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New Season - New Faces

by Tryon Fields

After several weeks of grueling practices and two scrimmages (McCamey and Blanco), the 2002 Sonora Broncos will open this football season against the Alpine Bucks at 7:30 p.m. The other four nondistrict opponents will consist of Ingram, Brady, Forsan (Homecoming),

Brackettville. With the new UIL alignment; the Broncos will face Reagan County, Eldorado; Wall, Ozona, and Grape Creek in District 2-2A play. District competition will begin on October 11, in Big

Head coach, Jason Herring, will enter into his third season as the Bronco mentor. Joining him on his staff will be Karl McCormack, Drew Cox, Eddie Favila, Thomas Hanson, Fred Buchanan, and Matt Fryar. Herring sporting a 27 and 3 record along with a State 2A Semi-Finalist appearance and a State 2A Championship will take the field with 18 returning lettermen.

However; Herring and his

Sonora and Sutton County

is invited to an Honorary

American Flag Retirement

Ceremony at the Sutton County

Rodeo Arena on Wednesday,

September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

The local Boy Scouts will be

performing the retirement of the

American Flags. A flag is never

said to be burned - it is retired.

That means it is NOT a Flag

Burning Ceremony. Disposing a

flag that is worn, faded, or tat-

tered by retiring (burning it) is

the only method approved by

Congress. The burning should

take place at a ceremony which

shows respect and honor to the

Coming Soon

Lions Club member.

Winners

Tribute

submitted

Honorary American

Retirement Ceremony and 9-11

staff only have 4 offensive and 4 defensive starters returning from last years 12 - 3 squad.

Big shoes will have to be filled; as names like Renfro, Elliott, Fields, Hughes, Hall (Stetson), Williams, and Armke will not be heard for the first time in as many as 8 to 10 years. Anchoring the Broncos will be All-State linebacker, Thomas Bloodworth, Scottie Moore, Emmanuel Lopez, Israel Arevalo, Dustin Martin, and Zed Snodgrass. Filling those shoes that were left behind will be Landon Brockman, Doug Yocham, Wylie Wagoner, Jared Parks, Luis Segura, Brandon West, and Juan Rodriguez. Other individuals that will play key roles in the Broncos quest for the District Championship will be Matt Glasscock, Chris Martin, Tom Valliant, Justin Sims, Caleb Gulely, Laramie Hall, and Diego Cardona.

Ranked 10th in a 2A preseason poll and picked to win District 2-2A; the Broncos have their work cut out for them. The new 2-2A alignment puts

See New Season page 5

If you have a flag that is tat-

tered or frayed that you would

like to retire, you can drop it off

at the Main Street Office at 232

Main Street. If you have a spe-

cial story or memory that goes

with the flag, leave it also so

that it can be shared with all in

music and there will be a special

time to remember the fallen

attend and join together to pay

tribute to a time when our coun-

try was hard hit, and to retire

"Old Glory" in a most befitting

heroes of September 11, 2001.

Local churches will provide

Everyone is invited to

attendance.

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th

at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. A fajita dinner

will be served before the auction, about 6:00 p.m. This main fund

raiser of the year for the Lions Club helps to raise money for boys

scouts and girls scouts, eyeglasses for children that can't afford

them, the Crippled Children Camp at Kerrville, emergency needs of

community members and more. Donations are now being accepted

at the Bank & Trust to be auctioned . Any items from a haircut to

food to the "Mystery Gift" can be donated. Please be sure your

name is on the item donated. For more information contact any

Sutton County Days 5K Fun Run

The 2002 5K Fun Run was held on Saturday, August 17th in

conjunction with Sutton County Days. Starting off early, before the

parade, runners from Sonora and surrounding counties took off from

in front of the Sutton County Courthouse to run their allotted route.

The divisions were arranged by ages, starting with Kindergarten and

ending with adults. This year's Division I winners are pictured below and you can see all the Fun Run winners on page 5.

Flag

City of Sonora To Replace Water Tanks On Eaton Hill

The following information should help the taxpayers of Sonora understand some of the problems we are facing and what is being done about these problems.

The City of Sonora is currently construction a new water storage tank on Eaton Hill. The following information should answer the questions concerning the extent of the need.

The purpose of this project is to replace one of the City's three existing concrete ground storage tanks, located on City Hill, that cannot comply with the current regulations of the TNRCC. This tank would be replaced with a new 400,000 gallon welded steel storage tank that will meet the needs of the

The City of Sonora stores over 73 percent of their potable water in four concrete reservoirs that were constructed partially below ground.

Three of these tanks were constructed over sixty years ago and the other one was constructed in 1958. All four tanks need to be replaced and we are proposing to replace them in three phases as grant funds and local funds are made available.

It is on the 220,000 gallon tank, also the largest of the three old tanks, that we will concentrate our efforts for Phase I of the proposed projects. Each of the four tanks are in violation of almost every regulation of the TNRCC found in 30 TAC §290.43 Water Storage. These tanks have been cited by the TNRCC, with the latest citation coming after the TNRCC inspection of the facilities on June 15, 1998.

Other inspection reports going back to January 19, 1994 also cite numerous violations. These violations include:

(1) The roofs of all four tanks are flat, thus allowing water to pond and cause deterioration of the concrete; there are Annual Lions Club Auction no drains, nor access ladders for the interior or exterior of the meet a mandate by the TNRCC.

tanks, nor sampling connections and all of these are violations of 290.43.(c).

(2) None of the four tanks have a proper air vent, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(1).

(3) The roof hatches do not comply with the current AWWA design standards for tank openings, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(2),

(4) These tanks do not have level indicators, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(4),

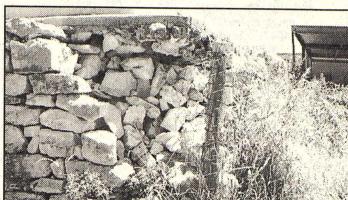
(5) All four of these tanks are leaking to some degree, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(6) and §290.46.(t),

(6) None of these tanks have any way to remove accumulated silt and deposits from the bottom of the tank, which is a violation of §290.43.(c)(7),

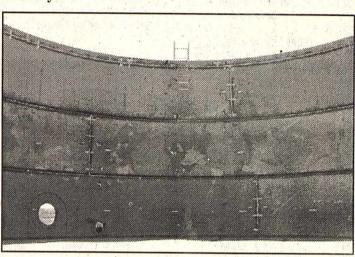
(7) These tanks do not comply with the current AWWA design standards for interior and exterior coatings. The tanks have never been coated and as a result the concrete is deteriorating on both the interior and the exterior. Concrete failures on the interior of the tank have exposed the reinforcing steel. The hatches and piping have also deteriorated due to a lack of any protective coating. Without any protective coating these tanks are in violation of §290.43.(c)(8).

(8) §290.43.(c)(9) requires that no tank shall be used to store potable water that has previously been used for nonpotable use. The 0.22 MG tank, which we are replacing in this phase, was reportedly used as both a water storage tank and as the City's swimming pool after it's construction in the 1930's before a top was put on it years

(9) All four of these tanks were constructed with a considerable portion of the tank below ground. This violates the recommendation found §290.43.(b)(2) which states that all tanks be constructed above ground, if at all possible.



