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Thursday, October 3, 2002

November 2002 General Election

Voters may now submit applications for Ballot By Mail to elections administrator, Veronica E. "Betty" Hernandez, 387-3815.

Oct. 7 - Last day citizens may register to vote in November 5 General Election;

Oct. 21 - First day of early voting by personal appearance for November General Election.

Oct. 29 - Last Day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for November 5 General Election.

Nov. 1 - Last day of early voting by personal appearance for November 5 General Election.

Nov. 5 - General Election Day.

For more information, please call Deedie McIntire, Voter Registrar, or Susan Hinsley, Deputy at 387-2342.

Texas Municipal League Visits Sonora

The Texas Municipal League (TML) had their quarterly meeting in Sonora on September 24, 2002.

The Texas Municipal League exists solely to provide services to Texas cities. Since its formation in 1913, the League's mission has remained the same: to serve the needs and advocate the interests of its members.

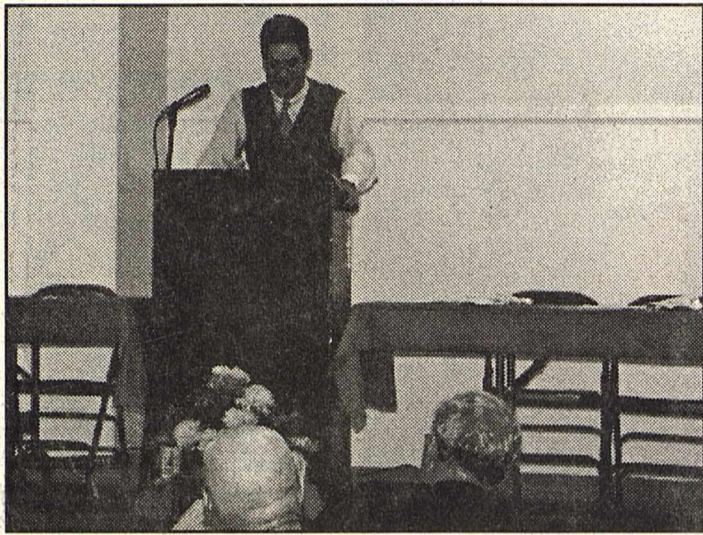
The TML constitution states that the purpose of the League is to "render services which individual cities have neither time, money nor strength to do alone."

Overall, 1,062 cities out of a total of 1,202 incorporated cities in Texas are League members. (88%).

Mayor Jim Stephen opened the event by welcoming everyone to our community. A meal catered by La Mexicana and B&H Caterers was provided, included a delicious banana pudding dessert.

Visitors that attended the meeting were from Rotan, Junction, Brownwood, Brady, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Coleman and Sonora.

The guest speaker for the evening was Scott Joslove of the Texas Hotel & Motel



Scott Joslove speaks to visitors at the TML meeting.

Association. Joslove spoke on Hotel/Motel Tax Funds and how the Motels and programs can work together to promote Sonora. Funds derived from the hotel/motel tax are limited to promotion of tourism, promotion of the arts and directly attributable administrative costs.

The information was very helpful to all the TML members, who will take it back to their respective cities and put it to use.

Door prizes were given to many lucky winners, all of

which were donated by local businesses, including Carl J. Cahill, MY Design, image apparel, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Duncan Enterprises, Alco, First National Bank of Sonora, The Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Sonora Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive-In, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, La Mexicana Restaurant, Caverns of Sonora and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

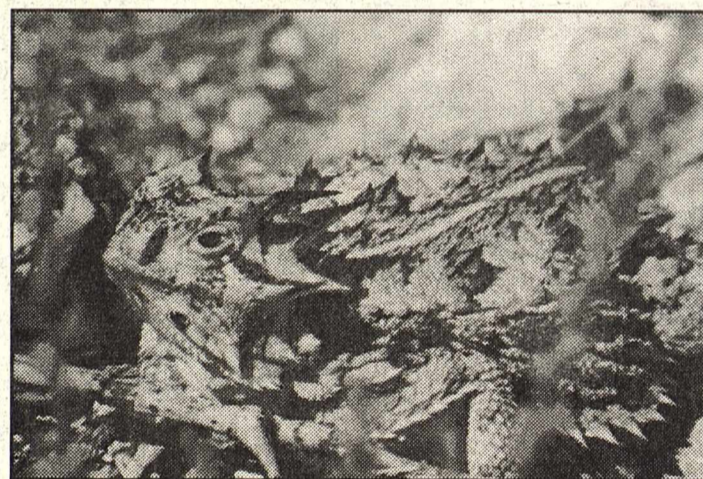
Eaton Hill Attracts All Kinds Of Visitors

by Delyse Jaeger

The horned lizard or "horny toad" is the state reptile of Texas and the appeal of the little critter is Texas-sized. Mention of the horny toad will stir fond childhood memories for almost everyone who has grown up in Texas, especially West Texas. Young or old, it seems no one can resist a horny toad. Let's face it, they're just plain "neat".

Horned lizards are not only interesting to look at, they have some pretty unique defense mechanisms. To ward off predators, horned lizards can inflate their bodies forming a spiked balloon, and when highly agitated will shoot blood from the corners of their eyes! The main food source of the horny toad is the harvestor ant. They hibernate from late summer to late spring and begin the breeding season when they emerge. Horned lizards lay eggs in the soil and the young hatch out fully self sufficient.

Unfortunately, their numbers have drastically declined and children today rarely get to experience the thrill of catching a horny toad and examining the little spike-headed reptiles. The decline is attributed to the intro-



duction of the non-native fire-ant, loss of habitat and over-collection by the pet-trade. Three species can be found in Texas; the Roundtailed Horned Lizard, the Mountain Short Horned, and the Texas Horned Lizard (pictured above). The latter two are protected under state regulations which prevent their capture, transport, possession or sale. Horny toads do not survive well in captivity.

The Trans Pecos area is one of the few parts of Texas where horny toads are still considered locally common, although folks will tell you they rarely see them around Sonora anymore.

The above photograph was taken at the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary near the flagpole, a wonderful addition to the ever growing and diverse list of wildlife that can be found on the Hill. We are delighted to have the Texas State Reptile making its home on Eaton Hill.

Other news... We are developing an area of geological interest along one of the trails and are seeking donations. If you have any object of interest (rock, fossil, etc.) which is indicative of our area and would like to donate to this effort, please contact Delyse Jaeger at 387-2061.

Fall Festival To Take Over Main Street

Main Street will be brimming with games, ghouls and good food on Thursday, October 3, 2002. The streets will close at 2:00 p.m., with vendors opening up and the fun starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Storybook Character Parade will line up at 5:15 p.m. in front of the Courthouse and will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's parade will all take place in front of the Courthouse, with the characters "parading" across the Main Stage located on Water Street. This will make for less confusion for the little one. Prizes will be given in several categories.

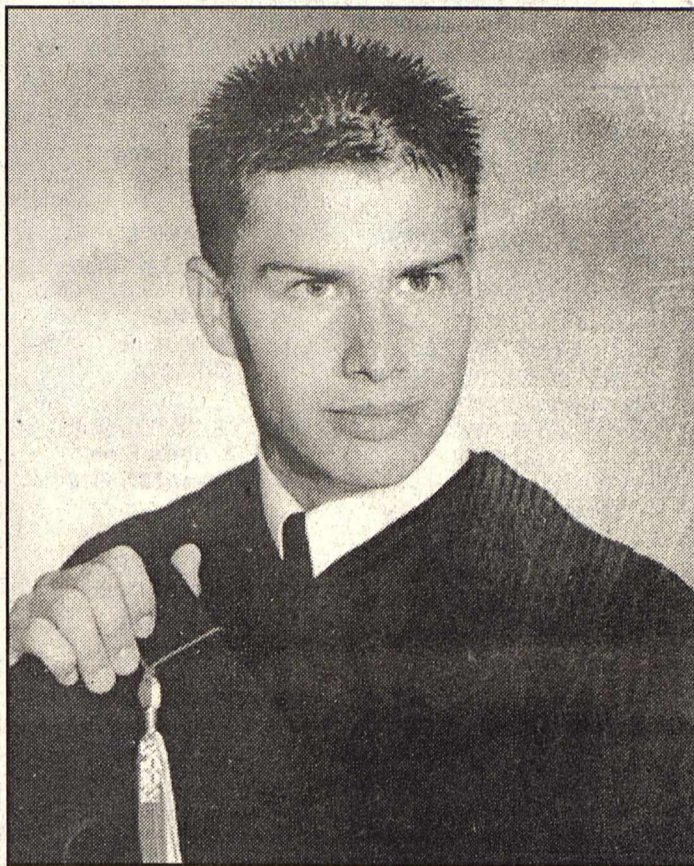
The "Mr. and Miss Fall Festival" will be crowned on the Main Stage following the Storybook Character Parade. This year's candidates are: Freshmen - Hillary Lawson, Julie Villanueva, Hilton Bloodworth and Cameron Cox; Sophomores - Tara Green, Jennifer Hernandez, Angel Castilleja and Dustin Creek; Juniors - April Flores, Tamika Marshall, Chris Martin and Scottie Moore; Seniors - Amy Gutierrez, Amanda Sanchez, Tino Dominguez and Dustin Martin.

