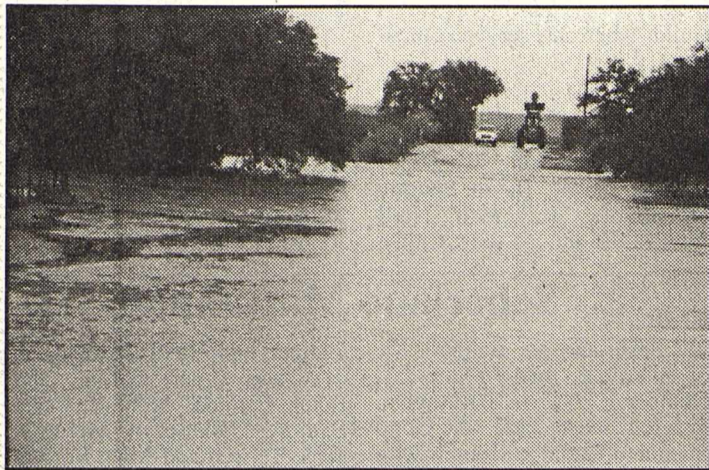


Three Stranded In Flooded Draw



The Cauthorn Draw crossing on Cusenbary Road was overflowing after Monday mornings rain. *staff photo*

by Storie Sharp

Some out-of-town visitors learned the hard way that you just don't mess with West Texas water! After a large amount of rainfall Sunday night and Monday morning the draws were running all over Sutton County, including the Cauthorn Draw on Cusenbary Road. This is where the mobile lab bus, *Conceptus*, got caught.

Georgia Veterinarian, Greg Stewart, DVM, MS, PH.D. Jean van Niekerk, B.Vsc M.R.C.S.S. - Veterinarian and Andrew White, Embryologist, Technician were leaving the Morriss Ranch Monday morning when they attempted to cross the Cauthorn Draw. The rolling water caught the bus and took it down stream about half a mile before snagging in a group of trees. The three men were able to climb out a window to the roof of the bus where they waited for assistance or for the water to go down, whichever came first.

Local law enforcement, Sheriff Joe Fincher, assisted by Game Warden Will Allison and Trooper Cody Cory began looking for a way to rescue the stranded motorists. Water stand-

ing in all low areas prevented any rescue attempts. Sheriff Fincher instructed the dispatcher to try and find a helicopter available to rescue the men.

The Del Rio Border Patrol responded to the call and sent a rescue team to assist. After about an hour and a half, the helicopter made it to the scene. Pilots Henry Moses and Cash Letsinger flew down, level with the top of the *Conceptus* bus, and picked up the victims one by one. Unable to return to the Morriss Ranch, the three were taken to Sonora in the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Suburban. They reported that they were hoping to be able to salvage some of the equipment once the water went down. The bus is used as a surgical lab where goat embryo transplants are done. Several local ranchers use the lab to assist in their goat breeding programs.

Rainfall amounts late Tuesday afternoon were reported as follows: Billy Martin, East of town on Thorp Hill reported 4.81", the airport reported 4.68", the cemetery had 4.78" and Lawrence Finklea reported 6.25", with an average of 4.65" reported in town.



The *Conceptus* bus snagged in a group of trees after running water drug it down the Cauthorn Draw. *staff photo*

Clinic On Liabilities Of The Hunting Lease Operator

There is a certain amount of liability associated with any hunting enterprise. Do you know what the liability is for you? What happens to the liability if someone under 16 years of age is present? What is the liability for a bed and breakfast operation which allows hiking, biking, bird watching or photography?

These and other questions will be answered at a public presentation sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension on Tuesday evening, October 15, 2002. The meeting will be conducted at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center with registration to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the program to kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker for the program will be Dr. Judon Fambrough with the Texas Real Estate Center in College Station, Texas.

Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Please notify the Extension office before noon on Monday, October 14, 2002, if you have a disability and require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in the meeting so that assistance can be arranged.

National Fire Prevention Week Helps Remind Citizens To Respect Their Local Firemen

To Sonora and Sutton County Residents,

How many of you realize this is National Fire Prevention Week? I would like to share a note that I received in an email. I don't know the author and can not give him credit but please read it carefully.

I WISH YOU COULD SEE

I wish you could know what it is like to search a burning bedroom for trapped children, flames rolling above your head, your palms and knees burning as you crawl, the floor sagging under your weight as the kitchen below you burns. I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 in the morning as I check her husband of 40 years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping to bring him back, knowing intuitively it is too late. But wanting his wife and family to know everything possible was done to try to save his life. I wish you knew the unique smell of burning insulation, the taste of soot-filled mucus, the feeling of

intense heat through your turnout gear, the sound of flames crackling, the eeriness of being able to see absolutely nothing in dense smoke-sensations that I've become too familiar with. I wish you could understand how it feels to go to work in the morning after having spent most of the night, hot and soaking wet at a multiple alarm fire. I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a burning fire. "Is this a false alarm or a working fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?" Or to an EMS call, "What is wrong with the patient? Is it minor or life-threatening? Is the caller really in distress or is he waiting for us with a 2x4 or a gun?" I wish you could be in the emergency room as a doctor pronounces dead the beautiful five-year old girl that I have been trying to save during the past 25 minutes. Who will never go on her first date or say

See Fire Prevention page 7

Byrne Joins Sonora Police Department



by Storie Sharp

Officer Eric Byrne is the newest addition to the Sonora Police Department. Byrne comes to Sonora from San Antonio, where he has been employed for one year. He is a Criminal Justice graduate from Florida Metro University in Tampa Florida, where he was also an EMT for ten years.

Eric and his wife, Tiffany, have one daughter, Erica, who is 2 1/2 and they are expecting a son at the end of this year. Tiffany is currently a dispatcher in San Antonio, but will be moving here in December. Byrne chose to apply in Sonora because they were looking for somewhere nice to raise their family. He is excited about joining the Sonora P.D. and looks forward to working here.

Fall Festival Fun For All



Tino Dominguez and Amy Gutierrez were crowned the King and Queen of the 2002 Fall Festival - see more from the festival, page 7

Sutton County Courthouse Nominated For TDA Award

Austin - Sutton County Courthouse of Sonora has been honored by being named a statewide finalist in the 2002 Texas Downtown Association (TDA) President's Awards. This year's competition includes 77 entries from 34 downtowns across Texas.

