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Devil's River News celebrates 114 years of service

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

HAPPY 114TH BIRTHDAY TO THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

In October of 1890 Mike Murphy sat and wrote by lantern light in a small tent on the corner of Main and Concho Street, where Radio Shack is now located. A heavy rain poured down on the tent and it was a wonder the wind didn't blow it away. Through all this Mike Murphy sat chewing on the end of his pen and trying to put together a column for his newspaper. The first edition was to come out on October 18, 1890.

Mike Murphy had a brother named Pat, who worked at the San Angelo Standard. Pat had sold him the old Washington Press that had been replaced by a new modern press. Mike and his brother Steve, who joined him that November, would use the old press for over 40 years. The press was in the back room of a bar, that sat on a lot Mike owned and rented out, safe and dry. It didn't matter if Mike got wet, but that press was his key to the future and it received the best of care.

Mike told of water roaring through the Dry Devil's River and how it sometimes sounded like thunder as it pounded on the canyon walls. He bragged in the paper how the country was as green as the hills of Ireland and a paradise for ranching. He tried very hard to get people to come to Sonora and buy land. Through his little paper he helped our county grow and flourish and by the end of his first year he was selling 840-900 papers a week. He would say, "It isn't enough to make me rich, but it keeps me out of torn pants and worn out socks."

That first year was a hard one for Mike; he even brought his brother Steve to Sonora,

from Toronto, to help him on the paper. Setting type was hard, dirty work. The type would have to be picked out of bins by hand and set on "sticks" or rows. Since type was set backwards, so that when it was printed it would come out forward, you had to read it backwards when you set it. It was then clamped into sections, set on the proof press and a small portion was printed out and proofed. If an error had been made the clamps had to be removed, the error found and the type reset in that area. Needless to say the typesetter was usually covered with black ink. It got all over his hands, down the front of the aprons he wore and he usually would wipe a sweaty forehead and leave a dark streak of ink behind.

Mike and Steve survived that first year and went on to report the stories of Sonora. They watched one side of Main Street go up in flames in 1902, and its rebuilding. They reported on births, deaths, marriages, birthdays, anniversaries and social events. Mike eventually married Clara Lee Hagerlund and she became his social columnist. Many young men in Sonora would serve as typesetters through the years. One of these was J. Marvin Hunter, who went on to start a successful publication of his own, "The Frontier Times."

Mike had a sign on top of the newspaper office that said *Devil's River News*, on one side and "The Devil's Retreat" on the other. He like to joke that he was the "Devil," a joke referring to him having to set type when the young people didn't show up for work. He would get complaints if he forgot to write about some social function or didn't have room for it and complaints if his readers thought his editorials didn't agree with their position on life and politics. But he sur-



The intersection of Main and Concho Streets, the Murphy home, Devil's River News, Commercial/McDonald Hotel, Livery Feed and Stable to the right of the hotel and the Drake/Aldwell home to the rear. You can see the windmill and tank in the bank that were the second waterworks in Sonora.

vived all these and went on to print a darn good paper until his death, at the age of 54, in 1922.

Steve Murphy took over the reins of the paper then and ran it until ill health forced him to sell out in 1925. Steve died in 1934. Clara had both of them buried in the Hagerlund plot in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo. She was later buried there herself. The plot holds the remains of Clara, her first husband and their beautiful little daughter and Mike and Steve Murphy. Someone stole the angel off the little girl's grave, but the other stones remain undisturbed.

M. A. Wilson took over the paper in 1925 and would bring in new typesetting equipment and a new press. The paper moved from its office at the corner of Concho and Main to a small corner of the old Sonora Ford building; the little addition on the left side of the present building. The business went through many more hands, George Baker, Robert W.

Jacobs, G. H. Hall, and Clay T. Puckett.

In 1955 when Stanton Bundy bought *The Devil's River News* he moved the office to its present site on Main Street. They say it almost looked like a parade with Carl Cahill's trucks and a low-boy bearing the press heading up Main Street. Stanton Bundy would own the paper until 1963 when John T. Kings purchased it. In 1986 it was sold to Media Group News which held the title until 1988 when Harte/Hanks News took control. Gary Smith owned it for a while and moved it down to the west side of the Pocket Park but it returned to its 1955 location when Cam Campbell purchased the paper.

Cam Longley Campbell, owner; Storie Sharp, Editor; Erica Morriss, in charge of advertising; Danni Price, in charge of financial matters, and the rest of the staff at the paper, do a great job of running the Devil's River News. They are

involved in local organizations and support many local activities. They and their guest columnists report on local sports, weddings, parties, deaths, births, marriages and city and county meetings. They keep us up on local celebrations and the schedule for rodeos and Sutton County Days. They keep us up on all the local news and the every day goings-on in Sutton County; all the things the big city papers don't print about Sonora you can find in *The Devil's River News*. It is a paper for the people of Sonora and gives us a written history of their lives.

The Devil's River News may be 114 years old but it is still going strong and is the oldest business in Sonora. We extend wishes on their birthday that they may continue to keep the people of Sonora informed on our local happenings for many more years to come.

School Board sets plan for change orders

submitted

The Sonora I.S.D. Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 11, 2004. Board members present were Tryon Fields - President, Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, and Tom Payton. Also present were Brant Myers - Superintendent, John Berry, Raul Chavarria, Erik Craig, Louise Dermody, Kay Friess, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Stefanie Taylor, Tyler Creek, Santiago Faz, Paul Faz, Rex Ann Friess, Mike McGee, Michael Stephens and John Williams.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess reported that the collection rate stood at 99.86% and that when delinquent taxes were factored in, the rate was well over 100%.

The board and superintendent

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Cowpuncher speed too fast for the Broncos

by Ray Glasscock

If a defensive coordinator anywhere can find a way to prepare his defense for a much faster opponent, he will quickly move to the NFL. How does one get the "scout" team offense to run faster than the varsity defense? Friday night, the Mason Punchers used their tremendous team speed to post a 55 to 22 victory over the Broncos.

The Broncos won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Cowpunchers marched down the field for a touchdown like a knife through butter. With 8:57 left in the first quarter, Ubaldo Mora scored on a three yard run. Mason went for two and succeeded.

On the Broncos' first play from scrimmage, Clint Cearley hit Anthony Longoria with a quick pass. Longoria sped down the side line for a 70 yard touchdown. Cearley then threw to Austin Wagoner who made a tremendous, leaping catch in the back of the end zone for the two point conversion. The game was tied with only 8:40 left in the half.

The rest of the first half belonged to the Punchers who scored a touchdown on each of their offensive series. With 4:58 left in the first half, the stunned Broncos found themselves on the short end of a 35 to 8 score.

The Bronco offense scored with 2:34 left in the half on a 16 yard pass from Cearley to Longoria. The Broncos started their best drive of the first half on their 30 yard line. Cearley hit Longoria with a 20 yard pass for a first down near the fifty. Then he rolled to his right and found Wagoner open. After catching the pass, Wagoner ran to the 25 before being tackled. After another nice catch by Longoria and short scramble by Cearley, the Broncos faced a third down. Cearley was barely able to get control of a high snap. With Punchers closing in, he appeared to be trying to throw the ball away. Longoria, like a center fielder, got to the ball first and took it into the end zone. Aaron Gaytan split the uprights making the score 35 to 15. This provided a momentary glimmer of hope for the Broncos. With a stop, and receiving the opening kickoff of the second half, the Broncos could still make a game of it.

The Cowpunchers quickly doused any hopes. Facing third and long, a Mason receiver made an incredible, one hand-

City of Sonora implements new water, wastewater rates

submitted

An increase in water and wastewater rates, as well as a new method of calculating rates for the city's water and wastewater customers will become effective November 1, 2004. The new method will establish more equitable, uniform rates for all customer classes as well as continuing to promote water conservation.

Customers have not seen a rate increase in water since 2001. The much needed change comes from experiencing a loss in financial operation, increase in costs over several years while operating on depreciation, the demands to insure water quality assurance, current legislative and regulatory requirements.

and a need to replace and upgrade equipment and the system.

Customers will be billed for a monthly service availability charge for water and wastewater, based on the size of the meter. The consumption usage charge will be on a fixed rate per thousand gallons used.

The consumption charge for wastewater will be determined by the usage in the "winter averaging months" of November, December and January, averaged for the three months and set for the next 12 months. If there is no winter averaging history available the customer will be charged for the

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Amis Gift Shop opens just in time for holiday season



Looking for the special, hand-crafted gift for a friend or loved one this holiday season? Then the grand opening of Amis Gift Shop is just what you are looking for. Sandra Luz Gonzales and Florie Gonzales have joined together to bring special arts and crafts to all the shoppers looking for something different. The Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Lopez, friends and shoppers joined the Amis crew on Tuesday, October 12 to cut the ribbon at their new location, 706 N. Crockett Avenue and browse around the crafts, jewelry, Feng Shui, angels, blankets, wreaths, religious gifts and much more. Stop by today for a special treat.

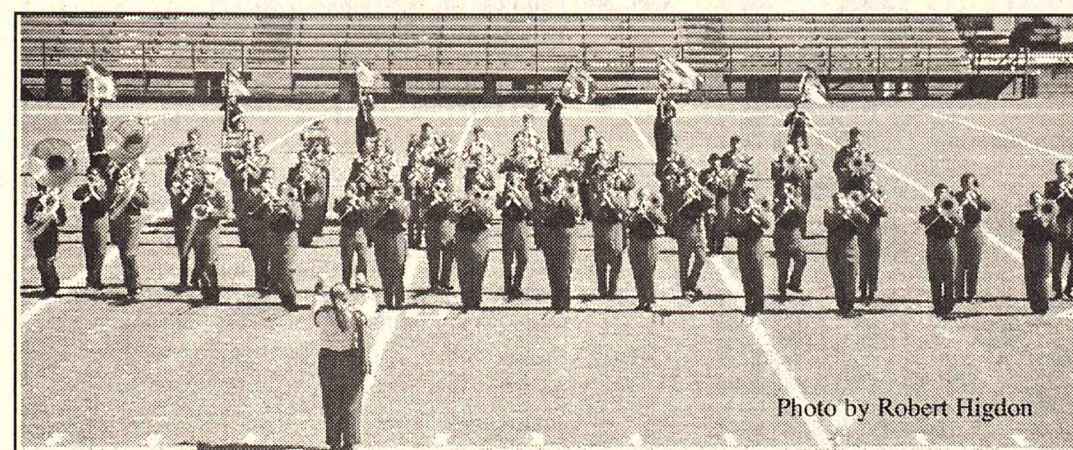


Photo by Robert Higdon

Mighty Bronco Band rates Superior at U.I.L. contest

The Sonora Mighty Bronco Band left their standing at attention in Brady, Texas, on October 16, 2004 (above). For the first time since 1993, The Mighty Broncos Band scored a 1/Superior rating at the U.I.L. Region 7 Marching Contest.

Under the direction of Band Director

Rusty Baldwin, the group filled the air with a patriotic medley, showing honor and respect to our school, community and country.

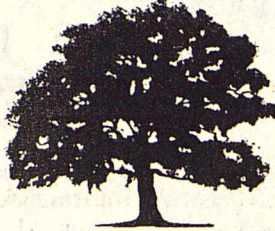
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The Mighty Bronco Band proudly shows off their Superior award.

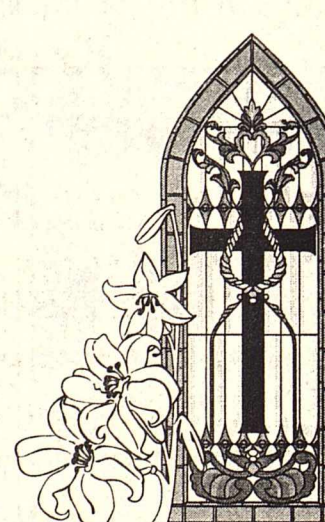
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Cards of Thanks

We want to thank all our friends and family for all their calls and prayers during Katelyn's accident and surgery. Special thanks to Kendra for helping us not to worry about Nicole. Thanks for loving our kids like they are your own, Mema for driving up to stay the night and being with us for surgery. Thanks for always being there. Thanks Aunt Lisa for being "Aunt Lisa." It would take us forever to thank you for everything that you do. Mumow, I love you. Thanks for all the calls and your love. I know you would have been there if you were able. Dr. Johnson and the hospital staff, thanks for your professionalism and patience...Katelyn was not always cooperative. Dr. Johnson, thanks for your follow up calls. We are truly blessed to have all of you.

