

A letter home tells what's really going on over there

Editors note: The phone was ringing when we got to the office Monday, telling us about a letter that had been read by Tommy Arnwine in church on Sunday. The caller said the letter was something that should be shared with the entire community and we needed to see if we could get permission to print it. When I checked my e-mail the letter was already waiting in my in-box. I wholeheartedly agreed with the caller, the letter should be shared, not just with our community, but with families all over the United States. Thank you Shannon and the Arnwine Family for sharing this with us in this most vulnerable time.

Hey Mom and Dad

I am doing well, it was good to hear your voices yesterday, thank God for technology. Y'all had said that y'all might have a letter of mine printed in the paper, or read at church, I would like at least the people in Sonora to understand what is really going on over here, not what they hear on the news.

My first taste of the middle east was when I landed at Kuwaiti International, I thought what a dirty, hot, disgusting place, the wind was blowing extremely hot, and when I arrived on station here at Camp Fallujah, it was even worse. How could God be in this place? Then I met the people of this land, they stunk, they were uneducated, we have to constantly watch them because some are thieves, I thought again how could God be in this place. If you watch the news especially CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, CBS they all show you the death and destruction that is happening over here, Soldiers and Marines dying daily, one would think that we were losing this war. Just like the Vietnam War, the public thinks we are losing, but just like the Vietnam War, we in truth are winning. We have won every conflict, every skirmish, every fire fight but the media wants the great American people to believe this is a losing cause. It isn't...

Today, I was able to go to church, it was held at the base theater. With a laptop computer, a one eye (projector), two speakers and a microphone, the chaplain played some praise music. I sat there and watched. Watched the Marines, Soldiers and Sailors walk in and greet each other, all different ranks from a Navy Captain all the way down to a Marine Private, and all perfect strangers but all brothers and sisters. As I listened to the music, I began to notice an awesome presence. God was in this place. I have been in a church where I felt the presence of God but not like this, I fought back the tears, (can't have the young warriors see a Marine Captain cry). Overtaken by His Presence, I began thinking about all the information that you see on the news and what the newspapers tell you about this place.

I was wrong, God is in this place. The beginning of life, so close to the land of milk and honey, and what is it, a war zone. Rockets, mortars, small arms fire, IEDs, how could this be, is this where it all began? This is why we are here, these people are good people they are our brothers and sisters.

They were so brutalized by Saddam Hussein's regime, that when I walk by them they cower from me. Yes, some are thieves but they try to steal out of necessity, these people need us and want us here, they have told me this themselves. Because we are here, they have jobs again, they get paid, they put food on their tables, their schools are open and their children are learning. Their hospitals are open and working, their infrastructure is up and running. Do you see this on the news? We are helping our neighbors. These young Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen are doing wonders over here, I am in complete awe of them. This cause that we are fighting and dying for is a worthy cause, what we are doing over here is the right thing to do. You have paid with your own flesh and blood, Shane Folmar died a hero, on his feet, facing the enemy. He gave his life so that this battle would be fought here, not at home.

God Bless you all and God Bless America. Pray for us.
Semper Fi
Shannon Arnwine
Captain, United States Marines

Shannon is currently serving in Fallujah, Iraq.

Early voting starts Monday, voters must have proper identification

by Betty Hernandez, Sutton County Clerk

Just a reminder that the General Election will be held on November 2, 2004. Please bring your voter's registration card with you when you come to vote. First time voters will be required to provide personal identification in addition to their voter registration card. If you cannot provide your registration card, the law states that you will have to provide some kind of personal identification. (Sections 63.009, 63.0101) Acceptable forms of identification include:

(a) driver's license or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety or a similar document issued to the person by an agency or another state, regardless of whether the license or card has expired;

(b) a form of identification containing the person's photograph that establishes the person's identity;

(c) a birth certificate or other document con-

firmed the birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity;

(d) United States citizenship papers issued to the person;

(e) a United States passport issued to the person;

(f) official mail addressed to the person by name from a governmental entity;

(g) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter; or

(h) any other form of identification prescribed by the secretary of state.

Early Voting will be conducted at the Sutton County Annex Building on October 18 - 29, 2004. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions regarding the Election, please contact Betty Hernandez, Sutton County Clerk at (325)387-3815.

Bonilla announces funding for Distance Learning Network



Congressman Henry Bonilla WASHINGTON, D.C.

Congressman Henry Bonilla is using his role on the Appropriations Committee to help his constituents in Sonora.

Bonilla announced \$462,271 funding this week to create a distance learning network. A grant provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be used to provide educational training, career training and career advancement opportunities to the citizens and students served by the eleven public independent school district in the project area.

These funds were made available through the USDA Office of Rural Development and will also be made available to businesses, communities, and health providers. The project covers an area of 10,736 square miles and will serve approximately 7,600 students.

"Rural Texas depends on information technology. The advances made by this network will span great distances; the lives touched will span even further," said Bonilla.

USDA's Office of Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy

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Offering a happy face to young crowds, the Sonora Fire Department clowns helped share a message of fire safety.

Sonora Volunteer Fire Department wasn't just clowning around for Fire Prevention Week

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department celebrated National Fire Prevention Week last week, October 3 - 9, 2004. Members visited Day Cares and Sonora schools, teaching fire safety and handing out literature to help promote fire prevention.

President George W. Bush proclaimed that Fire Prevention Week is an opportunity for all Americans to learn more about how to avoid fires, as well as how to best respond in case of such an emergency. "By making fire safety a priority, we can help limit the devastating effects of fires and enhance the safety of our citizens," he said.

A large majority of fire deaths in the United States occur in the home. This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms," reflects the importance of installing and maintaining working smoke alarms on every floor of the home. As vital early warning systems, smoke alarms reduce the chances of a fire becoming fatal by approximately 50 percent. While smoke alarms save lives, alarms can't protect people if they're not in working order. The sad reality is that even though nearly all U.S. homes have smoke alarms, one in five homes have alarms that don't work.

Americans can also take steps to reduce the chance of a fire ever starting. These include using electrical devices safely, avoiding overloading circuits, and carefully operating stoves, fireplaces, and space heaters. We should also supervise our children and educate them about the dangers of lighters and matches, exercise care in the storing of firewood and other flammable materials, and obey local burning laws.

Firefighters are among our greatest heroes, and they risk their lives each day to protect our citizens and our homeland. All Americans owe them a debt of gratitude for their courage and dedication. By working to prevent disasters and by being prepared, we support firefighters as they serve communities across our Nation.

The American Red Cross offers the following tips for fire

prevention and safety:

Make Your Home Fire Safe

* Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.

* If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas, too.

* Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.

* Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.

* Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

* Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department in how to use them.

* Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

Plan Your Escape Routes
* Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.

* Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.

* Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.

* Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

Escape Safely
* Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.

* If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.

* If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.

* If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright-colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

Texas Chamber of Commerce Week
October 11 - 15, 2004



Local officials proclaim "Texas Chamber of Commerce Week" in Sonora

Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez and Sutton County Judge Carla Garner both gave official proclamations last week, proclaiming the week of October 11-15, 2004, as 2004 Texas Chamber of Commerce Week in Sonora and Sutton County. The official proclamations read:

WHEREAS, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has for 46 years distinguished itself as the voice of business in Sonora and Sutton County and;

WHEREAS, the work done by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has benefited Sonora and Sutton County through its economic development and community development programs; and

WHEREAS, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has unceasingly promoted the community for quality growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the business community, represented by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has been a driving force in fostering enhanced educational opportunities, infrastructure improvements, leadership development, the creation of jobs, and a positive vision of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has sought to achieve successful results for Sonora and Sutton County in a cooperative spirit with other organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, GLORIA LOPEZ, MAYOR OF SONORA, AND I, JUDGE CARLA GARNER, SUTTON COUNTY JUDGE, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE Sonora Chamber of Commerce AND ITS MANY DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS FOR ITS STEADFAST WORK ON BEHALF AND SUPPORT OF SONORA AND SUTTON COUNTY, AND DO PROUDLY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-15, 2004, AS "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK," AND ENCOURAGE OUR CITIZENS TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

PROCLAIMED THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2004.

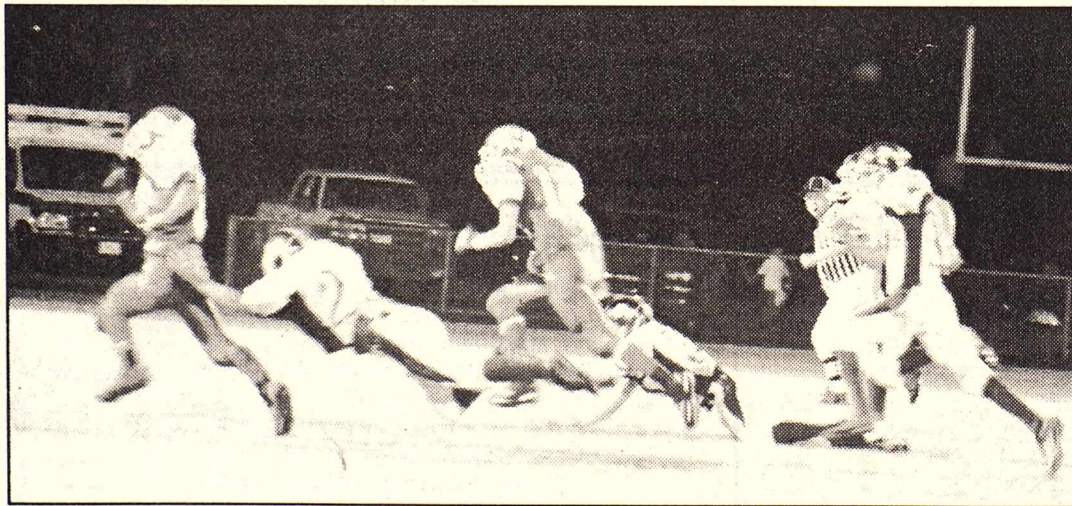
October is National Breast Cancer Awareness

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) program is dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer through a nationwide campaign. During October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the member organizations of the Board of Sponsors join forces to spread the message that early detection of breast cancer followed by prompt treatment saves lives.

The American Cancer Society programs that are avail-

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Broncos outrival the Ozona Lions



#32 Stetson Perez leaves Lions lying on the lawn as he races into the end zone, with #12 Austin Wagoner hot on his heels. Photo by Patti Strauch

by Ray Glascock

The Broncos won the toss and deferred to the second half against the Ozona Lions on Friday, October 9, 2004.

