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Show your Bronco spirit and fun Homecoming activities.

City of Sonora Agrees To Salary Increases at Public Hearing

by Storie Sharp

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The Council discussed the different amounts and how they would affect the budget. The general consensus at prior meetings had been to raise the salaries about 4% or 5%.

Council member James Blackman said that it had been quite some time since the employees had received a significant increase and he felt it was important to show appreciation for the job done. He also said that with the departure of three employees that hadn't been replaced, there was some money there that could be allotted for the raises.

It was also discussed the insurance rates had increased, as well as the cost of living. All members agreed that it was

important to acknowledge the employees for a job well done. City Manager, Brent Gesch told the Council that the raises would be nice, but everyone understands that they are operating in a deficit and any amount would be greatly appreciated.

After further discussion, Blackman suggested a middle increase of 5%. All members agreed that it was a good compromise and a motion was made and approved to give a 5% pay increase to the City of Sonora employees.

With nothing more to discuss, the budget hearing was closed.

The budget will be set at the regular meeting of the City Council on September 16th meeting.

In other business at the special meeting the council approved a request from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for a parade permit and closure of streets for the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 5th.

It was also agreed to approve professional services to assist the city in the overall administration and development of planning elements included in the City's Planning/Capacity Building Program contract that was received from the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

With no other comments or business to discuss the meeting

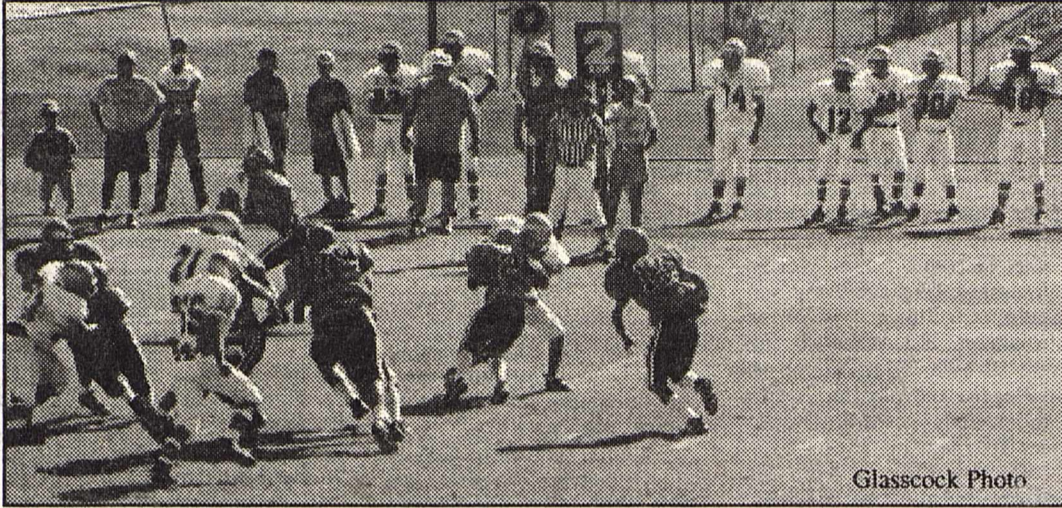
JV Red Team Breezes to Victory

by Nancy Glasscock

It was all Sonora JV Bronco "Red" Team in Bronco Stadium last Thursday night. The Alpine Bucks weren't able to stop the running and passing attack of the Red JV Team. Since Sonora has so many freshman and sophomores out for football this season, the JV team is divided into the Red and White team. The Red is mostly sophomores and the White team is mostly freshmen.

The Broncos put twenty points on the scoreboard in the first half. The offensive sputtered on their first possession as an Alpine defender intercepted a Caleb Ramos to Nash Traylor pass. The Bucks took over on their 15 and could not make a first down. The ball went back to the Broncos on a Buck punt. This time the Caleb to Traylor combination worked for a sixty yard touchdown play. The two point conversion failed.

The Red Broncos first string defense really showed their stuff during the next series. Tackles by Jeb Hunt, Augustine Vaquera, and a sack by Jesus Talamentes was just the start. On fourth down, Ramos intercepted a Buck pass on the Buck



Glasscock Photo

Boomer Galindo (79), Fred Romo (21) and the JV "Red" Line, block for Caleb Ramos.

37. The Broncos quickly scored again as Ramos executed a perfect option play. He held the ball until the very last moment and then pitched it to Uriel Santana who weaved his way through the Buck defenders for another long touchdown. Again the two point conversion failed.

It took the Bucks ten minutes before they made a first down. Swade Draper, Jesse Galvan, Brandon Munn, Will Crittendon, Cullen Parker, Traylor, and Talamentes made the Bucks pay for every yard

they gained. When the Bucks failed to convert on fourth down, Sonora took over on the Bronco 40 yard line. Two quick passes from Ramos to Parker and Santana put the ball at the Buck forty yard line. After a seven yard gain, Ramos threw to another one of the Bronco receivers. Pedro Gloria caught the ball and ran for a thirty-four yard touchdown. The PAT failed.

Mason Martinez and other Red Team defenders held the Buck offense to no gain. While attempting to punt, the Buck's

deep snapper sent the ball over the punter's head. The speedy Bronco defenders tackled the punter in the end zone for a safety making the score 20 to 0.

In the second half, the Bronco defense was still strong. Roland Solis registered his first sack of the year. The final Bronco touchdown was scored by Sam Romo.

With less than two minutes in the game, the Bucks scored their only touchdown. They were not successful with their PAT and the final score was Broncos 26 and Bucks 6.

Turner To Be Honored In Yellow Ribbon Ceremony

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County, Devil's River News, Chamber of Commerce, KHOS Radio and the City of Sonora would like you to join them in a special celebration honoring the return of military personnel, Shannon Turner. The removal of Turner's yellow ribbon will be on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2003. The Corner Drug Store sponsored Shannon and the Sutton County Steakhouse will provide a welcome home dinner. Come welcome home another Sonora soldier.

Ovarian Cancer: Until There's a Test, Awareness is Best!

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Ovarian cancer is still the deadliest of the gynecological cancers and is often thought of as a silent killer even in the medical community. However, women who are aware of this cancer's symptoms and discover the disease early can fight and defeat this covert enemy. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 25,400 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2003, and 14,300 are expected to die from the disease. The five-year survival rate for patients whose disease is detected in late stages is only 25 percent, yet if diagnosed before the cancer has spread outside the ovaries, a woman's chance for five-year survival rises to 90 percent. Therefore, early recognition of symptoms and early diagnosis can significantly increase the patient's survival rate.

"It is imperative for women to be aware of the risk factors for ovarian cancer," said Afshin Bahador, M.D., director of Gynecological Oncology at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles, California. "Women over the age of 50, those with a personal or family history of ovarian, breast, colon or uterine cancer and women who have not had children have an increased

risk of the disease."

Right now, ovarian cancer does not have a reliable screening tool, so paying attention to changes in one's own body can lead to the early diagnosis that is crucial for successful treatment.

Know the symptoms:
* abdominal pressure, bloating or discomfort
* constipation, diarrhea or frequent urination
* nausea, indigestion or gas
* abnormal vaginal bleeding
* unusual fatigue or backaches
* unexplained weight loss or gain
* shortness of breath.

If these symptoms are unusual and persist for more than two weeks, women are advised to see a doctor. To aid diagnosis, Dr. Bahador suggests combining a pelvic/rectal exam with a CA 125 blood test and a transvaginal sonogram. Also, treatment by a gynecologic oncologist, an obstetrician/gynecologist who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of women with cancer of the reproductive organs, has been shown to increase survival significantly.

For more information about ovarian cancer, contact the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance at 202-331-1332 or visit www.ovariancancer.org.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Pays Respect To "Old Glory"

When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire. That is why the Community of Sonora and Sutton County are invited to an Honorary American Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sutton County Rodeo Arena on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, you can drop it off at the Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, Suite 101.

