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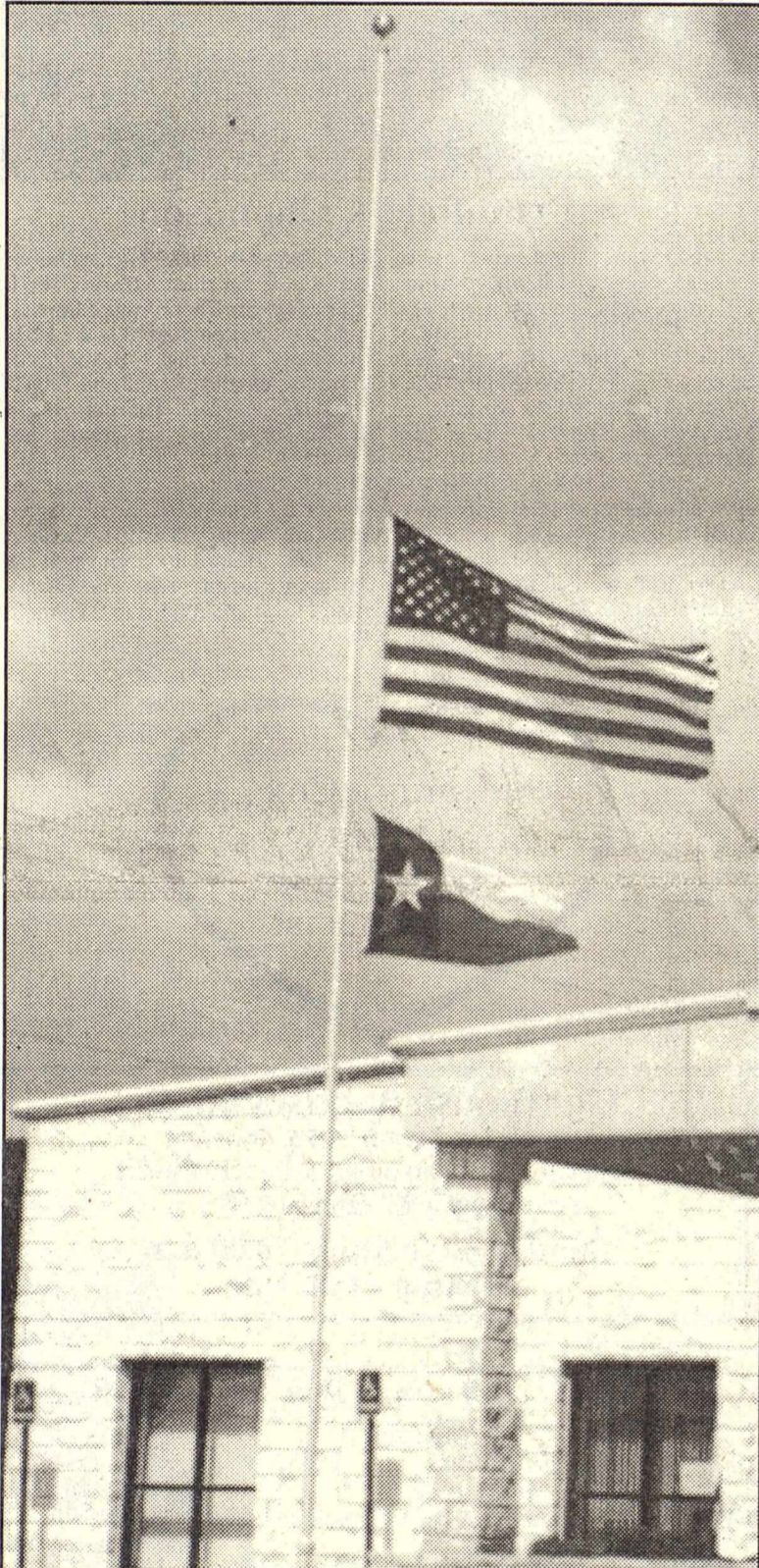
SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Sonora Reaches Out To Rescuers

The people of Sonora, Texas and surrounding communities are joining together to send a shipment of 1,000 pairs of mohair socks, gloves, t-shirts, and underwear to the firefighters and policemen of New York City. It is our hope that these socks, which are 100% American-made of Texas mohair and wool, as well as the other donations, will convey a heartfelt message of resilient support from the people of our area. We plan to ship the supplies this Friday. If you would like to help contribute to this worthy cause, please stop by Rafter W Feeds or The Bank & Trust. Let's show these brave souls that the folks of West Texas are behind them!

