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Ministerial Alliance Preparing Food Baskets

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance is coordinating the Christmas Food Basket program this winter. Approximately 100 boxes of staple grocery items will be shared locally.

Cub Scout Pack 19 has already gotten this year's Food Basket program off to a great start by collecting hundreds of canned goods during their annual Scouting For Food service project.

Additional items such as rice, beans, flour, corn meal, chickens, etc. will be purchased through contributions to the Ministerial Alliance.

Anyone who would like to be considered as a recipient for a food basket may call the office of the Texas Department of Health, 387-2234 or the Sutton County Justice of the Peace at 387-3322. Please give your name, address and the number of persons in your family when requesting a food basket.

If you would like to make a donation to the Ministerial Alliance, contributions can be mailed to Box 1015, Sonora TX 76950.

The majority of the food boxes will be delivered by Sonora church youth groups on Saturday morning, December 22. Some of the boxes will be delivered by the Sonora High School Student Council on December 20.

8th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade

The 8th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade will be Monday, December 3 beginning at approximately 5:15 P.M. with the arrival of Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

The evening will continue with the Sonora Elementary Christmas Choir performing at 5:20 p.m. The Devil's River Dancers will be performing at 5:30 and Sonora's own "Border Trash" will put you in the Christmas spirit with their rendition of your favorite Christmas songs.

Then as night falls, the evening will come to a close with the traditional ride down Main Street led by Miss Sutton County Tori Valliant, as the courthouse is set aglow for the

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City Council Honored With Downtown Association Award

by Storie Sharp

At the November 20th meeting of the Sonora City Council, Ann Kay presented the court with a Texas Downtown Association Award. Sonora received the award for the Memorial Day Celebration "Veterans From All Wars" Exhibit. Ann Kay also presented an award to the Devil's River News for the media portion of the Exhibit.

The council then conducted their regular meeting with all council members, Gloria Lopez, Jim Stephen, Virgil Poloccek and James Blackman, present. Conducting the meeting was Mayor JoAnn Hernandez. Also present were: Jimmy Cahill, Lewis Allen, Don Sessom, Becky Covington, City Secretary, Justin McGeath, D'Arcy Wagoner, James McLaughlin, Chris Croy, Rick Taylor, Carl Teaff, Russell Green, Cam Campbell, Beth Wallace, City Attorney and Brent Gesch, City Manager.

The monthly tax collection report from the Sutton County Appraisal District was approved. The council then elected Sutton County Appraisal District Directors for 2002-2003 and approved a contract with Sutton County Appraisal District for assessment and collection services.

A budget amendment request from the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc. was approved for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Fuel bids from dispensing contractors for the municipal fleet were opened. Having received only one, from Eddins Walcher, the bid went to Eddins Walcher.

Bids for employee uniforms

Sonora Post Office Promotes Unity, Safety and Patriotism Through United We Stand Stamp Ceremony

Sonora, Tx - On December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, the Sonora post office from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. will host a Customer Appreciation Day, which includes a second-day-of-issue stamp ceremony commemorating the United We Stand stamp. The United We Stand Stamp is a fitting tribute to the invigorated patriotic spirit of our nation, and the United States is one of the most recognized symbols of freedom and democracy in the world.

Postmaster Judy Phillips says such an event places the postal service as a trendsetter in the community and an infrastructure of patriotism.

"As one of the primary carriers of business correspondence and personal letters in this country, our customers depend on us to deliver

their mail from one point to another," says Phillips. "This 226 year-old tradition of carrying the mail will not end; together, postal employees and their customers will unite and make the Postal Service a stronger symbol of trust, democracy and freedom."

This event is free to the public, and all business and residential customers are invited to attend this special event at the Sonora Post Office. "United We Stand" stamps will be on sale along with "Honoring Veterans" and "Farm Flag" stamps. Come in and let us put our Sonora post mark on your United We Stand mail and allow us to say "Thank You" for your continued support and business. Refreshments will be served.

Garner Named EMT Person of the Year

On November 20, 2001 Carla Garner was the recipient of the EMS Person of Year award at the annual EMS Conference held in Austin, Texas. She received this honor for her many years of dedicated service to all levels of EMS in Texas. Carla has been actively involved with Sutton County EMS since 1988 when she began her training and certification as an Emergency Care Attendant. Since that time she has continued to upgrade her certification to that of Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate in addition to holding certifications for Instructor and Examiner through the Texas Department of Health and the American Heart Association Instructors certification. Through the years Carla has instructed Emergency Care Attendant, Emergency Medical Technician, First Aid and CPR classes in not only Sutton County but also Schleicher, Crockett, Edwards and Irion Counties.

On the State level, Carla became a member of Texas Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council (TEMSAC) in 1993, serving as Parliamentarian and on the Education Committee. In 1994, she chaired the Provider Committee and then was Vice-Chairman of TEMSAC in 1995. She is married to John (Rusty)



Carla Garner

Garner, and has one son Craig Hopper, who is an attorney in Austin, one stepson, Clay Garner, and one stepdaughter, Keshia Garner Smith. The apple of her eye is her two-year-old granddaughter, Emma Hopper.



Sonora Mayor JoAnn Hernandez (left) accepts the glass trophy awarded to the City of Sonora from Ann Kay (center) as City Councilman Virgil Poloccek (right) proudly looks on. The award was presented by the Texas Downtown Association for the Memorial Day Celebration.

Staff Photo

were then opened from two uniform companies. After much discussion on the lack of quality service from the company with the lowest bid, it was decided that the bid be awarded to Cintas. A representative from Cintas informed the council that service was part of their contract and that if for any reason they felt they were not getting the required service, they could get out of the contract. He also advised that the contract was a locked contract for three years, with no annual increase. After much discussion regarding this subject a motion was made by Lopez,

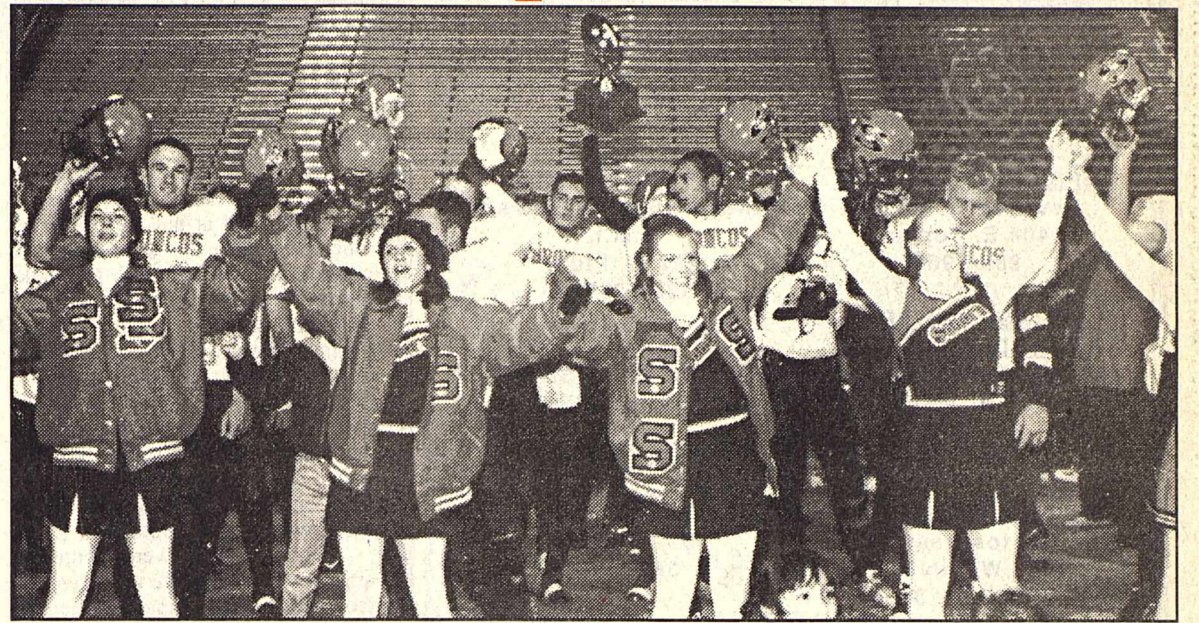
seconded by Poloccek to award the bid to Cintas. The motion carried unanimously.

Bids for the depository of operating funds were studied and discussed. A motion was then made by Blackman, seconded by Stephen to award the bid to the Bank & Trust. The motion carried.

The council approved a donation for flags and flagpoles at the Police Department. Los Compadres Dance Club, Virgil Poloccek, James Blackman and the Sonora Police Department have volunteered all

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2001 Area Champions Bronco Express Rolls On



Broncos celebrate an Area Championship win. Photo by Robin Street

by Tryon Fields

Playoff experience, opportunistic, something to prove, or possibly on the verge of being a real good football team - take your pick - All of the above describe the 2001 Sonora Broncos.