If you have a special story or memory that goes with the flag, leave it so that it can be shared with all in attendance.

This ceremony is also a time to remember the fallen heroes of September 11, 2001. Everyone is invited to attend and join together to pay tribute to a time when our country was hard hit, and to retire "Old Glory" in a most befitting way.

If you know a Boy Scout or Veteran who would like to take part in the ceremony, please have them contact Lewis Allen or the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

Hurry! Free Ice Cream Cones Melt Away With Summer...

Dairy Queen® celebrates last day of summer with free cone giveaway!

Monday, September 22, 2003 is a big day for ice cream cone lovers. Not only is it the last day of summer, but it's also the 100th anniversary of the ice cream cone, and participating Dairy Queen and DQ Grill & Chill® locations nationwide will celebrate with a free, 5-ounce cone giveaway.

At the same time, Dairy Queen will collect donations for Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals

throughout North America.

The 100th anniversary of the ice cream cone is not without controversy. Some say it was invented when the application for the patent was submitted on September 22, 1903, but others contend the cone was first introduced at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. As a result, Dairy Queen will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ice cream cone with a year-long celebration. To learn more about the origin of the cone, visit www.dairyqueen.com.

Downtown Lions Club Honors Sonora Student

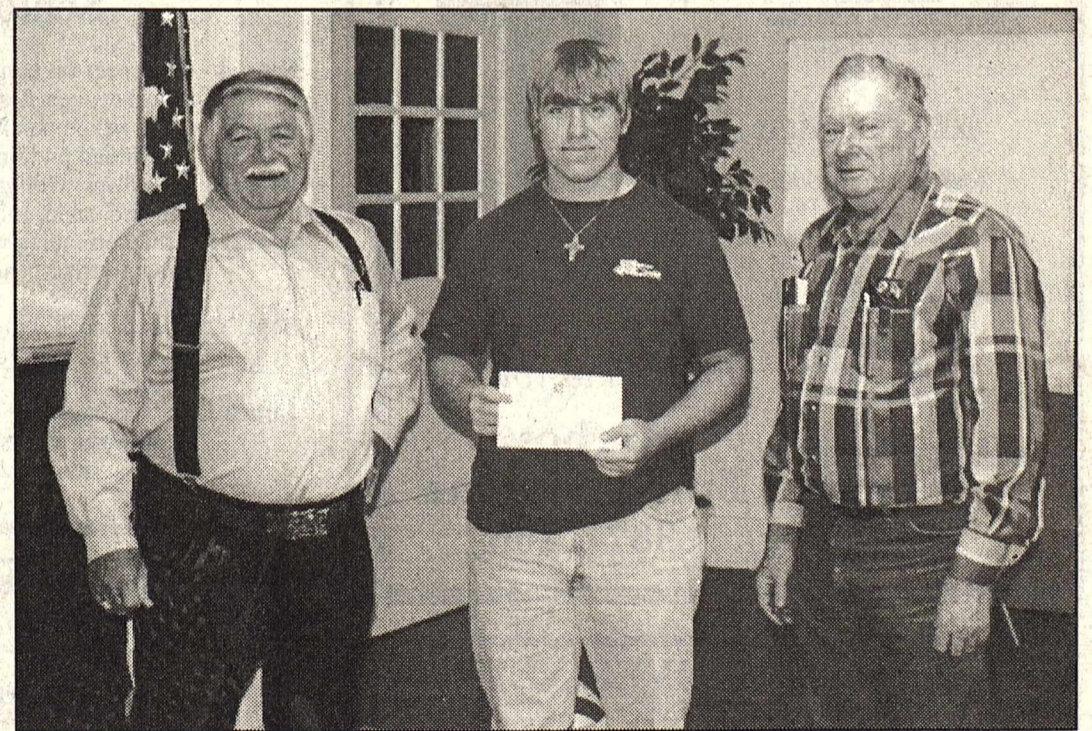
by Storie Sharp

After enjoying a meat loaf and potato lunch by the Sutton County Steakhouse, the Downtown Lions Club was called to order by Lion Frank Wamble. Wamble introduced the guests that were present, which included Lions' Club Queen Brea Hughes, Zedekiah Snodgrass and Storie Sharp.

Wamble announced that the water fountain in the meeting hall of the Methodist Church (where the Lions Club meets each week) is broken. Several individuals have committed to help repair the fountain, but Wamble thought it would be nice if the group "passed the hat" to help raise funds to go toward the repair. Lion Tail Twister (or is it "tale teller"), Jim Stephen, then passed the bucket for donations.

Scott Jacoby and George Wallace reported on the upcoming auction (see related story below). Jacoby said everything was progressing on schedule. Wallace said that the donated goats to be auctioned would be taken to Angelo on Wednesday for processing. Donations are still needed and are being collected at The Bank & Trust.

Wamble then announced that Lion Cusenbary recently



Lion Frank Wamble (left) and District Governor Lion, Virgil Polocek (right), presents Zedekiah Snodgrass with an honorary certificate.

made a very good suggestion, to honor a Sonora High School student each month. The student will be nominated by the teachers and staff at the high school. With the help of Superintendent Brant Myers and High School Principal Doug Bawcom, the first recipient of the the "Honorary Lions' Student of the Week" was Zedekiah

Snodgrass. Myers introduced Snodgrass by saying that he is active in football and many other extra-curricular activities at the high school and is an Eagle Scout. Myers said that he was very proud of all of Zedekiah's accomplishments and felt he is very worthy of the honor. Wamble and Polocek then presented a special certifi-

cate to Zedekiah and invited him to join them for lunch for the remainder of the month. A new student will be chosen each month.

There was no other program for the day, so the meeting was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Annual Auction Helps Raise Funds for Lions Club

The Annual Downtown Lions Club Auction will be on September 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center. A chicken and fish dinner will kick off things before the auction, starting at 6:00 p.m. This annual event is the main fund raiser of the year for the Lions Club and helps to raise money for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, eyeglasses for children that can't afford them, the Crippled Children Camp at Kerrville, emergency needs of community members and more.

Donations are now being accepted at The Bank & Trust to be auctioned. Any items from a haircut to food to flower arrangements to goats to the "Mystery Gift" can be donated.

The "Mystery Gift" has never been opened, but curiosity keeps it going as one of the largest bid items each year. Please be sure your name is on the item donated.

For more information contact any Lions Club member.

Ask the

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

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Drug Store. The post face the Hotel Main as will St. Drug Store. Handwritten notes: TX, Inc. 205 E. Main (rear access please)

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Cards of Thanks

SMS 6th graders and teachers would like to thank you for your support in our annual Krispy Kreme Donut Drive. Donuts will be available for pick-up on Friday, September 5th, beginning at 6:00 a.m. at the Sonora Middle School. We will be unable to make deliveries so we ask that all donuts be **picked-up** by 1:00 p.m. (school will dismiss at that time due to Homecoming). Money earned from this fundraiser will be used for field trips, incentives, rewards, supplies, and items needed for our culture fair - so, again, thank you for making this fundraiser such a success! Enjoy!!