"The TDA Awards program and the quality of submitted projects reflects a resurgence in downtowns as the heart of the community," stated Karen Wunsch, of the City of Garland's planning department and co-chair of the Awards program. "We have seen downtown revitalization spurred on not only by physical projects such as downtown parks, new streetscapes and historical building restoration and rehabilitation, but also by events and activities that bring people renewed pride in their community through the downtown," she added.

See Courthouse page 7

Girl Scouts Return To Sonora

submitted

On Sept. 24th the El Camino Girl Scout Council came from San Angelo to ask the young girls in our community to join Girl Scouts.

Forty-eight (48) young girls, along with their moms joined on that day.

Nelda Tobias will be the leader for the Daisy Scouts, Candise Patlan will be leading the Brownies 1st and Juniors 4th Grade.

Tammy Favila will be leading the Brownies in 2nd and 3rd grade. Tammy's co-leaders will be Laurie Garza and Marrisra Faz.

Nelda, Tammy, Laurie and Marrisra attended a Leadership conference in San Angelo on Sept. 28th and Favila attended the "Nut" training in Ozona on Oct. 3rd. Now that the required training is complete the ladies are ready to have regular meetings.

The first order of business will be to let Sonora know that the Girl Scouts are back and ready to participate in any and all community activities. They will learn how to help our com-

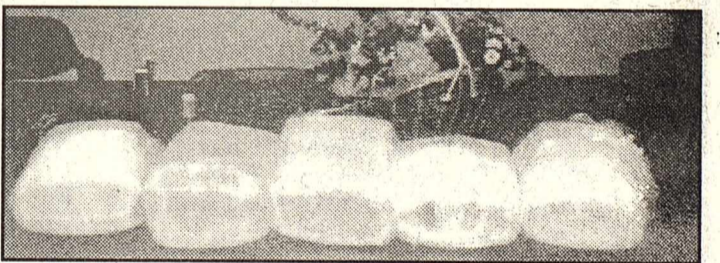
Traffic Stop Leads To Bust



Sonora Police Officer Mike Routh watches the suspect while Trooper Earlie Williams completes the search of the vehicle.

by Storie Sharp

On Wednesday, October 2, 2002, Trooper Earlie Williams stopped a vehicle traveling 104 m.p.h. in a 75 m.p.h. zone traveling East on Interstate 10. The driver of the vehicle began acting very nervous when Trooper Williams approached him. He told the Trooper that he was on his way to Houston to meet someone, but he didn't know who, where or when they were supposed to meet. Further suspicion led to a search of the vehicle, which resulted in Trooper Williams finding 51 pounds of marijuana in a black suitcase located in the trunk of the vehicle. The 30 year-old Puerto Rican male traveling from Los Angeles, California to Houston was charged with a 2nd Degree Felony.



51 lbs. of marijuana was found in a black bag located in a speeding vehicle. *DPS Photo*



Girl Scout Leaders, (front) Nelda Tobias, Tammy Favila, (back) Laurie Garza and Marrisra Faz are ready to go. Not pictured: Candise Patlan.

munity in ways that they can understand.

If you have any special projects for our young troop, please contact any of our new leaders. Beginning October 11th the Brownies and Juniors will

be selling Peanuts. You will have the opportunity to buy a commemorative tin celebrating 90 years of Girl Scouts.

Thank you in advance Sonora, for all your support!



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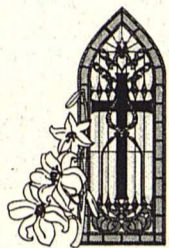
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We would like to extend our belated but sincere appreciation and thanks to the hospital, the 911 operator, and especially Will Allison, who assisted us when Glen had his Bee Sting incident. Luckily, the incident did not turn out to be too serious, which we believe was due to your efficient help in this matter.
Glen and Rosalie Richardson

The Fall Festival was a great success and I would like to thank the downtown businesses and Sonora Independent School District staff for all their help in making the Fall Festival 2002 successful. The Downtown businesses are always happy to have the children and students downtown to play or to learn. The future of our downtown and community is in the hands of the students of our community.

Sponsors and special people were Sonora Main Street Directors, KHOS Radio, Vivian Mears, City of Sonora, Devil's River News, Black's Wrecker and Auto Service, Barry Black, Star View Ranches, Steve and D'Arcy Wagner, Glenda Lowe, All the downtown businesses, Linda Johnson, Sutton County Probation Office, Community Service Workers, Jed Davenport, Pat Martin, Sandra L. Gonzales, Kathy Knight, Sonia Hernandez, Maura Weingart, Mary Lou Castillo, Lubia, T & C Village Market, Rafter W Feed Store, Grider Trucking Co., Janice Caruthers, Mrs. Mari Sanchez, Mrs. Keel, Louise Dermody, John Berry, Brant Myers, and all the others that worked to make the Fall Festival 2002 super!

The Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Ronnie Cox for always donating door prizes to conferences and events that promote the growth of "Shop Sonora". Corner Drug Store and Gifts Galore and More were left out of the TML news release. We would like to thank you for all you do.

Sonora Elementary P.T.O. would like to thank Alco, John K. Wilson, Eddie McReynolds, Bryn Humphrey, Bob Brockman, George Keese and Ralph and Bobby Lou Mayer for their generous contributions to our fundraising efforts at the 2002 Fall Festival.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Circle S Automotive and Sonora Chemical & Supply Inc. for hosting the Business After Hours on September 30, 2002. We did not have a winner of the \$350 cash drawing. The next Business After Hours will be in December with the date and location to be announced. The cash drawing will be \$450, you must be present to win. If you would be interested in helping host this quarterly event, please call the Chamber of Commerce office at 387-2880 for more details.

Obituaries

Nancy R. Johnson

Nancy R. Johnson, age 71, of Marble Falls, Texas, passed away Wednesday, October 2, 2002, in Marble Falls.

She was born September 1, 1931, in Ferminina, FL., to Marvin Everett and Ineze Motes Royster. Nancy taught school in Sonora and Odessa for many years and owned Johnson Fleet in San Angelo. A member of the Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Kingsland, she also was active with the Buchanan and Marble Falls Art Guilds where she served as president.