The current water tanks on Eaton Hill are showing years of decay.



The inside of the tanks will be primed and painted. The roof will be added later.

in their July 7, 1998 letter, to begin to bring the City into compliance with current regulations regarding potable water

These concrete tanks are in violation of numerous TNRCC regulations and the cost of the necessary repairs and modifications needed to bring them into compliance cannot be justified. Failure to correct these violations, either by making the necessary repairs and modifications or the construction of new tanks, will result in the TNRCC "exercising their enforcement powers... to protect human health.." as stated in their July 7,

The reliable availability of water is at the mercy of water wells that are 45 to 60 years old, therefore it is of an even greater importance that the City be able to provide quality storage facilities for their supply of potable

Water System Improvements The City of Sonora receives all of its potable water from six wells located throughout the city. The age of the wells and storage facilities is as fol-

> Well #1 - drilled in 1938 Well #2 - drilled in 1939 Well #3 - drilled in 1947

Well #4 - drilled in 1953

Well #5 - drilled in 1981 Well #6 - drilled in 1996

Concrete facility holding .075 million gallons built in

Concrete facility holding .10 million gallons built in 1939 Concrete facility holding .22 million gallons built in 1939 Concrete facility holding

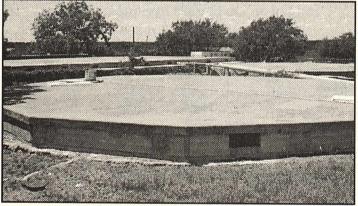
.40 million gallons built in 1958 Welded Steel Ground Storage holding .04 million gallons built in 1996

Steel Elevated Storage holding .25 million gallons built

The storage tanks built in 1938 and 1939 will be abandoned because they no longer meet TNRCC's specifications (see pictures).

The construction, general administration and project engineering shall be financed through \$174,999 of Texas Community Development Program funds and \$164,501 of City of Sonora funds. The proposed water improvements included in this application are the minimum necessary to correct the deficiencies in our water system.

The City Council of the City of Sonora wants to provide a water system that is more than adequate and safe for the citizens of Sonora.



These are the three tanks that will be abandoned.

Pre-Game Fun Homemade Ice Cream Tailgate Party August 30, 2002 For more information see page 3

Sonora City League To Elect **New Officers**

Submitted by: Danni Price, Secretary

The Sonora City League will meet Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 6:30 PM. The meeting Street Office at 232 Main Street (Old Mercantile Bldg.).

We would like to encourage all parents, coaches, umpires, etc...to become more involved with your child's extra-curricular activities by taking part in the Sonora City League.

The purpose or purposes for Sonora City League is to provide entertainment for our children. The Sonora City League is a non-profit organization with the sole interest of serving our youth. The Sonora City League elects officers and a board of directors annually. The officers and board of directors meet several times a year to discuss upcoming sports, fund-raisers and improvements that need to be made at the time.

The Sonora City League has

youth for over 12 1/2 years, such as Little Dribblers Basketball, Little League Baseball and A.S.A. Girls Softball. This will be held at Sonora Main organization is and has been successful due to the hard work, interest, and dedication of those many parents, sponsors and volunteers who have been committed to these programs and our children. We welcome those of you

been offering programs to our

who have children playing these sports or those of you, who maybe just want to be more involved with our youth, to come be a part of the decision making process and join the Sonora City League. New ideas and new faces are always a welcome site. Hope to see you

If you have any questions regarding the Sonora City League, please feel free to call Danni Price, Secretary, at 387-

Texas Southwest Tourism Partnership Choose Slogan and **Plan Brochures**

submitted by John Tedford

A meeting of the South West Texas Tourism Partnership was held at the X Bar Ranch in County Schleicher Wednesday, August 21. This organization, covering Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett counties, was formed recently to foster the growth of tourism as an economic development strategy. Texas A&M, Angelo State University, Texas University, and the Concho Valley Resource Development and Conservation Service are all participating in the pilot program which, when realized, could become the model nationally for tourism enhancement in

multi-county agricultural areas. Dr. Carson Watt, of Texas A&M, reported that then steering committee had chosen "The South West Country" as the name for the area, with its new logo incorporating the slogan "Experience the TEXAS way of

A pilot program utilizing the Texas Hospitality Program has already been made available to several area businesses,

including three in Sonora. The program has been given high praise, and it is expected that many other businesses will want to participate in order to enhance a climate of hospitality in our

Steering committee member Stan Meador outlined plans for printing of brochures and tourist maps for "The South West Country." Committees were formed to begin work in several areas including obtaining nonprofit corporate status, preparing a budget, projecting sources of revenue, and designing a web

Attending from Sonora were Jacqui Bills, Gerry Ingham, Delyse Jaeger, Justin McGeath, Vivian Miears, John Tedford, Kelly Thorp, Sue Wamble, and Ladonna Wardlaw.

Anyone interested in helping with the program or seeking more information about it may contact the Chamber of Commerce, County Extension Office, or any of the persons list-

Back row: (L to R) Boys: Tanner Esparza (2nd - 7:05), Stefan Ortiz (3rd - 7:06), Braxton Snyder (1st - 6:55), Wes Schneider (4th). Front row: (L to R) Girls - Abby Creek (2nd - 9:31) and Kelsey Favila (1st - 9:30).



Sonora Church Directory

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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** 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

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IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA **Pastor Isai Oviedo** 509 Amistad 650-3121

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LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST **CHURCH** Don Longoria, Pastor 707 Glasscock 387-5886

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

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

387-2278

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Supply Pastor 511 Cornell 387-5207



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Kerbow **Funeral Home** 387-2266

Cards of Thanks

The Family of Doris Merriman wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all her friends and neighbors for the many, many gestures of sympathy and support extended during our time of sorrow. The ladies of her church, the Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church were especially supportive with the luncheon they served. Without you, our friends, our sorrow would have been

The Class of 1992 would like to thank everyone who helped make our 10 year Reunion such a success. Special thanks to Glen and Linda Fisher, Lola Beth, and Cleve T. Jones, Creek Swabbing, the Luna and Mata families.

As the hospitality chairperson for the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo Committee, I would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to all the businesses and individuals who donated food, drinks, and most importantly, your time and support during the rodeo. Because of your generosity, this year's "Cowboy Camp" was, I feel, the very best that it could be. I would like to extend a special thank you to Tibba Edmondson, Tammie Tidwell, Mitzi Matthews, Jennifer Samaniego and especially Jerry Watkins. I really could not have done it without you!

Tina Watkins

Ronnie Cox loves being your **Pharmacist**

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Director Grand Master Sin II Choi Chief Instructor Master Richard H. White Instructor Paul Stephens 1st Degree Black Belt

Starting Wednesday, September 19, 2002, Choi's Tae Kwon Do will continue to offer Tae Kwon Do classes in Sonora for both children and adults. Please come join

Wed., Sept. 4th • 11th

Classes Begin:

Wed, Sept. 11th (Orientation etc.)