Austin Wagoner's squib kick rolled through the Lions and Trey Collis fell on it. The Lions started out strong. After a first down running the ball, Jordan Long hit wide open Toby Pagan who raced down the near sidelines for an apparent touch-down. Luckily for the Broncos, the officials called an illegal block on a Lion at the two yard

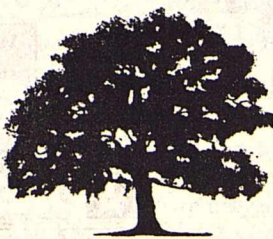
line. After the ten yard penalty, the Lions had a first and ten at the Broncos 12 yard line. This was the first of three Lion series in the Red Zone. On first down, the Lions gained about four yards as Steven Duhon and Chris Perez made the tackle. On second down, Long passed to his left trying to hit Collis. Anthony Longoria was in position to stop the pass. On third down, Laramie Hall broke through the Ozona line and grabbed Long by the ankle until Bronco reinforcements could


arrive. On fourth down, the Lions tried a field goal but it was unsuccessful.

The Broncos took over, and the first of many first down penalties occurred. The Broncos were moved back five yards for an illegal motion penalty. Caleb Ramos completed a short pass to Longoria. After a short gain by Ramos on second down, he completed a short pass to Cameron Cox. Clint Cearley punted the ball back to the Lions. After a ten

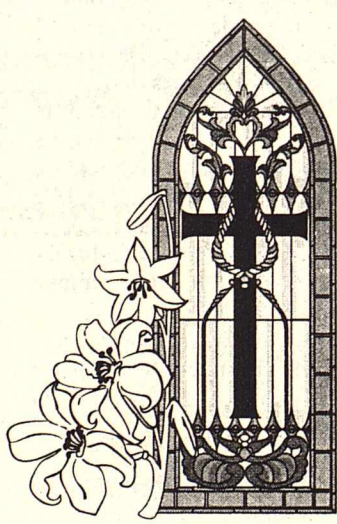
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Cards of Thanks

The family of Lucinda Castilleja would like to thank all of those who helped us during the loss of our loved one. We cannot thank you enough for all your gracious deeds, and we are touched to know that all of you still remember us, especially since we have been gone from Sonora for such a long time. Your generosity and support was more than we could ever dream. We, Lucinda's family join together to thank you for all the delicious food, beautiful flowers and mostly for all the lovely prayers, especially those who stayed behind and finished out the Novena of the Rosary.

Our Sincere thanks and forever gratefulness.
May God be with you all.
The Family of Lucinda Castilleja

Dear Community,
I write this letter in order to convey my appreciation for the outpouring of prayers and support. When I was diagnosed with cancer, my thoughts turned to fear. This however was short lived. My family and friends immediately came to my side and never again let my spirits fall. Many people shared their own experiences and knowledge of procedures so as to not allow me to be surprised by anything.
To my second family and Town & Country, I once again express my gratitude not only for your prayers and support, but also for making my transition back to work so smooth.
Lastly, but certainly not least, I thank St. Ann's Catholic Church. I could not have survived this ordeal without my faith. While I don't know what is in my future, I have the solace of my faith to see me through.
My surgery to remove the cancerous lump on June 24 was a success and, on September 27, I completed my last radiation treatment. I now start my life anew and with great spirits knowing that I live among such warm and caring people.

Sincerely,
Leticia Brown
(Letty Brown)

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our sincere appreciation to Debra Hobbs, Pamela Armke, Dorothy Cramer, Tony and Tami Adkins, David Adkins, Paul Faz, Manny Paredes, Jan Stephens, Mikael Samaniego, Mayor Gloria Lopez, Judge Carla Garner, Tommy and Beverly Arwine, Lewis Allen, Don Longoria, Lisa Karnes, Lisa Lipham, Tammie Tidwell, Tibba Edmondson, Vonnice Van Veghel, Michelle Lipham, Daria Lipham, Storie Sharp, Donna Garrett, Ruthie Bounds, Sonora Downtown Lions, Sutton County, City of Sonora, Jane Rushing, Kim Lewis, Tyrell Homra, Rowdy Buell, Kendra Vyvlecka, Jerry Jackson, KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, Brenda Bryant and Maura Weingart.

The voices in the community choir were quite lovely and we are very proud of Emre Smith who played "Taps."
The Old Oak Tree White Ribbon Ceremony and candle lighting ceremony would not have been complete without the beauty of the Sutton County Courthouse lawn, so we would like to give a special thank-you to Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos for tending to the upkeep. Thank you also to John Tedford, Nathan and Nicholas Favela, who ran the sound system and helped with the flags. We also want to say how much we appreciate David Griffith with Harvey Hildebran's office. He added to the significance of the ceremony with a special resolution for Shane.
On behalf of the community, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the family of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar for allowing us to share in this tribute to their son's life.
I am proud to be an American and live in a community which cares so much for our young men and women and for one another.


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School Lunch Menu • Oct. 18 - 22, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Waffles, syrup, assorted juice.
Tues. - Cinnamon toast, assorted juice.
Wed. - Muffin, ham slice, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Pancake on stick, assorted juice.
Fri. - Bean & cheese burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Beef burrito, chili, steamed broccoli, pineapple bits, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, pinto beans, pickle spear, small banana.
Wed. - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced pears, Jell-O with topping, roll.
Thurs. - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, French fries, peaches, ice cream cup.
Fri. - Sausage pizza, vegetable salad, Mexicali corn, rice krispie treat.

Obituary

Ann Adelle Luckett Feagin

Ann Adelle Luckett Feagin, 68, passed away Monday, October 11, 2004 at Crockett County Care Center in Ozona.
She was born on June 12, 1936, at home in Greenville, Texas. Ann graduated in 1954 from Pine Tree High School in Longview, Texas, where she was a member of various student organizations and was a cheerleader during her senior year.
Ann moved to Sonora, Texas, in October of 1966. She worked as a secretary/bookkeeper for Jerry Shurley's Law Office, Janie Powers Bookkeeping Service and Grider Oilfield Trucking. She also ran a Dairy Mart in Sonora for 2 years and, along with her group of friends, opened the Craft Basket in Sonora. She also enjoyed needlework.
Survivors include daughter, Cynthia Ann Feagin; her niece and husband, Angela and Arthur Crittendon, great-nephews, Will and Dustin Crittendon, all of Sonora; and brother-in-law, Billy Green of Eldorado. She is also survived by three very good friends: Anita Hopkins, Doris Koonce and Wilma Stafford, all of Longview, Texas, and many friends she made in Sonora.
She was preceded in death by her parents, C.A. and Bettye Ruth Luckett; her sister, Camille Green; and her brother, Larry E. Luckett.
Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

Ray Sheffield

Ray Sheffield, age 40, a longtime resident of Kerrville, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2004, in Pensacola, Florida.
He was born November 1, 1963, in Yoakum, Texas to Theodore Sheffield, Jr. and Ida (Perner) Sheffield. On July 29, 1995, he married Janice Jung in Kerrville.
Ray was the owner of AA Tree Service in Kerrville. He loved and appreciated his clients.
Survivors include his wife, Janice Sheffield of Kerrville; mother, Ida Sheffield of Cuero; sisters, Lynn Stirneman and husband, Robbie, of Cuero, Brenda Robinson and husband, Bubba, of Cuero, and Ann Goodman and husband, Lonnie, of Ingram; brothers, Johnny Sheffield and wife, Suzanne, of Cuero and Charlie A. Sheffield of Conroe; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Erwin and Addie Jung, of Ingram; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.
A visitation was held Sunday, October 10, 2004, 5-7 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapels.
Services were held Monday, October 11, 2004, 2:00 p.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapels, officiated by Pastor Troy Way of the New Beginnings Church of Boerne. Interment followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Will Nolan, Johnny Lombrana, Anthony Lockhart, Michael Nesbit, Carl North, and Charlie Sheffield.
Honorary pallbearers were Curtis Kappers, Jerry Jeffers, Matt Jeffers and Shane North.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Beginnings Church of Boerne, 213 Candice, Kerrville, TX 78028.
AA Tree Service has been serving Bandera, Kerr and many other counties for over 22 years. In the fine tradition started by Ray Sheffield, the company will continue to operate and support Mrs. Sheffield. Please continue to call AA Tree Service for quality service and honest prices.
The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.
Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.



Senior Center News

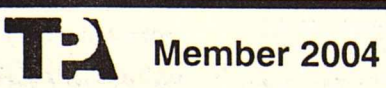
Oct. 18 - Bingo!
Oct. 19 - City Council. 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 - Van to San Angelo. Medicals come first!

Senior Center Menu

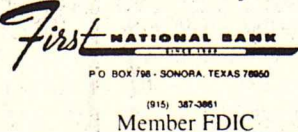

Oct. 18 - Beef stew, sweet peas, crackers, peach halves, chocolate pudding, milk.
Oct. 19 - Baked ham, glazed carrots, yellow squash, wheat roll, fresh fruit cup, milk.
Oct. 20 - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, milk.
Oct. 21 - Catfish, tartar sauce, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, roll, fruit Jell-O, milk.
Oct. 22 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, peaches with topping, milk.

NEW HOURS
Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
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Community Calendar

<p>Oct. 14 Sonora Chamber of Commerce Meeting 12:00 • Chamber Office</p> <p>Oct. 19 City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Meetings Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Community Calendar</i>  Member FDIC</p>	<p>Oct. 25 Commissioners Court 9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex Bldg.</p> <p>Oct. 30 Fall Festival 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Downtown Sonora • Main Street</p> <p>Bronco Booster Meetings Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. SHS Room #210</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>is made possible by:</i>  Member FDIC 207 N Hwy 277 N • 387-2593</p>
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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on the death of J.L. Tarver in 1938?

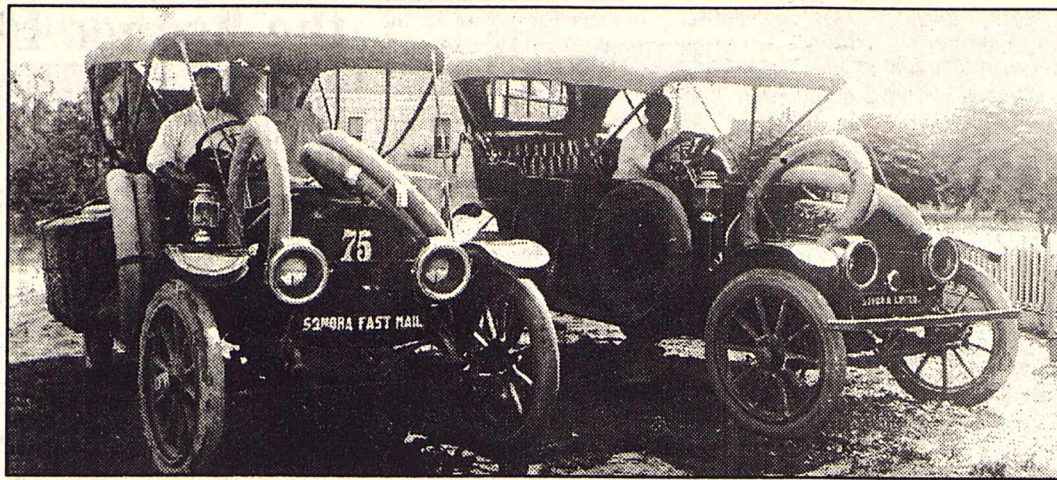
A. Devil's River News, March 4, 1938 - Seagraves Burial For Former Sonoran J.L. Tarver Business Man Here Several Years. A resident of Sonora many years ago, J.L. Tarver, who operated a dairy located where the Sonora stock pens are now, died last week in a Lubbock hospital and was buried Tuesday in a cemetery at Seagraves, Gains County.

