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Truck runs over Sonora third grader

By Storie Sharp

A third grade student at Sonora Elementary was rushed to Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital on Thursday, September 29, after being struck and dragged by a two-ton Auger Truck, owned by SM Fencing Company of Sonora. The victim and his sister were crossing Crockett Avenue at the intersection of Crockett and Hwy 277, when the boy's leg was clipped by the truck. Unable to stop immediately, the truck dragged the boy approximately 40 feet before coming to a stop. Witnesses rushed to the vehicle to assist in removing the boy from under the truck where his leg was wedged under the tire. Sutton County EMS was on the scene within minutes and transported the victim to Hudspeth Memorial for emergency treatment before being air lifted by Shannon AirMed 1 to San Angelo.

Witnesses on the scene said it appeared that a pick-up truck stopped in the turning lane of the intersection was going to allow the students to cross, not realizing the signal light had turned green for east and west bound traffic. The boy passed in front of the pickup and stepped out into the intersection as the large machine truck, used to drill holes for fencing, was unable to stop immediately and skid to a halt half-way through the intersection. The busy morning traffic was detoured around the scene while Sonora Police Officers Lance Dalton and Mike Routh and Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Earlie Williams investigated the scene and took statements from witnesses. The victim remains in the hospital in San Angelo where he is still undergoing treatment to his leg that was severely injured in the accident.

Sonora honors fallen soldier October 1 proclaimed *Shane Folmar Day*



Sonora Mayor Gloria Lopez recently proclaimed October 1 to be "Shane Folmar Day" in honor of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar, who was killed in Iraq a year ago while serving with the U.S. Marines in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At a special community picnic on Saturday, friends and family of Shane gathered to eat, visit and share memories of their friend. (Above) Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, (left) and Miss Sutton County, Hillary Lawson (right) presented Shane's mother, Callie Folmar, (center) with the proclamation.

For more on all the activities, see the Chamber Chatter on page 4.

Aparicio family honors son with a yellow ribbon on the Old Oak Tree



On September 14, 2005 a yellow ribbon was placed on the Old Oak Tree in front of the Sutton County Courthouse for Hector Aparicio Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Hector Aparicio, Sr. tied the ribbon for their son who is serving overseas. They were joined by his sisters, brother, family and his girlfriend Jaquie Castillo.



Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar

Bonilla to hold Community Update in Sonora

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Henry Bonilla will visit Sonora on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. While in town Bonilla will hold a Community Update for the constituents of Sonora. For time and reservation information see page 4.

Bonilla will be traveling to several towns in West and South Texas. At each stop, Bonilla will update area residents on news from Washington, D.C. Among the topics Bonilla will discuss include border security, agriculture, homeland security, tax reform and local issues.

"I'm excited to see so many of my old friends in Sonora. The District Work Period gives me the opportunity to travel the vast expanse of the district, catch up with old friends and make some new ones," said Bonilla.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

American Cancer Society Offers Screening Information and Support

Austin--October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society is increasing awareness of the importance of early detection. As the second leading cause of cancer death in women, breast cancer will claim an estimated 2,460 lives in Texas this year. Many of the lives lost to breast cancer could be prevented through early detection. When breast cancer is detected early the survival rate could be as high as 97%.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following screening guidelines for the early detection of breast cancer:

Yearly mammograms beginning at age 40;

Clinical Breast Exams about every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and older;

Breast Self Examination (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s; Report any breast change promptly to health care providers

Women at increased risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests or having more frequent exams.

Maintaining a healthy body weight, staying physically active and limiting alcohol consumption may lower the risk of breast cancer.

Through clinical breast exams a physician can sometimes identify a problem that a woman may have overlooked. Though most breast lumps are not cancerous, only a physician can

See Breast Cancer page 8

Texas plans to celebrate Chamber of Commerce Week

October 10 - 14th has been officially declared 'Chamber of Commerce Week' in Texas. Spearheaded by the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), the oldest organization in the country for training and educat-

ing chamber professionals, Chamber of Commerce Week celebrates the 617 chambers of commerce in Texas that work diligently to create jobs, implement beautification pro-

See Chamber of Commerce page 10

City Council appoints Friess to SIDC Board

The Sonora City Council met for regular business on September 20, 2005. All council members, Virgil Polocsek, Smith Neal, Fred Perez, Thomas Adkins were present, as well as Mayor Gloria G. Lopez; Jim Polonis, City Manager; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Patti Prather, City Secretary; Chief of Police, Mike House; Susan Hall, Nancy Glasscock, Juanita Mesa, Fred Hernandez, Carl Teaff, Carol Leonard, Ruthie Bounds, Ann Kay, Sonya and Victor Hernandez.