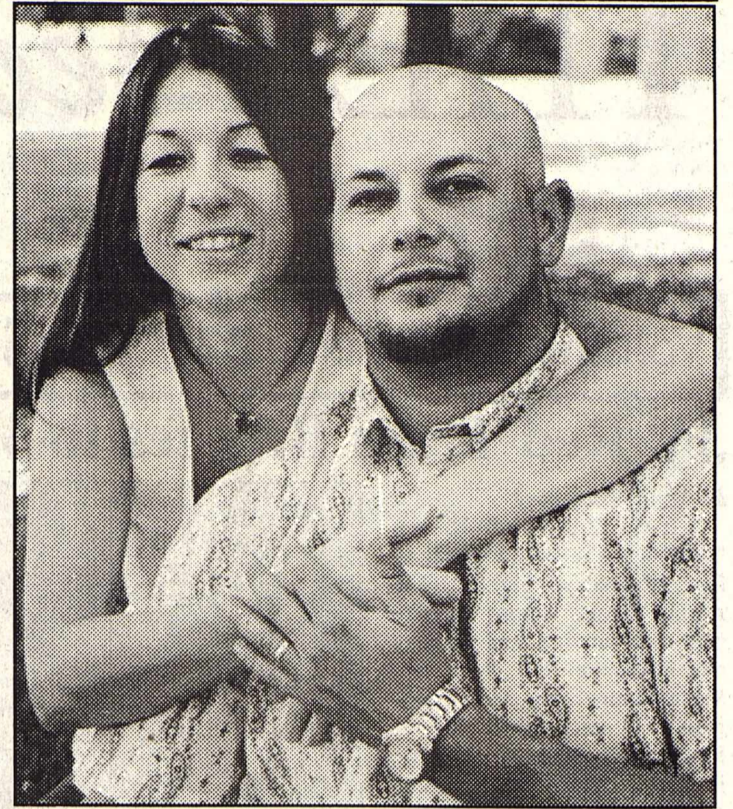
Caleb Gonzales and Derek Van Winkle played in the 12 & under Super Series Select National baseball tournament in St. Louis, Missouri in July. Sixty-four teams from coast to coast participated in the tournament. Their team did extremely well for their 1st national championship. Caleb and Derek were selected to play with the San Angelo Braves 12 & under select baseball team. Throughout their season they participated in numerous tournaments. The Braves qualified for the National Championship in Missouri by winning 1st place in the Garland Super Series Tournament, 1st place in the San Angelo Super Series Tournament, 1st place in the Triple Crown Tournament in San Angelo and placing 2nd in Leander/Cedar Park Super Series Tournament.



Angelo, S.M. Fence and Sonora Tire Service. A special 'Thank you' to Katherine Hernandez, Joe Heffington and Mary Rezzle c/o The Branding Iron of Menard, Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Faz, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Hernandez, and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perez of Sonora, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Sanchez of Ozona and the County of Ozona for letting us use their softball facilities. Without their gracious donations our trip would not have been possible.

We would like to thank our sponsors David Creek Services, Creek Swabbing of Sonora and Mertz Ranch Company of San

Wedding Announcement



Geske - Boggs

Ronnie and Debbie Geske of Sonora would like to announce the upcoming marriage ceremony of their daughter Kimberly Geske to Rocky Boggs, son of Linda Boggs of Abilene, Texas and the late Glen Boggs.

The celebration of their love will take place at the home of the bride's grandparents Herbert and Shirley Payton of Mertzton, Texas, on September 13, 2003.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Breckenridge High School.

Baby Announcements

Bailey Sykes would like to announce the arrival of his sister

Kenzie Sky Sykes

She was born on August 28, 2003

2:21 p.m. at

San Angelo Community Hospital.

She weighed 8 1/2 lbs. and was 20 3/4" long. Kenzie is also welcomed by her proud parents Kayla and Shiloh Sykes, maternal grandparents Lynn and Susan Hinsley of Sonora, Texas, paternal grandparents Alfred and Barbara Sykes of Eldorado, Texas, great grandparents Garland and Mary Ellen Burkett of Norman, Oklahoma and Jimmy and Maxine Hinsley of Coahoma, Texas.

Chasey and Brandon Duncan are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl

Abigail Faith Duncan

born on Wednesday, August 13, 2003

3:48 p.m. at

Shannon Women's & Children's Hospital.

Abigail weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 21 1/4" long. She is welcomed by her Maternal Grandparents Ron and Kathy Wilson of San Angelo, Texas and Paternal Grandmother Connie Duncan of Slaton, Texas.

School Lunch Menu • September 8 - 12, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Waffles, syrup, fresh fruit.
Tues. - Blueberry muffin, applesauce.
Wed. - Grilled cheese, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Peanut butter toast, assorted juice.
Fri. - Egg & potato burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pizza, English peas, tossed salad, dressing, lemon pudding, topping.
Tues. - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit, hot roll.
Wed. - Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, lime jello.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, peaches, garlic roll.
Fri. - Hamburger, tator tots, ketchup, burger salad, ice cream.

Sonora Church Directory

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304 N. Water
387-3190

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Pastor
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387-2955

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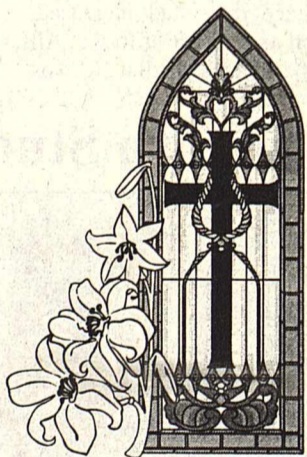
THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
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319 E. Mulberry
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LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
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Pastor
509 Amistad
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ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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6th Annual Sonora Golf College Scholarship Scramble
August 23, 2003

Winning Team: Circle "S" Automotive
Sonora Chemical (-18)

Team Members: Steve Tackel, Frances Tackel, Steve Thorp, Darla Lipham, Jerri Martin and Dustin Martin.

Thanks to all the individuals, businesses, and companies that made donations. The donations will be given as scholarships to qualifying senior applicants.

Donations:

Pool Company, Jet Supply, Sonora Chemical, Circle "S" Automotive, Wayne Sawyer, Randy Sparks, Julia Hines, Jim Bailey, Glen Fisher, James Barton, Willie Gutierrez, Tommy Gutierrez, Johnny Jones, Joe Moore, Cindy Jones, Douglas Decker, Ebbie Sutton, Virgil Burge, Jane Archer, Sarah Gutierrez, Juan Gutierrez, Victor Gutierrez, Jerry Don Balch, DeVoe Smith, Becky York and T. Wayne Price.

Special thanks to Mike McBride and Kelly Martin for preparing and cooking the meal for the tournament.

Senior Center News

Sept. 8 - Bingo. After lunch.
Sept. 9 - Sugar/blood pressure checks. 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 11 - Crafts after lunch.
Sept. 12 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

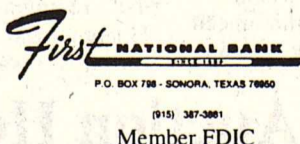
Sept. 8 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries, carrots, coleslaw, peaches with topping, milk.
Sept. 9 - Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, beets, roll, bread pudding.
Sept. 10 - Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, roll, banana pudding.
Sept. 11 - Chicken fajitas with onions, peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, tortillas, jello with fruit.
Sept. 12 - Swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, macaroni salad, wheat bread, cantaloupe.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others

Menu is subject to change.

Community

Sept. 5
Homecoming Parade 3:00 p.m.
Game • Sonora vs. Ingram
7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8
County Commissioner's Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
Sept. 9
Back to School Pot Luck Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Jr. High Snack Bar

The Community Calendar



Calendar

Sept. 11
American Flag Retirement & 9-11 Memorial Ceremony
Sutton County Rodeo Arena • 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

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Where the old North, Simmons, Hull Motor Company was later built, there were several wooden buildings, also board and batten style, containing a tobacco shop, saddle/harness shop and livery stable. The whole area between Main and Oak Street, fronting on Concho, belonged to the Murphy family at one time.

The Devil's River News of October 12, 1928 states that "Steve Murphy and Mrs. Clara Murphy, the widow of Mike Murphy, will let a contract either today or tomorrow for a fire-proof building that will face 60 feet on Concho Avenue and 74 feet on Main. The building will be divided into four store buildings," Mrs. Murphy added.

