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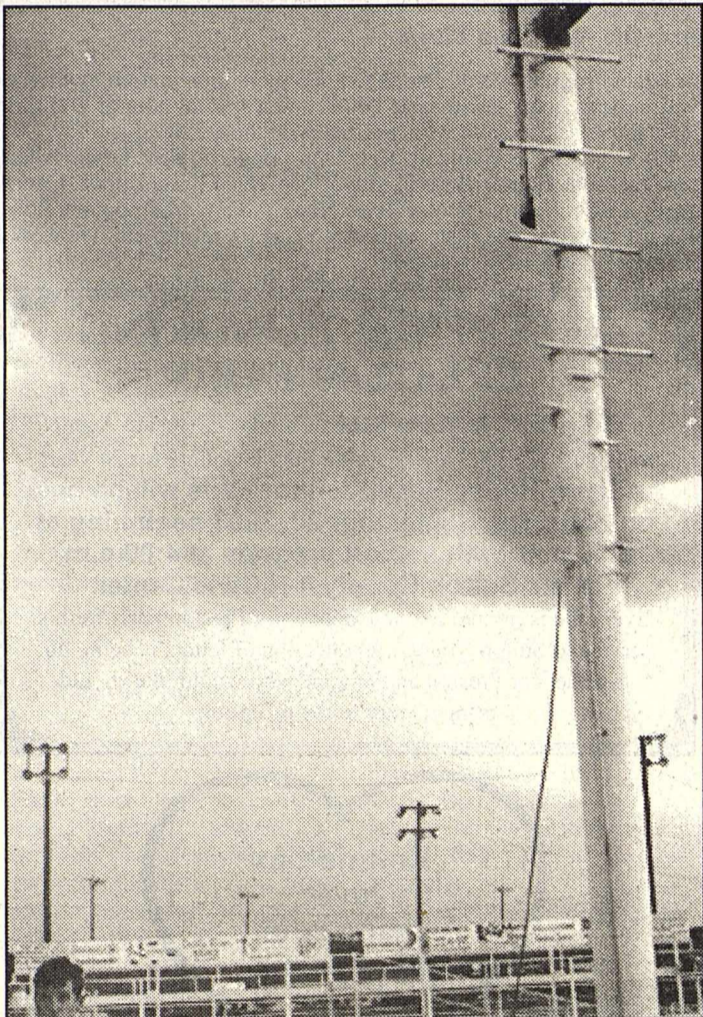
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Thunderstorms Dampen Crowd, But Not Spirit of 9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony



Dark clouds hovered over the Flag Retirement

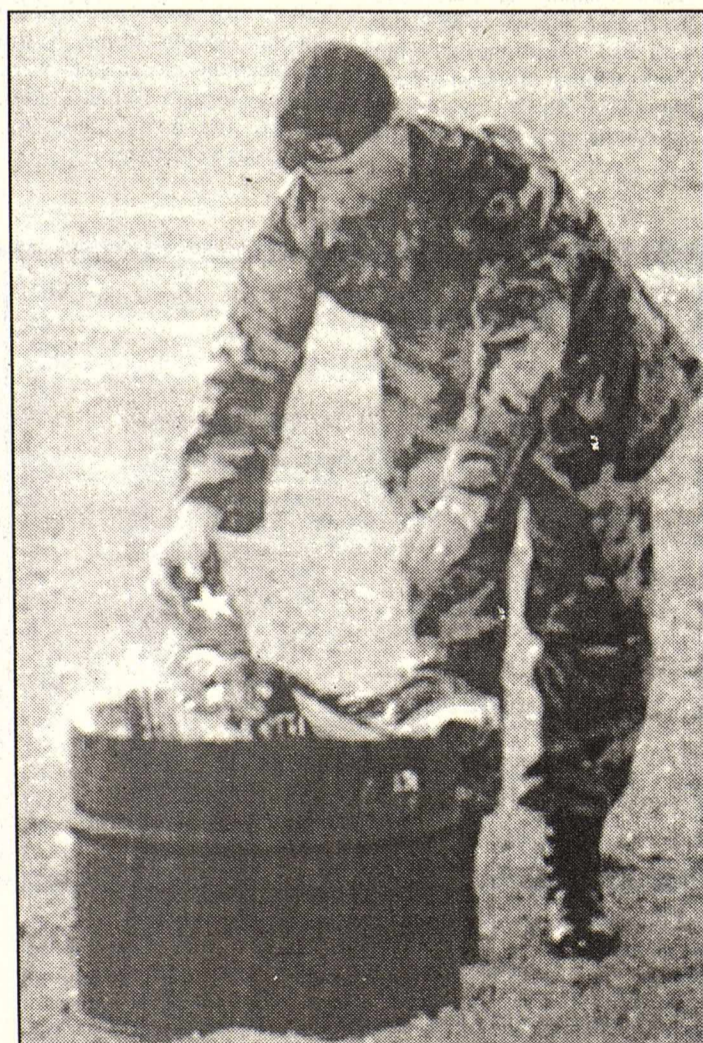
by Storie Sharp

The dark clouds and bolts of lightning didn't stop everyone from attending the 9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony, but it did make the crowd a bit smaller than last year. The downpour that finally hit did send most people running for cover, but not before those in attendance had a chance to reflect on why they were there. Knowing the storm was fixing to hit, Matthew Young, representing the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, started the ceremony with a brief welcome. Sonora Middle School student, Alicia Lowe, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Don Longoria of the Lighthouse Community Church then stepped forward to talk about what 9/11 represents in 2003. Many things have changed since that day two years ago, when the twin towers fell in New York, the Pentagon was hit in Washington and another plane was brought down in Pennsylvania by true American heroes fighting for the lives of others. Brother Don reminded us to remain united in our faith in the Lord and called for everyone to join in prayer for those

who had lost their loved ones and friends on that day. An eerie feeling came over some in the crowd as a small airplane circled the arena while Brother Don spoke, evoking an automatic feeling of unavoidable fear in some. The small plane then landed at the Sonora Municipal Airport with no incidence, but it brought the message home even clearer, life has changed since September 11, 2001 and everyday occurrences now have different significance.

With small drops beginning to fall, Young introduced Church of Christ Pastor, Jerry Jackson to reflect on "Old Glory". As Brother Jerry began, the Veterans and local Scouts began the ceremonial march to the barrels to properly retire the worn American Flags of Sonora. The downpour hit by the third flag, and the crowd dissipated quickly.

Although the ceremony was cut short, the meaning will forever remain: "Old Glory" will always symbolize a freedom that we will continually fight for. We are part of a nation that strives to stay united and no rainy days will bring us down.



U.S. Army National Guardsman, Scott Garrett retires an American Flag at a 9/11 ceremony at the Sutton County arena.

Commissioners' Court Conducts General Business

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2003. After the general business of approving prior meetings and accounts payable, Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner, informed the Court that, as agreed previously, the Justice of the Peace office has rebudgeted from their Technology fund to purchase a computer. Garner said that the hard drive in another unit was failing, causing the system to shut down. Inquiries with Joan Hudson of Hudson Technology had found that the computer needs to be replaced. J.P. Adelita Alvarez said that she had received a quote from Dell, with a discount. Alvarez was requesting to go ahead and purchase two computers at this time. After discussion on the matter, the commissioners agreed to purchase two at the same time, to save money. Sheriff Fincher requested to have the old computers for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Fincher reported that there were 68 inmates housed in the jail for the month of August, putting the total at 633 for the year. This could be the highest amount ever for Sutton County. Fincher reported that there had been 1,122 calls

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Butler Presents Hospital Board With Plans and Estimated Costs of Hospital Renovations

submitted

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, September 8, 2003, in the annex of the hospital. Directors present were: Lewis Allen, President, Sherrill Dannheim, Vice President, Preston Faris, Lenora Pool, and Michael Healy. Virginia Epps and Maria Carrasco were unable to attend. Visitors for the meeting were Debbie Duncan-Jett, Group Accounts Manager for Zesch & Pickett Insurance, Keith Butler, Administration/CEO, Carolyn Lara and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

Mr. Allen introduced Mrs. Jett, who stated that she was there to present several insurance plans for the district's employee insurance. Jett went over the current plan and advised there was a 6.7% increase in the renewal rate. The only change is the prescription card, which was "dispense as written", will now be "Mandatory Generic". This means that if there is a generic for the prescription written, it will have to be the generic, not the brand name. Jett advised that all prescription cards have changed to the "MG" plan. She went over several companies' insurance plans for the board's consideration. After much discussion, it was approved to

renew the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan M625.