A special prize will also be given this year for "Best Booth". There are over 25 booths already reserved, including jewelry booths, Home Interiors, Halloween photos, a duck pond, games, a ferris wheel, a rock climb, a train, the "bouncing" castle, a "Super Slide", hamburgers and more!

This year's event is sponsored by Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc., Sonora ISD and Downtown Businesses.

Come out and support special programs and clubs in our school district to help raise money for special events.

2002 Graduate Severely Burned In One Vehicle Rollover



by Storie Sharp

In a one vehicle rollover early Thursday, September 26, 2002 Sonora High School graduate Tom Homra was severely burned.

Reports from Eldorado say that while traveling North on Hwy 277 South, about 2 miles from the Tom Green County line, Tom swerved off to the right, causing the 1964 Ford pickup to veer off the road. It appears he then overcorrected causing the vehicle to flip two and half times before stopping upside down and burst into fire. It is believed that Homra was unconscious in the vehicle.

A passer-by, a nurse from Eldorado, saw the truck on fire and called 911. After receiving the San Angelo emergency tower, the witness called home and had the Eldorado Emergency Services contacted. Homra was then seen emerging from the blazing vehicle, having become conscious, and was walking toward the road. The witness then put Homra in her vehicle until Emergency crews arrived.

Homra was airlifted from the scene to a hospital in San Angelo, where he was stabilized

for further travel. He was then airlifted to University Medical Center - Timothy J. Harner Burn Center in Lubbock, TX.

Homra is listed in severely critical condition and each day is a small step. His vital signs are good and his heartbeat is strong. He has had several surgeries to reduce swelling and has had skin graft operations as well. The burns cover about 85% of his body, but luckily his face was not badly burned.

Tom was an All-District Academic Sonora Bronco and is the son of Tom & Vonni Van Veghel of Sonora and Bob & Barb Homra of Denver, Colorado. He is attending Howard College and works part-time at Sonora Chemical and Supply. Blood donations can be made in his name, to be credited to his "account" for any transfusions that he may need. A blood drive will be held again in Sonora in November. A trust fund for Tom and his family (The Sutton County Community Trust Fund) has been set up at the First National Bank and fund raisers will be announced at a later date. Your prayers and best wishes are needed and greatly appreciated.

SAFE KIDS Offers Free Car Seat Checks

Did you know that 4 out of 5 car seats are used wrong; but 96% of those using car seats feel that they are using them correctly?

San Angelo SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council on Trauma are helping to protect kids from their number one killer - unintentional injury.

The SAFE KIDS Coalition, working with a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council on Trauma, is offering a Free Car Seat Check Up Event on Saturday, October

5, 2002 at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Campus.

The check-ups will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parents must bring their child and the car seat they are using now. A certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician will check your car seat for recall, proper fit, and correct installation. Parents will also be given valuable safety information.

Children under 8 years old and 80lbs should be in a car safety seat restraint.

Your child needs to be AT

LEAST one year of age and AT LEAST 20 lbs before they are put in a forward facing car seat. This is very important because before this time a child does not have the physical development to withstand force that would be placed on them in a crash. Children are physically disproportional; their head is much

See SAFE KIDS page 7

Your Voting Precinct May Have Changed

Every ten years, following the census, lawmakers examine increases and/or decreases in population and redraw political boundaries accordingly. This process, known as "Redistricting", was completed in the Spring, 2002, and has changed some Sutton County precinct lines. Some voters who were previously in Precinct 301 are now in Precinct 201 or Precinct 401. These changes were made in the Secretary of State's Voter Registration Certificates earlier this year. Please examine your current certificate to determine your Precinct.

Voters who have been changed to another precinct will cast their ballots in the November General Election at a different polling place from past elections and are now represented by a different County Commissioner.

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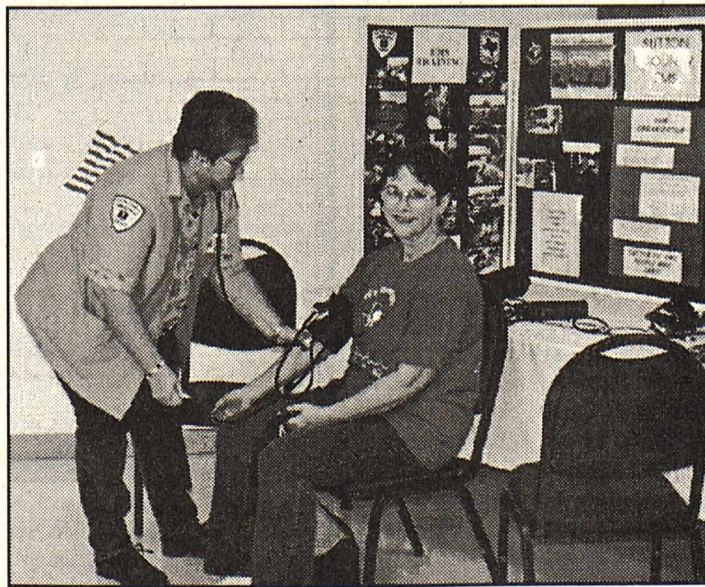
Whitehead Family Honors Captain Geo. W. Whitehead With Marker Dedication



The great-granddaughters of George W. Whitehead (pictured above) joined with other family members and friends for a special Marker Dedication and Memorial Service for Captain Geo. W. Whitehead who served with Capt. DeWitt's Company Minutemen Confederate States Army. (For more on the ceremony see page 3)

Sonora Gets Healthy Tips At Fair

The 2002 Sonora Health Fair attracted visitors of all ages and sizes who got health tips and check-ups of all sorts. The Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Annex and the parking lot played host to blood pressure checks, PSA, Mammograms, blood donations, blood sugar checks and more. Vendors from Safe Kids, West Texas Rehab, American Cancer Society, Texas Department of Health, local doctors, Sonora EMS and Sonora Police Dept., Child Welfare Dept. and many more were on hand to offer information and provide educational materials on a vast majority of topics. For more pictures from the Health Fair see page 7.



Treva McReynolds of the Sutton County EMS checks Carolyn McMeans' blood pressure at the 2002 Health Fair.



Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor
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387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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387-2466

TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Santos Beserra, Jr.
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387-5713

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Rev. Charles Huffman
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387-5366

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387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
Pastor Isai Oviedo
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650-3121

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387-2616

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707 Glasscock
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PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

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229 W. Plum
387-2278

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387-5658 or 387-5518

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
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387-5207



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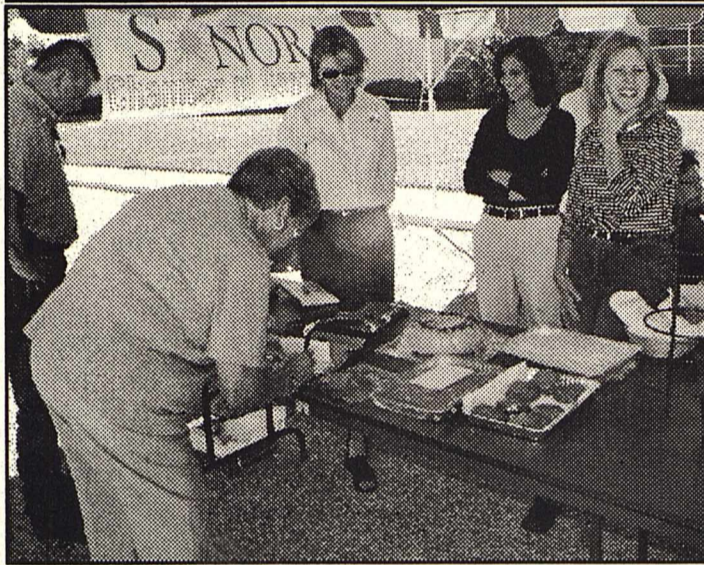
Cards of Thanks

Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora, Inc./Main Street would like to express sincere appreciation to the Sonora Main Street Board of Directors, Vivian Mears, Becky Covington, Gloria Lopez, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Judge Carla Garner, Mayor Jim Stephen, Sutton County, TML Staff, Karla Vining, and the City of Sonora for all their help in making the quarterly TML meeting a big hit.