"May God Continue to Bless America"



Flags in Sonora and all over the United States are flying at half mast after last week's attack by terrorists. Recovery efforts are still underway in New York and Washington at the sites where the planes crashed into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers and the Pentagon. President George W. Bush has vowed stern retaliation against those responsible for these horrendous "acts of evil". In a prayer service held on Tuesday, one week after the attacks took place, President Bush quietly stated, "May God continue to Bless America".

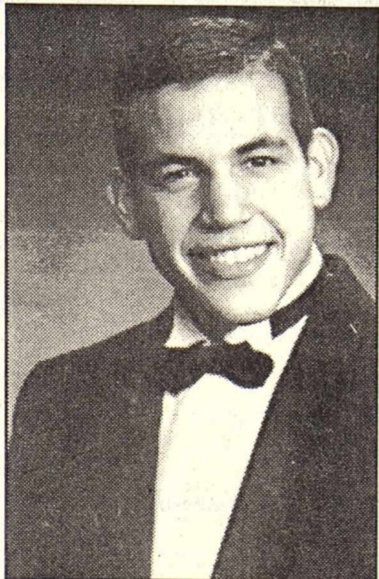
Loved Ones Called For Duty

by Storie Sharp

Last Tuesday's attack on America has affected everyone in this nation in one way or another. Many of us have been glued to the televisions and radios, crying for people we don't know personally. But these attacks have hit closer to home than some realize. Many loved ones from our hometown are being called up for active duty as we speak. The first Sonora graduate that has been reported as being shipped out is Kasey Wood.

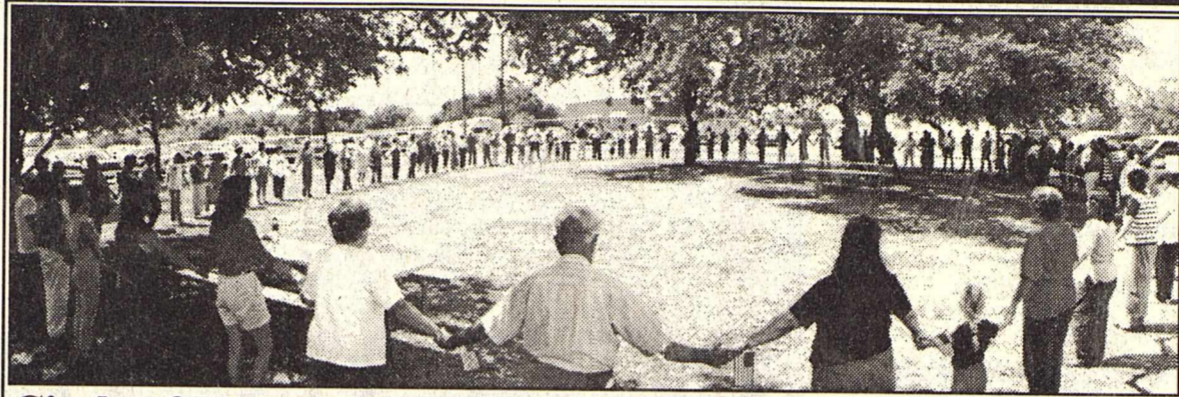
Kasey is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School. He is the son of Kenneth and Cindy Hayes and has one brother, Kris, that is working in Austin.

Kasey is stationed on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson, which is a part of the Wes-Pac Deployment. The tour had left Washington in July for Thailand, Hawaii, etc. Cindy heard from Kasey on Monday, when he e-mailed her pictures from Thailand. This has been their last contact since Tuesday's attack. She read in Sunday's paper that the U.S.S. Carl Vinson is deployed with the U.S.S. Enterprise in the Persian Gulf. Kenneth and Cindy ask for your prayers for Kasey and for all our American Brothers and Sisters.