Everyone of these adjectives describe the Red Hosses this past Friday; in the Area round of the 2001 playoffs. Facing the Tahoka Bulldogs in Monohans; the Bronco fans were treated to Thanksgiving dessert. Three turnovers by the Bulldogs in the first two and a half minutes of play resulted in ten Bronco points that would ultimately be all the Red Hosses would need in winning this Area matchup.

Deferring after winning the coin toss; would be possibly the best defensive move of the night for the Broncos. Initially it looked like this was the worst call, as Bulldog speedster, Stephen Solorzano, would take the Stetson Hall kick at his fifteen and sprint through the Broncos to the Sonora forty-four where Bronco safety, James Elliott, would collar the Bulldog to save the touchdown. With the Bronco faithful wondering; can we stop this Cinderella team? The Bulldog offense took the field and the question was answered. Tahoka's quarterback, Brandon McCord, would fumble the very first snap of the game and Bronco defensive tackle, Israel Arevalo, would recover the loose pigskin at the Bronco forty-two. The Bulldog defense dressed in Blue and White knew that had to make a statement early. Stopping Sean Fields for a two yard gain and then dropping William Renfro for a six yard loss put the Broncos in an early passing situation. Bronco quarterback, Scottie Moore, would throw a pin point pass to Douglas Yokum who would come up a yard short to put the Broncos in a punting situation. Moore's punt would pin the Bulldogs inside their twenty at the eighteen. Tahoka's second snap from center ended with the same results as the first. This time, however; Bronco linebacker, Thomas Bloodworth, would come up with

ten point advantage.

The Broncos first possession of the second quarter would meet with some very stiff resistance from the Bulldog defense led by Jordan Vega, Ben Stroope, and Derrick Barrientez. Runs by Fields, Renfro, and Chance Armke would move the ball close to mid-field before the drive would stall. Once again, Moore's punt would pin the Bulldogs back at their eighteen. Excellent secondary coverage and up-front pressure by Beau Hughes and Thomas Bloodworth would force Tahoka to punt for the first time. After the Bulldog punt, the Broncos would once again find themselves with excellent field position at the Bulldog forty-nine. Renfro for nine yards, Fields dropped for a one yard loss, a procedure call on the Broncos and the Red Hosses are faced with a third and seven at the Tahoka forty-six. Respecting the run, the Bulldogs forgot to check the back out of the backfield. Dustin Martin slipping through the middle of Tahoka's defense collected the pass from Scottie Moore at the Bulldog thirty and out raced the Tahoka defenders for the Bronco touchdown. With five minutes and fifty-one seconds left in the second quarter, Hall would add his fifth point of the game and give the Broncos a seventeen point lead. Broncos 17 - Bulldogs 0.

Not, throwing in the towel, Tahoka came right back at the Broncos after the ensuing kick-off. Using the passing attack of McCord to Adrian Moore, the Bulldogs advanced the ball to the Bronco fifteen. When it wasn't turnovers, it was major penalties that would effectively shut the Bulldogs down. An unsportsmanlike penalty on third down would move the Bulldogs back to the Bronco thirty-one. Out of field goal range, Tahoka resorted to trickery. The Bronco defense would not have any of it and stopped the reverse play well short of the yardage needed for the first down. With two minutes and twelve

The thirty-seven yard field goal attempt by Odilon Ganados to begin the second quarter would be wide left. To start the second quarter, the Broncos would continue to hold a

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Local PTA Votes To Become PTO

by Bonnie Lou Campbell

The Sonora Schools Parent Teacher Association met on Monday, November 19, 2001 for their second meeting of the year. The meeting was called to order by President, Carol Pope. An invocation was given by Superintendent, Brant Myers. The pledge was followed by the reading of the minutes by Secretary, Rachel Agüero.

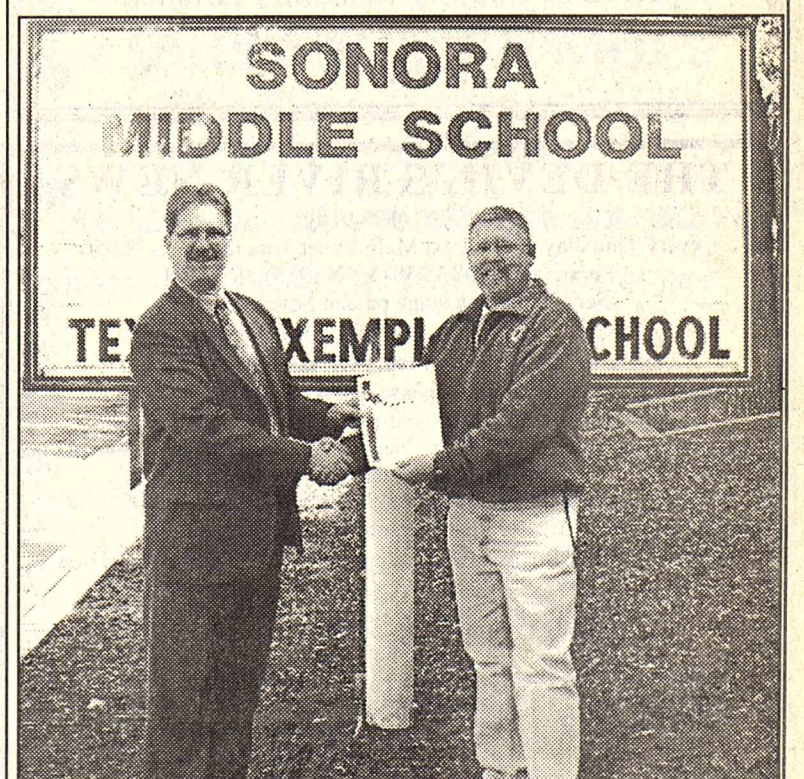
The treasurer's report stated that we had \$2,168.00 in our account, after the \$900.00 that was given to the teachers for their class accounts. Each Elementary teacher was given a \$30.00 account to cover "extras" that they would like to buy for their classes.

Hospitality chairperson, Lorena Castro thanked everyone for all the contributions of "goodies" for the meetings and called for volunteers to bring more "goodies" to our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in December.

Fundraising co-chairperson, Bonnie Lou Campbell reported that we had made \$236.00 at the Fall

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S.M.S. Makes The Grade




Superintendent Brant Myers (right) presents Sonora Middle School Principal, John Berry with a Certificate of Exemplary Status for the Middle School from the Commissioner of Education.

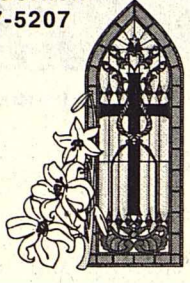
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Obituaries

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Deborah Ann Hail

Deborah Ann Hail of Sonora, Texas, lost a courageous fight with cancer on November 27, 2001. Although this was not her first battle with cancer, sadly it proved to be her last. Deb was born on June 19, 1951, to Kenneth and Wincie Hail in San Angelo, Texas. She was a graduate of San Angelo Central High School and Angelo State University.



Deb's body was donated to the UTSA Health Science Center. Honoring her request for no funeral services, there will be a memorial and celebration of her life at 2:00 p.m. at the Sonora Cemetery on Thursday, November 29, 2001. Rev. Lewis Allen of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora will conduct the memorial service.

For twenty years Deb was an employee of Halliburton Company in Sonora and Midland. Her desire to "come home" brought her back to Sonora where she most recently worked for Rafter W Feed Store. Her wonderful spirit and dedication always put her at the top of the list when a volunteer was needed. She organized and worked to make many local events successful including the Fling Ding, Sutton County Days, Chili Cook-Off, and Sonora Game Dinner to name a few. She put many a mile on her old gray pickup hauling Kelly to barrel races and rodeos. If you couldn't find her on the road or socializing, you could find her playing softball or watching the Cowboys play football.

Deb's friends were countless, and they filled her life with love and laughter. Close friends remember her as *Cupcake* or *Hot Dawg*, but all who knew her remember her courage, strength, and quick wit.

The memories she leaves with her family and friends are endless.

Deb's beloved father, Kenneth Hail, preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Ponsetti-Avritt; son-in-law, John Avritt; precious grandsons, Jake Ponsetti and Luke Avritt; her mother, Wincie Hail; brother, Steve Hail and his wife Corrie; two nieces, Amy Hail Irons and Jennifer Hail Bell; and a nephew, Eric Hail. She also leaves her special companion, friend, and caregiver, Mel Holt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to The American Cancer Society.

One of Deb's favorite lines was, "I've hit a snag, I'm running late." Well, Deb, we wish this snag would have lasted longer because we will miss you more than words can express.