Butler advised the board that it was time to look at any changes regarding the retirement plan for the employees. This is an annual review that the Texas County & District Retirement System requires. This is the only time during the year that any changes can be done to the plan. Mr. Butler stated that it would benefit the employees, to increase the employee's contribution rate from 4% to 5%. Butler advised that no other changes needed to be made regarding the retirement plan. There would be no additional expense to the Hospital District. It was approved to adopt a resolution beginning January 1, 2004, to increase the employee deposit rate to 5% of their compensation.

Butler stated that discussion had been held regarding the reserve bank account. He advised the board that it would be better if the reserve account was closed and the money moved to the money market account. It was approved to close the reserve account and transfer the funds to the money market account.

Butler then presented the 2004 budget. He went over each department's line items and advised that he had included the increase in the employee insur-

ance. There were some additions of equipment in Physical Therapy, the Emergency Room and the Physician's office. Butler went over considerations and advised that he had prepared the budget using the same amount of tax money as last year. The Board discussed the budget in depth, and eventually approved the 2004 budget as presented.

The Board discussed the tax rate for 2003. The tax rate is now at .18 cents per \$100 evaluation. The effective tax rate would be .1842 per \$100 evaluation. It was approved to set the 2003 tax rate at the effective rate of .1842 per \$100 evaluation.

Butler advised that he had received the preliminary architect's plans for the new Hospital and the Wellness Center. He presented the plans and the estimate of probable cost for the renovation of the annex and the addition of the Wellness Center. Butler advised that with the estimates of probable cost he would be applying for grants to assist in the funding of this project. The approximate cost of moving the hospital and the addition of the Wellness would be \$3.2 million. He went over the Fund projections for the Clinic expansion and the Hospital replacement capital projects. Butler

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Turner's Trip Home Opens Up Another Spot On The "Old Oak Tree"

by Storie Sharp

Shannon Turner, the son of Mallie and Jeanette Turner of Sonora, was home for a short visit during the week of September 6, 2003. While home, Shannon was honored in a special "Yellow Ribbon Ceremony" on Saturday and was able to help celebrate his father's birthday.

Since Shannon is in the Special Forces of the United States Army, he isn't able to share a lot of information about the work he has done and is doing at present.

Shannon graduated from Sonora High School in 1986 and enlisted with the U.S. Army about 10 years ago.

On November 27, 1990, the US Army 1st Special Operations Command was redesignated the US Army Special Forces Command (Airborne). Its mission is to train, validate, and prepare Special Forces units to deploy and execute operational requirements for the warfighting commanders in chief.

Special Forces soldiers are carefully selected, specially trained, and capable of extended operations in extremely remote and hostile territory. They train to perform five doctrinal missions: Foreign Internal Defense, Unconventional Warfare, Special Reconnaissance, Direct Action, and Combating Terrorism.

In addition to the individual skills of operations and intelligence, communications, medical aid, engineering, and weapons, each Special Forces soldier is taught to train, advise,



Shannon Turner gives his dad, Mallie, a special birthday present by removing his yellow ribbon.

and assist host nation military or paramilitary forces. Special Forces soldiers are highly skilled operators, trainers, and teachers. Area-oriented, these soldiers are specially trained in their area's native language and culture.

The visit home was very nice for the family, who sometimes go for long periods of

time with no news from Shannon.

"Someone will usually let us know he is ok, but we spend a lot of time wondering," said Shannon's mother, Jeanette.

"We're very proud of Shannon and his services, including what they are doing right now," she said.

Mayor Stephen presented

Shannon with the Proclamation for "Yellow Ribbon Day", joining him and his family and friends for the removal of the ribbon. He was also treated to a dinner at the Sutton County Steakhouse, and received many other gifts from Sonora, to remind him of home when he is away.

Hospital Foundation Continues Plans For The Future

The Sutton County Health Foundation Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. President Jim Stephen called the meeting to order, with the following in attendance: Carl and Melissa Teaff, Lola Beth Jones, Rande Fawcett, Ben Pool, Sharon Holman, Keith Butler, Pascal Allison, Curry Campbell, Joe David Ross, Matt Lewis and Al Elliott.

After the minutes from prior meetings were reviewed and approved, Sharon Holman gave the treasurer's report. Income since the last meeting, from memorials and donations was \$2,800.00 and expenses were \$605.98 for supplies and printing. The bank account balance at FNB is \$10,620.19 and the balance in SCHF Endowment Fund is \$130,000.

Plans for the annual meeting in December will be discussed at the next meeting, and a committee will be appointed.

Keith Butler is investigating the possibility of part time help with the donation and memorial correspondence.

Butler presented four possible ads to be run in The Devil's

River News and one was chosen by the Board to run for 52 weeks.

Butler and Lola Beth Jones selected a Christmas card to be sent as a year end thank you. It was agreed to send 200 Christmas cards.

Butler presented a possible bank statement/mailed flyer and it was approved to print 2500 to be used in bank statements and direct mail.

Matt Lewis gave a presentation concerning ways potential donors can give assets or income from assets to the foundation.

Jim Stephen announced that Glen Fisher has volunteered to be chairman of a golf tournament to benefit the foundation.

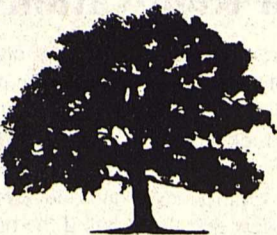
The goal of SCHF is to provide supplemental funds for the operation of the hospital and other healthcare resources in order to decrease the need for tax support of healthcare in Sutton County.

The SCHF will reach its goal by soliciting tax-deductible funds through bequests, contributions, memorials, and gifts. The SCHF will use income generated by the principal to supplement the income of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and healthcare resources in Sutton County.

**Lighthouse
Community Church**


*Everyone Needs 3 Homes
A Home to live in
A Home in Heaven
and a Church Home*

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett

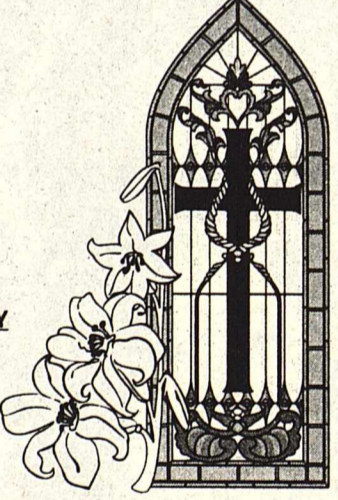


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HEALTH FOUNDATION**

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to quality healthcare for generations to come.
Please consider the Sutton County Health
Foundation, P.O. Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950.
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**Sonora Church
Directory**

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Antonio F. Gonzales, Sr. 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN Lewis Allen, Pastor 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616
CHURCH OF CHRIST Jerry Jackson 304 N. Water 387-3190	LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH Don Longoria, Pastor 1705 N. Crockett
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH T. Wayne Price Pastor 111 E Oak 387-2951	PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED 509 Amistad
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 404 E. Poplar 387-2955	ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I. 229 W. Plum 387-2278
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor 201 N. Water 387-2466	JEHOVAH'S WITNESS 310 St. Ann's Street 387-5658 or 387-5518
TEMPLO JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS Enoc Elias Nunez 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713 387-3092	
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. Charles Huffman 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366	
NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER Jerry & Joy Wood 205 E. Main 387-3241	
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Sonora Middle School student, Alicia Lowe lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Flag Retirement Ceremony.