"R. A. Steen will lease the corner store for a drug store which will be called the Corner



Devil's River News office/Post Office late 1890's

Drug Store. The post office will face the Hotel McDonald on Main as will Steen's Corner Drug Store. Hamby Bros., tonorial artists, will have space for a barber shop facing Concho Avenue. A store building belonging to Hamby Barber Shop and Harrison Plumbing shop will be for rent. Several attractive offers have been made to the Murphys for this building.

"The new structure will have brick and plate glass front and tile walls. Work will start in the near future."

The Devil's River News of November 9, 1928 states "contract for the Steve and Clara Murphy building on the corner of Main Street and Concho Avenue was let the latter part of last week to James R. Caldwell, local contractor. The local yard of the West Texas Lumber Co. is furnishing the material for this

new \$12,000 building which will house the Corner Drug Store to be operated by R. A. Steen; the Hamby Bros. Barber Shop, Finis and Johnnie Hamby proprietors; the Ellis Radio and Electric Shop; and two more store building which will be rented when completed. Buildings will face 60 feet on Concho and 74 feet on Main. Mrs. Murphy expects the new structure to be ready for occupancy by the middle of December."

In later issues we find that the Postmaster, Tom Murray, moved into the building in plenty of time to handle the large Christmas mailings. Since we were listed as a third class post office, all the fixtures had to be paid for by Mr. Murray as the Post Office Dept. does not supply them to this class office.

Q. Did Aldwell own the Mercantile Building when it was built?

A. No. Devil's River News, October 11, 1902, clearly states that E. R. Jackson president of the First National Bank of Sonora will commence the erection of four rock stores, on the property formerly occupied by the Mayfield Mercantile Co., as soon as rock masons can be obtained. From C. J. Nichols, the builder, the News obtains the following information as to the probable dimensions of the buildings: On the corner the building will be two story 48x88 feet, double store on ground floor with eight office rooms and hall 28x56 feet. Two stores 42x70 feet, one story high. These improvements will all have iron fronts and finished in the most approved substantial fashion. Mr. Jackson's fine business ability an interest in the permanence of the community is again shown by the work contemplated.

These four buildings that comprised the Jackson Block, are what are now called the Mercantile Building. The Devil's River News office/Office Supply/UPS Building, an empty store next to the News office that belongs to them, and the old First National Bank Building now housing a real estate firm. When these buildings were built, they deliberately left the alley between them and any other new construction on Main Street as a fire break in the buildings. In 1902 the whole block had been swept clean by fire and Mr. Jackson felt that this alley, plus building with stone, would make his buildings more fireproof. While there is a thick stone wall between the old bank building and the empty store front, all the other buildings share common walls.

After the death of Mr. Jackson, and the final court rulings on his will, Mrs. Aldwell, his sister, inherited the buildings. Over the years many dif-

ferent people have owned these buildings. Too many to list here.

Q. Where are the back issues of the Devil's River News and when can we look at them?

A. The back issues of the Devil's River News are stored in the archival room of the Sutton County Historical Society at 307 Oak Street, Sonora. The office is open Mondays 8-4, Tuesdays 8 till lunch and Fridays 8-4. We allow the public to use the old papers but use is supervised. The paper learned the hard way, people will try to tear out or cut out an article from the paper to avoid paying minimal copying fees. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the back issues of the papers for years to come and the only way we can insure this is to allow supervised use only. Most of the papers up to 1930 are laminated and can be easily used. After 1930 we would recommend that you bring cotton gloves to turn the pages. This keeps oil and soil from your hand off the papers. This oil and soil can easily turn to mold and destroy the papers. We are trying very hard to keep them in top condition so that they may be used for many years to come. We do not supply the cotton gloves the public uses, it is cost prohibitive to the society. Currently we have all the newspapers that are in existence in the Devil's River News files from 1890 to 1980 and quite a few issues that were missing from their files. Fortunately different people have donated them to the Sutton County Historical Society over the years.

For the last few years we have kept separate albums of articles pertaining to sports in Sonora. These articles are in three ring binders, inside archival safe plastic sheets to make them easier for the public to view. Since old sports articles seem to have a big demand we felt keeping the articles in a separate binder would help save the newspapers on file from quite a bit of handling. The last championship football team takes up several large albums. Bill Stewart graciously allowed us to copy all the articles he had on an older championship team so we are getting quite a sports collection. We allow the public to use these albums with supervision. Special thanks to the Devil's River News for giving us 3 papers each week. One is filed whole, the other two are cut up and filed by subject. We also cut out all articles we find in the San Angelo Standard Times pertaining to Sonora and file them by subject. Unfortunately they don't give us a free subscription but my husband has graciously donated the cost of this paper for years. We cut out all their obituaries, marriages, engagements, graduations, sports articles, and stories that pertain to Sonora.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Thursday, August 21st and Friday, August 22nd the Board of Directors of the Ports-To-Plains corridor coalition held its quarterly board meeting in Sonora. I want to thank all of the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County for your hard work in setting up the event and for your support of the Ports-To-Plains coalition.

I especially want to thank Tommy Arnwine, Ruthie Bounds, Keith Butler, Harold Martinez, Gerry Ingham, Bill Shurley, Linda Love and Delyse Jaeger who worked hard to make sure that we were entertained and that our board meeting went off without a hitch. On Thursday we were given a tour of The Caverns of Sonora and Eaton Hill. We were served dinner at the Depot with many of your community leaders and we were entertained by the Devil's River Dancers and the Old Tyme Band. On Friday we had a very successful and productive board meeting at the Civic Center.

As you know, Tommy Arnwine has been a member of the Ports-To-Plains Board of Directors since its inception and he has worked hard to help us achieve the success that we've realized thus far. I really appreciate Tommy's efforts, and Dominion E&P's willingness to let us borrow him on occasion.

As an update on the progress of Ports-To-Plains, the most exciting news is that the route is designated as a federal high priority corridor. This means that we're on the radar screen both in Austin and in Washington, D.C., which bodes well for our future. In summary, I would simply say that there is construction taking place all along the route. The improvements made along U.S. 277 South of Sonora are but one example of the progress that's been made to enhance safety and make the Ports-To-Plains route an easier road to travel. While we've had great success, we can't afford to rest. We must continue to work hard toward our goal of 4-lane, divided highway from Limon, Colorado to Laredo, Texas. Sonora stands to be a great beneficiary of the Ports-To-Plains route because you lie at a very valuable east-west/north-south intersection.

Once again, thank you to the City of Sonora, Sutton County and all the individuals who made our meeting a success. There's one thing that you can always count on in Sutton County and that is your support for your community. You take great pride in your community and well you should!

Sincerely,
Sid Cauthorn
Chairman of the Board
Ports-To-Plains

Local Rancher Helping With West Texas Rehab Round-Up

As West Texas Rehabilitation Center celebrates its 50th anniversary of service to children and adults with disabilities, local ranchers are carrying on their own tradition: Participating in Rehab's 44th Annual Round-Up for Rehab.

Heading up the Sutton County Round-Up program is Randee Fawcett. Joining her in seeking donations of livestock and cash is Red Steagall, well-known cowboy singer/poet/rancher, who is this year's honorary chairman for Round-Up for Rehab. Others with key roles in the 2003 program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval.

The message being delivered by all of these volunteers is important—and simple: Let's help Rehab meet the outpatient rehabilitation needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of illness or injury. Ways ranchers can help include:

- Donating livestock—cattle, sheep, goats or horses—to be sold at one of the special auctions this fall.
- Making a cash gift to Rehab if this is the wrong time of year to cut out an animal to donate.
- Joining the bidding on

livestock or novelty items at one of the special sales.

• Notifying Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to Rehab for one or more animals sold later in the year.