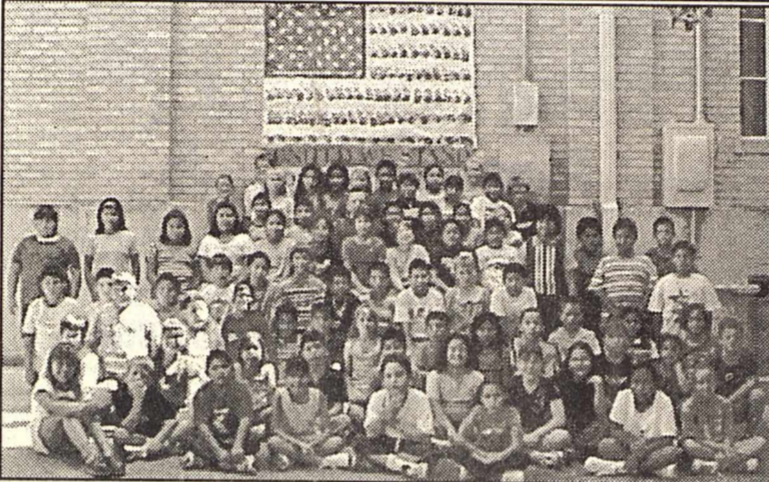


1998 SHS Graduate, Kasey Wood

The New Life Ministry has started a "Wall of Prayers" at their location on Main Street. If you have a loved one, or you are being called for duty, we would love to share your story with our readers and add your name to the "Wall of Prayers". Please contact us at the Devil's River News office, phone: 387-2507, fax: 387-5691 or email us at editor@sonoratrnx.net



Circle of Unity - Residents of Sutton County gathered together on Friday, September 14, 2001 to pray for our country and its leaders, as well as the victims of the terrorist attacks. President George W. Bush had proclaimed the day a "National Day of Prayer".



United We Stand

Fourth Graders at Sonora Elementary School used their hands and their hearts to make this American Flag that is being displayed at the school. Americans of all ages are doing all that they can to show that we are one United Nation.

Homecoming Schedule of Events Friday, September 28, 2001

- 3:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade - Beginning in front of the Elementary School and ending at the Methodist parking lot. Pep Rally to follow on Main Street.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Bronco Booster Club fundraiser supper at High School Commons Area.
- 7:30 p.m. Pre-Game Activities - Sonora Bronco Band to perform at Bronco Stadium.
- 8:00 p.m. Football Game - Sonora Broncos vs. Winters Blizzards
- Halftime - Crowning of 2001 Homecoming Queen
- 9:30 p.m. After Game Party at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and drinks will be available. All former students, teachers and families are welcome.

Saturday, September 29, 2001

- 9:30 a.m. Registration will begin at the Civic Center (old 4-H Barn) Cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice will be served. A fee of \$10 per adult and \$3 for children under 10 years old will be collected to help with expenses. We invite all who have been involved in the Sonora Public Schools to attend.
- 11:00 a.m. Gwen Kordzik, Bob Snodgrass and Jerry Hopkins will be presented as our guests of honor. The classes of 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, and 81 will also be recognized.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Local exes will provide BBQ, beans, salads and desserts.

**Anyone with photos from the years being honored at this year's Homecoming please contact the Devil's River News. We are working on a special section for the upcoming Homecoming and need pictures.

This years being honored are 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76 and 81.

Groundwater Management Under Scrutiny

by Cindy Cawley, Sutton Co. UWCD

Groundwater districts throughout Texas are under examination as to their techniques and strategies in managing a very precious resource. Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code gives guidance and mandates for groundwater districts to follow. And under the direction and common sense of locally elected Directors, the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District is striving to manage our drinking water.

The District promotes and encourages good conservation practices for all water uses and is available to give presentations to classes or groups. The District also offers a service where water wells may be tested to ensure water quality integrity through a partial chemical analysis and bacteria testing.