Dee Anne Smart Hunn

Mrs. Dee Anne Smart Hunn, 39, of Rocksprings, Texas, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2001, in Kerr County, Texas, as a result of an automobile accident. Dee Anne, a lifelong resident of Rocksprings, was born April 9, 1962, in Ozona, Texas, to Neville G. Smart Jr. and Alma Ingham Smart.

Heflin and husband, Herb, of Liberty Hill; brother, Neville G. Smart III and wife, Shalla, of Brady; aunts, Judy Ingham of San Angelo and Gerry Ingham of Sonora; two nieces, Ashley Heflin of Liberty Hill and Shelby Smart of Brady; two nephews, Leston Kade Heflin of Liberty Hill and Dalton Drew Smart of Brady; and numerous cousins.

Dee Anne was a graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, in 1985 and was manager of the Rocksprings Abstract and Title Company. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rocksprings.

Funeral services were Monday, November 26, 2001, at First United Methodist Church in Rocksprings, Texas, with the Rev. Nancy Littlefield officiating. Interment followed in Rocksprings Cemetery.

Survivors include parents, Neville G. Smart Jr. and Alma Smart of Rocksprings; maternal grandmother, Phyllis J. Ingham of Ozona; two sons, Clifford Madison Hunn and Lon Willis Hunn, both of Rocksprings; father of her children, Robert Clifford Hunn of Rocksprings; sister, Diane Adele

Pallbearers were Jay McNealy, Ben Ingham, Stephen Smart, Cash Letsinger, Charles Carson and Jack Whitworth.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Rocksprings, Edwards County EMS or the Edwards County Historical Society.

Michael James O'Connor

Michael James O'Connor was born into life October 4, 2001 and was born into eternity November 22, 2001. Michael is survived by his parents Bree James and James T. O'Connor; his grandparents Jill and Nick Petronio of Houston, Texas, Dod and Roberta James of Sonora, Texas, Kathy and Kevin Larmon, James and Renee O'Connor of Chicago, Illinois. Also survived by loving great-grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, November 24, 2001 at The Most Holy Redeemer Church with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a favorite children's charity of your choice.

When God Calls little children to dwell with Him above, we mortals always question the wisdom of His love. For no heartache compares with the death of one small child who does so much to make this world seem wonderful and mild. Perhaps God tires always calling the aged to His fold, and so He picks a rosebud before it can grow old. God knows how much we need them and so He takes but few - to make the land of Heaven more beautiful to view. Believing this - is difficult, still somehow we must try. The saddest word that mankind knows will always be "goodbye". And so when little ones depart - we who are left behind must realize how much God loves little children - For angels are hard to find.

Gloria Faz Medina

Gloria Faz Medina, 55, of Sonora, Texas, passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2001 in San Angelo, Texas. She was born March 23, 1946 in Del Rio, Texas.

David Anthony Torres. She was preceded in death by her father, Juan Francisco (Frank) Faz on October 10, 2001 and a brother, Arturo Faz.

Survivors are her husband, Guadalupe Medina of Sonora; daughter, Rebecca Medina of Sonora; son, David Medina of Dallas, mother, Eva G. Faz of Del Rio, Texas; sisters, Bertha Paniagua and her husband George, and Mary Ann Faz, all of Del Rio; brothers, Luis Faz and his wife Casey, Gustavo Faz, and Edward Faz and his wife Gloria; and grandson,

Funeral services were at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Burial was at Del Rio Memorial Park. Pallbearers were George Paniagua Jr., Louie Faz, Jr., Arturo Faz, Enrique Araujo, Richard Araujo Jr., and Eduardo Araujo.

Dora Mendez Mendoza

Dora Mendez Mendoza, 57, died Tuesday, November 20, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital. Services were Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Alicia Herrera of Sonora, Consuelo Gulley of El Paso, and Nancy Guardiola and Ann Marie Thornton, both of San Antonio; brothers, Robert Mendez, Arnaldo Mendez and Francisco Mendez, all of Sonora, Jimmy Mendez of Tye and Pete Mendez of Brownfield; and sisters, Juanita Herrera of Sonora, Maria Cortez of Fredericksburg and Lydia Mendez of Fort Worth.

Survivors include her husband, Jesus Mendoza of Sonora; mother; Manuela Mendez of Ozona; sons, Jesus Herrera Jr. and John Manuel Mendez, both of Sonora; daughters,

Pat Shroyer

Pat Shroyer, 78, of Sonora died Thursday, November 22, 2001, in a Fredericksburg nursing home.

August 1, 1947. She was a ranch-woman and a homemaker. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Graveside services were on Monday, November 26, in the Sonora Cemetery with the Rev. Ted Harris officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by her daughter, Annette.

Pat was born October 6, 1923, in Menard to John and Gladys Wyatt Reiley. She graduated from Incarnate Word in San Antonio. She married Melvin A. "Buster" Shroyer

She is survived by two sisters Beverly Wilson and husband, Elmer, of Sonora and Winnie Lynn "Snookie" Joseph and husband, George, of Sonora; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bernie Nolen Gibbs

Bernie Nolen Gibbs, 95, of Sutton County died Sunday, November 25, 2001 in a Junction Care Center.

union, Bernie Dawn Kirkpatrick, born November 8, 1927, died March 1986 and Leonard Nolen born November 29, 1929, died July 21, 1997. She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Ruth Gibbs of the ranch and a son-in-law, Lloyd Kirkpatrick of Uvalde, 4 grandchildren, Ann Whitford of San Antonio, Dee Kirkpatrick of Uvalde, Melissa Kinard of Longview and Laura Parker of Ozona, great-grandchildren Chris and Becky Clifton, Katie Parker, Ty and Drew Kirkpatrick and step-great grandchild Jesse. She has one great-great grandchild, Austin Gage Clifton.

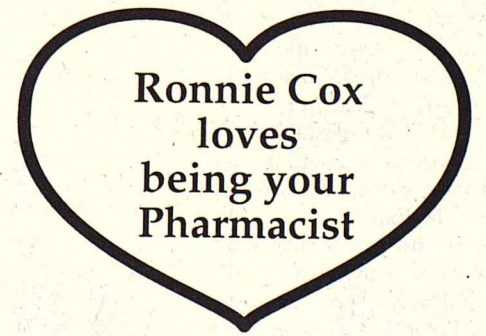
Graveside services were Tuesday, November 27, 2001 in the Sonora Cemetery with Gary Gibbs officiating. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Raymond Nolen.

She was born February 26, 1906 in Palava, Texas in Fisher County to Elmer Russell and Cora Albertie (Bertie) Graves Nolen. Bernie was a graduate of Sweetwater High School and finished National Business College in Abilene. She married Leonard Gibbs October 1, 1926 in Sweetwater. They came to Kimble County and ranched in the London Community until they purchased ranch land in Sutton and western Kimble Counties in 1927.

Two children were born to this

She was a devoted mother, gifted housekeeper and cook and an accomplished ranch woman. She will be missed.



Dining Out Directory


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| <p>Dairy Queen 134 Hwy. 277 N. 387-2118</p> <p>La Mexicana 240 N. Hwy 277 387-3401</p> <p>Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N. 387-3540</p> <p>Sutton County Steakhouse 1306 N. Service Rd 387-3833</p> <p>Stagecoach Grill & Cantina 407 South Crockett 387-0623</p> <p>Taco Grill 232 Hwy. 277 N. 387-9127</p> <p>Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett 387-6181</p> <p>Town & Country - Country Kitchen 903 N. Crockett Ave. 387-2169</p> | <p>Senior Center News</p> <p>Dec. 4 - AAA reports due...Exercise with video!</p> <p>Dec. 6 - Crafts.</p> <p>Dec. 7 - Rummage Sale at Hospital Annex. 8:00 a.m. to ? Run errands and pay bills!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Menu</p> <p>Dec. 3 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian veggies, roll, orange.</p> <p>Dec. 4 - Baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, juice, roll, peanut butter cookie.</p> <p>Dec. 5 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat roll, carrot sticks, applesauce.</p> <p>Dec. 6 - Vermillion with beef, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortillas, mixed fruit cup.</p> <p>Dec. 7 - Catfish with tartar sauce, spinach, corn, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon pudding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon. \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Menu is subject to change.*</i></p> |
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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
I would like to start my column with a special thank you to my husband, Rick Palmer, for all the time he has put in fixing, and decorating the Miers Home Museum, Cauthorn Memorial Building, Old Jail Museum and the public restrooms. Without the help of all our volunteer members on our different projects this year this organization could not survive. Thank you all for your help on our many projects.

Q. Were any of the old lawmen killed or shot by outlaws?

A. Sheriff E. S. Briant was shot in the shoulder, about 6 months before the apprehension of Will Carver, while trying to stop a domestic dispute. J. L. Davis shot the person who shot Briant before he could fire a second time.