Though the first sale is still more than a month away, five corporate friends of Rehab have stepped forward to sponsor this unique fundraiser. They include Federal Land Bank Association, First Ag Credit, Patterson—UTI Energy, Wrangler, and Strong Point/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife.

"The commitment of local volunteers, the involvement of Red Steagall, and the early support of five highly-respected businesses ensures that this year's Round-Up for Rehab will get off to a great start," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "All of these friends typify the dedication and special effort that have sustained Rehab for 50 years—and they're the reason this organization can look to the future with confidence and pride."

For more information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates or arrangements for hauling donated animals, call a local chairman or WTRC—Abilene at 325-793-3507; WTRC—San Angelo at 325-223-6300; or WTRC—Ozona at 325-392-9872.

News from the Neighbors

Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church is planning its Annual Diez y Seis Parish Festival to be held on Saturday, September 13th at the Edwards County Fairgrounds in Rocksprings.

A parade will kick-off the festivities at 10:30 a.m. Olga Lydia Reyes, of Rocksprings, will begin immediately following the parade. There will be lots of good food to eat. A washer pitching contest is scheduled throughout the day. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is scheduled to begin in the morning.

Entertainment for the day will begin with "Los Unicos" of Uvalde. The "Plateau Playboys" of Rocksprings featuring our locals Levi Jackson and Ned Dunbar will also perform. Last band performing will be "The Reyes Brothers" of Kerrville.

The queen coronation will begin at 4:00 p.m. This year's queen candidates are JoAnna Ibarra of Rocksprings and Susanna Cabrera of Leakey.

Performing during the coronation will be Ballet Folklorico Raices de Tejas of Uvalde.

In conjunction with the festival the church will sponsor the 2nd Annual Team Roping Competition. The books will open at 4 and the roping will begin at 5 p.m. First place winners will receive a buckle and cash. Second, third and fourth places will receive cash.

The drawing will be held for the one-thousand-dollar cash give away during the dance along with other prizes. The Church would like to remind all who are attending that there will be no coolers allowed at the fairgrounds. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a day full of festivities throughout the whole day!

For more information please call 830-683-6177 or 830-683-4410. For information regarding the parade contact Rosa Ramirez at 830-683-5142 or Adella Spurlock at 830-683-2384.

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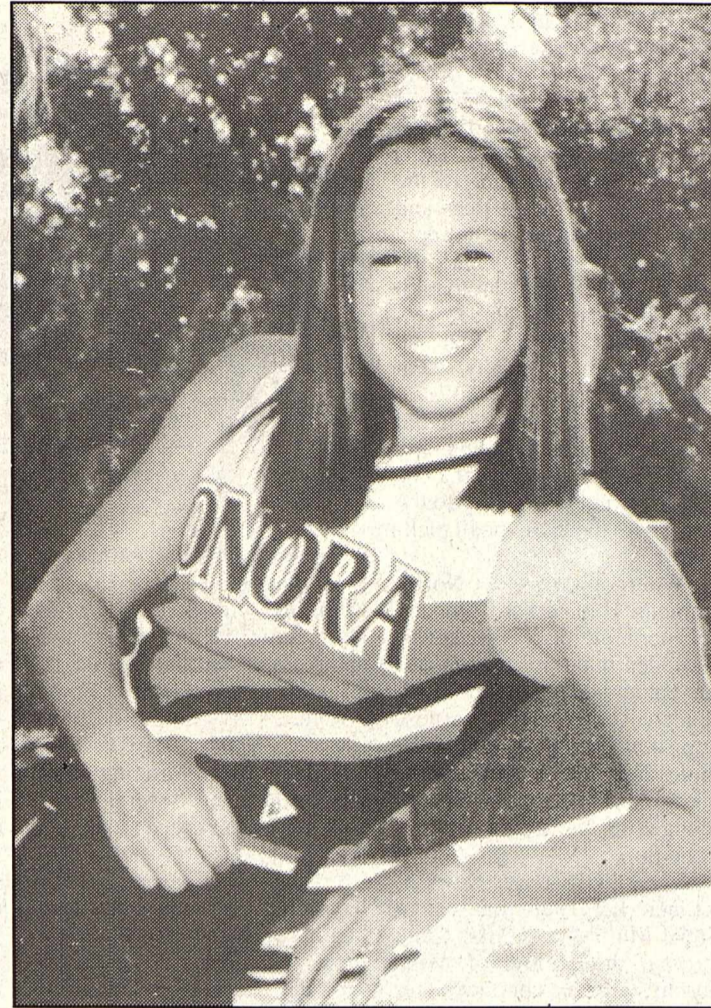
2003 Homecoming Queen Candidates

Megan Berry - Queen Candidate



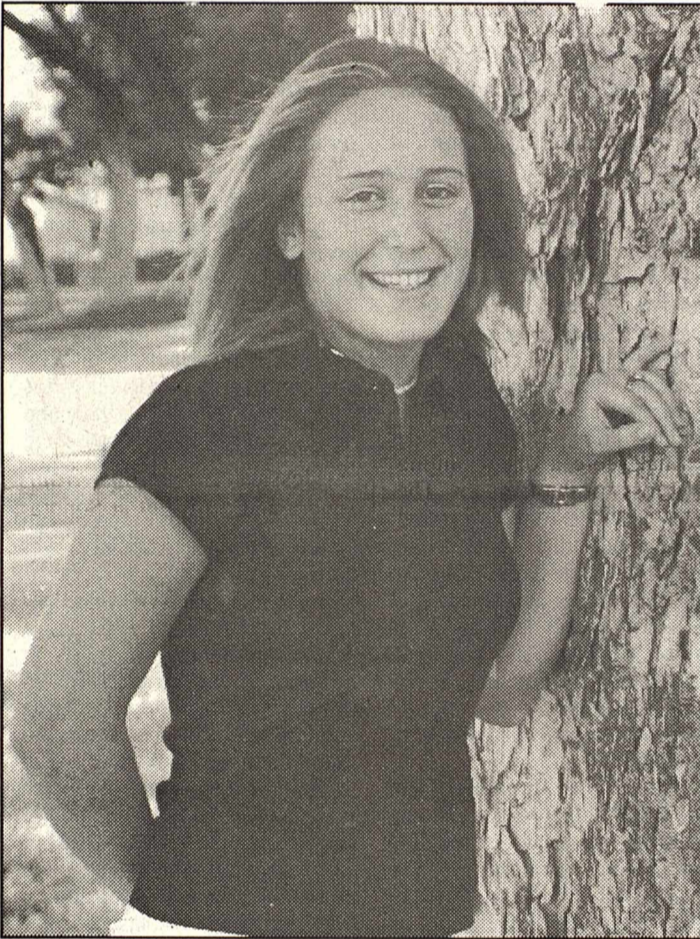
Megan Berry is the daughter of John and Kellie Berry. She is active in Cross-Country, Basketball, and Track. Her interests include shopping, being with friends, watching T.V. and eating. Her most memorable moments at S.H.S. are the track meets and all her great friends. Megan said, "Homecoming is when you get to see old friends."