Veterans and Scouts wait to retire the American Flags.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express their appreciation to all who attended the "9-11 Memorial Day & American Flags Retirement 2003" and a special note of gratitude to the special veterans, boy scouts, and active serviceman who assisted with the service.

Special thank-you to Carl J. Cahill, Jr., Michelle Weingart, Rev. Don Longoria, Rev. Lewis Allen, Alicia Lowe, Glenda Lowe, Rev. Jerry Jackson, Glenda Barton, Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria Lopez, Carl J. Cahill Inc., Sutton County, Matt Young, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, V.F.W. (red poppies flowers), and all the citizens of this community who donated their American Flags for retirement. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Lord for the wonderful rain.

The Sonora Elementary PTO would like to thank all of the elementary teachers and staff members for the wonderful Open House they had at the school on Monday night. We had a wonderful turn out for the free Hot Dog/Chili Dog supper that the PTO hosted in conjunction with the Open House. We served almost 600. To all the parents, grandparents, and other family members, we thank you for coming and participating in this event.

PTO would like to extend a very warm and sincere thank you to the Sonora Downtown Lions Club for donating their time and efforts to cook all the hot dogs for us. Also, many thanks to the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge for all the cups of Blue Bell Ice Cream they donated for elementary school kids. Thank you to Kirk Joy at Stagecoach BBQ, Virginia Garza at Taco Grill, Joanna Wuest at Dairy Queen, Linda Love at the Sutton County Steakhouse, Cynthia Nizar at Cakes and Occasionals, Joe San Miguel at the Sonic Drive-In, Ralph and Bobby Lou Mayer, Kendra Vyvlecka at Farm Bureau and the Sonora High School Athletic Department for all their donations and contributions to this big event. A very special thanks also to Rosario Tovar and Dinney Dudley for the wonderful cakes.

This event would not have been possible without the assistance of our past and present membership who helped set up and serve the meal - thank you all very much!

Mary Humphrey, PTO President,
and Bonnie Lou Campbell, Programs Chair

PS.....a special thanks also to our wonderful husbands
Bryn and Curry for all your help.....we appreciate you
so much!

**Thank you for reading
The Devil's River News.**

**Senior
Center News**

Sept. 22 - Bingo.
Sept. 23 - First day of Autumn.
Sept. 24 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education at noon. Join us for a "great" treat.
Sept. 26 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

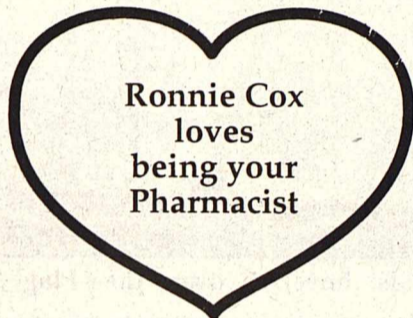

Sept. 22 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, pound cake, milk.
Sept. 23 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, peach cobbler, milk.
Sept. 24 - Hamburger on bun with mustard, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, oven French fries, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.
Sept. 25 - Ham with pineapple, peas, carrot, macaroni & cheese, roll, peaches, lemon bar.
Sept. 26 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad, 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.

**RECEPTION HONORING
PRESTON FARIS**

Preston Faris retired as Sutton County Extension Agent on August 31, 2003 after serving Sutton County for 24 years. **An Open House Reception for Faris will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 beginning at 3:00 p.m. with a short program at 4:00 p.m. at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.** Everyone is invited to come and honor Preston Faris for his service to Sutton County. A collection of letters is being put together for Preston and anyone who would like should bring a letter to the reception.

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Obituary

Ashlynn Blayne Worley

Ashlynn Blayne Worley, age 13, joined the angels on Monday evening, September 15, 2003, at Shannon Medical Center. She was born in Longview on March 1, 1990, to Danny and Tammy Worley. She is survived by her parents; grandparents, E.J. and Fern Wipff; aunts and uncles; Ron and Debbie Rhiddlehoover, Mike Worley, Kenny Worley; a special great aunt, Stella Taylor; and numerous cousins.

Ashlynn was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents J.W. and Martha Worley, and great-grandmother Effie D'Spain Hubble.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 18, 2003, 10:30 a.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with Graveside Service at Sonora at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Don Jones of Three Rivers Church of Christ officiating. The family wishes to extend the most heartfelt appreciation to the Shannon Pediatric Unit and Respiratory staff, Dr. Karl Wehner, who cared for Ashlynn since she was a year old, and went far and above his call of duty as a doctor, all of the special, loving home health staff, and the special staff of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, and many others too numerous to mention.



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Sept. 17
S.I.S.D. School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. • Admin. Bldg.

Sept. 18
Merchant's Association Meeting
12:00 Noon • Sutton County Steakhouse

The Community Calendar




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Calendar

Sept. 20
Open House Reception
honoring Preston Faris
3:00 p.m. • Civic Center

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When was the Eaton house built?

A. John Eaton, Sr. moved to Sonora in 1913. John Jr. has told me his father built the house. Checking further we find that he made many additions to the structure but he did not build the main part of the house. This was done in 1897 by T. D. Newell at the cost of \$800. The building on the hill, and construction cost of \$800 are listed in the Devil's River News of January 8, 1898. Since John was very young when his family moved here and a great deal of work was done to add on to the home for their large family, we can understand why he might have thought his father had built the home.

Q. You said once that the Mexicans had a cross on the hill in the early days. Where did you get this information.

A. Several different families had told me about the cross over the years. In the Devil's River News of March 12, 1898, we found the following support of their claims: Father Joseph Moulin, the Catholic priest of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week, and held services Wednesday morning and evening. The Catholics of Sonora, most of whom are Mexicans, will try to build a small house for church and school purposes. Father Moulin says there are in Sonora, about 35 Mexican families with an average of six to the family. Father Joseph will arrange to visit Sonora every two months. Father Moulin is an energetic young Frenchman. He blessed a cross for the Mexicans, on the hill opposite Sonora, in Santa Rosa, Wednesday. The placing of the cross in this place is a custom the Mexicans have of showing their faith in Christ and

Christianity. Santa Rosa de Sonora was the name given to the Mexican part of town in its earliest days. This covered all the area West of town, not just this side of the draw. Now, with growth it has been split into 3 different regions. Santa Rosa is still the name for the old main area surrounding the Catholic Church.

Other news of interest: Bishop Johnson of the Episcopal church held services in Sonora that Wednesday and Thursday night, and Friday morning where he baptized and confirmed several additions to the church.

It seems that social rules regarding dances were quite strict as the following statement shows: There is plenty of time after a child is fifteen years to enjoy itself at public entertainments. Children under 15 years are requested not to apply for admission to the Fancy Dress Ball.

Laura Decker is the proprietress of the Decker Hotel and W. H. Lightfoot has a first-class restaurant at which meals and fresh oysters are available at all hours. Mr. Lightfoot also sells fancy groceries, fruits and confectioneries in his store. Noah Rose, the photographer, is in town to photograph the ladies and gentlemen for the fancy dress ball. M. V. Sharp, blacksmith and wheelwright want you to give him a trial, all his work is guaranteed. Frank Tuitte is a house painter and does plain and decorative paper hanging.

The Bank of Sonora, John W. Hagerlund, President; F. M. Justice, Vice President; and B. M. Halbert, Cashier, have a capital paid in of \$22,000 and are conducting general banking business.

Drake Bros. are the proprietors of the Decker's livery Stable and C. J. Nichols is a builder and contractor. A. J.

Savell is the proprietor of the Sonora and San Angelo Mail, Express and Passenger Line. A trip to San Angelo is \$4 and a round trip is \$6.50. The stage leaves for San Angelo every day except Sunday at 7 o'clock a.m.

County Officers are: J.O. Rountree, Judge; L.N. Halbert, Attorney; S. H. Stokes, Clerk; J.P. McConnell, Sheriff; A. J. Swearingen, Assessor; W. H. Cusenbary, Treasurer; John McNicol, Surveyor; R. B. Hemphill, Hide and Animal Inspector; W. A. Stewart, Commissioner of Pct. 1; O. H. Wood, Commissioner of Pct. 2; Sam Merck, Commissioner of Pct. 3 and A. A. Williamson, Commissioner of Pct. 4.

