, September 16th.

So far we have given out four \$500.00 scholarships (two each year) to

those seniors who needed help to continue their education and hopefully by this May, we'll have enough for 2 more (\$500.00 each). Without our family and friends in this community and elsewhere, we would not have been able to do this. We appreciate all the support!

Sponsors and Winners were:

La Mexicana - Lise Miller Sonora Tire Service - Christie Tally Sonic - Silver Marie 3-M Oil & Lube - Elyssa Prieto

Thanks again! The Family and Friends of Maribel Sentena and Daniel Garza

### 50th Anniversary



#### Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schwiening

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schwiening of Roosevelt celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 16 by renewing their vows at Saint Theresa's Catholic Church in Junction, Texas. Following the renewal of their vows, a dinner and dance, hosted by their children and their spouses was held at the Coke Stevenson Center in Junction.

Gary Schwiening and Marcia Martin were married on September 6, 1950 in Roosevelt, Texas. Mr. & Mrs. Schwiening lived in Pecos County in West Texas for many years where he was employed by El Paso Natural Gas

Company. They currently ranch in Roosevelt. The couple has five children, Grant Schwiening of Denver, Colorado, Rick and Vickie Schwiening of Eldorado, Greta and Paul Ramsdell of Roosevelt, Bryan and Mary Kay Schwiening of Dripping Springs and Tibba and James Edmondson of Sonora. They also have thirteen grandchildren

#### Elementary News



On Friday, September 15, 2000, the kindergarten classes celebrated "Dalmation Day" in honor of the letter "Dd." The 63 five and six year olds dressed up like Dalmations, complete with ears and dog collars. They enjoyed barking, panting, and crawling around on all fours! The Dalmations even ate their "dog food" snack (dry cereal), like dogs, from dog bowls! As with any fairy tale, there was a villain. Cruella DeVille was played by Mrs. Dermody. A great time was had by all! A dogs life is the life!



and one great-grandchild,

GOOD LUCK **SONORA BRONCOS!** 

### Community

Sept. 22 School dismissed at 2:30 Homecoming Parade 3:30 Homecoming 7:00 Pre-Game • 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. Sept. 24-27 Revival Meeting New Hope Baptist Church Sun 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Mon. - Wed 7:00 p.m.

The Community Calendar



207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

#### Calendar

Sept. 25 County Commissioner's Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sept. 27 SISD School Holiday Al- Anon Meeting Held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church Basement Last day citizens may register to vote in order to be eligible

to cast a ballot in the Nov. 7 general election.

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#### Historical Society



Alma May Potter, was born 17 Jan 1897 in a canvas tent pitched beside her paternal grandfather, John W. Potter's home in Sonora. The tent was furnished with animal skins and a pot-belly stove, for it was the dead of winter. During Alma's birth, a rare snow storm hit the Sonoran plateau, but the bear skin rug, other animal hides and some hand-woven woolen blankets protected them from the frigid elements.

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary of the Royal family to visit the United States?

A. The United States, who visit from a member of the Royal independence and again in the War of 1812. The Royal family was not very pleased with their rebellious colony and chose not to visit for rather rebellious himself, member of the Royal family decided to defy his parents and visit the "colonies."

Albert's eldest son, Edward was born on November 9, 1841. He was educated at Oxford, Edinburgh and Cambridge Universities and was rather a free thinker and a more than Sharon Terry Baehr of California a little problem to the Queen and Vobtained the marker and is making Royal protocol. Shortly after his us to extend an invitation to the citdefiant visit to the United States he izens of Sonora and local relatives became involved in a scandalous affair with an Irish actress. Prince unique ceremony. Steve Terry from Edward died several weeks after East Texas will present a short prothis and Queen Victoria blamed Edward for his death. Edward marhe was 22 but engaged in extramar- many of you will attend and support ital affairs, drinking and gambling. It was said that he was named in several divorce cases. Edward and Alexandra had five children. Their oldest son, Albert, died in 1892 and their second son was George.

the government during this time. He spent most of his time hunting with friends and at race courses. Edward was also a heavy smoker and went through about 12 cigars a day. It was said Edward had huge appetites in all things and was known to consume five large meals a day. These meals were composed of 10 or more

When Edward, eldest son of Queen Victoria, was 59 years old he became the King of England. His reign only lasted for nine years as he died in 1910 and was succeeded by his son George the V.

George the V had married Princess Victoria Mary of Tech in your organization continue to pros-1893 and was one of the most respected rulers of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions India. He was succeeded upon his death in 1936 by his son Edward the VIII. Edward the VIII only ruled for 11 months, January 20 to December 11, 1936 but was never crowned. He ety," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX abdicated to marry a divorcee, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, an Amer-

George VI succeeded his brother. He was married to Lady Elizadaughter of the Scottish Earl of Strathmore. They had two children, Elizabeth born in 1926 and Margaret Rose born in 1930. In 1939 King George VI accompanied by his wife, Queen Elizabeth became the first British sovereign to visit the United States and Canada. King George VI died in 1952 and was succeeded by his eldest daughter who became Queen Elizabeth the II. She is still in rule.

Now aside from the fact that Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson had some relatives in Texas this question didn't have anything to do with Texas history but it was interesting and I thought my readers might enjoy it and I always try to answer my young readers questions.

On October 26, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., there will be a memorial ser-

vice, conducted by The Sons and Q. Who was the first member Daughters of the Confederacy along with other groups, to place a veterans marker on the grave of Joseph Terry. Mr. Terry was born in many in England still refer to as the Red River County, Texas on Janu-"upstart colonies," did not receive a ary 7, 1833 and except for the four years he served in the Civil War family until September 20, 1860. resided in that county. He came We defeated the British to gain down with consumption and came out to visit relatives and hopefully benefit his health in the dry West Texas climate. He stayed at the John A. Martin ranch and then many years. A young 19 year old, came into town to see R. H. Martin on the way to see Mrs. Sam Martin in the Rudd country. His lungs started to hemorrhage and he died Queen Victoria and Prince of dropsy of the lungs at Mr. R. H. Martin's home in West Sonora on Monday, October 13, 1902. This house was located where the new U.S. Post Office stands. Mrs. King when it came to following all the arrangements and has asked of Mr. Terry to attend this most gram on the time that Mr. Joseph Terry spent in the Civil War. I think ried Princess Alexandra, daughter of this will be a very interesting and Christian the IX of Denmark when educational event and hope that these people who are coming from so far away to honor a deceased member of their family who was born before Texas became a coun-

Last but not least, we wish to Edward had no official role in extend a very happy one hundred year anniversary to the First National Bank. Unlike other parts of the country where banks have been gobbled up by larger banks or went bust in the stock market crash of 1929, quite a few banks in Texas have survived and made it to their one hundred year mark. When you consider that a disastrous fire almost totally destroyed the First National Bank of Sonora when it was barely two years old, the droughts that this area has been through and the oilfield busts, this accomplishment is quite a testimonial to the expert management of the bank through the years. May per and grow and may the future citizens of Sonora continue to be served by you and help you celebeyond the sea and Emperor of brate your two hundred year

anniversary in the year 2100. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Soci-76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may leave them at the Devil's River News office on Main Street or give me a call at 915-387-2855. If you stop by beth Bowen-Lyon, the youngest my house, please call the above number first. I have two dogs that I have to put up to let you in and when I am in the back of the house I sometimes don't hear the bell. Thank You!

