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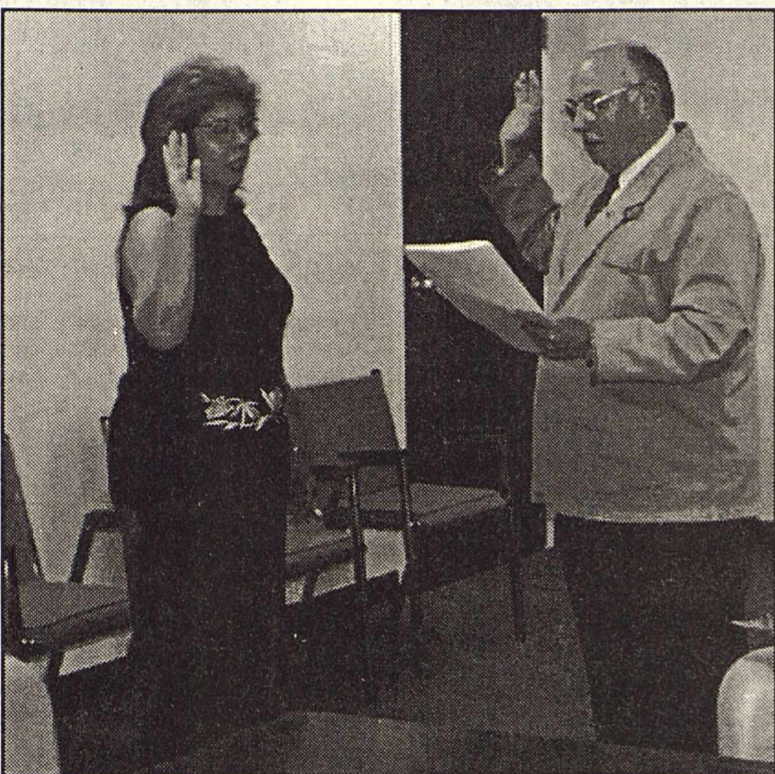
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Thursday, September 6, 2001

Weingart Sworn In As New Sutton County Auditor



Maura Weingart was sworn in as the new Sutton County Auditor, Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at the Sutton County Annex by Judge Brock Jones. Weingart takes over this position from Charles Graves who retired this past week. Graves was the Sutton County Auditor for 22 years, where Maura served as the Deputy Auditor during that same time.

Maura is a lifetime resident of Sonora, where she attended and graduated from Sonora High School. She then attended Sul Ross State University. She has 3 children; Javier Weingart, a Sergeant in the Army, stationed in New York; Chris Weingart, a freshman at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX; and Michelle Weingart, a sophomore here at Sonora High School.

"16 de septiembre" Celebration

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council #10609

Mexico's independence from Spanish rule is a piece of history that still dwells in the hearts and memories of many Mexicans all over the world. In the Early hours of September 16, 1810, Father Hidalgo, accompanied by several conspirators-Ignacio Allende, Dona Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez-rang the bell of his little church, calling everyone to fight for liberty. This was the beginning of the Independence War, which lasted 10 years.

Knights of Columbus Council #10609 will be celebrating the 16 de septiembre on Saturday, September, 15, 2001 at the Sutton Co. Park Slab. We invite the entire community to come and join us for the celebration. If you are interested in having a booth you may contact Salvador Trinidad Jr. at (915) 277-1245 or (915) 387-2385, or you may contact Ruben Samaniego at (915) 387-5110. Booth fees have been set by the Knights of Columbus at \$25.00 with an additional \$10.00 clean-up deposit fee that will be refunded to each of the booth leaders upon a thorough clean-up inspection at the time of

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Hudspeth Receives New Lifeline Monitor Equipment

The new Lifeline monitor equipment was installed on Aug. 13, 2001 at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital nurse's station. The staff at the hospital were serviced for three days by a Lifeline representative from Boston. The updated equipment benefits subscribers by enabling them to speak directly to the hospital staff through the monitor during an emergency. A computer screen in the nurse's station allows rapid identification and necessary information about the subscriber.

The Lifeline is a home emergency call unit for people who can live alone without feeling alone. Emergency response is quick and provides a safe transition from home to hospital. Lifeline provides help when needed at a simple press of a button. A prompt response from trained nurses at Hudspeth Hospital within seconds is initiated when help is needed. The hospital has all subscriber's key emergency information and allows peace of mind, attention they deserve, and ongoing reassurance that someone is always there for them.



Keith Butler, Hudspeth Hospital Administrator, shows off the new Lifeline monitor equipment recently installed.