407 South Crockett

Taco Grill

387-0623

Dairy Queen

134 Hwy. 277 N.

387-2118

La Mexicana

240 N. Hwy 277

387-3401

Pizza Hut 401 Hwy. 277 N.

387-3540

Sutton County Steakhouse

1306 N. Service Rd

387-3833

Stagecoach Grill & Cantina

232 Hwy. 277 N. 387-9127

Town & Country Subway 610 S. Crockett 387-6181

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

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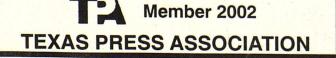
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Choi's Tae Kwon Do

us for our 4th year!

Registration:

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Class Times:

5:30 - 6:30 Wednesdays

Tuition:

\$100.00 first month (includes uniform, T-shirt, student handbook and video) \$30.00 each month thereafter.

Location:

Sonora Elementary School Gymnasium/Cafeteria

For additional information or if you should have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Stephens at 387-5821 Classes are ongoing and new students may start at any time.

Obituary

Patsy Gray Quinn Samuelson

Samuelson, 79, died Saturday, August 24, 2002, at her residence in Brady. Patsy was born December 22, 1923, in Brady, Texas, to Charles T. Gray and Edna (Schaeg) Gray. Mrs. Samuelson married David Swaney Quinn on November 1, 1942, in Brady. She married Charles Edwin Samuelson on August 12, 1979, in Brady.

Patsy was a homemaker and a Chrisitan. She was a lifelong resident of the Brady area.

Services were on Monday, August 26, in Leatherwood Memorial Chapels with the Rev. Brian Wiggins officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, David Swaney Quinn on December 16, 1977; husband, Charles Edwin Samuelson on December 02, 2001; son, David T. Quinn on May 5, 1975; and sister, Charlene Gray Carrithers.

Patsy is survived by sons, John Walt Quinn and wife, Elaine and James Ray "Jim" Quinn and wife Cynthia, all of Brady; and grandchildren. Jamie Lynn Quinn Haynes and husband J.T., of Amarillo, Patricia Ann Quinn of Austin, Wesley Ray Quinn of Harper and David Ross Quinn of Sonora.

contributions Memorial may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.



Look at you now! After all the hassle You got the tassel!

Congratulations, John We are so proud of you!

Your Family, Joe, Irene & Jose Casillas

Happy Birthday

August 29 - Shaylynn Kresta, Rodolfo Charo, Keeli Taylor, Kathy Jones, Leandra Perez, Arturo Lopez August 30 - Robert Zook, Stacy Sanchez, Rosa McGee, Fidel

Acevedo, Brad Holms

August 31 - Sharon Holman, Ronnie Cox, Joey Samaniego, Lori Newton, Florie Gonzales, Harvey Garza, Marisha Henson September 1 - Pokie Samaniego, Gloria Paredes, Lettica Longoria, Emmanuel Lopez, Smith Neal, Clint Cearley, Caleb Romero, Jessie Mathews, Gracie Lopez, Molly Cook, Sutton **Foulds**

September 2 - Hilda Vasquez, Courtney Hill

September 3 - Brooke Northcott, Manuel Campos, Teresa Harris, Guy Parker, Levi Pool, Ronald Pincince, Jr., Dustin Dillard

September 4 - Mason Surber, Sherry Ingham, Sidney Anderson, Lindsey Palmer, T. Wayne Price, Oscar Gutierrez, Kaitlyn Henderson, Diana Hidalgo

Sonora Wool & Mohair 210 W. College 387-2543

Thorp's Laun-Dry 107 Plum St. 387-2666

Senior **Center News**

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday. Center will be closed.

Sept. 3 - AAA reports due. Exercise with video.

Sept. 4 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509.

Sept. 5 - Run errands & pay bills. Bingo!

Senior Menu

Sept. 2 - Labor Day Holiday! Center will be closed! Sept. 3 - Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk. Sept. 4 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas,

carrots, cornbread, melon salad, milk.

Sept. 5 - Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit cocktail, cake, milk.

Sept. 6 - Ham with pineapple slices, green beans, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bar, milk. 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

Aug. 30

Sonora Broncos vs Alpine Bucks 7:30 p.m. • Bronco Stadium Sept. 2

Labor Day Holiday No School

Member FDIC

The Community Calendar

Calendar

Sept. 10

Lions Club Dinner & Auction 6:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center **Sept. 16**

P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium

is made possible by :



Member FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593

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Email us at editor@sonoratx.net

Ask the Historical Society

Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary County Historical Sutton Society

Q. Did Richard T. Carver, the uncle of Will Carver, really serve time in the penitentiary?

A. According to the Bandera History Book, in a story told to Jay Edwards by Candas Edwards the niece of Maggie Carver, Maggie died in Uvalde on August 29, 1883 as a result of grieving herself to death because of the fate of her husband. She states that Uncle Dick was convicted of mail robbery and sent to the penitentiary.

Maggie's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Scott took in their 4 children, Joel, Rosa, Albert and Johnnie Carver. Jerry Scott's father, J. W. Scott came to Pipe Creek in May of 1872 and settled on the East Prong of Pipe Creek in a house he built from cypress timbers he got on the Medina River and had a sawmill cut into planks. He later moved into Bandera on the west side of the river. This is where he lived when Maggie Carver died and he took in her children to raise. He sent them to school until they were old enough to do farm work and then bought a ranch north of Bandera on Myrtle Creek. The children grew up and moved off and he returned to Bandera and died there in 1894. An 1880 census of Uvalde County lists the children of Richard T. and Margaret Carver as Rosa O., Joel T., Albert R. and John W. We know that Rosa married a man named Ben Kelly in Bandera in 1890. Like Will Carver's sister, his cousins moved west. They are found in later years in Arizona, New Colorado Mexico, Montana.

No other questions this week so let's look at what was happening in the Devil's River News of August 5, 1949 - Alvin Holmig, an employee of Eubank Electric Co., suffered chest

Local Ranchers Round-Up For Rehab

Sutton County's Randee Fawcett and Albert Ward are among 150 volunteers throughout Texas who will serve as local chairmen of West (Texas) Rehabilitation Center's 43rd annual Round-Up for Rehab. Regional chairmen Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, join them.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the Agriculture industry an opportunity to show their support of West Texas Rehab. Fall is the most active time of year for the event with seven special auctions scheduled. Cattle sales will be on September 19 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 24 at Abilene Auction. Specialty sales (all animals) will be October 2 in Coleman, October 4 in Dublin, October 10 in Ranger, October 14 in Junction and October 30 in Stephenville.