It is dues time again. If you don't receive a notice and would like to join the Sutton County Historical Society, you may send a check for \$10.00 per person to the society at the above box.

We are a non-profit organization, dedicated to preserving local history. We are currently preparing to renovate a building and turn it into offices and archival storage. We are totally dependent on dues, donations and fund raisers or grants for support of buildings and grounds. Please help us preserve your history.

### Hospital Auxiliary to Honor **Nursing Home Employees**

The Hudspeth Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary will show their appreciation to the staff of the nursing home with a dinner.

The members of the auxiliary will host a dinner for the 29 members who worked at the now-closed nursing home. The Auxiliary wishes to express their appreciation for the love and care that the staff showed all of the pre-

The appreciation dinner will be held at the Sutton County Steak House from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25.

## Don't Forget to Vote

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 Clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for Nov. 7 General Election. Call 387-3815 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

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Storie,

As you are aware, due to regrettable circumstances (i.e., the unfortunate closure of the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Nursing Home), Si Loeffler had to be moved from his beloved Sonora, TX. He now resides comfortably at the very nice Gazebo Terrace Convalescent Center in Brenham, TX, which is just 10 miles away from his youngest son and daughter-in-law, Carlos & Nancy Loeffler. But he does, of course, miss his daily contact with his Sonora friends and the caring staff members he grew to appreciate so much at the nursing home. I'm sure he would enjoy a card or note occasionally from Sutton County, and we do want him to continue receiving "The Devil's River News."

I wish you would run a note in "The Devil" informing his friends that mail can be sent to him in care of Carlos & Nancy Loeffler at P. O. Box 53 in Kenney, TX 77452. We would not want him to miss "word from

Also, when his "Devil" subscription expires, please send a renewal notice to the above address so we can remit and keep your paper coming to him. We want to keep him mindful of Sonora and, in a sense, assured that Sonora has not forgotten him.

Thank you for your every consideration. NORRIS LOEFFLER

## **SCAT** to perform "Steel Magnolias"

torium near you...

"Steel Magnolias" introduces six strong, funny, feisty women.who share the highs and lows of their lives together in a small Louisiana town. They laugh, cry, and wonder what life is all about as they live through weddings, births, jobs, illnesses, disappointments, new adventures, aging bodies, death, and the weekly ritual of getting their hair done! Come join us in Truvy's Beauty Salon, where there's no such thing as natural beauty and no such thing as a secret!!

The Sonora Community Arts and Theatre is proud to present "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling. The show is directed by Sono-

Coming to a high school audi- ra High School Drama Department's Cody Eoff and stars Andi Allen, Lise Miller, Suzanne Steves, Kelly Thorp, Tori Valliant, and Jarrilyn Ward.

Show times are Saturday, September 23 at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Sonora High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$7 for adults. Advance tickets can be purchased at Westerman's, Tedfords, Ann Kay at City Hall, The First National Bank and The Bank & Trust. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Everyone will be talking about this one! Don't miss it!



The cast of Steel Magnolias rehearses for this weekend's performance.

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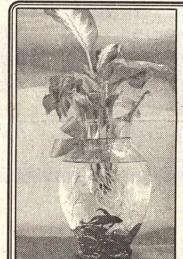
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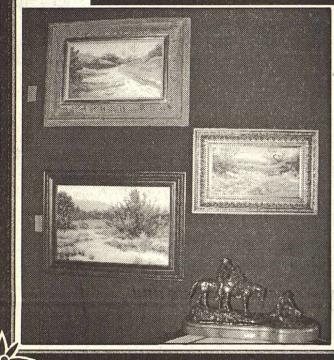
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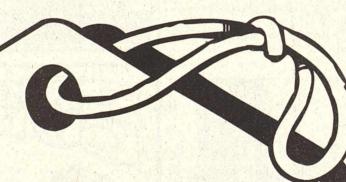
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Halloween Dance Club Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 at the First National Bank Founders Room. Please make plans to attend to discuss revision of rules.

Adult education classes will be offered in Sonora beginning October 2. Orientation and registration will be September 21, 26, and 28. If you plan to attend the classes please come for the orientation and egistration. English as a Second Language and GED classes will begin Tuesday, October 3. The classes will be Tuesday and Thurslay from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the middle school. For more informaion call 387-3029.

Clases de educación para adultos empeizan el 2 de octubre. La registracion sera el 21, 26 y 28 de septiembre. Si piensa venir a las clases, por favor venga a la orientacion. Ingles como segunda idioma y clases para obtener el certificado de secundaria empezaran el martes, 3 de octubre. Las clases seran los martes y jueves de las 6:30-9:00 de la noche en la escuela Sonora Middle School. Para mas informacion llame al telefono 387-3029.

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

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 nformation.

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.



soula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of Treasure Island on Monday, October 9th at the Sonora Middle School from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:15 and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the

Among the roles to be cast are Jim Hawkins, his six sisters, a rollicking Pirate Crew, Jim's Ruffian Friends, seacoast Villagers, and cuddly Gulls. Students ages K through 12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT will conduct Actor/Directors rehearsals throughout the week from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each

Treasure Island will be presented on Saturday, October 14, 2000 at the High School Auditorium. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Sonora is presented locally by SCAT. For more information, call Carolyn Welch at 387-9040.

### Intermediate School News

Leadership Training: Sonora Intermediate students participated in a leadership training with Ken Serrano on September 7 and 8. The students were involved in various activities which emphasized positive attitude, behavior/control, critical thinking, communication, and teamwork. Follow-up sessions will be held throughout the year to review and reinforce these skills. Sonora Intermediate is a pilot school for the Leadership Series sponsored by the Education Service Center Region XV. Fourth Grade Field Trip

The Sonora Intermediate fourth graders attended the Texas Heritage Living History Day on September 8th in Kerrville. Texas History is a focus of the fourth grade social studies curriculum. The students were able to travel to Kerrville and learn about Texas History through demonstrations, songs, storytelling, and interpreters.

Reminder: Early 2:30 dismissal on Friday, September 22 for Homecoming activities.

Picture retakes will be held on Tuesday, September 26.

Student Holiday on Wednesday, September 27.

Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, September 28 due to the student holiday on Wednesday.



Sonora 4th graders listen to a folk singer at the Texas Heritage Living History Day in Kerrville.

### It's Never to Late for an Education



Ben Solis congratulates Sharon Maxwell for getting her GED.

by Sharon Maxwell

With nervous anticipation I walked the steps to the first step of my new future. Walking into school, it reminded me of many years ago when I didn't have any idea of how precious an education is. That education that so many of us have thrown away, for any number of rea-

After years of laboring through life with only a 10th grade education, at 48 years old, I decided to finally take the plunge and go for my GED. After wiping off the dust from my GED study book, I'd actually bought for my adult daughter 8 years ago, I cracked it open and was overwhelmed by the amount of subjects. So much to learn and so little time to do it, were my thoughts. So, with a terrified look on my face, I plunged into studying, something compared to riding a bicycle. Some subjects I remembered from my school days. Others, my class must have learned on the day I'd missed school, or played hooky. I concentrated the most on subjects I knew I needed improvement on. I didn't have time to go into a very long indepth study.