Q. Was John Keton, ever arrested for any part of the Coleman train robbery?

A. Devil's River News, August 5, 1899-John Matthews of Co. D. Texas State Rangers, who arrested John Keton, some weeks ago at Juarez, Mexico, was in Sonora this week on business. Mr. Matthews says the officers have not given up hope of having Keton extradited. The Governor of Chihuahua still has the matter under consideration and Keton is still in jail. The last papers in the case are voluminous and have to be translated into Spanish before the Mexican Government.

Keton was finally returned and indicted but all charges had to be dropped when the main witness in the case, Bud Newman, was shot and killed by Bill Taylor.

In this same issue we found that Bill Taylor and another prisoner in the jail at Coleman, had their liberty for a few hours one night last week. They managed to break jail and were striking out from town when they were met by Sheriff Knox who had been informed by telephone of their escape. They inquired of Sheriff Knox where the road they were led to and the Sheriff told them to turn around and it would lead them to the jail.

Bill Taylor was persistent and escaped again and from several other jails. After the killing of Newman some say he went to Mexico to hide out and others say he went to a ranch in New Mexico and lived there under an assumed name.

In the next issue, August 12, 1899 we located a death we have been asked about in the past: Henry Baker a young man recently arrived from Texas was killed by the accidental discharge of a Winchester shot gun. He was riding in a dog cart with the mail carrier, between Red Rock and Duncan, New

Mexico, and had a loaded Winchester shotgun with a cartridge in the chamber, standing up on the bottom of the vehicle with the muzzle against his body. The cart passed over a soap wed making a very heavy lurch. The button of the gun dropped off the wagon the hammer striking one of the irons at the bottom of the vehicle, with such force as to break the thumb hold by which the gun is cocked, and exploding the cartridge in the chamber. The load of shot entered the young man's abdomen, ranging upward and causing death instantly. He rolled from the cart and was dead when his companion picked him up. Henry Baker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker who ranch on the North Llano in Sutton County.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may call the offices when we are open, Monday 8-5, Tuesday 8-lunch and Friday 8-5, at 387-5084. Tours of the Miers Home Museum are available on those same days. You call the same number to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Depot). The rental calendar is kept here at the office, along with the rate schedule so it is best to call me when the office is open.

Work on the Old Ice House Museum is coming along slowly but we are working on it on Saturdays. If you would like to come help just give us a call at the office during the week or at home at 387-2855. We have a few trees to cut down and lots of cleaning, carpentry work, painting and window replacement to be done in the buildings and there is always a need for people to mow the grass and keep the "volunteer" weeds and trees from invading the place. This museum, when finished, will house the articles that were in the jail and many other items that have been given to or promised to us in the near future. We are always looking for good "junk" as some people call it, treasures to us, for our exhibits.

A special thanks to Rosemary Whitehead Jones for the donation of manikins she picked up at a going out of business sale in Del Rio. Now we need some old timey clothes for the pretty lady, this includes articles all the way up to the 1950's. Wouldn't she look cute in a poodle skirt, with all those petticoats and a pink sweater! We could do a rock and roll diorama.

TxDOT Announces Retirement, Service Awards

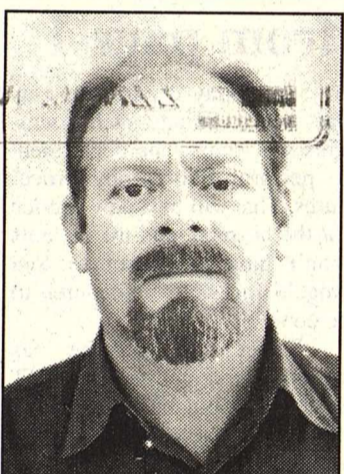


Betty Kohutek

submitted

Three local employees from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have received special recognition during the third quarter.

Betty Kohutek, who retired Aug. 31, was presented her final service award, acknowledging 16 years of service with the state's transportation agency. She was also featured in a special edition of the San Angelo District internal newsletter that featured nine employees who retired in August. In the newsletter, Kohutek, former maintenance inspector, said she will be found tending to her own flower bed after retirement instead of the Sonora comfort station. Her duties as inspector



Romeo "Red" Perez

and caretaker at the comfort station are highlights in Kohutek's career. During her retirement, she'll also spend time helping her husband with a "small business" as well as time with her family.

Romeo Perez, Sonora Maintenance supervisor, and Ben Mittel (not pictured), Sonora Area Office construction inspector, also received service awards. Perez has completed 15 years of service while Mittel received a 10-year service award.

Framed certificates and individual service award gifts were presented to the three employees, according to their years of service with TxDOT.

News from the Neighbors

Crockett County Historical Commission, Crockett County Museum and Crockett County Historical Society will observe the Archeological Awareness month of October with an outstanding program.

Jim Collett of Midland, Texas will bring an exciting program entitled "Fossilized Memory, Reflections on West Texas Archeology". It will include slides and artifacts.

The program will be held on Monday, October 6, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum, 404 11th Street. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 392-2837.

Happy Birthday Grandma!



We Love You!
Brittany, Angel & Hannah


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15th Celebration
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*"This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalm 118:24*

**Rev. Lewis Allen
and the Congregation
of
The Church of the Good Shepherd
Presbyterian Church
in
Sonora, Texas
would like you to join us in
rejoicing on
Sunday, September 21, 2003
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
We are celebrating the completion
of our new Fellowship Hall,
Sunday School Rooms and Kitchen.
Please help us celebrate this
wonderful blessing
by attending our
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Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce
 by Ruthie Bounds, Manager
 On Monday evening September 15th, I decided at the last minute to change the subject matter for this week's Chamber Chatter column. It came to me while I was attending the Sonora Elementary School Open House. I think we sometimes take for granted what a wonderful community we live in. I was attending the Open House at the school with my husband and our little girl. I was also supposed to be at another meeting concerning the renovation of the Eaton House. I listened to the informative presentation by the Elementary School principal, Louise Dermody and PTO president, Mary Humphrey, and was amazed at the number of people attending the Open House this year, while in the back of my mind I was worrying about the other meeting that I was to attend, and hoping that enough people were in attendance at that meeting.

When the presentation in the auditorium was over everyone went outside to be served supper on the tennis courts. That is when it hit me! Look at all these people here to help serve supper to the elementary school students and their families. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Downtown Lions Club were there in full force. There were three serving lines with a volunteer serving each food item. We are so very fortunate to live in a town where every one chips in to do their part. We sometimes only hear about it when someone maybe "drops the ball" or doesn't show up to help with what we think they should. We rarely get to hear about the good things that people do. I was overwhelmed at the turn out, not of only the parents, but of all the volunteers. We had a super time and our little pre-k student thought everyone was there just for her benefit.

I left the school and rushed up to the Eaton House meeting (over an hour late), and there were at least a dozen people still in attendance at that meeting. Since I missed a great deal of that meeting, I won't try to report on all that took place. No one at the meeting seemed to mind that a couple of us were late due to attending the Open House at the school, it was simply understood that we got there as soon as we could. It was a very positive meeting and the many people in attendance showed some real support for the project. Again I was overwhelmed at how much the people of Sonora care about their community and each other. We are so fortunate to live in Sonora, and occasionally we should remind ourselves of that.

I would also like to remind all of our local business people that we will be having a meeting of the Sonora Merchant's Association on Thursday September 18, 2003, in the Strawberry Patch at the Sutton County Steakhouse at 12:00 noon. It is that time of year again, and we need to discuss what kind of Holiday Promotion the businesses of Sonora would like to have this year. I hope to see you all there.

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S.H.S. Student Attends Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp

"Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand." That's the motto of the Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps.

Sheryl Strauch recently attended the Rolling Plain Bobwhite Brigade on the Krooked River Ranch as a cadet.

