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Bush Will Address U.S. to Mark 9-11

by SANDRA SOBIERAJ, those who lost their lives on the Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush, who will mark the remembrance of Sept. 11 by visiting three terrorist attack sites, plans to start the observances in prayer and close them with a prime-time address to the nation.

The White House on Tuesday released details of the president's Sept. 11 schedule, which will take him and First Lady Laura Bush from a private morning church service in Washington, to a moment of silence observed at the White House at 8:46 a.m., EDT. That's the exact time that the first terrorist-hijacked jet slammed into the World Trade Center tower in New York. They will go from there to a ceremony at the Pentagon, which also was

attacked on that fateful day. The President and Mrs. Bush will then journey to Shanksville, Pa., and lay a wreath in the field where Flight 93 crashed, presumably en route to another target in Washington.

"Those who were here at the White House that day feel strongly about honoring those who gave their lives that day on Flight 93, particularly given the fact that most of us view that as saving the lives of those who were here at the White House that day," said White House deputy press secretary Scott McClellan.

That afternoon, at 4:30 p.m., Bush will lay a wreath at Ground Zero, site of the former Trade Center towers in New York. At 9:01 p.m., he is to address the nation from New York. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer promised a "respectful, solemn tribute to

attack on our country on Sept. 11 ... words of thanks and love to the families of those whose relatives were taken from us."

"And I think it will be a reminder of the importance of liberty, and how our United States stands strong throughout the world in promoting liberty," the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, Tom Ridge, director of Bush's Office of Homeland Security, said Tuesday he thinks U.S. security has improved significantly since the attacks.

"I think we've made substantial progress and I think we are substantially safer than we were on Sept. 11," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

We still have considerable work to do in the years and months ahead," Ridge acknowledged.

He said he knew of no "specific credible information" about any particular threat on Sept. 11.

"We have been in an elevated state of alert for quite some time," he said. "It's our job to worry about, and be concerned about security every day," Ridge said on CBS' "The Early Show."

'Obviously, this is a day that we are going to celebrate heroes. We are going to remember some extraordinary things that Americans did on behalf of one another. It's a day of mourning," he said.

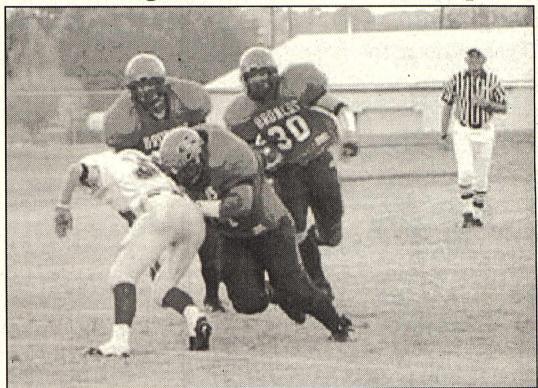
He said he believed that "on that day, like every day since Sept. 11, America will be vigilant" and authorities at all levels of government "will continue to be on guard."

Retire Old Glory At Special **Ceremony on** 9-11

Make plans now to attend the Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts will be performing the retirement of the American Flags Ceremony. If you have a flag that is tattered or frayed that you would like to retire, you can still drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street. Ann Kay, Manager of the Main Street program reported that many flags have been dropped off, and more are welcome. If you have a special story or memory that goes with the flag, leave it also so that it can be shared with all in attendance.

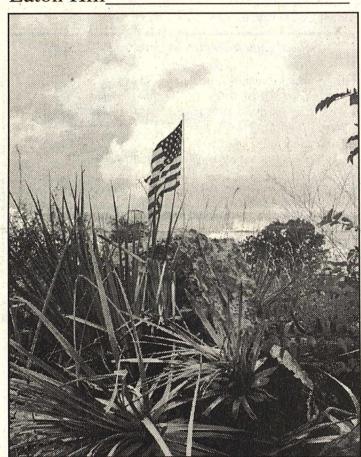
Local churches will provide music and there will be a special time to remember the fallen heroes of September 11,

Broncos Bag The Bucks For Season Opener



Israel Arevalo blocks for Dustin Martin at the season opener against the Alpine Bucks. Photo by Ray Glasscock See the complete story on page 5.

Eaton Hill



The vegetation on the new "Wildfire Run" trail on Eaton Hill is abundant. Find out more about the new trails on page 3.

Take a Walk On The New Trails Of

6:00 p.m., followed by the auction at 7:00 p.m. Donations are still being accepted to be auctioned at The Bank & Trust. Sutton County Days Parade

The Annual Lions Club Auction will be

held on September 10th at the Sutton

County 4-H Civic Center. Dinner starts at

Winners Announced

The 2002 Sutton County Days Parade has come and gone, but the winners will hold that honor for at least the next year.

The winners for best Group or Organization were: 1st Place/Devil's River Dancers; 2nd Place/The Cub Scouts

Best Float went to: 1st Place/Sonora Hardware; 2nd

Best Out of Town Entry was the Silver Ridge Runners and the Grand Prize went to Sonora Hardware. Congratulations to all these

City Council Holds Budget Hearing_

On August 20, 2002 the Report. City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall with the following present: James Stephen, Mayor; Council members Vivian Miears, Gloria Lopez, Virgil Polocek; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Brent Gesch, City Manager; Becky

Covington, City Secretary. Others attending all or part of the meeting were T. Wayne Price, Keith Wakham, Chief House, Tony Lane, James McLaughlin, Shelly Hughes, Justin McGeath, Ladonna Wardlaw, Russell Green, Rick Cearley, Larry Lynch, Storie

Sharp, and Juanita Mesa. Mayor Stephen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Reverend T. Wayne Price gave the invocation and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Polocek made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 16, 2002 as written. Lopez made a second to the motion and the motion carried.

Polocek made a motion to approve the monthly tax collection report that was presented by the Sutton County Appraisal District. Miears made a second and the motion carried.

Polocek made a motion to approve the Sutton County Appraisal District annual fiscal year budget as presented. Upon a second by Miears the motion carried.