I knew if I failed any tests, I would have the time to go over the subject in the adult school Sonora

I took all 5 tests over a three day period. You can take them in any order you choose, and at any time you choose. I found the test administrator was willing to schedule the tests at my convenience. If you don't pass one, you can get a request to retake the test you failed by attending five hours of study at

the Adult Education Classes. Then you can retake the test at any time you feel you are ready.

What a wonderful feeling it s the day I received my Certificate of High School Equivalence Diploma. Now I can continue on with my education. My dream is to become a Legal Assistant or a Social Worker. The key to having dreams made into reality is taking that first step, and put aside the fear("What if I fail? What if I am not smart enough? What if I don't have time? What if ...? What if ...?) Even if you don't do anything with your GED, except hang it on a wall, you will have a sense of personal accomplishment. I have the satisfaction of knowing the GED diploma is something I did for myself, something to make me feel good about me. For more information on obtaining a GED, contact Mr. Ben Solis at 387-5431 or 387-3023 at the Sonora Middle School.

Note: People who are working toward their GED diploma have until December 2001 to pass the current GED tests. On January 1, 2002, GED Testing Centers throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas will begin administering a new addition of the tests.

Any GED candidate who has not successfully completed all five tests by January 1, 2002 will have to start again with the new series of tests to qualify for a GED high school equivalence credential. Scores from the current version of the GED tests cannot be combined with our "converted to" scores on the new tests. For more information call Ben Solis at 387-3023.

#### Happy Birthday

September 21

Candace Bevers, Martin Chavez, Lyndsey Frasier, Karley Frasier, Makayla Gamez, Phillip Onofre, Dustin Covey, Juan Ramos, Jennifer Samaniego, Danielle Castro, Jason Herring, Zac Badeaux September 22

Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Cody Renro, Frisby Bible, Amanda Garza, Jonathan Paredes

September 23 .

Kenneth Hayes, Mike Lopez, Pete Lopez, Jared Parks, Taylor Niblett, Hunter Jennings

September 24

Jesse Aguilar, Jennifer G. Gonzales, Jessie Vaquera, Edna Velez, Jesse Velez

September 25 Loma Surber, Mondo Robles, Carol Love, Harvey Sepeda

September 26

Cipi Casillas, Josie Emiliano, Sonic Gandar, Debbie Hard, Lauri Gibbens, Jennifer E. Gonzales, Jenny Hunt, Dustin Creek September 27

Jack Baker, Jose Espinosa Sr., Kurt Hadsall, Rosario Ibarra, Kelly

#### High School Schedule Change

The Sonora ISD would like to remind everyone that all schools will be dismissed at 2:30 on Friday, Sept. 22 for Homecoming. Special Schedule for High School 1st period - 8:00 - 8:45 2nd period - 8:50 - 9:35 3rd period - 9:40 - 10:25 4th period - 10:30 - 11:15 5th period - 11:20 - 12:05 Lunch - 12:05 - 12:50 6th period - 12:55 - 1:40 7th period - 1:45 - 2:30

The Sonora High School staff has requested assistance in solving some of the traffic problems at lunch and after school. Parents and guardians are asked to pick up their children in front of the school in the Principal's parking lot during lunch. After school it is requested that students be picked up behind the auditorium to decrease the traffic problems. The school is trying to do everything possible to make the school a safer place for the children. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### J.V. Broncos Move to 3-0

The JV Broncos improved their record to 3-0 with an impressive 48-16 win over the Brady Bulldogs last Thursday night. The Broncos scored early and often to start the game. Manuel Lopez opened the scoring with a 3 yard run. Juan Rodriguez tacked on a 4 yard run to make it 14-

0 at the end of the first quarter. Juan Rodgriguez scored on a 3 yard run to make the score 21-0. Scottie Moore hooked up with Chris Martin on a 55 yard pass to close out the half. The Broncos led 28-0 at the half. In the 3rd quarter, Manuel Lopez scampered to the end zone on a 37 yard run. Juan Rodriguez returned an interception 45 yards to make it 41-0 at the end of the 3rd quarter. Wilson Wallace tacked on a 14 yard run to finish the scoring for the Broncos. Brady tacked on two late scores to make the final score 48-16. The Bronco defense played great in the first half, allowing only 2 first downs for the half. The Broncos take their undefeated team to Alpine this Thursday night at 6:00 to see if they can improve to 4-0.

### ASU Friends of Art & Music **Education Award Scholarships**

Thirty-three Angelo State University art and music majors will benefit this fall from more than \$12,000 in scholarships awarded by the ASU Friends of Art and Music Education (FAME)

The 33 students will share \$12,725 in scholarships provided by the FAME board of directors through the generous support of community sponsors and friends, said Koste Belcheff, who as an ASU art and music faculty member has served as an ex officio member of the FAME board since the organization was established 1998. Individual scholarships range from \$100 to

The sole mission of the organization is to raise funds for scholarships to be awarded to qualified ASU art and music majors. In addition to the scholarships, FAME also funds a showcase concert and an art fundraiser each year. In the three years since its creation, ASU FAME has awarded \$31,325 in scholarships to 77 students at ASU.

Mark Cooper, a Music Major from Sonora was one of the fall 2000 recipients.

### **Band Students of the Week**





Catherine Herrera

The High School band student of the week is Oscar Chavez. Oscar has displayed pride in himself and the band program at all of the band performances this year. He is dedicated to making the band program the best by doing whatever is asked of him.

The Middle School band student of the week is Catherine Herrera. Catherine helps move equipment for the High School Band at the Friday night games. She is also an excellent trumpet player in the Middle School Band.

This week is Homecoming, so we will be performing our show at 7:00. We will need to be lined up by the band room at 6:45 to march down to the stadium. If you enjoy the break time during 3rd quarter then please remember to have your black socks this week. Since this is the 4th game everyone should have their music memorized by now. Therefore, there will be no music out on the field this

We will have an hour and a half practice Monday night, September 25th from 7:30 to 9:00 (we will not be taking a break during rehearsal time). Remember, you the students determine the success of this organization, so don't miss or show up late to these very important practices.

Important dates to remember: Saturday, September 30 - Clinic at Sonora Stadium Saturday, October 14 - Judson Marching Contest Saturday, October 21 - UIL Contest at Hondo (we perform at

## Broncos from page

elude several Bronco defenders and race for seventy-three yards and the touchdown. The PAT by Jones was good and the Bulldogs would retake the lead; Sonora 7 - Brady 14. The Broncos first half misfortunes would continue on their next set of downs. Brady's Rhett Behrens would get his second interception of the game and would return it sixteen yards to give the Bulldogs excellent field position at the Bronco sixteen. With their backs to the wall, the Bronco defense would rise to the occasion. Plays by Matt Torres, Cole Cearley, Thomas Bloodworth, Anthony Sanchez, and Chris Green would force Brady to attempt a forty-two yard field goal. At the seven minute twelve second mark of the second quarter, Jody Jones would split the uprights to increase the Bulldogs lead by three; Sonora 7 - Brady 17. The next six minutes of the second quarter would be one of miscue after miscue. The Red Hosses would suffer their third and fourth turnovers on their next two successive possessions. The Bulldogs would not fare much better; as they would also turn the ball over on a fumble, with Bronco secondary back, Danny Solis recovering the loose ball; and their next successive possession would have to punt the ball away. With a minute and thirty-six seconds left in the half, the Big Red Machine would finally get the gears to mesh. Starting at their own twenty-six; Bronco quarterback, Bryce Williams, would pass to Chance Armke and Riley Crain; as well as, carry the mail himself to advance the ball to the Brady twenty yard line. At the twenty; William Renfro would take the screen pass from Williams and behind some super blocks would scamper into the endzone to pull the Broncos within

Gaytan's extra point would cut that margin to three. As the halftime buzzer sounded; the scoreboard read: Sonora 14 - Brady 17.