The Texas Brigades program is a five-day wildlife leadership camp designed to engage the minds of high-school age students.

There are five camps held around the state each summer. In addition to the Bobwhite and Buckskin Brigade, there is the Feathered Forces, which focuses on quail and turkeys.

From the moment students arrive at a Brigade camp they are learning about wildlife management, hunting skills and conservation of natural resources.

The camp adheres to its hands-on motto. The first lesson is a necropsy of either deer or quail, depending on the camp's focus.

Cadets study the species and its survival needs, and then begin to learn about the habitat. Such concepts as interspersion, limiting factor, and Aldo



Leopold's five management tools are covered in the curriculum.

Various census methods were discussed for both deer and quail. One of the most interesting is the spotlight deer survey in which campers were able to determine deer density and other valuable management statistics.

Radio telemetry is a favorite activity at Bobwhite Brigade. Cadets place a transmitter on a captured quail and then released it into the wild. This enables Researchers to collect valuable information about quail behavior.

Each camp closes with a day of competition in which the skills cadets have gained over the week are tested. Such activities include skeet shooting,

marksmanship, taxidermy and an oral presentation in which the week's teachings are summed up.

The fun does not end here. In order to earn the privilege to return as an Assistant Covey Leader the following year a cadet must conduct educational programs promoting wildlife conservation. Hopefully Sheryl will return next summer to lead her covey to success.

Campers depart brigades exhausted due to the intense schedule but brimming with knowledge about wildlife and their new-found capabilities. To learn more about Texas Brigades please visit www.texasbrigades.org or call Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-839-9453.

Main Street Traffic

by Ann Kay, Manager

The Fall Festival is always a great success and I would like to start by thanking the downtown businesses and Sonora ISD staff for all that they do to help make the event fun for all that attend. The Downtown Businesses and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program are looking forward to having all the little ghosts, ghouls, princesses and football players marching down the street.

The Annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Main Street. Don't miss out on the fun, food, bingo, games, the slide, the train and more. The money raised will go to help support special events and awards for the students of Sonora schools.

The crowning of Mr. and Miss Fall Festival will start the activities, with the Story Book Parade for the younger children (up to 6th grade) beginning immediately after. So get those costumes ready and meet us on Main Street October 25th. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups.

Hospital Board from page 1

advised that the architects could be ready to get the bids in November and start the job in January. Discussions of the architect's plans, the expense of the project and the possibility of getting grants were held. By consensus the board was in agreement to continue with the moving of the Hospital to the Annex and the addition of a Wellness Center. The board discussed putting an ad in the newspaper for the public to see the new Hospital and the Wellness Center. A motion was made to have a full-page ad in the newspaper to show the board's approval for the new Hospital and Wellness Center.

Butler advised that work had started on the Medical Clinic. The Construction company has started putting the base down on the back of the building. They have started tearing off the roof. They were delayed about 1-1/2 weeks due to a problem with a utility pole, but the manager of the project says they can make the time up.

Butler said it was time for the annual review and approval of the Infection Control and Pharmacy Manuals. There have been no changes in either manual. A motion was made to approve the two Policy and Procedures manuals. Motion carried.

Butler then stated that the Trauma Survey had been held on Friday, September 5th. The surveyor had gone through the hospital very thoroughly. He had given some suggestions on various things. The information should be available around the 19th on whether or not the hospital has been designated as a Level IV Trauma Center.

The X-ray department now has two radiology technicians. This will enable the department to perform fluoroscopy procedures. This will be a new service for the hospital, and the patients won't have to travel to San Angelo for these procedures to be done.

Butler said that he has signed a contract for the CAT Scan. It should be here around the 1st of October. This will be an additional service offered by the hospital and will be a tremendous diagnostic tool in the treating of our critical trauma cases.

Butler told the Board that the Health Fair will be held in the Annex on October 1st. The hospital will be doing some lab tests for the public during the Fair. The three tests will be: Lipids, Glucose and PSA. He also gave the accounts receivable report for August and advised that it is still good, but the office is continuing to try and get it down to 55-60 days. Right now it is 73 days.

Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for July, 2003. The total patient revenues were \$237,277 with the total operating revenue of \$156,110. Total operating expenses were \$217,951, with a net loss from operation of \$61,841. This is \$242,804 under budget through the month of July.

The expenditures were presented and approved for payment for the month of August.

Lenora Pool read a thank-you that was sent to her from one of our patient's family members. The note was very complimentary of the patient care and kindness their mother received while a patient in this facility.

Important Information For Women



Henry Bonilla, 23rd Congressional District of Texas

Hormone replacement therapy is an issue for every adult woman. There are so many news stories giving piece-meal information. In an effort to offer clear and straight forward advice about hormone replacement therapy, I was proud to join with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as we launched a national education campaign on the subject.

This new campaign, which Congress mandated last year, emphasizes the increased risks to women that have become known in the past year. As many women in my district know, those risks include higher rates of breast cancer, blood clots and heart disease. I believe women of America need the facts. There are too many stories out there giving inaccurate information. It's hard to tell what is fact and what is fiction. This initiative will take away the guess work and help better educate women on Hormone Replacement Therapy.

Working in collaboration with Department of Health and Human Services agencies, the FDA has developed science-based informational materials on its latest menopausal hormone therapies (estrogens and estrogens with progestins). The Agency is working closely with women's health organizations, community-based organizations and other experts to get this information out to women and healthcare providers.

The main tools of the campaign are a menopause and hormone-therapy fact sheet, and a purse guide that provides questions for discussion with a health professional. These materials will be available in both English and Spanish from the National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC).

As a long-time advocate of women's health education, I am happy to know that more women in this country will be armed with knowledge. This helpful information is available on the government web site, www.4woman.gov, and will be distributed in fliers in government offices and by women's health groups. A questionnaire for women to use when discussing hormone therapies with their doctors was created as well.

Choosing hormone replacement therapy is a tremendous decision-I hope this campaign helps make it an educated decision, too.

School Lunch Menu • September 22 - 26, 2003

- Breakfast**
- Mon. - Cinnamon toast, assorted juice.
 - Tues. - Pancake pups, assorted juice.
 - Wed. - Banana nut muffin, fruit.
 - Thurs. - Breakfast pizza, assorted juice.
 - Fri. - Bean & cheese burrito, assorted juice.
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**
- Lunch**
- Mon. - Pizza, kernel corn, carrot, celery sticks, dip, sliced pears.
 - Tues. - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, fresh apple, oatmeal raisin cookie.
 - Wed. - Chalupas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, mixed fruit, crackers.
 - Thurs. - Chili Mac with cheese, mixed vegetables, pineapple jell-o, combread.
 - Fri. - Cheeseburger, French fries, ketchup, burger salad, peanut butter cookie.

Broncos Get Bit By Bulldogs



#65 Laramie Hall takes out a Brady Bulldog, to help clear a path for #11 Scottie Moore. Photo by Ray Glasscock

Sonora took the opening kickoff and marched down the field for an easy score. Scottie Moore gained 30+ yards on his first carry of the night. When the Broncos got close to the goal line, Chris Martin finished the drive by scoring from the three yard line. The PAT was missed by Zed Snodgrass.

Then the turnover bug hit. Sonora lost five of six fumbles and had an intercepted pass returned for a touchdown.

The Bronco offense came to life in the fourth quarter due to great running by Brett McDaniels. McDaniels scored both fourth quarter touchdowns on runs of nine and 59 yards. The nine yard run was setup by a 40+ yard run by McDaniels.

Virgil Burge and Mike Percifull, announcers for KHOS, chose Steven Duhon as the defensive player of the game and McDaniels as the offensive player of the game.