Deputy Oscar Drennan, while on a posse chasing a suspect, was fatally shot and fell into a campfire. The suspect got away to Mexico and was never heard from again.

Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson was stabbed by a drunken man from Eldorado who had been causing problems at a local bar. Luckily the knife deflected off a rib and didn't enter the chest wall. The incident happened 9 miles north of Sonora at Henry Decker's place of business. Chester Minnick disarmed the drunk after he had stabbed Hutcherson. He then gave the knife to Hutcherson. Dr. Joel Shelton treated Sheriff Hutcherson.

We are sure some Sheriff or Deputy has been hurt in other ways over the years, we just haven't found the story in the paper yet. If you know of any Sheriff or Deputy that was hurt in the line of duty give me a call and we will try to find the story and print it at a future date.

Q. Do you have any information on the death of Janet Baker in 1937?

A. Devil's River News, March 19, 1937 - Funeral services were held in Fort Stockton Thursday afternoon for Janet Ruth Baker, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, former Sonora residents. The child was born at 11:15 Wednesday night and died at 7:30 the next morning as the result of a heart attack brought on by a lung condition prevalent from the time of birth. The Bakers have one other child, Frank Kelsey, almost three years old. Burial was in the Easthill Cemetery.

Q. When was the 100,000 gallon water tank built?

A. Devil's River News, March 4, 1938 - C. H. Nail, in charge of Sherman Machine and Iron Works, contracting firm making the city's water system improvements and facility extensions now has the 100,000 gallon water tank 75% complete and the main laying 90% complete. The tank is 48 feet in diameter, 7 feet and 9 inches deep and 160 feet in circumference. The tank will be covered and a cover is also being made for the old 200,000 gallon tank.

In the same issue we found a story about E. C. Saunders selling his faithful old Ford to his grandson Harold for \$15. It seems Mr. Saunders bought a used Ford in Ozona for \$300. The old touring car lost its tonneau many years ago so that surveying materials might be carried. It carried Mr. Saunders all over West Texas for almost 22 years. Though he will miss his old vehicle Mr. Saunders is quite impressed with the self-starter his new vehicle came equipped with.

Let's take a look at what was happening in Sonora in the November 27, 1936 Devil's River News - Closing the gridiron season in a blaze of glory the Sonora high school Bronchos Saturday afternoon defeated Menard by a 12-6 score in a game which brought their season record to one of five victories and three defeats. This gave them third place in District 34-B.

Ten boys have played their last game this year: L. M. Roueche, R. Trainer, Dickie Vehle, Eugene Adams, Lloyd McGhee, Marion Elliott, Bob Jackson, Wilton Stubblefield, Louis Davis and J. L. Sanchez. Dock Simmons and Odell Odum have been student managers, assisting Coach O.P. Adams.

Sam Hull, manager of the Sonora Motor Co., wanted to show what one Sonora payroll meant to the community so he paid his employees with 225 silver dollars. His experiment showed, in a check-up with the First National Bank, that 150 of the "cartwheels" as they used to be known when they were seen more often, had come to the bank from Sonora business houses and Sutton county individuals.

Most successful out of Sutton Co hunters so far this season are Jim Chadwick who bagged a 6 point deer, his son Sam bagged a 10 point buck, George Hearn got a 4 point buck, Alfred Sessums a 10 point buck in the Terrell-Brewster section southwest of Sanderson. Their truck



E.C. Saunders in the Surveyors Office.

attracted much attention on the Sonora streets Tuesday with the bucks draped on the four corners of the machine. For good measure a coyote, which they had run over when it attempted to cross the highway in front of their truck, was laid across on a fender. All the deer were black tail.

An Alamo Freight Lines driver turned on its side a large truck and trailer about fifteen miles east of town on the San Antonio highway. Luckily the driver, Woodrow Smith, was uninjured as well as the 40 cases of liquor he was carrying that were consigned to buyers in Sonora for the holidays.

The Rev. R. C. Brinkley gave a lecture before the Lions Club on Thanksgiving and the various ways the people of 1936 should be thankful. The Baptist and Methodist Church united for an associated worship and Thanksgiving sermon in the Baptist Church auditorium.

The following have so far been assigned parts in the four act play called "The Fool": Miss Pauline Davis, Miss Velma Chadwick, Miss Dorothy Penick, Miss Edythe Carson, Jodie Trainer, Boyd Caffey, the Rev. R. C. Brinkley, the Rev. R. F. Davis, Dr. Joel Shelton, Howard Willis, W. C. Gilmore, H. F. Gilley, Peggy Gilmore, Edmond Heinze, Miss Nann Karnes, Mrs. Edmond Heinze, Mrs. Tom A. Bond, and Louie Trainer.

Miss Marie Watkins presented a voice and piano recital in which Edith May Babcock, Peggy Reming and Betty Lou Shoemaker sang the "Thanksgiving Song." Kathryn Ross presented "The Bridge of Avignon."

Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Nance wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Janice Woods Nance to Jim Kamas of Blanco, Texas. The couple were married in their home near Blanco.

EMS Nominates EMT of the Year

The Sutton County EMS held their monthly meeting on November 5, 2001. After the meeting was called to order by President Leslie Thorp, Pascal Allison gave the Treasurer's report. Pat Campbell gave the Officer's report and reported that the Shannon Hospital has a new entrance due to a remodeling project.

The EMS Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Nominations for EMT of the year were taken. This year's nominees are Rose Butler, EMT-I, Pat Campbell, EMT-P, and T.J. Green, EMT-I. Good luck to all the nominees.

Thank You

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial hospital would like to thank Mr. Norm Rousselot and family for the generous donation of the Nordic track Total-Body Fitness System and the Nautilus Abdominal Strengthening Machine. This donation to the Physical Therapy Department has already and will in the future continue to benefit many patients in their challenging road to rehabilitation.

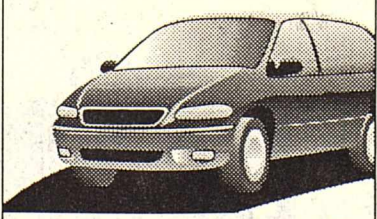
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The family of Dora Mendez Mendoza would like to give their thanks and gratitude to family, friends, and others for your prayers, phone calls, thoughts, food, flowers and visits during our recent loss of our mother, sister, aunt and friend.

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Church of Christ To Offer Bible Study About The Church

The Sonora Church of Christ will enter into a series of studies concerning "What is Right About the Church". This study will begin on Sunday morning, December 2nd and conclude on Wednesday evening, December 5. Services on Sunday will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and weekday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be singing beginning about 20 minutes prior to the weekday evening services. The song leader will be Gene Helm of Kerrville. Gene leads singing for a congregation in San Antonio and is a past Director of the Medina Children's Home Chorus. Speakers will be Jerry Jackson and Clyde Dukes on Sunday. Both of these men are from Sonora. Monday evening Paul Shero of San Angelo will speak and on Tuesday evening Tim Dobbs of

Odessa. Larry Elford of Del Rio will conclude the series on Wednesday evening.

This subject was chosen because there is much criticism of the Church today and misunderstanding about the role of the Church. The goal of this series of lessons will be to go back to the Bible to define the Church, its mission, and role in the world today. A group of experienced and interesting speakers have been invited to present these lessons. You will find them very interesting and thought provoking.

There will be food and fellowship following the weekday services. You will enjoy the singing each night and the fellowship following the service. Come and enjoy these special studies.

Happy Birthday

November 29

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November 30

Patsy Bryant, Benny Frasier, Garret Jaeger

December 1

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December 2

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December 3

Sam Perez, Adriana Velez, Angelo Vitela, Gus Ward, Frank Lopez

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Sunday • 6:30 pm • Clyde Duke, Sonora

"The Glory of Christ in His Church" Eph. 3:21

Monday • 7 pm • Paul Shero, San Angelo

"The Manifold Wisdom of God in
the Church's Mission" Eph. 3:10

Tuesday • 7 pm • Tim Dobbs, Odessa

"The Glorious Church" Eph. 5:25-27

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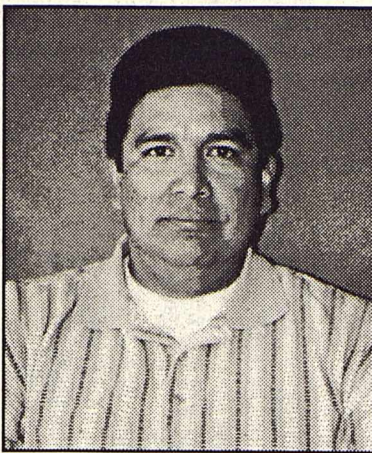
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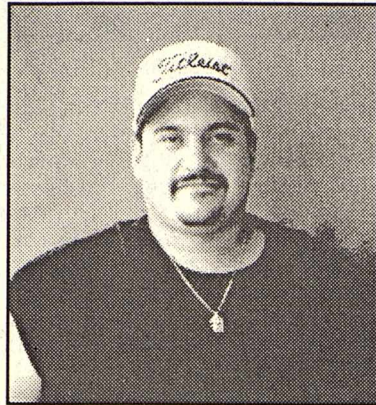
Service awards were recently presented to three Sonora employees from the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

David Sanchez, construction inspector from the Sonora Area Office, received a 15 year service award.