Clifton, Michelle, Nicole & Katelyn Lipham

Because we have such a supportive community, The YMCA PeeWee and Heavyweight Broncos just don't run out of people to thank! Thank you to Joe San Miguel and Sonic for the more than generous contributions to our concession stand fundraiser, and in essence, to our end-of-season parties. We could not have been as successful as we were without your help. Thank you to everyone for your constant support as we have traveled, and we would like to take a minute to invite you to our Superbowl on Saturday, October 30th in Junction, Texas. Keep an eye out for the final times, as the finalized schedule is still pending. Thank you again to the YMCA and everyone in Sonora for such positive support! Go Broncos!

The Sutton County 4-H Club members would like to thank Jim and Stacie Phillips (Jim Phillips Insurance), Farm Bureau (Kendra Vyvlecka), Becky and Will Allison, and those supporters who wish to remain anonymous for all their contributions to the club during their fundraiser last weekend at the Cross Country Meet. A very special thanks to those 4-H Moms who gathered, prepared and transported all the lunches out to the cave. We appreciate all you do for our club.


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School Lunch Menu • Oct. 25 - 29, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Banana nut square, assorted juice.
Tues. - Breakfast pizza, assorted juice.
Wed. - Hot oatmeal, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Toast & jelly, assorted juice.
Fri. - Egg & cheese burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, orange wedges, biscuits.
Tues. - Spaghetti with meat, green beans, rosy applesauce, pudding, hot roll.
Wed. - Beef tacos, cheese, pinto beans, taco salad, fruit crisp.
Thurs. - Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks, dressing, mixed fruit, hot roll.
Fri. - Chili dog, tater tots, ketchup, baked beans, iced cake.

Senior Center News

Oct. 27 - Let's make "Halloween" Cookies!
After lunch!

Oct. 29 - Birthday and Halloween Party. Noon!

Oct. 30 - Fall Festival. 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Downtown Sonora.

Senior Center Menu

Oct. 25 - Chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, juice, cobbler, milk.

Oct. 26 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, oven French fries, tomato, carrot salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

Oct. 27 - Turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, broccoli, roll, coleslaw, pumpkin pie, milk.

Oct. 28 - Polish sausage, sweet potato, cabbage, pears, milk.

Oct. 29 - Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, pudding with fruit, milk.

NEW HOURS
Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and
\$4.00 for others *Menu is subject to change.*

Obituary

Patric Marion "Pat" Munn

Patric Marion "Pat" Munn, 85, of San Angelo, went to be with the Lord, our God, on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at 5:15 a.m. Services were at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 16, in the chapel at Johnson's Funeral Home, with Minister John Hobbs officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, San Angelo, Texas.

Pat was born October 2, 1919, in Cook Community, Eastland County, Texas, to "Daddy Pat" and Annie Munn. He married the love of his life, Claudia Irene Dunnam, on February 18, 1939, in Kermit, Texas. Pat was a faithful member of Ninth and Main Church of Christ, and had served in all of his hometowns as a church deacon or elder. Pat spent his life as a Christian, beloved family man, carpenter and builder. He always has a smile and loved his family and life.

Pat served in the U.S. Army, 742 Engineers, in World War II, and returned home to his family to serve God and to build. He built a great deal of Kermit, Texas, as a foreman for Hixson Construction and among other positions, worked at Texas Tech University in Lubbock as superintendent of construction and maintenance for 14 1/2 years.

Pat Munn was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Claudia Munn; two sons, Wayne Munn and wife, Anna, of San Angelo and

Marion Munn and wife, Lonna, of Lubbock; a daughter, Kay Pettit of San Angelo; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Faye Simmons of Arlington and Gladys Tomlinson of Baird; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Todd Munn, Dean Munn and Marty Munn; and great-grandsons Brandon Munn, Bryan Munn and Tyler Munn. Honorary pallbearers were great-grandsons, Trevor Munn, Cory Taylor, Josh Taylor, Roy Pettit, Dylan Pettit and Michael Pettit.


Also mourning his loss are granddaughters Stephanie Taylor and Shelles Pettit; great-granddaughters Alicia Munn, Shannon Vick, Breanne Munn and Dakota Pettit.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Dr. Peter Chang, M.D. and Hospice of San Angelo, including care worker Judith Bradley; nurse, Debra Hooten; aide, Dora Moreno; and Chaplain Mike Address. Also, a special thanks to the members of Ninth and Main Church of Christ; the members of Christian Church of San Angelo; nurses, Sharon Malish and Tamara Englemann of San Angelo Nursing Registry; and all of our special friends for your prayers and support.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY
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Popcorn Balls: A Halloween Tradition in Coahoma



Every Halloween trick or treaters of any age goes to Bettye Parrish's house in Coahoma for popcorn balls. She's been handing them out for 25 years. It all started when a friend gave her a recipe for making "popcorn balls" in the microwave. "That next Halloween I decided to make popcorn balls for the kids and grandkids," says Bettye. "Then when the kids from the neighborhood started coming by trick or treating, they smelled the popcorn and asked what we were making. When I told them popcorn balls, they all said they wanted those instead of candy. That started all this. We make plenty for all the kids, parents and grandparents who come by. In fact, we have more adults come by than kids. It's just a family tradition."

Bettye, her daughters and granddaughters make the popcorn popper going and the microwave going at the same time," says Bettye's daughter, Connie Murley. "We have big bowls full of popcorn and as soon as the syrup gets ready you have to pour it in and stir. And then some of us are standing there with butter on our hands to make the balls, which are a little bit bigger than a tennis ball. And then as soon as some of them get cool, then the next person bags them up in sandwich bags. It's just kind of an assembly line. Mother has a big kitchen and when we're all working in there, it all looks like a disaster area, but we know what we're doing."

They all wear the same type of t-shirt to add to the festivities.

The kitchen crew starts early and stays late. Some adult trick or treaters are at Bettye's house at 8 o'clock Halloween morning.

"Later that night, Daddy always fixes big pots of chili and stew," says Connie. "So the rest of the family comes and sits around everywhere eating while we're passing out popcorn balls. To the people coming by, they think we're just having a big party so they may come and stay thirty minutes. They don't just come get a popcorn ball and leave. They stay awhile." Bettye says if their visitors haven't had supper, they'll stay and have some chili or stew. "My husband Charles makes enough to feed the whole community."

The ingredients for the balls are popcorn, syrup, butter, sugar and vanilla from Mexico. "The Mexico vanilla really makes them taste wonderful," says Bettye.

Coahoma is located 8 miles east of Big Spring. The community has a population of just under one thousand. Nearly all of the residents of Coahoma go by Bettye's house for a popcorn ball. "And half of Big Spring," says Bettye.

"Last year we were playing Stanton in football and all the Stanton kids came by. When they come to my house, they don't go home hungry. Some take bagfuls for all their kinfolks."

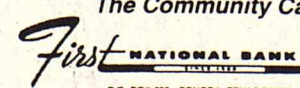
They use a hundred pounds of sugar and a case of butter to make more than a thousand popcorn balls at Halloween.

Bettye's address is 410 College street in Coahoma.

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Ask the Historical Society

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@sonoratrax.net. Memberships in the society cost \$10 per person, per year. It is time to pay dues again and we will soon have close to \$5,000 in insurance to pay on the buildings so please send your dues or a donation to the above address. Without your generous support we would not exist.

Memorial donations were received this week from Gil Allison of Vernon, Texas in memory of Herbert Fields, Jr. and Faye McClelland.



The Devil's River News was one of several businesses on the Main Street of Sonora in approximately 1897.



Mike Murphy in front of The Devil's River News in 1919.

What is it about my local paper that I love?

BY BAXTER BLACK, DVM

It's called the News-Sun and lists the communities it serves under the masthead; the largest, population 3,500, the smallest, 200, if that. It comes out every Wednesday and high school students sell it in front of the post office. Or, you can buy it at Safeway, the only grocery store and the busiest place in town.

We subscribed the year before we moved to the community. We read about our future neighbors, the real estate ads, city politics, parades, school activities and the antics of local characters.

"Letters to the Editor" was my favorite part of the paper then. It still is today.

Ironically it was carrying my weekly column, but when we moved here it discontinued it! It was a relief, actually. The column is published nationally and written with a "broad stroke." However when your next-door neighbor or Sunday School teacher thinks it only runs locally, they suspect you of pretending grandiosity. The compensation was that the closest big-city paper (many thousands circulation) picked it up.

My local paper takes itself seriously. The bulk of the news stories from "Crash on the Highway" to "Top Grads Recognized" are done by the editor and one busy reporter. They are skilled writers and circumspect about not flavoring the news with "news analysis." "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts."

Small town papers often thrive because CNN or The New York Times are not going to scoop them for coverage of the "VFW Fish Fry," "Bridge Construction Delay," or local boys and girls playing baseball, receiving scholarships, graduating, getting married or going off to war.

I think of local papers as the last refuge of unfiltered America. A running documentary of the warts and triumphs of real people unfettered by the spin, the bias and the opaque polish of today's homogenized journalism.

It is the difference between homemade bread and Pop Tarts. It gives our little community a sense of place in the world. We are important to somebody. We make a difference. The paper recognizes that.

They are the glue, the mirror, the billboard, the flashlight, the semaphore, the boom box and microphone of small towns. It is how we hold hands. They care. They show we care. They wear our hearts on their sleeve.

Is it accurate to say that I really "love" my local paper? Well, it's not quite the proper word, but ... I can't think of a better one.

BAXTER BLACK is a syndicated columnist. Reprinted with permission of the author.

Early voting gets underway

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 confirming 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.



The Devil's River News' first editor and chief, Mike Murphy

Hospital Board hears three year Capital Budget Plan

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 11, 2004, in the Sutton County EMS building, 211 E. 3rd, Sonora, TX. The following board members were present: Lewis Allen, President; Sherrill Dannheim, Vice-President; Virginia Epps, Maria Carrasco, Noemi Samaniego and Lenora Pool. Also present were: Keith Butler, CEO/ Administrator; Ben Epps, and Michelle Schaefer, CFO/Board Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Virginia Epps moved, Maria Carrasco seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2004. Noemi Samaniego moved to certify the 2004 Tax Roll as presented by Rex Ann Friess. Maria Carrasco seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Keith Butler presented the 3-year Capital Budget Plan. In 2005, the hospital and wellness center will be completed, as well as purchase a new CT scanner and Ultrasound equipment. Then, in the next couple of years, hopefully the R/F suite and information system can be replaced and a Dialysis Unit can be constructed. Michelle Schaefer gave the quarterly QA report written by Sheila Richter, and Maria Carrasco presented the Joint Conference Committee report.

The A/R report was given by Keith Butler. Average daily revenue has greatly increased as compared to the same time last year. Total A/R was down with good average collection days. Keith also gave an update on the hospital construction. The rain last week did slow down the progress but the steel contractors are working this week. If all continues to go well the concrete will be poured and the roof contractors should begin next week. A slight change has been made to the interior brick wall in the existing patient rooms. After the demolition was completed this wall had cracked and was in need of major repair. Removal and replacement will add 7 days to the completion date. The new CT scanner has been ordered and the building contractors have been consulted to confirm the specs for the new equipment. Exercise equipment was also ordered and should arrive in March. Construction on Suite B of the medical clinic is also moving along very quickly. The sheet rock is up and the plumbing is complete. All equipment for the clinic has arrived except for the furniture which should arrive shortly. Keith informed the board of the upcoming Health Fair set for Wednesday, November 17th. The hospital will be doing Lipid Profile, CBC's and PSA's labo-

ratory testing.

Statement of financial condition for August 2004 was given by Michelle Schaefer. Money was transferred from Money Market for payment #7 of the hospital construction. The Clinic building in process is accumulating funds again for the completion of Suite B. The accrual of funds for the purpose of Medicare recoup began this month and will continue thru December. The physical therapy department has employed part time help which will be seen as salaries expense instead of contract labor as before. Other notable expenses included bad debt, payment for the Mini-Cost Report and repair for the generator. We did receive the 3rd and 4th quarter Tobacco settlement from RAC-K. Overall year to date income still remains positive.