	Brady	Sonora
First downs	17	13
Rushing Yards	46-126	28-179
Passing Yards	111	107
Total yards	237	288
Comp-Alt-Int	6-15-1	9-23-2
Fumbles-lost	3-2	6-5
Punts-avg.	3-35	1-28
Penalties-yards	4-30	3-20

Score by Quarters
 Brady 7 14 14 0 35
 Sonora 6 0 0 12 18

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
 Sonora - 9:51 remaining, Chris Martin 1 run (kick fail)
 Brady - 2:51, Paden Behrens 3 run (Jeremy Shields kick)

Second Quarter
 Brady - 9:57, Chris Airhart 1 run (Shields kick)
 Brady - 2:28, Channing Booker 47 pass interception (Shields kick)

Third Quarter
 Brady - 9:17, Lance Owens 4 pass from Behrens (Shields kick)
 Brady - 5:31, Zane Hanna 7 pass from Behrens (Shields kick)

Fourth Quarter
 Sonora - 8:21, Brett McDaniels 9 run (kick failed)
 Sonora - 6:04, McDaniels 59 run (kick failed)

Cross-Country Gains Ground In Grape Creek

by Kellie Crain

On Saturday, September 13, the Sonora Cross-Country team traveled to San Angelo State Park for the second meet of the season. Sonora had a strong showing with a total of 47 runners. Both junior high divisions and high school girls ran two miles while high school boys ran three miles.

The 8th grade boys definitely came to compete, and ended up placing third as a team. Out of 41 runners, Clayton Sahr placed 4th with a time of 14:34:99, Colton Moore placed 8th with a time of 15:01:28, J.T. Downing finished 19th with a time of 16:09:86, Michael Chavez finished 28th with a time of 17:31:89, and Spencer Hall finished 30th with a time of 17:43:69.

For the 7th grade boys, David Lane placed 4th out of 25 runners, with a time of 14:19:19. Also competing were Mika Hernandez, who finished 17th, and Ricardo Rodriguez, who finished 23rd.

Out of 88 7th grade girls, Kaitlyn Henderson placed 14th with a time of 16:02:01. She was followed by Kayla Webb, placing 38th with a time of 17:31:66. Other runners were Vickie Torres (42nd), Savannah Leonard (46th), Steely Ingham (55th), Tanya Adams (62nd), Jessica Snyder (70th), Azeneth Villanueva (74th), Loren Isenhour (75th), Stephani Morriss (76th), Liliana Fraire (82nd), and Jeanette Tovar (84th). Emily Earwood placed 26th out of 63 8th grade girls with a time of 16:50:40. She was followed by Kimble Luna, who finished 37th and Kelsey Watkins, who finished 38th. Others competing were Heather Hughes (41th) and Laura Martin (45th).

In the Junior Varsity girls' division, Delma Tovar placed 21st out of 48 runners with a time of 17:40:68. Others competing were Dee McGee (31st), Jillian Gulley (33rd), Desirae Boldt (44th), Emily Butler (46th), Tamika Marshall (47th) and Maggie Ramirez (48th).

Mandy Brister had a good run for the Varsity girls' division, placing 42nd out of 96 runners with a time of 15:45:88. Alexie Ortiz followed closely with a time of 16:08:99, placing 48th. Also running were Amanda Berry (64th), Felisha Gamez (71st), Megan Berry (73rd), Meghan Krieg (77th), and Kayla Fields (78th).

The Varsity boys' division had 57 competitors. Nick Favella placed 19th with a time of 20:36:18, Toni Torres placed 26th with a time of 21:42:28, and Jesse Garza placed 27th with a time of 21:45:81. Other runners were Ty Love (44th), Pedro Gloria (47th), Jacob Ibarra (48th), and Stevie Hernandez (52nd).

All of Sonora's runners ran well and are improving their times. The next meet is in Ballinger on September 20th.

Letter to the Editor

Sonora,
 I write this not only as a varsity football player's mom but also as a steadfast supporter of the Sonora Broncos and its coaching staff. In the short time that my family has lived in Sonora, the community support of our kids and the sports programs that they participate in have made such a profound impression on me. At the football game Friday night the pride I feel for our team and especially the boys did not waver but the pride I feel for the fans did to some degree. As the game progressed, the team never lost sight of their goal to win, never lost their hustle and, even though mistakes were made, left the field with confidence and pride. I know that it has been said so many times....this is a young team with so much potential but most importantly this is such an outstanding group of young men. They work hard to win, are always supportive of each other and stay together as a team. I ask that the fans remember that these boys and their coaches need our support just as much, if not more, during this year of change and growth. GO BIG RED!!!!!!

Sincerely,
 Tina Watkins

Dear Sonora,
 IN recognition of the 50th year of Bronco Championship football (1953-2003), the team of '53 wishes the team of 2003 every success.
 Research back into the Devil's River News records - dateline: Friday, Nov. 27, 1953 - shows massive front page headlines: "BRONCOS WIN 6-A FOOTBALL...THE FIRST UNDISPUTED FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP EVER WON BY SONORA HIGH SCHOOL".

Before '53 Sonora had several near misses and some great individuals such as Bobby Allen and Al Boughton, both of whom lettered at Rice U. and Gene Henderson who was All-Conference Quarterback for the Jr. College San Angelo Rams.
 But, it was the team of '53 who finally took the torch and held it high with most of the team of '53 again winning both District and Bi-District/Area Championship in '54, when the closest District and Bi-District opponent came within 25 points of the Broncos. We ended the year #4 in the state rankings.

The teams of '53 and '54 did something else for Bronco history. They created Sonora's first official 2 Time All-State player in Tailback/Quarterback, George Wright. Wright went on to letter two years as Tailback/Quarterback and Def. Back for Tennessee.

The team members of 1953 who "started it all" for the historic Bronco football program were: Coaches - Joe Turner, Jack Fry, Oliver Wuest and John Kenner and Players - Eusabio Gonzales, Jack Adkins, Sam Gonzales, Turney Friess, Jerry White, Gene Eubank, Armondo Badillo, Don Valliant, Tommy Adams, Eddie Smith, Tracy Crites, Jody Minnick, Richard Mayer, Alfred Trevino, Jim Skinner, Jack Johnson, George Wright, Billy Frank Turney, Ted Joy, Don Fuqua, Joe Renfro, Thomas Santos, Shannon Ratliff, George Johnson, James McLaughlin, Preston Love, Rus Chalk, Reed Jennings, Austin Martinez, Felipe Bernal and Francisco Sanchez.
 Go Get 'Em Team of 2003 - Uphold the Half Century of Bronco Football Tradition!

Lightning Stops Colt Games

by Nancy Glasscock

The 7th Grade Colts played host to Brady last Thursday at Bronco Stadium. It was a defensive battle from start to finish in the storm-shortened game.

The Colts won the toss and elected to kickoff. Brady gave the ball back quickly to the Colts, but the Colts couldn't put points on the scoreboard on four tries in the Red Zone. When Brady took over, the Colt defense forced them to punt. The Colts moved the ball for two first downs on runs by Mario Lira and passes to Rosendo Salazar and Ricardo Rodriguez from Colt quarterback Derek Van Winkle. The drive stalled after a penalty and two incomplete passes.

Brady took over on their 24 yard line. They ran the ball four consecutive times and scored the only touchdown of the game. The two point conversion was stopped by the Colt defense.

The next Colt offensive drive near the end of the second quarter was their best chance to put points on the board: Reynaldo Gaytan recovered Brady's inside kickoff. Lira was moving the ball down the field on hard runs. Then Brady was charged with a 15 yard face

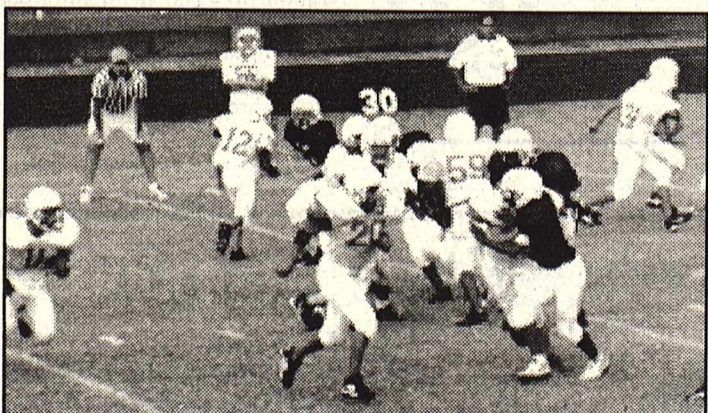
mask penalty. The drive ended when Van Winkle fumbled a snap and then threw an off-balance pass over Lira's head.