Russell Green, Chief of the Fire Department, presented the following activity report: Total Alarms- 21, Structure Fires - 1, Grass Fires - 2, Vehicle Fires - 3, Rescues - 10, False Alarms -5, Total Man Hours - 182.5, County Man Hours - 139, County Fires - 19, City Man Hours - 31.5, City Fires - 1, Mutual Aid - 12 hours and 1 call. Polocek made a motion to approve the report as presented, seonded by Lopez. Motion car-

Polocek made a motion and Lopez made the second, to approve the Quarterly Financial

presented the annual Sonora Development Industrial Corporation budget for the council to consider. Justin explained the following revisions: Take out the budget item for a part-time wildlife sanctuary employee and move the expense for Eaton Hill Project to Project Funding. Upon a

Justin McGeath, Manager,

SIDC board was approved. Lopez made a motion to table the appointment of Sonora Development Industrial Corporation Board of Directors until next months regular meeting. Miears made the second and the motion was approved.

motion by Polocek, seconded by

Lopez, the annual budget for

fiscal year 2002-2003 for the

Mayor Stephen opened the public hearing at 2:13 p.m. to hear comments on expending Section 4B sales tax for the following projects: Project funding for \$18,705.00 for George Thorp Water Well Service. Project funding for \$6,675.00 for Sonora Air Cooled Engines.

There being no comments, Mayor Stephen closed the hearing at 2:14 p.m.

Mayor Stephen then opened the public hearing at 2:14 p.m. to hear comments on contemplated annexation of a 6.9 acre tract at the end of Queens Court Townhouse Subdivision requested by Jorge and Sheila Velarde. There being no comments, Mayor Stephen closed the hearing at 2:15 p.m.

A letter was presented from City Attorney Beth Wallace regarding the request from the Sutton County Historical Society for hotel motel tax funding for operation of the Miers Home, Cauthorn Building and Restrooms. Wallace recommended that the Council request that the Historical Society prepare a list of activities that will directly enhance tourism and promote tourism and the con-

See City Council page 7

State Agencies On Alert As September 11 Nears

by Jeff Wentworth State Senator, District 25

It has been almost a year since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon shattered Americans' belief in our nation's impregnability.

Since September 11, we have been united in our efforts to hunt down those responsible for the attacks, to honor the victims of those monstrous acts of terrorism and to prevent future attacks. During the dark days after 9/11, for example, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) issued a bioterrorism alert urging all health care professionals to maintain a heightened degree of suspicion. Information about bioterrorism preparedness may be found on TDH website the www.tdh.state.tx.us.

Earlier this year, TDH applied for and received a \$51 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. TDH is in the process of implementing a statewide comprehensive bioterrorism preparedness and response plan that includes a bioterrorism response and prevention planner for each of the eight Public Health Regions in

The regional planner will work with law enforcement and elected officials and community leaders. Grant funds also are being used for response teams that include an epidemiologist, a public health nurse and a medical technician.

TDH also is utilizing grant money to open additional testing laboratories, develop a communications network to alert Texans of threats of bioterrorism and to train them to assist each region in developing its own bioterrorism preparedness plan. More than 70. percent of the \$51 million grant will be divided among the eight regions, which also may use the

funds for other public health needs.

On September 6, TDH will participate with state and federagencies chemical/bioterrorism exercise that will be held around Eagle Pass, the Kickapoo Nation and Piedras Negras, Mexico. The exercise will simulate a hazardous material spill that would release a biological agent exposing citizens of three nations, the United States, Mexico and the Kickapoo Nation.

TDH is not the only agency responding to the September 11 attacks. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs formed a Texas Border Food Security Coalition to help protect the state's food supply.

Information about the available coalition is www.agr.state.tx.us.

Governor Rick Perry's Task Force on Homeland Security, which he appointed after the attacks, continues to examine security measures along Texas' borders and to identify potential targets. Task force information is available on the Internet at www.governor.state.tx.us. In addition to the state's preparedness, prevention and response efforts, we will also pay permanent tribute to the Texans killed in the attacks and to the Texas soldiers who died in Afghanistan with a memorial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

The design will be unveiled at ceremonies at the State Cemetery on September 11, and will feature at least one steel beam recovered from ground zero. The memorial will remind us that the price of liberty is high and that the war on terrorism makes soldiers of

Future Broncos Get Ready For Some Football...



The Sonora Colts are ready to start their season, traveling to Ingram on Thurday, August 5th to start their season. Show your support and help cheer our Colts on to victory.

Notice To all Thunderbird Transit Passengers: New Hours **Operation**

Effective September 2, 2002, the schedule for Thunderbird Transit is as follows: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Monday thru Friday). There will be no service after 2 p.m. All passengers are required to make reservations at least 24 hours in

advance of appointment, but not more than 7 days in advance and will be scheduled on a first come, first served Questions regarding Thunderbird should be directed

Jeffrey Sutton, Executive Director, Concho Valley

Council of Governments (915) 944-9666 or Robert Stephens, Director of Transportation, Concho Valley Council of Governments (915) 944-9666.



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School Lunch Menu • September 9 - 13, 2002 **Breakfast**

Mon. - Muffin, oatmeal, juice Tues. - Cheese toast, fruit Wed .- Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice

Thurs. - Breakfast burrito, juice Fri.- Peanut butter toast, fruit, juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts. Lunch

Mon .- Barbecue on bun, potato salad, pickles, onions, peach cobbler

Tues .- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, fresh fruit,

Wed.- Beef & bean burrito, chili, tossed salad, mixed fruit Thurs. - Corn dog, cheese nachos, pear slices, oatmeal cookie Fri. - Chicken on bun, lettuce/tomatoes, French fries, banana pudding

Senior **Center News**

Sept. 9 - Bingo.

Sept. 10 - Exercise anyone?

Sept. 11 - Blood pressure checks with Girling Health Care, Inc. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 12 - Crafts for holidays! Sign up now!!!

Senior Menu

Sept. 9 - Spaghetti with meatballs, spinach, garlic toast, fruit cocktail, cake, milk.

Sept. 10 - Hot dog with chili/cheese, yams, pineapple waldorf salad, brownie with nuts, milk.

Sept. 11 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler, milk. Sept. 12 - Tacos with meat & cheese, pinto beans, corn,

lettuce, tomato mix, fruit with cantaloupe, milk. Sept. 13 - Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, melon mix, fruit parfait.