It would have been interesting to have been a fly on the wall at halftime in the Broncos locker room. Just to hear what the Bronco coaching staff had to say. Because the team that went into that locker room did not come out. The one that came out; did not resemble the one that

If the Broncos can keep the focus that they showed in the second half of this ball game, who knows where this dream will end!

The Broncos took the second half kick-off and marched seventy two yards in four minutes and twenty seconds to score the go ahead touchdown. The hero of this drive was Bryce Williams; not in a passing seven; the Bronco offense would unaccustomed to - as a runner! moving the Broncos down the field. Tom Jacoby and William Renfro would also add yardage; with Jacoby scoring the touchdown on a one yard power plunge. Gaytan added the PAT to give the Red Hosses a four point advantage; Broncos 21 - Bulldogs 17. Defensively, the Broncos continued to turn up the heat. Lead by Anthony Sanchez, Chris Green, Riley Crain, and Sean Fields; Coach Randolph's buzz saw defense shut the Bulldogs down and forced them to punt. The lightening attack of the Bronco offense only needed three plays and less than a minute to cover the fifty-nine yards needed for the touchdown. William Renfro would do most of the damage covering fifty-three of the yards on two carries. One of two yards and one of fifty-one yards. Tom Jacoby would power his way over from the six for his second touchdown of the game. "Mr. Consistent", Javier Gaytan, added the extra point to give the Broncos a 28 to 17 advantage. Three and out became the game plan for the Bulldogs, as the Bronco defense continued to limit the yardage that Brady could obtain.

Bronco defensemen Danny Solis, Jared Solis, Anthony Sanchez, and the rest of the swarming bunch forced Brady to punt after gaining no yardage. After the punt, the Bronco Bulldog forty-two. An offensive holding penalty moved the ball back to the Bronco forty-eight. Using the running game of Chance Armke, William Renfro, and Tom Jacoby; the Big Red Machine began to gobble up the real estate. As the third quarter clock wound down; the Broncos would be faced with a fourth and two at the Brady five yard line. The first play of the fourth quarter, the Bronco coaching staff called a roll out for Williams. Williams would find his tight-end Riley Crain on the sideline. From my vantage point, it looked as if Crain made the catch and kept at least one foot in bounds; however, the referee saw it differently and ruled the catch out of bounds. Outcome - the Broncos would have to turn the ball over on downs. The Red Hoss defense smelling the kill,

really turned the heat up. Nick Lozano, Chris Green, and Jacob Percifull would guide the defense in forcing the Bulldogs to punt once again after three downs. Taking possession at their own forty-

roll, but in a one that Bronco fans are revert to the pass to cover most of the yardage needed. Passes to Riley Williams would gain forty-eight Crain, James Elliott, and William yards on three carries to help in Renfro would cover forty-four of the yards needed. Adding to the charge were runs by Jacob Percifull and Sean Fields. At the ten yard line; Bryce Williams rolled to his right to draw the defenders (it worked perfectly). Throwing back across the field, William Renfro pulled in the Williams pass and strolled into the endzone for his second touchdown of the evening. Gaytan added his fifth point to give the Broncos a commanding eighteen point lead; Broncos 35 - Bulldogs 17. With six minutes and twenty seconds left in the game, the Brady offense was greeted by a sea of red and white; as the Bronco defense began to pin their ears back and come after the Bulldog offense. Chance Armke, Ryan Hardgrave, Shane Mathews, and Stetson Hall led the unrelentless pressure. At their own forty-two, the Bulldogs elected to go for a fourth and six. Excellent coverage by the Bronco secondary forced an incomplete pass by Behrens and the Broncos took over on downs with three minutes and six seconds left in the game. Everyone in Bulldog Stadium expected the Broncos to just run out the clock; especially as Bronco fullback, Sean Fields, was used on two plays to move the ball to the Bulldog thirty yard line. At the thirty, Bronco quarterback, Nick Lozano, lofted a pass up for Matt Torres, who gathoffense was back in business at the ered it in and scooted into the endzone for his first touchdown of the season. Gaytan added the PAT to put the icing on the cake: Broncos 42 -Bulldogs 17. The Bulldog offense would have to face the Bronco defense one more time with two minutes left in the game. Adam Mendez, Byron Williams, Jason Moore, Shane Mathews, Ricky Lumbreras, Chris Weingart, and Cameron Sims would make short work of the Bulldogs and preserve the 42 to 17

Friday, the Broncos will entertain another 3A opponent; the Alpine Bucks. The run and shoot offense of the Bucks will give the Mighty Broncos another good test. This is Homecoming week, so be sure to come out early and catch all of the festivities. Game time is at 7:30 p.m. with the Bronco Boosters serving a pre-game fund raising meal starting between 6:30 and 7:00 at the High School Commons Area. So come on out and support the Broncos; as they will take on the fourth bump in the

road - the Alpine Bucks. GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!



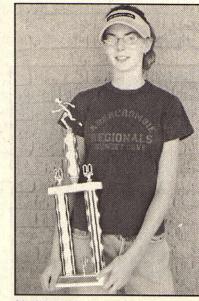
### Colts Play Hard

Last Thursday night's score was no indication of how well the 7th Grade Colts played against a strong 3-A Brady 7th Grade team. For nearly three quarters of play, the ball stayed between the 20 yard lines as both defenses dominated the field. The Colts' offense had several impressive drives both with great running by the backs and completions to various receivers as the offensive line blasted a rather large Brady defensive front. Brady's site finally began to show late in the game as the Bulldogs reached the endzone on three different occasions to make the final score 20-0. The Colts are now 1-2 on the season with this week off and a road trip to Winters on September 28.

The 8th Grade Colts took their first loss of the season last Thursday against the Brady Bulldogs. The Colts played a great game moving the ball up and down the field. Diego Cardona scored first on a 14 yd. run. Then later in the third quarter Stetson Perez scored on the quick pitch from about 8 yards out. Both two point conversions were incomplete. Even though the Colts played a good defensive game they still weren't able to hold off the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs defeated the Colts 20 to 14.

Good Effort Colts! Keep up the hard work. Thanks to all the fans and parents for all of your support.

### Hobbs Runs Away With First Place



Shalayne Hobbs won 1st place out of 142 runners, in the Overall Womens Division of the 15th Annual Jackrabbit 5K Run held in Graford, TX on Saturday, September 16. Way to go Shalayne!