Among ways to participate

 Donate livestock to a sale in your area WTRC

• Attend one of the sales and join the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

Sponsors of this year's Round-Up for Rehab are Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Wrangler, Federal Land Bank, First Ag Credit and StrongPoint Dog Food. Together these businesses have donated \$25,000 to ensure the success for this year's program. Lone Star Beef, A-B Distributing and Hudson Livestock Supplement are providing additional support. Since its inception in 1960, Round-Up has brought in \$8,924,637 for treatment services for children

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab's mission has been to improve the quality of life for every child and adult who enters its doors - regardless of their financial circumstance. A private, non-profit organization that treats more than 21,000 patients each year, WTRC has outpatient facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, Texas. Its primary services include adult and pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapies, audiology, industrial rehabilitation, orthotics/prosthetics, hospice care and home medical equipment. certified/licensed staff and stateof-the-art equipment and facilities make it one of the premiere physical rehabilitation organiza-

tions in the nation. For more information, contact your local chairmen or WTRC - Abilene at 915-793-3507; WTRC - San Angelo at 915-226-6300; or WTRC - Ozona 915-392-9872.

injuries and cuts and bruises Tuesday morning when his spurs slipped as he reached for his safety belt after climbing the pole and before starting to work and he fell from the top of a 30 foot light pole at Ft. Terrett, where a lighting system was being installed at the roping arena. His fall was broken by a wire fence which also threw him away from the light pole.

Lee Roy Valliant, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Valliant, suffered a concussion Monday afternoon of this week when he was thrown from a horse on a ranch adjoining the Valliant Several youths of Valliant's age were riding horses, and young Valliant was behind the saddle of one of the mounts. As the horse's driver got off to open a gate, the animal started bucking, and threw Lee Roy to the ground, knocking him unconscious. He will remain in bed for a week to ten

Donald Ray Behrens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Behrens was involved in two wrecks on Thursday morning of this week. The first accident at 8:30 in the morning happened 20 miles west of Sonora when a pickup driven by Donald Ray collided with a lumber-laden truck driven by Sylvester Gomez of Ozona. The pickup, owned by the father of the youth was badly damaged but there were no injuries in the wreck. The second collision was about 10:30 in the morning when young Behrens was driving his Plymouth sedan and was hit by a car coming into Sonora on Highway 290 by tourists from Austin on their way to California for vacation.

Two new coaches have been added to the Bronco roster. They are Buddy Hawkins, assistant football coach, and B. M. Willard, new basketball head mentor. Head Coach Bud Moody and Edwin Thompson of



Main Street Sonora in 1946.

last year's staff will both be here for duty this year.

A. Z. Joy, who has been in a San Angelo hospital since a motorcycle-auto crash three weeks ago, was returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Joy, on Tuesday of this week. He will remain in bed for the next three weeks.

Sutton County has had a long hot week. Temperatures reached 103 Tuesday and over 100 on four other days of the week. Temperatures were only slightly cooled by .87 inches of rain on Friday.

On February 3, 1945, Sgt. Wayne L. Martin was a turret gunner and crew chief assigned to a B-17 squadron on a bombing mission over Berlin. His plane was reported shot down and he was listed as missing in action. At the end of the war his fate was established and his grave found by an American Graves Registration detail in a Prisoner of War cemetery west of Berlin, in the Russian occupation zone. Reburial services will be held in Del Rio Monday afternoon, August 8, from the Doran Funeral Chapel with internment held in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio.

He was born in Sonora on May 4, 1924 and moved with is parents to Ozona at an early age. From there they moved to Del Rio, where he attended high

school. He enlisted in the USAAF at 17 years of age. He had been awarded the Air Medal, Purple Heart an ETO Medal during his years of service. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin and had many relatives here in Sonora.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885, email them to schs@sonoratx.net or give me a call at 915-387-2855. If you would like to pay your dues or join the society, send \$10 per person to the above address or stop by Al Elliott, the treasurers office and drop your dues off there. We realize the drought has not broken yet and times are bad. We are trying to do the best we can on an all volunteer staff and a very limited budget but as you all know things don't stop breaking down just 'cause it's bad times. We need a new light timer in the Depot, some kind of venting to prevent so much heat build up and tiles falling from the ceiling when the a/c isn't running, a lot of painting on buildings and money to buy paper and printer cartridges and pay the bills every month.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear friends and fellow citi-

At its regular meeting of August 12, the Hospital Board expressed its intent to set the tax rate for the upcoming year at .18¢ per \$100 valuation. This represents a significant decrease in the tax rate from last year's .2094¢ per \$100 valuation.

On the face of it, that appears to be a rather ordinary intention. But the implications of that intent are much larger than they look. The contemplated tax rate would virtually commit the Board to a course of action that the Board strongly supports, but that we do not wish undertake without fully informing the public.

It is our plan to transfer all hospital patient services from the currently -used two-story building to the former nursing home facility in the year 2004.

Preliminary estimates by the architect engaged to survey the two buildings in the early months of 2001 projected the cost of such a move to be \$1.4 million. By 2004, it is likely that the cost of renovation will approach \$1.6 million.

The Hospital Board is bear-· Make a cash gift to ing in mind the following figures as it considers meeting the cost of this major renovation project: During fiscal year 2001 the hospital accumulated a surplus of \$383,000. Budget proiections for the current year, 2002, indicate a surplus exceeding \$900,000. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2003 projects a surplus of \$545,884.

Additionally, the Hospital Board can expect some degree of financial assistance from revenues of the Hudspeth Ranch. And the Hospital will aggressively pursue grants to help fund the renovation.

The Hospital Board maintains a strong consensus in support of the plan to transfer patient services from the 2-story building to the former nursing home wing. But such a large expenditure of your tax dollars as we are contemplating compels the Board to explain why we believe that our plan is prudent, timely, and necessary.

While the present facility has served the citizens of Sutton County very well over the past 51 years, it is foreseeable that its adequacy will diminish as we go forward into the future.

Specifically, among the issues that the renovation aims to address are:

1. Staffing efficiency - with the emergency room and inpatient care rooms on the same floor, nursing staff can be utilized more cost effectively and time effectively.

2. Enhanced emergency room services - the 3 present emergency rooms are small and spaced at some distance apart from each other. In the proposed configuration, four large emergency rooms would be located at the east end of the facility, contiguous to one another.

3. Patient room size and flexibility - patient room size in the former nursing home building are twice, and in some cases three times the size of patient rooms upstairs in the two-story facility. All patient rooms in the proposed facility would be equipped for suction procedures. Such equipment cannot

be added to the patient rooms lacking it in the present building, due to the solid concrete construction of its walls.

4. Isolation rooms - in the case of infectious illness, the present facility permits only limited isolation procedures. The proposed configuration would allow for much more secure standards of isolation, should the need arise.

5. Security - under present conditions, any person who enters the hospital through the emergency entrance has access to the entire hospital facility. The proposed facility would enable the emergency area to be sealed off from the remainder of the hospital.

6. Americans with Disabilities Act compliance the present facility presents significant obstacles to enter and exit for persons with disabilities. The proposed arrangement would be fully ADA compliant and would be much more accessible to patients and visitors with disabilities.