After being called to order by Mayor Gloria Lopez, minutes for prior meetings were approved as presented.

The monthly report for taxes collected in August 2005 was submitted to the council for review and were approved as presented.

Fred Hernandez with AEP informed members of the Council that AEP had filed a petition for refunds to 100,000 residential customers amounting to approx-

imately 19 million dollars. The refunds were comprised of fuel charge refunds of over 5 million dollars, a retail clawback of over 15 million dollars and subtracting legal fees of 1.5 million.

Carol Leonard requested that Concho Avenue, from Oak Street to Mulberry Street be closed, from 10:00 p.m. until midnight for a 5th quarter block party after the Mason football game on October 14th. The event would be sponsored by the church youth groups and would have food, games and music. Chief House will coordinate with the City crews to place barricades to block entrance to the closed portion of the street. The council approved the request.

A request from Ms. Lidia Ogaz (Romero) for a variance for a mobile home to be set back 22' from both Main Street and Poplar Street, at Block L, Lot 6 was approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Herman-

Adult Health EXPO to offer free screenings

by Keith Butler

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the Health and Wellness Center will sponsor the Adult Health EXPO, on Tuesday, October 18th, 2005. The EXPO will be held at the Health and Wellness Center from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Every department of the hospital and the Sonora Medical Clinic will provide free or discounted health screenings along with health educational materials and teachings.

Many free screenings will be offered to include: Cholesterol Screening (Lipid Profile), Blood Sugar, Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA, Blood Pressure, Hearing Testing, Cardiac Diet Instruction, Body Mass Index Calculation and Percentage of Body Fat, and Advanced Directives.

Bone Density Testing will be provided at a discounted rate. No insurance will be filed. Blood Screening will begin at 7:00 a.m. and patients wishing free blood screening must be fasting from midnight. Fasting is not required for PSA only. Fasting means nothing to eat or drink past midnight. Flu vaccine will not be available at the EXPO.

For more information, please telephone 325-387-2521 ext. 214.

American Meat Goat Association officially calls Sutton County home



by Storie Sharp

Sonora proudly welcomed their newest residents to town on Saturday, October 1, with the Grand Opening of the American Meat Goat Association home office at 109 W. Main St. The AMGA is not new, the association was formed in January 1992 by Tom & Debbie Carter and Stan & Kay Keen in Mertzon, Texas, but a steady increase in the meat goat business called for the need of a base location to be found. The purpose of this Association is to promote meat goats as a viable source of long-term, stable income in agricultural operations; to establish group breeding plans for the improvement of meat goats; and to enhance consumer demand at the retail level.

Acting AMGA President, Marvin Shurley, explained that it made the most sense to locate the office in Sutton County because the 100 mile radius of this community is responsible for 25% of the meat goat production in the United States. Shurley approached the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation to assist with some of the funding for the infrastructure of the building, explaining the positive economic impact the AMGA would have on Sonora and Sutton County. The City of Sonora gladly approved the requests to help secure the new business which will bring numerous visitors and conventions to our community. Initially the largest majority of the AMGA members were in

See AMGA page 7

Ask the Historical Society

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

Donations this week:
From Larry Finklea and Lawrence and Jodie Finklea to help defray costs of lawn mowing

From H. W. Keele, Jr.
We would like to tell you this week about a very special couple that celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on October 3. Salome "Sam" Perez, son of Salome Perez and Maria Sanchez Perez and Felicitas "Fela" Ramirez, daughter of Trinidad Ramirez and Librada Guerrero Ramirez were joined in holy wedlock on October 3, 1948 at the Primera Baptist Church in Sonora.

The elder Salome came to Sonora about 1913 from Del Rio and before that to Del Rio from Quatro Cienzgas, Mexico. The Ramirez family came to Sonora from Ozona in 1937 and before that from Saltillo, Mexico.