The Lifeline equipment was paid for by Sutton County and The City of Sonora. The Sutton County Committee of Aging meets with both when in need of money for repairs, help buttons, or new units for homes. The Lifeline has been in

our community since 1985. The Lifeline is being maintained and administrated by Mary Lou Castillo, employee of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. She may be contacted at the hospital for all your Lifeline needs.

School Board Approves Order For Bond Election

At the special meeting of the Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees, held on Thursday, August 30, the Board approved the order calling for a Bond election for November 17, 2001. The 8.95 million dollar bond will be used for the renovations, construction and equipment needed for the Elementary buildings. Visual presentations are on display at several locations around town and a video has been prepared, showing the necessary improvements, for which a study has been done showing that the buildings currently do not comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The study is available to see at the Administration building. These improvements will bring the schools up to ADA compliance. Superintendent Brant Myers stressed that anyone with questions please contact him at the administration building. He will be available for presentations at organization meetings, as well as on an individual basis.

Myers commented that the project is "a step forward for the district. We look down the road at the hopeful growth that the Ports-to-Plains will bring and hope to be able to accommodate." These improvements will allow for one more class per grade on the elementary level and will allow for the Middle School to have its own cafeteria. Myers also

expressed for all concerned, that the Rock Building will not be removed or damaged in any way. To see the blue prints and to answer any questions you may have, please call Mr. Myers at 387-2545.

Early voting will be held at the administration building from October 31 - November 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be two branch voting locations, the first on November 6 in the Elementary workroom from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The second will be on November 9 at the High School Library from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

On September 17 at 6:00 p.m. there will be the first of two citizen meetings to discuss the project. This first meeting will be held in conjunction with the PTA meeting at the Elementary School Building.

Board members present at this meeting included Tryon Fields, President; Dayton Armke, Tammy Favila, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton. Jesse Bustamante was absent. Others present at the meeting were: Jacque Baker, Doug Bawcom, John Berry, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Alice Cox, Louise Dermody, J.C. Howell, Dain Rauscher, Inc., Diane Jacoby, Dorothy Jimenez, Cynthia Keel, Mary Sue Perez, Erma Pincince, Noemi Samaniego, and John Williams, Pfluger & Associates.

After calling the meeting to order, Tryon Fields introduced J.C. Howell, Vice-President of Dain Rauscher, who presented the information pertaining to the bond proposal. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Tammy Favila to approve the order calling for the bond election on November 17, 2001 as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Payton. Voting aye were Dayton Armke, Tammy Favila, Tryon Fields, Sam David Hernandez, Scott Jacoby and Tom Payton. Absent and not voting was Jesse Bustamante. The motion carried.

President Fields reviewed the resolution appointing election officers and gave information regarding the location of polling places along with dates and locations for early voting and branch early voting. The election officers are as follows: Precinct 1: Juanita Mesa, Judge and Maria Mesa, Alternate Judge. Precinct 2: Marie Hollmig, Judge and Pauline Ringgold, Alternate Judge. Precinct 3: Jeanette Turner, Judge and Noemi Samaniego, Alternate Judge. Precinct 4: Vicenta Lopez, Judge and Olivia Longoria, Alternate Judge. The Early Voting Clerk is Marie Hollmig, alternate clerks are Laurie Garza and Cynthia Keel. The Early Voting Ballot Board is Vicenta Lopez and her duly



Photo by Robin Street

Broncos Kick Off Season With A Win

by Tryon Fields

The much awaited 2001 football season finally arrived last Friday night in Big Lake. The Broncos, clad in their new look (Red Helmets, White Jerseys, Red Pants, and Black Socks), took the field with everyone in the stands not sure what to expect (from either team). Questions and concerns were yet to be answered: many young and yet unproven players in starting roles, sophomore quarterback, five new faces on the front line, a defense that had been very senior heavy last year. How would the Broncos respond to the challenge put before them by the community and their coaches, as well as by themselves? It did not take very long for some of these

questions and concerns to be answered, as the Broncos took control of the situation on the very first play from scrimmage and did not let up until the final whistle sounded.

The Broncos won the coin toss and elected to go right at the Owls. Emmanuel Lopez took the opening kick-off and returned it to the Bronco thirty-eight; giving the Broncos excellent field position to start the game. There was not much doubt as to what Coach Herring would do on the first play from scrimmage; or who would probably get the football. The only question was which direction would he go. Student body left with William Renfro toting the mail. To the boys dressed in blue, it probably looked

like a tidal wave rolling in. Fullback, Sean Fields, quarterback, Scottie Moore, and weak side guard Byron Williams led Renfro to the outside with wingback Chance Armke sealing the outside linebacker and then releasing downfield to take care of the safety. It all has to work right and the other seven players have to make their blocks as well, and when it does; it is no wonder that William Renfro had little trouble in going sixty-two yards for the Red Hosses first score of the game. Bronco place kicker Stetson Hall punched the PAT through the uprights to give the Broncos a seven point lead with only eighteen seconds left in the game.

