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## Flores Crowned Homecoming Queen

by Storie Sharp

Sonora High School senior, April Flores, was crowned the 2003 Homecoming Queen at half-time of Friday night's football game against Ingram. Last year's queen, Amy Gutierrez, escorted by Little Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks and Little Mr. Sutton County, Robert Zapata III, placed the crown on April's head. Joining April and Amy on the field were Freshman Duchess, Delma Tovar; Sophomore Duchess, Julie Villanueva; Junior Duchess Tara Green and Senior Queen Candidates, Megan Berry, Kelly Kearney and Cady Taylor. The young ladies were all escorted by past Sonora graduates and/or family members of their choice.

The band opened the half-time show with a "shoot-out" in the Bronco corral by Drum Majors Susanna Street and Danielle Galindo. Under new leader, Rusty Baldwin, the Mighty Bronco Band then filled the field with music.

The homecoming activities were kicked off early in the afternoon, with a Grand Procession down Main Street and a pep rally in front of the courthouse. The 2003 Varsity Broncos were intro-

duced, punctuated with a blast of the Bronco Air Horn after each name. Bronco Cheerleaders presented "Spirit Awards" to the students (and teachers) that showed the most spirit by dressing up during the week. The annual "sexy legs queen" was announced, with the crown going to a Martin brother for a second year in a row (Chris taking the honors this year). Former Bronco football player, Bert Bloodworth, gave an inspirational speech to the Broncos, telling them to always be there for their teammates and to give it their all. There was a surprise ending of the pep rally, with all the former cheerleaders invited to participate in the school song. Jane Rushing, Ruthie Bounds, Rachel Duran, Kay Friess, Janice Caruthers and Brenda Bryant bravely joined the girls in the street and showed they still had spirit. Everyone appeared to enjoy showing their Bronco pride, with waves of red and white washing through the streets, proving it was indeed, good to come home.

For more Homecoming fun see page 10.

Photo by Pattie Strauch

## Two Years After 9/11, World Is Changed

By JERRY SCHWARTZ, AP National Writer

NEW YORK - Yellow is still yellow, orange is still orange, red still red. But these colors now have other, ominous meanings — just as a cloudless blue sky, once an uncomplicated pleasure, now suggests to many in New York and Washington a morning two years ago when a clear sky gave way to an unimaginable horror.

In so very many ways, the world has changed since Sept. 11, 2001.

There are obvious, dreadful differences: There are gaps in creation where the more than 3,000 victims of the attacks once lived and breathed, and thousands of others have died in Afghanistan and Iraq.

But the changes are not all so momentous.

Because of Sept. 11, thousands rise each Sunday at the seventh-inning stretch of Major League Baseball games to sing "God Bless America." Because of Sept. 11, duct tape has found unimagined uses. Because of Sept. 11, one of the modern age's most prosaic sounds — the drone of a low-flying airplane — can startle and alarm.

Whenever something happens — a shooting at New York's City Hall, the breakup of the shuttle Columbia, a blackout in the Northeast and Midwest — we ask: Have ter-

rorists struck again?

For answers, we look to the Department of Homeland Security, a massive federal agency (170,000 employees, a projected 2004 budget of \$26.7 billion) that raises the nation's anxiety level with color-coded alerts, but did not even exist two years ago.

Even the phrase "homeland security" meant little on Sept. 10, 2001.

Now, though, it seems like it has been with us forever; it is growing harder to remember a time when the federal government could not force universities to divulge the grades and other records of foreign students, or detain people as material witnesses without charges, or hold Americans as "enemy combatants" without access to lawyers.

Mostly, Americans seem to have accepted these things as regrettable, collateral damage from a shifting war against a shadowy foe.

Librarians have been among the USA Patriot Act's fiercest critics. They have posted signs warning patrons that the FBI has the right to see records of what they have been reading, and some have taken to shredding sheets patrons sign to reserve computers for Internet access.

But major academic journals now monitor research papers, deleting anything that

might help would-be terrorists devise weapons of mass destruction. At George Mason University in Virginia, Sean Gorman's doctoral dissertation will not be published; he mapped America's fiber-optic network, and no one wants his findings to fall into the wrong hands.

The landscape is littered with security barriers that weren't there in 2001. Ralph Nasatka says the active barriers /his Clinton, Md., company sells — the kind that flip up to prevent a car from entering a secure area — send an important message.

"Let people know they can no longer have a free hand. The door is closed," he says.

And two years into the war on terror, Americans accept that shoes can be weapons. So they line up, shoes in hand, to pass through airport security.

Or they adapt. Come this fall, Rockport shoes will have plastic shanks, and will not trigger alarms. At O'Hare Airport in Chicago, passengers can check shoes for metal by sticking their feet in special cardboard boxes (made by Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout project).

Knitting needles are allowed on planes; sharp files on nail clippers are not. And on the New York-Washington shuttle no passengers are allowed to leave their seats.

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## Representative Hilderbran Reports on Legislative Session

by Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative • District 53

This past legislative session was unparalleled with any in our state's history. This was a very unique legislative session for many reasons; we knew at the beginning of this session the state faced daunting challenges, including a \$10 billion budget deficit. Lawsuit abuse was dramatically contributing to an insurance crisis and threatening Texan's access to quality health care and homeowners' insurance, and a severe economic downturn caused state revenues to fall far short of projections.

In other words, we had a homeowner's insurance premium crisis, skyrocketing medical insurance liability rates, and the largest revenue shortfall in Texas history. I am proud to report that we overcame these obstacles and passed a balanced budget with no tax increase and we addressed medical liability and homeowner's insurance reform.

As chairman of the House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources, I was able to steer bills important to rural Texas successfully through the legislative process. Measures having to do with the safekeeping of Texas' river habitats and the taking of deprecating hogs by landowners were referred to our committee and passed both the House and Senate successfully. Chairing State Cultural and Recreational Resources gave me an opportunity to serve the best interests of rural Texas, and to promote our Texas heritage and culture. The committee had oversight of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, Commission on the Arts, Historical commission and the state's tourism industry. This responsibility gave us the opportunity to help protect the Historic Courthouse and Main Street programs that are so important to preserving our heritage and promoting economic development.

During the 78th Legislative Session, I continued to represent

the interests of District 53. I authored and passed legislation that allows special license plates for the Texas Lions Camp and legislation relating to the regulation of health and safety conditions at youth camps. Local bills dealing with the camps in our district are always important to me; these camps play an important role and have a major economic impact. Much of my time was devoted to insuring state funding for MHMR services and preventing the closure of state MHMR facilities. Preserving our state hospitals and schools was of great importance to me during this session.

The last time the state faced a large deficit was in 1991. During the 72nd legislative session, Governor Ann Richards and Lt. Governor Bob Bullock led the way for the largest increase in Texas history, which I voted against. At the time the deficit was only \$5 billion, or half of what it was at the beginning of this session. Conversely, under the new leadership, the 78th Legislature was able to leverage \$4 billion in federal dollars while reorganizing and streamlining Health and Human Services. General Revenue spending was cut by \$1.4 billion which marks the first decrease in general revenue spending since World War II while fully funding public education under the existing education formulas.

We learned a great deal from this session, and were able to do a lot with less. Although, many worthwhile programs will be impacted by the economic reality of budget discipline the economy improves we will continuously search for opportunities to restore funding. Currently, we are also exploring new avenues for financing Texas' public schools and reducing property taxes. As always, it is my honor to serve and represent our region in the Texas House of Representatives.

## 3A Ingram Warriors Too Much For Broncos Play Spoiler For Sonora Homecoming 2003

Submitted by SHS Newspaper Staff: Chris Martin and Cameron Cox

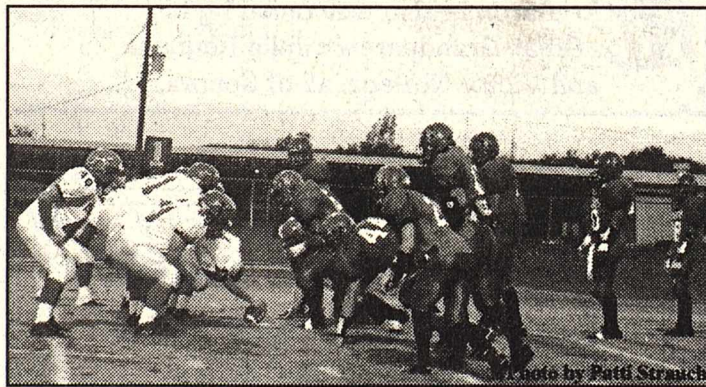
First of all we would like to thank all of the fans who came out to support the Sonora Broncos in last Friday night's Homecoming game against the Ingram-Tom Moore Warriors.

The Broncos won the toss and deferred to Ingram, who chose to kick off to the Broncos.

The Broncos started off a little slow as the Warriors' running back took the opening handoff 93 yards for a Warrior touchdown. The Broncos received the kick and on their opening drive moved the ball with ease as #10 Chris Martin took a screen pass from #15 Quarterback, Clint Cearley to

the 22 yard line. On fourth down the Broncos tried another screen to Martin, but failed to get into the end zone. On the Warriors' next drive, the Bronco defense held the Warriors with key stops by #54 Tom (Trapper) Valliant and #24 Steven Duhon. The Warriors, then punted the football to #34 Chris Perez who took the ball 15 yards. The Bronco offense almost got things moving, but instead had to settle for a field goal made by # 75 Zedekiah Snodgrass. Score, Ingram 7, Sonora 3.