Sherrill Dannheim moved and Noemi Samaniego seconded to approve the October expenditures. There were no visitor or board member comments. Maria Carrasco moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

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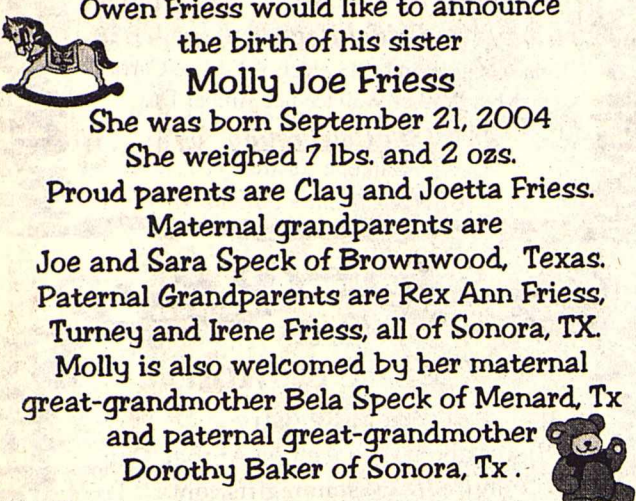
T.J. Jarrett will present his new book, "Kin, Cowboys, Outlaws & Friends" for sale and give a short lecture. Judy will share some readings and T.J. will personally autograph the books which have a lot of local history, from Sonora to Del Rio. It is sure to be enjoyable reading.

This is a brown bag affair. You may bring your own lunch or order a lunch from the Sutton County Steakhouse.

Linda Love makes great sandwiches including a dessert and drink all for \$6.50.

For more information or to make reservations call the Sutton County Historical Society at 382-5084 or 387-2855.

Owen Friess would like to announce the birth of his sister **Molly Joe Friess**. She was born September 21, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs. and 2 ozs. Proud parents are Clay and Joetta Friess. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Sara Speck of Brownwood, Texas. Paternal Grandparents are Rex Ann Friess, Turney and Irene Friess, all of Sonora, TX. Molly is also welcomed by her maternal great-grandmother Bela Speck of Menard, Tx and paternal great-grandmother Dorothy Baker of Sonora, Tx.



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Volleyball starts for Sonora Fillies

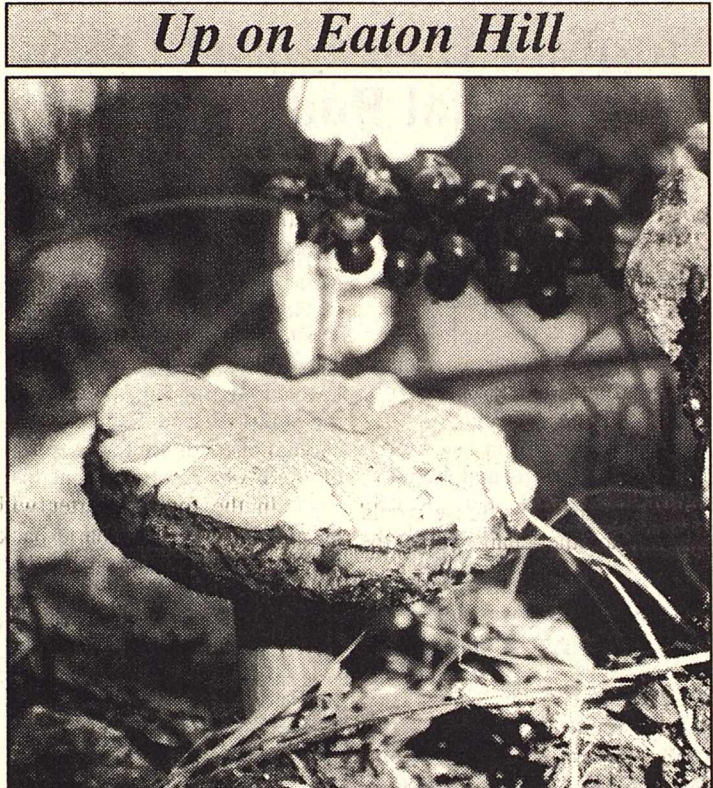
by Chap Traylor
Sonora volleyball has started, and kicked off the season with two teams this year. The Fillies took the court last Tuesday in San Angelo, with a Red and a White team. The Fillies Red played the San Angelo Rockets and were not able to overcome first game jitters. The Fillies Red could not match the serving of the Rockets team, resulting in a loss for the Sonora girls. The Red team was led offensively by Serena Allison and Alyssa Vela. Defensively,

they were led by Alex Galindo and Maci Zuniga. The Fillies White also lost their first game, but came back to win the match over the San Angelo Slammers by winning the next two games. The offensive players of the game were Monica Traylor and Steely Ingham. On the defense, Chelsey Lou Campbell and Gabby Saucedo led the way. The Fillies will continue their season by playing in San Angelo on Tuesdays, through the first week of November.

Street's second place back draw finish paces HPU

submitted
Susanna Street's runner-up finish in the singles back draw of the ITA regional in Tyler Oct. 1-3 highlighted the performance of the eight members competing for the Howard Payne women's tennis team. Street, a native of Sonora, lost in the finals in a third set tie-breaker against a player from Trinity University, 7-5, 2-6, 10-7. Street defeated teammate Cathleen Touisithiphonexay, 6-4, 6-3, in the semis of the back draw and also defeated another teammate, Kendall Neighbors, 6-0, 6-0, in the quarterfinals.

"We had a good representation this year at ITA for HPU," said Howard Payne coach Sally Brown. "Susanna Street did real well in the finals of the back draw and I thought she had the match. She did well to be competing in her first college ITA tournament. It was tough having to compete against her own teammates and unfortunately that was the way the draws fell." Touisithiphonexay and Neighbors made it to the round of 16 in the doubles draw while fellow doubles teams Patterson and Morgan, Bonilla and Chesworth, and Williams and Street all lost in the first round. HPU had six of eight players still competing on Saturday, a feat that program hasn't accomplished in quiet some time, according to Brown.



Toadstools are abundant on Eaton Hill. Photo by Delyse Jaeger

Of toads and fairies

by Delyse Jaeger
Toadstools, or mushrooms, belong to the kingdom of fungi, and up on Eaton Hill there is a fungus among us. (I couldn't resist!) Opening the door into the world of Mycology, the study of fungi, could easily have had me at the computer screen all day. It should no longer come as a surprise that the world around us is teeming with unimaginable complexity and outrageous design. Mushrooms are no exception. The abundance of moisture has resulted in a bumper crop of these whimsical organisms along the trails of Eaton Hill. I refer to them as organisms because mushrooms are actually more closely related to animals than to plants - something to do with the make up of the cell walls. However, were it not for fungi, there would be little plant life on earth. Mushrooms are simply the fruit produced by a vast network of underground fungal filaments. The filaments interact symbiotically with plant and tree roots, recycling dead plant matter and releasing essential nutrients at or into the root system. In return, roots release some of their stored sugar to the fungus. Ninety percent of all plant life is dependant on this recycling mechanism. The appearance of mushrooms is indicative of healthy soil renewal and is not harmful.

launching capability. It is necessary for survival, because their life cycle requires that the spores be eaten by the animal and then excreted. Other species release their spores below the dome-shaped top where they pass through the radiating spines on the underside of the mushroom. One rare species, found only in a few Texas counties and Japan, is thought to have possibly migrated here on atmospheric wind currents. It may be discouraging for allergy sufferers to know that a single mushroom can disperse billions of spores. Mushrooms vary greatly in appearance from tube shaped "stinkhorns" to the ruffle edged fairy ring and delicate angel wing. Because of their diversity, beauty and somewhat magical aura, many folks are mushroom enthusiasts who enjoy hunting, photographing and identifying mushrooms. You can even join a mycology club! As a child, my cousins and I had our own favorite fungus. It was the type that grows 1/2 saucer shaped around the base of a tree. My aunt's unusually large cat, Kitty-Poo, had died and we crudely delighted in calling the fungus "Kitty-Poo's guts." All first timers were invited to view the visceral display. Fun with fungus! Undoubtedly, the most important thing to remember about mushrooms is that some will kill you. Never pick and eat a wild mushroom unless an expert has identified it. But don't let that stop you from enjoying a mushroom hunt on Eaton Hill! It is a beautiful time to hike the hill. Hit the trails! Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

Chamber Chatter

Shop Sonora First

By Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
We want to welcome two new businesses to Sonora.

The Grand Opening for one of these businesses was held last week. "Amis" gift shop, at 707 Crockett Avenue, next to Mack's, is now open to help you with your holiday shopping needs. Sandra Gonzales has all sorts of wonderful affordable gift items for all ages. Be sure to stop by "Amis" and check out the wonderful selection of gifts and novelties. The other new business, "Fairy Godmother's Magic Broom" will be hosting a Grand Opening this Thursday at noon, at 301 South Water St. Rose Griffith is the Fairy Godmother with the Magic Broom, she will come clean your house or your business. She was in business for four years in Alaska, before she and her family moved to Sonora, when her husband was transferred with Schlumberger. To contact the Fairy Godmother, you may call her business phone 325/387-2222 - home phone 325/387-2859 - cell phone 325/206-0235. Let her make your home or business sparkle as you get ready for the holiday season. Don't forget the Grand Opening for "Fairy Godmother's Magic Broom", Thursday October 21st, at noon, located at 301 Water St.

Now I am going to get up on my soapbox. You may not want to be told the facts that I am about to give you, but I think that we all need to be aware of these facts. Our local economy, local businesses, and local government can benefit from your knowledge of the facts. The simple fact is that we as Sonorans are giving away a lot of our local dollars. Compare these figures on Sales Tax.

	San Angelo Sales Tax	Sonora Sales Tax
State	6.25%	6.25%
County	0.50%	0
City	1.00%	1.00%
Economic Development	0.50%	0.50%
Total Sales Tax	8.25%	7.75%

As you can plainly see from these figures, San Angelo reaps more benefits from the Sales Tax than Sonora does. For every \$100.00 worth of taxable merchandise and services purchased in San Angelo instead of Sonora, San Angelo receives \$2.00, and Sonora loses \$1.50. That means that if every person listed on the census in Sonora (approximately 3000) was to buy only \$100.00 worth of taxable merchandise and services in San Angelo instead of Sonora each year that San Angelo would receive \$6000.00 and Sonora would lose \$4500.00. We all know that most people spend more than \$100.00 per year in San Angelo, probably closer to \$1000.00, so let's look at those figures; San Angelo would receive \$60,000.00 and Sonora would lose \$45,000.00. These are just the sales tax figures; they do not include the sale of merchandise.

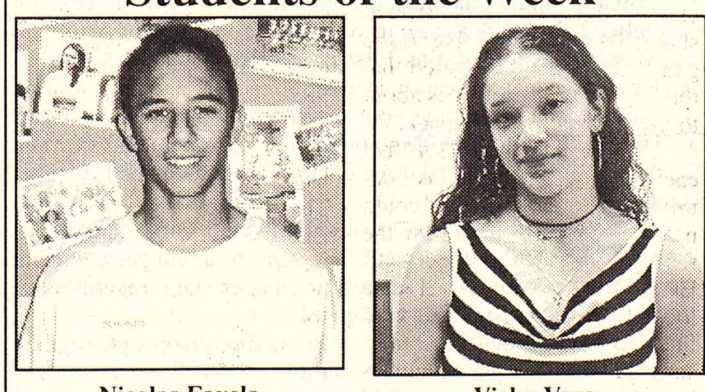
More businesses in Sonora would be able to stay open and more new businesses would be able to open if the people of Sonora would spend their shopping dollars in Sonora. If that estimated 3000 Sonora citizens spend just \$100.00 per person out of town, that adds up to \$300,000.00 that your local businesses can put back in their inventory, hire more employees, or supply more services. You can do the math, if the spending out of town is closer to \$1000.00 per person, then that is \$3,000,000.00. Imagine what you local businesses could do with that economic impact!!

I'm well aware that we cannot purchase everything that we want in Sonora, but I do know, that we can purchase everything that we need.

Sutton County Health Foundation raises funds at golf tournament

submitted
The weather was a little non-cooperative, but everyone had fun and the scores were good, when the Sutton County Health Foundation held a charity golf tournament on October 2, 2004. Each contestant received a free cap and golf towel, in addition to a great hamburger cooked by Ben Pool and Keith Butler. Prizes were given to the top three teams and individual prizes for long drives and closest to the hole. First place team at 11 under par was Steve Thorp, Jim Kay, Ben Ingham and David McGuire. Brandon Saunders and John Duke Hudson won individual prize honors. Great sponsor participation made the golf a financial success. Sponsors were Dominion, Main Street Realty, E.M. Hobbs; Sam Dillard Insurance, American Sales, Grider Trucking, Doyle Morgan Insurance, David Wallace, Edna's House of Beauty, Encino Ranch, Dillard Consulting, First National Bank, The Bank and Trust, Multi-Chem, Burnham & Burnham, and Team Graphics. Other donors were Bobby Taylor, Ben Ingham and Glen Fisher. The Foundation's purpose is to raise funds for long term health care in Sutton County. We appreciate the sponsors and the golf participants for their support.