Also, the question has been asked over and over, "Are we going to have to put a meter on our well?" Hopefully, the answer to that question is "No." The better the Sutton County UWCD can manage the water source, the longer we can answer that question with a "No." Proper management comes through complete records and database of all wells in the County. The District has promulgated rules to this end. However, the terminology used by the District is sometimes confusing.

According to District rules and Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, there are two types of potable water wells. The first type is the exempt or registered well. An exempt well is used solely for domestic or livestock use, is on more than ten acres of land and does not produce over 25,000 gallons of water per day. An exempt well must be registered with the District which includes a one page form asking for information about the well such as: owner of the well and address, well name, location of the well, water level, total depth, type of water use, etc. For new wells, the landowner should initiate registration prior to drilling the well.

The second type of well is called a permitted well. Permitted wells are those wells which produce large amounts of water for irrigation, industry, municipalities or transported outside District boundaries. Waste of water from permitted wells is prohibited by district rule. Wells of this type are limited in the number that can be drilled per section of land and the amount of water to be produced each year. Currently, District rules allow for eight permitted wells to be drilled on a section of land. The proposed permitted well must be at least 660'

See Groundwater page 6

San Angelo PHA Takes Over Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program

The San Angelo Public Housing Authority (PHA) is taking over administration of the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program from the City of Sonora effective October 1, 2001. The San Angelo PHA will also be taking over administration of the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program from Crockett County (Ozona). This change results from a mutual agreement between the City of Sonora, Crockett County and the San Angelo PHA. The agreement was facilitated by, and approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fort Worth.

The City of Sonora with 24 slots of Section 8 Rent Subsidy and Crockett County with 12 slots of Section 8 Rent Subsidy have operated small Section 8 Rent Subsidy Programs of 24. Although both programs are small, both Sonora and Crockett County have had to comply with numerous new HUD regulations. Recent HUD regulations have made it very difficult for small PHA's to administer the Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program. The City of Sonora and Crockett County have one person to administer and comply with HUD's burdensome regulations. Based on limited administrative fees small PHA's like Sonora and Crockett County can only afford to pay a part-time salary to someone who has to work on a 40 hour week to keep up with all the new HUD requirements.

HUD regulations resulting from Congress' Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act have required small PHA's to comply with computerized "on-line" submission of numerous HUD required documents; not to mention regulations changes that require numerous hours of staff time. HUD's requirement for each PHA to submit an annual and five year plan (a very detailed, and very large document) is also very time consuming. These are just a few of the reasons the City of Sonora and Crockett County are allowing the San Angelo PHA to administer their Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program.

The San Angelo PHA currently operate a public housing program for 174 families, and an affordable housing program for 202 families, and a section 8 program for 743 families. Having operated a Section 8 Rent Subsidy Program in the City of San Angelo since 1976, and by having a larger administrative staff the San Angelo PHA will be able to incorporate the operation of Sonora's and Crockett County's

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Hospital Board Sets Tax Rate

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors was held on Monday, September 10, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Annex. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, President; Lewis Allen, Vice President; Virginia Epps, Lenora Pool, Preston Faris, Mike Healy. Also present were: Keith Butler, Administrator; Carolyn Lara, Alternate Board Secretary; Bobby Zesch, Zesch & Pickett Insurance; Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, SCAD; and Ben Epps.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order and the minutes from the August 13 meeting were approved.

Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District, reported that the 2001 taxes were 97.8% collected.

Mr. Bobby Zesch presented proposals from Blue Cross, as well as several other insurance companies, for the employee health insurance. After discussion of the various plans available, a motion was made by Virginia Epps, seconded by Mike Healy, to accept the Blue Cross Plan #M602. The motion carried.

Upon a motion by Lewis Allen, seconded by Preston Faris, the Board approved the bad debt write-off list in the amount of \$4,828.83 as written. These accounts have been worked extensively by the Business Office staff and some will now be turned over to a collection agency and the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Butler reported that he has received the Letter of Engagement from the legal firm in San Antonio, chosen to draw up the legal papers for the Sutton County Health Foundation. The estimate of fees to develop the articles of incorporation, conflict of interest policy and by-laws is \$2,500. No action is required on this matter except the signature of the President of the Board of Directors.