Sam and Fela were educated in the Sonora school system. Sam joined the U.S. Army and was sent to Japan. He served from 1945 to November of 1946. He then went to work with his father on Glasscock Street as a barber. He was a barber from 1947 to 2004 when illness forced him to retire. Fela worked behind their home on Poplar Street as a beautician from 1946 to 1996 and then retired. The family had first lived on Tom Green Ave but as their family grew the little one room house was just too small and they moved to their current home in 1969.

The following children were born to their marriage: Sammy who married Linda Buentallo and lives in Ben Bolt; "Bonnie" Yvonne who married Robert Aquero and lives in Dallas; Ruth who married Rudy Ramos and lives in Sonora and Peter who married Michelle Adams and lives in Round Rock.

When interviewing Sam he said, "he loved his wife as much, if not more than the day he married her and is very proud of all his children and their accomplishments in life."

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SAM & FELA AND MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE!

Q. Does the Dry Devil's River ever have any water in it besides rain water?

A. Many years ago springs on ranches north of town fed into

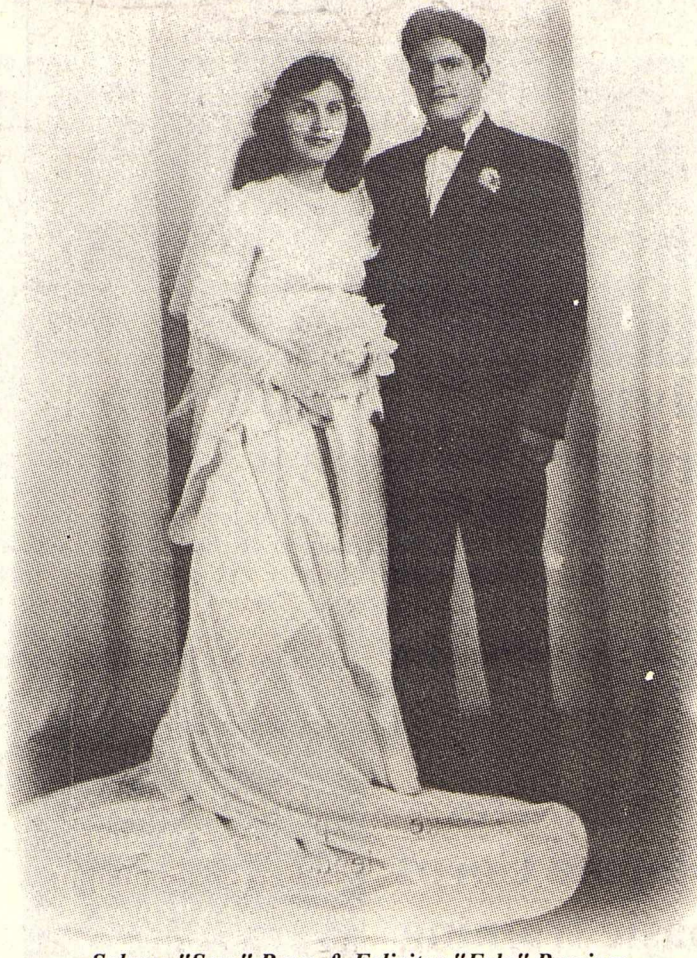
the draws that emptied into the Dry Devil's River and there was always a small stream of water and a few low places that held ponds of water in the river. Once the population grew and more and more people drilled water wells the water table dropped and these small springs dried up. In very wet years you occasionally will see a small amount of water from one or two of them but most of them are now totally dried or their flow has been blocked off by the earthen dam system around town and their flow is absorbed around the dams.

Young Jim Cauthorn and his father drifted their herds from Abilene to this area in 1887. For a while they camped on the area that is now occupied by the courthouse. A semi-permanent water hole in the Dry Devil's River, and the large oak trees, made the area attractive and a good place to camp that could dry winter. When good weather came they moved their herds south to the ranch that Jim Cauthorn lived on for 81 years of his life. There were only four wells in the area then, which was at that time a part of Crockett County. A fifth well was drilled on the Winkler Ranch, now the Shurley Ranch and the sixth was drilled where the current courthouse stands. By 1890 the census showed 658 people in Sutton County.