Late in the 2nd Quarter the Broncos kicked the ball to the Warriors, and Snodgrass, the kicker, brought down the return man for the Warriors. Ingram scored for the fourth time with



The Bronco Defense stands strong against Ingram.

long passes over the Bronco secondary. Ingram led going into the half 28 - 16.

The Broncos received the ball to open the second half. #11 Scottie Moore had some very nice runs, and Cearley

some nice passes, hooking up with Martin on a deep one. Once inside the Red Zone, the Broncos just could not capitalize and score.

See Broncos page 5

## X Bar Ranch Getting Ready For the 2003 Mountain Bike "Shoot-Out"

The X Bar Ranch is, again proud to host the fifth annual X Bar Shoot Out, September 12-14. This race course is made up of over 16 miles of trails in the middle of West Texas ranch country, and has added fresh excitement to Texas mountain bike racing.

The beginner (1 lap) and sport (2 laps) groups will race an almost 9 mile course that is still about 95% single track, however, there are many passing opportunities throughout the course. Experts (except Master men and women 40+) will race two 12-mile loops. Experts will be competing on a race course that is a little over 85% single track.

Get ready for a good time! See a Schedule of Events and more on page 8.

## Preston Faris Retires After 29 Years As County Extension Agent

Preston Faris began his career in Vernon, Texas in May of 1972, where he took finewool and finewool cross lambs to North Texas. They still show them in Wilbarger County. He also assisted the leader of a horse club in organizing a drill team that placed third in State competition for two of three years.

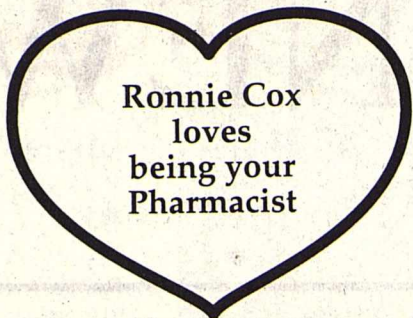
After marrying in July of 1973, Preston was sent to Ft. Dix, NJ, for Basic Training and then on to Ft. Belvoir, VT, for AIT in Soils Analysis for Building Roadways and Airstrips. The community center and the people of Wilbarger County held his position for five months until he returned. After his return he helped plan and coordinate the construction of a new livestock show facility in Vernon, adjacent to the 4-H horse facilities.

In August of 1974, Preston transferred to Stanton, Texas. See Faris page 6



Lee Bloodworth presents Preston Faris with a handmade silver buckle from Lee Silversmith, given by the Sutton County 4-H Club, commemorating his 24 years of service as Sutton County Extension Agent.





Ronnie Cox  
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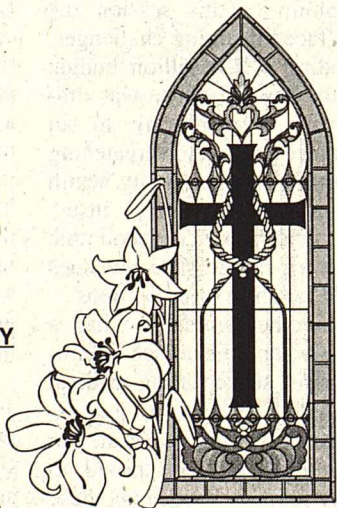
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### TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

#### A Day At The Ball Park



Tumbleweed Smith

On a recent Sunday I had the rare privilege of doing something I've wanted to do for years. I sat behind my oldest son Kevin as he worked as technical director for the TV broadcast of a Texas Rangers baseball game.

We got to The Ballpark at Arlington at 9:30 a.m. for a 2 p.m. game. A light rain was falling. We went to a huge trailer filled with millions of dollars worth of equipment. Miles and miles of cables were attached to the trailer to transmit the images and sound from cameras and microphones on the field. The trailer is divided into compartments: one for audio, one for TV, one for videotaping and one I never did figure out what went on there. Perhaps it was to make sure the broadcast got to networks and stations. Kevin started pushing buttons and flipping switches, making sure all the pre-broadcast duties were completed. He checked promotional pieces, small visual and audio clips that are played during the game, checked the eight cameras on the field to make sure they were sending pictures to the trailer and dozens of other things.

The 20-member crew started to arrive and I sensed immediately the respect that each person has for co-workers.

We had lunch in the press room area where I got acquainted with crew members while dining on Mexican food. I proudly displayed my TV crew badge. We got back to the trailer around 1:00 p.m. and settled down to do the game.

I went over to the audio room and met Toast, who makes sure the broadcast has

sound. He operates a 64 channel console and a unique box that has hundreds of sound effects.

Everybody wears headsets that are filled with chatter from the broadcast booth, cameramen, a sound assist man, the tape room and a few other sources.

As the countdown to the game was in progress, everyone was poised to do his or her job. Director Dave Burchett, watching the eight TV screens in front of him, raises his hands like a symphony orchestra conductor and points to each one, telling Kevin "ready on three, take three, take one, show eight" and so forth. Kevin is the one who puts on the screen what viewers see.

I witnessed a high degree of professionalism. And it was done with a sense of humor. Everything is split-second. The screen portrays what is going on all over the field and in the stands.

Every minute I spent with the crew was fascinating. And not all the excitement was in the trailer.

Rain had fallen during most of the game, which turned out to be a long one. It was still going on at 6:00 p.m.. The crew, the fans and the players were ready for this one to be over.

In the bottom of the 9th the game was tied 10 to 10. Everyone was concerned that there might be a rain delay or extra innings. The Rangers had a man on base when Diaz got up to bat. He hit eleven foul balls in a row. On the twelfth pitch, he hit a ball that bounced off the back wall. The runner touched home, the game was over and the Rangers won. Wow! What a day!

### Birth Announcement

Aurora and George Noriega  
are proud to announce the birth  
of their baby boy  
**Aaron Victor Noriega**



born on Saturday, August 23, 2003  
10:55 a.m. at San Angelo Community Hospital  
Aaron weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs.  
and was 19 1/2" long.

He is welcomed by Maternal Grandparents  
Santiago and Julia Luna,  
Paternal Grandparents: Ralph and Dora Gonzales  
and George Noriega, Sr.  
Aaron is also welcomed by his  
Great-Grandparents Julia Reynosa  
and Victor Noriega, all of Sonora, TX.



### The Annual Downtown Lions Club Auction

September 16, 2003

6:30 p.m.

Sutton County

4-H Civic Center

Dinner • 6:00 p.m.

Auction • 6:30 p.m.

### Obituaries

#### Jack H. Kerbow

Jack H. Kerbow, 76, of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora died Saturday, September 6, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services were Monday, September 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora, with the Rev. Conrad Archer and the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Jack was born April 2, 1927, in the jailhouse at Henrietta, Texas, to W.D. and Ida Mae Cunningham Kerbow. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He married Gloria Maxine Boswell on September 18, 1849, in Archer City, Texas. Jack attended Darko's College of Embalming and served his community as a funeral director for 50 years. He was a 50-year member

of the Masonic Lodge, a member of the Eastern Star and served the Methodist Church in many capacities throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dana Townsend.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria of San Angelo; his daughter Kay Kibbe and her husband, Robert, of Bridge City; his son, Bruce and his wife, Jessie, of Sonora; three grandchildren, Erica Morris and her husband, Jeffrey, of Eldorado, Derek Holdridge and his wife, Amanda, of Bridge City and Zac Kerbow of San Marcos; and three great-grandsons, Dalton and Jansen Morris and Jack Holdridge.

The family requests memorials to the Endowment Fund of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora or a favorite charity.

### Cards of Thanks

The family of Peggy Collins would like to express our appreciation to our friends in Sonora. Thanks to each of you for your words of support during Mother's illness and for your words of comfort on her passing. For the cards, phone calls, meals, plants, visits, donations, and most of all for your prayers, we truly thank each of you.

May God Bless you all,  
Don and Faye Deel and Family  
Caye and Paul Lankford and Family  
Bart and Debbie Collins and Family  
Brent and Patricia Collins and Family

A special thanks to Coach Favila for providing a truck at the last minute for the 7th grade Colts' float in the Homecoming Parade. Also, thanks to Dustin Martin for being our driver. We appreciate your help.

7th Grade Colts

Thank you! Concession Stand workers for the Sonora Homecoming are very special people! Thank you for giving it your all! Glen Love and Mary Humphrey thank you for working the over time that was required. Sonora Band Parents are important in making the concession stand a success!

Sonora Mighty Bronco Band Booster Club

To our special Housekeeping Staff:  
Thank you very much for all your hard work during the past year. It means a great deal to Best Western to receive such great service and makes it wonderful to know we have a team like you employed with us. The reward for your positive actions is that you have made a group of friends for life.

Congratulations on a great job! We at Best Western Sonora Inn are blessed to have you and feel privileged to honor Housekeeping Appreciation Week.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Ellison, Jim Hardy and Entire Staff

The family of Jack Kerbow would like to thank all who brought food, sent cards or flowers, called or came by, or remembered us in their prayers. Even though Jack and Gloria had moved to San Angelo, his heart, was still firmly planted in Sonora, and it is easy to see why. The wonderful people that make up this part of Texas made his life brighter while he lived here and eased our sorrow by the tremendous show of care. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community to call home.