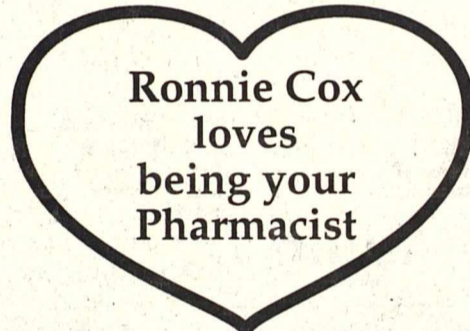
On behalf of the Sanchez and Perez Family we would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Marcelina Services, also, for everyone who visited and called and who sent cards, flowers and food. Your expression of sympathy has meant so much to us during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
The Sanchez and Perez Family,
Alfredo, Hector, Carmen and Alma

Members of the G.W. Whitehead Family would like to take this opportunity to thank Rose Mary Whitehead Jones for her tireless contribution of time and energy in hosting a wonderful family dedication ceremony. Many hours of discussion and planning went in to this project and we want to thank her for all her efforts. We appreciate all the attention to details and the way in which the out-of-town Units were incorporated into the ceremony. We also want to thank JoAnn Palmer for all of her time and contributions to this huge project. We are grateful to have citizens in our community who care about preserving the history of Sonora and Sutton County. The Whitehead Family descendants appreciate all who participated and attended this special family ceremony.



The family and friends of Tom Homra would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for the generous outpouring of gracious contributions made during the bake sale held on Tuesday, October 1. Working together, the community of Sonora raised a substantial amount of money that is greatly needed and appreciated at this time. A special thank you to the coordinators of the Health Fair for allowing the sale to be held in conjunction with their event and to all who baked and participated. Your continued prayers and support are equally important. God bless you all!



Ronnie Cox
loves
being your
Pharmacist

Senior Center News

- Oct. 7 - Bingo with kindergarten class after lunch.
- Oct. 9 - Volunteer to help at the Center. Crafts. Birthday Party and other activities.
- Oct. 10 - Crafts after lunch!
- Oct. 11 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

- Oct. 7 - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini squash with tomatoes, juice, roll, peach cobbler.
- Oct. 8 - Salisbury steak with gravy, blackeyed peas, broccoli with cheese, jello with fruit.
- Oct. 9 - Chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, juice, cherry cobbler.
- Oct. 10 - Baked ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, roll, juice, peanut butter cookie.
- Oct. 11 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat rolls, carrot sticks, applesauce.

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.

Homecoming

People were hanging ribbons and decorating with the school colors in different places. Banners and signs were going up everywhere saying, (WELCOME). Notices of planned activities were put up telling of parades, reunions, music, visitation, contests, and food, lots and lots of food. There was even going to be a Queen contest and a crowning. It was homecoming. It reminded me of a great event the Bible talks about that is going to take place in the future. It might be something like a homecoming. We don't know the exact time, but we know it is going to happen because God promised and He always keeps His promises. All Christians will be called in and meet in Heaven. It will be a special privilege to be invited but only the saints are invited (Revelation 19:9). Most times the Bible refers to people who have accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior as saints (Romans 1:5-7). There will be lots of celebrating (singing and praising), fellowship, and a big banquet with lots and lots of food. There will not be a Queen contest and crowning in heaven and there will not even be a King contest only the crowning on the King of Kings and Lords of Lords (Revelation 19:16, King Jesus). I am looking forward to that day and I hope you have made preparations for that day. See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY


Jennifer
 October 6th
 Love, Mom & Dad





Storie Sharp is
WANTED!

DESCRIPTION: Usually wears a Smile
CAUTION: Heavily Armed With Kindness
 (This could be contagious!)

PRIOR CONVICTION: Thoughtfulness and Generosity

Please help me!!! I've been arrested and will be put in jail on Tuesday, October 8th for the **Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)**

Lock-Up. Don't even bother asking what crime I've committed - it's not really important. I just have to raise my bail of **\$1000 before** the Lock-Up and they'll go easy on me, but I need your financial assistance to post my bond.

Your 100 percent tax-deductible donation will help MDA continue research into the causes of and cures for forty neuromuscular diseases. Your support of the MDA Lock-Up will also help MDA provide wheelchairs, clinic visits and summer camp for people in our area.

YOU CAN MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO ME AT:
The Devil's River News
 228 E. Main, Sonora, TX 76950
 (915) 387-2507

School Lunch Menu • October 7 - October 11, 2002

Breakfast
 Mon. - Toast/jelly, orange juice.
 Tues. - Hot oatmeal, apple juice.
 Wed. - Scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice.
 Thurs. - Cinnamon roll, apple juice.
 Fri. - Toast, orange juice.
 Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
Lunch
 Mon. - Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, orange half, spiced cake.
 Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, jello with fruit, cookie.
 Wed. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, fruit, hot roll.
 Thurs. - Sausage on tortilla, pinto beans, vegetable salad, pudding with topping.
 Fri. - Barbecue on bun, French fries, pickles, onions, fruit crisp.



Dining Out Directory

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

Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
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903 N. Crockett Ave.
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- Oct. 3**
Fall Festival
Downtown Sonora • 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14**
County Commissioners Meeting
Annex Building • 9:00 a.m.

The Community Calendar



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Calendar

- Oct. 22**
City Council Meeting
City Hall • 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28**
County Commissioners Meeting
Annex Building • 9:00 a.m.

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We reserve the right to edit for length, content, and potentially libelous statements.

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Email us at editor@sonoratlx.net

Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

Those of you who couldn't make it to the ceremony honoring G. W. Whitehead out at the Sutton County Burial Park on September 28th missed a most impressive ceremony. "The silent city over the hill" (Devil's River News 1890) was anything but silent. The hills echoed with the sound of three volleys of cannon fire from the full size cannon provided by Battery F, 3rd Artillery, from Fort Concho and rifle shots provided by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. The air reverberated to the strains of "Dixie" and "The Yellow Rose of Texas" while a wreath was placed on G. W.'s grave and then single yellow roses were placed by each family member on the grave of his wife Rachel. Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 of Sonora presented a beautiful and touching piece in honor of G. W. Whitehead and his Masonic service. A list of all the descendants who had followed his footsteps in Masonry was read to over 250 attendees. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to all those who participated and worked so hard to make this such a special day for them.

A delicious luncheon catered by the Sutton County Steak House was served at the Sutton County Historical Society grounds while entertainers sang current and period pieces in the amphitheater. It was quite touching to see such a large family take time from the hectic schedules of our time to pay tribute to one of their long departed family members. It took members of the Sutton County Historical Society and family members, primarily Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, over 6 months of long hours and hard work to put the whole program together. The end result was well worth the effort.

The following is a partial history of the Whitehead Family taken from material provided by Rose Mary Whitehead Jones: Ephraim Whitehead was born in 1775 in London, England. His father, Charles, was a potter related to The Whitehead and Chatterley families of Hanley and Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England. After his graduation from Oxford University Ephraim migrated to

America, landing in New York City about 1799. He met Charlotte Bell, the only child of John and Eleanor (Loving) Bell of New York City. They all attended church at Broadway and 71st Street, Christ Episcopal Church. Ephraim and Charlotte Bell married in 1803; four children would be born to this marriage.

Following the Battle of New Orleans in 1815, the family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. Ephraim worked as bookkeeper for the U. S. Branch Bank on 118 Camp Ad Poydeas, New Orleans. Ephraim later was in the Import and Export Business. Harriett Matilda (1803), Ellen Cecelia (1807), and Mary Emma (1809) had been born in New York. A son, George W. was born on April 6, 1825 in New Orleans. Charlotte Bell Whitehead, their mother died in 1829 at New Orleans. Following her death, Ephraim and his mother-in-law, Eleanor Living each applied for land grants from Stephen F. Austins Second Colony in Mexico, now known as Lavaca Co., Texas. Ephraim came to Texas in 1831 to claim their land. He left his 6 year old son with friends to attend school.