Mr. Tarver, a Fort Stockton resident at the time of his death, moved to a Del Rio ranch after living here. For the last ten years he has lived in the Pecos County town and for the last seven years was driver of a school bus in that county.

A native of Upshur Co., Mr. Tarver, sixty-two years old, moved here about 1908. J.D. Lowrey, a friend for many years, said this week. Mr. and Mrs. Tarver were married Oct. 5, 1908, marriage license records in Mr. Lowrey's office reveal. Mrs. Tarver died in Del Rio on New Year's Day, 1937, while they were visiting that town.

Mr. Tarver has two sons, Walton of Eunice, N.M., and J.L. Tarver, Jr. of Alpine. There are three step sons, Herman Sparks of Del Rio, Frank Sparks of Los Angeles and Hubert Sparks of Peoria, Illinois. A sister lives in Seagraves and another sister and brother in Cascabel, AZ. Sutton County Marriage Records show that James L. Tarver married Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Sparks, vol 001, page 134.

In the same issue we found that the City Variety Store was observing its 5th anniversary. During the dark days of the bank holiday in 1933 an Eldorado man bought merchandise for a store in Sonora which he expected to open later that month. This month the City Variety Store, owned and operated by F.J. Wood, observes its fifth anniversary as a Sonora business firm. The store was opened March 27, twelve days after the nation's banks



Sonora - San Angelo Express; Drivers Tom Savell with Mrs. Savell and Johnny Clendenen

resumed business. The Eldorado man, who had been operating a store there, had secured his merchandise and installed fixtures during the earlier days of March.

Mr. Wood, who was reared in Ohio where his mother and brothers live, was educated at the University of Georgia. Before entering business in Texas he had mercantile experience in department stores in several cities. Since coming here and disposing of the business in Eldorado, Mr. Wood has increased the floor space of his store, installed new fixtures and added various lines of merchandise. Employed at the store are M.C. McDermitt, who is in charge of window and store display, Miss Violet Drennan, daughter of Mrs. O.E. Merriman and Jesusa Chavis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood and their children, Diana and Tommy, first lived in the Bryson two story house across from the school athletic field. The property was sold by Mr. Wood to Sam Allison after it had been revamped into a one story residence. The Woods now live in a home which they built last year.

For our younger readers, the City Variety Store was located in the buildings behind City Hall on Concho Avenue.

In the July 1, 1938 issue, we found that Sam Hull had opened a new Mobilgas Service Station at the corner of Main and Crockett Streets where the old drive-thru for the First National Bank was located. The station faced Crockett and was operated as a unit of the Sonora Motor Co. Automotive merchandise was sold at the station.

The building was built of hollow tile and brick, with a stucco exterior, staking out was done April 2, and actual construction began two days later. The business corner had been bought by Mr. Hull about 1934 from Mrs. Maud Dabney of San Angelo. Mr. Hull estimates his investment in the building and equipment only at \$7,000.

Ornamental black tile was used extensively as a base material and at the top edge of the building. Three tile bands around the building and a canopy over the pump island where four electric pumps have been installed, form a pleasing contrast to the gleaming white of the building proper.

The station had an office room, two rest rooms, storage rooms, washing and lubrication space, lounge and a business storeroom. A hydraulic lift was installed for lubrication work. Workmen were expected to erect a large neon sign flaunting the "Flying Horse" of the Mobilgas/Mobiloil organization.

Mr. Hull has been an agent for the Magnolia Petroleum Co., products of which are being sold at the station, ever since the railroad came to Sonora, he said.

Construction work was supervised by Jim Caldwell, Sonora builder, with G.L. Fleming, Fort Worth contractor, in general charge. Gilmore Hardware Co. did the plumbing work and supplied fixtures. Electrical wiring and gasoline pump electrical work was by O.K. Rankhorn. Building materials were bought at West Texas Lumber Co., Ted Schultz did the concrete work and J.W. Duckett

the painting.

In charge for Mr. Hull at the station were R.H. Chalk, formerly of Del Rio, and Bailey Renfro, who had lived in Sonora a number of years. Mr. Chalk formerly did sales work for the Central Power and Light Co., in Del Rio and has also had service station experience.

We received memorials this week for Mrs. Fay McClelland from Susan and Buck Bloodworth; Mayer Clay Anderson from Steve, Michelle and Jordan Anderson; and Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar from Lee Roy and Beverly Valliant.

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@sonoratx.net. You may call us at the office Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at 325-387-5084 or call me at home at 325-387-2855. Files are all in the office now so I might not be able to answer your question at home, but will look it up at the office the next work day.

Dues notices went out. If you didn't get one and want to join the Sutton County Historical Society, send a \$10 check, per person, to the above address or stop by the office and drop off your dues. We'd like to thank everyone who has paid their dues and those who have sent a little extra to help with the insurance. We really appreciate your support. The society can only be as good as the people who get behind us and help support our activities. Thank you all!

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Bad drivers to pay more for violations

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
AUSTIN - Bad drivers are in for their own form of October surprise.

The law's been on the books for more than a year, but Texas drivers with certain violations on their driving record are beginning to find that their actions were more expensive than they thought.

Under the driver responsibility program administered by the Department of Public Safety, motorists convicted of speeding or more serious charges such as driving while intoxicated, are going to have to pay the state fees or surcharges. If they don't pay, their driver licenses will be revoked.

The DPS had to hire an outside vendor to handle the program, but during October and November, roughly 5,000 bad news letters a day will be mailed to drivers with moving violations or DWI offenses on their records.

The costs range from \$100 for someone who accumulates six points for misdemeanor traffic violations during a three-year period to \$1,500 a year for three years (or \$4,500 total) for a second offense DWI conviction.

The only good news from the violator's standpoint is that the vendor, Municipal Service Bureau, will be able to arrange monthly payments. The money will go to fund hospital trauma centers, emergency medical centers and the Texas Mobility Fund.

Early voting starts Oct. 18...

Texas' election law says early voting begins on the 17th day before an election and must end on the fourth day before. With the general election Nov. 2, early voting begins Oct. 18 and continues through Oct. 29.

You don't have to offer any excuse to vote early, just go to wherever local election officials have set up as the place for early voting.

Check your county clerk's office for locations.

To vote by mail, a registered voter still must declare a reason why he or she can't cast a ballot the traditional way on election day.

For more information on early voting, check the Texas Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Dove hunter numbers...

Dove season continues for another couple of weeks (to Nov. 10 in the South Zone), though sunset is coming earlier each evening as fall gets into

stride.

South Texas game warden Mike Bradshaw of Carrizo Springs says the season in his part of the state, which began in mid-September, has been OK though birds don't seem to stay in one particular area very long.

There are still more dove than hunters with some 392,000 seasonal shotgunners having reported to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that they bagged dove last year. Speaking of numbers, Bradshaw says some conservationists are pondering what effect returning to half-day hunts would have. (Once upon a time, dove hunting did not start until noon each day.)

Despite the best efforts of Bradshaw and other game wardens, some hunters use a full day of hunting to illegally take one limit in a morning hunt and another in an afternoon hunt. But the limit per day is only 12 birds (15 in the North Zone), not 24.

Check smoke detectors...

October is Fire Prevention Month and fire safety experts are urging homeowners to make sure their smoke detectors are working.


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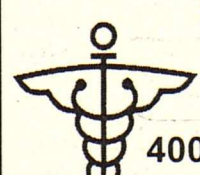
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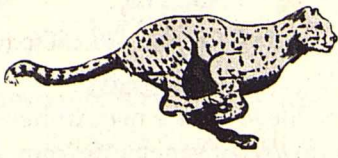
On October 25, 2004, during the lunch hour, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.,
T.J. and Judy Jarrett will present a program at the
John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot)
next to the library on Mulberry Street.

T.J. Jarrett will present his new book, "Kin, Cowboys, Outlaws & Friends"
for sale and give a short lecture. Judy will share some readings
and T.J. will personally autograph the books which have a lot of local history,
from Sonora to Del Rio. It is sure to be enjoyable reading.
This is a brown bag affair. You may bring your own lunch or
order a lunch from the Sutton County Steakhouse.
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Chamber Chatter

by *Storie Sharp, 2004 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*

An organization of business people designed to advance the interests of its members. There are three levels: national, state and local. That is one definition of a Chamber of Commerce. My definition is a group of great people, working for great people, to make a great town even better. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is lucky to have two great staff members and a team of 12 energetic Board of Directors, who work together to help bring dollars into our community. The members of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce benefit in many ways, from advertising, to promotional projects and to great events to share.

This week we celebrate Texas Chamber of Commerce Week, and we would like to take a minute to say thank you to all

our members for giving us the opportunity to work for you and for working with us to help make Sonora a great place to visit and an even better place to live. We would also like to say thank-you to all our Board members, past, present, and future, who give of their time and talents so willingly. Without your guidance and ideas the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would not be so successful.

This week also gives us the opportunity to acknowledge our Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, and Assistant, Donna Garrett. Your dedication, organization and motivation keeps us all going strong.

If you aren't a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce you are missing out on a great opportunity. For more information on joining the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, call 325-387-2880.

FNB is adding up funds for the Bronco Booster Club



Tina Watkins and Rick Cearly with the Bronco Booster Club gladly accepted the September proceeds from the First National Bank Popcorn Cart, presented by Joy Kemp and Shanna Petty. The Bronco Booster Club helps support all athletic activities at the Sonora High School. The October Popcorn funds benefit the Mighty Bronco Band Booster Club. Stop by and enjoy a buttery treat while helping out the band.

Main Street Traffic

Fun at the Fall Festival

by *Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager*

Come join us on Saturday, October 30, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street in historical downtown Sonora, Texas for the Annual Fall Festival 2004. There will be hamburgers, slides, "go fish" game, face painting and many more fun things to do and treats to eat. The Middle School will have the "hot" Bingo game going on all day with lots of great goodies to win. You will have the opportunity to dunk your favorite teacher in a tank of water with a pitch of the softball. The Caverns of Sonora will be at the Fall Festival with their great fudge and some neat gifts. The Bank & Trust will also be back, with foods to "tempt" your taste buds once again.

The crowning of Mr. and Miss Fall Festival will kick-off the celebration. Come dressed as your favorite story book character so you may join in the Story Book parade at 10:30 a.m. We will give prizes for the "Over-all Best Creative", "Cutest Character", "Funniest Character" and "Most Frightful". We will line up in front of the Sutton County Courthouse at 10:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the Main Stage. Prizes will be given to all persons who dress up for the competition.