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Rowdy Bunch of the Week



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance has been awarded the coveted megaphone and has been named the "Rowdy Bunch" Business of the Week. Rowdy will choose a new winner next Monday.

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Slated for Monday

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will meet on Monday, September 10, 2001, at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 p.m. All prospective and current members are encouraged to attend. Discussions will include participation in the hospital remodel project already in process. New officers will be elected and installed.

The hospital has made tremendous gains in securing the viability of our local facility. Many management changes coupled with other cost saving measures have allowed the facility to move forward in the health care future of our community. Positive, forward momentum only continues with the support of dedicated community spirited individuals like you. Join the Sutton County health-care team. Join the hospital auxiliary.

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Sonora Church Directory



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

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
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
387-5207

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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

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

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
205 E. Main
387-3241

LA IGLESIA HISPANA PENTECOSTAL DEL NOMBRE DE JESUS, INC.
387-6072

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

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends for the prayers, flowers, phone calls and cards while I was in the hospital.
Wilma Schwiening

The Family would like to thank all that kept him in their hearts and in their prayers and a special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of Vista Care Family Hospice. Special thanks to Father Terry and all the members of St. Mary's.
Thanks to all the friends and relatives for the visits, the food, the money and all the prayers.
With thoughts and Prayers,
The Perez Family

Birth Announcements

Dolan Cole Rushing
was born August 7, 2001 at 9:14 a.m. at San Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21" long. Parents are Shannon and Michelle Rushing of San Angelo. Maternal Grandparents are Mike and Kathy Dolan of Mertzon. Paternal Grandparents are Ben and Lenora Pool of Sonora. Maternal Great-Grandparents are Ray and Tina Ivey of Mertzon and Martha Dolan of Big Lake. Paternal Great-Grandparent is Irma Luckie of San Angelo. Uncles and aunt Trey Rushing, Levi Pool and Brandon and Angie Gryder. Cousins are Straton George Rushing, Heather, Hillary and Hunter Lawson.
We are all glad to have Dolan Cole join our family!

TIME LINES...

5 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK By: Danni Price
Susie Casillas joined the staff at The Devil's River News. Tammy Fisher received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. George T. Wright was hired as the Interim Superintendent for the Sonora Independent School District. Gene Robertson was named the new manager of the True Value Hardware Store at the Woolhouse.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
Sutton County residents overwhelmingly approved a tax cap increase for the hospital district to help keep Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital open for at least till 1992. Julie Jones was awarded a one-year \$51,000.00 Clark Foundation Scholarship by the Scholastic League Foundation. Rande Fawcett was one of 220 area chairmen assisting in the 1991 Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

School Lunch Menu • Sept. 10 - Sept. 14

Breakfast
Mon. - 3 French toast sticks, syrup, juice.
Tues. - Banana nut muffin, fruit, milk.
Wed. - Bean & cheese burrito, juice.
Thurs. - Grilled cheese, fruit.
Fri. - Biscuits, sausage patty, juice.

Lunch
Mon. - Beef & bean burrito, tossed salad, mixed fruit.
Tues. - Lasagna, California vegetables, jello with fruit, hot roll.
Wed. - Grilled ham & cheese, carrot & celery sticks, apple wedges, cookie.
Thurs. - Soft beef taco on flour tortilla, salad, refried beans, applesauce cake.
Fri. - BBQ on bun, French fries, sliced pickles, fruit icee.

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Senior Center News

Sept. 3 - Labor Day. Center will be closed for Holiday!
Sept. 4 - Bingo!
Sept. 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo. Call 387-2509
Sept. 6 - Need help and new ideas for Holiday Crafts! Call or come by Center...after lunch!
Sept. 7 - Celebrate Grandparent Day at our Center! Noon.

Senior Menu
Sept. 3 - Labor Day. Center will be closed! Sign up for Holiday Meals!
Sept. 4 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler.
Sept. 5 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad.
Sept. 6 - Beef steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, zucchini with stewed tomatoes, rolls, apple crisp.
Sept. 7 - Ham with pineapple, corn, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bars.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
Menu is subject to change.