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

Engagement



Stephen - Brunclik

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stephen announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Anne to Vladislav Brunclik of Prague, The Czech Republic. The wedding will take place in January in Sonora,

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Classes start Sept. 4th & 9th Because of a Conflict with Gymnastics: Office During the Junior High Football Season. Classes will be on Mondays & Wednesdays after they will return to Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Cost for Classes are \$30 for one child & \$50 for Two

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Community Sept. 9

County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex

Sept. 10 Lions Club Dinner & Auction

6:00 p.m. • 4-H Civic Center Sept. 11

Flag Retiring Ceremony

7:30 p.m. • Sutton County Arena The Community Calendar

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Calendar

Sept. 16

P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. • Elementary Auditorium **Sept. 17**

> City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

Sept. 23

Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex

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New Trails Open On Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Two new trails are open on Eaton Hill. Wildfire Run and Quarry Climb are both located on the east side of the hill and lead from the flag towards the Sonora Industrial Development office and the birding platform. Quarry Climb will challenge your calve and thigh muscles as you enjoy the varying terrain, while Wildfire Run offers an interesting display of vegetative regrowth following last years' fire in this area. Both trails are currently alive with flowers and butterflies. Recent bird and wildlife sightings include the Lesser goldfinch, Scrub jay, Golden-fronted woodpecker, Ladder-backed woodpecker, Roadrunner, Scott's Oriole, Cactus Wren, Bewick's Wren, several hummingbirds species and Texas horned lizard (horny toad). Also reported is a mysterious white-bodied animal with a dark brown head and neck

which makes a strangely familiar "baaa" sound and holds an eerie resemblance to a Boer goat cross. What could be more fitting for Sonora?

Other news from Eaton Hill... Wanda Neville came up with a creative and fun birthday celebration for her friend Frances Grobe. Wanda took Frances on a morning hike, guided by Jimmy Cahill, which began at the Buckeye Trailhead. The group hiked up to the flag and then back around to the covered birding station where the hummingbirds are currently quite active. Hummingbirds can also be viewed from the shaded rock benches located on the edge of the lawn at the SIDC office, but are beginning to migrate. Having worked up their appetites on the approximate one mile walk, the group enjoyed lunch in town. Wanda then capped off the celebration by giving her friend an Eaton



A sign made by local Boy Scout, David Adkins, marks the two new trails on Eaton Hill.

Hill painted rock depicting a whitetail fawn. From all reports, Mrs. Grobe had a wonderfully memorable birthday here in Sonora. If you haven't visited Eaton Hill yet, come on out and take advantage of all that Mother Nature has to offer.

Complimentary walking sticks are available from the receptacles at each trailhead for visitors' use while hiking the trails. There is something for everyone on the hill.

Texas Department of Health Gives West Nile Virus Information

West Nile Virus (WNV) is an arbovirus (short for arthropod-borne virus) that may cause human disease, including encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). The virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, and can infect people, horses, and many types of birds. Most people who become infected with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms or only mild ones and will fully recover. Symptoms are flu-like, including sudden headache, nausea and body aches. In severe cases symptoms included high fever, muscle weakness, convulsions, paralysis and rarely, death. The risk of severe disease is generally low, 1 in 150 infections and usually occur in persons 50 years of age or older. There is no evidence to suggest that West Nile Virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person.

Humans and horses are considered dead-end hosts and do not contribute to the cycle or

can be carried in the bloodstream of over 100 species of birds, of particular concern are blue jays, crows and hawks, which die very quickly when infected with the virus. The State Health Department is testing these types of birds for the presence of the virus. To be tested, these specific birds must either be sick or freshly dead (within a 24 hours period) to ensure tissues are viable for testing. Birds which are decomposed, rotten or decayed or appear to have died for other reasons (killed by a cat, dog or hit by a car) will not be tested.

Persons finding a dead blue jay, crow or hawk can contact the Texas Department of Health, Zoonosis Division in their area. Staff will determine mosquito breeding sites.

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during the month of September,

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whether the specimen should be submitted for testing. Bird testing takes place at the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin and takes upwards of 10 days for results.

> West Nile Virus in Texas August 28, 2002 Sample type Cases 182 Human 38 Mosquito 91 134 Total Cases = 445

West Nile Virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 during an outbreak in New York. Since then, the virus has continued it's westward movement across the US and into areas of Texas. West Nile Virus is dependent upon a bird - mosquito transmission cycle. Eliminating mosquito populations by fogging, removing breeding sites, or even through biological controls such as predacious minnows (Gambusia affinis) that will eat mosquito larve will help to prevent human infections.

How can you reduce your Although West Nile Virus Bachances of being infected?

Remember the "Four D's" to defend yourself against West Nile Virus.

Dusk/Dawn are the time of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.

DEET (chemical name, N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) is the active ingredient in many insect repellent products, it is used to repel biting pests when you are outside.

Drain standing water in your back yard and neighborhood - old tires, flowerpots, and Clogged rain gutters. These are The Meaning and Significance

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Happy Birthday

September 5 -Frances Reyna, Cades Pope, Genny Cramer, Sandra Luz Gonzalez, Elsa Trevino, Walker Lipham, Jose Castillo, Jr.

September 6 - Glen Love, Anna Samaniego, Ashley Bible, Lydia Galinda

September 7 - Alicia Reedy, Matt Torres, Abel Garcia, Mallie September 8 - Luke Healy, Christy Bell, Casey Arredondo September 9 - Dawsyn Sharp, Amber West, Wilson Wallace,

Crosby Liverman, Ashley Brown, Claire Thorp, Fernie Ramos, Oscar Marshall, Cherie Morrow, Kelly Morrow, Tamra Wolfe, Damian Lopez, Cynthia Keel September 10 - Ray Glasscock, Shalayne Hobbs, Salvador

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Bring Health Care Back To **Your Community**

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Living a healthy life is a challenge for everyone, but in West Texas, we face a unique challenge-access to health care in our small communities. It doesn't have to be that way.

More than you might realize, the western half of Texas is facing a shortage of health care providers. Nineteen counties in West Texas do not have a single physician, while 27 have less than three. The problem will only get worse as existing health care professionals reach retirement age.

We can stop this problem. Research shows that people who grow up in rural areas are more likely to return to rural areas to live and work. We must create a pipeline for students to become health care profession-

The West Texas Area Health Education Program is a coordinated effort between the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, health care providers, communities and counties across West Texas.

In June, we opened the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of the Plains in Plainview. In the coming months, the AHEC of the Plains staff will introduce school-aged children to health care careers, provide rural training for students in health professions, offer continuing education to current health professionals and promote careers in health care

to workers in other occupations. The goal is to establish similar programs to serve communities across the 108-county region the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center serves.