### Senior Center News

- Sept. 15 - Bingo.
- Sept. 16 - City Council 2:00 p.m. Annual Lions Auction at Civic Center dinner at 6:00 p.m. - sign up!!
- Sept. 17 - Van to San Angelo! Call Lilia now. 387-3941. Medicals come first!
- Sept. 18 - New Sound Hearing Care San Angelo at Center.
- Sept. 19 - Happy Birthday Party for September Babies at noon.

### Senior Menu

- Sept. 15 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, peas, potatoes, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup, milk.
- Sept. 16 - King Ranch chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, roll, oatmeal cookie, milk.
- Sept. 17 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, angel cake with strawberries, milk.
- Sept. 18 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricots & banana mix, milk.
- Sept. 19 - Fried catfish, hominy, okra/tomato gumbo, roll, apple crisp, milk.

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

\*Menu is subject to change.\*

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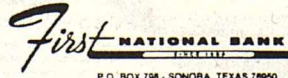


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- Sept. 11  
American Flag Retirement &  
9-11 Memorial Ceremony  
Sutton County Rodeo Arena • 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 15  
Sonora Elementary Open House  
Sponsored by P.T.O. • 6:00 p.m. • Elem. Auditorium
- Sept. 16  
City Council Meeting  
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

The Community Calendar



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### Calendar

- Sept. 16  
Lion's Club Auction  
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center
- Sept. 17  
School Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m. • Admin. Bldg.
- Sept. 20 & 21  
Couples Golf Tournament  
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## Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. I am looking for a story on Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Halbert, Jr.'s 40th anniversary celebration in January of 1935; is it in your files?

A. Devil's River News, January 25, 1935: Friendship heaped to the brim and overflowing the "cup of sociability" was evident Sunday, when tried and true friends of the B.M. Halberts gathered at the Whitehead Ranch, thirty-eight miles from Sonora, on the Del Rio Road, to observe their 40th wedding anniversary and to wish them well.

Early in the morning they started coming. Late in the afternoon they still came. At noon a barbecue dinner was served in the shade of two mighty liveoak trees which were small when the Walter E. Whitehead homestead was built between them years ago.

The low temperature that was to come late that night wasn't felt. Nothing chilly about the warm handclaps and the sincere good wishes exchanged at this anniversary celebration.

Hosts were the children of the Halberts: Mrs. W.B. Whitehead, B. M. Halbert Jr., and Mrs. Lloyd P. Bloodworth of Tucson, Arizona. Their families ably assisted in the day's program. Mr. Halbert, in a short talk after the dinner, explained that his first thought on an anniversary celebration had been prompted by thoughts of the joys of attending the golden anniversary, in 1923, of his sister, Mrs. H.C. McIntyre, who lives in Dallas.

Stories of days long ago were told by Mr. Halbert as he stood, broad-brimmed hat in hand, before his friends grouped around him. This one and that one was selected the "Goat" of this story and that other tale about...events of early Sonora and West Texas days.

Bob Martin, first Sutton Tax Assessor and Sheriff on term, just before B.W. Hutcherson, present peace officer, took office, was present and spoke a few words. He lives in Del Rio; C.B. (Dutch) Wardlaw, one-time office boy for Mr. Halbert spoke. Others who were called upon by L.P. Bloodworth, Mrs. Halbert's son-in-law were:

Robert S. Holland, San Angelo, a friend for many years; Dave Woodward, San Angelo, whom Mr. Halbert knew 47 years ago while doing survey work in this section. (Mr. Woodward was one of a group of old friends of boyhood days in Coleman who were there); James Cornell, former Sonora attorney; J.D. Lowrey, veteran



Felton Cave April 27, 1900

Sutton County official.

Mr. Bloodworth commented that he had been in the family about 20 years and that many of those whom he knew when he was married were not present and "the frost of many winters has touched the hair of many others."

A 40-layer cake, 48 inches high, weighing 70 pounds and "weighted" with 39 pennies and a Texas Centennial half dollar, was cut for dinner guests and "coffee and cake at four" in the afternoon. After the noon meal the guests chatted on the porch of the ranch home and in the yard - the ladies on the former and the men perched on the stone fence of the latter.

Fiddle tunes were played by Walter E. Whitehead of Del Rio from his chair on the porch of the distinctive home of his son. Several ladies who could not resist the tunes he played once more danced as they had in days gone by.

Mrs. Halbert wore the black sateen dress with high white collar she had worn that Sunday night 40 years ago when she had become the bride of Basil Manley Halbert at Mrs. Hoffman's boarding house in Sonora. It was where W. Cameron and Co. is built today. (First National Bank today.) She had been Miss Kidie Ellis, attractive daughter of an Edwards County justice of the peace. Young Halbert had met her on the 4th of July at a platform dance where the schools are now built (Rock School and Old High School at that time).

Halbert was a bookkeeper at the DeBerry and March store but he had found time to campaign for Sam Stokes who was running for county clerk. Mr. Stokes got the job and showed his appreciation by giving Halbert a marriage license that

January day. His county judge friend J.M. Bell performed the ceremony and his "boss" Dr. John Abe March, gave him a \$20 bill on his wedding night.

Many beautiful gifts of various types were received Sunday by the Halberts. As it was the ruby anniversary, many of these were red glassware. A desert scene, constructed by Cecil W. Knauff of Tucson, attracted much attention. Very small photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Halbert were placed in central positions in the "setting".

B.M. Halbert knows his stories. A number of them were told Sunday: There was a young fellow from Galveston who came to Sonora to live with the DeBerrys. He wore English (toothpick) shoes and was the object of much scorn because of them.

He worked in the DeBerry store by day and stepped "high and handsome" at night. In his best bib and tucker one night, ready for a dance, three cowboys determined to "get him". Attempts, interspersed with drinks at the bar, failed to start a fight with him. Then one cowboy spit on the highly polished "toothpicks".

A "toothpick" came straight up under the would-be prankster's chin. He "took the count". Before the other two could realize what was happening, a fist hit each of their chins. They too, went out.

The fight was over. "Toothpicks" were vindicated for that time at least.

Next he told that Major DeBerry liked his blackbird pie. Early on one morning he came out of his store with his shotgun, bird shot loaded, and fired into the mass of blackbirds which were always in the day.

As soon as he shot he real-

ized he had made a mistake.

People decided that murder was being done, a brawl had started or any of a hundred other things. They came to see what it was all about.

Major DeBerry went to the courthouse at once, paid a fine and then returned to "set up" all who thought they were to be first on the scene after a murder.

He got his mess of blackbirds, Mr. Halbert declares, but adds quickly, "they must have cost him \$25."

Note: the article goes on with other stories there is not room to print. One is about a two headed nickel he lost and got back in some change two years later from a San Angelo bank and then lost and never saw again. One is about a black Stetson that blew into the ocean during a storm and about an hour later washed back to the ships rail, where he retrieved it. Needless to say, he kept his guests well entertained. We think this story is pretty much proof positive that L.P. Bloodworth, Jr. must have inherited his gift of storytelling from the Halbert side of the family. Seems they had real good memories and sure told some pretty good tales.

If you have any question concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoroatx.net or call me at 325-387-5084 Mondays 8-4, Tuesdays 8-lunch and Fridays 8-4. You can rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot) or Sutton County Historical Society grounds by calling the same number. We are always closed on Monday holidays.

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## A 9-11 Memory Will Never Fade

By Bobby Eberle  
September 8, 2003

This week, America will mark the two-year anniversary of the worst attack on American soil in our history. We will likely see video footage and photographic images of the horrible events that opened our eyes and forever changed our outlook on terrorism and our role in the world community. But, more than any news report or photo or radio account, the most powerful memories will be invoked by recalling our own personal experiences on that fateful day. Where were you on September 11, 2001? It's a question people often ask each other. I remember exactly where I was and what I saw. What I often wonder is "why." Why did I see what no person should ever have to see?

As a resident of Houston, Texas and doing the work that I do, I am not a frequent traveler. I had visited our nation's capitol several times over the years, the most recent trip prior to 9-11-01 being the presidential inauguration in January. That trip was a thrill to say the least, and as my wife and I returned home, I was already looking forward to future trips to Washington.

In September 2001, as my company began to grow and reach more people, I thought the timing was right to return to Washington to promote the venture on Capitol Hill. I was invited to attend a conference in DC which was scheduled for September 11, and I knew that would be the perfect occasion to do some corporate promoting in addition to attending the conference events.

September 11, 2001 was a bright and brilliant day in Washington, DC. I had enjoyed two full days of policy briefings and discussions, and on that Tuesday, I was looking forward to doing something a bit different.

After briefly attending the final day of the conference in the morning, my plan was to spend the rest of the day seeing the marvelous sights that Washington, DC has to offer and visiting Capitol Hill.

Driving in from Virginia with the top down on my friend's convertible, I was enjoying the clear blue sky and crisp air. I also paid moderate attention to the news radio station that my friend tuned in. I'm not a regular listener of news radio, but that morning was different. We had already seen reports on television of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center. We thought it was a very odd event, so we dialed in the news as we drove into town. At about 9:15 a.m., we heard reports of the second attack.