The day will continue on the Main Stage with the West Texas Cloggers. The Studio dancers will be tapping to the beat of the Monster Mash and some more 'ol time favorite songs. There will be music to keep the beat going all afternoon. Don't miss all the fun!

Vendors interested in having a booth at the Annual Fall Festival 2004 may reserve a spot for the low price of \$25; if you need electrical power, there is a \$10 additional fee. Please call 325-387-2248 or come by the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main Street, suite 101 (Mercantile Building) and we will reserve your spot today.

The Friends of Historic Sonora would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Sonora Independent School District, the supporters of the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, City of Sonora, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos and the downtown businesses.



Chamber of Commerce Assistant Director, Donna Garret (back left) and Executive Director Ruthie Bounds (back right) look on as Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez (left) and Sutton County Judge Carla Garner (right) present Chamber of Commerce President Storie Sharp (center) with official proclamations for Texas Chamber of Commerce Week in Sonora.

H.E.B. campers need to sign up

It's time for the H.E.B. Foundation Camp near Leakey! Camp begins Tuesday, November 2 - Thursday, November 4, 2004. Please call or come by the Senior Center if you would like to go with us. Check-in time will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, and we will be camping at Singing Hills.

The Singing Hills campground has a large waterfront, and many marked hiking trails, and a large kitchen and dining area. All cabins are heated and have complete baths. Remember the weather can do crazy things, hot one day and the next freezing. So, come prepared with extra covers if you think you may need them.

The cost of the retreat will be \$45.00 per person. This will cover the cost of insurance, meals, and the services of medical personnel. We do have some sponsors for those seniors that want to go but can't afford to pay but you need to make your reservations now. The City of Sonora will provide transportation as they have always done, but can only take 10.

Reservations and payment must be received by October 25th.

Sonora Middle School and High School Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Sonora Middle School First Six Weeks

All A's 5th Grade

Delilah Aguero, Alex Lang

6th Grade

Dulce Acosta, Serena Allison, James Bean, Valeria Buitron, Alexis Galindo, Jesus Garcia, Joshua Hanson, Kash McGee, Ethan Morriss, Bailey Joe Pennington, Christina Rodriguez, Austin Slaugh

7th Grade

Tyler Creek, Edna Dominguez, Meredith Earwood, Caleb Gonzales, Cash Jennings, Cassie Krieg, Sterling Love, Mario Oliden, Alicia Reedy, Monica Sanchez, Michael Stephens

8th Grade

John Duke Hudson, Savannah Leonard, Ricardo Rodriguez

S.M.S A/B Honor Roll 5th Grade

Caitlin Garza, Hunter Jennings, Garret Smith, Aliana Castro, Word Hudson, Christian Kenney, Zachary Leonard, Madison Myers, Milton Black, Evelyn Solis, Toby Garza, Selena Mesa, Cadesman Pope, Ana-Lesa Samaniego, Bryce Smith, Clayton Parks, Adriana Buitron, Braxton Snyder

6th Grade

Colyer Dermody, Ashely Guerra, Rebecca Hudson, Preston Lopez, Ashley Perez, Ladonna Calvillo, Chelsey Lou Cambell, Kallie Humphrey, Rose Karnes, Nichole Lipham, Norberto Marquez, Morgan Smith, Allyssa Williams, Leandra Casteneda, Samule De La Rosa, Ryan Garmon, Karina Trevino, Maci Zuniga, Crystal Coronado, Courtney James, Damian Lopez, Maria Lugo, Chelby Ramos, Morgan Vvylecka, Dustin Covey, Marilee Reyna

7th Grade

Alyssa Favila, Anali Garcia, Amy Hernandez, Dustin Neff, Will Anderson, Bethany Berry, Kati Chavez, Sara Gillit, Kasey Hernandez, Brittani Dover, Maraya Dunn, Amber West, Hillary Borrego, Pedro Ramirez, Gina Valdez, Alyssa Vela, Cris Aguero, Joshua Salazar, Jessica Loera

8th Grade

Jeffrey Crites, Kaitlyn Henderson, Steely Ingham,

Maria Moreno, John Roberts, Yolanda Sanchez, Reggie Hernandez, Emily Newton, Mikael Samaniego, Samantha Adkins, Maria Leos, Senida Martinez, Derek Van Winkle, Jessica Snyder

Perfect Attendance 5th Grade

Delilah Aguero, Jesse Amador, Milton Black, Adriana Buitron, Santiago Campa, Sara Carrillo, Edward Castro, Aliana Castro, Elizabeth Chavarria, Jasmine Daniels, Dakota Daniels, Caitlin Garza, Sterling Hall, Robert Hernandez, Sandra Hernandez, Eric Hernandez, Word Hudson, Alexandra Lang, Selena Mesa, Madison Myers, Stefan Ortiz, Roberto Rodriguez, Mark Samaniego, Erik Santana, Emilio Santellano, Garrett Smith, Braxton Snyder, Manuel Tobias, Jesus Vaquera, Nathaniel Villa, Jorge Villanueva

6th Grade

Dulce Acosta, Serena Allison, Valeria Buitron, Daniela Cano, Osbauldo Castaneda, April Castillo, Crystal Coronado, Samule De La Rosa, Marcos Gamez, Jesus Garcia, Joanna Garza, Jorge Gaytan, Mariah Gonzalez, Ashley Guerra, Ricardo Hernandez, Crystal Hidalgo, Rebecca Hudson, Courtney James, Lizette Lira, Alicia Lira, Preston Lopez, Damian Lopez, Maria Lugo, Norberto Marquez, Matthew Martinez, Adrian Mier, Jesus Morin, Ethan Morriss, William Otwell, Jose Ozuna, Jacob Perez, Ashley Perez, Marissa Prieto, Chelby Ramos, Juan Reneria, Christina Rodriguez, Jennifer Sanders, Austin Slaugh, Karina Trevino, Maci Zuniga

7th Grade

Angel Aguayo, Chris Aguayo, Will Anderson, Janeth Aparicio, Rayonna Blackman, Hillary Borrego, Ashley Brown, Juan Capuchina, Hugo Cardona, Aimee Chavez, Stephanie Coronado, Tyler Creek, Esteban De La Rosa, Edna Dominguez, Alyssa Favila, Irving Fuentes, Anali Garcia, Sara Gillit, Maria Govea, Amy Hernandez, Sarah Hernandez, Brittany Hernandez, Vanessa Lopez, Sterling love, Dakota Malik, Chacho Mesa, Regina Morales, Dustin Neff, Elizabeth Newton, Mario Oliden,

Manuel Paredes, Pedro Ramirez, Anissa Reyes, Alejandra Reynosa, Monica Sanchez, Naomi Sanders, Harvey Santana, Cody Solis, Bianca Trevino

8th Grade

Dora Araujo, Nohemi Buitron, Sulema Castilleja, Jose Castillo, Rudy Charo, Ivan Chavez, Everett Contreras, Jason Crites, Jeffrey Crites, Reynaldo Gaytan, Kaitlyn Henderson, Juan Hernandez, Amikar Hernandez, Clinton Hudson, Steely Ingham, Loren Isenhour, David Lane, Erica Leos, Cindy Lopez, Richard Lozano, Jessy Mallas, Maria Moreno, Azucena Morin, Stephani Morriss, Emily Newton, Shelby Onofre, Steven Pacheco, Christela Perez, Uvaldo Ramos, Domingo Reynosa, Victoria Robles, Ricardo Rodriguez, Rosendo Salazar, Yolanda Sanchez, Eneida Silva, Vickie Torres, Alberto Tovar, Kayla Webb, Kody Word

Sonora High School First Six Weeks - Perfect Attendance

Fidel Acevedo, Zenon Acosta, David Adkins, Carlos Aparicio, Casey Arredondo, Andrew Barthelemy, Hilton Bloodworth, Mandy Brister, David Buitron, Emilly Butler, Victoria Capuchin, Diego Cardona, Courtney Caruthers, Jose Casillas, Amanda Castilleja, Adriana Castillo, Felicia Castillo, Danielle Castro, Clint Cearley, Jason Chadwick, Jessica Chavarria, Kaci Chavarria, Michael Chavez, Morgan Coffman, Casandra Contreras, Cameron Cox, Dustin Creek, Chelsey Daniels, Karla Dominguez, J.T. Downing, Swade Draper, Dustin Duhon, Steven Duhon, Jaimee Duran, Emily Earwood, Eloy Esquivel, Nicolas Favela, J.J. Galindo, Frank Gallegos, Felisha Gamez, Eduardo Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Maritza Garcia, Filemon Garza, Pedro Gloria, Ana Govea, Jessica Govea, Evan Gulley, Jillian Gulley, Marco Gutierrez, Laramie Hall, Spencer Hall, Erica Hernandez, Kristina Hernandez, Marc Hernandez, Madeline Higdon, Danielle Hudson, Heather Hughes, Alyssa Ibarra, Jacob Ibarra,

Jordan Isenhour, Tanner James, Meghan Krieg, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Melinda Lopez, Ty Love, Mikey Lozano, Steven Lozano, Jose Lugo, Kimble Luna, Laura Martin, Chelsea Martinez, Christina Martinez, Morgan Martinez, Mason Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Megan Maxwell, Aric McGee, Dee McGee, Zadrrian McGee, Ruben Mendez, Colton Moore, Angelica Morales, Maricela Moreno, Nathan Mungia, Brandy Neff, Erin Newton, Kari Nicholas, Aaron Nitsch, Justin Northcott, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Alex Perez, Cody Perez, Justin Perez, Mackenzie Perez, Marcus Perez, Stetson Perez, Whitney Perez, Trent Reiner, Abraham Rivera, Albert Rodriguez, Danielle Rodriguez, Felicia Rodriguez, Ilse Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Lucio Rodriguez, Evan Rousselot, Vanessa Salazar, Amanda Samaniego, Elbe Samaniego, Julio Samaniego, Kaleena Samaniego, Monica Samaniego, Riley Sanchez, Christine Sanchez, Rudy Sanchez, Stacy Sanchez, Uriel Santana, Lauran Schaefer, Chelsea Seaton, Nick Shurley, Angel Silva, Felipe Silva, Embre Smith, Lauren Smith, J.R. Solis, Roland Solis, Tyler Stewart, Antonio Torres, Victoria Tovar, Lito Trevino, Kyla Turney, Kaija Valkonen, Travis Valliant, Agustin Vaquera, Victor Vaquera, Tissie Wagoner, Warren Wallace, Garret Watkins, Kelsey Watkins, McKenzie Watkins, Amanda Word, Paula Zaragoza

All A's Freshmen

Kaci Chavarria, J. T Downing, Emily Earwood, Heather Hughes, Kimble Luna, Chelsea Martinez, Kari Nicholas, Marcus Perez, Danielle Rodriguez, Lauran Schaefer