Jim said the frontier country was fraught with problems. Wolves were numerous, requiring constant attendance to sheep herds. The sheep business was a sorry mess in the early days and the sheep had to be brought in to the few wells or water holes every night to protect them from the wolves. Vegetation was very scarce, trampled out, around the watering places and during lambing many ewes abandoned their lambs when the corrals were opened for them to go out and feed.

The Cauthorn ranch headquarters was a convenient stopping place for travelers between Del Rio and Sonora and none were ever turned away. Once in a while they would find out days later that someone who had stayed with them was an outlaw on his way to Mexico to escape the law.

Jim Cauthorn was an extremely knowledgeable man and loved history yet he never got to go to school. He taught himself to read, and became an outstanding student of history and government. He could recall issues and candidates in every presidential election since 1900. He read every book he could get his hands on and even bought himself a new set of Encyclopedia Britannica while in his 80's. He certainly remembered the history of Sutton



Salome "Sam" Perez & Felicitas "Fela" Ramirez
10-3-1948

County accurately.

Q. Was Caddo Lake really once just swampland?

A. Rick took me to Caddo Lake for a fish fry at a commanding officers home one time. He never told us the history of the lake but we looked it up for you.

Caddo lake was just a swamp. It was the home of the Caddo Indians as was a great swamp with many stagnant pools and heavily wooded islands. It was explored by early day Spaniards on their westward push but they made little use of the find and the swamp remained as it was for many years.

In 1811 there was an event called the New Madrid earthquake. For days it shook the southern states in a series of violent tremors. Finally the floor of the Caddo Swamp sank from sight. When the water finally settled Caddo Lake was formed. It's a twin sister to Tennessee's Reelfoot Lake, born of the same tremors.

Many people don't realize that Puget Sound in Washington State was formed in the same way. A violent earthquake caused the land to drop and the sea to rush in and water from local rivers to form the now huge sound. In the Straits of Juan de Fuca there is currently several volcanic eruptions happening in the deep waters of the sound in old volcanos. They are being closely watched to insure that ship traffic isn't interfered with by over the roiling

water and rising mounts.

We want to thank those that have given toward the lawn mowing fund. Rick saw the neurosurgeon this week and it will be over six months before he will be allowed to mow the grounds. We would deeply appreciate any families that can afford it to donate toward the lawn mowing fund or to volunteer their time to mow the grounds for us. One neighbor does the office front and side lawn. If everyone would pitch in it would make the upkeep very easy.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. While we do answer questions in the column if they are extremely difficult and involve doing a whole family tree we must charge a fee of \$10 per hour and 35 cents per copy that you wish sent to you. You may call us at the office at 307 Oak Street or stop in and see us. The number there is 325-387-5084. Our e-mail address is schs@sonoratx.net

All new lighting is being installed on the grounds during the month of October and we would appreciate it if people would stay off the Depot, Amphitheater, in other words whole Miers Home Complex until the work is done. We will be pouring cement, doing extensive underground wiring and don't want anyone to get hurt. Thank You!

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Main Street Traffic
Sonora Welcomes District 2-AA Lions Club

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

We want to welcome all District 2 Lions to Sonora for a Fish Fry Supper on Friday, October 14, 2005. The Lions Club members and their guests will be treated to the meal under the West Texas sky on The Sutton County Park Slab. The evening's entertainment will be attending the Mighty Bronco football game against the Mason Punchers. The Lions will be visiting from all over and headquartered at the Comfort Inn and will stay at other local hotels as well. During the District meeting on Saturday, our visitor's spouses and guests will be treated to a trip to the beautiful Caverns of Sonora. They will return back to town for lunch and Sonora downtown businesses will be open for the Lions to come in and look around, while they enjoy the 1998 Texas Downtown Award Winning "Bank Vault Park", the 2001 Texas Downtown Award Winning Exhibit, "Veterans from All Wars", and our wonderful Historic Downtown. Hope to see you there.

The dance Studio is opening for lemonade and cookies. Come and join us for a day of fun filled events with our District 2-AA Lions Club.

We would also like to remind everyone that we will be having our Downtown Trick or Treat on Monday October 31. Everyone who would like to bring your little monsters & angels are welcome. It will be from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. The Annual Fall Festival 2005 will be held on Saturday October 29, 2005 from 10:00 - 5:00 everyone is welcome and anyone can have a booth. If you have any questions about booths or prices please contact us 387-2248 or come by our office.