There was no doubt in our minds that America was now the victim of terrorism. What we did not realize was that the attacks were not over. We would learn that soon enough.

With the Pentagon in sight, the roar of jet engines quickly filled the air. I looked over my left shoulder and saw the aircraft only a couple hundred feet over head. It was so loud and so low and so fast, and I knew in an instant that something was terribly wrong. I wanted to scream, but the only words that would come out were "Oh no." A few seconds later, American Airlines Flight 77 flew into the Pentagon and exploded in a burst of flame right in front of my eyes.

Traffic on the freeway ground to a halt as people started to comprehend the meaning of black smoke pouring from the Pentagon. Tears streamed down the face of the woman in the car behind us. She looked ahead in utter shock and seemed frozen in time. I could not help but wonder if another attack was headed our way. Every loud noise caused me to jump, and I

found myself looking to the horizon to see if another plane was coming.

I was a zombie for the rest of the day -- glued to the television, just waiting for something new to be reported. I watched the scenes from New York over and over again, but I could not get the vision out of my head of what I had witnessed that morning. Why was I in Washington? Why did I see Flight 77? I often ask myself these questions, and wonder if there was a grand plan or simply blind luck. In any case, I along with the rest of the country was changed forever.

America is a strong, vibrant nation, and what the world often fails to realize and the al Qaeda terror network dramatically underestimated is the power of the American spirit. Especially when faced with adversity, America comes together unlike any nation on earth.

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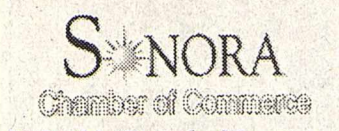
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## Chamber Chatter



by Ruthie Bounds, Manager

This week the Chamber Chatter Column will be short and sweet, because I am attending a Texas Tourism Industry Summit. Hopefully I will be able to learn a lot and get some great ideas for businesses and individuals in Sonora. The summit will focus many hours of training on Culture and Nature tourism. These are the two subjects that interest me the most, since these are just two of the wonderful things that Sonora already has to offer to our visitors.

We are fortunate to have The Caverns of Sonora, Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonora Walking Tour, Historic Downtown, Miers Home Museum, and the Sonora Golf Course as points of interest in Sonora. The addition of the Ice House Museum, the new walking and jogging trails, and the affiliation with Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership will only prove to enhance our area. Sonora should soon be recognized as a tourist destination, not just a stop-over on the interstate. Tourism is the fastest growing industry in Texas, and it is my hope that attending this summit will help me to understand how we can get our share of that tourism dollar. We have so much to offer our visitors. Sometimes I take for granted the many wonderful things that we have to offer, because I grew up with most of them. This summit should help me be able to take a new look at our wonderful community to see it through a tourist's eyes.

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## Up on Eaton Hill

### Munching on Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

God's canvas of contrasts: where delicate wildflowers bloom alongside spiny desert cactus and exquisite hummingbirds buzz over prehistoric looking horny toads. Yep, that's Sonora all right, the beautiful land of unexpected opposites. 'Tis the season for some unexpected home grown cooking and the prickly pear cactus is just the ticket for anyone desiring a little culinary adventure. How many recipes do you know of that begin with leather gloves and hiking boots?

The prickly pear has long been a staple food of Native Americans. The fruit or "tuna" can be eaten fresh, dried for snacks, or prepared as a pie filling. The juice can be used to make jelly, salad dressing and a variety of beverages. Prickly pear paddles or "nopales" are a common ingredient in Mexican recipes and are added to salads and scrambled eggs. The fruit is ripe and ready for harvest in the late summer and early fall, when it turns a deep reddish purple. Dare I say it is Aggie maroon? A quick glance will tell you that the cactus fruit in Sutton County is ready for pickin'. Tongs are recommended. Here is the process and a recipe for:

#### Prickly Pear Jelly.

Wear gloves and use tongs to collect the fruit in a bucket. Include a few less ripe pears to add pectin. Remove the glochids (tiny spines) using an open flame or by peeling off the skin. Wash and cook in water over low heat for about 20 minutes until tender. Mash and strain.

4 cups prickly pear juice  
5 cups sugar  
1 package pectin  
Follow basic jelly preparation instructions.  
Sounds pretty simple to this amateur confectioner. Another recipe I found included 3 Tbs lime juice and 10 cinnamon redhots. Still another recipe incorporated Muscat or other dessert wine for a jelly to



When you see prickly pear, think croissants and grilled lamb.

compliment venison, lamb, roast duck or pork. Other tasty treats from our local fauna include Agarita (or Agrita) berry jelly, Fried Yucca petals and Mesquite bean jelly.

I am once again impressed by the wonders of this world. On your next hike of Eaton Hill, consider that you are strolling through nature's desert grocery, adding just one more angle from which to appreciate the grand design.

If anyone would like to participate in an educational "From Field to Table" adventure, please contact Delyse Jaeger at 387-6280. This could be memorable school project.

Also, if anyone has any photographs from the numerous youth projects on Eaton Hill, or from your own visit to the trails, I would like to make a

copy for a presentation I am working on. You can call or drop them by the SIDC office and I will copy them in the office and return them. Your help is appreciated.

Lastly, monarchs are on the move with the heaviest numbers still in the north, but sightings in Texas have been reported for several weeks. Visit [www.jnorth.org](http://www.jnorth.org) for a complete update.

Don't forget the Eaton House meeting on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Eaton House. We will discuss historic preservation of the house.

*Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation. See you on the hill... for lunch!*

## Happy Birthday Darling

September 14, 2003



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*"An Ode To My Wife"*

When I was young running wild and free,  
You were there every time with me.  
You were there!

When I went to War and was gone so long,  
You stayed and waited with a love so strong,  
You were there!

When I decided to settle down and a life make,  
You were there to be my wife to take.  
You were there!

When our kids came along our family to be,  
We raised them up out in the country.  
You were there!

Every time some misfortune on us fell,  
We stood the test with strong will that kept us from hell.  
You were there!

When the truck wreck almost took my life,  
You stood by my side a loving wife.  
You were there!

When we went to court to protect our rights,  
You were there for every fight.  
You were there!

When we lost it all and moved away,  
You were ready to go, no reason to stay.  
You were there!

Through our gypsy years from place to place,  
You never gave up and kept a straight face.  
You were there!

When old age caught up and brought me to rest,  
You said fine here we will stay, it is for best.  
You were there!

As we traveled life's road as a double team,  
I tried to be your hero: you were always my queen.  
You were there!

Now that we've reached the peak,  
and can see the end of the line,  
With you it's been a journey that was mighty fine.  
You were there!

Thank God for allowing you to make  
this trip with me,  
You made it all worthwhile and a reason to be.  
You were here!

*Wishing you many more! Love, Joe*

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## 7th Grade Colts Blank Ingram

by Nancy Glasscock

The 7th Grade Colts hosted their counterparts from Ingram Middle School last Thursday night at Bronco Stadium. It was all Colts from start to finish. Derek Van Winkle and Mario Lira put on an offensive display in this first Colt game of the season.

Ingram won the toss, but couldn't make a first down. On the Colts' first offensive play of the game, Van Winkle handed the ball off to Lira. Lira took the ball down the right sideline to score the first Colt touchdown. The attempt on the two point conversion failed.

On defense, the Colts' Van Winkle, John Duke Hudson, David Lane, Kody Word and Albert Tovar prevailed against

the Warrior offense. The next Colt offensive drive stalled. The Warriors took the Colt punt to their 36 yard line, but, once again, they could not make a first down. The Colts started making their way down the field for their next touchdown, when a Van Winkle pass was intercepted by a Warrior defender. As luck would have it, time expired in the half with the score still 6-0 in favor of the Colts.

The Colts received the second half kick off. Van Winkle took the keeper twenty-six yards to the Colt 46. Lira fumbled on the next carry and the Warriors recovered the ball on their 28 yard line.

The Warriors' possession didn't last long. Uvaldo Ramos stopped the Warrior running

back and Lira intercepted the Ingram quarterback's pass. On the Colts' second down attempt, Lira took the handoff in for the second Colt touchdown. Van Winkle kept the ball and scrambled in for the two point conversion making the score 14 to 0.

The Warriors never could get their offense going during this game. The Colts scored again in the final minutes of the game. Rosendo Salazar caught a Van Winkle pass and took it into the endzone for the last touchdown of the game. The PAT was not successful. The final score was 20 to 0.

The Colts play Brady Thursday at Bronco Stadium. Come out to watch this exciting young team play.



Glasscock Photo

#76 Tanner James and #86 Lucio Rodriguez work hard to keep the 8th Grade Warriors back.

## 8th Grade Colts Knock Out Warriors

by Nancy Glasscock

The 8th Grade Colts started up where they left off from last season when they ran all over their opponents from Ingram last Thursday night: here in Sonora. Alonzo Peña, Nick Peña, and Victor Vaquera provided all the offense the Colts needed to put one in the win column.

The Colts won the toss and deferred to the second half and kicked off to start the game. This team has a couple of secret weapons on defense and special teams. Aaron Gaytan is the Colt kicker and he can launch the ball into the endzone. Defensively, the Colts have a Sonora Colt version of "The Monsters of the Midway" or "The Steel Curtain."