The Hospital Board directors are firmly convinced that proposed transition is a necessary step to secure quality health care for the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County, and that the time to act is at hand. It is our hope that you, the citizens of Sutton County, will recognize with us the need to maintain a first class hospital facility in our midst to provide first class health care for Sonora.

Sincerely, Lewis Allen, President Lillian B. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board

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Awards Presented At Final 2002 4-H Playday

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The last playday was held Saturday, August 24, 2002 at the Sutton County arena. Awards were presented to participants following the playday events. Thanks to volunteer efforts of parents and leaders the series was very successful with an overall participation of fortyfour (44) 4-Hers from Sutton and surrounding counties.

No one left without taking a bag of prizes with them. Leadline contestants with the required 3 playdays received buckets filled with assorted products. Lead-line entries were Jacob Kimbrel, Jayme Sauer,

Grand Opening of Cedar Hills **Geriatric Center**

Cedar Hills Geriatric Center opened on August 15th in the former Camp Wood Convalescent Center. this family owned business is starting fresh with a renovated facility, new furnishings and decor. the staff invites the community to visit the Facility and see the changes for themselves. Private pay or Medicaid qualified residents can be admitted today and the Facility expects final certification for Medicare admissions within the next few weeks. Individuals or family members of individuals who may be interested in admission to the Facility can call Michelle Williams, Director of Nurses or Michele Hernandez, Administrative Assist. Either of these ladies can provide information about the care that is available at the Facility and the qualifications a person must meet for admission as private pay or under Medicaid or Medicare reimbursement. Each potential resident will be assessed to determine whether the facility can meet the individual's medical, social and emotional needs. The management and staff of Cedar Hills Geriatric Center are looking forward to serving the area's geriatric population and becoming an active contributing member of the community

Kaitlyn Gibbens, Corbin Geske, Renfro and Maddie Lang. and Jaymie Pullen.

Pre-juniors finished in this order: 1st Gunter Pennington, 2nd Lane Hale, 3rd Daniel Newbury, 4th Paige Sykes, 5th Cuatro Jones, 6th Stella Ingham, 7th Lexi Poindexter, 8th Nolan Kinder, 9th Kelsey Taylor, 10th Christian Pullen, 11th Shelbie Darr, 12th Alex Lang, 13th Macie Friess, 14th Shawnda Price, 15th Hunter Jennings and Shelby Smart. Other participants in the prejunior group were Sol and Sierra Stokes, Katy Heap, Alexa Sykes, Zella Powers, Kelbie

Junior placings were: 1st Steely Ingham, 2nd Bailey Joe Pennington, 3rd Dustin Neff, 4th Brandyn Tebbets, 5th Holly Ford, 6th Jadyn Poindexter, 7th Justyn Gray, 8th Jena Teasley, 9th Dustin Crittendon, and 10th Cash Jennings. Others who had ridden in the summer series were Shae'na Price, Justin Rutland, Desi Newbury, Kyann Kothmann, and Hanna Swanson

Steely Ingham was the overall high point Sutton County participant and received the Keyes Caruthers revolving trophy again this year.

"High Scores Make Me Want To Hula..."



Acting on a promise made to inspire students last year, Sonora Middle School Principal, John Berry, did a hula dance at the "Back To School" Dinner held on Thursday, August 22. Berry agreed to do the "hawaiian jig" if the Middle School students achieved an Exemplary Campus rating on the TAAS test for the second year in a row. The students excelled, and Berry kept his word. How will he beat that for this year's scores?!

Fields and Hughes Receive UIL Scholarships

Sean Wardlaw Fields and Beau Bradley Hughes, both graduates of Sonora High School, have each been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Fields and Hughes both received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$6,000 each, payable \$1500 each semester of the first two years. The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 88 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Three scholarships were awarded to students who plan to major in nursing One scholarship was given in honor of Garry W. Vacek, TILF President.

This year the TILF awarded 450 new awards and will renew approximately 260 awards for a total of 710 scholarships for 2002-03 with an approximate value of \$1,386,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Fields and Hughes competed in One Act Play at the 2002 UIL Academic State Meet. Fields also participated in UIL Prose Interpretation, football, baseball, and basketball throughout his high school career. He was Class President and football team captain, and was involved in National Honor Society, PALS, and Drama Club. He was active in the community through his volunteer efforts with Little League. Fields plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio and major in communications.

Hughes also participated in UIL football, and was involved in FFA, National Honor Society, and yearbook throughout his high school career. He was active in the community through 4-H. Hughes plans to attend Angelo State University and his major is undecided.

F.Y.I.

game against Alpine, will be held on Friday, Aug. 30th at 2:15 p.m. in the High School

The Bronco Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 in the High School Commons. Election of new Booster Club officers will be held, after the Alpine football game film is reviewed.

GED classes will begin on Tuesday, September 3. The classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Attendance is free and pen to anyone ages 17 and lder who needs a GED. If you have any questions, please call Laura Bedwell, class instructor, at 387-7190 or Ben Solis, Chief GED Examiner, at 387-3023.

The Devil's River Dancers are offering clogging lessons for Beginners starting Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. FMI call Carolyn at 387-9315.

School pictures for Pre-K 11th graders and all adminisration, faculty and staff of Sonora Independent School District will be on Thursday, September 5th. Students will eceive order forms on their ampus. Please make all checks payable to Blunck's. Please DO NOT SEND CASH for orders. f you have any questions, blease call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext.

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be held on September 10th at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. Donations are now being accepted to be auctioned at the Bank & Trust. Please be sure your name is on the item donat-ed. For more information contact any Lions Club member.

Are you ready for another year of Bronco sports? The Bronco Spirit Shop is now open and is located at Ronda's Styling Haus, 712 S. Concho Ave. Purchase this year's Bronco caps, visors, and spirit items for the start of the new season. Bronco Booster Club memberships from \$10 to \$100 are also available at Ronda's Thank you for supporting all boys and girls athletics in Sonora.

The Sonora Bronco Booster Club will NOT be having any fundraiser meals before the Bronco Varsity football home games this fall. If any organization in Sutton County would like to sponsor a fundraiser meal before the home games please contact the SISD administration for information and

parents The Bereaved Support Group will meet September 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust Community Room. If you have experienced the death of a child you are urged to attend.

Lillian Memorial Hospital, in cooper-ation with Texas Tech University Health Science's Center, is pleased to provide the Mobile Mammography Clinic on October 1st and 2nd, 2002. The cost will be for Mammograms and \$150.00 for Diagnostic Mammograms. Texas Tech will file most insurance programs to include Medicare and Medicaid. For an appointment, please call 1-800-222-8388. Other questions may be directed to Keith L. Butler CEO at 387-2521

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sutton County Commissioners' Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues of Sutton County and FMFC from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.0 percent on August 26, 2002. The **Sutton County Commissioners' Court** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 9, 2002, at 9:00 A.M. in the meeting room of the **Sutton County Annex,** 300 East Oak, Sonora, Texas.