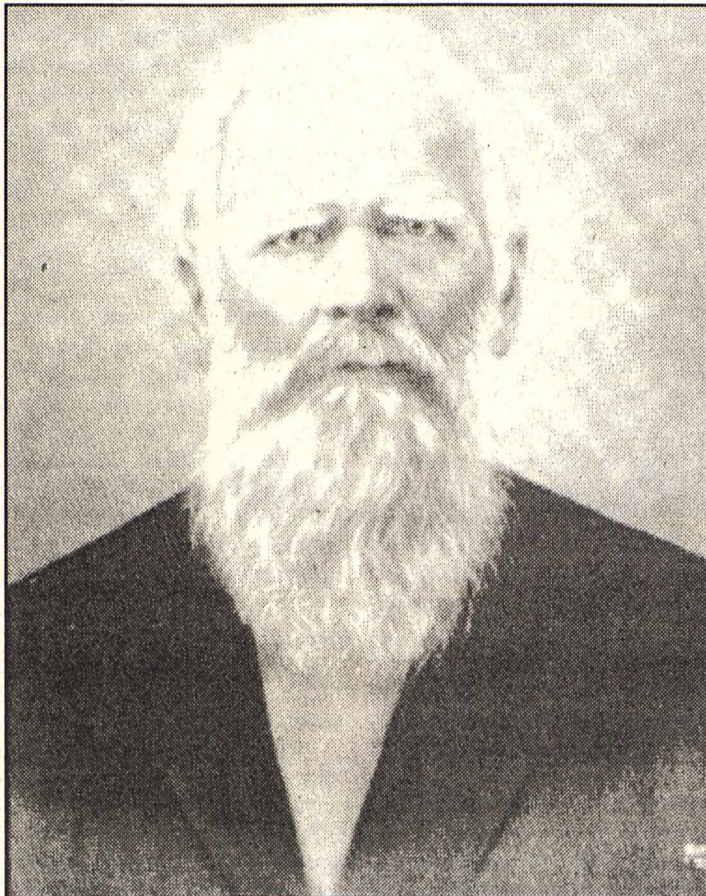
Walter E. Whitehead, George W's son said his father arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1836 at the age of 11. He finished high school and college in Gonzales. By the time he was 20 he was old enough to manage both ranches. Ephraim returned to New Orleans in 1843 and in 1844 he was back working as Registering Clerk at Custom House de New Orleans and stayed with them until his death in 1847. Before his death he had bought his late daughter, Ellen Cecelias' part of her mother Charlottes' estate for George W. Whitehead as he had not been included in his mothers will. George W. Whitehead married Josephine Virginia Harrison in 1849 at Angleton, Brazoria Co., Texas. Josephine Virginias' parents were Samuel Harrison, who died in 1851 and Francis Maria Yerby. Josephine died on Dec. 29, 1850 in childbirth of Virginia Ann Whitehead at Brazoria Co., Texas. George W. took baby Virginia back home to Gonzales and hired his ranch neighbors, Sam Fullers' niece,

Rachel Jane Francis, to help care for his baby daughter. She was the daughter of Elisha C. and Theresy Jane Huff Francis. Rachel Jane and George W. were married in March 25, 1852 at Gonzales. George W. sold his part of the family land in Lavaca Co. and moved to Gonzales Co. where he served as Deputy Clerk of the District Court of Gonzales. He joined the Confederate Army under Capt. De Witts Co. of Minutemen and was appointed by Major Gen. Magruder assigned to duty Feb. 12, 1864 and reported Feb. 14, 1864 at the Post of Gonzales, Texas. He was commissioned a Lt. And later made a Capt. serv-

ing as Assistant and Acting Assistant Quartermaster and Assistant and Acting Commissary Man in the District of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Rachel Jane and George W. Whitehead had 3 children: Harriett Emma Whitehead, Walter E. Whitehead I and William Forrest Whitehead, Sr. **To be continued next week.**

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give me a call at 915-387-5084 or 387-2855. Please God, send us some rain!



George W. Whitehead



Rachel Jane Whitehead

Marker Dedication and Memorial Service For Captain Geo. W. Whitehead



Members of the West Texas Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans Posted the Colors to open the ceremony.



Members of the Frontier Guard Camp #996 of Junction were on hand to lead the Pledge to the United States Flag.



Great-grandsons, Tuffy Whitehead and Jay Taylor placed a "cattle brand" wreath on the grave of G.W. Whitehead.



A twenty-one gun salute honored Captain Whitehead.

Gifts Galore & More Bridal Registry
 Jennifer Wente bride elect of John Jones
 Jody Lowdermilk bride elect of Andy Mirike
 Olivia Samaniego bride elect of Marco Cunningham
 Rachel and Rhett Johnson
Baby Registry
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 417 Hwy. 277 N.
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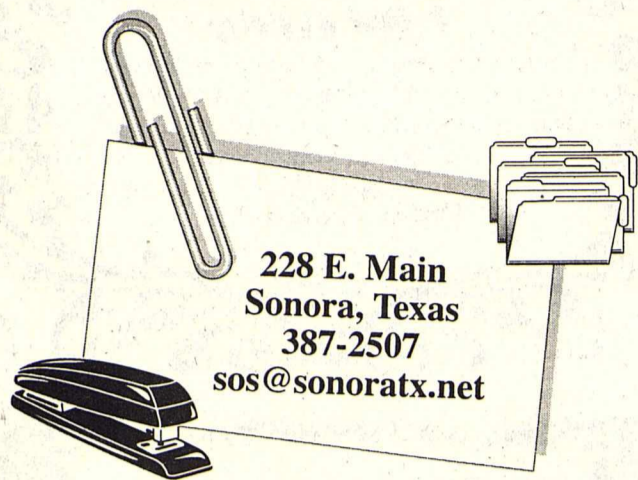
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TO LINDA ON HER BIRTHDAY!

Linda, Linda, time is fleet,
You're growing older as we speak,
Of course, it's sort of hard to speak,
With your hands in our mouth and poking our cheek.

Would you ever have thought the Catoico Queen
Would have it in her to be so mean,
That she could dig and prod and poke
And then expect you to laugh at her joke?!

We're glad that dentistry runs in your strain,
And Midland's loss is Sonora's gain,
What an honor to have one of such high esteem,
To keep us flossed and x-rayed and clean.

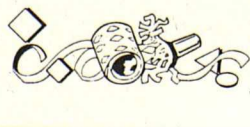
What we would really like to ask
Is how someone so nice ended up with the task
Of hurting people in the name of Hygiene
And causing our gums to bleed and scream?

And so the Queen (of Catoico and Pain)
Grows another year older and gums are slain.
Your loyal subjects know you mean no harm
Or you might have already bought the farm.

But our pearly whites would be distressed
And you would be sorely missed,
If you could not remove that stain
And keep your title as Queen of Pain.

May God bless you and keep you through another year,
And help us all get over our fear
Of things that go bump in the night, I mean mouth,
And make us want to flee to the south.

You must know you are loved by family and friends
Cause you poke us with those things and then,
We still want to wish you in every way,
A pain-free, Five-O, Happy Birthday!



Colts On The Warpath At Iraan

by Becca Emert

Nineteen students from Sonora Middle School competed in the Warpath Cross Country Meet in Iraan, Texas on Saturday, September 28th. The students did an outstanding job of representing our school. The girls "A" team and their placings include: Alexie Ortiz 9th, Emily Earwood 13th, Kyla Turney 15th, Felisha Gamez 23rd, Amanda Berry 24th, Kelsey Watkins 43rd, Meghan Krieg 51st and Kimble Luna 67th. The "A" team had an awesome second place finish.

The girls on the "B" team and their placings were as follows: Jena Teasley 41st, Taylor Liverman 68th, Erika Hernandez 75th, Whitney Perez 80th, Emily Butler 86th, Danielle Rodriguez 87th, and Shaylyn Kresta 88th. The "B"



S.M.S. Cross Country girls finish second in Iraan.

team finished in 11th place.

The boys team consisted of four 7th graders. The runners and their placings were: Clayton Sahr 11th, Colton Moore 21st, Michael Chavez

35th and Nick Pena 36th. These runners are very dedicated and strive for improvement each week.

Way to go Colts and Lady Colts.

October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



by Henry Bonilla, R

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a good time for us to learn and remind ourselves about the serious facts surrounding this disease and to look ahead to the promising news about breast cancer research.

The widespread impact of breast cancer is staggering. Every year, almost 184,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 44,000 will die from the disease. These are not just faceless women. They are our wives, our mothers, our sisters and our daughters. Breast cancer has become the leading killer of women aged 35-44.

Breast cancer is not just a struggle fought by the families directly affected by it. It is every American's battle to win. Each year breast cancer costs this country \$6 billion in med-

ical costs and lost productivity. When it comes to this disease, no one can afford to take a "that won't happen to me" attitude.

Clearly federal resources are limited, but if there's one thing it should be dedicating resources towards, it's searching for cures to deadly diseases - such as breast cancer. I am proud to sit on the House Appropriations Committee which funds breast cancer research.

Cancer research is a national priority. That is why Congress has consistently provided necessary and ample funding to expand breast cancer research through the National Cancer Institute or the National Institutes of Health.