Students of the Week



The Faculty and Staff at Sonora High would like to congratulate the following students as top students. Nicolas is the 17-year-old son of Jose and Debra Favella. The Sonora High Junior says that his favorite subjects are chemistry, history and speech. Nicolas runs cross country and enjoys reading, games and music. Plans are to attend college after graduation but he is still undecided on a major or a college. According to Vicky, she is a "young" senior at 17 years of age and not turning 18 until the summer. She is the daughter of Gilbert and Antonia Vara. Vicky likes to talk on the phone, play video games and travel as her hobbies and interests. Her favorite subjects include being an office aide, ACTS, and Web-mastering. After graduation, Vicky would like to attend a college that offers veterinary technology.

Bronco Freshmen brave JV of Iraan

by Danni Price

The Bronco Freshmen made the journey to Iraan on Thursday the 14th of October to take on the Junior Varsity team of Iraan. These freshmen Broncos would hold their own exceptionally well against an older, well seasoned JV team.

The Broncos would start out on offense on their own 30 yard line. Victor Vaquera and company would keep the ball on the ground for most of their first possession, earning 3 first downs along the way. The Broncos would make it to mid-field before bringing out the punting team.

The Braves offense would then run 6 plays before coughing up the football. Riley Sanchez, #15, of the Broncos would recover the ball on the Brave 41. The Sonora offense would take the field, or so it seemed. After a discussion on the field by the striped shirts, the ruling would be that the Brave QB was making a forward pass. In essence, the Braves would get the ball back, and our defense would traipse back onto the field.

The Braves, getting a second chance on their opening drive, grind their way through the Sonora defense and find the end zone on the fifth play. They would pass for the two point conversion. With 1:15 left in the 1st quarter, the Braves would lead 8-0.

The Broncos would start out on their own 30 yard line running 3 plays and receiving a penalty to round out the first quarter. On 4th and 12, Alonzo Peña would punt the ball from the Bronco 24 to the 50 yard line. The receiving Brave would fumble the ball and Morgan Martinez, #55, would jump on it to get the ball back for the Broncos. On third down and 8, Vaquera would attempt a pass to #17 Nick Peña, but the #9 Brave had other ideas, as he stepped up to intercept the football on his on 28 yard line.

The Bronco defense led by #54 Zadrrian McGee, #56 JT Downing, #15 Sanchez and #55 Martinez would hold the Brave offense to 3 and out, forcing them to punt the ball. The Brave punter would put the ball on the Bronco 31 yard line.

The Bronco offense would then take their turn, but would also go 3 and out and punt the ball right back to the Braves. The Braves would start off on the Bronco 48 yard line.

The Braves, quickly moving the ball down field, earn 3 first downs, but again have trouble holding on to the football. On 1st and 10 on the Bronco 14, McGee, #54, picks up the loose pigskin to give the Broncos another chance to start something on offense.

With 2:16 remaining in the half, the Bronco offense would take the field, and muscle their way 86 yards on 6 plays for the touchdown. The offensive line would manage to keep the Brave defense at bay while allowing Vaquera enough running room to gain yardage and 1st downs along the way. Alonzo Peña, #24 scored the touchdown for the Broncos. The two point conversion pass play was no good. The

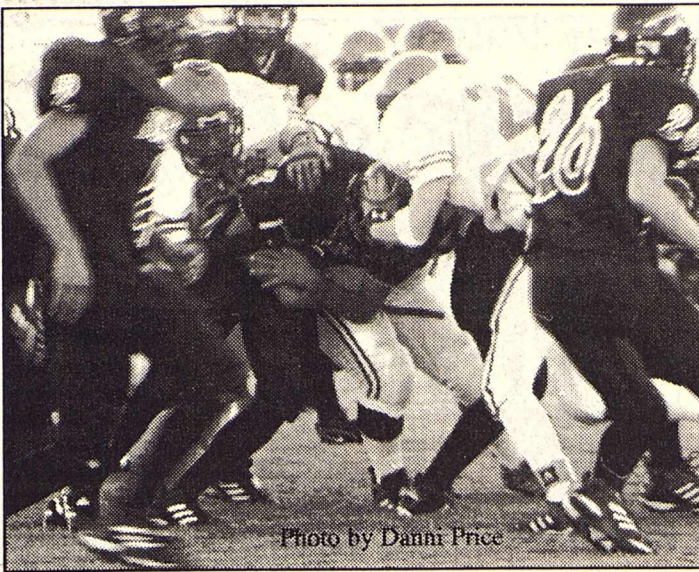


Photo by Danni Price

Hunter Lawson, #21, and the Bronco JV White Defense work together to bring down the Iraan Braves running back.

Broncos would have 6 on the board to the Braves 8.

The Braves would score quickly on the next possession, on 2 and 10, the Brave QB would connect with his receiver, #2, for the touchdown. The two point conversion would also be good. The score at half-time, Sonora 6, Iraan 16.

The second half of this game would start out in a hurry. After receiving the Broncos' kick, the Braves would score on their 3rd play. The two point conversion would fail. The new score: Braves 22, Broncos 6.

The Broncos would waste no time as they used what has worked for them all year - the strong and feisty offensive line. Vaquera would try a few passing plays, but they would fail. He would then keep the ball on the ground, using the trustworthy Peña brothers, as well as running the ball himself. The Broncos would rack up 3 more first downs, and Vaquera would find the end zone as he would get behind superb blocking by the O-line. Nick Peña would provide excellent blocking, as Vaquera squeezed in the end zone for the two point conversion. Score: Braves 22, Broncos 14.

The quickness of the Braves would work to their advantage again, as they would score on the 3rd play of their drive. The two point conversion would be good, and they would add to their lead by another 8 points. Braves 30, Broncos 14.

Both teams would exchange a couple of fumbles before the Broncos would be forced to punt. Hunter Lawson, #21, would recover the Braves fumble for the Broncos. The snap would sail over #15 Sanchez' head, but Sanchez would manage to scramble and get the ball on the Bronco 10 yard line, with much confusion, and flags on the field. The striped shirts once again, meet on the field for some lengthy discussion. The referees make the call that the two penalties offset each other and it will be Broncos ball, 4th and 10. This call didn't exactly sit well with the Sonora side, but, after a time-out and more discussions, the Broncos get set to punt.

Using a little trickery of their own, the Broncos center the ball to #24 A. Peña who runs left, then right, before heaving the football all the way down

the field to #10 Vaquera at the Brave 48 yard line. Vaquera's catch, in heavy traffic, gets the Broncos a first down and new life. This would not last long. As the fourth quarter got underway, the next four plays, found Vaquera scrambling for any kind of positive yardage. The Broncos would lose about 30 yards as the Braves' defense sniffed out every play. The Broncos would have an injury, (#79 Edward Garcia, ankle) and have to punt.

The Braves would take advantage of having the ball again. On 1st and 10, the Brave QB would launch a pass to his waiting receiver at the Bronco 1 yard line, and step in for the touchdown. The Brave QB would keep the ball for the two point conversion. Braves 38, Broncos 14.

Joe Lugo, #20, would make a great catch over his shoulder to take the Braves kick on the Bronco 40 yard line. But, the Broncos would start off 1st and 15, due to a holding call.

The Broncos would continue their "never give up" ways as they immediately start pounding out the yardage on the ground. Vaquera would keep the ball and get behind the running and blocking of #24 A. Peña for the score. Vaquera's pass to #34, Colton Moore would be good for the two point conversion. Broncos 22, Braves 38.

The Bronco offense would not get another chance to get the ball. But the Bronco defense would do an excellent job on the Braves next drive. Excellent blitzing by the Bronco secondary and a strong stance by the Bronco D-line would keep the Braves from scoring on their last possession of the game.

The JV White Broncos record now stands at 5-3 with 2 games left in the season. They will be playing the Hawks in Wall on Thursday, October 21 at 5:00 P.M. If you haven't had a chance to catch this impressive group of freshmen, then here's your chance. This is a team that never gives up; this is a team that learns every week; this is a team that grows faster and stronger; this is a team to watch!!! GO BRONCOS!!! BEAT THE HAWKS!!!

District Game Preview: Wall Hawks

by Nancy Glasscock

Dave Campbell's Football Magazine picked Wall to finish behind Sonora and Mason. This week, the Broncos must beat the Hawks in Sonora to make this prediction come true. Since Wall has the second largest enrollment, they will enter the playoffs in Division I regardless of the outcome of Friday's game.

Even though the experts said that Wall would be in a "rebuilding" year, they have proved to still be one of the strongest teams in District 2-2A. Wall runs the hard-to-stop wishbone offense. The majority of Wall's touchdowns this year have been rushing touchdowns. Seniors Chris Sturm and Corey Adam are the quarterback/running back duo that provides the Hawk's offensive spark. The Hawk's JV team from last year had an undefeated season and, most likely, could have beaten many of last year's weaker varsity teams in District 2-2A. Wall and Sonora will enter the game with identical non-district and district records. Wall has lost to Crane (21-6) and Mason (17-10). The Hawks have a three game winning streak going. Be sure to come to the game at Bronco Stadium Friday night to see if the Broncos can stop this streak.

Broncos from page 1

ed, leaping catch for a first down. One play later, Mason's George Velez scored on a 19 yard run to make the half time score 41 to 15.

In the third quarter, Sonora's defense, led by Embre Smith and Hilton Bloodworth, finally stopped a Mason drive. Despite this stop, the Punchers still scored on their other drive with 2:19 left in the third.

In the fourth quarter with Caleb Ramos at quarterback, the Broncos mounted their longest drive of the game. Brett McDaniel and Ramos moved the ball steadily down the field. Ramos scored a touchdown with 7:25 left in the game. Gaytan kicked the PAT.

With 3:23 left in the game, Cearley was back to punt. The snap went over his head, and he had to chase the ball into the end zone. With Punchers closing in, he stepped out of the end zone for a Mason safety. The Punchers scored their last touchdown on a run up the middle by Beau Rippey.

The Mason Cowpunchers have a virtual lock on the district championship. Sonora can gain a playoff slot with two wins out of their last three district games. Sonora plays the Wall Hawks this Friday at Bronco Stadium. Come out and support your Broncos!

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Red JV Punched by Mason

By Mark Rousselot

The Bronco Red JV came up short against the Mason Punchers last Thursday by a score of 14 - 10. Like last week, the Broncos seemed to have the game in control as they led 10-0 at halftime, but the Bronco stampede was halted late in the game just when it appeared that the Big Red Machine was about to make a valiant comeback.

The first quarter was a "feel each other out" quarter, as both the Broncos and Punchers could not find the end zone. On the first play of the second half, Evan Rousselot recovered a loose ball on the Mason 8 yard line after the Puncher center snapped it over the punter's head. From there, the Red offense could not find the end zone, but Evan Gulley, in George Blanda style, kicked the first field goal of the year, a 25-yarder for a 3-0 Bronco lead. On Mason's next possession, the BIG D made a key defensive play to stop the Punchers on 3rd down. That set up a blocked punt where Sonora took over at the Mason 25. A 16 yard pass to Warren Wallace put the ball at the Mason 14, but the Broncos had to settle for another field goal attempt. But HOLY COW! The Broncos faked the attempt when Gulley took the direct

snap, rolled to his right, and found Jordan Isenhour all alone in the end zone for a 10 yard touchdown pass! PAT good. Broncos 10-0 with 1:46 remaining in the half. And that is where the first half ended after a defensive stand at the Sonora 15.

The Punchers received the ball to start the second half. From their own 29 yard line and aided by a 40 yard run, Mason was on the board with a 30 yard halfback pass for a touchdown. The PAT was good, and the Broncos held a slim lead 10-7 with 8:03 in the 3rd. After two possession exchanges Mason found themselves with the ball at midfield. From the 50, the Punchers, like a heavyweight boxer, punched out ten plays to score on a 3 yard dive. The PAT was good, and the Red JV all of a sudden found themselves on the short end of the score, 14-10, with 7:42 left in the game.