Next, we must reach out to students interested in health professions with financial assistance. This year five entering freshmen who plan to pursue health professions received the Texas Tech Rural Health Education Stipend, valued at \$2,500 per year. It is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate education and may also be applied to four years of education at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

We must also prepare our students academically. This summer, college students participated in the Summer Academies. For up to six weeks, these students received instruction in the basic and social sciences, participated in a public speaking course, worked in clinics with professionals in their field of interest and attended lectures on rural health care practices and healthy aging. These academies are designed to help students improve skills they need to enter and successfully complete health professions training. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center provided instruction, housing and dining at no cost to

Jennifer Wente bride elect of John Jones Jody Lowdermilk bride elect of Andy Mirike Olivia Samaniego bride elect of Marco Cunningham Rachel Bean and Rhett Johnson 417 Hwy. 277 N

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Bridal Registry

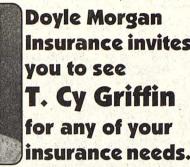
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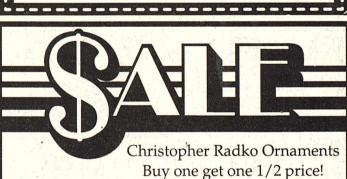
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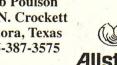
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For additional information or if you should have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Stephens at 387-5821 Classes are ongoing and new students may start at any time

News From the Neighbors

Rocksprings Prepares for Diez y Seis Celebration

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Once again Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Rocksprings is planning its Annual Diez y Seis Parish Festival to be held on Saturday, September 14th at the Edwards County Fairgrounds.

All day activities are scheduled to begin with a parade at 10 o'clock a.m. Polo Cervantes, formerly of Rocksprings, will serve as the parade marshal. Marching in our parade for the first time will be the Buffalo Soldiers of Fort Concho in San Angelo. Organized in February of 1987, the Fort Concho Buffalo Soldiers take part in the living history program of the Fort Concho Museum education department. With the Fort Concho Infantry and Calvary units, the Buffalo Soldiers help the museum tell the story of the military frontier.

Game booths and food booths will begin immediately following the parade. There will be lots of good food to eat and the church will be selling carne guisada plates with all the trimmings. This year the festival promises lots of entertainment for the entire family. At 9 a.m. books will open for the 1st Annual Team Roping sponsored by the Catholic Church and registration for the 3rd Annual Car Show will also begin. A shearing contest and washer-pitching contest are also scheduled

throughout the day.

Entertainment for the day will begin with our local DJ team Chimiro and Cheezer. Following will be country music by Border Trash of Sonora, featuring locals Ned Dunbar and Colby Cottle. Stacy y Grupo Suave of Junction will follow with their performance. There will also be a performance by the AHMATA band of Camp

The queen coronation will be at 5 p.m. Vying for the queen is Ariel Rendon of Rocksprings and Gloria Cabrera of Leakey. Performing during the coronation will be Mariachi Del Quinto Sol of Del Rio and folkloric dancers.

One thousand dollars will be raffled later in the night at the dance, which will begin at 9:00 p.m. with music by Talisman of Carizo Springs.

The Church would like to remind all who are attending that there will be no coolers allowed at the fairgrounds.

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For more information please call Edward Gonzales at (830)683-6177 or Juan Enriquez at (830)683-4410. If you would like to have a float in the parade contact Rosa Ramirez at 683-5142 or Adella Spurlock at 683-

Annual Miles Cotton Festival Celebrates 25 Years

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Fun, Fun, Fun is the word for the Annual Miles Cotton Festival to be held on Saturday, September 14th in Miles, Texas as we celebrate our Silver (25th Year) Anniversary.

The All-Day Activities include a brisket, pork rib and bean cook-off with over \$1,000.00 given away in prize money; a parade, breakfast, arts and crafts, Kid's Fair, Fun Run,

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Sons of the Pioneers In Concert

will make a rare Texas appearance Sept. 5-6th when they perform in Lubbock during the 14th annual National Cowboy Symposium.

The group, which has two performers with educational roots in Lubbock and Levelland, will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, in the Municipal Auditorium on the

Texas Tech University campus. Tickets are \$25 for the floor and \$20 for the balcony and can be purchased through Select-a-Seat at 806-770-2000. The National Cowboy Symposium is scheduled Sept. 5 - 8.

The Sons of the Pioneers will also receive the Lifetime Achievement Award during the

Two members of the famed western singing group have their educational roots in West Texas. Preston Eldridge, originally from Almogordo, N.M. attended South Plains College's commercial music program from 1997-99 and later moved to Branson.

The Sons of the Pioneers He sings and plays bass and fiddle with the group.

Ken Lattimore, a 1983 Texas Tech University graduate from Marshall, Texas, plays fiddle and sings.

Other activities of the National Cowboy Symposium include the 2002 trail ride, forging and shoeing contests, clinics and classes, Longhorn cattle show, live shoeing contests, the West Texas Longhorn Association Championship Qualifying Show, western wear style show, cowboy dance, concurrent sessions on poetry, songs, stories, papers, panels and special presentations, an exhibit and sale of western items and a chuck wagon breakfast. Most activities will take place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. For more information on the National Cowboy Symposium, contact Alvin Davis, Chairman, at 806-795-2455 or check out the sympowebsite www.cowboy.org.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial **Auxiliary Meeting**

The next meeting of the Discussion and Planning for the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Wednesday, will be: September 18, 2002 at 12:00 noon in the Hospital Annex. The quarterly meeting will include: Election and Installation of Officers,

October Health Fair, October Mobile Mammography Clinic and Fall Rummage Sale. Please make plans to attend; reserve your seat for lunch by calling 387-2521. New membership is encouraged.

Grandparent's **Proud of Future Country Star**



Baylie Brown

Joe and Goldie Brown of Sonora have reason to be extraproud of their granddaughter, Baylie Brown of Krum, Texas. By day she's a normal twelveyear-old working hard in her seventh grade classes and cheerleading with her friends. But after school is when this little girl really shines. Because it's then that Baylie Brown can turn to her one love - country music.

Baylie said she's been singing as long as she can remember, but her actual formal training began because a friend of her mother's heard her singing in the shower. The friend advised the family to seek some voice lessons for the youngster and the family has been whole heartedly behind Baylie's singing ever since.

Her voice is very strong and powerful. She tried telling sound people at a show that her mike was too loud, but the technician eyeballed the tiny little blond and didn't think she could produce. They know better now she blew their sound system.

In addition to the support from her proud Sonora grandparents she is supported by her entire family and local friends in Krum.

The petite blonde with the big blue eyes has been mesmerizing audiences since she was six. She's sung at local events like Krum Fun Days and other church functions, but her real love is performing before a live audience at Opry Houses. She's performed at the Wiley Opry in N. Dallas, the Grapevine Opry, the Garland Opry, and more Baylie recently performed at the Texas State Fair. On Tuesday, August 20th she sang the National Anthem and then on Wednesday, she performed thirteen songs on the center stage, including "Your Cheating "Some Day Soon' "Stand By Your Man" and

She said she was a little nervous about performing at the fair because she is used to singing with a big spotlight blinding her. The Fair was different because she could see the audience. The band that backed Baylie at the State Fair included members of LeAnn Rimes'

Baylie's grandfather, Joe, said that they had just returned from Denton where they watched her perform a two-hour show. He said that she was pure profession while she was singing, "but she's still a 12year-old little girl," grandpa said with a proud smile!