The good news is that researchers are making exciting new strides in breast cancer research. Genes responsible for inheritable breast cancer have been isolated. New drugs like tamoxifen lower the risk of developing the disease in

high risk women. And scientists are developing a better understanding of the cancer cell itself. We now have the armor and weapons needed for the fight against this disease.

There's still a lot we don't know about breast cancer. But what we do know is that early detection and treatment is essential to winning the war against this terrible disease. The number of women dying each year from breast cancer is declining. The experts tell us that this is a direct reflection of the recent increase in early detection and treatment of breast cancer. Let's keep that trend going.

I encourage everyone to learn more about breast cancer this month. Through education, research and sheer tenacity, we can work together to help the millions of women and their families whose lives are threatened by breast cancer.

PTO Holds First Meeting Of New School Year

submitted

The first regular meeting of Sonora Elementary PTO was held on Monday, September 16, 2002 at the Intermediate School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Humphrey.

Issues discussed and voted on were:

- (1.) Pre-game fundraiser meal (Oct. 25)
- (2.) Fall Festival booth (picture frames and photos)
- (3.) Proposed budget
- (4.) Insurance
- (5.) Paraprofessional fund
- (6.) Planting shade trees for playground

(7.) Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Personnel Appreciation Luncheon

The 3rd and 4th grade students sang "De Colores" and "Las Mañanitas" in honor of "diez y seis de Septiembre". The program was led by the Music teacher, Chelsey Duncan and Spanish teacher, Jacque Baker.

The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments followed.

Everyone is invited to be involved in PTO.

New PTO By-Laws are available for review at each of the Elementary offices.

Editorial

The following is a requested reprint of an article submitted by Steve Krasowski that was published in "Military" magazine:

Senior Citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others. BUT, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens who took:

- The melody out of music,
- The pride out of appearance,
- The romance out of love,
- The commitment out of marriage,
- The responsibility out of parenthood,
- The togetherness out of the family,
- The learning out of education,
- The service out of patriotism,

The religion out of school,
The Golden Rule from rulers,
The nativity scene out of cities,

The civility out of behavior,
The refinement out of language,

The dedication out of employment,
The prudence out of spending, or

The ambition out of achievement.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!

Does anyone under the age of 50 know the lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner? Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts!

Happy Birthday

- October 3 - Carter Zook, Mark Holt
- October 4 - Sara Gillit, Chente Arispte, Chris Green, Sarah Beth Healy, Jansen McBride, David Creek, Mari Sanchez, Nikki Kay
- October 5 - Katlynn Hill, Todd Keller, Cash Jennings, Jay Kay
- October 6 - Crystal Coronado, Scott Smith, Libb Wallace, Jennifer Hernandez
- October 7 - Cassandra Amaro, Pam Haynes, Michael Krieg, Linda Burge, Nick Shurley, Joseph Delgado
- October 8 - Chance Campbell, Abby Lopez, Albert Ward, David Sanchez, Lenora Pool
- October 9 - Kelsey Taylor, Alexa Love-Sykes, Chela Ozuna, Stephen Young, John Lopez IV

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THE TUXEDO (PG-13) 2:45 5:10 7:45 10:00
THE FOUR FEATHERS (PG-13) 1:30 4:15 7:00 9:45
STEALING HARRARD (R) 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:25
SPY KIDS 2 (PG-13) 2:10 4:30 7:05 9:20
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2002 Bronco
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(8th Only) • There • 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 • Reagan County
There • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 • Eldorado
There • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
JV FOOTBALL
Oct. 3 • Open
Oct. 10 • Reagan County
Home • 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 • Eldorado
Home 6:30 p.m.

Varsity
Oct. 4 • Open
Oct. 11 • Reagan County
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* District 2-A Game
Oct. 18 • Eldorado
There • 7:30 p.m.

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Early Dismissal from Sonora I.S.D. Thursday, Oct. 3rd - 1:00 p.m.

Fall Festival Photos
Photos make a memory last a lifetime, be sure you get yours during the Fall Festival. The Sonora PTO will be having their fall festival pictures again this year. The festival starts at 5:30 and lasts until 8:00 p.m. We invite everyone to stop by and get a picture of your little one(s). The cost is \$ 3.00 a picture. The money will be used for the benefit of the students and teachers at Sonora Elementary. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Sonora PTO

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association will be having a business meeting on Monday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sonora Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAFE KIDS BUCKLE UP
Free Car seat inspection, installation and replacement Saturday, October 5, 2002 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Sponsored by the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council on Trauma Sutton Co. EMS and Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital FMI contact Patrick Campbell, EMT-P 387-5132 or Keith L. Butler, LP 387-2521.

Christy Bell, the High School counselor, will be holding a Special Meeting for Parents of High School Seniors on Monday, Oct. 7th. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Lecture Room at the High School. At this meeting Miss Bell will be reviewing scholarships, colleges, financial aid and other helpful information. Parents will receive hand-outs on the TEXAS grant, websites and resources available in her office. There will also be a question and answer session. All parents (and their students) are invited to attend.

The Menard Garden Club, along with the Presidio Golf Club and the Menard Chamber of Commerce invite "Ladies" to join in and have a chance to win... \$5,000.00 in the "Puttin Partner's" putting derby! October 12, 2002 at the Presidio Golf Club at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 915-396-3319 or 866-742-4653. Everyone is invited to the Yellow Jacket Homecoming Tournament, Florida Scramble Format that begins at 1:00 p.m.

The Historical Society's new telephone number at the new office is 387-5084.

If you would like to purchase any Varsity or Junior Varsity football game tapes, please call Kristin Keel at 387-6533 ext. 315. You can also purchase any home 7th or 8th grade game tapes. 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.

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. Thank you for supporting all boys and girls athletics in Sonora.

The Bereaved parents Support Group will meet October 8 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.

Broncos Overpower Tigers

by Tryon Fields

For the last several years; the Brackettville Tigers have been considered a doormat. This year the Tigers stepped on the field at Bronco Stadium with eighteen suited out players and five walking wounded. Of the eighteen, four of these players were playing with noticeable limps. Once again the doormat syndrome. Rumors were; that this team was not a "Doormat".

Last Friday's game against the Tigers proved that the rumors were true! The game between the Tigers and Broncos was not decided until there was only two minutes and fifty-one seconds left to play in the ball game.

With Sonora deferring, Brackett would receive the opening kick-off to start the game. Using a very tight offensive formation; the Tigers began to pound the Bronco defense. For three minutes the running of Tony Rosetti and Eliot Stone would begin to grind out the yardage. The Bronco defense led by Brandon West, Jared Parks, Landon Brockman, and Chris Martin finally slowed the Tigers and forced them to punt. The first turn over of the game occurred on the Broncos first possession. After the Tiger's punt, the Broncos would put the ball in play at their own twenty-six. Bronco tailback, Juan Rodriguez, would meet Brackett's "Mr. Everywhere", Jared Hobbs, on the Red Hoss first offensive play. A tremendous collision would result in Rodriguez losing the handle on the ball and Brackett's Tony Rosetti recovering the elusive pigskin at the Sonora twenty-nine. A procedure penalty against the Tigers would move the ball back to the Broncos thirty-four. Defensive plays by Israel Arevalo, Justin Sims, Thomas Bloodworth, and Landon Brockman were aided by a holding penalty and forced the Tigers into a third and long situation. Brackett's quarterback, Jared Hobbs, would put up his first pass of the game. Bronco secondary back, Emmanuel Lopez would intercept the pass at the Bronco twenty-five and return it to the Sonora forty-two. For the next seven and a half minutes, neither team could sustain a drive of more than eighteen yards. Both teams would punt the ball twice to close out the first quarter. Brackett 0 - Sonora 0.

Sonora would start the second quarter in possession of the football at their own twenty-seven. For the next five minutes; the Broncos put together a twelve play drive to score the first touchdown of the game. The short passing game of Scottie Moore to Douglas Yocham and Chris Martin would aid the running attack of Juan Rodriguez and Chris Martin to advance the ball down the field. At the one yard line; Dustin Martin would pound the ball across the goal line to score the Broncos first touchdown. The PAT would fail due to a high snap making the score Brackett 0 - Sonora 6 with seven minutes and eight seconds showing on the game clock.

After a nice kick-off return by Tony Rosetti, the Tigers would set up shop at their own thirty-six. Continued defensive pressure by Tom Valliant, Diego Cardona, Emmanuel Lopez, and Brandon West slowed the Tigers advance. At mid-field, Brackett was forced to punt once again. On the punt, the Broncos would suffer their second turn over of the game. Bronco punt returner, Emmanuel Lopez, would inadvertently touch the bounding ball at the Bronco two yard line. A hustling Tiger cover team would recover the slippery pigskin at the Bronco two. Brackett would only need one play to knot the scoreboard. With four minutes and forty seconds showing on the second quarter clock; Tony Rosetti would score Brackett's first touchdown. The PAT would go wide left leaving the score tied at six points each. The Broncos using a ball control offense on their next possession effectively used the remaining four and a half minutes of the first half.