Surviving her are a daughter, Derry Lynn Summer of Kingwood; sons, Marvin Foster Shurley and his wife, Wanda, of Sonora, Mason David Shurley of Sonora, Raymond Neill Johnson III and his wife, Cindy, of Odessa and Clark Harris Johnson and his wife, Betty, of Saginaw, Texas; and her mother, Ineze Royster of Laurens, S.C. She also is survived by her granddaughter, Jennifer Leigh Summer of Kingwood; and grandsons, Chris Johnson of Amarillo, Neil Johnson IV of Brownwood, Wes Johnson of Saginaw, Greg Johnson of Saginaw, Collier Shurley of Eldorado, Joshua Shurley of Austin and Nick Shurley of Sonora.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond N. Neill Johnson, Jr.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 5, at the Highland Lakes United Methodist Church in Kingsland. The Rev. L.C. Johnston will officiate.

Seberiano M. Galindo

Seberiano M. Galindo, 86, of Sheffield, died Wednesday, October 2, 2002, in San Angelo. Service were held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church with burial in Sheffield Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Galindo of Sheffield; children, Ermalinda Torres, Lillian Rivas and Gary Galindo, all of San Antonio, Eddie Galindo and Enolia Sena, both of Crane, Ernest Galindo and Ector Galindo, both of Iraan, Sammy Galindo of Mertzon, Janie Tidwell and Alice Boring, both of San Angelo, Danny Galindo and Adam Galindo, both of Sonora, Delia Galindo of Odessa and Oscar Galindo of Ozona; brother, Andy Galindo of Odessa; and sister, Maria Arispe of Eldorado.

Ronnie Cox
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Staff Photo

San Angelo SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council on Trauma joined the Sutton County EMS at the Lillian Hudspeth Hospital where they held a Free Car Seat Check-up Event on Saturday, October 5, 2002. Car seats were checked for safety and correct placement. If they were not considered safe or had been recalled, the seats were replaced for free. Remember... a child is always safest when buckled up properly.

School Lunch Menu • October 14 - October 18, 2002

Breakfast

Mon. - Breakfast pizza, apple juice.
Tues. - Biscuit and sausage, orange juice.
Wed. - Cinnamon toast, apple juice.
Thurs. - Pancake on stick, orange juice.
Fri. - Waffles, apple juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Beef burrito, chili, fries, celery, carrot sticks, applesauce.
Tues. - Pizza, tossed salad, kernel corn, cookie.
Wed. - Beef enchiladas, vegetable salad, pinto beans, crackers, fruit icee.
Thurs. - Corn dog, baked beans, cheese nachos, fruit.
Fri. - Grilled ham and cheese, shoestrings fries, apple half, cookie.

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Senior Center News

Oct. 14 - Columbus Day (Observed). Center will be closed for Holiday!
Oct. 15 - City Council at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall
Oct. 16 - Van to San Angelo. Call Lilia 387-3941.
Oct. 17 - Crafts after lunch.

Senior Menu

Oct. 14 - Columbus Day (Observed). Center will be closed.
Oct. 15 - Spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, seasoned spinach, French bread, tossed salad, banana pudding.
Oct. 16 - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, fruit cocktail.
Oct. 17 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, mustard greens, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, peaches.
Oct. 18 - Pork roast with gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, tossed salad, prunes.

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.

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Oct. 14
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Annex Building • 9:00 a.m.

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Oct. 28
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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Continuation of the Whitehead Family Story compiled from material submitted by Rose Mary Whitehead Jones: George W. Hodges had met Emma Whitehead while he was living in Gonzales. Following the Civil War he wrote for her hand in marriage; and they were married in 1876 in Gonzales, Texas and moved to Kimble Co. Not too long after that Geo. W. and Rachel migrated west to be close to Emma in Junction, Kimble Co., Texas as most of his stock had been stolen in the Civil War. They headed out in a wagon with Walter E. and Will F. driving what was left of their seed stock, 350 sheep and 350 cattle. They arrived in Kimble Co. in 1879 and stayed there for two years.

Will F. and Walter E. Whitehead made a trip to Beaver Lake with their uncle, Henry Sandherr, and they liked the country they saw there. They talked their father into moving once more and settling at the mouth of Johnson Creek for a year. They later moved on land above Beaver Lake and drilled one of the first water wells in the county, known as Whitehead-Cox well.

Beaver Lake was always popular with stockmen and they would bring their stock south for the winter months. Juno was a thriving community with around two thousand people. Walter E. would play his fiddle at all the dances and Belle said, "they would go by wagon, traveling for miles so Walter could play."

James H. Martin died in Junction in 1878 and was buried in the Gentry Cemetery in Kimble Co. His widow Mary Lee (Rowland) Martin and family, which included daughter Mary Isabell (Belle) Martin, migrated to Crockett Co. from Junction. They drove their seed cattle to Beaver Lake. They later joined Belle's brother John who lived in Tent City at Howard's Well. At this time Walter E. and Will F. worked for Val Verde Land and Cattle Co. They went on cattle drives beginning at Beaver Lake, Howards' Springs, to horsehead Crossing to the Pecos River joining the big "Chisholm Trail Drive."

On December 24, 1885, Walter E. Married Mary Isabell (Belle) Martin, just five days after her sixteenth birthday. The wedding was held in a big white

tent at the head of "Pole Cat Hollow" Howards' Well, by Judge Ling. William Forrest Whitehead, Sr. married Minnie Amanda Bales, the daughter of Amor B. and Henrietta (Lightfoot) Bales on January 22, 1890 in Junction, Kimble Co.

Around this time there were a few problems in Val Verde Co. Judge Roy Bean seem to think that since he could marry people he ought to be able to divorce them. These so called divorces of Judge Roy Bean caused a big problem with the County Commissioners. As one of the Whitehead family served during the same time old Judge Roy Bean created quite of few problems for him and his fellow commissioners to straighten out. Walter E. rode horseback taking the first ballet box, a cigar box, to Val Verde Co. Courthouse, Del Rio, from Juno, some seventy miles. Walter E. also served on the first Val Verde Co. Jury held in Del Rio above a saloon.

Walter E. and Belle Whitehead had the following children: Emma Leanna who married Crawford Benton "Dutch" Wardlaw; Charley Hadley born 4-11-1890 and never married; Walter Rowland who married Dora Davis; Sara Jane who died at age 4 and was buried in Sonora; Willie B. who married Della Rose Halbert; Francis Harris "Tuff," who married Winnie Lou Miers; Louis Dell "Son" who married Georgia Bowman Jasper; and Lois Nell "Topsy," who married Capt. Noble James Taylor.