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New Season from page 1

Sonora in possibly the toughest 2A District in the state. Ozona and Reagan County move into the district and bring very strong programs to the fray. Ozona under head coach, Steve Taylor, will have 17 returning lettermen; 7 offense and 8 defense. Joey McQueen, the second year coach at Reagan County, returns to the grid iron with 14 returning lettermen; 6 offensive and 5 defensive. And then there are the Wall Hawks who are the defending District 2-2A Champion and who came within an eye-blink of possibly facing Blanco in the Division II 2A Championship game last year. Head Coach, Kevin Burns, faces many of the same problems that Sonora's Jason Herring faces. Having to

replace the bulk of his 2001 starters. Wall will start the season with 16 returning lettermen; 2 offensive and 5 defensive. The Pre-Season poll has District 2-2A shaping up like this:

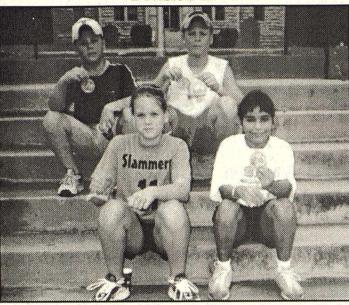
- 1. Sonora 2. Ozona
- 3. Wall
- 4. Reagan County
- 5. Grape Creek or Eldorado 6. Eldorado or Grape Creek

It all starts Friday night! Alpine at Sonora at 7:30 p.m. This has the potential of a preview of the playoffs; due to the fact that Alpine has dropped in classification to 2A.

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It's Time to Play Ball!!!

5K Run from page 1 **Division II**



Back row: (L to R) Boys - Dustin Neff (1st - 6:09), Tyler Creek (2nd - 6:41) Front row (L to R) Girls - Jessica Snyder (1st -6:54), Alyssa Favila (2nd - 7:53)

Division III



From left to right: Clayton Sahr (2nd with a 23:18), Max Schneider (3rd) and Nick Favela (1st with a 22.03). Not pictured is the Girls Winner Alexie Ortiz who ran a 25.32.

Division V



2002 Bronco

Football Schedule

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JV FOOTBALL

Aug. 29 • Alpine

There • 6:00 p.m. Sept. 5 • Ingram

Home • 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 12 · Brady Home • 6:30 p.m.

VARSITY

Aug. 30 • Alpine

Home • 7:30

Sept. 6 • Ingram

There • 7:30 Sept. 13 • Brady

There • 7:30 p.m.

From left to right: 1st place Randy Jones, Bill Schneider, Perez, and Hernandez. Not pictured is the Women's Winner: Sandy Schneider

Division IV



1st place - John Hicks

Bronco JV Scores One Touchdown Against Blanco



JV Broncos bring down a Blanco Panther. Photo by Ray Glasscock

by Ray Glasscock

Once again the JV Broncos looked good. Until the players start wearing their numbers, it is very difficult to tell who made individual However, it was easy to see the team tackling and impressive hustling. The Panthers started the scrimmage on offense. Blanco managed three total first downs in the 15 play series. The Panthers broke one long run, but he was caught from behind by Hilton Bloodworth who stripped him of the ball as he was falling to the ground. The Broncos recovered. Brian Payton had an impressive pass defensive play.

The first Bronco offensive series saw some big plays. Cameron Cox had a nice 15 yard gain for a first down. Clint Cearley completed a 15 yard pass to Steven Duhon. The Broncos almost scored on their first series on a long pass to an open receiver in the end zone. The unknown Bronco

was unable to make the diving

On the next Blanco offensive series, the Blanco freshmen were able to score a touchdown against the Bronco freshmen. Their quarterback managed a nice run down the sideline on a quarterback keeper. After that the Bronco defense was able to stop the Panthers.

On the Bronco's last offensive series, there were several nice runs by Cox, Stetson Perez, and Bloodworth. Bloodworth scored a touchdown when he started to his right on a sweep, stopped, and reversed his field to the left.

There was one scary moment when Cearley hurt his neck on an awkward fall while being tackled. As a precautionary measure, he was taken to the hospital to check the extent of the injury. Thankfully, it was not serious and he was able to rejoin his teammates in the locker room at the end of the scrim-

Sonora Broncos Renew Competition With The Blanco Panthers

by Ray Glasscock

The Broncos traveled to Junction to scrimmage the Blanco Panthers. The last time the teams played was in the 2000 Division I State Championship game. Last year the Panthers were able to win their first state championship. The scrimmage should be an indication of the strength of each of the current teams.

The Panthers had the ball for the first offensive series. On the second play, Blanco's BIG fullback (6'1" 205 lb) broke through the Bronco line and cut back against the grain for a long touchdown. It turned out to be the only touchdown of the night.

On the next possession, the Broncos were able to stop the other backs. The fullback again gained good yardage, but was stopped short of the first down. on the next play, the quarterback tried a quick pitch to his halfback. The halfback didn't catch it and it appeared that Emmanuel Lopez recovered the fumble. The Panthers moved the chains twice with completed passes. Two running plays and a short pass resulted in another first down. The drive ended when two passes were successfully defended by the Bronco

On the first play of Bronco offensive series, Scottie Moore ran the keeper and was hit very hard by their big fullback now playing middle linebacker. (He was their district's most valuable defensive player last year.) Moore got up immediately with no ill effects. On the next play, Moore completed a 15 yard pass to a back. On the next play, Dustin Martin was stopped for no gain. Moore went back to the air and completed a seven yard pass. On third down, a sweep by Juan Rodriguez was stopped for a loss.

The Broncos went three and out on their next three

plays. On the next series, Martin took the pitch and gained 20 yards down the right sideline. Tough running by Lopez gained another first down. After no gain on a fullback dive, Lopez gained enough yardage for a first down on the option play. The drive ended with a Bronco fumble.

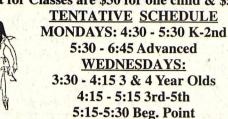
The Panthers and Broncos finished the non-free play portion of the scrimmage with scoreless offensive series.

The Broncos received the kickoff in the live quarter. The Broncos started on their thirty yard line. On the first play, Lopez gained five yards, but an unnecessary roughness penalty moved the Broncos backwards. On second and twenty, the Casasasasasasasasasasasasasasas Broncos gained five yards on a run. On third and long a siderun. On third and long a side-line pass from Moore to Matt Glasscock was broken up by an excellent defensive play by the Panther defender. After the punt, the Panthers started their first drive on their 35 yard line. Two nice runs by their big fullback resulted in a first down. The Panthers lost five yards on their next two runs bringing up third and long. The third down pass was broken up, but the Panthers still gained yardage on a five yard face mask penalty. On third and five, the Panther quarterback gained ten yards on a nice broken field run. The big fullback gained another first down on an off tackle run up the middle. The Panthers were able to reach the Bronco 15 yard line. Then the Panther quarterback fumbled the snap and the Broncos recovered.

After two running plays failed to gain yardage, Moore rolled to his right and threw deep to Landon Brockman who made a nice catch for the first down. Three plays later, Lopez made another first down as the time ran out.