The Warriors had a penalty on the kickoff return. With the ball at their 34 yard line, Nathan Greene for the Warriors broke free on the sweep and headed down the left sideline for a sure touchdown. Starting fifteen yards behind, Alonzo Peña came from nowhere to tackle

him from behind at the five yard line. The SMS monster defensive line then did their job and kept the Warriors from scoring.

Vaquera and company took over deep in Colt territory. On the Colts' second offensive play of the game, Alonzo Peña scampered down the field for a 90+ yard touchdown run. Vaquera kept the ball and the two point conversion was good making the score 8 to 0.

It was again the Colt defense's time to show their toughness. Juan Dominguez, Tanner James, Nick Peña, Vaquera, and Gaytan all did their part to prevent the Warriors from advancing down the field.

The Colts did not score on their next possession. The Warrior defenders recovered a high snap over Hunter Lawson's head.

Vaquera intercepted the Ingram QB's pass on the next defensive series. Nick Peña got the ball and took it 65 yards for the second Colt touchdown. This time the PAT was stopped by the Warriors.

The Warriors' main threat to run, Nathan Greene, went out of the game due to injuries halfway through the second quarter. Zadrion McGee and Riley Sanchez made two hard hitting defensive plays and Nick Peña intercepted the Warriors' QB to end their offensive series.

Just after the start of the fourth quarter, the Colts scored again on an Alonzo Peña 40 yard run. He showed his speed and power on this run as he bowled over the Warrior defenders who were unable to cut him off at the ten yard line. The two point conversion failed, but the score was 20 to 0.

The Warriors scored their only touchdown halfway through the final quarter. The game ended with the 8th Grade Colts victorious 20-6.

The 8th Graders' next opponent is Brady on Thursday in Sonora. Come out and watch both a great offensive and defensive display put on by these middle school players.



#63 Albert Tovar leads the way for #20 Mario Lira, while other 7th Grade Colts help hold back the Ingram Warriors. Glasscock Photo

## Ingram JV Teams Take Down Sonora's J.V. "Red" and "White" Teams

Submitted by SHS Student: Mason Martinez

Last Thursday night the JV Broncos traveled to Ingram to play both the "Red" and "White" Warrior teams. The JV "White" team, consisting of freshmen, took the field first. The Sonora "White" team had three touchdowns against the Warriors. #17 Quarterback, Craig Leonard led the Broncos and had a great game. Fullback, #32 Justin Northcott scored two rushing touchdowns for the Broncos. The third Bronco touchdown came on a pass by #85 Evan Gulley to #34 Lito Trevino followed by a two point

conversion, giving the Bronco "White" their 20th point. The "White" team had a good showing, but the Ingram Warrior "White" team just proved too much. Final Score: Ingram Warrior "White" 44, Sonora Broncos "White" 20.

The second game of the night featured the Sonora JV "Red" team, consisting of mostly sophomores and few "key" freshmen players. The Bronco "Red" team scored on the opening drive with a great run up the middle by #10 Quarterback Caleb Ramos. Ramos again scored off the option for another Bronco touchdown. #17 Uriel

Santana then rushed for the third touchdown of the game. The Bronco "Red" did their best against the much larger 3A Ingram "Red" team, but came out on the bottom side of the scoreboard. Final Score: Ingram Warrior "Red" 38, Sonora Broncos "Red" 18.

Both these teams will play Thursday, September 11th in Brady. The JV "White" team will play at 5:00 PM, with the JV "Red" team playing immediately following at approximately 7:00 PM. Good Luck, Broncos! Beat the Bulldogs!

## Cross-Country Starts Season At Concho Valley Meet

by Kellie Crain

On Saturday, September 6, the Sonora Cross-Country team traveled to Carlsbad State Park to compete in their first meet of the season. All runners did well for their first time out this year. The competition was tough, with 1A through 5A schools running a challenging course.

Out of a total of 295 Junior High Girls running 1.5 miles, Senida Martinez placed 133rd with a time of 12:15:55, followed closely by Kaitlyn Henderson, who placed 139th. Other girls competing were Vickie Torres, Kayla Webb, Jeanette Tovar, Stephani Morriss, Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Monica Traylor, Azenh Villanueva, Loren Isenhour, and Karley Frasier. Out of 192 Junior High boys, also running 1.5 miles, Clayton Sahr placed an impressive 14th with a time of 9:18:40. David Lane came in 25th, followed by Colton Moore, who

placed 29th. Other boys competing were J.T. Downing, Ricardo Rodriguez, Tyler Edmondson, and Spencer Hall.

Out of 485 high school girls running two miles, Alexie Ortiz finished 116th with a time of 17:13:92, followed by Amanda Berry, who placed 129th. Other girls competing were Delma Tovar, Felisha Gamez, Meghan Krieg, Megan Berry, Amanda Word, Mandy Brister, and Emily Butler. The high school boys division had 144 competitors running a three

mile course. Nick Favala placed 50th with a time of 20:40:03. Jacob Ibarra placed 98th. Toni Torres placed 114th, and Ty Love finished 122nd.

All of Sonora's runners made a tremendous effort and ran very well. The next meet will be Saturday, September 13, at San Angelo State Park

## Broncos from page 1

The Sonora defense played a lot better the second half, with the secondary breaking up passes and the entire Bronco defense looking much improved. On the next Ingram possession, the Warriors tried running the ball up the middle; however, Duhon met the Ingram running back in the hole and forced a fumble. #44 Brett McDaniel fell on the loose ball to gain possession for the Broncos.

The Broncos again drove the ball well down to the 20 yard line and stalled. Ingram put one more touchdown on the scoreboard the second half.

Final Score: Ingram 34, Sonora 16.

Bronco Offensive Stats: Clint Cearley completed 16 of 33 passes for 143 yards, Scottie Moore completed 1 of 2 passes for 9 yards, Chris Martin had 6 catches for 72 yards, Anthony Longoria had 4 catches for 30 yards, A.J. Hernandez had 1 catch for 10 yards, and Steven Duhon had 2 catches for 9 yards. Scottie Moore had 18 carries for 151 yards, and Chris Martin had 4 carries for 25 yards. The Bronco offense had 331 total offensive yards.

Bronco Defensive Stats: Steven Duhon led tacklers with 12, followed by Diego Cardona

with 6, Tom Valliant 6, Wilson Wallace 5, Chris Martin 4, Laramie Hall 4, Brett McDaniel 3, Zedekiah Snodgrass 3, Hilton Bloodworth 2, Austin Wagoner 2, Shaun Ramos 2, Stetson Perez 1, Chris Perez 1, Scottie Moore 1, Embre Smith 1, Anthony Longoria 1. Brett McDaniel led quarterback sacks with 2, followed by Chris Martin 1, and Tom Valliant 1.

## Nicole Samaniego Receives National Honor



Nicole Samaniego from Sonora, 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 Nicole on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," says 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.

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Oct. 2  
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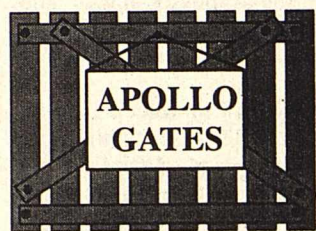
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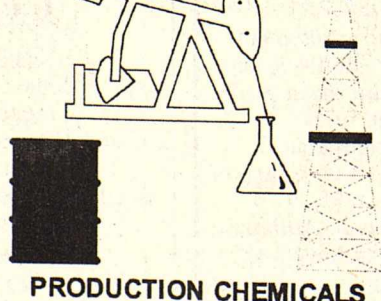
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## Producers Livestock Auction Starts West Texas Rehab Round- Up Cattle Sales

A special cattle sale Thursday, September 18 at Producers Livestock Auction is the first in a series of eight regional Round-Up for Rehab fall sales to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Scheduled at 1 p.m. in conjunction with Producers' regular weekly cattle sale, the event has already attracted pledges of quality animals from San Angelo, Sterling City, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Christoval and Eldorado. "We're encouraging Rehab friends in the agriculture industry to donate an animal or two, write a check... or be a buyer," said Bob Helmers, Concho Valley area Round-Up chairman.

"Producers will be selling animals for Rehab all next week... sheep and goats on Tuesday during the regular sale and cattle on Thursday during the special Rehab sale," added Jody Frey, who serves with Helmers as volunteer co-chairman.

"Also, the Center's chuckwagon will be on hand Thursday serving sausage, beans and cornbread prior to the Rehab sale, courtesy of A-B Distributing Company and we invite WTRC supporters to come out, join us for lunch and help us 'bid 'em up' during the auction," Frey continued.

Tom Green County volunteers assisting Frey and Helmers include Stephen Brown, Carter Behrens, Andrew Lewis, Stan Newsom, Jim and Chad Thomas, and Bud Upton, all of San Angelo, and Jimmy Watson of Miles.

Joining local chairmen in

seeking Round-Up donations of livestock and cash is well-known cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall who is this year's new honorary chairman for Round-Up for Rehab.

"It's just so 'right' that Red who's also a respected rancher and horseman is joining Rehab as a spokesman on the occasion of the Center's 50th anniversary year," said Rehab Center President Woody Gilliland. "Truly it couldn't be a better match or come at a better time."

Corporate underwriters "partnering" with WTRC by supporting Round-Up 2003 include Federal Land Bank Association, First Ag Credit, Heartland Alliance of America, Patterson - UTI Energy and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife.