Will F. and Minnie Whitehead had the following children: Robert George who married Jennie Graham; Amor "Boo" Bales Whitehead who married Lottie Lee Rogers; Willie W. who died at age two and is buried in Sonora; Carl "Cotton" Forrest who married Emma Francis Fawcett and Hazel Beatrice who married 1. Walter Edward "Dub" Weathersbee and 2. Emmit Pietie Coe.

Will F. had come west with his father Geo. W. and brother Walter E. They established the Whitehead Ranch interest in Sutton, Val Verde, and Edwards Counties. They also had ranching interests in Mexico. Will F. took over the Mexico interest and his son A. B. "Boo" added more land and moved to Mexico. Will F. and Walter E. both helped establish "The First National Bank" in Sonora. They



Johnnie Johnson Family - 1914 - Alva D. Cawyer, Ruth Binyon Clendenen, Thelma Johnson Puckett, Bell Merriman Binyon, Roscoe Cawyer, Fannie Johnson Cawyer, Ervin Jackson, Clif Johnson, Martha Johnson Roberts, Binyon Baby Berta, Telefus Cawyer, "Uncle" Johnnie Johnson, Gretta Cawyer Smith.

each served as President on the Board of Directors. When they moved their families to Del Rio, Walter E. helped establish "The Del Rio National Bank" and served as President of same. Will F. helped establish "The Del Rio Bank and Trust" and also served as President there.

The Whitehead family have always been very civic minded. Through the years they have helped make Val Verde and Sutton Counties better places to live. In 1963, they bought the old "Perry Mercantile Store" and presented it to Val Verde Co. and the City of Del Rio for a museum, known as "The Whitehead Memorial Museum." The "State Historical Commission; recognizes "The Whitehead Memorial Museum," as one of the best small museums in the State of Texas.

We know that many young military families from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo take day trips to Sonora to see the Caverns and our Courthouse Square area. They often tell us about the trips they have made to Fort McKavett, to Del Rio to see the Whitehead Memorial Museum the burial place of Judge Roy Bean and his son. We also get travelers from the base in Del Rio who stop here on their way to see Fort Concho or Fort McKavett who tell us of their trips to the Brackettville area to see where the Alamo was filmed.

"A lot of the old west has been turned into modern cities and these young people tell me that what they like best about our area is the fact that they can

see where history was made in areas preserved and protected from the encroaching growth. Most of them are shocked when they go to San Antonio and see the Alamo surrounded by huge skyscrapers. They expect to see a huge open area as shown in the movie by John Wayne. They are very happy when they see our beautifully restored Sutton County Courthouse still surrounded by a park like area at the top of Main Street. They enjoy seeing the Miers Home, Old Depot and new offices of the Sutton County Historical Society in their park like settings. Many of these young people are on tight budgets and they either pack a picnic lunch or pick up something to take out at Sonic or Dairy Queen and let the children come here and eat and play for a while. It is nice to look out the window and see these young families enjoying themselves in Sonora.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or give me a call at 915-387-5084 Monday, Tuesday or Friday. You may reach me at home in the evenings at 915-387-2855. E-mails still go to schs@sonoratrax.net. Thank you to all those who have paid their dues or made donations to the society, those who haven't paid yet, please do. We need the dues money to pay insurance on the buildings every year. Memberships are \$10 per person, very reasonable when you consider what many organizations charge today.

Altizer To Be Inducted In Cowboy Hall Of Fame

Dwayne L. Meacham, League City, President and CEO of the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame has announced the names of 25 cowboys and cowgirls that are among the most talented and gifted athletes in Texas who will be honored this year.

The tremendous range of talent and versatility of the Texas rodeo cowboys and cowgirls will be showcased in the 2003 edition of the TEXAS RODEO COWBOY HALL OF FAME Induction to be held in February in Belton, Texas. Among this year's honored will

be Governor Bill Daniel of Liberty, whose very name represents and is synonymous with Texas. Another being honored this year is the late **Jim Bob Altizer of Del Rio, Texas. Altizer is the father of Sherry Ingham of Sonora and Mack Altizer of Del Rio, TX.** His wife, Minnie Altizer, still resides in Del Rio. He will join war heroes, actors, Rodeo Producers, founder of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, photographers, designers, ranchers and many other professionals. This is just to mention a few. Each new

member brings with them the distinction of being a part of Rodeo and paving the way, setting history in motion. Not enough can be said of the pride, determination, and sacrifices these men and women undergo to pursue the life they love and the sport that is "Rodeo, The Official Sport of Texas".

The TRCHF was founded in 1975 by Jonny Boren and several businessmen from Belton. With recognition and remembrance of such athletes in mind the ground work was laid for an organization that is growing in associate membership as

well as state-wide acclaim. Once a year the group gathers together to commemorate Inducted members of years past and applaud the newly recognized members of the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. 2003 will be a monumental year revealing the multifaceted Texas athletes of the arena wars still making the difference, contributing to society and setting examples of true Texas heroes. This impressive group will join 159 other awe-inspiring adversaries of past rodeo competitions that date back to the early 1900's.

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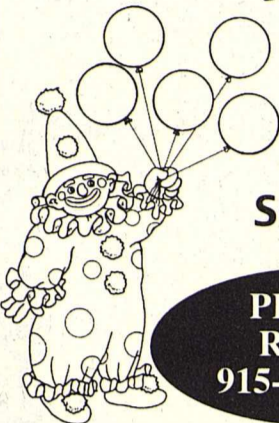
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Fall Focus On Fire Safety

This year's observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, comes after a record year for destruction of homes and natural resources by wildfires across the nation. Nationally, 67,424 wildfires have burned 6.6 million acres of forest, brush and grass, and consumed a staggering number of homes and other structures as well, according to the National Interagency Coordination Center in Boise, Idaho.

The creation of a national fire prevention day (later extended to a full week) was prompted by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, a fire that killed 250 people and destroyed over 17,000 buildings at a cost of \$168 million. The national observance is always observed during the week that includes October 9, the anniversary date of the Chicago fire.

Given the magnitude of this year's wildfire losses, it's obvious that people need to both prevent wildfires and to implement precautions to make homes less vulnerable to wildfires.