Bone Density Testing Now Available in Sonora at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

What is bone density testing?
Bone density testing is often performed to help diagnose osteoporosis or to see if you're at increased risk of this disease. Osteoporosis thins your bones causing them to become more fragile and likely to break.

Who should be tested?
Bone density testing is recommended if: you're a woman age 65 or older, you're 60 and at increased risk of osteoporosis, you're a postmenopausal woman who has recently fractured a bone, or you're a younger postmenopausal woman with other risk factors for osteoporosis.

How is it done?
Quantitative Computerized Tomography (QCT) measures your spine using a CT scanner combined with computer software to determine your bone density. This method provides detailed, three-dimensional images and can take into account the effects of aging and diseases other than osteoporosis on your bones. The test only takes a few minutes to perform and requires no preparation.

Will my insurance cover bone density?
Most insurance covers the cost of bone density subject to individual policy requirements, deductibles and cost shares. Medicare will cover one bone density per year. Our Patient Representatives will be happy to pre-certify your coverage.

How can I schedule a bone density?
Consult with your local physician for a referral. Contact the Radiology Department at 325-387-2521 x130 for more information.

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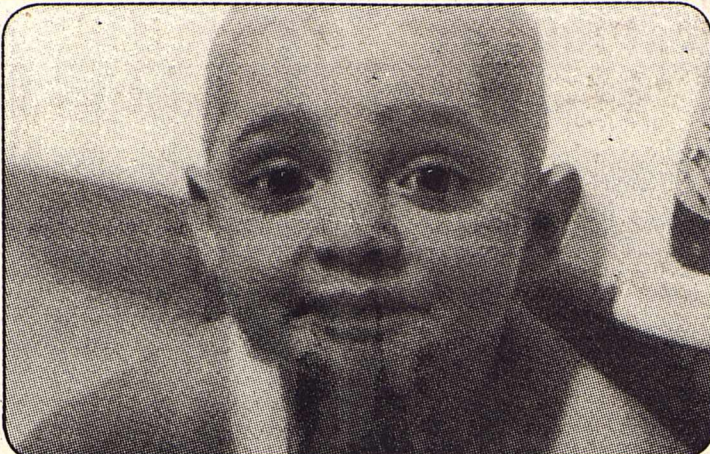
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Alyssa Collins and family prepare for homecoming

Alyssa Collins (above) has soared over the final hurdle of treatment for AML leukemia and, if she continues to remain healthy, will be coming home to Sonora in the next couple of weeks. Now at the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth, just down the street from Cook Children's Medical Center, Alyssa and her parents are eager to make the journey home, and her grandparents and brother, Nathaniel, are counting the days until she is here.

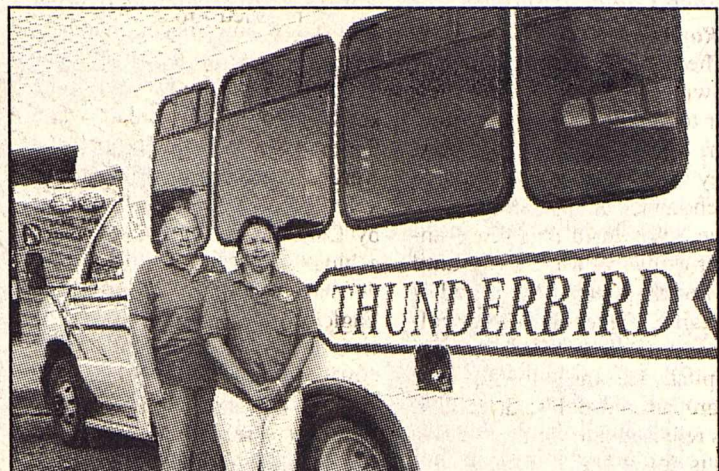
Perez completes Marine Corps basic training

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Perla Perez, daughter of Idalia and Genaro Perez of Sonora, Texas, recently completed the Marine Corps Enlisted Warehouse Basic Course.