April Flores - Queen Candidate



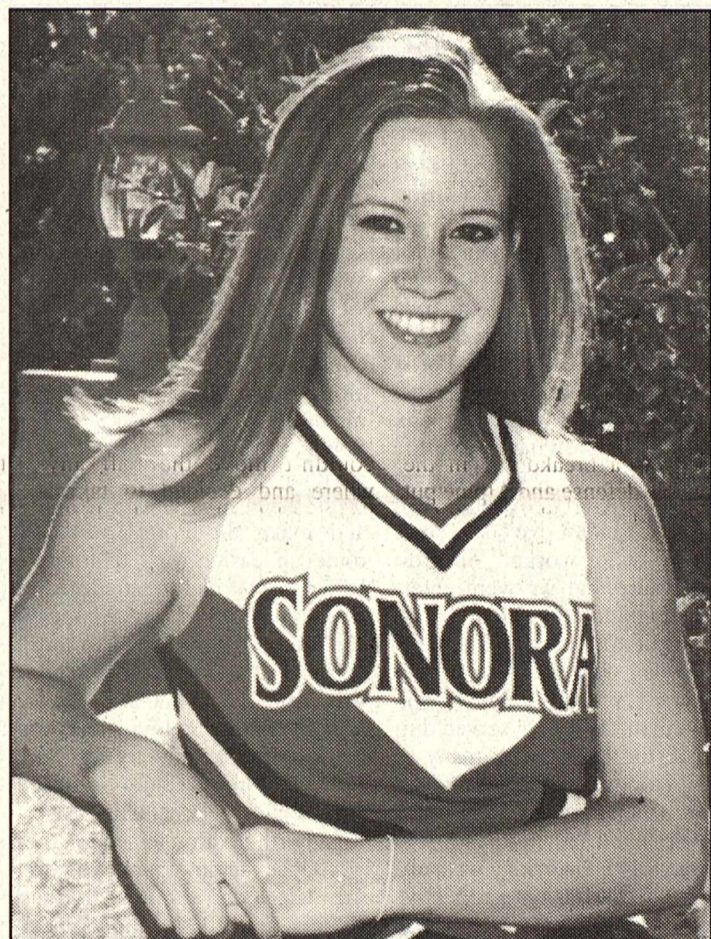
April Flores is the daughter of Lilia Flores. She is active in Varsity Cheerleading and the Spanish Club. Her interests include hanging out with friends, shopping, eating and sleeping. Her most memorable time at S.H.S. was cheering at the State game. April said, "Homecoming is a time for ex-students to return to S.H.S. and see how things have changed and also visit with classmates and friends."

Kelly Kearney - Queen Candidate



Kelly Kearney is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Kearney. She is the captain of the Varsity Cheerleading team and is Miss Sutton County 2003. She is active in the National Honor Society and is a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoys working at Sonora Chemical, meeting new people, typing on the computer, babysitting, tumbling, and being with friends and family. Her most memorable memories at S.H.S. are cheering at the State Championship football game as a freshman. Kelly said, "Homecoming is when Bronco fans of the past and present come together to talk about old times and to support the 2003 Broncos."

Cady Taylor - Queen Candidate



Cady Taylor is the daughter of Bobby and Candi Taylor. She is active in Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Basketball, Track, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Students and the National Honor Society. Her interests include music, riding 4-wheelers, fishing, being goofy with my friends and laughing with my mom and dad. Cady's most memorable times at S.H.S. are watching the Broncos win State and laughing in Coach Dukes class every day. She said, "Homecoming means reflecting on memories and having fun with old friends."

The Sonora Middle School will have a "Back to School" Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, September 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the SMS Snack Bar. Parents are asked to bring the following items:
 5th grade parents - 1 Large Dessert Item
 6th grade parents - 1 Large Vegetable Dish or 1 Large Salad with dressing
 7th grade parents - 2 Large Bread Items
 8th grade parents - 1 package of plates, 1 package of cups and 1 package of napkins.
 We look forward to seeing you there!

REMINDERS
 September 5th - Early out at 1:00 p.m. for Homecoming
 September 16th - SMS Campus Site Base Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the SMS Library
 September 23rd - District Site Base Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the SMS Library

JV White Hosts McCamey Badgers

by: Mason Martinez
 The JV White team hosted the McCamey Badgers last Thursday night. They had some good plays offensively but failed to score a touchdown. The defense had a rough day against the Badgers. Defensively, Jose Casillas made a great touchdown-saving tackle on the 1 yard line.
 Quarterback Craig Leonard led the Broncos' offensive charge. Leonard had two long passes that totaled 25 yards. The receivers who brought in the passes were Dustin Duhon and Justin Northcott. The final score was McCamey Badgers 45, the Sonora Broncos 0.

- Happy Birthday**
- September 4 - Kaitlyn Henderson, Diana Hidalgo, Oscar Gutierrez, Mason Surber, Sherry "Rose" Ingham, Sidney Anderson, Lindsey Palmer, T. Wayne Price
 - September 5 - Elsa Trevino, Walker Lipham, Frances Reyna, Cades Pope, Genny Cramer, Sandra Luz Gonzalez, Jose Castillo, Jr.
 - September 6 - Anna Samaniego, Joni Ellison, Ashley Bible, Lydia Galindo, Glen Love
 - September 7 - Abel Garcia, Mallie Turner, Alicia Reedy, Matt Torres
 - September 8 - Casey Arredondo, Luke Healey
 - September 9 - Dawsyn Sharp, Amber West, Kristen Garrett, Damian Lopez, Oscar Marshall, Crosby Liverman, Cynthia Keel, Wilson Wallace, Ashley Brown, Claire Thorp, Fernie Ramos, Cherie Morrow, Kelly Morrow, Tamra Wolfe
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Delma Tovar - Freshman Duchess



Delma Tovar is the daughter of Jose Raul Tovar and Laura Elena Tovar. She is active in Basketball, Track and Cross-Country. Her interests include shopping, talking and laughing. Delma says, "Homecoming means family and friends getting together to have fun and reminisce on all the good times in their life."

Julie Villanueva - Sophomore Duchess



Julie Villanueva is the daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva. She enjoys listening to music, cars and friends. Her most memorable time at S.H.S. so far is being voted Freshman Class Favorite. Julie says, "Homecoming is everybody coming together!"

Tara Green - Junior Duchess



Tara Green is the daughter of Russell and Diana Green. She is active in Cheerleading, Tennis and U.I.L. Her interests include watching T.V., hanging out with friends, talking on the phone and shopping. Her most memorable memories at S.H.S. are dressing up all week for Homecoming. Tara said, "Homecoming is a time when all the S.H.S. graduates and current students join together and look back upon the fun times."

Sonora Broncos Battle Alpine Bucks

by Cameron Cox and Chris Martin

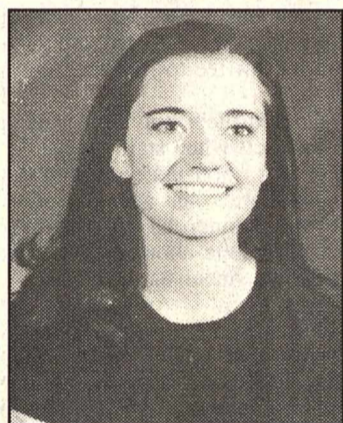
The Sonora Broncos opened the season this past Friday playing the Alpine Bucks in a much anticipated match-up for the Sonora Broncos. Sonora's Zed Snodgrass would kick off first for the Broncos. The Broncos forced the Bucks to punt because Alpine could not get anything going early, and the Bronco defense looked good. The Broncos got the ball and didn't move the ball any better. Finally, two drives later there was a breakdown in the Broncos' defense and Alpine put the first points on the board. The Broncos got the ball back and drove the ball pretty well with passes from Clint Cearly to

Anthony Longoria and Chris Martin. Later in the drive Clint Cearly would find Chris Martin on a 40-yard pass to put the Broncos back in the game, but the extra point failed, making the score Alpine 7, Broncos 6. Alpine put one more touchdown on the scoreboard before half time and the Broncos' defense got a safety due to a high, deep snap on a punt by Alpine. Anthony Longoria then intercepted a pass giving Sonora one last chance to take the lead before half time but Sonora couldn't move the ball anywhere and decided to take a knee and headed to the locker rooms with a 13-8 Alpine lead.