Sophomores

Amanda Berry, Jose Casillas, Starlyn Chadwick, Morgan Coffman, Chelsey Daniels, Jaimee Duran, Kayla Fields, Marc Hernandez, Alexandra Kenney, Meghan Krieg, Craig Leonard, Stacy Sanchez, Nicholas Shurley, Travis Valliant, McKenzie Watkins

Juniors Desirae Boldt, Embre Smith, Warren Wallace

Seniors Allison Higdon, Chelsea Seaton

S.H.S. A/B Honor Roll Freshman

Zenon Acosta, Jessica Chavez, Michael Chavez, Casandra Contreras, Gilberto DeLa Rosa, Juan Dominguez, Dalton Dover, Eduardo Garcia, Kayla Garcia, Maritza Garcia, Shaylynn Kresta, Jose Lugo, Laura Martin, Morgan Martinez, Zadrrian McGee, Colton Moore, Alonzo Peña, Whitney Perez, Felicia Rodriguez, Elbe Samaniego, Julio Samaniego, Heather Smith, Tyler Stewart, Kyla Turney, Kelsey Watkins

Sophomores

David Buitron, Emilly Butler, Amanda Castilleja, Dustin Duhon, Allyse Edmondson, Chasady Garcia, Jennifer Gonzales, Evan Gulley, Erica Hernandez, Madeline Higdon, Jacob Ibarra, Jordan Isenhour, Marco Jimenez, Melinda Lopez, Steven Lozano, Nathan Mungia, Brandy Neff, Aaron Nitsch, Justin Northcott, Cody

Juniors Abraham Rivera, Victoria Tovar, Kaija Valkonen

Juniors Hilton Bloodworth, Mandy Brister, Alisha Covey, Cameron Cox, Nicolas Favela, Lisa Frye, Boomer Galindo, Filemon Garza, Jessica Govea, Jillian Gulley, Cerissa Hedgecock, Kristina Hernandez, Hillary Lawson, Anthony Longoria, Ty Love, Christa Martinez, Christina Martinez, Danielle Matthews, Megan Maxwell, Dee McGee, Maricela Moreno, Brandon Munn, Erin Newton, Kathryn Pacheco, Cullen Parker, Anabel Perez, Chris Perez, Trent Reiner, Lauren Smith, Roland Solis, Nash Traylor, Jack Turney, Tissie Wagoner, Sandra Yorba

Seniors Andrew Barthelemy, Courtney Caruthers, Jessica Chavarria, Dustin Creek, Karla Dominguez, Eloy Esquivel, Ana Govea, Marco Gutierrez, Laramie Hall, Connie Isenhour, Erika McClintock, Brian Payton, Richard Reese, Roland Segura, Amanda Word

Students of the Week



Gabby Alvites



Julie Nicole Villanueva

Gabby Alvites is currently a freshmen and Sonora High School. She is the 16 year old daughter of Andres Alvites and Glenda Munoz. Gabby enjoys hanging out with her friends, talking on the phone and especially loves to listen to music.

World Geography and Science are her favorite subjects to study. After graduation Gabby plans to go to Paris Junior College in Paris, Texas to play softball.

Julie Nicole Villanueva is the 16 year old daughter of Harvey and Wilma Villanueva. She is enjoying her junior year of high school and lists as her hobbies and interests, hanging out with friends, talking on the phone, and watching television.

Julie says her favorite classes are PALS and Algebra. After graduation Julie is not sure of where she would like to go to college, but she would like to become a pediatrician.

Lions tame Bronco JV

JV White team runs over Freshman Lions

by Mark Rousselot

It was a long night at Lion Stadium last Thursday. Marred by too many turnovers, the Ozona JV Lions came roaring back in the second half to defeat the Bronco Red JV 31-18. What appeared to be a "run-away" game for the Bronco's in the first half, the second half was a nightmare. Ozona's creative plays from the old "Wing-T" surprised the usually tough Red JV defense. Two big scoring plays by the Lions and too many interceptions spelled doom for the Red JV.

In the first quarter, not much offense by either team until the 5:45 mark when the Lion's snapped the ball over the punters head. Sonora took over at the Ozona 16 yard line. On fourth down and 14 from the Ozona 24, Jose Rodriguez hauled in a 24 yard touchdown pass. The conversion failed and the Broncos led 6-0. On the very next Lion possession, Jordan Isenhour recovered a Lion fumble at mid-field. Five plays later, Evan Gulley snared a 12 yard touchdown pass. The two point conversion again was no good, and the Broncos led 12-0 in the first quarter.

After a trick play gave the ball to the Lions at their own 45, the Lions needed just six plays to score on a two yard pass. With the PAT good, the Bronco lead was cut to 12-7 with 6 seconds remaining in the first.

As the second quarter began, and aided by a roughing the quarterback call, Bronco offense once again marched up the field. With the ball on the Ozona 35, Cullen Parker faked a middle option handoff, kept the ball, and scampered 35 yards for another Bronco score. Again, the PAT was no good, but the Broncos led 18-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Lions again tried their "starburst" return trickery, but #35 Trent Reiner was not fooled as he blasted the ball carrier at the Ozona 21. Marc Hernandez and Steven Lozano then did their best William "The Fridge" Perry impression and plugged the middle of the defense. After a sideline stepping punt return by Jose Rodriguez, gave the Red offense the ball at the Ozona 38, Fred Romo bounced outside with a handoff and rumbled 16 yards to the Ozona 38. But then the cards turned. With the ball at the Ozona 22, Parker's pass was picked off in the end zone by the Lion defense. On Ozona's 5th play from scrimmage, the Lions scored on a 48 yard touchdown pass to make it 18-13 which is where the score stood at half-time.

The second half started with Ozona recovering an onside kick, but the Bronco defense, as it has all year, rose to the occasion and forced the Lions to punt. Sonora took over at its own 15 yard line. Then the nightmare began for the Red JV. On Sonora's first play, the offense fumbled the ball away and Ozona recovered at the Bronco 10 yard line. Two plays later, the Lions found the end zone and suddenly led 19-18. The rest of the third quarter was ALL defense by both clubs. There were nine possession changes in the quarter with the Broncos owning the ball at the Ozona 39 as the fourth quarter began.

Just as it appeared the Big Red Machine was making a come back, the Ozona defense came up with a big play. On an attempted flanker screen, Parker's pass was intercepted by the Lion cornerback who ran untouched 61 yards for an Ozona 25-18 lead at the 9:44 mark in the 4th. The Broncos then seemed stunned and could not move the ball on their next possession. From the Ozona 34 yard line, the Lion offense then proceeded to march 8 plays to paydirt for a 31-18 lead. Down 13 points with 5:00 left in the game, the Bronco's hopes were dashed when a fourth down pass fell harmlessly to the ground. The Lion offense then ran the clock out to claim a 31-18 win.

The Red JV will attempt to get back on the winning track when they meet the Mason Punched this Thursday, October 14, at Bronco stadium. Game time is 7:00 p.m. And remember, "It is defeat that turns bone to flint, it is defeat that turns muscle to gristle, it is defeat that makes us stronger."

by Nancy Glasscock

For the second time this season, the freshman Sonora JV team soundly defeated Ozona. This time the hard-hitting freshmen got the job done with a 26-8 score. The JV White team is now 5-2 for the season.

Nick Peña made the first touchdown after picking up a Lion fumble. The PAT by Victor Vaquera was good to make the early score 7-0. With 46 seconds left in the half, quarterback Victor Vaquera passed the ball to Nick Peña in traffic. Peña with the aid of blocking by Morgan Martinez, Vaquera, and brother Alonzo weaved his way from the 27 into the end zone for the second Sonora score. The PAT was no good. The score at halftime was 13-0.

In the second half, the Broncos and Lions traded the ball in back and forth defensive stands. Vaquera and Joe Lugo both broke up Lion pass plays. JT Downing smashed the running back twice at the line of scrimmage.

In the end of the third quarter, and the start of the fourth, Nick and Alonzo Peña worked the ball steadily down the field. At 6:22 in the fourth quarter, Alonzo Peña rumbled the final



#56 J.T. Downing gets ready to center the ball, as #62 Juan Dominguez and the rest of the O-line block for a JV White touchdown. Downing also had a great game on defense; battling down 4 of the Lions' attempted passes.

five yards for the third Sonora touchdown. The two point conversion was no good.

The Lions finally got on the scoreboard with 2:30 left in the game. Their two point conversion was good. With time running out, the young Broncos got the ball back. Vaquera faked a hand-off to Alonzo Peña. All but one of the Ozona defenders bit on the fake. Vaquera made a 42 yard gain. He then took the ball in himself on the next play for the final score. Vaquera's

PAT was also good to make it 26-8.

The excitement wasn't over even though there was less than 40 seconds left in the game. Colton Moore picked off a Lion pass. A Lion defensive back finally tackled Moore at the one yard line as the game clock expired.

The JV White team plays Mason on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Bronco Stadium. Come out and support these tough young Broncos!

Pep Rally Time Change

S.H.S. would like to announce that the band will be doing a run-through of their UIL Marching Contest performance which they will use at competition on Saturday in Brady. They will perform in the S.H.S gym at 1:45 on Friday, right before the pep rally. The Sonora Elementary will join us in this week's Pep Rally, which will start at 2:05.

**Schedule
1:45 Band performance
2:05-2:35 Pep Rally**

District Game Preview: Mason Punched

By Nancy Glasscock

This could very well be the showdown game of the 2004 season when the Sonora Broncos travel to Mason Friday night. The winner of this game will have the inside track to winning the district championship. It could also determine the 2A - Division II play-off bracket seeding. Mason is undefeated in 2004. They have scored 85 points and allowed 17 points in district play. The Broncos have scored 83 points and given up 20 points in district play. Dave Campbell's Football Magazine picked Mason to finish in second place behind the Broncos. Mason made the playoffs last year. Rogers defeated Mason in Bi-District by a score of 2 to 0. Rogers continued all the way to the semi-finals.

In a nutshell, the Broncos have to stop the Punched's running back, #13 Ubaldo Mora and their quarterback Michael McLeod. Mora gained over 1,100 yards last year. Kyle Eppler, their tight end, is their best receiver.

The Puncheds came from behind to defeat another top-rated District 2-2A opponent - the Wall Hawks. In the final seven minutes of the fourth quarter, Mason slowly marched down the field. Quarterback McLeod ran the ball 13 yards for the game winning touchdown. He then threw to Eric Babin for a two point conversion making the final score 17 to 10.

In last Friday night's game against Grape Creek, Mason's defense held the Eagles' ground game to under 75 yards.

The game will be played at the Punched Bowl. The home team will be seated in covered seats as the stadium used to be a rodeo arena. The Punched Bowl is located south of Mason off of Hwy 87. The game starts at 7:30.