Starting with a thirty-one yard pass reception by Dustin Martin, the Broncos began to drive the ball down the field. Short runs by Juan Rodriguez would move the ball to the Brackett twelve. Faced with a fourth and seven, the Broncos elected to go for the first down. A pin point slant pass from Scottie Moore to Douglas Yocham would net the Broncos eight yards and a first down at the Tiger four. With their backs to the wall, the Brackett defense began to stiffen. Led by Tony Rosetti, Jared Hobbs, and Glen Morgan the Tigers would force the Broncos to try a field goal.

With three seconds showing on the second quarter clock, Zedekiah Snodgrass would break the dead lock with a twenty-two yard field goal. Brackett 6 - Sonora 9. The kick-off return by Brackett would run the remaining time off of the clock. Half-time: Brackett 6 - Sonora 9.

Excellent defense would continue to start the second half. Both teams would punt the ball on their initial possessions of the third quarter. Sonora's second possession of the second half would begin at their own forty. A reverse to Dustin Martin, outside running by Juan Rodriguez, and quick hitting plays to Chris Martin would get the Bronco Express rolling once again. After five plays and three minutes, the Red Hosses had moved the ball to the Brackett two. Running out of the power I formation, Emmanuel Lopez, would burst into the end zone to give the Broncos a nine point advantage. The PAT by Zedekiah Snodgrass would put the Broncos up by ten. Brackett 6 - Sonora 16.

The Tigers would come roaring right back at the Broncos. Using the remaining three minutes and forty-six seconds of the third quarter as well as fifteen seconds of the fourth quarter, Brackett would notch their second touchdown of the game on a "never give-up" run by Tony Rosetti. Mark Kesteloot would add the PAT to pull the Tigers within three: Tigers 13 - Broncos 16.

A rejuvenated Brackett defense would stymie the Broncos on their next possession. The Tiger defense led by Jared Hobbs, Jessie Davis, and Philip Munoz would force the Broncos to punt after gaining fifteen yards on seven plays. A booming punt by Scottie Moore would sail into the end zone giving the Tigers the ball at their own twenty. Brackett would use the next four and a half minutes to meticulously drive the ball down the field. A pass interference call on the Broncos would help in aiding the Tigers to gain the Sonora twenty-seven. At the twenty-seven, a host of Bronco defenders led by Trapper Valliant would separate the ball from the Tiger running back with Jared parks coming up with the fumble recovery. The quick strike offense of the Broncos

would need just over a minute to put the ball game out of reach. Juan Rodriguez would carry the mail three straight times; with the third time being the charm. Excellent up-front blocking and following the lead blocking of Diego Cardona, Rodriguez would get to the outside and sprint the next sixty yards in record time to score the Bronco third touchdown. The PAT by Snodgrass would split the uprights to give the Broncos a ten point advantage. Brackett 13 - Sonora 23.

With time running out, Brackett would have to go to the air in hopes of scoring quickly. Instead they would suffer their third turn-over. Dustin Martin would intercept the Koby Yeager pass and give the Broncos excellent field position at the Tiger thirty-four. Four plays and thirty seconds was all the Bronco Express would need to put the icing on the cake. Short gainers by Diego Cardona, Juan Rodriguez, and Scottie Moore would inch the ball to the Brackett twenty-five. Faced with a fourth and one, the Broncos elected to go for it.

Chris Martin, taking the inside hand off, would sprint pass the bunched up Tigers and be in the end-zone before they could react. Snodgrass remained true on the PAT and the Broncos were now in command of the ball game. Brackett 13 - Sonora 30. The Red Hoss defense led by Seth Prather and Laramie Hall would shut the Tigers down in the remaining minute and a half thus giving the Broncos their third win on the season. Brackett 13 - Sonora 30.

The Broncos get a well deserved rest this week, as they will have an Open Date. Their next game will be next week in Big Lake. This will be the District 2-2A opener for both teams. Make plans to attend and support the Broncos in their quest for the District Championship.

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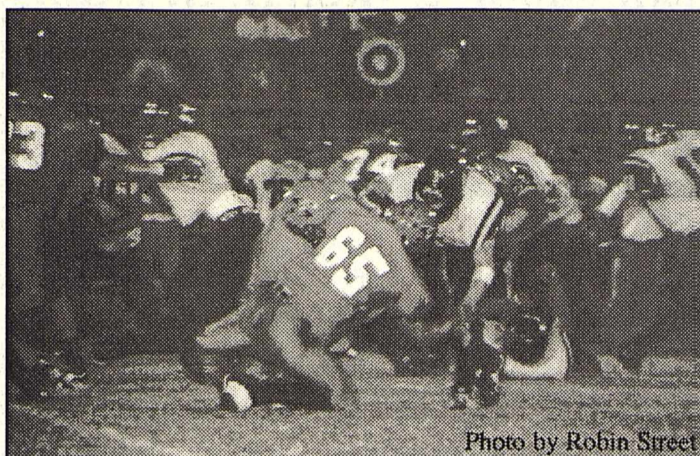


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#65, Laramie Hall fights to take down a Brackett Tiger.

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Bronco J.V. Defeat Tigers

by Maray Cearley

The Sonora Junior Varsity won their second consecutive game as they defeated the Brackettville Tigers 21-14 on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

Sonora's First Drive consisted of Hilton Bloodworth, Cameron Cox and Stetson Perez eating up yardage on the ground, while Clint Cearley connected with Anthony Longoria for a big gain of 36 yards. Cox scored the touchdown from 4 yards out and then added the extra point giving Sonora the lead 7-0.

Brackett began their drive deep in their endzone due to a 60 yard kick by Travis Heard. It looked as if the Broncos could contain the Tigers with defensive plays by Brian Payton, Chris Perez and David Adkins, but the back is able to get around the end and score from 53 yards out. With 47 seconds remaining in the 1st quarter the score is tied at 7.

Longoria returns the kick 17 yards to the Sonora 27. After an incomplete pass and a 2 yard gain by Cox, Cearley hit Bloodworth for a 40 yard completion. After the catch he was stripped of the ball and the Tigers recovered on their 24. The Tigers don't have much success in moving the ball due to a Quarterback Sack by Cox and tackles by Nash Traylor and Payton. The ball is turned over on downs at the Sonora 47.

On Sonora's last drive of the first half, the Broncos moved the ball well. Uriel Santana gets short yardage while Cox has a gain of 14. After an illegal blocking penalty Traylor gets his first carry of the game.

Cearley then connected with Longoria for 9 and on 3rd down the Broncos perfectly executed a screen pass to S. Perez.

Behind a tremendous block by Longoria, Perez takes it 40 yards to the Brackett 7. Cox then gains 2 while Santana gets the ball to the 1. On 3rd down the Tiger defense stiffens and stops Cox just short of the goal line. On 4th, Cearley keeps the

ball and what appeared as a touchdown to everyone on the visiting side. The refs called him down just inches from the score. At the half the score remained 7-7.

On Brackett's opening series they had trouble moving the ball on the ground. Jesse Galvan had 2 big stops and Payton was credited with 1. On 4th down the Broncos were called off-sides, giving the Tigers a new set of downs. This time they go to the air and find an undefended receiver in the endzone, making the score Sonora 7, Brackett 14.

On the ensuing kick Longoria returns it 18 yards to the 28. On 1st down S. Perez races down the sidelines for a huge gain of 59 yards before being knocked out of bounds. From the Tiger 13 Cox garnered his second touchdown of the game. The Broncos elect to go for the lead, but S. Perez is stopped short leaving the score 13-14.

As the game progressed it was evident the Broncos had begun to wear the Tigers down. On their next series the Big Red defensive unit of J.R. Solis, Roland Solis, Galvan and Payton were able to force 3 fumbles. The latter of the three was recovered by J. Solis at the Sonora 45. The Broncos took over with S. Perez carrying 4 times for 20 yards and Cox 4 times for a gain of 21. Cearley and Longoria connected twice, one for 9 and the second for a 5 yard touchdown. Cearley and Longoria also teamed up for the 2 point conversion.

On the kick, R. Solis had a touchdown saving tackle on Brackett's 43. Swade Draper, Embre Smith, Heard and Payton all contributed to the defensive effort. On 4th and 5 from the 9 yard line, the Broncos forced an incomplete pass. With 28 seconds remaining, Cearley takes a knee and the Broncos have the victory, 21 to 14.