David Lane and Lira stopped Brady from adding to their score with three good defensive plays to end the half with the score still 6-0 in Brady's favor.

Brady started the second half with a successful inside kick. Brady was driving for another touchdown, when the wheels came off due to Brady penalties and fumbled snaps. This gave the Colt defense a chance to keep Brady from scoring again. Michael Luttrell and Ross Crites made the defensive plays that helped the Colts get the ball back on their own seven yard line. Salazar took the ball up the field for an eighteen yard gain. This Colt drive stalled after a false start and two incomplete passes.

Brady had the ball for the last offensive possession when the game was called due to lightning within eight miles of the field.

This week the 7th grade Colts travel to Junction for a 5:30 game and the 8th graders go to Forsan for a 5:00 game. Good luck Colts!



7th Grade Colts Offensive Line clears the way for #11 Derek Van Winkle. Photo by Ray Glasscock

The 8th grade game, as well as both JV games in Brady, were cancelled due to lightning.

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 • Abilene Christian* • Homecoming • San Angelo • 7:00 p.m.

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11/1 • Midwestern State* • Wichita Falls • 7:00 p.m.

11/8 • Texas A & M Commerce* • Military Day • San Angelo • 2:00 p.m.

11/16 • Texas A & M Kingsville* • Kingsville • 7:00 p.m.

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JV

Sept. 18
 White
 Christoval • Home • 5:00 p.m.
 Sept. 19
 Red
 Forsan • Home • 7:00 p.m.
 Sept. 25
 White
 Garden City • Home
 5:00 p.m.
 Red
 Brackettville • Home
 7:00 p.m.
 Oct. 2
 Open
 Oct. 9
 White
 Crane • There • 5:00 p.m.
 Red
 Reagan County • There
 6:30 p.m.

Colts

Sept. 18
 Forsan • There • 5:00/6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 25
 Brackettville (8th grade only)
 Home • 4:00 p.m.
 Oct. 2
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 Home • 5:00 p.m.
 Oct. 9
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Texas FFA Launches Project to Reconnect With Former Members

Austin-The Texas FFA Association has launched a program to reconnect with the hundreds of thousands of students who have worn the distinctive blue and gold FFA jacket over the last eight decades. "The Texas FFA is celebrating 75 years of success through youth leadership development and agricultural education," said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA program. "We want to hear from our former students about how their lives have turned out and how

their FFA training helped them." Maynard said the 75th annual observance of the FFA's birthday in Texas is an excellent opportunity to locate the students who have been in FFA over the years. The organization plans to do that with a website, and a media campaign encouraging former students to make contact with the organization. To assist alumni in reconnecting with the organization, the Texas FFA has launched a new website: www.texasffa.org. Alumni can visit the website and click on the 75th Anniversary logo to submit their contact information. What started as an organization for farm boys in 1929, has grown into a large and sophisticated program which trains both boys and girls in agricultural science, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and a solid work ethic. "We believe FFA has matured into a progressive, inclusive and diverse youth organization teaching leadership, technology, career and character development," said Tobin Redwine, this year's student president of the Texas FFA Association. "We are eager to hear from all generations of former FFA members about how FFA has impacted their lives." The Texas FFA initiated this project to reunite former Texas FFA members with the organization, to keep them informed about the organization and to let current members know how the Texas FFA can impact their own lives, through the experiences of others.

Beef Industry Enjoying Record Prices

by Blair Fannin. b-fannin@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION — While choice slaughter steer prices could soon eclipse levels not seen since March 1993, every sector of the beef cattle industry continues to enjoy record-high prices. Beef experts also predict there's no break to the current trend.

"We've worked our way into one of the best markets that I've seen in my 40 years of livestock marketing," said Dr. Ernie Davis, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist.

From the cow-calf producer to the packer, Davis says "everyone is making money right now" as beef prices continue to remain uncharacteristically high this fall season.

Fall is typically a time of year when prices soften as calf crops are sold and large numbers of fed cattle are usually available in feedlots. But this fall season may go down in the record books as the best ever. The week of Sept. 6, choice slaughter steers averaged \$84.94 per hundredweight (cwt.) — 33 percent higher than 2002. The all-time record high price is \$85.38 per cwt. set the week of March 27, 1993.

"We will probably beat that record in the next week or so because of the short supplies of fed cattle out there and how 'green' the cattle are being pulled through," Davis said. "[The packers] are pulling these cattle off 'green' and the slaughter weights are down and the production per head is dropping, too. That's reducing our total beef production because we are pulling those cattle forward sooner."

Lack of supply is fueling the record high prices, Davis said. Continued cow herd liquidation due to drought has further decreased the nation's beef cow population. High demand for beef has also helped escalate prices. This is in sharp contrast to 2001 after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Basically that event kept people at home, and we had stockpiles of beef in the grocery stores," he said.

For much of 2003, Davis said there have been no signs of cow herd expansion as the heifer-steer slaughter ratio continues to be high. Heifers being held for beef cow replacement on July 1 was at 4.6 million, while feedlot supplies are 5 percent less than a year ago at an estimated 39.3 million head, down 200,000 head from 2002, Davis said.

Pork consumption is less than a year ago, while poultry production will be more than first estimated, jumping from 32.3 billion pounds to 32.9 billion pounds in 2003.

"The case of mad cow disease in Canada earlier this year closed U.S. imports of fresh beef and live cattle. That event has played a major role in pushing up beef prices as well," Davis said.

"When Canada closed its doors, everybody else closed their doors to Canada, and our exports jumped because we picked up those customers," he said. "We are producing less, getting less in, and shipping

more out. At the same time, we have strong demand for beef. That's primarily because of the increased demand for beef loins relative to pork loins. Pork [producers] have gotten their loins so lean and so dry, they've lost some of the quality."

With feedlots operating at 5 percent less capacity than a year ago, Davis predicts it's going to become harder for feedlot operators to find feeder cattle this fall.

"Many thought it would be relatively easy to find replacement cattle because of the drought we were having in Kansas and Oklahoma. There was concern there wouldn't be any wheat for the stocker cattle buyers," Davis said. "But the recent rains have perked up the growing season. The stocker boys will be bidding those calves away from the feedlots. The feedlots are going to have competition for that supply of calves."

Davis said the unique thing about the current cattle market is that it's one where everybody is making money.

"The cow-calf producer is making money, the feedlots are making money," he said. "Feedlot closeout prices are \$73 per cwt. and they are getting \$83-plus for those cattle. They are getting well over \$150 profit per head. Packers are making money because their wholesale prices are high. Retailers are making money because of near-record retail prices and consumer demand remains strong."

Davis doesn't see a big dip in prices in the near future.

"Right now, we're looking at exorbitant prices for calves," he said.

Davis said prices for 400 to 500 pound weight calves are well over \$1 a pound, and 700-800 pound weight feeder steers are approaching \$1 a pound.

"Feedlots have had to give exorbitant prices for these cattle," he said. "December close-out forecast for feedlots is \$83 per cwt."

"If somebody would have told me that a month ago, I would have said there is no way in the world that the feedlots can pay that kind of money. If the current situation remains the same, the feedlots are going to have a very good chance of covering that \$83 close out."

Davis said he expects prices to stay in the mid-to-low-80's for fed cattle.

"The prices are so high, so variable, it's hard to call. We expect that they are going to stay at least in the mid-to-low-80's. Don't expect to see much below \$78 per cwt. On the feeders, the 700-800 pound weight prices are going to remain strong, because we are going through a time of year when they don't have too many of those cattle."

Davis said calf prices will remain high with good prospects for wheat pastures.