Butler reported that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to have a dinner meeting to organize the Sutton County Health Foundation. Mr. Butler contacted Health Care Funding Development Consultants, to see what their fee would be to attend the organizational meeting and follow up with the participants individually to try to develop them into prospective board members if they choose to do so. Their fee would be \$2,400. Dr. Johnson reported that he and Butler had visited with the Corporate Board regarding the formation of a foundation and they are in agreement with the Board's plans. A motion was made by Lewis Allen, seconded by Lenora Pool, to contract with Health Care Funding Development Consultants to attend the planning meeting for a fee of \$2,400. Motion carried. A discussion was held regarding a date for the planning dinner meeting and dates under consideration are October 9th or 16th.

Butler presented the Engagement Letter from Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P., auditing

See Hospital Board page 7

"Rowdy Bunch" of the Week



The T&C Village Market has been chosen as the "Rowdy Bunch" Business of the Week. The megaphone will be passed again next Monday. GET ROWDY!



Sonora Church Directory

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

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

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387-2266

Cards of Thanks

The Bears of Cub Scout Pack 19 would like to thank JoAnn Palmer for such an informative tour of the Old Jail. We all enjoyed learning so much about our community's history. Thank you so much for your support of the Cub Scouts.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Raffle on Friday night at the Brady game. The raffle was to help us to raise money for our new uniforms. A very special thanks goes out to Dairy Queen, Lisa's Flowers and Gifts, Ronda's Styling Haus, Team Graphics and Ol' Sonora Trading Co. for supplying all of the goodies. Thanks again to all of our supporters.

Coach Kathy Marshall
and the Sonora Lady Broncos

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Brisket Supper on Friday night before the Brady game. The meal was to raise money for meals for our athletes following their sporting events. These proceeds benefit all athletes in High School. A very special thanks goes out to Sonora Chemical, Curtis and Lisa Lipham, American Sales and Service, Village Market, Sonic, George and Martha Wallace, Lazy 2 Ranch, E.M. Hobbs, New Life Ministries, Ronda's Styling Haus, June Williams, Coach Marshall and many parents who helped in cooking and working.

Jane Rushing
Chairman of the Brisket Supper

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our wonderful friends who have been so supportive during Square's recovery since his recent surgery. Your phone calls, cards, visits and gifts of food and flowers have all reminded us of how lucky we are to be surrounded by such kind neighbors, family and friends. Thank you again,

The Sanchez Family
Brenda, Square, Tabitha and Rene

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The Lighthouse Flashlight Club

Begins Wednesday, September 26, 2001
at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting at
the Family Life Center on Crockett Street.