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F.Y.I.

A Flag Retiring Ceremony will be held at the Sutton County Arena Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to pay tribute to fallen heroes of 9-11 and retire any old flags.

The PEP RALLY for the game against Ingram will be held on Friday, September 6th at 2:15 p.m. in the High School Gym.

If you would like to purchase any Varsity or Junior Varsity football game tapes, please call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315. The cost is only \$6 per tape and all proceeds benefit the Radio and T.V. Class. you can also purchase any home 7th or 8th grade game apes. We also have games from past seasons.

The 2002 Yearbooks are on sale for \$35. Come to the high school or send your payment to the following address: S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950. You can also call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315 for more details.

School pictures for Pre-K 11th graders and all administration, faculty and staff of Sonora Independent School District will be on Thursday, September 5th. Students will receive order forms on their campus. Please make all checks payable to Blunck's Please DO NOT SEND CASH for orders. If you have any questions, please call Kristin Keel at the high school at 387-6533 ext. 315.

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 donated. For more information contact any Lions Club mem-

Are you ready for another year of Bronco sports? The Bronco Spirit Shop is now open and 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 Bereaved parents 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 yourare urged to attend.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, in cooperation 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 \$75.00 for Screening 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

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Broncos Open With Victory

by Tryon Fields

Last Friday the Sonora Broncos kicked off their 2002 football season by entertaining the Alpine Bucks. Using multiple offensive sets along with two quarterbacks and eight different running backs; the Bronco offense amassed 305 total yards, (198 rushing and 107 passing) and scored 19 points to gain their first victory of this young season. The Red Hoss defense limited the Bucks to 170 total yards, (125 rushing and 45 passing) and denied Alpine the end zone. Usually this early in the

season, the offense is behind the defense. The Bronco offense did not show any of these tendencies in the first quarter. Receiving the short opening kick-off, the Red Hoss offense began their first possession at their own 46. Averaging over seven yards per carry, Sonora needed ten plays to score their first touchdown of the game and season. Carries by Dustin Martin, Juan Rodriguez, Emmanuel Lopez, and Chris Martin advanced the ball to the Alpine thirteen yard line. On a second and one; Dustin Martin took the hand off from quarterback. Scottie Moore, and scampered into the end-zone for the initial score. The PAT was wide to the left and with seven minutes and forty seconds showing on the first quarter game clock the Broncos led by a score of 6 to 0 over the Bucks. Alpine's first possession began at their own twenty-seven. Three plays and out. Sound familiar? Shades of last year?

Defensive plays made by Thomas Bloodworth, Israel Arevalo, Brandon West, and the rest of the Bronco defense forced Alpine to punt after only gaining six positive yards. After a booming Buck punt, Sonora was back in business at their own seventeen. Once again the over-powering up front blocking by the Red Hosses front line enabled the Bronco running backs to gobble up the yardage. Dustin Martin gained 64 of

his game high 100 yards on this drive. Runs of 3, 14, 44, and 3 helped move the ball to the Alpine 5 yard line. One of the few Bronco miscues occurred on the next play. A Bronco fumble recovered by Emmanuel Lopez kept the Broncos in business at the Buck eight. On a second and goal; Lopez would get the call. Using his blockers, Lopez would cruise into the end-zone for Sonora's second ore. Alpine would thwart the Broncos attempt at a two point conversion making the score Alpine 0 - Sonora 12 with a little over a minute left to play in the first quarter. The first quarter would end with the Alpine Bucks trying to gain positive

After forcing the Bucks to punt once again after three downs, the Red Hosses would start their first possession of the



Emmanuel Lopez moves the ball down the field against Photo by Ray Glasscock. Alpine.

second quarter on their own sixteen. A pass reception by Juan Rodriguez; along with runs by Dustin Martin, Emmanuel Lopez, and Rodriguez would move the football out to the Bronco thirty-one. At the thirty-one, Alpine would force the Broncos to turn the ball over.

After a pass completion, the football would pop loose with Alpine's Henry Lara coming up with the loose pigskin at the Sonora twenty-four yard line. Bend but Don't Break - a Bronco tradition! After gaining twenty yards to the Bronco four, Alpine met with a very stiff Bronco defense. Defensive plays by Chris Martin, Lance Roberts, Israel Arevalo, and Wilson Wallace forced the Bucks to turn the ball over on downs at the four. Doug Yocham, the new Bronco quarterback, directed the Broncos for the next three and a half minutes. Short runs by Lopez and Rodriguez, along with a nice touch pass to Dustin Martin moved the football into Buck territory at the Alpine forty-two. At the forty-two, the Alpine defense stiffened and forced the Broncos to punt. Chris Martin's punt would bound into the end-zone and for the next four minutes, the Bucks would gain thirty-three yards to the Bronco thirty-eight. The majority of these yards coming on a twenty-one yard counter play by half-back, Jim Bob Steen. At the Bronco thirtyeight, the Red Hoss defense led by Thomas Bloodworth would force the Bucks to punt.

Sonora would attempt three passes in the next forty-four seconds to close out the first half. Alpine 0 - Sonora 12.

The first seven minutes of the third quarter would see both teams not firing on all cylinders. The first five possessions, (three by Alpine and two by Sonora) would result in both teams turning the ball over twice. Sonora's Chris Martin and Wilson Wallace would each intercept errant Alpine passes. Sonora would suffer a fumble and an interception. With four minutes and forty-eight seconds left in the third quarter, Sonora's offense would finally get untracked.

Starting at the Alpine thirty-eight, Sonora would use the brotherly duo of Chris and Dustin Martin to move the ball to the Buck nine. After an excellent gainer by Chris Martin to the Alpine nine, a holding call would force Sonora into a third and eighteen at the Alpine eighteen. Taking advantage of an all out rush by the Alpine defense, Bronco quarterback, Scottie Moore, would loft up a middle screen pass to Bronco fullback, Juan Rodriguez. Rodriguez gathering the pass in would race into the end-zone to score the Broncos third touchdown of the game. Bronco Zedekiah place kicker, Snodgrass would split the uprights to give the Broncos their nineteenth point. Alpine 0

- Sonora 19. Alpine's fourth possession of the quarter would end just like the previous one; with a turn-over. This time the Bucks would fumble the ball away with Sonora's Juan Rodriguez recovering the loose pigskin at

the Buck forty. The fourth quarter would be spent with both teams either turning the ball over on downs or by punting it. Sonora would advance to the Alpine twentysix early in the fourth quarter, but would be forced to turn the ball over on downs. The last possession of the quarter would belong to the Alpine Bucks who would cross the mid-field stripe for the first time in the half. Passes to Jim Bob Steen, as well as runs by Henry Lara would move the ball into the red zone at the Bronco eleven.