Other Round-Up for Rehab sales are scheduled September 23rd at Abilene Auction and September 29th at Junction Stockyards. October sales will be conducted in Coleman, Dublin, Olden, Sweetwater and Stephenville.

"We're also reminding ranchers if this is an inconvenient time for them to cut out livestock, Producers and other auction houses will gladly cut a check to Rehab for the proceeds of one or more animals anytime during the year when they are going to market," Helmers added.

For additional information or to arrange for animals to be picked up, contact a volunteer chairman or WTRC - San Angelo at 223-6300.

## Livestock Assistance Program Signup Announced

Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde Counties have been approved to implement the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). Signup for this program has begun and will end October 24, 2003. This program will provide partial reimbursement to eligible producers for grazing losses suffered during the drought and high temperatures of either 2001 or 2002.

Those producers who received benefits under the 2002 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) will have that payment amount deducted from either year 2001 or 2002 Livestock Assistance Program payment amount.

Eligible Livestock are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, or

beefalo when maintained as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and equine animals used for the production of food or fiber on the producers farming operation.

An eligible livestock producer must: Posses a beneficial interest in eligible livestock, have suffered a 40% or greater loss for 90 consecutive days or longer during 2001 or 2002, certify to the percent of grazing losses, report the number of eligible livestock by type and weight and how long they have been owned, and report acreage by type of grass that supports the eligible livestock.

Producers must also file applicable person determination forms, meet the \$2.5 million

## Preston Faris from page 1

and Martin Co. With tremendous leader and support focused on teamwork and targeted on youth development, he kept a successful steer feeding program that exhibited the Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion Steers at Odessa, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo. They also had the Reserve Grand Champion at the International Show in Chicago in 1974. Preston also assisted producers in Stanton with Angora goats, which they grazed in Marathon and Martin Co. He was named "Man of the Year" in Stanton, and also received an Honorary Old Sore Head designation from the Stanton Chamber of Commerce. Before leaving, Preston helped plan and coordinate the expansion of the livestock show facility.

In September of 1979, Preston transferred to Sutton Co. He said that he followed a legend in Clint Langford, who served here from April 1949 to August, 1979. Langford was a "true motivator and example of what Extension can do to 'help people help themselves'". Preston said he just "tried to build upon his foundation and never let the program digress." Together, Preston and Clint Langford served Sutton County for just over 54 years.

Like Langford, Preston worked with the people to plan and assist the development and construction of the existing Sutton County 4-H Civic Center Complex. Preston said it was a great honor to receive such support from the community in the development of that project.

Along with other coaches, Preston helped train three National Champion 4-H Wool Judging teams. He has great memories of the joys and frustrations of all of the judging participants with whom he worked over the years.

"I would like to say a special thanks to every parent for entrusting me with the minds and spirits of your children. What an humbling and awesome responsibility," said Preston.

As in the other two counties he worked in prior to coming to Sutton Co., Preston worked with leaders to focus the livestock show project efforts on youth development, not just raising livestock. They worked honestly and hard, and while they may have been strong in one species, they always had a well rounded program. There was especially good participation in the county show, with species important to that geographic area of the state.

Preston always worked to stress the value of 4-H as more than just a stockshow program. This resulted in having 4-Hers participate and compete in a broad variety of leadership development experiences and resulted in 14 Texas 4-H Foundation and/or Stockshow Scholarship winners, four State Council Officers or members, two State 4-H Record Book winners, five Range, Sheep and Goat and Water Camp participants, five State Method Demo, winners and many other District participants and winners in those Activities.

"I would like to extend a special thanks to all the leaders and parents who really bought into the program," said Preston.

Preston has also been active in focusing adult programming on locally important topics, not just top-down efforts.

"Thanks to the local people

who helped in identifying those issues by committee service or just direct suggestions," he said. "I also need to thank other visionary people like Dr. Larry White, Dr. Dwight Gwyn, Darrell Dromgoole and Dr. Dale Rollins who gave insight and innovative thought to the programs."

This resulted in early programs that led to strong county efforts in prescribed fire in range management, intensive wildlife management, total ranch management and a focus on sustainable resource management, water programming, community strategic planning, predator management efforts, superior sheep and goat production efforts by selection, management and performance testing and continued efforts in wool and mohair production and proper preparation.

Preston always tried to keep programs focused on economically significant enterprises and not be resistant to change. Early in his career here, they concentrated on significant pragmatic efforts in ranch and resource management. Then the shift was toward a strong focus on white-tailed deer management. There was always some effort toward sheep and wool, with considerable effort on Angora goats and mohair. Yearling Doe futurities have even been tried. The focus then moved to meat and Boer goats and now has returned to intensive wildlife management. Preston has always tried to work closely with commodity groups and other organizations, to bring funds and activities to Sutton Co. and to be sure there is a voice in policy development which impacts our people.

Preston extends a real special thanks to the Commissioner's Court and the people of Sutton Co. for affording him "the opportunity to judge shows from Georgia to Washington State and from San Luis Potosi Mexico to Canada." The real honors were two trips to Australia to judge Angoras and Boers. "At every stop he learned things of value that helped him better serve local clientele."

"I always considered my first responsibility to the people where I lived," he said.

Special honors and awards that Preston said he cherishes are the "Superior Service Award" from the Texas Cooperative Extension for leadership to local efforts, a "Distinguished Service Award" from the National Association of County Extension Agents and Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, County Extension Agent honors from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and from the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management, "Man of the Year in Agriculture" from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and an Honorary Chapter FFA Degree from both Vernon Northside FFA and Sonora FFA chapters.

Preston has had an active and rewarding career as an Agriculture Extension Agent. His insight and consistent drive for improvement of development of agriculture will be greatly missed. Hopefully, retirement will allow him more time with his family, wife Kay and children Brian, Shawna, and Brandon. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors Preston, and thank you for all that you have done for Sutton County.



## Texas Section of the Society for Range Management Annual Meeting Slated for Wichita Falls

*submitted*  
The Texas Section Society for Range Management will hold their Annual Meeting on October 15, 16, and 17, in Wichita Falls, Texas. The theme of the event is "Rangelands for all Texans." The diversity of Texas Rangelands is an asset to all Texans. The program will emphasize the importance of Texas Rangelands from the ecological, economic, aesthetic and social aspect. Presentations will cover topics from the importance of rangeland stewardship to economic diversity on Texas Rangelands.

The Wichita Mountains Refuge outside of Lawson, Oklahoma, will be the site for the technical tour. President Theodore Roosevelt established the 59,000 acre game preserve in 1905. Elk, bison, longhorn cattle, turkey, deer and numerous species of birds, mammals and reptiles call the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge home. There will be some great photo opportunities for wildlife and landscape scenes. During the tour you will see the stages

of plant community succession in response to planned prescribed burns and wildfires. After learning about the conservation issues and viewing the practices applied on the rangeland, the tour will conclude at the visitor's center and museum. Following the tour of the refuge you will proceed to Warner Brother's Seed Company, south of Lawton, Oklahoma. Mike and Victor Warner will provide a tour of their facility and discuss their management practices as well as the harvesting and seed cleaning methods they implement.

The spouses' tour will include a ride on the Wichita Falls Trolley. During lunch, participants will be entertained by local vocal artist, Michael Merrill, featuring old west, jazz and gospel favorites.

For more information Contact Reggie Quiett by email:

Reggie.Quiett@tx.usda.gov for information on registration. Pre-registration ends on October 1, 2003.

## 9/11 from page 1

Americans have come to accept that strangers have the right to go through their belongings as they file into a concert at Carnegie Hall or an outing at Great Adventure amusement park.

Not all the changes America has seen are a result of efforts to prevent another terrorist attack; some are spurred by efforts to survive one.

Managers of the 110-story Sears Tower, the tallest building in America, have installed chairs that can be used to wheel disabled or injured occupants down stairways.

Skyscrapers have improved emergency lighting, added X-ray screening for bags as visitors enter, improved fireproofing and conducted fire drills with a renewed seriousness. Some offices, especially in New York, have placed first-aid kits and escape hoods on desks.

Families — again, especially those close to New York and Washington — have gathered to discuss where they would meet in the event of an emergency that forced their evacuation. Bob Ezrol, director of Camp Taconic in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts, says parents have been more insistent on staying in touch with their children by telephone since Sept. 11.

Schools — when they aren't announcing evacuation points, where their students would be brought in an emergency — are trying to find a teaching moment in it all. Sept. 11 (and its aftermath) has found a place between reading, writing and arithmetic.

"What is a terrorist? How does a terrorist differ from a freedom-fighter? Who decides?" asks a curriculum designed by Brown University's Choices for the 21st Century Education Program.

Students engage in role-playing discussions, arguing the cases for the Irish Republican Army, Chechen rebels and the Weather Underground.

"I think that a lot of them learn that sometimes the United States makes decisions based solely on what is best for the United States," says Nicolle Robinson, who teaches 11th grade American history at Granite High School in Salt Lake City.

Younger children, too, are learning about the attacks. In "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers," a new picture book, Mordicai Gerstein tells the story of Philippe Petit, the daredevil who walked a tightrope between the World Trade Center towers in 1974.

The last page shows today's Manhattan skyline.

The last line is "Now the towers are gone."

And they are.