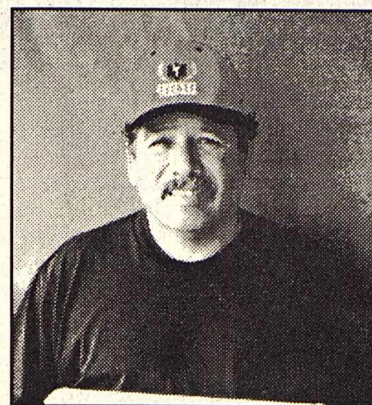
Sonora Maintenance Section employees who were both recognized for five years of service include Francisco Gandar, maintenance tech, and George Noriega, mechanic.



David Sanchez



George Noriega



Francisco Gandar

F.Y.I.

Sonora I.S.D. Schools will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 30th for the Regional Championship Game in Denver City. Buses will run at 12:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 19 - Monthly Pack Meeting - Sunday, December 2nd in the Methodist Church Basement from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be served, along with a visit from Santa Claus.

The Sonora Band Boosters will hold a business meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Band Hall. All parents of band students are encouraged to attend.

Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale: Friday, December 7, 2001, the auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at the hospital annex starting at 8:00 a.m. Anyone with items to donate to this effort are asked to deliver them to the hospital by Wednesday, December 5th. The auxiliary contributes money from its fundraisers to local scholarships and to the purchase of furniture/equipment needed by the hospital. Your support is appreciated. Please call Vallree Draper at 387-2071 or Janalyn Jones at 387-3101 for more information or to arrange pick up of your items if you are unable to deliver them.

Hunters and landowners who would like to contribute deer to be distributed through the Ministerial Alliance Deer Distribution program may take their deer to Sonora Deer Processing at 804 Glasscock. If you would like to receive a deer, you may request one by calling the office of the Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, at 387-3322 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or the office of the Texas Department of Health at 387-2234.

Sonora Students Make 'Who's Who' List

A total of 56 students from this area are included in the 35th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 35th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

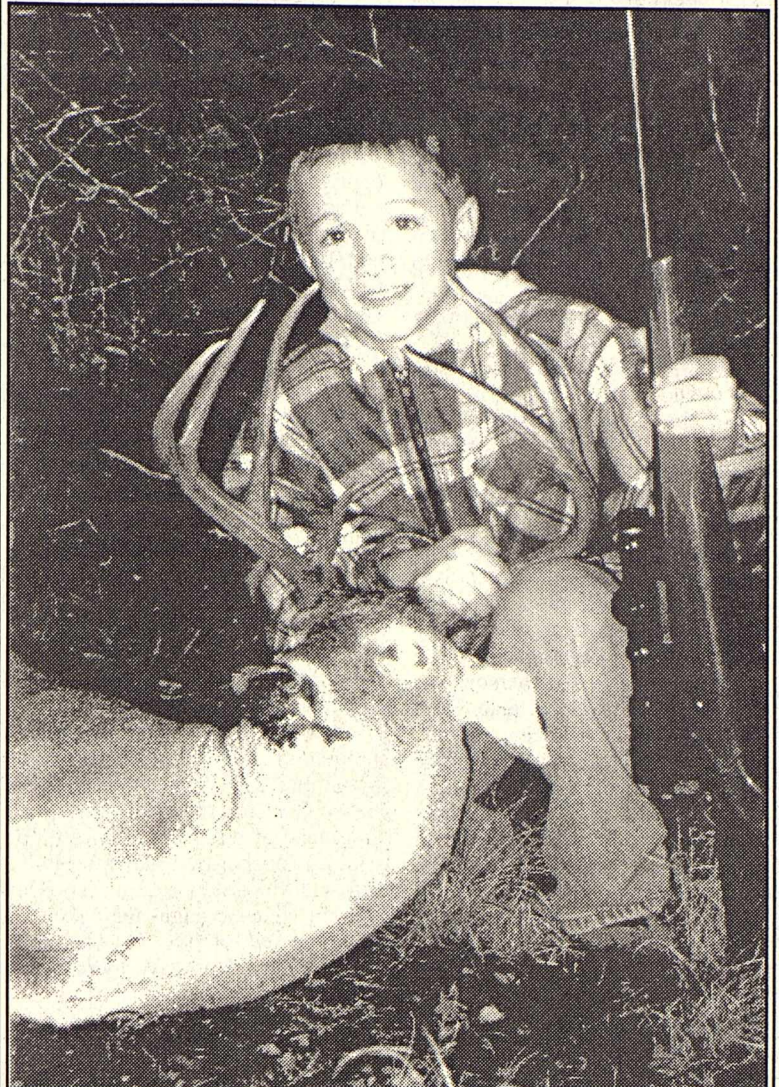
Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll

of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students selected include:

Cody Ainsworth, Justin Ainsworth, Chance Armke, Marjorie Becknell, Megan Berry, Landon Brockman, Ruben Brown, Jessica Collins, Heather Felts, Sean Fields, Joe Flores, Jose Flores, Danielle Galindo, Denevra Gloria, Desiree Gonzales, Crystal Guerra, Stephanie Hard, Ryan Hardgrave, Ervey Hernandez, Esteban Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Shalayne Hobbs, Marilyn Holman, Brea Hughes, Beau Hughes, Maria Ibarra, Kelly Kearney, Kacci Lewellen, Brittany Longoria, Missy Longoria, Ricardo Lumbreras, Ricky Lumbreras, Dustin Martin, Evangelina Martinez, Mayra Martinez, Thia McKissack, Kasey Miller, Ashley Parker, Leandra Perez, Stephanie Reddin, Justin Routh, Nicole Samaniego, Amanda Sanchez, Tyler Seaton, Cameron Sims, Justin Sims, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street, Walker Thompson, Matt Torres, Tori Valliant, Amy Vandiver, Ashley Vickers, Wilson Wallace, and Bryce Williams, Byron Williams.

Who's Baggin' The Big Bucks?



Nine year old Joey Biancalana got his first buck while hunting on the Marvin Shurley ranch on November 15, 2001. Joey was using a 7mm - 08 when he got this 8 point that field dressed 147 lbs. Joe is the grandson of Louis and Loyce Balas of Sonora. He lives with his mom and dad, Lori and Joe Biancalana, in Castle Rock, Colorado.

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Healy Among Tech Graduates

Ryan Charles Healy, son of Mike and Catherine Healy received a Bachelor of Business Administration at the summer 2001 graduation ceremonies for Texas Tech University. Healy was among 754 graduates that received Bachelor Degrees in Lubbock.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a Victoria Advocate article dated November 08, 2001 entitled "Reservists, guardsmen face financial hardship" by Sean Bowlin.

I am a proud member of Victoria's own National Guard detachment, B Co. 1/141 INF and have been on active duty since our Nation's call in early October. After our initial in-processing, training and testing, I and many other Citizen Soldiers from all over south Texas have been on station, executing our mission.

These soldiers come from cities like Victoria, Del Rio, Houston, San Antonio and College Station. They are from towns like Alice, Hondo, Pattison, Kenedy, Palito Blanco, Knippa and Dilley. They are students, teachers, businessmen and plant workers. They work in the oil field, on ranches and in the Gulf. These men are husbands, fathers and sons. In short, they are just like any other citizens of Texas except that they have the added distinction of having accepted the obligation of serving as Texas National Guardsmen.

Since the earliest days of the American colonies, citizens, organized as militia, have been prepared to step forward in defense of the community, state and country. In early Texas, men left their farms, crops and families along the Brazos

and Colorado to defend their neighbors. Texas men have answered the call from the Alamo and Anzio to floods and civil defense. Countless men have left their jobs, homes, children and wives only to sacrifice their livelihoods, futures and lives.

Today's Texas Soldier is not unlike his forefathers. With his oath, he understands that his obligation to this state and country may require him to make adjustments and sacrifices in order to perform his duty. He understands that his army pay may not be the same as what he received from his civilian occupation. He knows that he may go from working for the phone company one day to being deployed on active duty in less than twenty-four hours. Today's Texas Soldier is prepared to fulfill his obligation as a citizen and soldier in what ever capacity the Governor or President may require.