A major concern of firefighters is that burning of fallen leaves, clearing of garden spots and increased use of the outdoors by hunters and campers could translate into additional escaped fires later this year, said Mary Kay Hicks, fire prevention coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Waco. Every

wildfire carries a potential threat to lives and property, she stated.

Hicks offered several suggestions for preventing escaped fires this fall and winter.

- * Establish wide control lines around burn receptacles and brush piles to be burned to help keep possible flying embers from reaching flammable vegetation.

- * Burn household trash in burn barrels and burn pits covered with a metal screen or grid to help keep burning debris from flying into surrounding vegetation.

- * Build campfires in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Keep fires small, and extinguish them cold to the touch before leaving them.

- * Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in vehicle ashtrays or by crushing smokes and matches dead in bare dirt.

- * Avoid driving or parking vehicles where hot pollution control equipment could come into contact with vegetation beneath vehicles.

"Most fires and the damage they cause can be prevented," Hicks said, "but it will take a concerted effort by everyone to avoid senseless destruction of lives, homes and the natural resources upon which many people and animals depend.

Help your local firefighters. Practice good fire prevention both indoors and out. It's far less expensive to prevent fires than it is to replace property damaged or destroyed by fire... and some things just can't be replaced.

Sonora Girls Join West Texas Blast Winning Softball Team



MUGS (Midland United Girls Softball) held their Fall Classic tournament this past weekend at Ulmer Park in Midland with nine teams participating in the 12 and Under Division. The West Texas Blast won the championship after playing three games on Saturday and five games on Sunday. Playing with the Blast from Sonora were Heather Hughes (front row, far left), Kimble Luna (front row, second from left), and Azeneth Villanueva (third row, far right).

Adkins Graduates From Recruit Training

Brandon Adkins of Sonora, recently graduate from Marine Corps recruit training, successfully completing 12 weeks of training. Adkins spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignment, which included learning first aid, uniform regulation, combat water survival, marksmanship, martial arts combat and assorted weapons training.

Adkins received instruction on the Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commit-

ment, and what words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Adkins ended training with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, which culminated with a ceremony when recruits are addressed as "Marines" for the first time.

Adkins is a graduate of Sonora High School and is the son of Tami and Russell Adkins of Sonora.

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New Life Ministry To Host Los Peregrinos de Cristo

A Spanish Christian group called Los Peregrinos de Cristo will be ministering in Word and song, Saturday, October 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, the 13th at 10 a.m. at New Life Ministry Center, 205 E. Main. Everyone who enjoys good Spanish gospel music is encouraged to attend. Ministry will be interpreted, music will be in Spanish.

News From Eaton Hill



New rock art adorns Eaton Hill.

by Delyse Jaeger

The Eaton Hill Steering Committee met on Monday, September 30th. Present at the meeting were: Lewis Allen, Justin McGeath, Jimmy Cahill, Virgil Polocek, Delyse Jaeger, Nick Garza and Harold Martinez. Committee members unable to attend were Mary Humphrey, Jimmie Howorth and Sue Wamble. Key topics of discussion included picnic tables and benches for the flagpole site, additional trail signs, the bird feeding agenda and entrance structures for distributing maps and check-off lists.

The next project of focus is the picnic tables and benches. We are seeking donations for this addition. If you or your company would be interested in supporting Eaton Hill through the donation of a picnic table or park bench, please contact Lewis Allen or Delyse Jaeger. Nameplates will be displayed on the tables and benches acknowledging the donors.

Regular visitors to the Hill may have noticed fewer bird feeders being used. The feeders were attracting English sparrows and white-wing dove in greater numbers than naturally occur. After experimenting with various locations and consulting with an ornithologist, it has been decided that our birding patrons will be best served through the development of

birding stations located in the areas of prime habitat. We will continue to feed in a few locations and will adjust seasonally for attracting specific birds. Recent sightings include the Wilson's warbler and Kestrel hawk.

Mary Humphrey along with colleague Kevin O'Neal, also with Texas Parks and Wildlife, have developed a new map of the trails on Eaton Hill. The map was created using GPS technology and is available along with bird and vegetation check-off lists outside the Sonora Industrial Development Corp. office (Eaton house). Pick up a map and check-off list and test your knowledge of our local plant life, and if you identify any interesting or unusual birds, be sure and let us know! Also, watch for the new rock art along the trails. Our state reptile, the Texas Horned Lizard is the latest addition along with a Scrub Jay and Bewick's Wren.

Eaton Hill belongs to the community and exists to enhance our lives through education and appreciation of nature. With nature tourism growing rapidly in our country, Eaton Hill can also serve to draw visitors to Sonora. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Lewis Allen.

Happy Birthday

- October 10 - Glenna Alvites, Adrian Gomez, Rae Ann Bible, Jena Teasley, Stacey Reiner, Marissa Faz
- October 11 - Garrett Sharp, Sharon Creek, Taylor Hill, Bubba Ramoz, Charlotte Higdon
- October 12- Bill Stanton, Tom Matchus, Laura Purvis, Robert Perez
- October 13 - Derek Ramos, Jayln Mathews, Bill Keel, Gail Cade, Amanda Word
- October 14 - Ronnie Wipff, Brian Van Winkle
- October 15 - Olivia Samaniego, Adrian Segura, Shane Deel, Bert Young, Robbi Harris, Walker Thompson
- October 16 - Robert Higdon, Eddie Teasley, Gene Thompson, Suzanne Badeaux, Letty Campos, Ruben Mendez, Jr.

F.Y.I.

The Sonora Bronco Band Boosters will be having a meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at the High School Band Hall at 7:00 p.m. All interested parents are invited. This is an important meeting to discuss the upcoming band contest in Brady. Please contact Lauri Smith if you have any questions at 387-2593 or 387-2461.

Pep Rally - 3:00 p.m. Sonora High School - Friday, October 11, 2002.

Team Graphics will have their Grand Opening on Friday, October 11, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at 208 E. Main Street.

Life is a Three Ring Circus, so join the Ladies of the Church of Christ for a Ladies Day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th at 304 Water Ave. Guest speaker will be Patsy Shero of San Angelo and the singing group, Southgate Sister will perform. A salad lunch will be furnished by the Church. Please RSVP at 387-3190.

The 4-H Awards Banquet will be Monday, October 21, 2002.

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.