The Broncos' next possession started at their ten yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, the Broncos fumbled the ball back to the Punchers at the eight yard line. But just like all season, the Bronco defense, led by Steven Lozano, Marc Hernandez and the rest of the Red Hosses, rose to the occasion with a goal line stand. On 4th down, the Punchers were stuffed

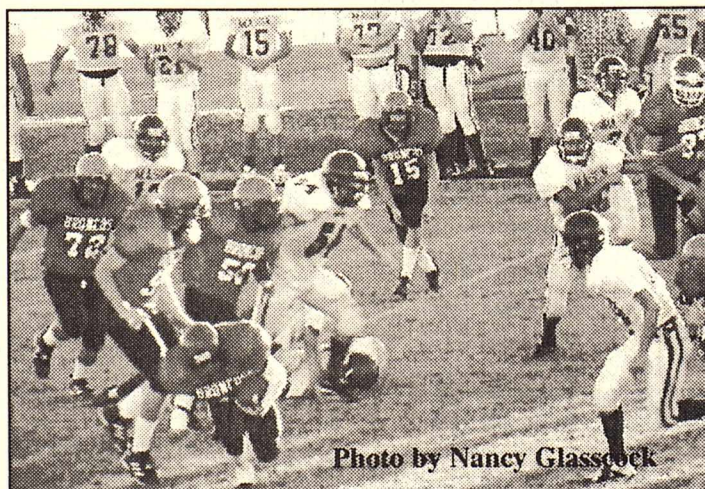


Photo by Nancy Glasscock

Fred Romo runs the ball against Mason.

when big Marco Jimenez "Warren Sapped" the Mason ball carrier at the Bronco 4 yard line. From there it looked like a Joe Montana comeback in the making. With a 30 yard pass to Evan Gulley, a 10 yard pass to Fred Romo and a late hit penalty on the Bronco quarterback, the Red JV offense was in business at the Mason 38 yard line with 2:10 remaining in the game. With Bronco fans holding their breaths, all air was finally expunged when the Red offense could not convert on a fourth down play with 1:38 remaining in the game. Even with Sonora using all its timeouts, time was

not on the Bronco side. Mason made a big first down, and ran the clock out for a 14-10 win.

The Red JV will again attempt to get back on the winning track when they meet the Wall Hawks this Thursday, October 21, at Wall Stadium. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Please come support these young men who spend tireless hours practicing for the greater good of the community. Let's remember, "Your character is what you have left when you have lost everything else you can possibly lose."

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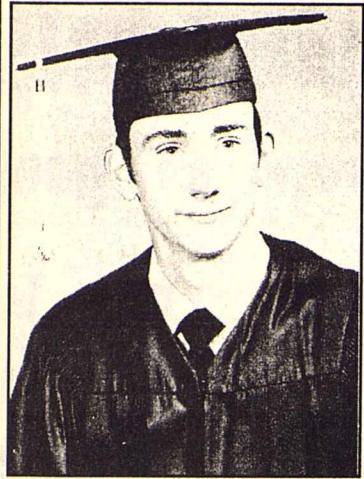
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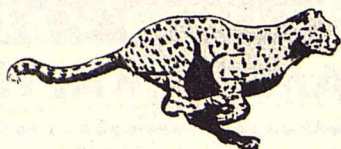
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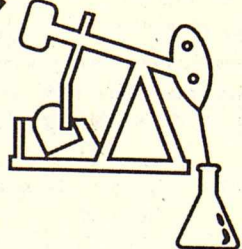
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4-H Club hosts Annual Awards Banquet

By Kelly L. Thorp
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension

Craig Leonard, Senior President of the Sutton County 4-H Club presided over the annual Sutton County 4-H Awards Banquet held Monday evening, October 18, 2004, at the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

Members and guests were treated to a moving speech given by Retired Chief Master Sergeant Terry Savoie. Chief Savoie is employed by San Angelo ISD and is a Junior ROTC instructor at Central High School. Chief Savoie conveyed the message of family, patriotism, and freedom. His portrayal of his own childhood kept listeners on the edge of their seats. The insights he gave on life experiences left everyone with the sense that "we" as a community are lucky to have been afforded the liberty of "being" an American and "living" on American soil.

Sherry Ingham and Bonnie Lou Campbell, 4-H Project Leaders, presented completion certificates to a total of seventy-five members who had completed one or more 4-H projects during the 2003-04 4-H year.

The following Awards were presented in the following project areas:

The Angora Goat Medals was presented this year by Junior First Vice President Bailey Joe Pennington to John Duke Hudson.

Junior Reporter, Sterling Love, presented the Horse Award to Macie Friess.

The citizenship award was presented by 4-H member Alexis Galindo, to Sterling Love and Meredith Earwood.

The Leadership award presented by Dustin Neff, junior third Vice President, was presented to Colton Moore.

Savannah Leonard, junior secretary, presented the Wool and Mohair Judging Award to Laura Martin.

A Foods and Nutrition Medal was presented to Stella Ingham by Meredith Earwood, junior club parliamentarian.

Bailey Joe Pennington then presented the Agricultural Achievement award to Emily Earwood and Mark Holman.

Wildlife awards were given by Laura Martin, senior parliamentarian, to Mandy Brister and Steely Ingham.

The largest number of 4-H club members involved in any one project is the meat goat project. Goat awards were presented by McKenzie Watkins, senior 3rd vice president, to Gunter Pennington, Kaija Valkonen, Allyse Edmondson, Chelsey Lou Campbell, and Colyer Dermody.

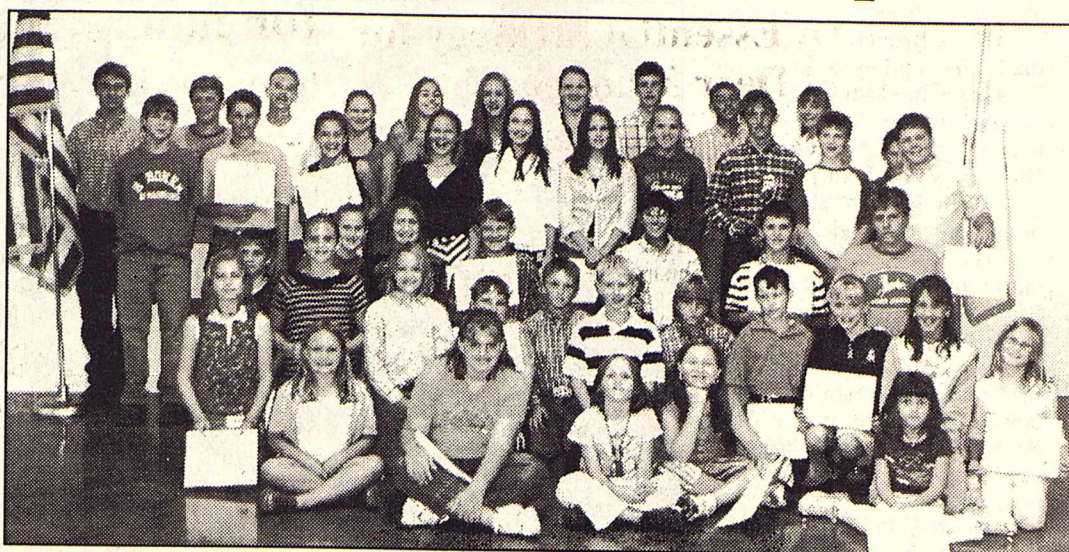
Sheep awards may be presented to 4-H members with either market lambs or futurity ewes. The awards this year were given by Emily Earwood, senior 1st Vice President, to Zachary Leonard, Savannah Leonard, Craig Leonard, and Bailey Joe Pennington.

Shooting Sports is another very active project with a large number of participants. 4-H member Chelsey Lou Campbell presented shooting awards to Owen Friess and Madison Myers.

One of the most fun and exciting animal projects offered in Sutton County is the Swine project. Colton Moore, senior club secretary, presented medals to Word B. Hudson, Sidney Dermody, Gunter Pennington, and Dustin Neff.

The speaking award medal winner was Serena Lee Allison. Zachary Leonard, junior club second Vice President, presented her with the award.

The plant and soil identification is given to young people



Sutton County 4-H Certificate and special award winners

who participate in range and grass judging. Steely Ingham, junior club president, presented this award to Cadesman Pope.

Mr. Pascual Hernandez presented 4-H year pins to members who completed an overall 4-H record book. The honorees were:

- Stella Ingham-1 year
- Meredith Earwood-4 year
- Steely Ingham- 5 year
- Laura Martin-5 year
- Emily Earwood-6 year
- Mark Holman- 6 year

Kelly Thorp then presented the Home Economics Award.

The winner was Sterling Love, daughter of Glen and Tami Love. Although Sterling is a fairly young 4-H member, her project work in the area of family and consumer sciences has shown great maturity and growth. She has participated in the foods and nutrition project for several years and has competed at both county and district food shows. Her other activities include a very impressive community service project where she has helped with the ministerial alliance food basket drive for several years.

The special award presented to the outstanding junior age 4-H member (9-13 years) is known as the Edward Glasscock Award. The winner was Colton Moore. Colton was saluted for his outstanding participation in 4-H club activities. He has served as a club officer since 2000 and has exhibited great leadership qualities and traits. He lists his projects as sheep, meat goat, horse, foods and nutrition, and citizenship. He is the son of Louise Ingham-Moore and grandson of Jerry Ingham.

The special award presented to the outstanding senior 4-H member (14-19 years of age) is known as the Fred T. Earwood Award. This year's recipient was Mandy Brister. Mandy is the daughter of Cliff and Danine Brister. Mandy is an 8 year veteran to 4-H. Her projects include wildlife, meat goats, beef and sheep. Mandy has also been a vital part of the Sutton County 4-H club serving as a club officer since 2000. She has also served as a council delegate and has participated in several 4-H leadership camps and officer retreats.

The success of any 4-H program is dependent upon the participation and support of "quality" adult leaders. Each year Sutton County 4-H honors a man and a woman for their outstanding contribution and support through volunteer leadership. Joining the list of distinguished honorees in 2004 are Cliff and Danine Brister.

The 2004 Officers were installed and given their job duties and responsibilities at the conclusion of the program. The 2004 slate of officers are as follows:

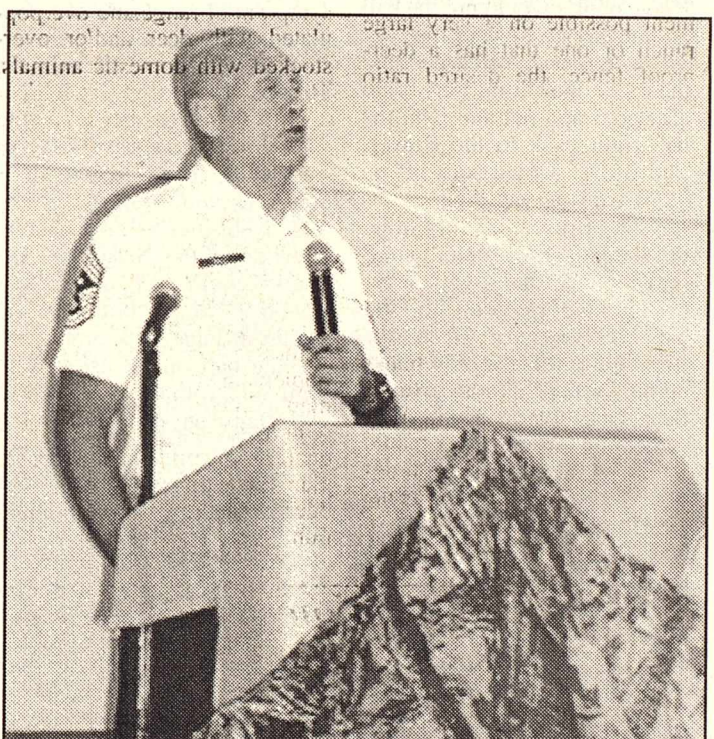
- Senior Club:
- President: Craig Leonard
- 1st Vice President: Emily Earwood
- 2nd Vice President: Mandy Brister
- 3rd Vice President:



Mandy Brister, Colton Moore, Brandy Neff and Sterling Love received special recognition.



Mandy Brister, center, presented her parents, Cliff and Danine Brister with the distinguished 4-H Man and Woman of the Year awards.



Retired Chief Master Sergeant Terry Savoie gave a powerfully patriotic speech at the 4-H Banquet.

- Secretary: Colton Moore
- Parliamentarian: Laura Martin
- Junior Club: President: Steely Ingham
- Vice President: Bailey Joe Pennington
- 2nd Vice President: Zachary Leonard
- 3rd Vice President: Dustin Neff
- Secretary: Savannah
- Parliamentarian: Meredith Earwood
- Reporter: Sterling Love

The club would like to thank all the people who attended the banquet and for sharing in this experience. A big "thank you" is extended to all the adults who supported the club by volunteering and helping plan and fund this very special activity.