Eventually, something new and extraordinary will arise at ground zero; for now, people in the narrow streets of lower Manhattan are disoriented when they climb out of the subways, for lack of a colossal landmark.

New York has suffered greatly in the past two years. It has lost 162,900 jobs since the attack, and last year 152,278 more people left New York for other places in the United States than came here from elsewhere in America.

Elana Boses, 27, is one of them. A fashion trends forecaster, she lived four blocks from the World Trade Center. Now she lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., with her mother, and sells houses. She is on medication for post-traumatic stress — panic attacks, flashbacks — and she is thankful for any distance she can put between her and Sept. 11.

"I'm so glad that I'm not in the city," she says. "I'm so glad that I'm in Florida and I don't have to think about things like that."

But there are indications that other Americans are thinking about Sept. 11 and putting it in perspective — and that alone would be an enormous change.

You can see it in popular culture, especially in the continuing evolution of World Trade Center images in film. The towers were digitally expunged from the comedy "Zoolander" after the attacks; a "Spider-Man" trailer that depicted the World Trade Center quickly was pulled.

But late last year, Spike Lee's movie "The 25th Hour" opened with a view of the skyscrapers and included a scene in an apartment looking down at the site.

"What happened on Sept. 11 really traumatized Americans and we're still feeling the effects," Lee told the British Broadcasting Corp. in an interview. "New Yorkers, and Americans generally, are living in a much different world now. The threat of terrorism is an everyday occurrence, so we wanted to reflect this different world. It's that simple."

Of course, it's not that simple. Sept. 11, 2001, was a line of demarcation between the present and the past. Images of the trade center remind us of just how much things have changed.

An editor in New York has a picture on her desk of her then-6-year-old son, posing on the Brooklyn Bridge. He is smiling, squinting in the sunlight. Behind him, almost ghostly, two 110-story towers loom.

The sky is a vivid blue, with clouds.

## Families Celebrated With Day, Week

by Linda Anderson

Families — everybody has one. And research is showing that families are more important than many think. In fact, families are the first line of defense in preventing substance abuse by teenagers, said Dr. Rick Peterson, Texas Cooperative Extension parenting specialist.

That's the idea behind Family Day on Sept. 22. "Family Day is a national effort to promote parental engagement as a natural, effective way to reduce teen substance abuse risk," Peterson said.

"Family Day is meant to emphasize the importance of regular family activities and encourage parents to get involved in their children's lives," he said.

But what about the busy lives everyone seems to be leading these days? Do many parents — who may be working one or more jobs outside as well as inside the home — have a lot of time to devote to becoming more involved in their children's activities?

Not to worry, Peterson said. "Celebrating Family Day can be as simple as eating dinner with your children or doing other family activities that promote family togetherness."

That simple act of eating dinner together can have far-reaching and long-lasting effects. According to research from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, "the more often a child eats dinner with his family, the less likely that child is to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs," Peterson said.

But that's not all parental involvement can do, he added. "Other researchers have found that families that are better able to communicate and stay connected to one another tend to function better."

In addition to eating together as a family, Peterson offered some other suggestions on celebrating Family Day and every day as a family:

- Ask children about their day; listen to their responses.
- Read books together when the children are young.
- Ask children to help with meal planning.
- Get together to plan family outings.
- Go walking together.
- Share household chores and cleanup.

Developing a pattern of family activities is easier when children are young, but "it's

never too late to try and reconnect with teenagers," Peterson said. "Start small. Try turning off the TV for at least 15 minutes ... to find out how school is going, who their friends are, what they like to do, where they like to hang out and ways you can support them. "Remember, Family Day is meant as a reminder of the importance of parental involvement in a child's life."

Family togetherness started on Family Day can be further celebrated a couple of months later. National Family Week: Connections Count will be Nov. 23-29.

This annual celebration, organized by the Alliance for Children and Families, was first marked in 1968 when a school official and teacher from Indianapolis was looking for a way to promote strong families, according to the Web site <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/>. Eventually, legislation officially named the week of Thanksgiving as National Family Week.

Nationwide, celebrations will include community and school events, award and campaigns.

Communities, groups, organizations and schools are already planning events.

Families are invited to participate with activities of their own, such as:

- Inviting neighbors to dinner.
- Writing thank-you notes to others who serve the family's needs, such as day care providers or plumbers or letter carriers.
- Writing to a member of the armed forces.
- Having a family night.
- Encouraging employers to have family-friendly policies, such as time off to attend school functions or flextime.

These and other ideas for celebrating strong families are available at the Web site or by calling (800) 221-2682.

## School Rules

It happened every year about this time. My mother or father would call me in and would inform me that we were going to have a little talk. I don't know why they said we were going to have a little talk because it was them talking and me listening. It usually started out like this, "young man you had better listen to this." The talk started out about my behavior or conduct at school. If I got in trouble at school I was probably going to get it again when I got home. Another thing (the most important to my parents) was not respecting my teachers or back-talking them. They didn't ask me if I liked them or not. If I sassed or didn't respect my teachers, I was going to get it, no questions asked. That would be a painful experience for me (a spanking). Christians are given the same instructions. Our conduct or behavior is to be good and honorable (1 Peter 2:13) We are to render to every authority respect, even in Church (sometimes the person may not be totally honorable but the office is, so we honor the office, Romans 13:2-7 especially verse 7). Let's obey God so we won't "get it" when we get home. See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J

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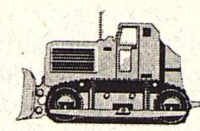
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**X Bar Ranch Schedule of Events from page 1**

**Friday September 12, 2003**  
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Course open for pre-riding.  
10:30 p.m. - Gates are locked for the night at X Bar Ranch

**Saturday September 13, 2003**  
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Course open for pre-riding. Exposition area set-up available  
+/- Noon - 4:00 p.m. - Kid's Kup- Kids have their own area for practicing, racing and exploring the joys of mountain biking and the outdoors all for free!

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Packet pickup and Registration  
3:00 p.m. - Rattler Chase Time Trial- registration opens at 1:00 p.m. closes at 2:30 p.m. or when first 30 register; open class and requires NORBA license; limited to first 30 racers; cost is \$15 per racer; cash prizes; race is run on a 3-mile course.

11:00 p.m. - Gates are locked for the night at X Bar Ranch.

**Sunday September 14, 2003**  
Absolutely NO pre-riding on Sunday

7:00 a.m. - Ranch and Registration open (registration closes 30 minutes before each race with a mandatory racers meeting at the staging area)  
All Day exposition area open

8:45 a.m. - Start (Rain or Shine): Expert +/- 24 miles  
Expert Men & Women 40 and over +/- 18 miles  
Junior X Men and Women +/- 24 miles

10:45 a.m. - Start Sport +/- 18 miles  
Single Speed +/- 18 miles  
Junior Men and Women 15-16, 17-18 +/- 18 miles  
Sport Women 40 and over +/- 12 miles

12:30 p.m. - Start: Beginner +/- 9 miles  
Remaining Juniors +/- 9 miles

3-9 miles  
Prizes: Awards ceremonies will follow each race. Minimum 85% cash payback for Pro/Experts, \$\$\$ will be added to Women's Expert purse by X Bar Ranch; Sports \$2,000 minimum in merchandise; Beginner \$1,200 minimum in merchandise given away by raffle. Over \$8,000 was given out in cash and prizes in 2002!

All categories will receive COOL 1st-3rd awards, and ribbons 4th - 10th place in each class.

Scoring: Timing and Scoring done by Kelly Creek Scoring.

Registration: \$30, Junior classes (13-18), \$15, Junior 12 and under, \$10. All fees are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Print registration Form or Register on-line at BikeReg.com

DO NOT send land access or camping fees with registration entry fee.

NORBA License required (licenses available race day).

Location: The X Bar Shoot Out will take place at the Live Oak Lodge location on the X Bar Ranch, which is located 21 miles southwest of Eldorado and just eight miles off of I-10 near Sonora. Directions: From Eldorado take US 277 south.

Three miles south of town turn on to FM 2129 (west). Do not enter where rock is at first X Bar Ranch entrance, take Live Oak Lodge entrance 5.5 miles further. On I-10, from Sonora take Exit 388 on to FM 1312 West, or from Ozona take Exit 381 on FM 1312, to FM 2129, go +/- 7 miles on FM 2129 to race site.

Lodging/Camping: Lodging accommodations in furnished guest houses and cabins and primitive campsites with showers are available at or near the race site through X Bar Ranch. No reservations taken for the NEWLY IMPROVED camping area on race weekend, there will be enough room for everyone.

Contact the ranch at 888-853-2688 or info@xbarranch.com for lodging.

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Miscellaneous: Food and Drinks - including water will be available all weekend. The ranch is open daily. Standard TMBRA classes, all NORBA racing rules apply. Please do not bring any pets to the ranch.

Helmets must ALWAYS be worn when on your bike. Everyone entering the race and ranch must sign a standard Liability Waiver, children 18 and under must have a parent/legal guardian sign a waiver.

For information call (888) 853-2688, or mail Entry Forms and Checks to: P. O. Box 696, Eldorado, TX 76936 or e-mail us at: info@xbarranch.com

**Just a Friendly Game Warden Reminder**

Limit Means Stop — Recently, a Grayson County game warden found an individual who had exceeded his striped bass limit. The man told the warden that he thought he could catch a limit then return to catch another limit. Charges are pending.