"Those calf prices will be at record or near record prices," he said. "I guess in my 40 years I can't ever remember sitting in September talking about an outlook that looks this positive or strong."

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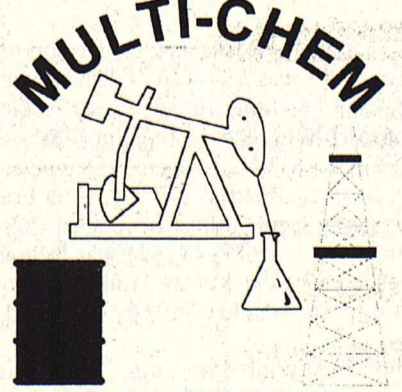
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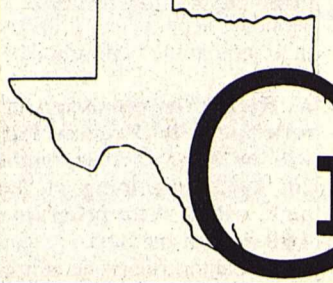
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the Wildcat field(s). No rule 37(38) is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field(s).

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

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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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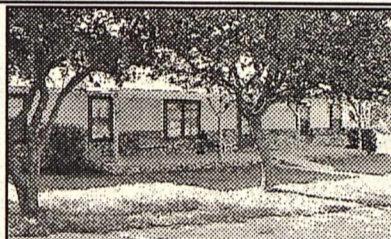
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Up on Eaton Hill

Sonora, A View From The Hill

by Delyse Jaeger
 How would you like to escape to a place where the culture is rich with legend and lore; where the way of life is completely foreign to you, and the natives allow you to actually experience the customs of the land? A relatively undiscovered place where you can see stars you have never seen before; a place where the language is brimming with unfamiliar expressions and the people are friendly and colorful. A place where the splendor of the natural world is all around you. There are no lines to wait in, no traffic jams. In fact you can take a road trip through the surrounding countryside and not pass another vehicle for miles. And oohh the countryside, so varied and teeming with unexpected gems to be discovered. Sound inviting? And where is this exotic get-away? Look around you, YOU ARE THERE! We may not always be able to see it from the inside, but Sonora is an extraordinarily interesting place, packed with entertaining sights, people and customs. Geographically, we are surrounded by numerous points of interest and tourist destinations like the Caverns of Sonora, recognized as one of, if not the most beautiful cave in the country. Intensive market research has revealed that, increasingly, tourists are looking for an "experience" that will be remembered. More and more families are turning from the typical amusement park, big city vacation and opting for the intimacy of rural destinations. The appeal, as described above is obvious. Nature and heritage tourism are growing markets and the trend is not expected to reverse. We in Sonora are wise to pay attention and develop the numerous resources we have to answer this demand. And we are. Our downtown area has undergone numerous historic restorations and additional projects are in progress. To date, these efforts total over 3 million dollars. All of Sonora's attrac-

tions and business organizations are members of the newly formed Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership whose mission is to develop and market our area as a tourist destination. Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is not only a precious gift to the community, but an important contribution to nature tourism. As we go about our daily lives, we should become more aware of the unique culture and environment we are fortunate to live in. And pass it on. The value of these attractions can not be overstated. For example, a small museum where visitors hear the "local version" along with the undisputed facts leaves an impression that will not fade into the hustle and bustle of a theme park experience. The rancher who gives a private tour and opens the eyes of his guests to the reality of ranch life offers a far more valuable experience than can be derived from countless water slides. What would you rather have stuck to the bottom of your shoes - tar and bubble gum or a little sheep dung? There is a place for both worlds, but increasingly, folks are seeking the peace and charm of small town America. Second only to California, Texas corralled 126 million leisure visitors in 2002, accounting for 5.2% of the states' economy. People are fascinated by the mystique of Texas, especially this region where vestiges of the old "Wild West" are still alive and kickin'.

It was from this position that the informal Friends of the Eaton House met to explore the possibility of restoring the Eaton house and adding one more historical asset to Sonora's rich heritage tour. Numerous citizens, business entities and three special guests attended: former resident Dan Eaton, his wife Dianne, and Tony Eeds who specializes in historic restoration architecture. Dan shared childhood memories and provided details important to bringing the story of Eaton Hill to life, including how digging

post holes in Sutton County can directly impact college attendance! Tony Eeds confirmed the historical value of the house, provided an outline of the process and answered numerous questions. Thank you all for your important contribution and support for this project. The success of "putting Sonora on the map" in terms of tourism is dependent upon community involvement and enthusiasm. We are limited only by our desire and dedication!

NOTES FROM EATON HILL: Golden-fronted woodpeckers and goldfinches are plentiful; monarchs are being sighted and the air is perfumed with the sweetness of kidney-wood shrubs in bloom. Wildflowers have again been coaxed from their slumber by the wondrous recent rains and fall is proving to be as impressive as the springtime. Hit the trails and explore the many worlds on Eaton Hill! Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial development Corporation.



Fragrant Kidneywood blooms pepper Eaton Hill.

F.Y.I.

Bronco Booster Club will elect officers at the meeting on Monday, September 22, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

A Reception Honoring the retirement of Preston Faris will be Saturday, September 20, 2003, beginning at 3:00 p.m., with a short program at 4:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Everyone is invited to come and honor Preston for his years of service to Sutton County. A collection of letters is being put together for Preston and anyone who would like to submit such letter is encouraged to bring it to the reception.

SONORA--You have are INVITED to attend the GIRL SCOUTS INVESTITURES CEREMONY on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Just a reminder to all Leaders and Scouts to wear your Uniforms or Pins to the Ceremony. Contact Tammy Favila FMI. See you soon!!

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Kindergarten Girls are welcome to join Girl Scouts. We will be Daisy Troop #215. The meeting will be: 9/25/03 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut. If you have any questions, please call Nelda Tobias after 6:00 at 387-5390.

Sonora Bronco Pep Rally - Friday - 1:30 p.m. - High School Gym.

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.

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September 18

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September 19

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received by the dispatchers and the Sheriff's Office had generated \$3,881.66 fees last month. The average meal price is 81¢ for August. He also reported that the Sheriff's Office had logged 6,437 miles for August, with an average of 13.5 miles per gallon at 11¢ per mile.

Oscar Jimenez, with the Road and Bridge Department, reported that the telephone lines on Ft. McKavett Road had been removed. He also said that several lights were out at the Civic Center and would have to be replaced. Judge Garner reported that Janalyn Jones, at the Civic Center, had also reported that a rule was going to have to be made regarding balloons in the Center being tethered. Many renters are using loose balloons for decorations and they are drifting to the return air vent, thus blocking the return air flow. This causes it to heat up in the Center and then people turn the air up. This is what is believed to be the cause of the AC unit that has gone out. It was agreed that this problem needed to be corrected as soon as possible. The AC unit was supposed to be repaired by Friday.

Sutton County Auditor, Maura Weingart, reported that Dr. Pajestka would no longer handle any workers' compensation cases. Maura said that they were working on getting Dr. Johnson's credentials for han-

dling the workers' compensation.

Sutton County Attorney, David Wallace reported \$482.19 recovered in hot checks for the month of August and \$862.47 for July.

County Clerk, Betty Hernandez, reported the District Clerk had collected \$3,005 and the County Clerk had collected \$22,854.77

Judge Garner reported that the results from the election would have to be canvassed the week of September 15th. The

Commissioners agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 16th to canvass the votes.

Hernandez requested and received approval for a \$5 fee increase on items filed in the Clerk's office. The additional funds will assist with archival preservation. There has been no fee increase in the clerk's office in 10 years.

The Commissioners also approved the advertisement for part-time help in the Justice of the Peace office before adjourning the meeting.

Serving An Education To Our Middle School Students...



Sonora Middle School teachers and faculty served a pot-luck dinner to Sonora Middle School students and parents on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. The annual dinner allows for parents to meet their children's teachers and learn a little bit about the goings-on in the junior high world. After dinner everyone visited the classrooms and school facilities, and visited with the staff.

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