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yard return, the Lions started at the Bronco 49 yard line. Hilton Bloodworth and Justin Northcott made the next two tackles, but the Lions did make a first down. The next two Lion runs were stopped for short yardage by the Bronco linemen. Embre Smith made his first of many tackles for the night. After a penalty, Long tried to pass for a first down. Chris Perez hit the receiver as the ball arrived, and it fell incomplete. Longoria knocked down Long's fourth down pass.

Cearley handed the ball to Stetson Perez who gained nice yardage on two carries. Cearley had a pass intercepted when it appeared that his receiver fell down. The Lions mounted their best drive of the game. They ran the ball eight times in a row gaining five to 12 yards per run. Once again, they reached a first and goal situation. On third and goal, Wagoner rushed the quarterback from his blind side. He hit Long hard, the ball came free, and Northcott recovered stopping the Lion drive.

The Broncos started at their own fifteen yard line. Brett McDaniel gained 15 yards on a run to the left side. Ramos gained about 15 yards on a keeper. Ramos attempted to hand off to McDaniel, but some blitzing Lions caused a fumble. Luckily for the Broncos, the Lions were flagged for an off-side penalty keeping the Bronco drive alive. Ramos dropped back and hit Duhon with a pass over the middle. Duhon raced 48 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Aaron Gaytan, a freshman from the JV White team, came in to kick the extra point. The center and holder weren't on the same page as the ball seemed to be snapped before the holder was ready. The Broncos took the lead 6 to 0.

The Lion offense never again achieved much success in the first half moving the ball against the Broncos. The Lions went three and out and punted to the Broncos. The Broncos returned the favor and punted back to the Lions. On the next Lion series, a Lion runner was hit hard by Austin Wagoner causing a fumble. Roland Solis picked up the ball and ran for about 15 yards. The Broncos started another drive with a nice 15 yard run by Ramos. However, facing fourth and four at the Lion 30, an illegal substitution penalty made it fourth and nine. A Ramos pass was knocked down by blitzing Lions. The first half ended with the Broncos leading by 6.

Hilton Bloodworth fielded the second half kickoff. The first series was hampered by more penalties against the Broncos. The best play of the series was a pass from Ramos to Nash Traylor. After the Bronco punt, the Lions once again moved down the field to the Red Zone. On third and goal, Longoria blitzed from his safety position. He hit Long as he was attempting to pass. Long fumbled the ball and Longoria recovered it stopping the Lions.

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Sonora grad competes at Comanche Auto Pow Wow

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Members of the Cisco Junior College Auto Club recently attended the Comanche Pow Wow that was held in the Comanche City Park. Pictured are club members (standing l to r): Richard Black, Cisco; Ronnie Bishop, Eastland; Chris Thompson, Cisco; Josh Hopkins Tidwell, Sonora; Jarrad Hoggett, Rising Star; Kim Yoch, Cisco; Drew Tipton, Cisco; (front) - Joel McCready, Cross Plains; and Becky Jarvis, Cisco.

EMS elects officers

On October 4, 2004, the Sutton County EMS members held their Business Meeting in which they elected new officers.

Outgoing officers are as follows:

Rosie Butler, President; Alta Alewine, Vice President; Maray Cearley, Secretary; Jackie Smith, Treasurer; Tim Thorp, Training Officer; Carla Garner, Assistant Training

Officer; Leslie Thorp, Reporter. New Officers are as follows:

Alta Alewine, President; Maray Cearley, Vice President; Becky Johnson, Secretary; Jackie Smith, Treasurer; Carla Garner, Training Officer; Martha Alvarez, Asst. Training Officer; Andrea Vasquez, Reporter.

October 15 Tax Deadline Approaches

DALLAS - More than 139,000 Texans have an October date with the Internal Revenue Service.

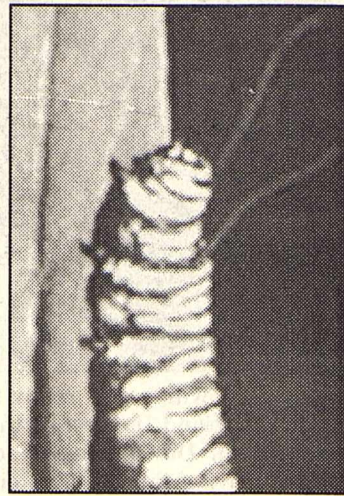
They are among 2 million Americans who received an extension in August and need to file their federal tax returns by October 15 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is generally 5 percent per month of any unpaid tax.

Taxpayers may file returns electronically until October 15; some people may be able to file for free through the free file program through IRS.gov. Taxpayers may use tax software on their own computers or e-file through an authorized provider. These options offer taxpayers security and accuracy in filing their returns, as well as faster refunds.

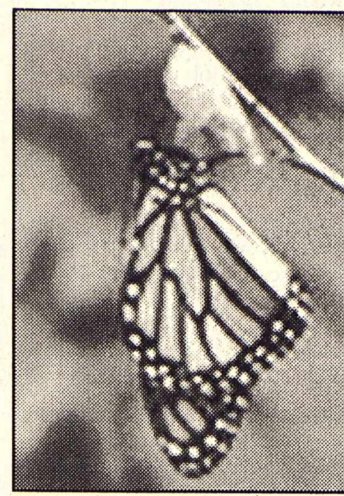
Up On Eaton Hill Migration anticipation

by Delyse Jaeger

Where are the monarchs? Migrating monarch butterflies were sighted in and around Sonora last week, signaling the anticipated arrival of thousands of fluttering orange and black wings. But the arrival was less than the usual phenomenon eagerly awaited by many Sonorans. Reports from the Howorth ranch (a favorite monarch roosting sight) had butterfly numbers well below typical fall numbers and they did not stay long. Entomologist Mike Quinn with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stated that the reduced numbers may be due to difficulties the returning butterflies faced last spring, following another freeze at the overwintering sites in Mexico. However, we will not know for sure until the migration is complete and the monarchs converge on the oyamel fir trees by the thousands. The largest numbers are currently being seen along the border from Del Rio to Uvalde. Scientists, students and butterfly enthusiasts are abuzz with speculation, but the flight antics of the delicate butterfly make it impossible to count numbers with certainty. You see, when wind conditions are favorable, monarchs hitch a ride on the currents and have



A Monarch caterpillar. Photo by Mike Quinn



A Monarch butterfly. Photo by Mike Quinn

been spotted by glider pilots at an elevation of 11,000 feet! The naked eye can spot butterflies up to 200 feet in the air and binoculars increase the range to about 500 feet. If conditions are particularly favorable, the monarchs will opt to ride out the wind rather than stopping. One tracking organization - Journey North - explains that this is why the highest concentrations of roosting butterflies are often reported during periods of strong southerly winds. Monarchs require more fuel to fly like Bob Seger and go "Against the Wind". With cool fronts blowing through every few days, the monarchs may

have passed right over our heads this season. Eastern States are reporting a late migration this fall, but those butterflies generally follow the coastline route to their destination in the mountains of Mexico. Only time will reveal this year's migration story of the incredible monarch butterfly.

Eaton Hill is alive with resident butterflies and some unusual sights - toadstools! I'll be sure and look into this and get back to you. Hit the trails!

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Happy Birthday

October 14
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October 15
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October 17
Wyatt Watkins, Edwina Friess, Nora Perez, Niki Russell, Fernando Gonzalez, Hermelinda Hernandez

October 18
Peggy Sharp, Dayton Armke, Alice Cox, David Lee Gandar, Mason McGeath, Mary Watkins, Fred Buchanan

October 19
Ubaldo Luna, Valerie Ramirez, Dalila Ozuna, Sawyer Foulds, Barbara Holms, Llense Santana, Steve Tackel, Beth Kyzer

October 20
Preston Perez, Marvin Shurley, Angie Ramirez, Aric McGee, Brock Smith, Kalyn Villanueva, Becky York, Anna Johnson

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and quality of life in all of rural America. Rural Development achieves its mission by helping rural individuals, communities and businesses obtain the financial and technical assistance needed to address their diverse and unique needs. Rural Development works to make sure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy.

"Online teaching and learning is essential to the growth of our nation. Today's funding will mean amazing access for the people of Sonora," said Bonilla.

Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations

Subcommittee, which funds all grants for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His role on the subcommittee allows him to shepherd funding for important projects in his district.

"I'm proud that my role on the Appropriations Committee allows me to assist constituents back home," said Bonilla.

Bonilla has represented Sonora for more than a decade. In addition to chairing the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla is also a senior member of two other funding subcommittees: Defense and Foreign Operations.

Count Dracula's Quality Pre-Owned Casket Company to open in Eldorado

by Jim Rungee

Eldorado - The Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee will present the reincarnation of Count Dracula's Quality Pre-Owned Casket Company at the corner of 277 and 190 East in downtown Eldorado beginning October 16. This haunted house was very popular in the DFW area from 1989 through 1997 and the Eldorado version will contain many of the same illusions featured in McKinney.

Count Dracula uses this facility as his headquarters in his quest to take over the world. His devious mind has come up with many mischievous plots to bamboozle authorities who are hoping to end his nefarious plans. He has developed secretive processes in order to transform humans and animals into other creatures in order to do his bidding on specific jobs needed for this monumental task. He has even "struck a deal" with aliens from other planets to assist in his scheme, in return for unknown favors.

This haunted house is just one of the methods the EOBOC is using to raise bribe money in order to attract the Olympics to Eldorado. The other events include the Running of the BULL in late July and the

haunted house, hence "Scar'um."

However, no FLDS members are expected to come through the haunted house because having multiple wives is scary enough. And Count Dracula doesn't plan to visit the compound for fear of getting some bad blood. Inbreeding is not good for the blood lines, don't you know.

And while the FLDS group doesn't encourage visitation by outsiders, Count Dracula is more than happy to open his doors to visitors.

The Count has developed some amazing machines that he is proud to demonstrate during his tours. Visitors will also get an introduction to Count Dracula in his funeral parlor before beginning their tour of the facility.

While you can't get into the FLDS secret hideaway for any amount of money, Count Dracula is very reasonable with his admission fees. Pre-schoolers get in for only \$1, elementary students get in for \$2 and those 13 and above are only \$3, including adults. What a deal!!!

For more information contact Jim Rungee of the EOBOC at either 325-853-2434 or eoboc@hotmail.com.