At the eleven, the Bronco defense led by Thomas Bloodworth, Israel Arevalo, Chris Martin, Lance Roberts, and Brandon West would force the Bucks to turn the ball over on downs. With a second left on the game clock, Sonora would run out the clock to chalk up their first victory of the sea-

son. Alpine 0 - Sonora 19. This Friday, the Broncos will travel east to Ingram. Game time is 7:30 p.m. If you can not make the game, tune your radio to 92.1 FM and catch Virgil Burge and Mike Percifull; as they will bring the play by play starting at 7:15. GOOD LUCK BRON-

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J.V. Broncos Travel To Alpine For Season Opener

by: Maray Cearley

The Sonora Junior Varsity started their football season with a long road trip to Alpine. After following the J.V. last year, it was a welcome sight to see so many Broncos on the

In the first quarter each team exchanged two sets of downs with no results. At the end of the quarter the score stood 0-0.

In the second quarter Alpine's size and quickness began to wear on the Broncos. The first play from scrimmage was a short pass play that resulted in a touchdown. The 2-point conversion was good, making the score 0-8.

On the ensuing kick, Anthony Longoria returned it for 30 yards giving Sonora excellent field position. After several positive gains from Hilton Bloodworth, Sonora's woes began. First, there was a holding penalty and then several dropped passes. The ball was turned over on downs where the Bucks took it the distance scoring their second touchdown in the game. With 4:08 remaining

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in the first half, Alpine led by Longoria for 25 and Luna for 7

On the kickoff, Longoria once again gave the Broncos good field position. Bloodworth gained 3 on the ground, and then Embre Smith connected with Steven Duhon for 4. Unable to convert a first down, the Broncos were forced to punt. Cameron Cox put it deep into Alpine territory giving the Broncos much needed momentum. Jeb Hunt forced a hurried incomplete pass followed by several Alpine miscues. The Bronco defense, led by David Luna, Austin Wagoner, Hunt and Duhon, forced the Bucks to run the clock out and settle for a 16 point lead at the half.

The second half began with Travis Heard kicking deep, only to have the Alpine receiver shake several Bronco defenders and return it for the score. After the 2-point conversion, the score was 0-24.

On Sonora's next possession they were able to move the ball well. Bloodworth, Cox and Nash Traylor combined to move the ball on the ground, while Smith hit Duhon for 13 yards,

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in the air. A 15-yard penalty hurt the Broncos and eventually the ball was turned over on

Alpine scored again on their next possession with an 80-yard scamper up the sidelines. Chris Perez was able to stop the 2-point attempt, leaving the score 0-30.

On the Broncos' next possession they were able to gain 46 yards on the ground with carries by Cox, Perez and Bloodworth. An interception stopped the drive on Alpine's 30 yard line.

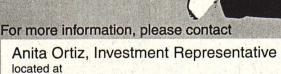
The fourth quarter wasn't much better for the Big Red. Alpine scored twice more bringing the score to 0-46 which ended up being the final. Sonora had the ball twice; one stopped on downs and last on an interception at the Alpine 8 yard

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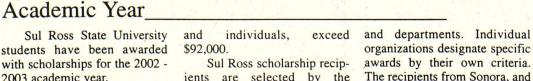


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Texas Water Development Board To Hold Groundwater **Management Meeting**

A public meeting on the designation of Groundwater Management Areas (GMAs) will be held by the TWDB in Alpine on Tuesday, September 10, 2002 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sul Ross State University, Lawrence Hall Room #300.

The 77th Texas Legislature's Senate Bill 2 amended the Texas Water Code to direct the TWDB, with the assistance and cooperation of the Texas Natrual Resource Commission Conservation (TNRCCC), to designate GMAs covering all major and minor aquifers in Texas. According to the provision of this new statutory requirement, the initial designation of GMAs must be completed no later than September

The object of GMA designation is to provide the most suitable area for the management of groundwater resources. GMAs, unlike groundwater conservation districts, do not have authority to control groundwater, but will enhance cooperative efforts between districts in managing groundwater, and may encourage joint water planning the districts. Coopertive water planning is a key element of Water for Texas -2002, the 2002 State Water Plan.

The TWDB held a May 15, 2002 meeting with representatives from groundwater conservation districts, regional water planning groups, and other water interests which included discussion of alternative approaches for the GMA boundaries. The TWDB's proposed GMA boundaries suggest delineation of the GMAs in a manner that coincides most closely with the boundaries of aquifers, consistent with the direction set forth in the Texas Water Code.

The proposed boundaries primarily honor the boundaries of the major aquifers of Texas as identified in various TWDB publications, including the 2002 State Water Plan.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and provide comments on the proposed GMA boundaries and the draft rule pertaining to GMA designations. Comments on the proposed amendments relating to GMA designation and boundaries will be accepted through October 6, 2002. Written comments may also be submitted to Jorge Arroyo, Director of Special Projects, Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711e-mail by jarroyo@twdb.state.tx.us, or by fax at 512/463-5580. As required in the rulemaking process, the TWDB will address all comments received and make a final recommendation to its governing board in November. Additional information on the GMA process is available on the

www.twdb.state.tx.us. A formal public hearing on the GMA boundary designations and rule will be held in Austin on September 30, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 118 of the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress.

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TWDB

The Texas Water Development Board is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND **Endorses Henry Bonilla**

submitted

Waco - The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND) has endorsed the re-election of U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R - San Antonio) the District Congressional seat.

'Congressman Bonilla's push to eliminate wasteful government spending and support of increased appropriations for agriculture and defense are qualities that are very important to the Texas Farm Bureau and its membership," said Donald Patman, president of Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND.

Congressman Bonilla currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee,

where he chairs its Agriculture subcommittee.

Bonilla was also selected to serve as one of the co-chairman of the 2000 Republican National Convention, where he emceed and oversaw the formal nomination of George W. Bush.

The American Farm Bureau Federation named Congressman Bonilla a "Friend of Farm Bureau" for this Congress.

AGFUND is the Texas Farm Bureau's political action fund. It is the legal entity separate from the Texas Farm Bureau and may endorse and contribute financially to political candidates. AGFUND is funded by voluntary contributions from TFB members.