### Sonora Football 2000

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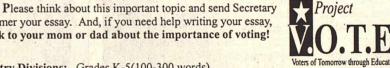


### Calling all Students...

The Secretary of State and this newspaper want your opinion!

While you may not be old enough to vote, Secretary of State Elton Bomer would like you to tell him why you think your parents should vote in the November 7th election. His job is to encourage voter participation in Texas. Secretary Bomer asks that you join other Texas students in writing an essay titled: "Why My Parents Should Vote." Winning entries will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol through the November 2000 election. Winners will also be announced in a news release and at a media event held at our State Capitol. Students who write the winning essays will be invited to appear at this Capitol media event.

Bomer your essay. And, if you need help writing your essay, talk to your mom or dad about the importance of voting!



Entry Divisions: Grades K-5(100-300 words), 6-8(400 words or less) and 9-12(500 words or less) Entries must be postmarked by October 6, 2000. "Why My Parents Should Vote" **Essay Contest** Student Name School/Grade School District Home Address City/State/Zip Parent or Guardian Daytime Phone Mail entries to: The Office of the Secretary of State, Executive Division Attention: Essay Contest, P.O. Box 12697 Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711 The Secretary of State's essay contest is generously supported by this newspaper.

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Saturday, October 7th Sonora Golf Club

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This benefit is to assist our fire department with the purchase of a new water truck to supply their units in the field. If you don't wish to play but would like to attend the fajita supper and make a donation please call and RSVP so we will know how many to prepare for. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNING TEAMS!

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## 2000 Homecoming Queen Court and Candidates



April Flores



Freshman Dutchess Daughter of Lilia Flores Age 14 Honors & Activities: Spanish Club, track, basketball, cheerleading, class representative Hobbies & Interests: Hanging out with family and friends and sleeping late "To me, Homecoming is when fellow students

from Sonora come and reunite with one another."

Amanda Sanchez



Sophomore Dutchess Daughter of David & Mari Sanchez Age 15 Honors & Activities: Freshman Class President, Sophomore

Class Treasurer, J.V. basketball, track, cross-country, Spanish Club, band, Bronco Spirit Crew Hobbies & Interests: Spending time with family and friends, talking on the phone, shopping, and listening to music

"To me, Homecoming is a time when ex-high school students get together with their family and friends to watch the Bronco football game and to look back at old memoGenny Cramer



Junior Dutchess Daughter of Bob & Dorothy Cramer Age 17

Honors & Activities: Freshman Homecoming Dutchess, Freshman & Sophomore Class Favorite, 2 yrs. of Varsity golf, NHS, Varsity Cheerleader, went to State in Poetry Interpretation, District medalist in golf.

Hobbies & Interests: Being lazy, hanging out with friends, shopping, talking on the phone, traveling and playing golf-"To me, Homecoming is when ex students of Sonora High School come back to reunite with old friends and family."

Lindsey Bowers



Daughter of Ronnie & Kari Bowers Senior, Age 17 Honors & Activities: Varsity basketball, Varsity tennis, NHS, Who's Who, FCA, softball Hobbies & Interests: Hanging out with friends, shopping and playing basketball "To me, Homecoming is a time when family and friends all come back and get to see and visit with everyone."

Kacci Lewellen



Daughter of Randy & Kathy Lewellen Senior, Age 17

Honors & Activities: Varsity basketball, Varsity cheerleading, softball, Sophomore & Junior Homecoming Dutchess

Hobbies & Interests: Attending the First Baptist Church, water skiing, spending time with family and friends, and fly fishing

"To me, Homecoming is a time when friends and family can return to their home town and share old memories and new experiences."

Lorena Lopez



Daughter of Manuel & Lydia Lopez Senior, Age 17

Honors & Activities: NHS, Who's Who, Varsity cheerleading, Spanish Club, Freshman Dutchess, Fall Festival Queen, basketball, track

Hobbies & Interests: Reading and being with friends

"To me, Homecoming is a time people come home and reunite with old friends and classmates."

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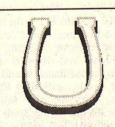




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The Devil's River News wishes the Broncos the Best of Luck Against Alpine!



### Homecoming from page 1\_\_\_\_

When asked what he would do if he were to return to the educating field he answered that he would teach, he misses that the most.

After he retired, Smith and his wife, Jo Ellen, taught English in Del Rio and Acuña. He said that this was a very rewarding job and something they thoroughly enjoyed.

Together the Neals raised three children in Sonora, Denise, Eric and

Now, Smith likes to spend time in his shop and doing odd jobs for people. Currently, Jo Ellen is back

on Chemotherapy treatments, so they are spending a lot of time traveling to Midland.

Smith said that "Homecoming brings back memories of a lot of people I taught with, as well as former students. Sonora has graduated a lot of outstanding people."

Smith and Pat will be presented as Honored Guests at 11:00 a.m. at the Civic Center on Saturday. The classes of 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, and 85 will also be recognized during this time.

Don't miss any of the Homecoming Activities this weekend!

The 2000 Sonora Homecoming festivities will begin on Friday, September 22, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. with the Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin in front of the Sonora Elementary School and end at the Methodist parking lot. A pep rally will take place on the Court House lawn immediately following the parade.

Pre-game activities with the Mighty Bronco Band will begin at the Bronco Stadium at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming Football game against Alpine will begin with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. The crowning of the the 2000 Homecoming Queen will take place during the half-time activities.

An "After Game Party" will be held at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 9:30 p.m. This is a time of gathering for all former students, teachers, spouses, etc.

On Saturday, September 23, 2000 all activities will be at the Civic Center, beginning with registration and cinnamon rolls at 9:30 a.m. A \$10 fee per person helps us pay for the after game party, brunch, lunch, mail outs, and other expenses. Children under 10 will be charged \$3. All spouses, children and anyone who has been involved with the Sonora Public Schools are invited to attend.

### Commissioners' from page 1

Mrs. Ruth Espy with the request that the county line should end at the W.B. McMillan road. Jimenez asked the court if he should stop at the Jimmy Powers turn-off or keep on going through the W.B. McMillan road. Oscar was instructed to go by the county road list that was published in 1992, which states that the Askew Road does extend to the Y between Ruth Espy and W. B. McMillan.

Oscar also reported that Carl Teaff, with the Fire Dept. had contacted him and informed him that the Fire Dept. was in the process of purchasing a new water tank from San Antonio. He asked Oscar if the Road & Bridge Dept. could haul it from San Antonio when the tank was ready. The Court consulted with Oscar and agreed to allow him to haul the tank.

Oscar also informed the Court that they would start paving at the Golf Course in about two weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keel to pave 3/10 of a mile of the road going to Bob Brockman's property, with the understanding that he will pay for the materials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade, and approved unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning the Sheriff's Visa bill. Charles Graves, County Auditor, reported that there was a misunderstanding concerning the Visa bills not being paid on time. Graves stated that all tickets should be attached to the invoices and that sometimes it would be two weeks before the Commissioners would meet to approve the accounts payable. Chief Deputy Joe Fincher stated that the Sheriff's office would try to attach all tickets with the invoices and suggested that the Auditor document

### Raffle Winner

the Sheriff's Department.

when the invoices are received from



Sandi Espinosa was the lucky winner of the Spanish Club Raffle held this week. Sandi won a \$150 gift certificate to Wal-Mart!