Obituaries

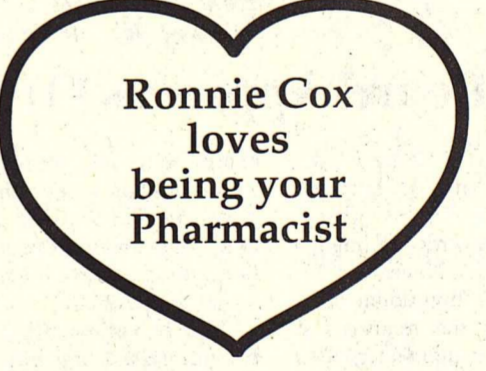


Dolores (Lolo) Perez

Dolores (Lolo) Perez, 83, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 2, 2001 at his residence.
The Rosary was Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at Robert Massie Funeral Home.
Chapel Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Christian burial followed at Sherwood Cemetery in Sherwood, Texas.
Dolores was born February 11, 1918 in Sonora. He worked on pipeline installation. Later, he served on several West Texas area ranches as a ranch foreman. He married Emilia Gamez on July 30, 1944 in Sonora.
He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years of marriage Emilia G. Perez. His father Jose Maria Perez and mother Concepcion Perez and a sister Delfina Esquivel.
Survivors include sons
Celestino Perez, Ramo Perez and Tomas Perez, all of Mertzon and daughters Emma Luna of San Angelo and Rosa Suarez of Mertzon. Two sisters, Emilia Morales of San Angelo and Maria Esquivel of Ft. Worth. Grandchildren Manuel Perez, Celestino Perez, Jr., David Rodriguez, Andy Perez, Sammy Perez, Emily Luna, all of San Angelo. Amy Perez, Romero Perez, Alex Suarez, Cassandra Perez, and Brenda Montez, all of Mertzon. Nancy Sandoval of Sonora, Elsa O'Neal of Midland, Jessica Fuentes of Eldorado, Tammy Perez of Hobbs, NM, Albert Perez of Big Lake. Two step-children Jennifer and Julie Galvan of Mertzon, and 25 great-grandchildren.
Pallbearers were Manuel Perez, Celestino Perez, Jr., David Rodriguez, Alex Suarez, Sammy Perez, Andy Perez, Albert Perez, and Paul Montez.

Jeena Nicole Bautista

Jeena Nicole Bautista, 10, of San Angelo passed away Saturday, September 1, 2001, after a year long battle with cancer.
Jeena was a student at Blackshear Elementary School and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.
She is survived by her mother, Victoria Medina; her father, Rodolfo Bautista; four brothers, Vicente Bautista, Greg Bautista, Michael Bautista and Gabriel Bautista; one niece, Monique Reene Bautista; grandparents Jose and Maria Guerra of San Jose, Calif., and Vicente and Amparo Bautista of Sonora; great-grandmother Carmen Medina of Houston; and aunts, uncles and cousins from San Jose, Calif, and Houston.
She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Victor Medina of Del Rio.
Rosary was held Monday, September 3, in Shaffer Funeral Home Pioneer Chapel. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, September 4, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Joe Vasquez officiating.
To all who have loved me and to those whom I loved,
It's time to thank you for I must part. To my brothers, George, Greg, Gabriel and Mike, I'll miss you all, with all my heart. To my family and friends, teachers, doctors and nurses, that took care of me while I was sick, you gave me so much I won't forget. To all those people from near and far, who opened their hearts and took money from their wallets to put in my jar. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Don't be sad and don't cry for me, my journey was short but all so sweet. And last but not least, to my beautiful Mom, I have to say, "Thanks Mom. I love you and I'll be okay." The Lord awaits me at his pearly gates.
Love,
Jeena
To my baby girl, whom I love so much,
I know that soon we'll have to part. I will always hold you and your memories close to my heart no matter how near or how far. God made you to be mine, and he gave you to me to have and hold and now he says it's time for me to let you go. I can't express all that I feel, the sadness in your eyes nor the pain in my heart. I have to be strong, I need to be tough, 10 years of your life is not enough, I need more time for us to be near. I love you so much baby dear. If I had a wish with God's holy grace, I wish that I was in your place.
Love, Mom



Dining Out Directory

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401
Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
Stagecoach Grill & Cantina
407 South Crockett
387-0623
Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127
Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181
Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
387-2169

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Community

Sept. 10
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. - Annex Bldg.
Sept. 11
Annual Lions Club Auction
Civic Center • Dinner 6:00 p.m. • Auction 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16
Diez y Seis de Septiembre Celebration
County Slab

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

Sept. 17
Sonora Schools P.T.A. and
Public Discussion on School Facility Project
6:00 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium
Sept. 18
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. - City Hall
Sept. 28
Homecoming

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