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Sophomores - Courtney Caruthers, Dustin Creek, Tara Green, Laramie Hall, Allison Higdon, Erika McClintock, Brian Payton, Amanda Samaniego, Chelsea Seaton
Juniors - Joseph Ainsworth, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Sheryl Strauch, Cady Taylor
Seniors - Shane Benson, Brandon West
A's & B's
Freshmen - Desiree Alvarado, Casey Arredondo, Mandy Brister, Felicia Castillo, Yasmin Coronado, Tina Covey, Cameron Cox, Steven Duhon, Lisa Frye, Nathan Garcia, Filemon Garza, Jillian Gulley, John Healy, Cerissa Hedgecock, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Julia Lugo, Candise Martin, Mason Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Kayla McBride, Deangelina McGee, Maricela Moreno, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Anabel Perez, Christopher Perez, Maggie Ramirez, Tristan Ramsey, Trent Reiner, Kali Roberts, Frederico Romo, Ivan Silva, Lauren Smith, Roland Solis, Luis Tovar, Julie Villanueva, Tissie Wagoner, Sandra Yorba
Sophomores - Andrew Barthelemy, M.J. Brown, Adriana Castillo, Jackie Castillo, Clint Cearley, Jason Chadwick, Karla Dominguez, Benny Frazier, Jesus Garza, Ana Govea, Kenia Gutierrez, Marco Gutierrez, Jennifer Hernandez, Catherine Herrera, Alyssa Ibarra, Lance Roberts, Austin Wagoner, Garrett Watkins, Amanda Word
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"Our Hats ON To Mrs. Dermody!"



Family, friends, faculty and students donned caps, scarves and hats of all kinds Friday in honor of Elementary School Principal Louise Dermody. Mrs. Dermody has proved that you can be stylish no matter the circumstances, as she continues to look great while battling cancer. Her strength is inspirational!

Middle School Cross Country Improves In Ozona

by Becca Emert

The Sonora Middle School Cross Country Team was on the road again this week, traveling to Ozona on Saturday, October 5th. The students continue to show improvement, and we are very proud of their efforts. The girls individually finished as follows: Kyla Turney 14th, Emily Earwood 23rd, Felisha Gamez 49th, Jena Teasley 51st, Kelsey Watkins 60th, Kayla Fields 61st, Whitney Perez 95th, Emily Butler 102nd, Danielle Rodriguez 105th. These girls did a great job representing S.M.S.

Cross Country Broncos/Lady Broncos Travel To Ozona

by Kathy Marshall

The Sonora Bronco and Lady Bronco Cross Country Teams were tearing up the turf in Ozona last weekend, competing in their 5th meet of the season. The young ladies and men are doing a great job representing our school. Competing for the Lady Broncos were Mandy Brister 57th, Amanda Sanchez 67th, Amanda Word 84th, Virgilia Rojo 85th, Sandra Yorba 92 and Desirae Boldt did not finish due to illness. There were 96 girls running in this division. Running for the Broncos were Nick Favila 49th and Jose Rodriguez 80th out of 85 boys. The next meet for the Broncos and Lady Broncos will be in Wall on October 12, 2002. Keep up the hard work Broncos and Ladies and it will pay off in the long run!

District Preview: First Up Reagan County

by Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora Broncos begin 2-2A district play on Friday, October 11th in Big Lake (against the Owls 4-1). The Owls have lost one game in non-district play this year. They have defeated 3A Kermit, 2A Coahoma and Stanton, and 1A McCamey. The Alpine Fighting Bucks defeated the Owls in their last non-district game 32-20. The Owls, coached by second year coach Joey McQueen, have sixteen returning letterman from the 2001 team which was 3 and 8. Reagan County players to watch are Alan Harrison who plays both running back and wide receiver, running back Victor Ybarra and Michael Reyes, first year varsity quarterback Ross Brown, and defensive back Ross Parker.

2002 Bronco Football Schedule
COLT FOOTBALL
Oct. 10 • Reagan County
 There • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 • Eldorado
 There • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 • Wall
 Home • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
JV FOOTBALL
Oct. 10 • Reagan County
 Home • 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 • Eldorado
 Home 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 • Wall
 There • 6:30 p.m.
VARSITY
Oct. 11 • Reagan County
 There • 7:30 p.m.
 *District 2-2A Game
Oct. 18 • Eldorado
 There • 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 • Wall
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 3. Don't do straight-legged sit-ups, as the abdominal muscles are not worked maximally.
 4. Don't do alternate standing toe touching (reaching and touching the opposite toe and thus forward bending and rotating the body at the same time).
 5. Don't bounce when stretching.
 6. Don't do rotation and twisting type exercises.
 7. Don't hold your breath while exercising.

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USDA and Texas Farm Service Agency Announce New Livestock Compensation Program

College Station, Texas-- October 7, 2002 -- Beginning October 1, 2002, the Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting applications for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). According to John Fuston, State Executive Director, LCP will only be available to counties within the state that were designated primary disaster areas for drought in 2001 or 2002. LCP provides direct payments, per head to producers who suffered livestock losses as a result of severe drought conditions. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$752 million in LCP assistance nationwide.

"Eligibility for LCP is not a pasture loss issue, but rather a livestock loss program that provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who would otherwise have no opportunity for loss compensation," said Fuston. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to severe drought conditions," he said.

Eligible counties must have been named as primary counties under a Secretarial disaster designation or have been requested as such by the Governor no later than September 19, 2002 and are subsequently approved. A complete listing of all eligible Texas counties is being compiled at the state and national levels.

Producers should contact their local county FSA office to confirm eligibility.

"LCP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who owned livestock for at least 90 days as of June 1, 2002," said Fuston. "Livestock meeting these requirements that have been sold or died after June 1, 2002 and prior to LCP sign-up would still be eligible for payment."

Eligible livestock under LCP provisions are beef, dairy cattle, sheep, goats as well as buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle. However, swine, poultry, feedlot livestock and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm are not eligible for LCP payments.

"This program is 50 percent larger than any of the previous livestock assistance programs paying on a per head bases and not prorated for herd liquidation. All things considered, LCP is a proactive, responsive and producer-friendly program developed with the rancher's well-being and financial viability in mind," said Fuston.