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Interactive Internet Based Learning Now Available To Landowners

by: Jorge A. Ramirez

UVALDE -- An Internetbased tool designed to help landowners and land managers to manage their land in an environmentally-friendly manner is now available in South Central Texas and the Hill Country through Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Living in the Country: A Resource for Landowners," is an interactive learning module about range management, water conservation and quality, land fragmentation, and natural resource conservation. Users can access the site at http://extensionlearning.tamu.edu/projectstom/wal2/login.asp.

The target audience is landowners and land managers in Texas who want to learn about their resources and manage them in a more effective manner. In. many cases these landowners or managers have an interest in wildlife, or may own horses or operate an enterprise raising meat goats.

"This is an exciting project for us," said Extension Director Darrell Dromgoole. " Our clientele has difficulty in scheduling time to attend our traditional meetings, but continues to request educational material at their convenience. This educational module provides another option for using our services."

Faculty from Extension District 10, in conjunction with Texas A&M's agriculture education department and rangeland ecology and management department, developed the project over the past year.

The course provides indepth subject matter in a series of user-friendly interactive les-

sons. The first part of the module, through a self-administered quiz, helps landowners determine how much they know about agriculture and natural resources and familiarizes them with the subjects.

Users can then enter a section in the module providing interactive planning that helps them develop a land management plan or explore specific enterprises for their land.

Throughout the course, users can contact county agents with specific questions. Agents can advise the user about resources, goals and a work plan based on the landowner information gathered during the quiz, which is maintained in a database. County agents will also use this module as part of their teaching tools when they conduct educational meetings related to land management.

"This system is another educational tool, like our workshops or field days," said Dromgoole. "It is also less formal than a classroom, reaches a broader audience and adds value to our traditional programs."

One of the benefits of the program, he added, is that participants work at their own pace, with Extension educators helping them to interpret focused, research-based information.

Dromgoole said other interactive modules for youth development and family and consumer sciences will be added. Also, other forms of interactive learning, such as videoconferences, may be integrated into the program in the future.

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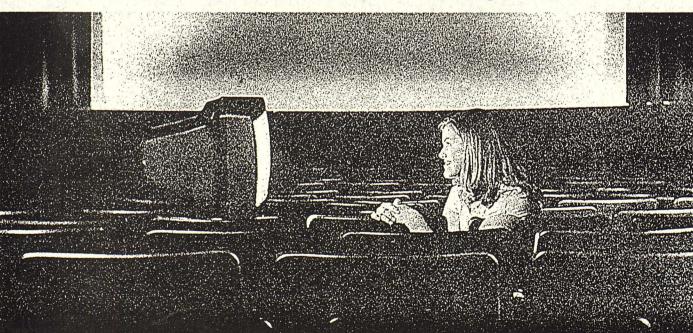
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West Texas Rehab Sends Message of Love_

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Whether the occasion is honoring the memory of a deceased loved one or celebrating a friend or family member's special event -- such as birthday or anniversary -- a donation to the Rehab Center may be the perfect tribute because it's meaningful to the recipient and it's used to provide outpatients rehabilitation care to all who enter Rehab's doors, regardless of their ability to pay.

A new element of the program is Rehab's provision of a site www.WestTexasRehab.org.

edgement of the gift.

Local businesses displaying memorial/honors envelopes and cards include The Bank & Trust and The First

WTRC is a private, non-private organization that was founded in 1953. Through its facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, the Rehab Center provides rehabilitation care to more than 21,000 children and adults each year. Information about WTRC's treatment services and its memorials/honors program is three centers or visiting its web

Watt To Retire From Extension Recreation Tourism Post

by: Blair Fannin

COLLEGE STATION - Dr. Carson Watt notes quite a bit of contrast the role recreation, parks and tourism plays in today's society compared to when he first began his career more than 30 years ago.

Though the importance of recreation for the health and well-being of individuals is now documented through research and practice, "communities, states and countries now recognize recreation amenities and natural resources are important for the health of their economy, too," he said.

Since 1993, Watt has served as associate department head of Texas Cooperative Extension's Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University, and effective Sept. 1, he will officially retire.

"I've enjoyed my career with both the department of recreation, park and tourism sciences and Texas Cooperative Extension," Watt said. "I came into this field just as A&M and Extension began to recognize the importance of recreation in

"(Recreation, park and tourism) has manifested itself in many ways, for the individual and in shaping the character and ambiance of communities and

Watt served as interim department head from 1989 to 1993, and was the program leader in recreation and parks from 1974-1989. He has also served as area resource developspecialist-commercial recreation and parks from 1969-1972 and 1973-1974.

He has served as the director of tribal enterprises for the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation (1972-1973) and as the educational attaché and media supervisor, Program de Educacion Ineramericana, for Texas A&M and the Bryan Independent School District (1968-1969).

USDA Announces Federal Funding

Austin, Texas, - Hilda Gay Legg, administrator, USDA Rural Utilities Service, and Bryan Daniel, state director, **USDA** Development announced today that more than \$18 million in loans and grants have been allocated through the agency's Rural Utilities Service Water and Wastewater program for 12 project in Texas. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help provide rural areas with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems.

'One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide water and wastewater treatment programs that target public health benefits and provide ecoopportunities nomic America's rural communities," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents.

The funds will be used for constructing or improving water and/or waste water facilities at the following twelve entities:

Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation (WSC), Fisher County, McCaulley, Texas - \$512,500.00

Caro WSC, Nacogdoches County, Nacogdoches, Texas -\$2,728,000.00

Shelbyville WSC, Shelby inty, Center, Texas -County, \$940,000.00 WSC, Burleson

Tunis County, Caldwell, Texas \$530,000.00 Jim Hogg County Water

Control & Improvement Dist. No. 2, Jim Hogg County, Hebbronville, TX Hebbronville, \$4,280,000.00

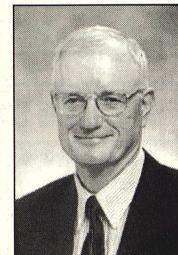
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special card on which the donor may write a personal message to the honoree or family of the deceased. Rehab encloses this message with its own acknowl-

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available by contacting any of the



Among the many awards Watt has received throughout his career, most recently he was part of a team that won the 2002 Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals Team Award for developing the Natural Resources Leadership Course for Extension agents. He was also recognized in July by the Texas Festivals and Events Association, with the naming of the Dr. Carson E. Watt Educator Award, which is given annually by the association.

Other awards Educator of the Year in 1998 by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society and induction into the Hall of Honor of the Texas and Festivals Association in 1996. Extension awarded him a Superior Service Award in 1995 and in 1991. Watt received Extension's for Special Recognition Leadership. The award was given for his work in coordinating issue-based programs in economic development.