The Broncos received the second half kick-off, and again

the Broncos offense could not get anything going. Scottie Moore then had to punt the ball to the Bucks. The Bucks then put together a good drive and scored on a short run by the Bucks' running back. Then the Broncos put together a great drive with passes from Clint Cearly to Chris Martin, which placed the Broncos on the eighty-yard line with 4th and goal. Cearly found Martin for six points, but the extra point would again fail. Alpine tacked on two more touchdowns, which made the final score a disappointing 34-14 loss for the Broncos. The Broncos will play the Ingram Warriors in their homecoming game on Friday. Come support the Broncos!

Jessica Collins Receives National Honor



Jessica E. Collins from Sonora and a student at Sonora High School has recently been selected for membership in the The National Society of High

School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family.

"I congratulate Jessica on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," say Mr. Nobel. "The hard work and success of these exceptional young people will ensure a future generation dedicated to their communities and world betterment."

The National Society of High School Scholars was

founded to recognize outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only and includes valuable benefits for members such as scholarships, networking, events, publications, and other unique opportunities. As members prepare for college, the Society encourages them to continue to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors.

For additional information on The National Society of High School Scholars, visit the organization's website at www.nshss.org.

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- 10/4 • West Texas A & M* • Boy & Girl Scout Day • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.
- 10/11 • Eastern New Mexico* • Portales, N.M. • 3:00 p.m.
- 10/18 • Abilene Christian* • Homecoming • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.
- 10/25 • East Central # Team Day • San Angelo • 7:00 pm.
- 11/1 • Midwestern State* • Wichita Falls • 7:00 p.m.
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Sept. 18
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Sept. 25
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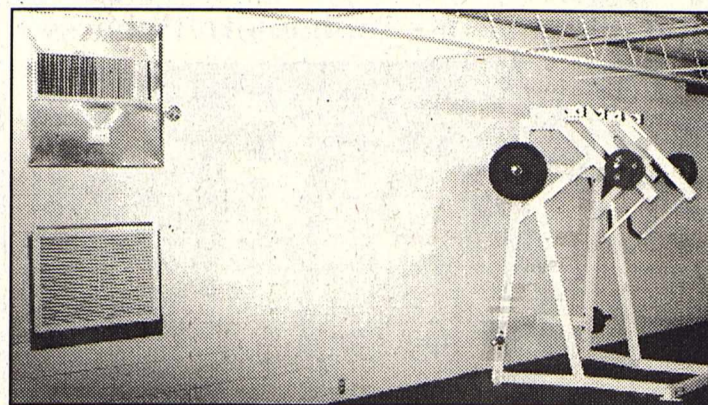
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Working out in 102° heat just wasn't feasible for Sonora athletes. This is how hot the weight room was when two-a-days started this year. With the help of generous donations from local citizens and businesses, a new air-conditioning system was installed in the high school weight room. This addition allows for a safer and more comfortable environment for all athletes to get in shape.

A special thank-you goes to: Max Howorth, Kyle Donaldson, Johnny Solis, Carla and Rusty Garner, Ben Pool, Lisa Karnes, Sonora Chemical & Supply, Inc., Sonora Firefighters Association, Joe L. Longoria, and Don Grider, for their donations.

Texans to Pay \$2.7 Billion More Under New State Laws

(Austin)—In her capacity as the state's chief financial officer, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today told Texas taxpayers that new laws that went into effect this week will impose almost \$2.7 billion in new and higher fees, charges and out-of-pocket expenses for the 2004-05 biennium.

"As the fiscal watchdog for our taxpayers, I want Texans to know who's picking up the tab and how much that tab will be," Strayhorn said.

Increases in critical areas impact teachers, health care, children and businesses.

"There will be a series of new fees that must be paid to the Attorney General by child support recipients," Strayhorn said. "Momma's now going to have to pay a locator fee to find a dead-beat dad."

Comptroller Strayhorn said she instructed her staff to analyze the "non-tax" revenue increases after her agency had received numerous inquiries from the public about increases on teachers, health care, children and businesses.

"These are not the only increases that Texans are going to pay. These are only the new increases passed during the recent regular session. This list does not include any additional fee hikes made by agencies under existing authority," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn said some of the new fees, charges and out-of-pocket expenses for the biennium include:

- * Teachers and School Employees--\$1.08 billion; including \$1000 less per teacher for insurance premiums;
- * Health Care -- \$596 million; including \$4.8 million in fees on rural doctors;
- * Children -- \$71.5 million; including \$57.9 million in increased costs for CHIP participants; and
- * Business and Professionals -- \$36.4 million; including \$3.9 million in new state regulation fees for a wide range of business and industry professionals.

"While these are not new taxes adopted by the Legislature, these dollars are still coming out of hard-working Texans' pockets," Strayhorn said.

For more information about new and higher fees, charges and out-of-pocket expenses Texans will pay starting September 1, see www.window.state.tx.us/taxbud/newfees/.

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Commissioner Matthews and Mexico Energy Officials Discuss Needs and Strengthen Relations

AUSTIN—Commissioner Charles Matthews led a Texas energy delegation to the Texas Trade and Investment Mission to Mexico, Energy Sector, hosted by the Texas Economic Development. The mission took place last week, August 20th - 22nd, in Mexico City. In addition to the trade mission, Matthews participated in private meetings with Secretary of Energy Ernesto Martens and Pemex Director General Raul Munos Leos.

"It was an honor to have the opportunity to meet with the federal energy officials of Mexico to discuss how Texas and Mexico can work together in providing both countries with the energy they both need," stated Commissioner Matthews.

During the trade mission Commissioner Matthews worked on promoting the Texas energy industry to Mexico's two highest-ranking energy officials. On Thursday, August 21, Commissioner Matthews met with Secretary of Energy Ernesto Martens. The discussion revolved around Mexico's energy needs and new programs that will allow the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) to buy natural gas for its current short term needs. Then on Friday, August 22, Matthews visited with Pemex Director General Raul Munoz Leos. Matthews and Munoz discussed new developments at Pemex that will increase their exploration and production budget to \$11 billion per year over the next five to six years. This is a significant investment in their industry and provides for business opportunities for Texas oil and gas companies.

In addition to the senior government officials of the CRE, CFE, and Pemex, Senators from the three major parties were there to share their perspectives and views on Mexico's energy industry. Over 40 Texas energy companies had the opportunity to discuss business prospects with 30 Mexican energy companies who participated in the match making sessions, which was an added value to the participants.

Matthews said, "These discussions opened the door for ongoing conversation between Mexico and Texas. I believe it is beneficial for both countries to develop ways to facilitate cross-border energy projects to help provide consumers and businesses on both sides of the border with competitive electric and gas rates."

Since 1997, Commissioner Matthews has been working with the CRE regarding cross-border natural gas pipelines. Establishing a relationship with the Railroad Commission's counterpart in Mexico has been very productive for the state of Texas and companies interested in doing business with Mexico. Over the last year, three applications have been submitted and approved by the Texas regulatory agencies for cross-border pipelines and are currently pending federal approval.

Mexico will need over \$150 billion over the next ten years for its energy infrastructure. In addition, the Mexican government is looking at and reviewing current policies regarding energy in order to open up partnerships and contracts to foreign investments.

For more information regarding the Texas Energy Trade Mission 2003 log onto Commissioner Matthews' website at www.rrc.state.tx.us/commissioners/matthews.