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Farm Bill: It's For The Birds.. And All Wildlife

by: Kathleen Phillips COLLEGE STATION -Farm legislation passed earlier this year has an unusual but intentional benefactor - the

nation's wildlife.

"Over the years, farmers have learned to do things to enhance wildlife populations," said Dr. Neal Wilkins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "They've been the stewards of our wildlife for the entire history of the state. Now the farm bill is providing incen-

tives to them for wildlife con-

servation.' As more land continues to be carved up for urban needs and some native lands are put into crop production, wildlife often are the silent sufferers of depleted habitats. A national coalition, with a strong Texas contingent, went before Congress during the farm bill debate with the goal of making a difference for wildlife needs.

"No matter what, working farms are better than strip malls when it comes to production of deer, quail, turkey and song-birds," Wilkins said. "For those lands that should be under production, this gives producers the incentive to manage habitat, water, cover, food for wildlife."

Provisions basically fall under three areas: grassland reserve, Conservation Reserve Program and wildlife habitat enhancement.

The newest provision grassland reserve - comes after a study by Wilkins, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station economist Dr. Richard Conner and colleagues from Colorado State University and the University of Idaho put a pencil to the impact reduced grassland was having on the nation's

"The (past farm bill) policies were not intended to cause sod-busting of our grasslands, but that was the result in some areas," Conner said when the study was published in August

Wilkins said the grassland provision gives landowners an opportunity to put restored, improved or natural grasslands into 10- to 30-year contracts or permanent easements to keep them that way. A 30-year easement would pay the landowner 30 percent of the fair market value, for example, on an annual basis. At least 40 contiguous acres must be enrolled, the land has to have a grazing plan, and cost-sharing is available for the restoration of wildlife.

The legislation calls for as many as 2 million acres to be enrolled and allots up to \$254 million by 2007 toward the incentive.

"Grasslands are one of the most declining ecosystems nationally, and some of the wildlife species suffering the most decline are grassland dependent," Wilkins noted.

by Tony Garza, 41st Railroad

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He cited several grassland song birds - the Cassin's sparrow and the Eastern meadowlark, for example - as having declined at a rate of 2 percent to 3 percent a year since 1966.

This is a program that, with a modest amount of funds, may result in millions of acres of wildlife habitat conserved in the United States," Wilkins

Another wildlife-friendly provision extended in the farm bill is the Conservation Reserve Program in which the maximum allowed will increase from 36.4 million to 39.2 million acres, and land in expiring contracts is automatically eligible to re-enroll.

The significance of this is that investments made since 1985 when CRP started can continue to be realized," the wildlife specialist said. "CRP has contributed to enhanced wildlife habitats across large areas of formerly marginal farmland, many of these now offer premiere hunting opportu-

Of the 46 million acres enrolled in conservation reserve 3.9 million acres," he said. But in that same time, he added, about 1.4 million acres were brought into cultivation.

Allowing more acres into the program and extending eligibility to the expiring contracts to provide incentives to avoid marginally productive lands from going back under cultivation will benefit wildlife, Wilkins believes.

A third provision, the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, offers cost-sharing for improved habitat development and management. Nationally, this program will offer \$15 million in 2002 and up to \$85 million by 2005. Wilkins said this was a small part of the previous farm bill but now is expanded.

"It provides for more collaboration and an increased emphasis on wildlife," he said. Wilkins said all or part of

the three incentives in the farm bill will benefit wildlife on Texas lands.

"This farm bill makes a fairly big statement that wildlife is high priority in the agriculture mind set and in agriculture policy," Wilkins said. "And it has grown over the years. We can meet the dual objectives of supporting the agricultural economy and enhancing wildlife habitat with

a farm bill. He said this demonstrates a national shift from a regulation approach with tough requirements for environmental conservation efforts to an incentives-based approach, at least for next 5 years.

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West **Texas** Agricultural nationally, Texas currently has Chemicals Conference To Be **Held August 28 In Lubbock**

by: Tim W. McAlavy

LUBBOCK - West Texas agriculture producers and agribusiness people can update their chemical use and application skills, and learn more about water conservation, the current farm bill, and pest control Wednesday at the 50th annual West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Conference in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

On-site registration over coffee and donuts begins at 7 a.m. and costs \$70 per person.

The morning conference session runs from 8 a.m. to noon, and will include presentations on food safety, the future of Texas agriculture, plant stress and water conservation. Morning keynote speakers include: Jay Lehr, Potash Corporation; C.J. Scifres, deputy director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and Dan Upchurch and John Burke, U.S. Department of Agriculture Plant Laboratory, Lubbock.

More than 500 producers. chemical dealers and agribusiness people are expected to attend.

Participants can earn up to five continuing education units required by the Texas Department of Agriculture for certification of commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators, or as many as 6.75 CCA education units. Four of these units are approved by the

New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and two are approved by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

The conference is sponsored by the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute, an organization of scientists, educators, industry representatives and agribusiness leaders. The institute has sponsored research and educational programs focusing on safe agricultural chemical use since

The afternoon general session includes presentations on the current farm bill, boll weevil eradication and textile quality issues. Featured speakers include Tommy Sell, deputy staff director of the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee; Charles Allen, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and Lindsey, Plains Darrell Cotton

Cooperative Association. Concurrent educational sessions on precision agriculture, biotechnology, insect identification and control, crop diseases, and a weed workshop will be presented by Extension specialists, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and Texas Tech University and industry representatives following the afternoon general ses-

For more information on the conference, call Sheryl Smith at (806) 746-6101.

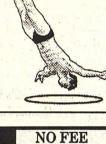


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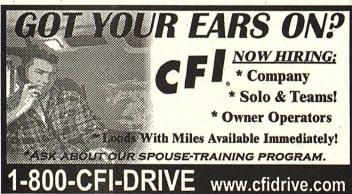
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a program of bonding and finanliability of \$540 million for cial assurance. The Commission abandoned oil field sites and wells and is already stretched now requires operators to be bonded or to provide cash or lettoo thin for current demands on ters of credit on their operations the fund. A burden of this magin order to assure Texans that nitude cannot and should not be

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Financial assurance was a key component to the Commission's Sunset bill Since changes to the finanpassed by the 77th Legislature cial assurance requirements in 2001. The state clearly had to took effect in March 2002, a act to halt the increasing number number of groups, including of un-bonded, orphaned oil and regional oil and gas associagas wells in the state. These tions and a group of Texas legwells are draining the state's Oil islators, are pressing hard to roll back this long overdue pro-Field Cleanup Fund and-in many cases-pose environmental Why is financial assurance

Although critics have been vocal, suggesting that we grant "good guy" waivers to some operators regardless of their financial standing or history, the bonding and financial assurance program is working. We're seeing a significant number of

operators able to secure the bonds or letters of credit necessary to stay in business.

In fact, currently, 95% of the oil and 96.2% of gas produced in Texas was produced by operators with bonds, cash or letters of credit, and of the 7,161 registered, active operators, some 50% have financial assurance-a 40% increase from just a year ago.