'What I have enjoyed most during my career is working with people and helping communities define their aspirations, as well as learning how recreation, park and tourism can contribute to the accomplishment of their goals," Watt said.

Winkler WSC, Freestone Navarro Counties, Streetman, Texas - \$688,000.00

County, Hemphill, Texas \$1,374,000.00 WSC, Tri-Community Caldwell County, Fentress,

City of Hemphill, Sabine

Texas - \$869,000.00 North Runnels WSC, Runnels County, Winters, Texas \$2,747,500.00

City of Jefferson, Marion County, Jefferson, Texas -\$1,989,000.00

The funds for these projects come as a result of the 2002 Farm Bill which provided \$360 million nationwide for water and wastewater projects in addition to Rural Development's 2002 funding of more than \$1

billion nationwide. In Fiscal Year 2001, \$65.5 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 29 rural Texas communities. USDA's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities of fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operated on a nonprofit basis, and Indian tribes, that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for

assistance. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the State Office in Temple, Texas at (254) 742-9789.

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2002 Weather Impact Mixed **Bag For Texas Hunters**

by: Kathleen Phillips

COLLEGE STATION -- As the weather goes in Texas, so go wildlife populations, says Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Neal Wilkins.

That being the case, a look at the current drought severity map of Texas may provide the biggest tip for hunters: in some places the bag may still come up dry; in others there may be bountiful harvest.

"It's a mixed blessing as far as wildlife goes," said Wilkins of this year's expected weather impact on hunting. "Most species are a product of the health of their environment."

That environment currently runs the gamut in Texas. A swath through the north-south middle of the state is currently dubbed an "incipient wet spell" at the Red River border and very wet at the Rio Grande border, according to the Texas Water Development Board. Shouldering the Louisiana border and the New Mexico line, however, is mild to moderate drought. The three southernmost counties are considered to be in severe drought.

Much of the state now considered wet is the due to extreme floods earlier in the summer. And those heavy rains came on the heels of an extended drought. Both extremes had their own impacts on wildlife in those areas.

"The drought exacerbated the effect of the flood," Wilkins said. "In some places, ranchers had gone three years with little or no effective rainfall, and then they got 30-40 inches in a

For some species wildlife the initial toll may be heavy, he

"Those floods caused destruction of wildlife habitat all along the banks of the waterways," Wilkins noted. "And for those ground-nesting birds, such as quail and turkeys that already had nested when the rains came, many were likely flooded out."

Now those areas look plush and green, he said, but that doesn't necessarily mean a big quail or turkey crop is waiting.

The season begins as early as Sept. 28 for archery hunting of Rio Grande turkey while quail hunting begins Oct. 26 according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Wilkins said it was the tim-

ing of the rains that made the difference. If the rains had come earlier in the season, habitat for the birds would have been better and existing nests would not have been washed away. With earlier rains, many birds would have come into the breeding sea-

son in better condition. "However, those birds that hatch (from renesting attempts, or nests surviving the floods) have excellent habitat conditions, so survival through the fall is good," he said. "That contrasts to some years in which there is good hatch but not good conditions for brood survival."

For deer, the droughty-wet conditions in various parts of the state likewise has caused mixed

results, he said. "Some of the flooding happened at the peak of fawning season. Many fawns were on ground or not very old, so there was additional stress on the animals," Wilkins said. "But, the compensating factor is we generally have an overabundance of does and most them get bred, so we can recover populations where there is lots of forage for them to eat."

The wildlife specialist cautioned against returning predrought livestock numbers to land that is recovering from drought. Also, it is important to consistently bring deer numbers in line with long-term forage availability.

"There are several areas of the state that now appear green after several years of drought, but much of this new growth is from short-lived annual plants. It could take only a few weeks of extreme heat with no rain to go back to return to the same drought-like conditions," he

"Time is needed for the reestablishment of perennial grasses, and preferred browse plants," he stressed. "And wildlife needs time to recover just like the habitat does. Land managers should continue with annual population surveys and harvest, working with local biol-

If populations of deer are allowed to increase too much on land without adequate carrying capacity, previous efforts to maintain a deer herd will be for naught, he said, adding, "in those areas still suffering drought, landowners and hunters should continue their efforts to hold deer numbers in check."

City Council from page 1

vention and hotel industry, pur-

suant to law.

Wakham Keith Aggregator with Bid Texas On Line, Inc. presented a proposal to supply electricity to the City of Sonora due to the deregulation of the Texas electric market. Mr. Wakham presented a fixed energy supply price for \$0.0454 kWh for the first year and \$0.0484 for kWh for the second year. Mr. Wakham estimated savings of approximately \$38,688.18 a year for the City of Sonora facilities. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Polocek to approve an Electric Services Agreement for a two-year term with Bid Texas On Line, Inc.. Lopez made a second and the motion carried unanimously.

Carlos Gamez, 206 New St., Block 3, Lot 5-7, Santa Rosa Addition, requested a variance to rebuild a carport. Upon recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board, a motion was made by Miears to approve the variance. Polocek made a second and the motion carried.

No discussion was held regarding the drug free, weapons free zones, pending a map and ordinance.

The council once again reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2002-2003, revising the budget where necessary. The tax rate was discussed and it was decided to not propose a tax rate that exceeds the 103 percent of the effective tax rate. A public hearing on the proposed budget has been scheduled for September 10, 2002 at

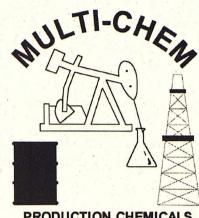
Mayor Stephen opened the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. concerning the Texas Community Development Program. Council and staff discussed plans to file an application for funding to provide a proper roof for the underground storage tank on Thompson Hill. No further comments were heard from the public, therefore, Mayor Stephen closed the public hear-

There being no further business to discuss, Polocek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Miears, Mayor Stephen closed the meeting at

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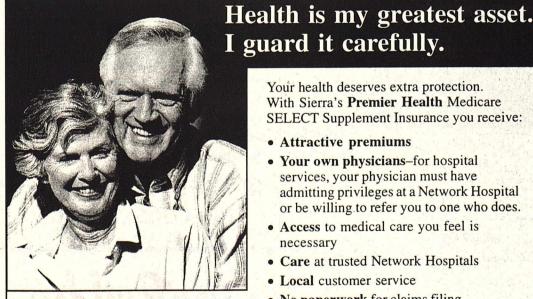
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Sonora to consider adopting a

proposed tax rate for tax year

2003. The proposed tax rate is \$0.028007 per \$100 value. The

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