Ag scholarships available

Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for scholarships sponsored by Agriliance and CROPLAND GENETICS. High school seniors who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or related crop production curriculum in the fall of 2005 are eligible to apply. Twenty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry," said Annette Degand, scholarship committee chairperson. "The Careers in Agriculture Scholarship Program helps promising students gain the education they need to secure those positions."

Since its formation 15 years ago, the Career in Agriculture Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$420,000 in scholarships to rural youth.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2005.
- Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance, and
- Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agriliance web site in the Careers section or at www.mbrservices.com. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2005. Winners will be notified in May. For more information or to request an applications, call 800-232-3639, ext 4585.

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Harvest - An Essential Strategy for White-tailed Deer Management



by: Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

Harvest is a key management tool required to manage white-tailed deer populations; however, successful management must also involve proper range or habitat management. The basic strategy for deer population management, which involves harvest, consists of the following: (1) range carrying capacity; (2) sex ratio; (3) harvest rate of bucks; and (4) harvesting spike-antlered bucks.

Maintaining the deer population level within the food supply of the range is essential to improve the habitat and maintain a productive and healthy deer population. The harvest of does is frequently required to control deer numbers. Population reduction will increase the quantity, quality, and diversity of vegetation. The increase in food availability will improve fawn production and survival which will eventually result in more bucks available for harvest. There should also be a corresponding increase in body size and an improvement of antler development. In Texas, the carrying capacity may range from 10 acres per deer to 50 acres per deer. This is dependent upon rainfall, soil and vegetation types, the domestic livestock operation, and other land use practices.

The sex ratio, expressed as does per buck, is crucial regarding the number of bucks available for harvest and the volume of does present for reproductive purposes. A wide ratio of does per buck results in few bucks available for harvest and a surplus of does. A high volume of does can result in a very rapid increase of deer numbers under good range conditions and may be followed by a die-off when conditions deteriorate with the onset of a drought or severe winter. The optimum sex ratio for many areas of Texas will range from 2.0 to 2.5 does per buck. Under intensive management possible on a very large ranch or one that has a deer-proof fence, the desired ratio may range from 1.0 to 1.5 does per buck. Occasionally, when a rapid increase in deer numbers may be warranted or where fawn survival is historically low, the desired ration may range from 3.0 or 4.0 does per buck.

Hunting pressure on the antlered segment of the population determines the age of bucks available for harvest. Bucks complete body growth at 3 years of age and are mature at 4 years with maximum antler development at 5 and 6 years. The manager may consider 1 of 3 basic buck harvest strategies.

The first strategy is to manage for quality bucks that are mature animals at 4 1/2 years or older. To maintain a buck population with a substantial number of mature bucks, the harvest must be restricted to approximately 20% of the antlered male population and is practical when there is light hunting pressure, the ranch has a high fence, or a large tract of land is involved in the program. A disadvantage of this type program is possible loss of bucks due to natural mortality, accidental death, or illegal harvest. A second strategy is to furnish maximum recreation by harvesting 40% to 50% of the estimated buck population. Under this harvest strategy, 75% to 85% of the bucks harvested will be young deer in the 1- and 2-year old age classes. In areas subject to heavy hunting pressure because of small landownership size, this may be a practical option. The third option is an optional harvest rate of 30% to 33% of the estimated buck population. This option is between the limited harvest required to produce mature quality bucks and the maximum harvest of 50%.

The harvest of spike-antlered bucks is another important aspect of a management program. Spike-antlered bucks are the result of inadequate nutrition, age, and genetics, or combination of these factors. Spikes are generally found in the yearling or 1 1/2 year old age class; however, yearling bucks can produce 4 to 8 points if nutrition is adequate. For nutrition to be adequate, deer numbers must be in balance with the habitat, competition with livestock must be minimal, and rainfall adequate. Additionally, research has shown that on the average, spike-antlered yearling bucks will remain inferior to fork-antlered yearling bucks when these two groups reach maturity. However, an unlimited harvest of spike-antlered bucks is practical only under very intensive management. Importantly, the manager must remember that a high incidence of spike-antlered bucks is a symptom of rangeland overpopulated with deer and/or overstocked with domestic animals. These factors that limit deer quality must be corrected before the selective harvest of spike bucks is beneficial to the program.

In closing, harvest plays a major role in the management of a white-tailed deer population; however, basic range management practices that concern domestic livestock must be implemented. These combined management practices are required to increase the quantity, quality, and diversity of range plants needed to support a productive and healthy deer population.

Pesticide training scheduled for new private applicators

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

SAN ANGELO - A Private Applicators Certification training is set for 9 a.m. until noon Nov. 12 in Room No. 250 of the Vincent Nursing-Physical Science Building (Planetarium) at Angelo State University.

Steve Sturtz, Texas Cooperative Extension agent in Tom Green County and the training coordinator, said the training is for persons who have never had a Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicators License or have let it expire.

"This required training readies persons for the TDA test which must be passed in order to become qualified to use restricted-use chemicals," said Sturtz. "This particular training was scheduled for ASU students, but anyone needing a license is welcome to participate."

Sturtz said that those completing the training may take the TDA test necessary to receive the license on the second Tuesday of every month at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center just north of San Angelo on U.S. Hwy 87. The next scheduled test following the training is Dec. 14.

Registration for the training is \$20 per person. The fee covers the cost of a study guide used during the training.

Please RSVP by Nov. 2 by calling the Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659-6523.

Commissioner Combs reminds producers to have herds tested for TB

Austin - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today reminded cattle producers to have their herds tested for cattle tuberculosis by December 31, the first step towards regaining Texas' TB-free status.

Texas' TB plan, developed in 2002 by a joint industry and regulatory working group, originally called for testing at least 2,400 purebred beef and seed stock herds by the end of August 2004. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it was extending the testing deadline until December 31, 2004, to allow for more tests to be completed. If the 2,400 herds are not tested by the end of December, the USDA could revoke a temporary waiver that allows shipments of feeder cattle to go out of the state without restrictions.

"Testing these herds is a vital step towards our long term goal of regaining TB-free status for the Texas cattle industry," said Combs. "Since the deadline does not fall until the end of December, not only can cattle owners test their herds for free, they can take advantage of cooler fall months to work their cattle."

"We need the support of dairy and purebred beef producers to find any possible remaining TB infection, to prevent further spread of disease and to regain our ability to move breeding cattle across state lines without a TB test," said Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for livestock and poultry health. "Allowing cattle TB to gain a 'hoof-hold' would be extremely costly in terms of credibility with consumers and in our ability to trade freely with our interstate and international trading partners."

Since 1983, cattle TB has been detected in 19 Texas dairies and eight purebred beef herds. In 2000, Texas attained the TB-free status under the National Tuberculosis Eradication Program, but lost it in 2002, after two newly-infected herds were detected.

A joint industry and regulatory working group developed the Texas TB plan in 2002, agreeing to test 2,400 herds in return for a USDA temporary waiver allowing feeder cattle to move interstate without a test or official identifications. Some beef producers are concerned that restrictions on their herd would be enforced due to false positive results. But new follow-up blood tests have shown to be effective in eliminating needless culling or loss of genetics. To test a herd, producers should contact an accredited, private veterinary practitioner and make an appointment. Testing is free. The Texas Animal Health Commission maintains lists of veterinarians who can conduct the test, and can be contacted at (800)550-8242 or www.tahe.state.tx.us for more information.

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Abilene lands new state veterans cemetery

State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - With more than 30,000 military veterans living within 75 miles, Abilene has been selected as the location for the third Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

Eight other medium-sized metropolitan areas interested in having the cemetery - Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Longview, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, San Angelo, Texarkana and Tyler - also submitted applications to the Texas Veterans Land Board and Texas Veterans Commission.

Though Abilene will be the location, funding to develop the cemetery still needs to come from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who chairs the Veterans Land Board, said the Abilene cemetery could be in operation by early 2008 if federal funding is approved next year.

Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment in 2001 authorizing seven state veteran cemeteries. The first of the cemeteries currently is being developed at Killeen, with the second in the planning stages at Mission.

Wi-Fi update...

The Texas Department of Transportation expects that seven of its safety rest areas across the state will have free Internet connectivity within 100 days.

TxDOT has entered into an agreement with a private company to provide 120 free minutes of wireless or traditional Internet access at 102 safety rest areas and travel information centers within a year. Anyone needing more net time than that can subscribe to the service.

According to TxDOT, the idea behind the program is to provide another reason for

motorists to get off the road. A break to check e-mail or the weather forecast for down the road translates into improved traffic safety because it combats fatigue.

State revenue situation improves...

The comptroller's office says the state's general revenue grew by 6.4 percent in fiscal 2004, the highest increase in three years. In dollars, last fiscal year's revenue growth amounted to \$1.8 billion.

One blemish on the picture has been job growth, which is still down by comparison to more recent flush times. And the money being paid for new jobs also is still nothing to write home about.

Dry white or sweet red?

Not every issue facing the Legislature has to do with protecting or educating children. Committees are continuing to hear testimony on a variety of issues, including Texas' wine industry.

The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations listened to winemakers, wine distributors, various associations and researchers at a hearing on Oct. 6. When they got to the bottom of the bottle, so to speak, the message was as clear as champagne: The Texas wine industry is robust, but could use some help from lawmakers in the area of permits, distribution and promotion.

Odes to toads...

Hoping to raise awareness of an endangered species, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking for essays on horned toads from school kids.

Officially known as the Texas Horned Lizard, the once common critter is the official state reptile. TPWD will award prizes to students and classrooms for essays and research projects dealing with horned toads.

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 15.

For more information, check the agency's Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Texas Master Naturalist Chapter seeks new members in our area

submitted

The Western Edwards Plateau Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist has almost completed their first year and is ready to start recruiting new members for a 2005 training class. There was an overwhelming response to the first class with over 40 persons joining from Edwards, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Real and Kerr counties. This past year members have received training from many area experts and have participated in field trips and volunteer projects around the area. A new facet of the training was begun this fall with visits to landowner's homes to access range and watershed conditions. This has been one of the more popular and useful aspects of the chapter's program.

Volunteers are participating in a variety of projects which include assisting Junction ISD with Earth Day activities; developing a nature trail at Fort McKavitt State Park; relocating a bird blind at South Llano River State park; photographing local flora and fauna for the TTU Field Research Station and helping design and plant a native plant landscape at Kimble Hospital. Many more projects are in the works and will continue to provide education, restoration of natural areas and data collection to assist our communities and the agencies which support healthy natural environments.

Local partners supporting the organization are Kimble and Menard County Extension Service offices, South Llano River State Park, Native American Seed Company and Texas Tech University Center at Junction.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's purpose is to develop local corps of "Master Volunteers" to provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. The main qualification to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in learning about and playing an active part in conservation.

Volunteers receive about 40 hours of training from educators and specialists from universities, agencies, nature centers and museums. Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources, ecological concepts, eco-regions of Texas and natural systems management. Volunteers are expected to give 40 hours of service a year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects and to pursue a minimum of 8 hours of advanced training in individual interest areas. The application deadline for the Western Edwards Plateau Chapter is December 31, 2005. For more information please call Martha Richardson at (325) 446-2301 ext. 222, email martha.richardson@ttu.edu

For more information on the Master Naturalist program contact Michelle Haggerty, Texas Master Naturalist Coordinator, (979) 458-2034 or email her at mhaggerty@wfsagate.tamu.edu

Bonilla fights food stamp abuse Announces \$7 million grant for Texas



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla is using his role on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee to fight food stamp abuse and protect the pocket books of taxpayers.

Bonilla recently announced a \$7.3 million grant award from the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the State of Texas Food Stamp Program. The USDA is providing awards to states with the best as well as the most improved performance in administering the Food Stamp Program. Awards are given to states with the lowest payment error rates and most improved negative error rates. Texas was recognized as one of the states to have the lowest payment error rate.

"I am grateful the USDA has recognized Texas' excellence. Today's grant award will do a great service for families throughout our state," said Bonilla. Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds the USDA Food Stamp Program. The Food Stamp Program provides support to needy households and to those making the transition from welfare to work.

The Program serves as the first line of defense against hunger. It enables low-income families to buy nutritious food with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. Almost 24 million individuals in over 10 million households currently participate in the Program.

"Improvements to the Food Stamp Program are vital to the future of our nation's war against hunger," said Bonilla. "This is another example of Agriculture making a difference in daily lives."