Commissioner Villanueva inquired about the City's animal control officer. Judge Garner reported that the City does not have an

animal control officer at the present,

but that they are trying to hire one. Judge Garner reported that the preliminary plans for the renovation of the courthouse had been drawn up and the construction should start the latter part of December or in January

Mr. Phillip Bryant addressed the Court and presented a brief explanation on long term care insurance for the county employees. He stated that he would like to be the agent of record for the county to present this plan to the employees. The Court agreed to table this matter and discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Rick Taylor with the Industrial Development board presented a program called, Enterprise Zone Program, which would require both the City and County to apply for this program. He stated that this program would be an economic tool for rural communities like Sonora. He informed the Commissioners that he could bring someone else to the next meeting for a more detailed presen-

Judge Garner reported that Janalyn Jones had obtained an estimate to fix the ceiling at the 4-H Civic Center for the amount of \$870.00. A motion to approve the repair of the ceiling was made by Commissioner Keel and seconded by Commissioner Wade. The motion carried unanimously.

The Court agreed to furnish the Weights & Measures officer with a radar for \$25.00 a month.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

September is National Baby Safety Month...

Buckle Up Your Baby!

### **Sutton County Ropers Stir Up Dust in Val Verde County**

by Storie Sharp Several Sutton County team ropers went south for the weekend, to participate in the Val Verde and Surrounding Counties Team Roping Challenge. This event was sponsored by Bad Co. Rodeo and was part of their County Roping series, with the winners going on to participate in the Dale' Gas Season Finale to be held Oct 20-21.

The three round team roping was held at Mack Altizer's arena in Del Rio, TX on Saturday, September 16, 2000.

Sutton County ropers included Casey Lewis, Mickey Sharp, Jodie Hooten, Ben Ingham, Stacey Pennington, Dean Dermody, Steve Duhon, Sam Thomas, Lewis Baker, and Sterling Price. The top 11 teams from this roping will be brought back to compete in the finals.

The results were good for Sutton County, with the team of Sterling Price and Johnny Whitworth winning the day's event with a time of 30.3 on 3 steers. Sterling was also second, with a time of 36.0 on 3, roping with partner Ben Ingham.

Lewis Baker and Johnny VanCourt tied for third with a time of 36.0. Stacey Pennington, also roping with Sterling Price made it back with a time of 26.1 on two steers and Lewis Baker made it back for a second time in the last hole, with a time of 36.7 on two steers.

Other Sonora residents that placed in the Sutton County team roping, held prior to the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo will also be participating in the "Shoot the Moon" Tour Finals. These ropers include Regan Bounds and Jess Burner, Ben Ingham and Stetson Hall, Laramie Hall and George Spiller, Wayland Marth and Will Black and Mickey Sharp and Jodie Hooten.

Make plans now to support your local cowboys by attending the Bad Co. Dale' Gas Rodeo in October in Del Rio. Motel information can be obtained by calling the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce at 830-775-3551. For more information regarding the Dale' Gas Pro-Rodeo contact Bad Co. Rodeo at 830-775-7459.

**Police Reports** 



On Monday, September 18, 2000 at 1:50 p.m. Officer was dispatched to a major accident in the 200 block of State Highway 277. S Investigation revealed that Jayson Spurlin of Tuscola, Texas was travelling North bound at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle causing it to enter the South bound lane of traffic. The driver over corrected causing the vehicle to strike the curb, then striking three unattended parked vehicles which were parked in a parking lot. The vehicle came to rest in the parking lot of a local business. As of Tuesday, September 19, 2000 Mr. Spurlin was still listed in critical but stable condition in a San Angelo



9-12-00 Truancy - Officer was dispatched to the 300 Block of Crockett Ave in reference to a juvenile refusing to attend school. After further investigation Juvenile was turned over to Juvenile Probation Office.

9-13-00 Assault - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Uno St. in reference to an Assault. Upon arrival the Officer contacted complainant. Complainant advised that her husband had assaulted her. After further investigation Rodriguez, Sr. was arrested for Assault and transported to the Sutton Co. Jail.

9-13-00 Theft - Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Prospect Ave. in reference to a theft. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had taken some items from her vehicle. Investigation continues.

9-14-00 Burglary - Officer was dispatched to the Sonora Sage Apartments in reference to a burglary. Complainant advised that someone unknown to her had entered her residence without her consent and

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taken a VCR. After further investigation the VCR was recovered and returned.

9-14-00 Aggravated Assault - Officer was dispatched to the Best Western Motel in reference to a fight in progress. Upon arrival Officer located subjects involved. One subject was transported to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital for medical treatment. Jerry Greene of Hermleigh, TX was arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and was transported to the Sutton County Jail.

### Water Conservation from page 1

looking law will result.

Use a watering can or hand water with the hose in small areas of the lawn that need more frequent watering (those near walks or driveways or in especially hot, sunny spots).

Use water-wise plants. Learn what types of grass, shrubbery, and plants do best in the area and in which parts of the lawn, and then plant accordingly. Choose plants that have low water requirements, are droughttolerant, and are adapted to the area of the state where they are to be plant-

Consider decorating some areas of the lawn with wood chips, rocks, gravel, or other materials that are now available that require no water at all. Do not "sweep" walks and driveways with the hose. Use a broom or rake instead.

When washing the car, use a bucket of soapy water and turn on the hose only for rinsing.

Learn about the principles of Xeriscape.

#### EMS News

The EMS met for their regular Business Meeting on Monday, Sept 4th. President Tim Thorp called the meeting to order. Secretary Echi Samaniego read the minutes. Pascal Allison gave the treasurers report and the training meeting report. Pat Campbell gave the office report.

EMT Trainers Carla Luttrell, Betsy Knight, Mendy Desinger and Katy Kinder were voted on and accepted as new EMT members.

On Monday, Sept. 18 the EMS met for their regular training meeting. Dr. Charles Pajestka gave a very informative lecture on seizures in children. The organization really appreciated Dr. Pajestka taking his time to present

EMT trainees Jackie Smith and T.J. Green were voted on and accepted as new EMT members.

The EMS will meet again on October 2 for their regular business meet-

### I Wish You Could See...

I wish you could see the sadness of a businessman as his livelihood goes up in flames, or that family returning home, only to find their house and belongings damaged or lost for good.

I wish you could know what it is like to search a burning bedroom for trapped children, flames rolling above your head, your palms and knees burning as you crawl, the floor sagging under your weight as the kitchen below you burns.

I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 a.m. as I check her husband of 40 years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping to bring him back, knowing it is too late. But wanting his wife and family to know everything possible was done to try to save his life.

I wish you knew the unique smell of burning insulation, the taste of soot-filled mucus, the feeling of intense heat through your turnout gear, the sound of flames crackling, the eeriness of being able to see absolutely noth-

ing in the dense smoke-sensations that I've become too familiar with. I wish you could understand how it feels to go to work in the morning after having spent most of the night, hot and soaking wet at a multiple alarm

I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a building fire "Is this a false alarm or a working fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?" Or on an EMS call, "What is wrong with the patient: Is it minor or life- threatening? Is the caller really in distress or is he waiting for us with a 2X4 or a gun?"