Sonora is open this week, but will start District action next Thursday at home against Big Lake. Come out and cheer the

7th Colts, Down But Not Out In Brackettville

By: Danni Price

The 7th Grade Colts traveled to Brackettville last Thursday to play a much larger and more experienced team. The Brackettville Cubs were a team combined of 7th and 8th graders. But...rumor has it that this team was primarily 8th graders with only a few 7th graders. The scoreboard certainly did not lean in our favor, but these boys never did give up. It was hot, the Cubs were huge, and the Colts kept plugging away. The Colts were able to score against the Cubs, which if you were there, know was quite a feat. The final score Sonora 7, Brackettville 42. This is the Colts first loss of the season, their record is now 3-1. They are open this week, but will return to the field next week (10/10) in Big Lake against the Reagan County Owls. Way to Go Colts!!!

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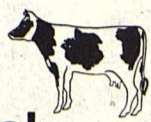
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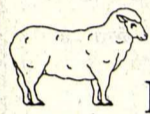
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Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board To Hold Biennial Director Election

(SAN ANGELO) - The Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board will hold its biennial election to seat three directors. The election will be held by ballot, with the ballots due to be mailed out by October 4th, 2002, with a return post-mark deadline of October 25, 2002.

Sheep and goat producers nominated for the three open positions on the nine-member board are:

DISTRICT 1: Bill Tullos, San Angelo Texas; DISTRICT 2: W.B. Patterson, III, Hunt Texas; DISTRICT 3: Dwight Nanny, Gouldbusk, Texas.

All sheep and goat raisers who reside in one of the three districts are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. The Texas Commodity Referendum Law, which governs the producer board, requires biennial elections. Directors serve six-year terms.

The Board meets every other month and oversees collection of a 20-cent per head assessment that is used to fund predator management programs.

The Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board, formerly known as the Texas Sheep and Goat Commodity Board, was formed in 1992 by a referendum vote of sheep and goat producers in the 111 county production areas.

One director will be elected

to represent each of the following three districts. The nominees must reside in the district they want to represent.

District 1: Brewster, Culberson, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

District 2: Bandera, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Kimble, Mason, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Tom Green, Uvalde and Zavala.

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Texas Producers, Communities Eligible For \$15,000 SARE Grants

by: Robert Burns

OVERTON - Texas farmers and ranchers may not know it, but they are eligible for grants of up to \$15,000 from USDA's Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education (SARE).

"In many cases, the grants will help farmers finance what they already are doing: develop solutions to sustainable agriculture production problems," said Marty Baker, horticulturist with Texas Cooperative Extension and SARE state coordinator.

Officially termed "producer grants," "on-farm research grants" and "sustainable community innovation grants," the program is one of the better ideas at promoting agricultural sustainability to come along in a long time, Baker said.

The proposal deadline for sustainable community innovation grants is Nov. 1, 2002. For the producer grants and on-farm research grants, the deadline to file proposals is Jan. 24, 2003.

The grants focus on nine areas: soil health, beneficial insect habitat, alternative crops and livestock, organic agricul-

ture, marketing, grazing systems, improving the sustainability of existing farming practices, appropriate technology, and agroforestry.

The producer grants may be for as much as \$10,000 for an individual or \$15,000 for a producer organization. It's possible that these proposals may qualify for grants without involvement by Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station or any other educational or research organization. But in practice, involvement by a research or educational professional helps, Baker noted.

"Teaming with their local county Extension agent or an Extension specialist can give farmers a competitive edge in writing the proposal and planning the project," Baker said. "The agent or specialist can contribute considerable resources and expertise."

The sustainable community innovation grants support ways to strengthen both sustainable agriculture and community development, and improve understanding of the link between community and sustainable agriculture. Relevant links could include researchers, community organizations, environmentalists, development professionals, entrepreneurs, and public and private agencies.

The sustainable community innovation grants will be for a maximum of \$10,000 and up to two years in duration.

For the on-farm research grants, researchers and farmers work as full partners in the research. But because it is a research grant and subject to review by research committees, these grants must be developed and coordinated by an Extension professional, an Experiment Station scientist, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and/or a non-government organization that works with producers. The on-farm research must involve at least three farm or ranch cooperators. The grants are for up to \$15,000 to be used within two years.

The grant monies can be used to develop and conduct on-farm research in practically any venue that meets the SARE definition of sustainable agriculture.

SARE defines sustainable agriculture as "an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long term, enhance environmental quality, make most efficient use of on-farm or ranch resources, sustain economic viability of farm or ranch operations, and enhance the

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State Range Society Sets October Meeting In Abilene

by: Steve Byrns

ABILENE - The Texas Section-Society of Range Management will hold its 53rd annual meeting Oct. 9-11 in Abilene's Ambassador Suites Hotel (formerly Embassy Suites).

Organizers urge anyone interested in rangeland preservation and improvement to attend whether they are Society members or not.

On-site registration will be available throughout the day.

Thirteen "Certified Professional in Range Management" continuing education units can be obtained for attending all sessions.

"Our annual meeting is meant to provide an educational setting for professional range managers, but we invite anyone interested in rangeland preservation to attend," said meeting chairman Dr. Bob Whitson, head of the department of rangeland ecology and management at Texas A&M University.

"Part of the talks are of a strictly technical nature aimed at a scientific audience. But traditionally most of the presentations and all of the field trips center around an important regional issue affecting land holders with a few acres or thousands. This year's theme is 'Watershed as the Interface Between Rangelands and Urban Areas'.

"Whether it's people, livestock or wildlife, water availability is the single most limiting factor governing our state's 'stocking rate.' Water and rangeland conservation go hand-in-hand. As our population grows, conservation efforts and proper management of our natural resources will increasingly become a leading issue for policy makers and rural and urban citizens alike. This year's annual meeting is meant to provide a knowledge exchange forum for the many facets surrounding our fast-emerging water issue."

Mike Mecke, Texas Cooperative Extension water management specialist at Fort Stockton, will kickoff the annual meeting during the general session at 8 a.m. Oct. 9 with a welcome and opening remarks.

The morning session will continue with a riparian restoration workshop. Scheduled speakers are Wayne Elmore, Bureau of Land Management state riparian specialist, Pineville, Ore.; Steve Nelle, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), biologist, San Angelo; and Ken Mayben, NRCS engineer, Terrell.

Elmore will present "Water and Rangelands: The Situation, Nationally and Internationally", "Grazing Management for Riparian Areas" and "Making Changes on the Land." Nelle will speak on "Riparian Function/Values/Vegetation" and "Riparian Restoration and Management Through Conservation Programs." Mayben will discuss examples of riparian restoration projects.

Following lunch at the convention hotel, the afternoon will be devoted to a 1-5 p.m. riparian restoration tour of Fort Phantom Lake and the Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

The first day's activities will end with a 5:30-7:30 p.m. mixer and social at the Ambassador Suites Hotel.

Activities on Oct. 10 will start with an 8:30 a.m. "Plenary Session" moderated by Larry Butler, NRCS, director of the Grazing Lands Technology Institute, Fort Worth. Speakers and topics for the session will be:

- "When the Reservoir Runs Dry" Corky Redden, Throckmorton County Extension agent;

- "Texas Regional Water Planning," Bill Mullican, Texas Water Development Board, deputy executive administrator for the office of planning, Austin;

- "Role of Texas Rangeland on Texas Water Policy," Joseph Fitzsimons, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department commissioner, San Antonio;

- "Water Marketing: Implications for Landscapes," Ron Kaiser, Recreation, Park and Tourism Department professor, Texas A&M, College Station; and

- "Water Issues on the Edwards, How it Works-Surface Ground Water Interaction," Gary Schindel, chief scientific officer, Edwards Aquifer Authority, Austin.

The Society's annual awards luncheon is set for noon. The luncheon will be immediately followed by the meeting's technical session lasting from 1:30-4 p.m.

Speakers and topics will include:

- "Overview of the State Brush Control Program," James Moore, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board executive director, Temple;

- "Overview of Salt Cedar Control Projects," Donnie Dipple, Texas Department of Agriculture, pesticide coordinator, Austin;

- "Changes in Riparian Vegetation on the Rio Grande as Affected by Water Resource Management," Susan Watts, research assistant professor, Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Center, El Paso;

- "Recent Research on Brush Management's Effects on Rangeland Hydrology," Allan Jones, Texas Water Resource Institute director, Texas A&M, College Station; and

- "A Review of the Previous Vegetation Management Programs for Influencing Hydrologic Responses," Brad Wilcox, associate professor, rangeland ecology and management, Texas A&M.