To be sure, activation has not been without some amount of confusion and difficulty. There are many men who have had to leave many difficult situations at home. Certainly, our families have had, and will have to endure the hardship of extended separation from their soldier. Everything possible is being done to ease these hardships. All of that said, as Texas Soldiers, we are proud to do our part in securing this nation from our enemies. Rest assured, we will accomplish this mission as citizens, soldiers and Texans.

Respectfully,
SGT Stan Kitzman
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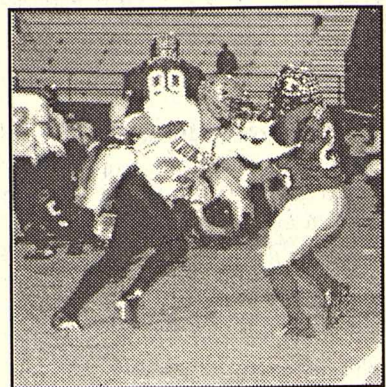
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Lady Colts Split In Grape Creek

The Lady Colts traveled to Grape Creek on Monday, November 26th. The 7th grade girls were victorious with a final score of 33 to 21. Meghan Krieg led the scoring with 14 pts. Kayla Fields had 8 and Amanda Berry had 4. Allyse Edmondson, Candace Chandler and Delma Tovar each had 2 pts. and Stacy Sanchez had 1. The girls had a 20% free throw average. The 8th grade girls played a tough game that was basket to basket to the very end. Grape Creek ended up being the victors by 1 point, with a final score of 44 to 43. Tissie Wagoner led the girls with 14 pts. Desirae Boldt had 10, Kristina Hernandez and Desirae Alvarado each had 4, Jillian Gulley and Kayla McBride each had 3 Candace Martin and Kathy Ibarra each had 2 and Kaleena Samaniego had 1. It was a tough loss for the 8th grade Lady Colts, but they will come back strong to take on Mason. Good Luck Lady Colts!

Broncos from page 1

yardage needed for the first down. With two minutes and twelve seconds left to play in the half, the Broncos would take possession at their own twenty-seven. On the first play, William Renfro would follow his blockers to the outside; and if not for Bulldog linebacker, Martin Garza, would have had a Bronco touchdown. Instead, Renfro gained 22 of his 165 total yards to get the ball near the mid-field stripe. James Elliott on the end around, a penalty, and Scottie Moore getting sacked on the screen play would back the Broncos up to their own thirty-three. Faced with a second and twenty-eight; Scottie Moore would call the middle screen to Renfro. Renfro would gain thirteen of the needed yards. With time running out and facing a third and fifteen; Coach Herring reached deep into his bag of tricks. Double reverse pass - Moore to Elliott who hands off to Douglas Yokum who passed the ball down the field to the fullback, Sean Fields. The only problem; the pressure by the Tahoka blitzing defense forced Yokum to hurry the pass and it came up short. Fourth down - Not! - Tahoka's overly aggressiveness caused their third major penalty of the half. A roughing the passer call gave the Broncos a first down at the Tahoka thirty-nine, with ten seconds showing on the clock. Needing to get closer for a field goal try, Moore went to the air.



#44 Tan Cade blocks a Tahoka Bulldog to help the Broncos dominate in Friday's game. Photo by Robin Street

Armke, and Bloodworth would force the bulldogs to try a thirty-six yard field goal. This try would hit the right upright of the goal post and be deflected to the right - No good. Bronco defense denies for the fourth time. With eight minutes and seven seconds showing on the game clock, the Broncos will start at their own twenty. Using the power running of Sean Fields, William Renfro, Emmanuel Lopez, and Chance Armke; the Bronco Express began to march down the field. This five and a half minute Bronco Express/Freight Train drive culminated in a two yard run by Louis Segura, who scored the Broncos fourth touchdown with two minutes and forty-two seconds left in the game. Hall remained true and split the uprights to make the score: Broncos 34 - Bulldogs 0. Out of time, the Bulldogs went to the air to try and salvage some pride. After gaining ten yards on three plays, McCord lofted up a deep ball for his wide receiver. Bronco cornerback, Douglas Yokum intercepted the pass at the Bronco thirty-five and returned it to the Tahoka nineteen. At the nineteen, a hustling Bulldog defender, Josh Thompson, stripped the ball from Yokum's grasp. Total outcome, two turnovers and a net loss of twenty one yards for the Bulldogs. Now starting at their twenty, the Bulldogs went back to the air. Pass plays from Brandon McCord to Josh Thompson, Adrian Moore, and Stephen Solorzano steadily moved the ball down the field. With twenty-two seconds left in the game, McCord would find his go-to guy, Adrian Moore, in the right front corner of the end-zone for the nine yard touchdown pass. Odilon Ganados would add the PAT to put the Bulldogs seventh point on the board. Sonora 34 - Tahoka 7. With only twenty-two seconds left on the clock; one would think that the excitement would be over with. Wrong! Tahoka electing to try an onside kick - had it backfire on them. Reyes Garcia, a backup Bronco linebacker, would field the onside kick at the Bronco forty-five. Sprinting to his right, would break free at the Tahoka forty-five, and with nothing but green in front of him would stride for his first varsity touchdown. Feeling the electricity in the air, Stetson Hall would boom the PAT through the uprights to seal the 41 to 7 Area Championship victory. Sonora 41 - Tahoka 7

The next whistle stop for the Bronco Express is in Denver City, Texas this Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Red Hosses will be facing the District 6-2A representative, Spearman. This matchup should prove to be a very good Regional championship game. Once again we need to fill the stadium and show the Broncos our support, as they continue their quest toward a second consecutive State Championship. If you can not attend, be sure and tune your FM dial to 92.1 and catch Virgil Burge and Mike Percifull as they bring you the play by play of the game starting at 6:30 p.m. GOOD LUCK BRONCOS!!!! BEAT SPEARMAN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Douglas Yokum, showing excellent hands, hauled in the bullet from Moore at the eight yard line of the Bulldogs. With only three seconds on the half time clock; Stetson Hall would drill the fifteen yard field goal try just as the buzzer sounded. Sonora 20 - Tahoka 0. Deferring to the second half, the Broncos would start the half with the football. Starting at their own seventeen; the Red Hosses resembled a freight train on the express route. William Renfro and Sean Fields behind power blocking ripped off runs averaging eight yards a carry. On the eleventh play of the drive, Sean Fields would find a crease on the right side and slice through for the eleven yard touchdown run. "Mr. Automatic", Stetson Hall would punch the ball through the uprights for the Broncos twenty-seventh point. Using almost six minutes of the third quarter, the Bronco Express sent a message to the Bulldogs as well as to their future opponents. The Red Hosses not only can score quickly, but can also use a ball control offense to put points on the board. Broncos 28 - Bulldogs 0. Needing points; Tahoka went to the air. Defensive plays by James Elliott, Chance Armke, Beau Hughes, and Thomas Bloodworth would force the Bulldogs to punt after four downs. A booming punt and a muff by Fields would pin the Broncos back at their own three yard line. Finding new hope, Tahoka's defense increased the pressure and forced the Broncos punt the ball after three plays. The shanked punt by Moore would only travel twelve yards. Tahoka now would have great field position at the Bronco twenty-one. The Big Red Machine with its back to the wall stepped up to the challenge. Josh Everett, Juan Rodriguez, Sean Fields, Israel Arevalo, and Thomas Bloodworth would lead the challenge and stop the Bulldogs in five plays and force Tahoka to turn the ball over on downs. With only eighteen seconds left in the third quarter, the Broncos would start at their own fourteen. William Renfro would close out the third quarter with an eleven yard run. To start the fourth, the Bulldogs would sack Scottie Moore and keep Renfro from gaining the needed yardage for a first; thus forcing the Broncos to punt. On the thirty-seven yard punt, Tahoka's John Long would gather the ball in at his own thirty and return it to the Broncos twenty where he was run out of bounds by several Broncos. Once again, the Bronco defense responded to the call. Everett,

Lady Broncos Going Strong

The Lady Broncos continued their winning roll against Rankin and Brady in last week's games. The ladies proved to be a force worth reckoning with as they sailed past Rankin on Monday, November 19th with a 58 to 44 victory. Morgan Hobbs led the team defensively with 14 points and Heather Lawson was the Offensive player of the game, also scoring 14 points. Lawson scored 6 of those points with her two 3 pointers. Tamika Marshall also had a 3 pointer, adding to her total of 9 points for the game. The team gave a great team effort to round out the rest of the scoring, with Kara Hard and Amy Gann each scoring 5 pts., Ashley Parker with 4 pts., Monica Lira and Kasey Miller with 2 pts. each and Paola Garcia finishing it up with 1 pt. The Ladies didn't let up when they faced Brady on Bulldog turf Wednesday, November 21, 2001. Being away from home did nothing

to deter the winning streak Sonora their winning roll against Rankin and Brady in last week's games. Heather Lawson once again led the Offensive plays, scoring 19 points. Lawson sunk two 3 pointers to help rack up those points. Monica Lira was the Defensive leader for the game, scoring 8 points. Morgan Hobbs had another strong game with 9 points. Kara Hard was also successful at the basket for 9 points. Tamika Marshall had 7 pts., Kasey Miller had 6, Shalayne Hobbs had 4 and Ashley Parker hit a 3 pointer from outside the paint and Brea Hughes finished up the scoring with 3 points. The Ladies had a 51% Free Throw average, with 21 attempted and 12 made. The Lady Broncos are averaging about 62 points per game. If you haven't made it to a game yet to see the Ladies at work you are missing out. Show your Bronco spirit and support the Lady Broncos all the way!!