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Up on Eaton Hill
THEY'RE COMING... and GOING!

by Delyse Jaeger

What is it about this season that triggers feelings of melancholy or nostalgia in some people? For me, these feelings are accompanied with excitement and anticipation making for a slightly unsettled countenance. This phenomenon is not uncommon and I just wonder if it relates to a time long ago when we could not so easily control our exposure to the elements. Or is it just the reality of time passing made evident in the changing of the seasons? Whatever the case, the first cool days of autumn blow in a mix of sensations. Always notable is the faint, pleasant smell of crisp air. Carried on the cool breeze and in the shortening rays of the sun, exist the triggers for migratory creatures to embark on inexplicable journeys to warmer climates. The voyage of the monarch butterfly is perhaps the most incredible of all. The mystery of how these insects can fly from Canada to specific sites in Mexico boggles the mind, especially in light of the fact that the generation making the trip has never been to the destination! The exodus from Canada has begun and butterflies have been sighted roosting as far south as Iowa. Peak migration through Sonora generally occurs in early to mid October. Attention teachers and parents! If you are not already involved in the monarch migration tracking there is an excellent "internet based learning adventure" available at www.learner.org/jnorth. Students and adults can learn all about the fascinating journey and make a contribution to science through creation of habitat, tracking, tagging, monitoring and reporting on the monarch activity in our area. Over 10,000 schools in the US participate in this program and it is not too late to get involved for the fall migration. (When the butterflies arrive, one method of tracking is to use binoculars and look for flight against the clouds.) The native plant garden on Eaton Hill was designed to attract butterflies and we hope to see the monarchs stop over on their way to Mexico. If you would like any assistance with a school program, contact Delyse Jaeger at 387-6280 or 387-2061.

Another favorite migratory creature is the hummingbird.



Large cretaceous rocks are part of Eaton Hill.

The fall offers an excellent opportunity to see a variety of hummingbird species as they make their way south. Current recommendations from the experts are to leave your feeders out for one to two weeks after you see your last hummingbird. The tiny sap suckers flap their wings approximately 55 times per second and cruise the skies at 25 mph. Prior to and during migration, hummingbirds require extra nutrition, and there are always stragglers that will appreciate a dependable food source. Instinct, activated by changes in sunlight, initiates migration and no amount of sugar water can stop this grand design! Check out the feeders on Eaton Hill and visit the Hummer House in Christoval for a first rate educational hummingbird extravaganza.

Other Eaton Hill activities: Someone has been treasure hunting on Eaton Hill. A quick check of the "geocaching" website revealed that a GPS user found the cache hidden on the hill. Successful hunters remove a treasure from the container, log their visit and add a new treasure. Visit the website www.geocaching.com to learn more about this fun new combination of technology and outdoor adventure. I'll soon embark on a GPS (global positioning system) treasure hunt and will share that experience. Fossilicity is happening on Eaton Hill. What is that you ask? I do not know, but the word is fun to say. Try it. We are expanding our display of ancient natural records of life on our planet. Check out the huge

cretaceous rocks sparkling in the sunlight just east of Old Glory. These prehistoric giants are a compilation of marine fossils and are a fascinating exploration for the eye. Watch for roadrunners too, which are abundant, and whose antics are especially entertaining. *Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. Hit the trails and explore the many worlds on Eaton Hill!*

One last note of special importance: The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation is allowing all interested persons and entities to explore the possibility of restoring the Eaton house. Anyone with an interest in or a desire to support this effort is invited to attend a brainstorming meeting on Monday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eaton house and everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend but are interested in this project, please call 387-6280 to be added to an informal list of "Friends of the Eaton House". A restoration architect has inspected the house, agrees it has great potential, and numerous excellent usage suggestions have surfaced. A full report on this avenue will be presented. The meeting will allow for a sharing of ideas and formulation of the steps ahead. This is an excellent opportunity to come together as a community and work to accomplish a common goal for the benefit of all. Thank you for your support of this project. See you on the hill.

F.Y.I.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 19 will be participating in the Homecoming game at Bronco Stadium by helping to raise the flag during the National Anthem. Please have your Cub Scout wear his scout shirt and be at the football stadium on the home side track by 7:00 p.m. to stand with his leader.

If you purchased Krispy Kreme Donuts from the SMS 6th graders, they will be available for pick-up on Friday, September 5th, beginning at 6:00 a.m. at the Sonora Middle School. Please pick up all donuts by 1:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Church, will host THRIVE! Simulcast for Sonora on November 15, 2003. Best-selling author, Dr. John C. Maxwell will lead the live training. He is an authority on personal and organizational leadership. FMI contact Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

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Do you or do you have a loved one who has type II diabetes? Please join others like you in the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes classes. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 9 - October 14 from 5:30-7:30PM at the Civic Center. Light snack will be provided. Please call the Extension Office at 387-3101 to register.

Early Voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will be held on August 28, 2003, through September 9, 2003, at the County Clerk's Office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Election Day will be Saturday, September 13, 2003.

Sonora Ladies' Golf Auxiliary Couples Tournament will be September 20 & 21. One man and one woman per team/select shot. \$160 per team (mulligans and carts extra), \$50 hole-in-one pot. Mulligans \$5 per person per day. Pre-flighted, cash pay each day and hole prizes. FMI call Sonora Golf Club at (325)387-3680. Entry fees must be paid by Tuesday, September 16, 2003. No refunds after this date for cancellations.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association is looking for "Hunter of the Year" nominations. If you, or someone you know, has hunted in Sutton County for at least 20 years and should be voted the "Hunter of the Year" call Carl Teaff at 287-2452 by September 1, 2003 to make your nomination.

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Chamber Chatter

Sonora Chamber of Commerce
by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week I want to feature our local Dairy Queen, in our column, and let you know about some last minute planning for Sonora's Homecoming. First we will talk about the Sonora Dairy Queen.

Something is always happening at the Sonora D. Q. Dairy Queen has some great new products, such as: Oriental and Caesar salads, popcorn chicken and another great new Blizzard flavor, "Bubble Gum". We are fortunate, at our local Dairy Queen you will find fresh baked cakes and cookies that will tempt even the most sainted dieter.

Dairy Queen opens at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and also serves a variety of daily specials for under \$5.00. If you prefer, you can phone in orders-to-go at 387-2118, or eat in their customer friendly dining room; it's your choice.

Joanna Wuest has been the manager of the local Dairy Queen for 21 years. She has always been very, very generous

toward not only our students and school system, but the community as a whole. She recently gave gifts that were included in the welcome packets that were given to all of the Sutton County Days vendors and rodeo contestants. Joanna was very excited and proud to have won "Rowdy's Business Award" and is looking forward to another great school year for all our students.

Joanna and her staff invite everyone to come by and say "Hello", and are looking forward to seeing ya'll after the games on Friday's nights.

This Friday night will be the SHS Homecoming game against Ingram beginning at 7:30 pm at Bronco Stadium. There will be a "Grand Entry Procession" to the Community Pep Rally, beginning in front of the Primary School on Concho Street and turning right on Main Street, going up Main to the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. The Community Pep Rally will begin following the procession, at approximately 3:45 p.m., on the Courthouse lawn. We hope to see you all there. Go Broncos!

Main Street Traffic

by Ann Kay, Manager

Holland's finest bulbs from Dutch Gardens will be on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Office at 232 Main Street (Mercantile Bldg.), Suite 101 or call 325-387-2248. The Dutch Garden Bulbs are: Spring Garden Collections - \$20, 10 Zurel Tulips - \$10, 10 Angeliq Tulips - \$10, 10 Delux Tulips Mixture - \$10, 5 Replete Daffodils - \$10, 25 Lavender Mountains Lilies - \$10, 5 Fragrant Hyacinths Mixtures - \$10, 3 Stargazer Lilies - \$10, 10 Tete-A-Tete Daffodils - \$10, 20 Tall Dutch Irises Mixture - \$10, 5 Asiatic Lilies Mixture - \$10, and 20 Jumbo Crocuses Mixture - \$10. The beautiful Dutch Garden Bulbs are a way of making our town a show place of beauty, with a touch of the Dutch Gardens in West Texas.

If you would like to support your Friends of Historic Sonora Inc. Main Street Program and all the programs that we support through-out the coming year, it will be appreciated.

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