For more information regarding Livestock Compensation Program provisions, payment rates and eligibility criteria contact your local FSA County Office or visit the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov> and FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Oil & Agribusiness



Rig Locations as of October 4, 2002

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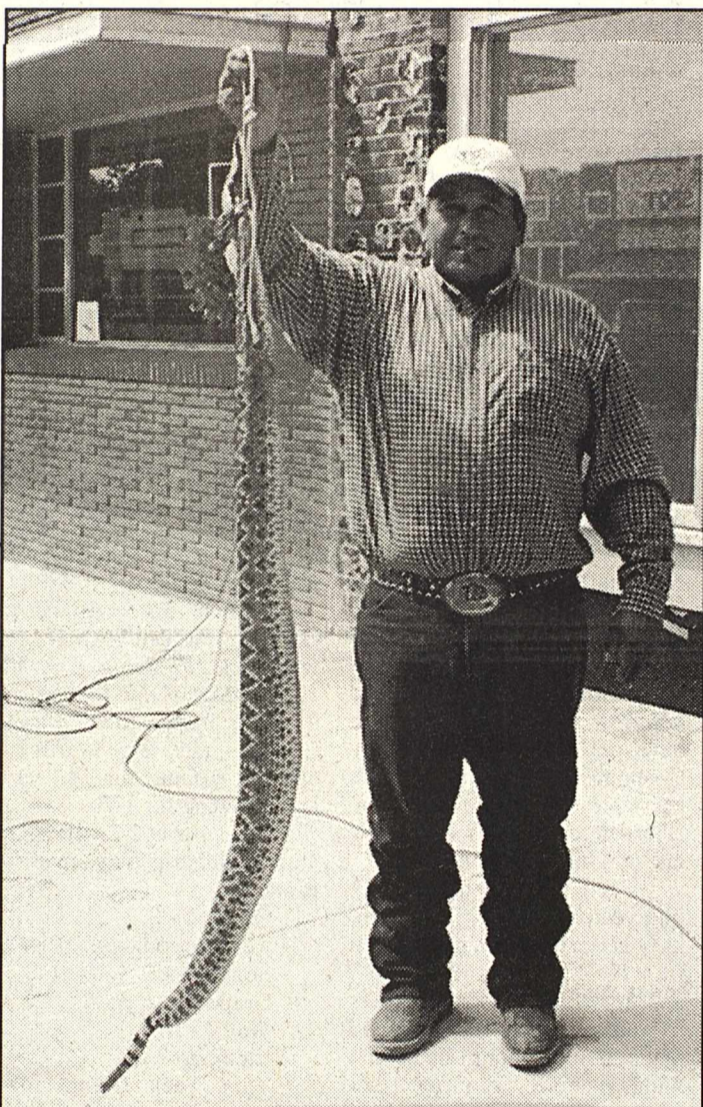
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Beware of Snakes In The Grass



Fall is usually a time of hibernation and denning for snakes, but someone forgot to tell this 5 foot Rattlesnake that! Juan Garcia killed this on the Nina Stewart Ranch, South-East of Sonora on Wednesday, October 2nd. The reptile had 11 buttons.
staff photo

Tiger Cubs Earn Beads On Eaton Hill



Tiger cubs hike up Eaton Hill. staff photo

by Bonnie Lou Campbell

On Wednesday, October 2, 2002 the Tiger Cubs hiked up Eaton Hill and enjoyed their second Den meeting of the year surrounded by fresh air and nature. The boys and their parents hiked up Buckeye Trailhead, and began their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a talk about what scouting means, emphasizing the Tiger Cub Motto--Search, Discover, and Share. The boys talked with their meeting leaders Loretta Garmon, Lisa Otwell, Jock Dutton and Curry Campbell about the importance of Family, and spending time together.

After a brief meeting, the cubs had an opportunity to earn three beads for their participation. Their first activity was to make birdfeeders from pine cones coated with peanut butter then rolled in bird seed. They hung these feeders around the Hill in the trees surrounding the

Flag pole area. They earned their first bead for "Feeding the Birds". The boys and their parents were then treated to a "picnic" of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and cookies. Here they learned the importance of working together and then cleaning up their campground area - leaving it as clean as they found it, for which they also earned a bead. On their hike back down the hill, they spread wildflower seeds along the trails in order to "Plant some Seeds", earning another bead, and sharing the beauty of wildflowers with fellow nature lovers that visit Eaton Hill.

The Tiger Cubs along with their parents encourage all community members to hike up Eaton Hill and see for yourself a beautiful spot high on a hill, on the edge of town, that offers a taste of peace and quiet right here in our own little corner of the world.

New Water Management Specialist Named

by Allan Jones

Texas Cooperative Extension has teamed up with the Texas Water Resources Institute to assist water resources management in West Texas by establishing a new water management specialist position for the region. The goal of this effort is help agricultural producers, urban residents and water providers to conserve water and protect the quality of water resources.

Mike Mecke, who formerly worked for the San Antonio Water System, began his new job duties as an Extension specialist in water management in September. Based in the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Fort Stockton, Mecke will work throughout 23 West Texas counties and assist residents in a region from Del Rio north to Big Spring and west to El Paso.

According to TWRI Director Allan Jones, this new position is remarkable for a

number of reasons. First, it's one of the first instances in which TWRI and Extension have joined forces to fund and support a water management specialist.

"It was obvious to us that this arid part of West Texas needed help in better managing their scarce water resources," Jones said, "so creating an Extension position and linking it to TWRI made a great deal of sense to us. This is just part of an effort to better integrate TWRI into both research and Extension efforts."

"In addition, Mecke will also complement our ongoing efforts to increase the efficiency of water use in the TWRI Rio Grande Basin Initiative."

According to Mecke, he will work on a diverse array of water resources issues.

"I expect that I will be called upon to provide expertise and guidance on several water resources issues, including the sustainable management of ground and surface waters, water quality and conservation in farming systems and urban areas, watershed and stream bank management, and recent and ongoing county-based educational programs. There are many opportunities for Extension and TWRI to make a difference in this region, and I'm excited to be part of it."

Mecke will also assist regional groups in developing water plans and will provide needed information and training to water districts in the region.

For more information, contact Mecke at (915) 336-8585 or mbmecke@ag.tamu.edu.