As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla oversees a wide range of agriculture issues including the nation's food supply and inspection services. Food and Drug Administration oversight, emergency disaster relief, agriculture research, rural development, and farm and ranch programs. In addition to chairing the Agriculture Subcommittee, Bonilla is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Subcommittees.

Bonilla has represented the 23rd Congressional District of Texas since his first election in 1992. Congressman Bonilla represents 23 counties, which accounts for approximately 22 percent of the total square miles in Texas. The 23rd District is the largest district in the State.

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Ports-To-Plains plan near final

Four-State DOT Project Team Hosting Open Houses to Get Public Comment on Development & Management Plan for Trade Corridor

WHO: The Departments of Transportation from Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico welcome all interested parties to attend the third and final round of public meetings to discuss the Ports to Plains Corridor Development and Management Plan (CDMP).

WHAT: The Ports to Plains Corridor runs from the Texas/Mexico border at Laredo through western Texas, the Oklahoma panhandle, northeastern New Mexico and eastern Colorado to Denver. It is one of 43 "High Priority Corridors" designated by federal legislation in 1998 to promote economic development by ensuring the free flow of goods throughout North America. The CDMP will serve as a blueprint for maximizing the corridor's operational and economic potential. The plan identifies and prioritizes various elements of the corridor, including roadway

improvements, environmental resources and maintenance and operations needs. The plan also proposes various alternatives for funding the corridor's development and encouraging its use by freight and recreational traffic.

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 26
WHERE: Texas Tech University, International Cultural Center, 601 N. Indiana Ave., Lubbock, Texas

FORMAT: The Lubbock and Denver meetings will each run in an open house format from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Both meetings will feature a presentation by the project managers at 4:00 p.m., followed by time for questions and comments from the public.

VISUALS: The open houses will feature several boards describing various components of the CDMP. The presentation will be available on the website the week of the open houses.

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Texas is taking aggressive steps to protect the Homeland

By Gov. Rick Perry

Three years ago, our nation was forever changed by the tragic events of September 11. The events of that day, and the terrorist attacks that have taken place around the world since then, have taught us that our enemies go to great lengths to execute their evil designs.

It is therefore incumbent upon us to take every step we can to protect our homeland and ensure the safety of our citizens, our property and the freedom we cherish. And today, because of the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local leaders, Texas has never been better prepared for any type of emergency.

My first priority as governor of Texas is to secure the safety of our people. Immediately after September 11, my office began working to strengthen our state's ability to prevent and respond to the threat of terrorism. We created the Texas Department of Homeland Security to coordinate efforts between federal,

state and local authorities, and the strategic plan we developed was the first to be approved by the federal government.

As part of our comprehensive strategy to combat terrorism, I set forth three principal objectives to detect, deter and defend against terrorist threats.

Our first priority must be to prevent terrorist attacks in Texas. Our best defense is a good offense of increased security, better risk detection and improved communication. The state and federal governments have provided funding to enhance coordination and communication among law enforcement agencies, increase intelligence, and strengthen facility security. And I established the Texas Security Alert and Analysis Center to coordinate the state's intelligence, response and warning systems.

Secondly, we must reduce the state's vulnerability to terrorism. My office continues to work closely with state agencies and the private sector to identify and assess risks, and we have

provided greater protections for critical infrastructure like ports, airports and other key assets.

Finally, we must be able to respond rapidly and effectively to minimize damage if an attack on Texas soil ever occurs. That's why the state and federal governments have provided funding to better train first responders, equip hospitals and healthcare providers with the skills to respond to a bio-terrorist attack, and help communities purchase items such as decontamination equipment, hazmat suits and other equipment to support regional response plans.

Since 9-11, the state and federal governments have committed more than \$1.1 billion to help secure the Texas homeland. These funds have vastly improved our communications systems and helped better prepare first responders, law enforcement personnel and health care officials across the state.

With an international border that stretches more than 1,200 miles, hundreds of miles


of coastline, numerous petrochemical facilities, and several of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation, Texas is not an implausible target for an attack by terrorist enemies.

But because of our efforts, Texans can feel secure and be safe in their homes and offices, at the airport or in their cars, and at any place they gather to play or worship.

While we cannot prevent every disaster, be it manmade or natural, we can and must take every step possible to prevent and prepare for emergencies. In Texas, we will continue to patrol, monitor, train and take every precaution to detect and prevent terrorist attacks. We will continue to protect our citizens, our homes and places of business, and our natural resources from assault or contamination. And we will continue to work together as a team with government and private leaders to ensure that our way of life and the freedom we cherish is available to all in future generations.

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Total Eclipse of the Moon October 27

by Paul Derrick

The October 27 full Moon will feature a total eclipse of the Moon, and for most of the Americas, the timing couldn't be better. An evening event concluding before midnight, we'll get to follow the entire eclipse at a convenient hour.

Partial eclipse begins at 8:14 p.m. when shadowing appears at the edge of the Moon. The shadow then creeps across the Moon until it becomes totally eclipsed at 9:23. The total eclipse lasts until 10:45 when sunlight then begins moving back across the Moon's surface. Partial eclipse ends at 11:54.

Depending upon the Earth's atmospheric conditions, the totally eclipsed Moon may appear anywhere from a deep coppery orange to almost invisible gray. When our atmosphere is reasonably free of clouds, dust and smoke, more redder rays of sunlight are bent into Earth's shadow, bathing the Moon with a beautiful, but eerie color. But when our atmosphere is less clear, little sunlight is bent into the shadow, leaving the Moon looking darker.

The Moon orbits Earth every 29 1/2 days (each "month") on nearly the same plane as Earth orbits the Sun. During new Moon, the Moon passes between the Earth and Sun, and is hidden in the Sun's glare. During full Moon, Earth passes between the Moon and Sun, and we see the Moon fully illuminated.

Since the plane of the Moon's orbit around Earth is not exactly the same as Earth's plane around the Sun, most alignments are not exact, but when they are we have an eclipse. During those new Moons when the Moon passes exactly between Earth and Sun, it blocks out sunlight for a few minutes, producing a solar eclipse. During those full Moons when the Moon passes directly through Earth's shadow, as it will Oct. 27, we have a lunar eclipse.

If you're observing this eclipse from a non-light polluted area notice that as the Moon darkens more stars pop out, and even the Milky Way should be visible during totality. (But don't look for any naked-eye planets during the eclipse -- they're now in the morning sky.)

We won't see another total eclipse of the Moon until Feb. 2008, so mark your calendar now. And after last November's clouded out lunar eclipse, let's hope for better luck this year.

Sky Calendar.
* 20 Wed: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

* 20/21 Wed. evening/Thu. morning: The Orionid meteor shower peaks with the best viewing expected from midnight, when the Moon sets and Orion is well up, until dawn.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707. (254) 753-6920 or pjderick@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

School Board from page 1

ent reviewed the monthly list of bills in the amount of \$294,124.50.

The business manager and the superintendent gave information regarding maintenance tax notes and assured the board that they would be continually updated regarding the disbursement of the funds from the notes.

The minutes from the September 13, 2004, meeting were approved.

President Fields presented a plan he had developed regarding change order procedures as to the designated representative and specified dollar amounts. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Jennings to approve change order procedures as follows: up to \$15,000 - Superintendent approves; \$15,000-\$25,000 Superintendent and Board President approve; and over \$25,000 - board members must approve. The motion was seconded by Payton.

Following some discussion regarding clarification, Jennings amended her motion as follows: up to \$15,000 - Superintendent approves; \$15,001-\$25,000 - Superintendent and Board President approve; \$25,001 and above - board members approve; and all change orders will be presented to the Board at their monthly meeting. The amended motion was seconded by Payton and carried unanimously.

The board then unanimously approved a change order in the amount of \$29,629.61 for a transformer for electrical service to the Primary Cafeteria.

Architect John Williams and Construction Superintendent Mike McGee gave the monthly construction report, stating that the amount of rain had slowed things down, but work was progressing.

High School Counselor Kay Friess presented the annual Safe and Drug Free Schools Report.

Elementary Principal Louise Dermody gave information regarding Cycle 2 of the Reading 1st Grant which was awarded in mid-September. She stated that there had been some problems with the grant but that these issues would soon be resolved and they would then move forward. A general discussion was held regarding various aspects of the grant.

A motion was made and approved to certify the tax roll for 2004.

Superintendent Myers informed the board that it was now required the the board designate the fund balance on an annual basis. A motion was made by Payton to designate the fund balance as follows:

\$1,270,507.78 - 3510-Construction: \$490,000.00 - 3530 - Capital Improvement: \$433,000.00 - 3590 - Transportation: \$500,000.00 - 3590-01 - Instructional Improvement. The motion was seconded by Dean Dermody and carried unanimously.

Technology Director Erik Craig presented information regarding technology additions, including an additional T-1 line, Time Clock Plus software, and wireless networking of the Bus Barn. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the necessity and justifications for each of these additions. A motion was then made by Jacoby, seconded by Bustamante, to approve the technology renovations as presented.

The motion carried unanimously. The board also instructed the Superintendent and Business Manager to determine if maintenance tax note funding could be used for any and/or all the technology additions.

Following a discussion of Update 73, a motion was made by Favila as follows: that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 73 with the following changes - the current policy EK (Local) should remain in place. The motion was seconded by Payton and carried unanimously.

The Superintendent stated that enrollment was fairly steady and in the mid-980's range and that attendance had improved slightly.

Dr. Myers gave monthly maintenance reports over the following areas: Campus - They are in the process of repairing the boiler at the High School, the floors will be waxed at the Rock Building as soon as it is completed, the washing machine at the Field House was replaced due to lightning damage and repairs in two boys restrooms have been completed; Extra-Curricular - Reseeding with winter grass will begin at the baseball and softball fields, the backboard pads in the Middle School Gym have been replaced, the tennis nets have arrived and will be installed, the chairs have been repaired in the High School Auditorium, caliche work has been completed on the north side of the Ag Barn and both the track and the long jump pit projects will commence as soon as the football season is over; Housing - the wood stove in an administrator house needs to be repaired and the roof at the Band Director's house has been patched but will need a more thorough job in the future.

The Superintendent also informed the board that they would begin developing a plan for other major repair items that will be funded by the maintenance tax notes, including renovations to the elevators at Middle School and High School which will bring them into compliance. Dr. Myers also informed the board about the rotting boards in the football field bleachers (due to the large volume of rain) and discussed the repairs that had been made.

Dr. Myers reported that he had attended the recent TASA/TASB Convention in Dallas and stated that the positives were the large number of exhibits addressing all aspects of public education. He stated that the negatives were the inconvenience of location and the distance involved and commented that the actual sessions were comparable to those held at the Summer Leadership Institute.

The Superintendent reviewed in detail the data contained in the district's accountability report along with the information presented in the Adequate Yearly Progress Report (AYP). He informed the board that all of Sonora's campuses had attained Recognized status, and that only 19 schools in the state received Exemplary status (none of which were in

Region XV), and that his goal was for Sonora ISD to be the first Exemplary district in Region XV.

President Fields read two thank you notes, one from former employee Smith Neal thanking the board for the activity pass and one from Sheryl Bawcom thanking them for sending flowers during her recent hospitalization.

Fields also commented that in all his years in Sonora, he never remembered the band receiving a standing ovation - twice - for their performance and he expressed his admiration to band members and Director Russell Baldwin for their outstanding efforts. Dr. Myers stated that the band would be competing that Saturday around noon in Brady at the district contest, and High School Principal Raul Chavarria informed the board that the band would be featured entertainment at the upcoming pep rally on Friday.

Mrs. Favila asked a question regarding band uniforms and was informed that Mr. Baldwin was having to outfit 72 students with only 67 uniforms, six of which he had to make into three uniforms, and that was the reason for the various types of dress such as drummers in rugby shirts, etc.

The Board President announced that there would be a short recess, after which the board would enter closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel) to discuss as follows: 1. additional Special Education Teacher, 2. teacher for grant, and 3. vacancy for High School Spanish Teacher. Fields stated that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session and a motion was made by Favila, seconded by Dermody to employ Tina Van Gundy as Special Education Teacher. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting adjourned.