I wish you could be in the emergency room as a doctor pronounces dead the beautiful Five-year old girl that I have been trying to save during the past 25 minutes, who will never go on her first date or say the words, "I love you Mommy" again.

I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab of the engine or

my personal vehicle, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fail to yield the right-of way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us however, your first comment upon arrival will be, "It took you forever to get I wish you could know my thoughts as I help extricate a girl of teenage

years from remains of her automobile. "What if this was my sister, my girlfriend or a friend? What were her parents reaction going to be when they opened the door to find a police officer with hat in hand?" I wish you could know how it feels to walk in the back door and greet

my parents and family, not having the heart to tell them that I nearly did not come back from the last call.

I wish you could feel the hurt as people verbally, and sometimes physically, abuse us or belittle what I do, or as they express their attitudes of "It will never happen to me".

I wish you could realize the physical, emotional and mental drain or missed meals, Lost sleep and foregone social activities, in additional to all the tragedy my eyes have seen.

I wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life or of preserving someone's property, or being able to be there in time of crisis, or creating order from total chaos.

I wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy tugging on your arm and asking, "Is Mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears from your own and not knowing what to say, or to have to hold back a long time friend who watches his buddy having rescue breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You know all along he did not have his seat belt on. A sensation that I have become too familiar with.

Unless you have lived with this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who I am, we are, or what our job really means to us.... I wish you could though.

Author Unknown

### **PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2000 - 10:00 A.M.** AVE. F AND 10th STREET - OZONA, TEXAS

Furniture and Accessories: Nice Wool Rugs, Prints, Paintings, Pictures, Wall Decor, Bedroom Suite, Sofa, Occasional Chairs, Folding Pallets, Lounge Chair, Chest of Drawer, Headboards, Table, Chairs, Kenmore Washing Machine, Singer Sewing Machine, Sewing Chest, Fabrics and Notions, Utility Cart, Window Cornices, Rods, Shades and Blinds, Picnic Table Chairs and Umbrella, Space Heaters, Suspended Utensil Rack, Copper Rack, and More!

Antiques, Neat Primitives and Collectibles: Thor Wringer Washing Machine, G.E. Refrigerator w/ Unit on Top, Westinghouse Electric Cook Stove, Clothes Presser, White Metal Kitchen Cabinets, Trunk, New Home Sewing Machine Cabinet, Helen Curtis Hair Dryer, Chest of Drawers, Baby Weighing Scales and other Baby Equipment, Utensils, Dishes and Cookware, Cookie Jar, Garden Plow, Saws, Hanes, Anvil(?), Bench, Apple Boxes, Sewing Machine Table, Wooden Boxes with Advertising - Fairbanks - Morse Scale, Diamond Brand Matches, Gulf Oil Can, Brass Blade Electric Fans, Round Electric Heater, Coat and Hat Hangers, Carpet Rollers, Yellow Dr. Pepper Bottle Cases, Barq's Soda Bottles, Milk Can, Lard Cans, Primitive Wooden Tables, French Cafe Panels, John Wayne Print, Novelties and smalls, and More!

Miscellaneous: Dry Goods Store Display Counters and Shelves, Open Front with Drawers, Display Shelving, Wrapping Paper Dispenser and Cutter, Metal Tape Dispenser, Theater Ticket Booth, Ticket Receptacle, Coming Features Display, Wooden Doors, Shelving, Step Ladder, Hospital Bed, Large Gas Heater

Carpet Rack/Rollers, Large Evaporative A/C, and More! Specials: Christmas Decorations, Some Commercial Size, Halloween Decorations, Large Witch, Cat-in-Box and More ...

Auctioneer's Note: This will be a fun sale with many unique items. Plan to join us for a fun auction day in the Old Kersey Building. We are adding more each day.

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## Happy 100th Birthday First National Bank of Sonora!



Bank Directors were happy to celebrate 100 years of serving Sutton County. From left to right: John Childers, Armer Earwood, Ronnie Cox, Claire Richards, Marie Aldwell, Eddie Sawyer, Lura Sawyer, Glen Richardson, and Al Elliott.

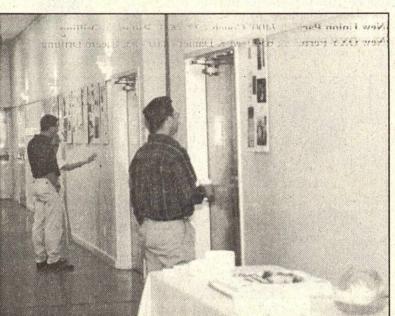
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Justin McGeath presents the FNB with a plaque of appreciation from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.



The First National Bank employees are dedicated and proud to serve Sonora and Sutton County.



Party goers viewed the historical ads and articles on display.



Community members were happy to be celebrating the 100 years of banking at FNB.



piece, all provided by Flowers by Irene.



Bank customers enjoyed looking at old pictures and memorabilia.



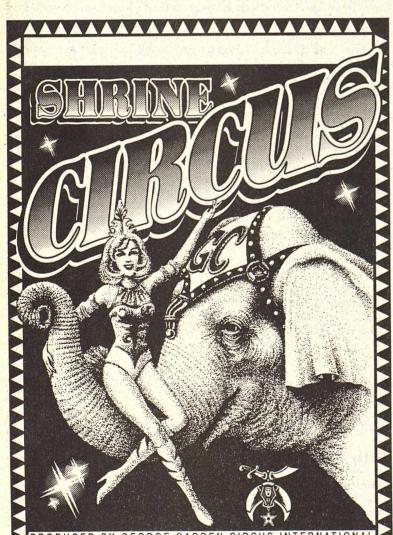
Mrs. Lena Belle Ross received a standing ovation for being the

eldest FNB bank customer at the birthday party!

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### Commissioner Combs Announces Town Hall Meeting To Discuss **Agricultural Issues**

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of town hall meetings throughout the state in September and October. Commissioner Combs will meet with farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders to discuss issues that are affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

The Sutton County town hall meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 North Crockett, in Sonora.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community and to jmcferri@agr.state.tx.us.

hear their ideas and solutions for the future.

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The meeting is free and open to the

For more information on this town hall meeting, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA, at (512)463-7593 or

### Lamb/Goat Validation Dates

Lamb/Goat Validation Dates are October 24-26, 2000 starting at 4:00 p.m. each day. All goats must be brought to the Langford barn on one of those dates for validation. In order to avoid having too many goats show up on the same day, a sign up schedule is ready for you. Call and make an appointment that will be most convenient for you to have your animals on location. All lambs will be validated on a select morning during the above dates. The date will be determined and announced soon.

## Thanks, Public

The Texas Forest Service Fire Prevention Team would like to thank the general public for doing an outstanding job so far in preventing wildfires. Given the extreme burning conditions caused by the ongoing drought, it is fantastic that there have been so few human-caused fires.

The drought has reached the historical high for the state of Texas. The National Interagency Fire Center has identified Texas as having the potential for above normal fire danger through September.

The fact that there have been so few fires indicates people really are paying attention to the drought and being careful not to start fires. So keep up the good work, give yourself a high five; you get a "certified attaboy" from the Fire Prevention Team.