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Public Notices

Re: Property located at 706 St. Ann's Street, Sonora, Texas Block DLR, Lot A3, West Mexico Addition On July 16, 2002, the City Council of the City of Sonora held a public hearing to determine if the building located at 706 St. Ann's Street, Sonora,

Texas is an unsafe building. The City Council determined that said building is an unsafe building and ordered that it should be removed or demolished on or before November 10, 2002. A complete copy of said order is on file in the office of the City Secretary.

Fire Prevention from page 1

the words, "I love you, Mommy" again. I wish you could know the frustration I feel in the cab of the engine or my personal vehicle, the driver with his foot pressing down hard on the pedal, my arm tugging again and again at the air horn chain, as you fail to yield right-of-way at an intersection or in traffic. When you need us however, your first comment upon our arrival will be "It took you forever to get here". I wish you could know my thoughts as I help extricate a girl of teenage years from the remains of her automobile. "What if this was my sister, my girlfriend or a friend? What were her parents reaction going to be when they open the door to find a police officer with hat in hand? I wish you could know how it feels to walk in the back door and greet my parents and family, not having the heart to tell them that I nearly did not come back from the last call. I wish you could feel the hurt as people verbally, and sometimes physically, abuse us or belittle what I do, or as they express their attitudes of "It will never happen to me". I wish you could realize the physical, emotional and mental drain or missed meals, lost sleep and forgone social activities, in addition to all the tragedy my eyes have seen. I wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life or preserving someone's property, or being able to be there in time of crisis, or creating order from total chaos. I wish you could understand what it feels like to have a little boy

tugging at your arm and asking "Is Mommy okay?" Not even being able to look in his eyes without tears from your own and not knowing what to say. Or to have to hold back a long time friend who watches his buddy having rescue breathing done on him as they take him away in the ambulance. You know all along he did not have his seat belt on. A sensation that I have become too familiar with. Unless you have lived with this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who I am, who we are, or what our job really means to us. I wish you could though.

Author Unknown
This may be National Fire Prevention Week but I wish everyone of our citizens would take the time to thank not just our firemen, but the EMS personnel, the policemen, the doctors, the nurses and all the other people that have to deal with the above situations in their lives. Especially thank the volunteers that give their time so willingly. The next time you hear the siren, please take the time to say a prayer for the personnel in that vehicle, be it firemen, EMS personnel or the police. They put their life on the line every time they respond to a call. I am very proud to be the Fire Mother of the Sonora Fire Department and a long supporter of the EMS of Sonora. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PRAY FOR THEM AND TO THANK THEM IN PERSON IF YOU SEE THEM.
Trevlin Strong

Courthouse from page 1

In naming Sutton County Courthouse a finalist in the Best Restoration Project category, Sutton County Courthouse was commended for attention to detail and maintaining original facility uses.

The TDA Awards program, which celebrates people, projects and places that makes Texas downtowns special, is held annually in conjunction with the TDA Annual Conference, co-sponsored by the Texas Main Street Program. Award winners will be announced on the closing evening of the conference November 8 in Denton, the 2002 conference site. The Annual Conference, "Tips, Tools & Techniques," runs from November 6-8.

"It is a significant honor for Sutton County Courthouse to have been recognized as a finalist," said Ann Kay of the Sonora Main Street program and TDA awards program co-chair. "The recognition means that this project is truly one of the best in Texas."

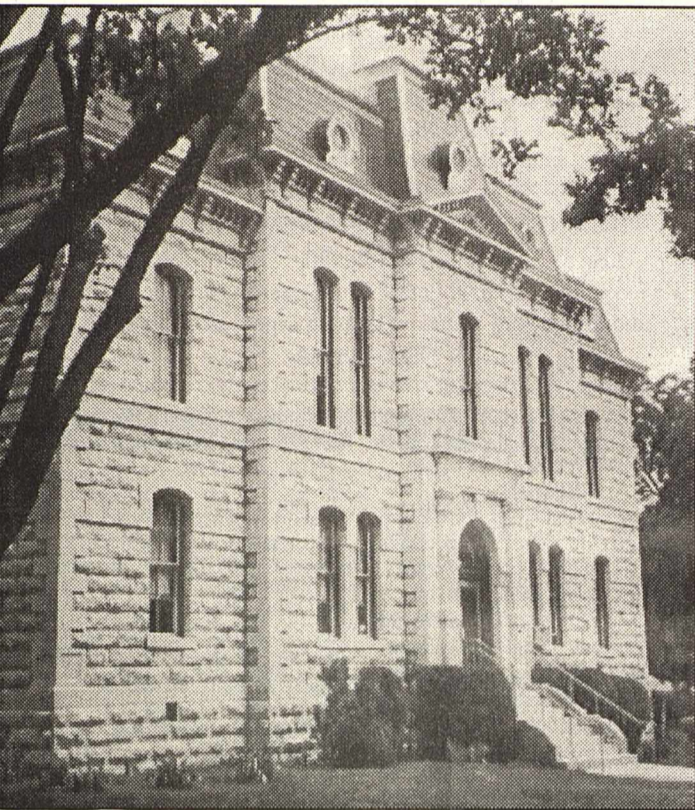
Named as Best Restoration

Project finalists were: Union Depot, Elgin; Sutton County Courthouse, Sonora; and Santa Fe Depot, Temple. Other categories include Best Commercial Interior, Best Rehabilitation Project, Best Promotional Event, Best New Construction, Best Downtown Management Program, Best Adaptive Reuse, Best Public Improvement Project, Community Spirit and Best Downtown Marketing.

The Downtowner of the Year award will be presented at the awards ceremony. Finalists are not named in this category.

Judges included Dr. Wayne Bell, Professor Emeritus of Historic Architecture at the University of Texas, Karla Vining, Deputy Director of the Texas of the Texas Municipal League, Kara Norman, City of San Antonio, planner/historic preservationist, Joe Nick Patoski, Texas Monthly writer and photographer Ray Don Tilley.

For more information, contact Debra Farst at the Texas Downtown Association, 512-472-7832.



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The mechanical bull, the "jail" (above) and the car smashing (below) were new additions that were enjoyed by all ages.



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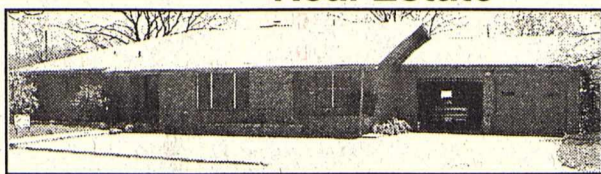
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