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Fri. - Breakfast burrito, fruit, assorted juice.
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Lunch
Mon. - Chili and beans, fried okra, fruit, cornbread.
Tues. - Lasagna, green bean casserole, salad, pudding, garlic breadsticks.
Wed. - Grilled ham and cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots or fries, oatmeal cookie.
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Holiday Meals - Don't Let Your Potluck Be Bad Luck

by Kelly Thorp, Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension Agent

An abundance of good food is often associated with the holiday season. Many holiday meals are served potluck with people bringing prepared dishes. According to Kelly Thorp, of Texas Cooperative Extension, Sutton County, certain food safety precautions should be taken to make sure that your potluck does not become bad luck with an incident of food-borne illness.

For example, precautions should be taken when transporting food to a party or office get-together. Perishable foods should not be left in the temperature danger zone of 40 to 140 degrees F for more than two hours. This time includes transport and service on a buffet line. Perishable food items include meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cooked vegetables and dairy products, and dishes made with these foods such as dressing, gravy, casseroles, or cream pies, puddings and dips.

As a guest or a hostess at a holiday potluck meal, consider the following:

If the perishable foods will be prepared ahead of time such as the night before or the morning of the event, keep the foods refrigerated until time to leave. If it is to be served hot, plan to reheat it at the event.

Ovens and microwaves should be used to reheat food - don't use warming trays or slow cookers. Use a food thermometer to check that reheated foods reach 165 degrees F. If reheating equipment is not avail-

able, plan to prepare food closer to the event time. Keep it hot by wrapping the prepared food in towels or a blanket or by placing it in an insulated chest.

Perishable foods to be served cold should be kept below 40 degrees F until serving time. Ice chests work well for transporting and keeping cold food cold. Use ice chests or ice bowls to keep cold foods below 40 degrees on a buffet line.

Keep everything clean that comes into contact with food. Wash hands and food preparation surfaces often. Make sure adequate garbage disposal facilities are available and that garbage is kept away from the food area.

If food will be prepared at the event, remember to keep raw meat separate from foods that will not be cooked such as salad or raw fruit or vegetable tray ingredients. If possible, use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood. If separate cutting boards and utensils are not available, clean and sanitize between uses.

If you are organizing and hosting the party, remember the two hour rule! Do not let perishable foods remain in the temperature danger zone for more than two hours. If foods have been left out for more than 2 hours, discard them. Remember, "if in doubt, throw it out."

For more information regarding safe food handling, contact your local county Extension office at 915-387-3101.

Rig Locations as of November 23, 2001

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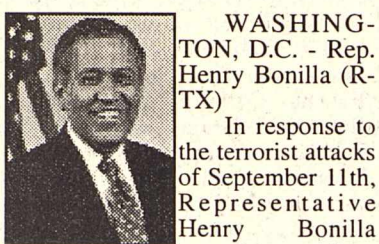
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Bonilla Votes For Safer Skies



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX)

In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, Representative Henry Bonilla recently voted for a measure that will keep the nation's skies safe for air travel.

"This legislation has perfect timing. We are now in the busiest travel season of the year," said Mr. Bonilla. "By approving the airline security legislation, we're sending a message to the people of America that we stand dedicated to keeping the skies safe."

The Secure Transportation for America Act will enforce stricter guidelines for the nation's airlines and airports. The legislation

requires that a law enforcement or military official be present at all screening stations. The bill also requires that all screeners be U.S. citizens and requires the deployment of sky marshals on United States airlines. Additionally, the bill develops specific security measures including securing cockpit doors, arming pilots with weapons, and establishing standards for airport grounds crews.

"The events of September 11th have shown us that loopholes exist in our airline security procedures. This legislation will close those holes and promote safer travel for all Americans," said Mr. Bonilla.

A similar bill was passed earlier this week by the United States Senate. While the two pieces of legislation are similar in nature, Mr. Bonilla felt obligated to take a stand against the legislation passed in the Senate. The Senate version of the bill requires that all screeners become federal employees. The process of "federalizing" a civilian employee could take six or more months. This process would create massive delays in implementing new safety measures.

Mr. Bonilla believes it is important to understand that the legislation passed in the House of Representatives does not PROHIBIT creating a federal employee work force. Instead, it gives President Bush the ability to make screeners either private employees, federal employees or a combination of the two. President Bush has given his full backing to the legislation approved by the House of Representatives.

"By giving President Bush this much needed flexibility, we're allowing him to promote strict and swift discipline, rather than forcing him into a rigid and slow system," said Mr. Bonilla. "The American people should not be forced to wait multiple months to see changes in the air transportation system. The sooner we make things happen around here, the sooner we will bring piece of mind to the nation's travelers."

"This plan will get the job done and provide the safest possible environment for American travelers. Safety should not take a back seat to the politics of federal employment," said Mr. Bonilla. "The American people deserve secure travel, and that's exactly what this legislation will deliver."

Oil & Agribusiness

Texas Crop, Weather Report

by Danielle Supercinski

COLLEGE STATION - The yield and quality of the Texas citrus crop looks favorable especially with the recent rains received in the Rio Grande Valley. Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Insects and disease have been down so the year has been favorable for producers, said Dr. Juan Anciso, Extension citrus specialist in Edinburg. "However, we probably haven't had the rains like we could have had, and that's probably why the sizes aren't there. We were a little short on the size of the fruits."

Anciso said 40 inches of rain is needed for the citrus crop to grow properly. Normally there is more rain in the fall. Last year, approximately 20 inches were received in the fall which was more timely during the critical growth period at this time, he said. So far, there has not been as much rain. Overall, rainfall is down from last year, which makes the crop require additional moisture from irrigation.

"Certainly fall rains help a lot with sizes (of fruit)," Anciso said. On the other hand, "If we get lots of rain in the spring and summer-time, we get problems with citrus rust mite, which affects the yield. They scar the outside of the fruit and basically make it unmarketable."

Anciso said citrus quality is good overall. The sizes may be a little behind schedule so there hasn't been as much movement as last year, mainly because of size, he said.

"Last year we had close to 10 million 40-pound boxes shipped," Anciso said. "We expect something similar for this year for both oranges and grapefruits. It's a little too early to tell what the yields will be, but they will probably be similar to last year."

The citrus season begins in September with the harvesting of oranges and wraps up in May with the grapefruit harvest.

"Citrus trees can be found around Houston and other areas," Anciso said. "But, as far as commercial production, it's only in the lower Rio Grande Valley in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties."

With 32,000 acres, Texas' production is very small when compared to other states, Anciso said. Texas is the third largest producer of citrus in the United States, with Florida ranking first and California, second.

"Right now 85 percent of the crop is marketed as Rio Stars grapefruit," Anciso said. "They're made up of the varieties Rio Red and the few Star Ruby varieties that remain. That's the main marketed group because that's the redder grapefruit varieties."

Anciso said current citrus prices are about average or maybe just a little bit more than last year at this time. The fruit is smaller this year: good, big fruit will be harder to find and consequently more expensive for consumers to buy, he said.

When going to the grocery store, it is important to get fruit that is good and ripe.