The afternoon session will end with a 5 p.m. plant identification contest. A 7 p.m. banquet at Perini Ranch at Buffalo Gap will round out the day's activities.

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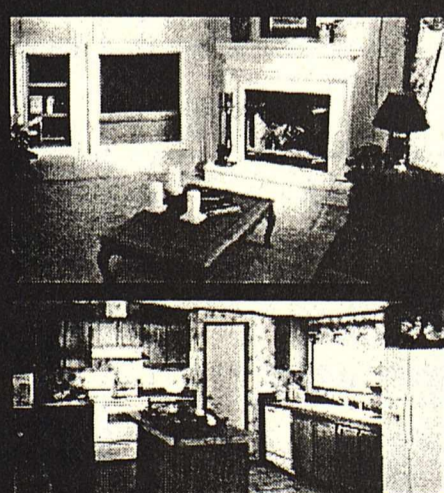
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Comptroller Rylander Announces Counties Qualifying For 2003 Tax Credits

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently released a list of 225 counties where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in state tax breaks next year.

"Each year I review the economic health of each county and I am pleased to announce this important, new list of counties eligible for these tax breaks," Rylander said.

The franchise tax credits for economic development were enacted in 1999 by the 76th Legislature and include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

"All three tax credits are real and businesses large and small will benefit," Rylander said. "The total dollar amount of the tax breaks will depend on how many businesses take advantage of this tremendous tax credit program."

Research Credit
The research credit is available to firms that perform qualified research activities in Texas. It is based on the firm's increase in research activities during the year compared to a base amount. Five percent of qualified research expenses will be credited for tax reports due in 2002 and after. The amount of the company's credit may be as large as 50 percent of its franchise tax liability. Unused credits may be carried over for a maximum of 20 years.

Additional credit is available for qualified research activities conducted in selected counties.

Job Creation Credit
Companies that create jobs in selected counties may qualify for a job creation credit equal to five percent of the wages paid to workers holding those jobs. The credit is five percent a year for five years beginning with the year the jobs are created.

To qualify, a corporation must create at least 10 new full-time jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research.

The credit is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability in the year that credits are claimed. Unclaimed credits may be carried forward for a maximum of five years.

Investment Credit
Corporations that invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment.

The investment must be located in selected counties and in the industries listed for the job creation credit.

This credit, too, is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability, and any unclaimed credits may be carried forward

for a maximum of five years.

The Strategic Investment Area (SIA) is a collection of counties and sub-county areas where job creation, investment and research activities by businesses can earn franchise tax credits. The SIA is determined each September by the Comptroller's Office, and the determination is effective for business activity in the following calendar year.

Comptroller Rylander determined that of the state's 254 total counties, 225 fall wholly or partially in the state SIA for calendar year 2003.

Of those counties, 81 qualify for full-purpose SIA designation based on their relative unemployment rate and per-capita income.

This designation will permit firms engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research to apply for job creation and investment credits, as well as the research credit bonus.

Another group of 139 counties qualifies only for the limited-purpose SIA designation based on their population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits.

Five sub-county zones--Dallas, Harris, Bexar, McLennan and El Paso -- meet the criteria to qualify for the full-purpose SIA designation based on their selections as federal urban enterprise communities.

Based on El Paso County's unemployment and per-capita income, the entire county is included in the SIA. Dallas, Harris, Bexar and McLennan counties are included in the SIA only to the extent of the sub-county zone boundaries.

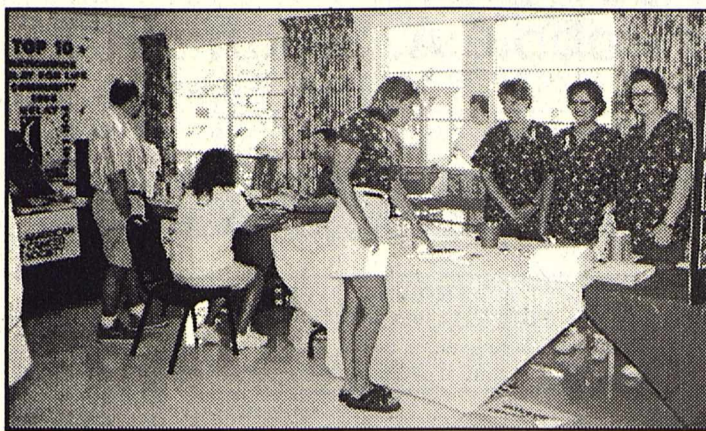
As of January 1, 2002, areas designated as Defense Economic Readjustment Zones qualify for full-purpose SIA treatment. The four Defense Economic Readjustment Zones in the state are located in Bee, Bexar, Lubbock and McLennan counties.

Bee County is also included in the SIA based on its unemployment and per-capita income, which qualifies the entire county as a SIA. Lubbock, McLennan and Bexar counties are included only to the extent of the sub-county zone boundaries.

"Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good-paying jobs for hardworking Texans," Comptroller Rylander said.

Included in the 139 counties eligible for the limited-purpose SIA designation are: Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Schleicher, and Sutton counties.

2002 Health Fair



Visitors picked up pamphlets on good health and got blood sugar checks inside (above), while others were taught about helmet safety (below).



News From The Neighbors

Fredericksburg

Fans of festivals fortunate enough to find themselves on the grounds of the 22nd Annual Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg will be able to hoist their glass and waltz their partner to the music of 26 bands at this famous celebration of the Old World in the Texas Hill Country, October 4, 5, and 6, 2002. Oktoberfest hours are 6 p.m. to 12 midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 midnight Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6, \$1 for children 6-12, and under 6 free. Two-day passes are \$10; three-day passes are \$15.

"Oktoberfest is a family event," Debbie Farquhar-Garner, Oktoberfest Manager, emphasizes. "We want people of all ages here - seniors, the kids, everyone - all having a good time. We give away every bit of profit to art groups, music groups and scholarships."

This year, music takes center stage, plus two more covered stages and will offer a variety of musicians, from jazz to brass, from oompah to tubas and Chicken Dance Contests. In addition to a children's area and some great food, there will be two German Bier Tents with a variety of imported German beer and wines from Texas wineries.

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quality of life for farmers/ranchers and society as a whole."

More details and forms on the grants program can be found on-line at: <http://www.griffin.peachnet.edu/sare/>.

Those without access to the Internet may contact Baker, SARE state coordinator, P.O. Box 38, Overton, TX 75684. Baker's phone is (903) 834-6191.

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SARE's purpose is to improve agricultural profitability,

protect natural resources and foster more viable rural communities.

To advance such knowledge nationwide, SARE administers a competitive grants program. Regional administrative councils recommend projects to be funded after proposals go through technical peer review. Since its inception, SARE has funded nearly 1,900 projects nationwide.

In addition to Texas, the SARE Southern Region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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ties.

On Oct. 11, oral presentations by young professionals will begin the day at 8 a.m. Following a break, the annual meeting will conclude with the installation of new officers and the announcement of plant identification and photography contest winners. Adjournment is set for noon.

The Texas Section-Society of Range Management is a 400-member organization designed to educate its members in the latest technology of proper range management. Members are agency personnel, students, educators, land owners and producers.



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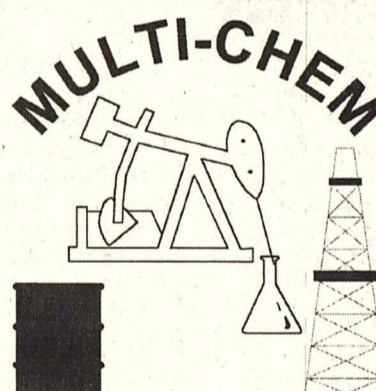
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larger than the rest of their body. In addition the bones in their necks are soft and the ligaments are stretchy. If a child were to be in a forward facing position before one year of age and 20 lbs, they could suffer serious injury in a frontal crash, which is the most common type. The straps of the seat hold the child's body back, but the head is thrust forward, which could cause damage to the spinal cord.

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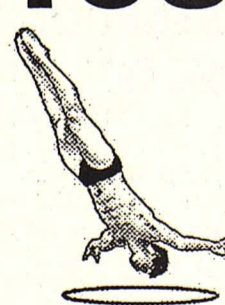
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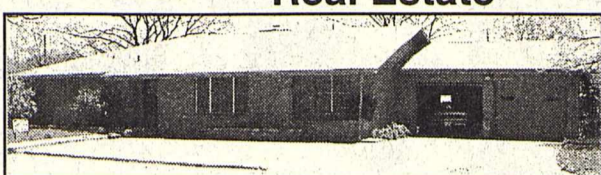
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The hearing will be held on October 15, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas.

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