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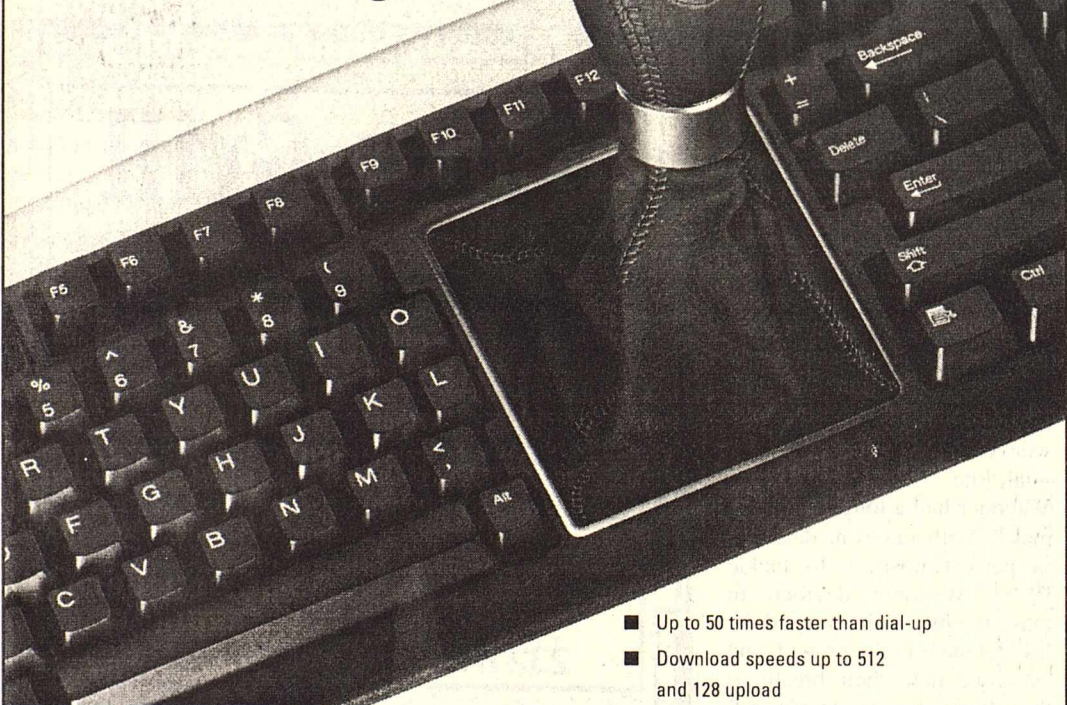
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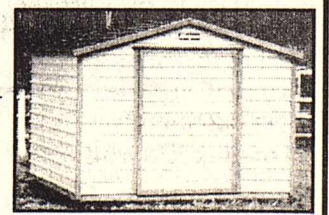
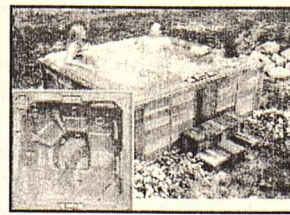
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Sutton County 4-H Forecast

Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag and Kelly Thorp County Extension Agent - FC & S

4-H Achievement Banquet
On October 18th, the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held at the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. This event recognizes the accomplishments of our youth during the past 4-H year. Come and enjoy the meal and the special program.

4-H Opportunity Scholarships
Any 11th grade or graduating 4-H'ers - The 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications will soon be available. This is a must for all of you planning to attend college next fall. Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$15,000. Training on filing these out will be offered. For more information contact the Extension Office.

Weight Projection Computer Programs
For anyone interested, we've developed a computer program that will help you figure your rate of gain and give you weight projections for your animal projects. This should help you in deciding whether to increase or decrease feed intake, alter protein levels or make other nutrition or conditioning decisions. These are Quatro Pro programs, but should convert to Excel, if this

would be of help to you, come by and bring a floppy disk.

Project Visits
If you need help, Pascual will try to get out and visit all of you who would like some help or input form me. Call the extension office and set up a time.

Shooting Sports Workshop
Pecos County is hosting a fall 4-H Shooting Sports Leader/Coaches Workshop in Ft. Stockton from Friday, October 22 - Sunday October 24. Disciplines offered are Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Shotgun and Coordinators. This is one of the few opportunities that will be provided for the Sutton County 4-H to attend in our area.

The Silver Dollar Classic Lamb and Goat Shows will be November 13th. A guaranteed \$250 will be awarded to the champion lamb and goat, both shows will be at the Ward County Coliseum. Entry forms are available at <http://ward-co.tamu.edu>.

Community Service Opportunity
The 4-H clubs are encouraged to write letters to our troops to help boost morale. Christmas mail must be post-marked by November 26, 2004. Club or project leaders interested in doing this with their members, contact the Extension Office for details.

Dermody has winner at State Fair



Colyer Dermody shows off his 1st place, light mediumweight, Crossbred barrow at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. The show was September 30 and the sale was October 1.

Sutton County 4-H /Sonora FFA Goat and Lamb Validation

All meat goat and market lamb feeders must have your animals validated on Sunday or Monday, October 17 or 18. Even if you do not plan to validate with a sate tag to show at the major shows, you still must validate your animals to be eligible for the county competition. Work will start Sunday at the AG Farm at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Again on Monday, work will be done at the AG Farm and will start at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please call the Extension Office at 387-3101 if you have questions.

Culling cow herds



by: Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

Beef cattle producers should strive to increase efficiency and profitability by culling older and less profitable cows. The fall season is the time to wean calves and cull these cows. Those who haven't already culled open, late-calving and poor performing cows should do so soon.

The cows we're referring to are those that either calved late in the season or failed to produce enough milk to wean a quality calf. Generally, they will produce an inferior calf the following year as well. Even if the producer does not have a computerized performance record program, he can use a practical culling program. Just pair the small inefficient calves with their mothers to identify cows to be sold.

Since it's difficult for a cow to produce a calf large enough to pay her annual maintenance bill and leave some profit for the producer, an open cow is

surely losing money. In addition, cows calving late and during the summer months wean calves 30 to 90 pounds lighter than their herd mates which calve at earlier times. Cattlemen may consider pregnancy testing to eliminate open cows and those that fail to calve in the specified breeding season. Work toward a 60-day calving season or one that's certainly no longer than 90 days.

Removing barren and late calving cows from the herd will increase both the herd's reproductive potential and pounds of calf weaned. Other culling guidelines should include bad udders or big teats, bad eyes, older cows and those with other functional limitations. Though this year has been good, for most years, it makes sense to cull now as it will help the producer more effectively plan on feed supplies for the winter months. There's no need to put expensive winter feed into cows that are unproductive and inefficient.

For this and other information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Scientists prove cedar infestations are major water thieves

by Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

UVALDE - Edwards Plateau municipalities in heavily infested juniper country lose much of their annual rainfall before it ever hits the ground, according to two Texas A&M University scientists.

"Thick stands of mature juniper (commonly called cedar trees) can actually intercept 40 percent of an area's natural rainfall," said Dr. Keith Owens, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station range researcher at Uvalde. "The percentage lost increases dramatically if the rainfall is light."

Owens and colleague Dr. Robert Lyons, Texas Cooperative Extension range

specialist at Uvalde, spent three years studying the evaporation and interception water loss from juniper trees across the Edwards Aquifer Recharge area.

"We found that all the rainfall from storms of 0.3 inch or less is intercepted by the trees' canopies where it evaporates back into the atmosphere. So moisture from these light rains never even reaches the ground once it falls on the tree. Most of the rains over the Edwards Aquifer recharge area are a half-inch or less.

"This project proves what many have long suspected - too much juniper exacts a heavy toll on the Texas water supply.

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Dominion; 7500' Mack Cauthorn - 129 - #16, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 6900' Deberry - A - #69, Patterson Drilling.
New Flacon Bay Energy; 9200' FBE 6-1 #1, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 6900' DeBerry - A - #68, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 6450' Surley - 96 - #20, Patterson Drilling.
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Dominion; 9800' Hunt - 24 - #5, Patterson Drilling.
Devon Energy; 9200' Ruby Helbing - 26 - #7, Patterson Drilling.
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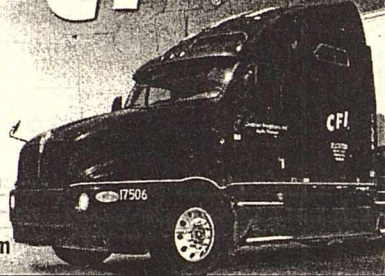
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"Look closely at a juniper tree sometime. They are ideally made to catch rainfall and redirect it to the base of the tree. The water actually hits the tree and runs back toward the trunk. Often no moisture gets to the ground until the tree is hit by a hard rain of an inch or more."

The two scientists conducted the study in areas averaging 24 to 34 inches of annual rainfall. They wanted to find how much rainfall is intercepted by individual juniper trees on the eastern part of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Area. The project was supported by the Experiment Station and Extension, in cooperation with San Antonio Water Systems, the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, the San Antonio River Authority, the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

The project was conducted at 10 locations in eight counties (Bexar, Blanco, Comal, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Uvalde). The test area stretches across the Edwards Aquifer recharge and drainage area. Extension agents in these counties assisted in locating and establishing the test plots.

Owens said each site was equipped with an electronic data logger that continually recorded information. A self-emptying rain gauge was also at each site. Two trees at each location had four rain gauges under them. The gauges were connected by tubing to a storage container outfitted with equipment to measure the water passing through the canopy. Water caught by the canopy and transferred to the ground by flowing along the stems to the trunk was also measured.

When the precipitation stopped, small switches drained

each container to ready them for the next rain.

Water loss to the litter or "duff" layer under the trees was determined by moisture probes stuck in the litter. Water losses were calculated on a per storm and annual basis.

"During one year of observation, the Hays County site received over 36 inches while the Kendall County site got just 10.12 inches," said Owens. "But no matter how much or how little fell, the amount of rain falling and the percent intercepted by the trees were about the same across the board."

"At the end of the three-year study, we averaged all of the 2,700 total rain events, both heavy and light, that fell over the 10 sites. We found that 35 percent of all the precipitation that falls on juniper trees hits the canopy and evaporates, 5 percent is intercepted by the litter beneath the trees and 60 percent actually reaches the ground surface. Of that 60 percent, much is taken up by the tree for growth which leaves little or no water left for aquifer recharge in the heavier juniper-infested areas."

"This research shows that in an area which receives 30 inches of rain in a year, only 18 inches of that total actually reaches the ground surface under a juniper tree. That means 12 inches of rain a year does not reach the ground for either plant growth or potential aquifer recharge."

Individual storm data generated from this study is available at:
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For more information contact Owens or Lyons at (830) 278-9151.

Delays expected on SH 208

Beginning mid October, motorists can expect delays on SH 208 between San Angelo and Robert Lee due to construction in this area, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

Twelve miles of highway will be reconstructed, beginning at FM 2105. The contractor will work on a two-mile section at a time, creating 10-15 minute delays. A pilot car will move traffic through this part of the construction area. Motorists should be prepared to stop and travel with caution within this work zone.

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Breast Cancer Awareness from page 1

able to achieve these goals jointly.

* National Cancer Information Center (NCIC): Trained cancer information specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer questions about cancer, link callers with resources in their communities, and provide information on local events. Call 1-800-ACS-2345.

* E-mail National Cancer Information Center (eNCIC): The ACS e-mail center is a cancer information service that allows cancer patients, their families, and the public to ask questions about cancer and to receive prompt and unbiased information from a Cancer Information Specialist or an oncology nurse.