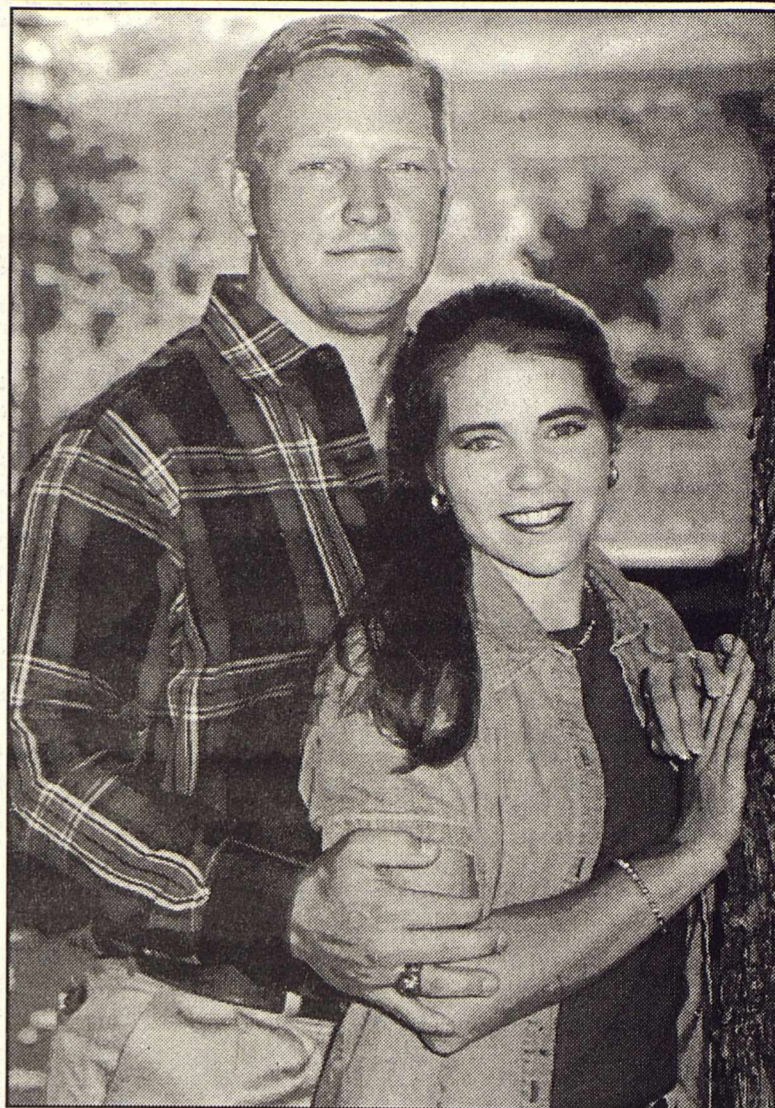
We will have snacks,
Bible stories, music and
activities. So, all we
need is you!!!!

If you need a ride, please call 387-3462.
Call before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday
and leave your name,
phone number and address.

The bus will pick you up
between 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Can't wait to see you!
Ages 5 thru 5th grade



Engagement



Brumfield - Thompson

James and Cheryl Brumfield of Grand Saline are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Allison Cheryl, to Aaron Colely Thompson, son of Gene and Jeanette Thompson of Sonora, Texas. Allison is a 1997 graduate of Grand Saline High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography. She is currently employed with the S.W.T. geography department working as a graduate assistant and pursuing a Masters of Applied Geography in Resource and Environmental Management.

Colely is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwest Texas State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He is currently employed as the Assistant Manager of McCoy's Building Supply Company in Dripping Springs, Texas and serves in the 1st Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment of the Texas Army National Guard. The couple will be married January 5, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tyler Woman's Forum in Tyler, Texas.

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being your
Pharmacist

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Family Life Center 305 S. Crockett
Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1
every Sunday Morning at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

School Lunch Menu • Sept. 24 - Sept. 28

Breakfast
Mon. - Grilled cheese, fruit.
Tues. - Muffin, oatmeal, juice.
Wed. - (3) French toast sticks, syrup, juice.
Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, juice.
Fri. - Sweet roll, fruit.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
Mon. - Corn dog, baked beans, potato chips, orange half.
Tues. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello, hot roll.
Wed. - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, oatmeal cookie.
Thurs. - Sloppy Joe on bun, pickles, ranch style beans, fruit.
Fri. - Hot dog on bun, French fries, sliced peaches.

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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

Senior Center News

Sept. 24 - Bingo after lunch!
Sept. 25 - Exercise...anyone? 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education. Noon.
Sept. 27 - Plan for Halloween Party October 31st.
Sept. 28 - Homecoming Parade at 3:30 p.m. Does anyone want to do a float for the Seniors?

Senior Menu

Sept. 24 - King ranch chicken, broccoli, rolls, carrot salad, oatmeal cookie.
Sept. 25 - Hamburgers with lettuce, tomatoes & onions, baby carrots, seafoam salad, grapes.
Sept. 26 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, pound cake.
Sept. 27 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, butter peas, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup.
Sept. 28 - Grilled chicken fajita salad with chopped tomato & lettuce, macaroni salad, cherry perfection salad, pumpkin pie, crackers.

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.

Community

Sept. 28
Homecoming Parade 3:30 p.m.
Homecoming Game
Broncos vs Winters • 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 8
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Annex Bldg.