Dove Season is well underway and the feathers are flying. Remember: **For Dove hunting in Sutton County, which is in the Central Zone, the daily bag limit is 12 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white fronted) doves in the aggregate to include not more than 2 white-tipped. Possession Limit is twice the daily bag limit.**

**City of Sonora To Recieve ORCA Grant**

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) will honor the City of Sonora, among 85 other communities, at a special check presentation on Wednesday, September 10, 2003.

"We applaud the efforts of our constituents who have worked hard to prepare and submit applications for funding assistance in support of their community's needs," said Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA's Executive Director. "These ceremonies give us an opportunity to personally commend every recipient for their commitment and dedication to rural Texas."

Grant recipients and local, county and regional leaders and elected officials have been invited to attend the ceremony at Region 18 Education Service Center, Information Systems Building, Room IS.1 at 2811 LaForce Blvd. in Midland, Texas.

The City of Sonora will receive a Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant in the amount of \$49,200. The Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant supports planning activities that assess local needs, develop strategies to address local needs, build or improve local capacity, or that address other needed local planning elements.

ORCA's Mission is "To assist rural Texans who seek to enhance their quality of life by facilitating, with integrity, the use of the resources of our state so that sustained economic growth will enrich the rural Texas experience for the benefit of all."

**The Idle American**

by Dr. Don Newbury  
It is way too early to suggest what best defines our new century. Anthropologists chuckle at such tomfoolery, certain that centuries are defined from the back end, not the front. Though the new century is not yet even 4% used up, I'm ready to start defining it. Let the naysayers bust guts if they think I'm bowing too early to gut feelings....

During these first 45 months, I think we've come down with "cram-itis" -- coast to coast and border to border. A majority of us are determined to crowd as much as possible into our waking moments, often with multi-tasks going concurrently. No longer are eyebrows raised when we notice other drivers applying nail polish while driving 70 MPH in heavy traffic. To catch our eyes now, they'd have to be checking e-mail, talking on cell phones, eating jellyrolls AND applying nail polish....

Just as we have disturbed ecologies with inventions and technologies that may or may not turn out to be in our best interests, the English have turned something loose on us that will fall right into the "cram-itis" mess. When the invention gets rolling, its impact will be colossal. I refer to the Brits, new sports car, test driven earlier this month, speeding across the countryside at 100 MPH and the Thames River at 30 MPH. Yes, it is the Aquada, a sports car on the terra firma and a sports boat on the "water firma."

It has no doors - this cuts down on leaks - and folks must jump over the sides to get in. Like they did on "Dukes of Hazzard." Priced at \$235,000 each with 100 now in production, it can switch to cruising on water in a matter of seconds. The drive mechanism switches to a power jet to skim across the water.... And, there's the obligatory tag attached to the seat - the one about the "seat cushion being used as a flotation device...."

I know. I know. They're just making a 100. That's probably what Henry Ford said, too, trying to make horses breathe easier....

Time was, we heard about "cramming" mostly at exam time. With the newest malady, however, we may all be sucked in. I can see nights being shortened as we relentlessly try to cram more into our waking hours. We must learn, at whatever age we happen to be, from college students. They maintain that they make it by "sleeping faster...."

It's really not debatable. My wife laments that she had a "one-track mind in the last century and brings the same single track to the new one." To make it in this new day, we both are committed to becoming "multi-tracked." We intend to stop short of catching "cram-itis," but do believe it will reach epidemic proportions. But if we do, we do....

I advise everyone to remain calm. In the many games of life, we can "pick and choose." Opt out of some things. Smell the roses. Read a good book. (And notice that I've got a new one out this very week!..)\*

Dr. and Mrs. Newbury reside in Burleson, Texas, a few miles south of senility, where he is an author/speaker/columnist. He already has a long list of "itises."

\*Dr. Newbury's new book, *Life by the Seat of the Pants*, his second one in as many years, is just off the press. It is humor from cover to cover, available by mail in both hardback and five-hour audio versions. Contact Cross Roads Press at 817-447-3872 (e-mail cross@speakerdoc.com) to order your copy.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

District 7C  
Rule 37/38 Case No. 0235993  
Date of Issuance: August 22, 2003

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND ST., TULSA, OK 74103 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line and distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 8, Nobles Lease, 654.5 acres, Sec. 6, Bk. CC, EL & Railway Co./J.A. Schwalbe Survey A-1532, Denison (Strawn) Field(s), Sutton County, being 14 miles from southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

516' from the south line and 1,997' from the west line of lease.

516' from the south line and 1,997' from the west line of survey.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Wildcat field(s). No rule 37(38) is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field(s).

Field rules for the Denison (Strawn) field are 933/1867, 320/160 acres.

Field rules for the Wildcat field are 467/1200, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, James M. Clark, Agent, at 512-480-8800. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

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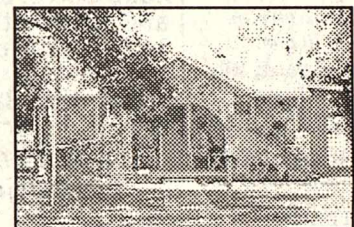
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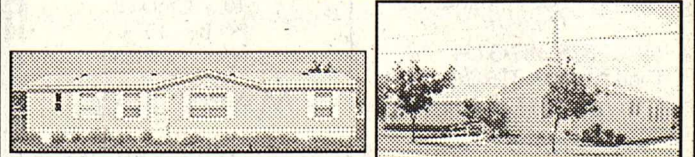
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**A Completed Application is Required.** (The above is not a complete list of requirements or qualifications) For additional information call Human Resources at 325-944-1501 or go to any TxDOT office. Information can be found on the Internet home page <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/> An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for the above jobs may call Human Resources at 325-944-1501. You may also call the telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at 512-416-2977. An Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer

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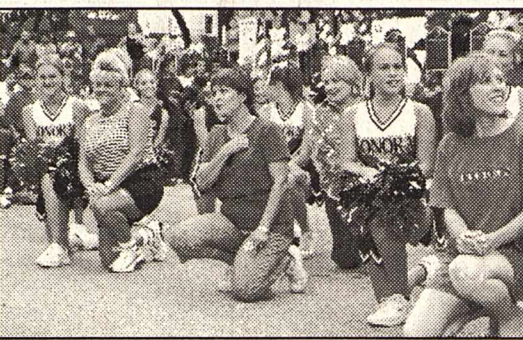
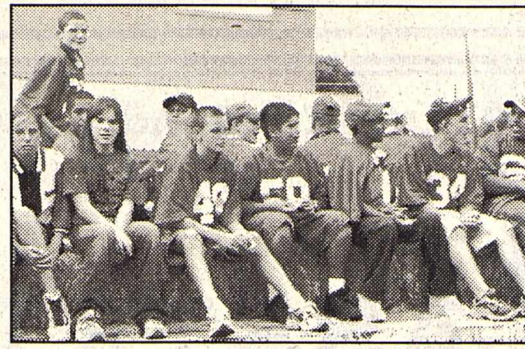
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# Homecoming 2003



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**Kindergarten Girls are welcome to join Girls Scouts.** We will be Daisy Troop #215. The meetings will be: 09/11/03 and 09/25/03 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut p.m. If you have any questions, please call Nelda Tobias after 6:00 at 387-5390.

**6th Grade Catholic Students:** We will have classes on the following dates: 09/10/03 at 6:30 - 8:00, 09/17/03 at 6:30 - 8:00. If you have any questions, please call Nelda Tobias after 6:00 at 387-5390.

**Sonora Elementary School is having Open House and a PTO Membership Drive on Monday, Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Elementary Auditorium. Parents & teachers remember to bring \$3 for PTO membership. Come join in on the food, fun and open house.

**Eaton House Meeting - Monday, Sept. 15, 6:00 p.m.** at the Eaton House. Will discuss historic preservation of the house.

**The Little Bronco Cheerleaders will cheer at the first half of Friday's game against Brady.** Everyone will need to meet the High School cheerleaders at the west end of the field at 7:40 p.m. You will be able to pick them up in the same place at the end of the second quarter.

**Band booster meeting - Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m.** at the High School Band Hall

**Sonora Bronco Pep Rally - Friday - 3:30 p.m.** - High School Gym

**Need a ticket dismissed? Defensive Driving Class, Sept. 13, 2003 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at Crockett National Bank in Ozona, Texas. Also, Alcohol Education for Minors classes (MIP, DUI, CIP). For more information on these classes call Maria at 325-223-9149.

**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. FMI contact Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

**Clogging lessons for beginners will be available from the Devil's River Dancers beginning Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:00 p.m.** at Hudspeth Hospital Annex. FMI call Carolyn McMeans 387-9315.

**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.

**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.

**Lighthouse Community Church presents: "Breaking Free" by Christian Author and Leader, Beth Moore.** Do you struggle with issues that seem to repeat themselves over and over? Well, maybe this study of God's word is for you! Everyone is welcome for classes on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with childcare provided. FMI call Jane Rushing at 387-3625.

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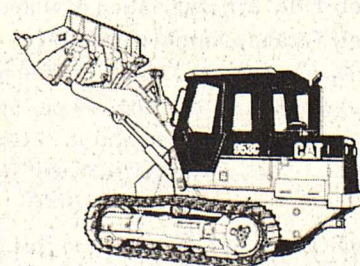
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