"More than anything when you're in the store consider the time of the year," Anciso said. "I would say sometime after the first of December through February is the optimal time to get grapefruit for

taste." Some grapefruits are harvested too early. They still pass the maturity test by U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors but it's not the same as letting them mature on the tree, Anciso said. If consumers wait too late after February, the grapefruits tend to dry out and lose some of their flavor, he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to adequate. Cotton, sorghum, and peanut harvest almost complete. Rain halted harvest until fields dry. Conditions are rated very poor to fair. Cattle in good condition. Supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Sorghum harvest 70 percent complete. Cotton, and peanut harvest almost complete. Pumpkin harvest complete. Livestock in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is short to adequate. The wheat crop making good growth. Cotton producers are awaiting a hard freeze to finish off the cotton crop to begin harvest. Yields are below average. Pastures and range conditions increasing in forage production.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Cotton and peanut harvest complete. Oats and wheat half way planted. Pecans harvest at halfway point. Pine tree harvest moderate. Cattle supplemental feeding beginning.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to very short. Winter pastures stressed from moisture shortage. Warm season grasses dormant. Cattle conditions good, and markets steady. Little garden activity. Pecan yields plentiful and of good quality.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Producers near the end of the cotton harvest. Harvest of wheat beginning. Pastures remain poor and rotation is under way. Regrowth of alfalfa present for a potential clipping. Red chili harvest in progress.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to surplus. Cotton harvest delayed. Sorghum average yields. Wheat planting continues. Green bugs active. Livestock good conditions. Supplemental feeding continues.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Most wheat has been planted. Pasture conditions still remain about the same with forage growth coming to a stop. Peanuts harvested an above average crop. Pecan quality is poor and price is extremely low.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Winter annuals showing good emergence and growth. Most producers feeding cattle supplements. Making hay and harvesting commercial vegetables. Preparations continuing for 2002 crop planting.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Crops, pastures and winter vegetables should be able to take full advantage of the moisture. The rain fall delayed the peanut harvest but it is almost complete. Hunting and hunter activities are dominating ranching activities.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Most fall field work is complete. Rain with some flooding occurred in the latter part of the week. Pastures still green and providing grazing. Hay production is over for the year. Livestock in good condition.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Localized field preparations for spring planting. Some irrigated corn is maturing well, but has worm damage. Some harvesting of vegetables. Peppers and cucumbers are being harvested. Onions still being planted.

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(b) a person who weighs cargo before or after unloading shall keep a written record, in the form prescribed by the department containing the information required by subsection (c).

(c) A record under this section must state:

(1) the origin, weight, and composition of the cargo;

(2) the date of loading or unloading, as applicable;

(3) the name and address of the shipper;

(4) the total number of axles on the vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting the cargo;

(5) an identification number of the vehicle or other identification of the vehicle required by department rules; and

(6) any other information required by the department.

(d) A person required to keep a record under this section shall keep the record for not less than 180 days after the date it is created. The person shall make the record available to inspection and copying by a weight enforcement officer on demand.

(e) This section does not apply to a vehicle that transports material regulated under Section 623.161.

"Failure to maintain weight record is an offense under this section as a Class C Misdemeanor with a fine up to \$200.00

City Council from page 1

Department have volunteered all materials, poles, flags and labor.

Lewis Allen gave a report from the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation Eaton Hill Walking Trail Park Committee. Allen reported that a flag was being put up on the overlook facing I-H 10. It should be flying by Christmas, with final approval from the FAA. All materials and labor have been donated. Allen also reported a sighting of a Grey Horned Owl and possibly a Peregrine Falcon on the walking trail behind his house. He went on to report that new trails were being mapped. Carl Cahill reported that Carl J. Cahill, Inc. would like to donate the labor, materials and equipment to increase the Eaton Hill Walking Trail Project. Cahill said that a connection to Belle Steene Park, behind the swimming pool has been mapped, as well as trails through the draw toward the Golf Course. The plans are continuing so as to continue enhancement of the project. Upon a motion by Stephen, seconded by Polocsek, the council approved the donation for the ongoing project.

Jim Stephen made a motion to approve the donation of a water truck from the Firefighter's Association to be used in the Sonora Fire Department. Polocsek seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Blackman, seconded by Stephen, the council approved a project by

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Festival selling Polaroid pictures with cute Halloween frames.

Membership chairperson, Monica Buitron reported that we had a membership of 86 paid members. She is planning to make membership cards that will be distributed to all members with discount opportunities around our community. Please become a new member and support Sonora Elementary School Parents, Teachers and Students. Dues are only \$3.00 and remember it is never too late to join!

The main item on the business agenda was the vote to possibly change our PTA to a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Our main reason behind dissolving PTA was financial. For example, of our \$3 dues, \$1 went to the National PTA, and \$1 went to the State PTA, therefore, we only kept \$1 of our own dues. With this change all of our money would stay with our own organization here in Sonora.

A motion was made to dissolve the PTA and form a PTO, followed by a second and the floor was open to discussion. The main concern expressed by members of the PTA was that we would not have the national and state guidelines to operate under. The board addressed this concern in several ways. First, we have several contacts with present and former PTO board members in other communities who have expressed their interest in helping us to become a successful PTO. Also,

we feel that Sonora is a community full of unique and innovative individuals who with the advancement of modern technology can find new ways to strengthen our leadership and increase our membership beyond what we have maintained in the past. Sonora has been a very supportive community where our children and our schools are concerned and this quality should prove to strengthen our organization for the future.

After a short discussion, a hand vote was taken and it was voted to dissolve the PTA and form a PTO.

The meeting was followed by a wonderful program including a production by Mrs. Pincince's 2nd grade class entitled "Scarecrow's Surprise". This years U.I.L. participants were acknowledged for their participation and then we enjoyed special Poetry readings by 4th Graders, Meredith Earwood and Tyler Creek.

The program concluded with Thanksgiving Music Selections by the First and Second graders. Many thanks to all these program participants.

The meeting was adjourned followed by refreshments. Remember---Join PTO or renew your membership today! Contact one of the board members or Elementary offices for more information on becoming a member.

Promenade from page 1

Christmas season. In addition to the mentioned schedule of events, the evening will also include local merchants, restaurants, and arts & crafts. While you're out for the evening, be sure to stop in for a "Taste of Sonora" at the old Westerman Drug Building. Several local restaurants will be on hand with their favorite

cuisine for the public to sample.

The promenade will provide a wonderful evening of family entertainment and will officially kick-off the Christmas season in Sonora Texas. So, make your plans now to be on Main Street on the evening of December 3, and be prepared to be joined in the Christmas spirit.

Cooler weather? Important tips for your child's car seat safety

When the weather turns cooler, we all get our jackets and coats out of the closet. Did you know that putting your infant or child in their coat or blanket before putting them in their car seat can greatly affect the way the car seat is designed to work?

The harness straps in car seats are designed to lie flat and snug against your child. When they are adjusted properly, there should be no slack in the harness system. If you wrap your baby in a blanket before placing him in the car seat, and loosen the harness straps to accommodate the extra cloth...you have put slack into the system. The same thing happens if you put a coat on your toddler and loosen the straps before buckling him in his seat.

In a collision, this extra fabric and padding will compress and cause slack in the harness system, which will allow your child to move further forward during a crash before being stopped by the harness straps--increasing the injuries they will suffer.

So what should you do? First,

always keep your child in the clothes they will be wearing when they are indoors. Place the child in the infant seat or car seat, making sure the harness straps are snug over the shoulders and that they lie straight and flat down to the buckle. Buckle the child in and THEN put the coat or blanket OVER them--on TOP of the harness system. You can even turn the coat around and put his arms through the sleeves after he is buckled into his car seat.

This will ensure your kids are kept snug in their seat, the harness system is able to do its job in the event of a crash, and that the kids stay warm.

Remember to check your safety seats often and look for stress marks or hairline cracks on the shell, frayed harness straps, torn padding, etc. You can contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.

For more detailed information on car seats and car seat safety, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.

Rehab 2002

When the curtain goes up on Rehab 2002 on January 19th Brad Paisley, one of the brightest young stars in country music, will step into the center stage spotlight. Paisley exploded on the country music scene in 1999 when his debut album, "Who Needs Pictures," and its runaway hit single, "He Didn't Have to Be," earned him six Country Music Association Award nominations and won him the coveted CMA Horizon Award. Since then he has delivered a steady stream of hits. At the 2001 CMA Awards he received four nominations and won't the award for "Vocal Event of the Year" for his song "Too Country".

Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network, will return to anchor the Rehab 2002 host desk.

Peter Marshall, who hosted "Hollywood Squares" on network television for sixteen years, will join Chase in hosting the five-hour television special that benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Returning for his second appearance is fast-rising young country star Jay Michaels and his band Company. Michaels headquarters in the Metroplex and has entertained throughout the Southwest.

Other regulars lined up to appear are Bill and Susan Hayes (Days of Our Lives), Brad Maule (General Hospital), Anancani (Lawrence Welk Show) and Florence LaRue (Fifth Dimension).

Special underwriting for Rehab 2002 has been provided by corporate leaders AEP-West Texas Utilities and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. Thanks to their leadership, along with American Airlines and advance gifts of WTRC board members and special friends, all donations received during the telethon will go directly to Rehab treatment programs.

In addition to fast-paced entertainment, Rehab 2002 features an Internet auction of approximately 300 items donated by businesses and individuals throughout West Texas. The web site is www.WestTexasRehab.org.

The Annual Rehab Telethon raises more than \$1 million to help make it possible for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to serve more than 21,000 men, women, and children with disabilities regardless of their financial circumstances. The Center now operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

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