In July, the Commission had 116 operators seeking exception to the financial assurance program, requesting to be granted a "good guy" exception to the new bonding requirements. Based on past experience, approximately 75% of these applications for exception

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Fort Stockton To Hold Flag Retiring Ceremony on Sept. 11

Historic Fort Stockton will host a Flag Retiring Ceremony conducted by the Boy Scouts. "We have chosen September 11th to pay tribute to all who died on that fateful day," stated Curator, Andi Martin. The Ceremony will fall on a Wednesday evening, which conflicts with some church services, however, as David Woods declared, "This wasn't a day chosen by Americans, but a day thrust upon us by History."

Burning the American flag is not always a disrespectful act or an act of protest. Burning the American flag is a right and proper thing to do with American flags that have liver past their prime. Many misconceptions exist about what to do with our country's flag once it becomes worn, old and tattered. Do we throw it away? Do we put it in a box? Do we put it in a drawer? Or do we place it in storage so that we can worry about it another day. NO!

There is a correct procedure on what to do involving the

proper way of disposing of an "experienced" U.S. flag. It does not mean just getting the flag as a whole and applying fire to it by a match, a lighter, or blow torch. The process of retirement involves cutting the flag into segments separating the blue field from the rest of the flag. Then it is to be respectfully placed in a well maintained fire until it becomes ash and is no longer recognizable as being an American flag. The ashes are then to be respectfully buried in American soil. This retirement ceremony should be properly conducted by persons who know how to perform this task in a very solemn manner.

The Ceremony will be held on the Fort Parade grounds on Wednesday, September 11th. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend and to bring their torn, tattered flags to be retired properly. Everyone will have the chance to dedicate their flag to a veteran, a group of veterans, or a loved one.

What Are The Consequences Of Inhaling Tobacco Smoke?

by Jessie Johnson, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley

The health consequences of tobacco use may include lung laryngeal esophageal cancer, oral cancers, emphysema, high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. Additionally, tobacco smoke can be linked to impotence or infertility, a lowered immune system and a great chance of debilitating disease or premature death. Nicotine is the highly addictive substance in tobacco that stimulates the nervous system. Within seconds after inhaling tobacco smoke, blood pressure, heart rate, and respiration rate increase. Even a single puff can adversely affect the

Approximately one-third of all cancer deaths in the United States are related to the use of tobacco products. Worldwide, smoking is the cause of millions of deaths every year. Smoking and tobacco use are among the most preventable causes of mortality in the world today. Smokers aren't the only ones affected by smoking - anyone who is exposed to tobacco e may be harmed by its toxic chemical components. Secondhand smoke (also called Environmental Tobacco Smoke, or ETS) is a mixture of the unfiltered smoke that comes from burning tobacco and the smoke exhaled by the smoker. Because smoke from a burning cigarette is unfiltered, it may contain twice the amount of tar and nicotine as the smoke that passes through the filter. Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke may be more likely to develop asthma or respiratory tract infections. Secondhand smoke inhalation is

responsible for thousands of lung cancer and cardiovascular disease deaths every year. 68% of American adolescents perceive great risk associated with smoking cigarettes. Only 5% of daily smokers think that they will be smoking 5 years from now. However, according to research, nearly 75% of these daily smokers find that they are unable to break the habit.

Of the current 1/2-a-pack smokers in high school: 95% have used an illicit drug, 81% have used an illicit drug other than marijuana. 72% of the students report that their close friends would disapprove if they smoked a pack of cigarettes each day. Of those who report daily smoking by senior year, 40% began smoking by eighth grade. Of those seniors with an 'A" Average, only 7% are current daily smokers, while 47% of those with a "D" average are current daily smokers.

For cigarette use, 70% of high school seniors, 74% of tenth graders, and 78% of eighth, reported that they disapproved of smoking one or more packs of cigarettes per day. 68% of twelfth graders, 59% of tenth and 51% of eighth graders perceive regular smoking to be a significant health risk. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screenings are confidential. All services are provided at no charge. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

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to the bonding requirements will be withdrawn or dismissed, most frequently because the operator eventually secures the wells with either a bond or letter of credit.

For others, we should note that those 116 operators in question accounted for .14% of the oil produced in Texas and .03% of the natural gas produced. The unfortunate reality is that many of the low producing operators cited here will never generate sufficient revenue from their wells to pay for the cost of plugging when it becomes necessary

It's time for Texans to take notice because the rules and regulations of the Texas Railroad Commission can and do stand to impact our every day lives. We can create an environment where we find the right balance, an environment where production is valued but our resources, especially our water supplies, are preserved, as well.

Take CARE **This Labor Day** Weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety will join other state police agencies across the nation in promoting traffic safety through Operation CARE during the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

CARE-Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort-focuses on strict enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and drug-related offenses, and occupant restraint laws. increased presence of law enforcement on the state's highways will run from Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 2.

"During holidays, people sometimes think that tragedy won't strike them or their loved ones, but it can," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis

"If you're speeding, driving while intoxicated or not properly restrained, you put your life and the lives of others at risk.'

Holiday drivers are some times tempted to drink and drive:-They justify their illegal behavior by believing that their actions won't affect themselves or others. Drivers must remember that even one drink can diminish driving ability and there are no quick ways to "sober up."

DPS has a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving. Vehicles that are being driven in a manner that indicates the driver is intoxicated will be stopped in every case, and appropriate action will be taken. Drunk drivers are a hazard to themselves and everyone who shares the roadway with them.

"We realize that not every driver will follow our suggestions for safe driving," said Col. Davis, "and that's why our troopers and agencies across the state are stepping up holiday enforcement. We'll do our best to make the roadways safer for Labor Day weekend travel.'

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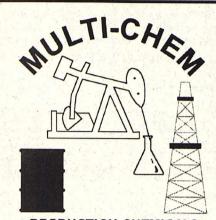
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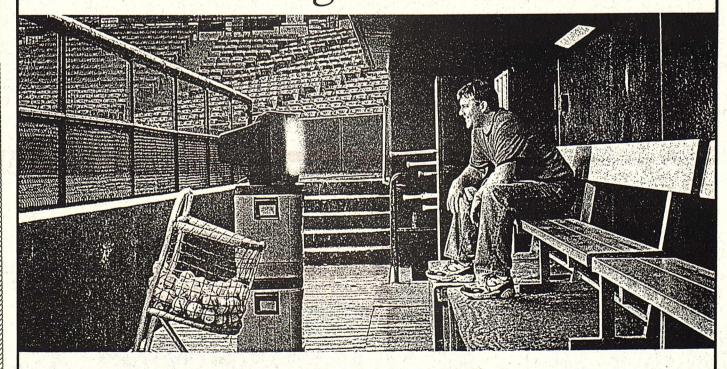
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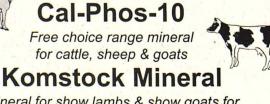


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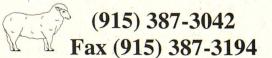
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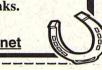
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