However, the danger remains high, we are not out to the woods yet. Here are some recommendations from the Texas Forest Service:

· Please do not burn trash, even in burn barrels, until the fire danger has been reduced.

Comply with local burn bans.

· Do not drive or park in tall, dead grass.

If you smoke, use your ashtray.

Do not light campfires until significant rainfall is received.

· When welding, wet down surrounding grass.

Should a fire break out please alert your local fire department by calling 9-1-1 immediately to limit the size of the fire. Thanks for the continued good work!

### Louisiana Goes Cattle Brucellosis Free; Texas Still Battling Disease

eted Class "Free" designation, infected animals were sent to becoming the 45th state to wipe out cattle brucellosis, a bacterial disease capable of causing cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. This leaves only Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Florida and Missouri "cleaning up" the last vestiges of infection in this national eradication effort that spans five

"We're also seeing light at the end of the tunnel, as Texas has only two herds under quarantine today. One is in Orange County, and the other is in Live Oak County," said Dr. Max Coats, head of animal health programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. He predicted, however, that it could take at least a year or two to find and wipe out the last infected herds. Since January, he said, six infected herds in Texas have been found and most have been sent to slaughter (cooked meat is safe to eat) after being "bought out" with a combination of state and federal funds. In 1999, 21 infected herds were detected in Texas, and 18 herds were "bought out."

Dr. Coats pointed out that only two states still have quarantined herds: South Dakota, which has a privately owned bison herd under quarantine, and Texas. Florida, Oklahoma and Missouri have no herds under quarantine and are fulfilling the 12-month waiting period before earning the USDA's "free" designation.

If an infected herd is detected during this period, the 12-month 'clock" starts again, he said. Unless they originate in a certified brucellosis-free herd, adult cattle are tested for the disease before being sold through livestock markets, at slaughter, or prior to being moved out of state to a ranch or for sale. PAHC regulations also require cattle to be tested prior to being sold or traded by private treaty. Private practitioners may have diagnostic tests performed for brucellosis when

cows abort. "The brucellosis eradication program has not been easy for cattle producers. In the early 1950s, Texas had at least 20,000 brucellosisinfected herds, and through the ears, many producers have lost

Louisiana recently earned cov- valuable animals and genetics when slaughter. We are close to the finish line because of the hard work and sacrifices of producers and private

veterinary practitioners who have

worked with state and federal regu-

latory veterinarians," he said. The national brucellosis eradication program, headed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was initiated in the 1950s, primarily due to the disease's public health implications. Many farmers and ranchers who handled infected cows during calving, or persons who consumed unpasteurized milk or cheese from affected herds developed the human form of the disease, known as "undulant fever." Victims of the disease suffer spiking fevers, severe head and body aches, acute fatigue and night sweats. Untreated, infection sometimes led to irreparable heart damage and debilitating arthritis.

National "down-the-road" testing of cattle in the late 1950s revealed more than 100,000 brucellosis-infected herds, which were quarantined to prevent cattle movement from premises. Infected cattle were shipped to slaughter, and herds were tested repeatedly until all infected animals had been

'Signs of the disease, including smaller calf crops, and weak or dying calves, were fairly common when herds were heavily infected. Ranchers were anxious to rid their herds of the disease," said Dr. Coats. "But, as the amount of disease decreased, many infected herds displayed no visible signs of

Furthermore, he said, routine pasteurization of milk and cheese had reduced the risks to human health. These factors diminished much of the public impetus to finish the eradication program

Today, cattle brucellosis eradication is becoming a marketability issue," said Dr. Coats. "With 45 states free of infection, potential customers may not want to risk trading with entities that haven't

cleaned up their herds. No one wants to import infection, and we want to enhance the marketing opportunities for our cattlemen. We feel pressure to finish cleaning up Texas herds."

### **AGRIBUSINESS**

## Hosed at the Pump



Washington, D.C. - U.S. Repre-Henry sentative Bonilla, R - Texas We are all familiar with the high gas prices we've been forced to

pay since this Spring. They are among the highest in our country's history. Some Americans have been so unfortunate, they have been forced to pay as high as \$2.00 a gallon. This is on the heels of low gas prices that forced American oil producers out of business. Needless to say, our nation's energy policy has been incapable of finding a happy medium. I say, that is inexcusable.

Although the highest gas prices have dropped some, our nation's national and fiscal security are threatened because gas prices are still too high. It has been common protocol for every new White House Administration to formulate an energy policy that is friendly to consumers, businesses, agriculture and our military. The Clinton-Gore Administration failed miserably when handed the responsibility. For eight years, the United States has been a pawn in the energy game. Because the U.S. has had no energy policy, our gas prices have been dictated by foreign countries with differing and sometimes even conflicting agendas from the United States.

The United States has the lowest production of domestic oil since before World War II and is importing more than ever before. This lopsided approach has forced a U.S. dependency on foreign oil. The United States currently

imports over half its oil needs. During the 1970's Arab oil embargo, we were importing only 35 percent. If we continue on this same track, the economic prosperity we are enjoying will quickly

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The U.S. Energy Department estimates that in 20 years the U.S. will be dependent on foreign imports for two-thirds of our oil needs, if we continue on our current path. That is a formula for disaster. This would mean high gas costs for the cold winters and also year-round gas prices like we've been recently paying at the

Since 1992, U.S. oil production has decreased by 17 percent and consumption has increased by 14 percent. This Administration has closed U.S. oil refineries rather than build new ones. Tens of thousands of oil wells have been shutdown most likely never to be reopened. And the most astonishing fact is that Iraq is the fastest growing source of U.S. oil imports. This is the very country we waged war against when they attempted to overtake Kuwait and steal their oil. Has this Administration forgotten the Gulf War?

As concerned Americans who have the responsibilities of heating. our homes, driving our kids to school, farmers who must harvest their fields, and American oil producers who supply these needs-we deserve and must call for an energy policy that doesn't increase American dependency on foreign oil, but a policy that is friendly to consumers, businesses, agriculture and our military.

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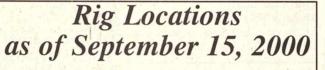
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New KCS Medallion; 5800' Genini #3308, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde EEX E & P Company; 13000' Whitehead - 67 - #1 Cleere Drilling. Tema Oil and Gas; 6300' Meadows #1175, UTI Drilling.

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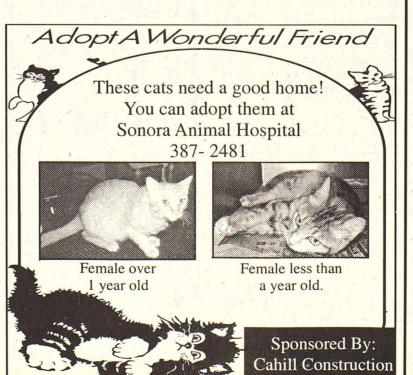
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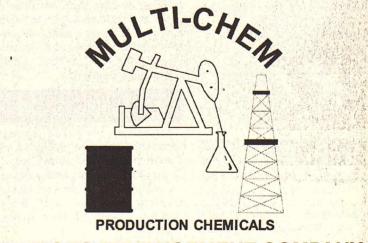
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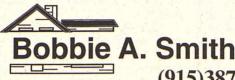
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