* The American Cancer Society Web site (www.cancer.org): This site provides in-depth information on all major cancer types, including breast cancer guidelines for prevention, detection and treatment, clinical trials, programs and services for patients, myths surrounding breast cancer, and information about genetic testing.

* Tell A Friend: This program uses a peer-to-peer approach to encourage women to have an annual mammogram and clinical breast exam. Circle of Life is a Tell A Friend program that is specific to the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native women.

* The ACS Guidelines for Early Detection of Breast Cancer provides a complete set of recommendations for detecting breast cancer early.

* The collaborative work of the ACS and the CDC National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) expands early detection efforts by providing screening, diagnostic services, and resources to underserved, uninsured, and low-income women.

* Breast Cancer Treatment Guidelines for Patients is a publication that facilitates informed decision making. The ACS and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network publish it

* Reach to Recovery is a program designed to provide information and support for a person who has been diagnosed with breast cancer or who is facing a possible diagnosis of breast cancer. Support is provided by volunteers who have fully adjusted to their own breast cancer experience.

* The Look Good... Feel Better program teaches women with cancer beauty techniques to help enhance their appearance and self image during chemotherapy or radiation treatment.

* "tlc" is a magazine/catalog that provides information and access to products that may be helpful during treatment and recovery.

* I Can Cope provides a series of educational classes for patients and family members.

* ACS Cancer Survivors Network is a Web-based support service for cancer survivors and their families, caregivers and friends.

* ACS Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is a sister organization to ACS that educates voters about cancer issues. Volunteers contact lawmakers, asking their support for policies that help fight cancer. One success is the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment and Prevention Act, which provides treatment for women screened through NBCCEDP.

* Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a nationwide series of walking events designed to raise funds to fight breast cancer and increase awareness. The donations are given to the most promising research, education, patient support, and advocacy programs to defeat this disease. Since the first walk in 1993, the event has raised more than \$100 million.

* Relay For Life is a community event that allows people to join teams and walk, jog, run, or roll a wheelchair around a track to raise awareness of cancer and funds for research, education, and patient service programs.



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The Sutton County Hunter's Guide is coming soon - if you are interested in advertising or have pictures or articles, please send them to The Devil's River News, 228 E. Main, email us at editor@sonoratl.net or give us a call at 325-387-2507.

Sonora Woman's Club is selling unique to Sonora, "Sutton County Library" Christmas Ornaments to raise funds for the library. If you would like to purchase one of the collector ornaments contact any Sonora Woman's Club member or call the Sutton County Library.

Gus Garcia, Administrative Advocate with John L. Ingram and Associates, Social Security Disability Specialists, will be at the Sutton County Senior Center on Thursday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m.

The Girl Scouts are selling an assortment of nuts, peanut brittle, and chocolate covered nuts. Your support will be greatly appreciated! The Nut sell ends on 10/22/04 and will be delivered on 11/17/04. If you would like to make a purchase, please feel free to contact our leaders as follows: Rita Mendez 387-2853, Shaylyn Burnham 387-2694, Nelda Tobias 387-5390.

Attention ALL Cub Scouts: The Scouts of Pack 19 will have their monthly pack meeting on (Monday) October 18, 2004, at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will be held at the Sonora Middle School Snack Bar! Popcorn money & orders DUE at this time! For any further questions or information, please contact Lauri Smith at 387-2461.

Families helping families - that's what foster parenting is all about. Abused and neglected children in Texas need your help. Become a foster parent. Call 325-657-7400 in San Angelo or the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Foster Care and Adoption Inquire Line at 1-800-233-3405. An information meeting on becoming a foster/adopt parent will be held in San Angelo on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services, 622 South Oakes, San Angelo, 6:30 p.m.

Time is your most valuable resource. Learn to identify your major time wasters and learn the difference between 'managing' and 'doing'. The ASU Division of Continuing Studies, in conjunction with the ASU Small Business Development Center, will be holding the Effective Time Management seminar. It will be on Monday, October 18, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. The location will be announced. \$22 - register by calling the Continuing Studies office at (325)942-2339.

Futurity Ewe Lamb shearing & validation, Wednesday, October 20, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Langford Barn in Sonora, TX; shearing and validation of futurity ewe lambs for the start of record keeping. For more information contact Pascual Hernandez at 325-387-3101, Fax: 325-387-5537

The little trick-or-treaters will be haunting the downtown businesses on Friday, October 29, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All businesses are reminded to stock up on sweet treats for the ghoulish group of giggling goblins. For more information call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 325-387-2248.

THRIVE! authentic living conference- Lighthouse Community Church - November 13, 2004. Join over 50,000 women as they gather in 500 select churches across North America for the Premier Women's Conference of 2004. Get ready to be equipped to live your best life...the Authentic Life. Come ready to be challenged by an unprecedented line up of Nationally Recognized Speakers who will guide you in the art of Authentic Living. For more information contact Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625

Sonora Band Booster Fall Festival Booth will be on Saturday, October 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All members will be notified by Tammy Favila and Danine Brister regarding the work schedule.

Storytime at the Sutton County Library, Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for children ages 3 through Pre-K. FMI call 387-2111.

Do well, Be well with Diabetes classes, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information and to register call Kelly Thorp at 325-387-3604.

The 7th grade class will be taking care of the concession stand on Friday, October 22, and November 5. Parent Representatives will be contacting all 7th grade band parents very soon. Please support our band!

Bronco Booster Club meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Sonora High School. Join Today!

When you can't find a ride or Mom is just too busy, call Thunderbird Transit. We will be glad to take you where you need to go. That's what we do best! Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Students fare \$1.00 round-trip. Adults fare \$1.50 round-trip. Senior Citizens - donations. 387-2509.

Show your support of our troops with a Yellow Ribbon Flag on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main St. (Mercantile Building) in downtown Sonora. If you need more information call 387-2248.

NEW SELECTION JUST IN - "Support your troops" car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 apiece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

Lighthouse Community Church to host THRIVE! program

Sonora, Texas - November 13, 2004. Lighthouse Community Church, 325-387-9100, THRIVE!, a division of INJOY, Inc. - will attract more than 50,000 women to local churches across North America as they explore what it means for women everywhere to start living their best life. "Authentic Living" is the theme of the third-annual live national simulcast conference from Atlanta, Georgia.

Focusing on a woman's relationship with God as the foundation for "Authentic Living," host, INJOY founder, John C. Maxwell, unites an unprecedented lineup of bestselling authors and gifted communicators for audiences gathered in hundreds of local churches:

Darlene Zschech, Internationally known Worship Artist and Dove Award nominee for her song, *Shout to the Lord*.

Lois Evans, President of *Global Pastors' Wives Network* and author of *Seasons of a Woman's Life*.

Joyce Meyer, Best-selling author and Founder of *Life in the World Ministries*.

Elisa Morgan, President of *Mops International* and Author of *Real Moms* and soon to be released, *Naked Fruit*.

Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot, Founders and co-directors of the Center for Relationship Development and bestselling authors of *Love Talk* and *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*.

Liz Curtis Higgs, Award winning speaker and best-selling author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*.

Kathy Peel, Founder and president of *Family Manager, Inc.*, and best-selling author of *Family for Life* and *Be Your Best*.

Tammy Malby, Co-host of Total Living Network's *Aspiring Women*, and author of *Lifegiving: Discovering the Secrets of a Beautiful Life*.

Evelyn Husband, Wife of Space Shuttle Columbia Commander, Rick Husband, and author of *High Calling*.

Linda Armstrong Kelly, mother of five-time Tour de France champion, Lance Armstrong.

John C. Maxwell, Founder of INJOY, Inc. and best-selling author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.

THRIVE! Director, Renée Scobel, said, "The purpose of THRIVE! is to enable women to become connected with each other and to equip them to positively influence those around them."

All of THRIVE!'s programs are created in response to statistical trends showing a nation of women hungry for spirituality, increasingly unclear about their faith, overworked on numerous fronts, and stressed in their most fundamental relationships. They are seeking to equip and provide the tools, relationships and resources that will allow women to overcome the obstacles and discouragements in their lives and allow them to thrive!

Scobel notes, "The human heart longs for what is true, accurate and right - for that which is authentic. When a woman is led to discover her true identity and purpose, and is equipped to implement principles of effective, honest communication, she ultimately increases her potential to influence the people in her life."

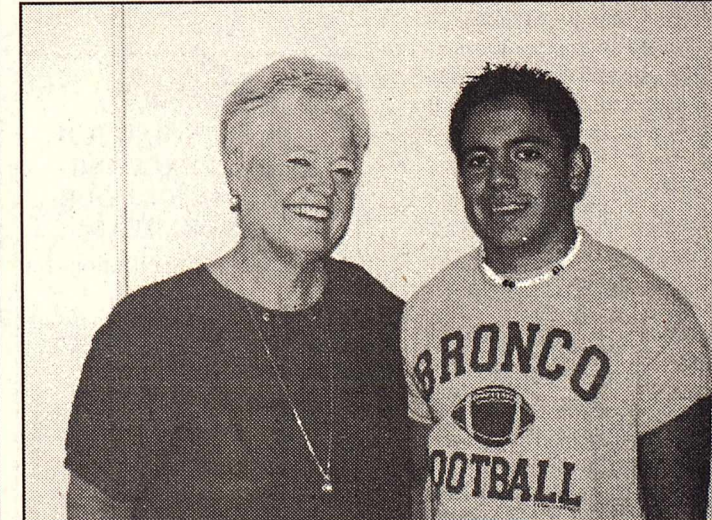
On November 13, 2004, THRIVE! Simulcast will deliver a cutting-edge program with training and resources that will focus on equipping women to impact their churches and communities through living authentically.

For more information contact Conference Coordinator, Jane Rushing at Lighthouse Community Church, 325-387-3625.

Sonora Downtown Lions Club recognizing students each month



The Sonora Downtown Lions Club Student of the Month for September was Chelsea Seaton. Chelsea is a senior and is active in cheerleading, basketball, tennis, debate, PALS, NHS and drama. She is the daughter of Herbie and Lisa Seaton.



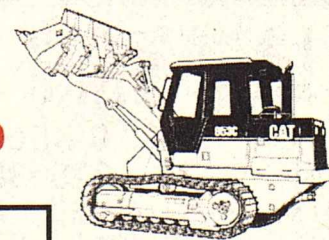
The Sonora Downtown Lions Club Student of the Month for October is Chris Perez. Chris is a junior and is active with Bronco varsity football and baseball, Spanish Club, NHS and Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is the son of Robert and Cynthia Perez.

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- Angel Cafe
1005 Crockett
387-3748
- B & H Catering
207 W. Chestnut
387-2528 or 206-1268
- Dairy Queen
134 Hwy. 277 N.
387-2118
- Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540
- Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833
- Taco Grill
232 Hwy. 277 N.
387-9127