The Community Calendar

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Calendar

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6:30 p.m. • Civic Center
Oct. 16
City Council
City Hall • 2:00 p.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Q. Do you have any information on the marriage of a Pearl Haley of Sutton County?

A. Devil's River News, December 26, 1896 - Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Spruce at 6 o'clock, on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, A. J. Dragoo to Miss Pearl Haley, Justice W. A. Stewart officiating. The contracting party was supported by Forest Beaman and Miss Fannie Dragoo, George Haley and Miss Bertie Taylor. The bride who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Haley of Sutton County was becomingly dressed in white albatross, gloves and slippers to match and wore the proverbial orange blossoms in her hair. Miss Pearl is very popular with a large circle of friends. Jack Dragoo the successful suitor is a steady hard working young cattleman formerly of London, Kimble County, and was every inch a man in his suit of regulation black. The bridesmaids and groomsmen were suitably dressed. After the ceremony a splendid supper, presided over by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. Spruce was partaken of by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dragoo, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williams, Mrs. Birtrong, Misses Fannie Dragoo and Tilden Mitchell of Rock Springs, Sallie Barksdale, Bertie Taylor, Lillie Heflin, and Messrs. Tom Dragoo of Rock Springs, Forest Beaman, Geo. And Horton Haley, Ed Trimble, Cal Miller, Ed Pride, S. L. Holland, W. H. Moon, Forest Stewart and Mike Murphy.

A dance and reception was held at the court house at night and was largely attended and everybody danced in honor of the bride and had a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo will make their home at the Pullen ranch on Copperas.

There were several other marriages listed in this issue which we will share with our readers:

Married in Santa Rosa de Sonora on Monday, December 21, 1896, Manuel Gerrara to Miss Librado Lopez, Judge J. O. Rountree officiating.

Married at London, Kimble County, on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, Will Haley of Sutton County to Miss Edna Weaver of London.

I found that Tilden Mitchell and Tom Dragoo were married December 19, 1897. Tilden died in 1935 and Tom died in 1950. They are both buried in the Rocksprings cemetery.

W. A. Glasscock the Schleicher

county cattleman was in Sonora Saturday and gave the "Devil's River News" the particulars of the accident that befell H. H. Sheard the sheepman at Eldorado, on Monday, December 14th. Mr. Sheard had his horses hitched to his wagon and tied while he was marking some pigs in the back end of the wagon. One of the horses was only partially broken and becoming frightened at something broke the ropes the horses were tied with and started to run. Mr. Sheard went to the front of the wagon to get the lines and top them, when the tongue dropped and sticking in the ground raised up the front of the wagon. Mr. Sheard was thrown in the air by the tongue sticking in the ground and when he came down he fell with his face on the brake handle, tearing his mouth and breaking his jaw in several places. Dr. H. G. Jones of Sonora was sent for and fixed up Mr. Sheard in the best way possible, and Mr. Glasscock says the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Q. Where did the Labenske's come from?

A. Ann Acklen was born October 4, 1877 in Buda. Robert Lee Labenske was born February 25, 1875 in Manchaca. They were married on November 13, 1898 in Buda. The family came from Winters to Sonora in June of 1930 and opened the Labenske Style Shop. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1968. Mrs. Labenske died on February 5, 1969 and Mr. Labenske died August 3, 1970. The old Labenske store has recently undergone major renovation by the Percifull's.

Q. Was there anything in the paper on the marriage of Dora Duke in 1894?

A. Devil's River News, Saturday, June 16, 1894 - Married at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke in West Sonora, on Wednesday June 13, 1894, at 9 o'clock p.m., Mr. Carle Atkinson to Miss Dora Duke, Rev. J. A. Wright of the Methodist Church officiating. No invitations were issued and only a few friends and neighbors of the contracting parties were present. The bride is a pretty and accomplished young lady with many friends in church circles and the groom is one of Sonora's successful young business men and owner of the Citizens water works. After the ceremony the happy couple received the best wishes and congratulations from those present and then all partook of refreshments. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke, Rev. and



Mrs. Theo Savell and her son, Miers and daughter, Velma at the old home where the children were born - about 1916.

Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. T. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbons, Mrs. Kenedy of San Angelo, Mrs. L. E. Thomason, Mrs. Holland, Misses Anna Atkinson of San Angelo, Ada and Viola Gibbons, Nellie and Madie DeBerry, Mary Hudspeth, Manda Duke, Mona and Montie Rountree; Messrs. James Robinson, D. W. March, C. J. Nichols, B. M. Halbert, Earl Duke, Quintman Hudspeth and Mike Murphy. Their marriage is filed in the Sutton County Courthouse Records of Marriage Vol. 001, page 016, Carle L. Atkinson and Dora I. Duke.

Q. Is there anything in the Sutton County records on the death of Sophie Ratliff?

A. Sophie Ratliff didn't die in Sutton County. Devil's River News of March 20, 1920 states the following: Mrs. Sophie Ratliff, who has so long kept the boarding house at Juno, died last Sunday night at 7:15 and was buried Monday afternoon at that place. According to the Ozona Stockman of March 11. Her daughter Mrs. Walter Edwards of Del Rio and sons Joe and Tody were the only children with her at the last. Deceased was a native of Louisiana and 76 years of age.

Q. Where were Abe Mayer and Emma Lee married?

Main Street Traffic

Submitted by: Ann Kay

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to introduce to Sonora and the surrounding community the new name which is Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street Program. The new location for the Main Street Program is at 204 E. Main Street. The phone number for the office is 915-387-2248. Please come by and see the new office and visit for awhile.

The upcoming events for historical downtown are:

Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally -- Friday, September 28, 2001 -- Time: 3:30 PM

Texas Main Street will be coming to Sonora on October 18, 2001.

Pre-school Age Trick or Treat at the Downtown Businesses -- Wednesday, October 31, 2001 -- Time: 10:00 AM

Fall Festival 2001 - Downtown Main Street -- Tuesday, October 30, 2001 -- Time: 5:15-8:00 PM

Mark your Calendar and we hope to see you soon!

The Management and Staff of
La Mexicana Restaurant
would like to take a moment
to say "Thank You"

to all of our customers for giving us
the opportunity to serve you.

La Mexicana Restaurante
will be closed for Vacation from
September 22, 2001
to October 3, 2001.

We will resume
regular business hours at 7:00 a.m.
on Wednesday, October 4, 2001

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Changes in Truancy Effective 9/01/01

Provided by Adelita Alvarez,
Justice of the Peace

"Parent Contributing to Truancy" Sec. #25.093, Education Code (formerly "Thwarting Compulsory Attendance")

Child refers to a person required to attend school under Education Code who is:

- (1) at least six years of age, or
- (2) who is younger than six years of age and has previously been enrolled in first grade, and
- (3) who has not yet reached the child's 18th birthday

Penalty/Punishment
Offense is a Class C Misdemeanor, if requisite number

of absences is met under Sec. 25.094

- Requisite number of absences include 10 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or
- three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period
- Each day child is absent may be a separate offense. Two or more offenses may be consolidated and prosecuted together.

Court may order deferred disposition for parent, and may require defendant to provide personal services to charitable or educational institution as condition of deferral or fined \$500.00 a day of absences, plus court cost of money.

Defendant Violates/Disobeys Court Order

If parent refuses to obey an order, parent may be punished for contempt under the Texas Family Code Section 54.022 (G), punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or three (3) days in jail.

Next week: Failure to Attend School - Child

Happy Birthday

September 20

Carlie Tyler, Tyler Seaton, Jose Luis Delgado, Lori Galindo, Rhonda Martin

September 21

Danielle Castro, Jason Herring, Karley Frasier, Lindsey Frasier, Zac Badeaux, Jennifer Samaniego

September 22

Kody Word, Steely Ingam, Stella Ingham, Aurora Bernal, Jonathan Paredes, Cody Renfro, Frisby Bible

September 23

Cheyenne Smith, Hunter Jennings, Pete Lopez, Mike Lopez, Taylor Niblett, Jared Parks, Euldgio Vela

September 24

Edna Velez, Jesse Velez, Hunter Mobley

September 25

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