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October 22
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October 23
Mikael Samaniego, Richard Gutierrez, Sara Baggett, Nancy Law, Paul Law, Aneida Castillo, David Luna, Alonzo Hernandez, Sr. Modesta Mesa, Jr.
October 24
Diane Jacoby, Michelle Castillo, Jack Law, Tim McAngus, Byerl Dillard, Andrew Alvites, Heath Prather, Terri Perez, Kathy Hardgrave
October 25
Mickey Schaeffer, Fernando Trevino, Betty Hernandez, Joe San Miguel, Chase Wardlaw, Hannah Moble, Teresa Zurita
October 26
Sonia Reyes, Kimberley Gonzales, Meghan Acosta, Connie Castillo
October 27
Chelsey Lou Campbell, Casey Henderson, Dana Duhon, Leo Samaniego, Dora McAfee, Yvette Samaniego, Albert Alvarado

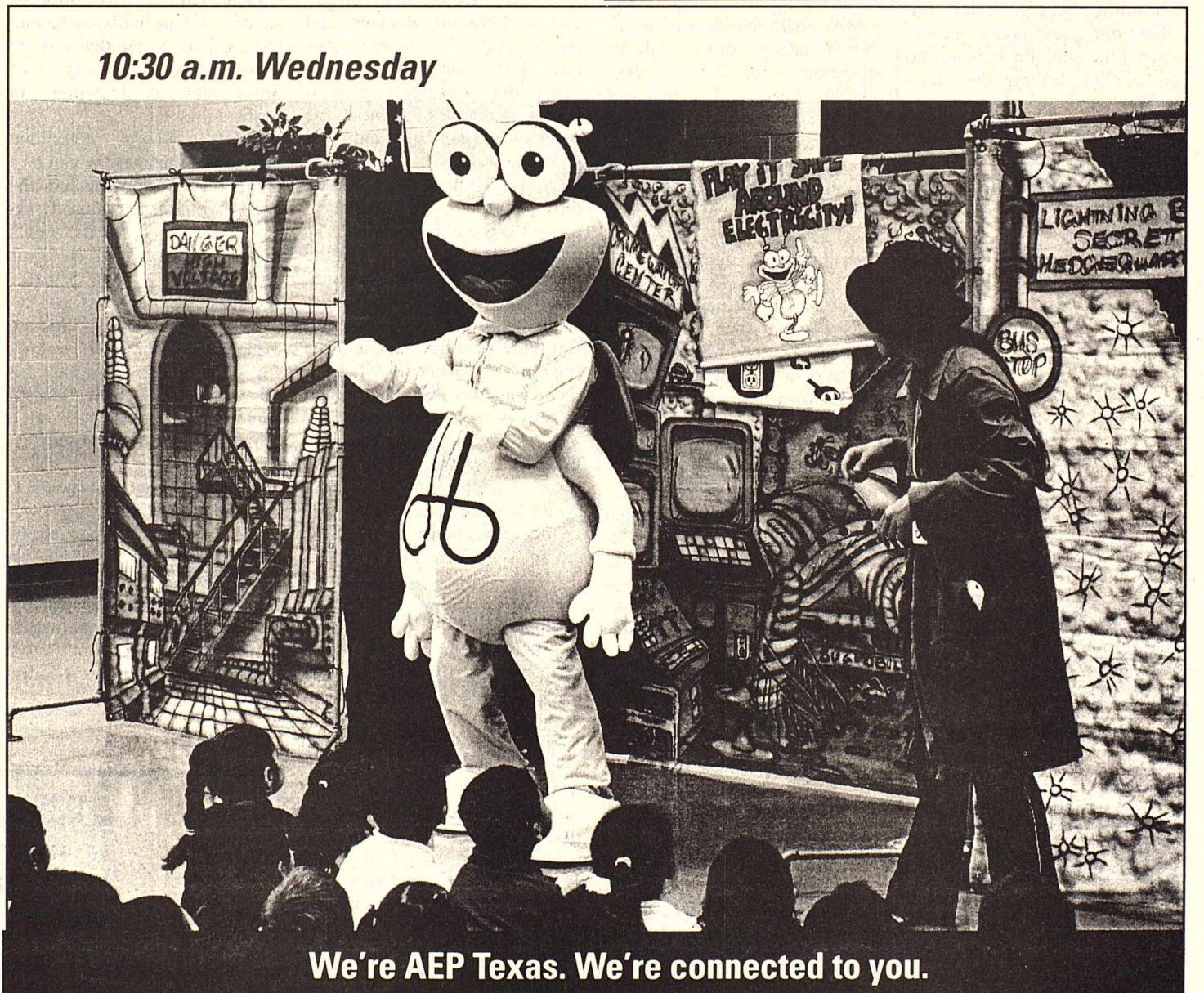
Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
KCS Resources, Inc. 7130 S. Lewis Ave., Suite 700, Tulsa, OK 74136 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Wolfcamp Formation, Miers A Lease, Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles Northeast of Sonora in the Steen (Wolfcamp) Field, in Sutton County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the sub-surface depth interval from 3800 to 4400 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

School Bus Safety Week

DPS is asking motorists to practice safe driving habits around school buses as part of School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-23.
This year's theme—"Shh...Railroad Crossing"—is designed to emphasize the need for quiet on a school bus when approaching a railroad crossing. State law requires buses to come to a complete stop before crossing railroad tracks, even if a train isn't present.
"Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with alternating red flashing lights are required by state law to stop," said Charley Kennington, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation. "Violators face fines of up to \$1,000 if convicted."

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SONORA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
The City of Sonora is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$174,999 for water system improvements for a City-wide Benefit and sewer system improvements in the eastern section of the City. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



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Frontier Mini Storages located on Hwy. 277 (Next to Creek), in Sonora, Texas, Sutton County will be holding a public sale on **October 23, 2004** to satisfy a landlord's lien, **weather permitting**. This is the tenant's official notice of "Intent To Sell" concerning their property. Property will be sold to pay tenant's debt. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants are **Bernice Cowsart (household furniture, Misc. Items); Josie Rodriguez (misc. items)**. Regarding this notice contact Jana Dover @ 325-387-2104 or @ Landmark Apartments (office A-4) to assist in making payments or payment arrangements only.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 0034-06-009 for SEAL COAT in RUNNELS County, etc will be opened on November 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 14364

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 73375

APPLICATION
Multi-Chem Group, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 73375 which would authorize continued operation of their Specialty Chemicals Manufacturing Plant located at 349 PR 4473, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on August 31, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Sutton County Public Library, 306 East Mulberry Street, Sonora, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING

You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

(You may request a contested case hearing.) A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised

during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Multi-Chem Group, LLC, P.O. Box 1377, Sonora, Texas 76950 or by calling Mr. George Thornton, Product Specialist at (325) 387-2585.

Issuance Date: October 4, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
To: All property owners in Sutton County. From: The Authorized Agent Program for on-site wastewater systems (septic systems) for Sutton County, TX.

1. By Sutton County Order, all septic systems being installed in Sutton County must be permitted regardless of acreage as of 01-01-04. This includes hunting camps, oilfield field offices, new home construction and new commercial building construction.
2. By state law, all septic systems must be installed by a licensed Installer/Site Evaluator.
3. Applications for septic systems may be picked up at the County Judge's office.

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T.J. and Judy Jarrett will be guest speakers of the Sutton County Historical Society on Monday, October 25, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Cauthorn Memorial Building (Old Depot) on Mulberry Street. Bring a brown bag lunch or order one from the Sutton County Steakhouse for \$6.50. For more information or to make reservations call 387-5084 or 387-2855.

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@sonoratr.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.

October 18 -19 - Adult/Child/Infant CPR and First Aid - Red Cross Office, 333 Earl Garret, Kerrville, Texas, (830)257-4677, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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.

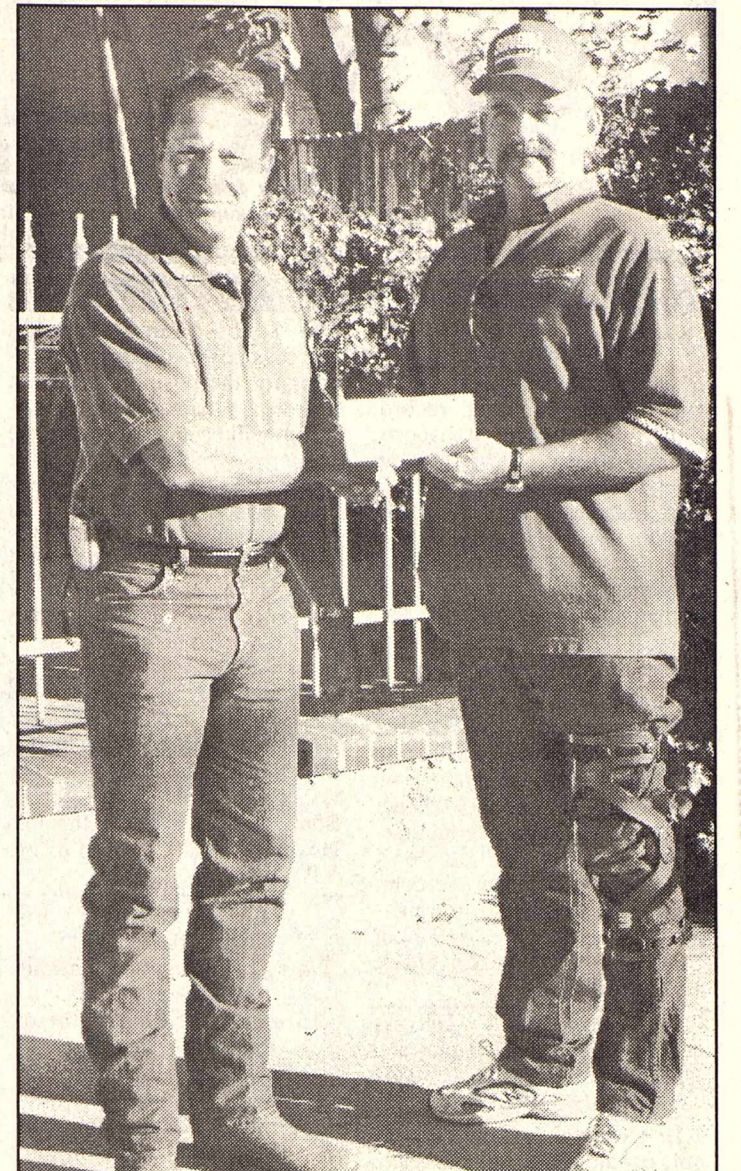
NEW SELECTION JUST IN - "Support your troops" car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 apiece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

Have a loved one serving in the military? Looking for a way to honor that loved one and show your support? Make a donation in his or her name to the Old Glory Fund. Names will be printed in The Devil's River News. Contributions can be made at The First National Bank of Sonora.

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Call 387-2521, ext. 170.

Devon Energy donates to Firefighters Association



Devon Energy Corporations is committed to demonstrating its desire to be a good corporate citizen socially, environmentally and culturally through donations, which enhance the quality of life and meet community needs. In support of this philosophy Lynn Hinsley (left) proudly presented Rick Cearley with a check for \$500 to the Sonora Firefighters Association.

Young trick or treaters to haunt local businesses



The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sonora downtown businesses and many other businesses in our community would like to invite all the trick or treaters to come by on Friday, October 29, 2004, to fill their bags with lots of sweet treats and special goodies, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Listed below are the participating businesses:
Downtown: First National Bank, City Hall, Elliott Law Office, Main Street Realty, Doyle Morgan Insurance, Southwest Texas ACA Federal Land Bank, The Devil's River News, the Sutton County Annex Building, the Mercantile Building (Johnson's Law Office, Devon Oil, Friends of Historic Main Street Program), Sutton County Auditor and Treasurer's office, Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance, Stirr-Up Trouble, Team Graphics, Sonora Abstract, Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Sutton County Historical Society Office, and Sutton County Library.

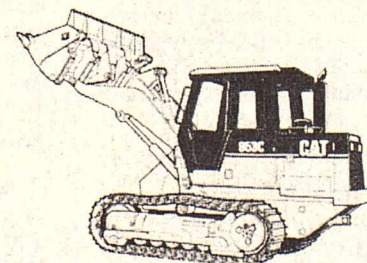
On Concho Avenue: Tedford Jewelry, Lone Star Collision, Farm Bureau Insurance, Where's the Beach Tanning Salon, Sutton County Probation Office, and Radio Shack.

Other businesses around town: The Bank & Trust, Sonora Post Office, Sonora Police Department, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

The Sonora Elementary students, Busy Bee Day Care, Sonora Head Start Program, Sutton County Library Club, God's Little Angels and any other children in the community are going to be strolling the treat streets, so everyone BEWARE! Drive carefully and look out for the little haunters that will be weaving around town.

If you need more information please contact the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 387-2248.

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