During the course with Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools Training Command, Camp Lejeune, N. C, students are provided with a comprehensive theoretical and practical background in the performance and administration of duties as a warehouse clerk. Studies include storage and issue procedures, record keeping, inventory of materials, storing gear, and running warehouse machinery such as a forklift.

Perez is a 2004 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and joined the Marine Corps Reserve in November 2004.

Thunderbird increases hours of operation



As of October 1, 2005 Thunderbird Public Transportation is proud to announce that the vans are now operating on a 40 hour schedule per week to better serve the community. Sutton County currently employs two full time drivers to service Sonora and Sutton County. The buses are fully compliant with current ADA requirements, including being equipped with OEM wheelchair lifts, and they currently provide Medicaid transportation for medical and dental appointments.

Thunderbird is in the process of installing computers in all the buses and will be using a program called ParaPlan Pro. This state of the art equipment will aid the drivers in daily and weekly scheduling, route schedules and daily and monthly reports. The buses are comfortable and air conditioned and are environmentally and energy efficient running on propane gas. Thunderbird is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information or reservations you may call 387-2509 in Sonora or the toll free number in San Angelo (877) 947-2729.

Dominion E&P Blood Drive
 October 11, 2005
 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Dominion E&P Office, Hwy 277 S., 3rd floor
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce
 by Ruthie Bounds, COC Executive Director

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is honored to host a reception luncheon and discussion with Congressman Henry Bonilla, next Wednesday, October 12, at The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

A light lunch will be served and you can make your reservation by calling the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880, by noon Monday, October 10. Mr. Bonilla wants to visit with local business persons and community leaders. Please call for your reservations as soon as possible.

This past weekend was a very busy one for the staff at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. At 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning we were at the Grand Opening for the American Meat Goat Association Office, including a ribbon cutting & welcoming ceremony. (See picture front page)

There is no way to express the appreciation of our community to Marvin and Wanda Shurley and the entire board of directors of the AMGA for locating their office here. Eight of the nine members of the Board of Directors for the AMGA were present for the Grand Opening and a board meeting followed the celebration. We hope that many people saw the coverage of this event on the KSAN NBC television news this weekend. If you get a chance, stop by and welcome this organization to our community, you will be in for a pleasant experience; the friendly staff occupies a beautiful, newly decorated office at 109 W. Main Street.

The president of the American Meat Goat Association, Marvin Shurley has long been an ambassador for our community while traveling the around the country promoting the meat goat industry, and for that we are very grateful.

Donna & I also helped, and enjoyed being a part of, the "Shane Folmar Day" community picnic at the Sutton County Slab beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Above & below: Friends of Shane Folmar share favorite memories and lunch in the park in honor of their fallen friend.



Friends and family of Shane Folmar hosted a picnic and celebration of Shane's life and his dedication to service.

Sonora Mayor, Gloria Lopez, signed a proclamation a couple of weeks ago proclaiming October 1st as "Shane Folmar Day". As I read this proclamation for all who had gathered at the celebration, I offered to present it to Shane's mother, Callie Folmar. She immediately said "No, this proclamation goes to all of Shane's family, and that is all the people of Sonora that are here today."

She continued by saying, "This town has done so much for me I want everyone to know how much I appreciate this."

We were honored to be a part of this day and were there on our own, not there to represent any organization. We wanted to help celebrate the life of a young man who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the US Marine Corps, fighting for Iraqi freedom. It was an honor to be a part of this day.

Last week, in my column when I was expressing my gratitude to the people of Sonora for the generosity that was shown to the hurricane Rita evacuees, I neglected to mention two local groups: the Sonora Police Department and the Sutton County Sheriff's office and all their staff. These people were available at a moments notice to render aid and verify the identity of evacuees.

Dr. Rico Forlano

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Sunday, October 23, 2005
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Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Dessert and Beverage
 Recommended donation \$6.00

Proceeds from this annual fund-raiser ensure the future of quality health resources in Sutton County.

Join us on the Courthouse Lawn to help support the mission of the Sutton County Health Foundation. All donations appreciated and are tax deductible.

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SONORA Chamber of Commerce
 invites you to an Informational Meeting and Luncheon featuring **United States Congressman Henry Bonilla**
 October 12, 2005
 12:30 p.m.
 Church of the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall
 319 North East Mulberry

Limited seating available
 Reservations required by noon on Monday, October 10
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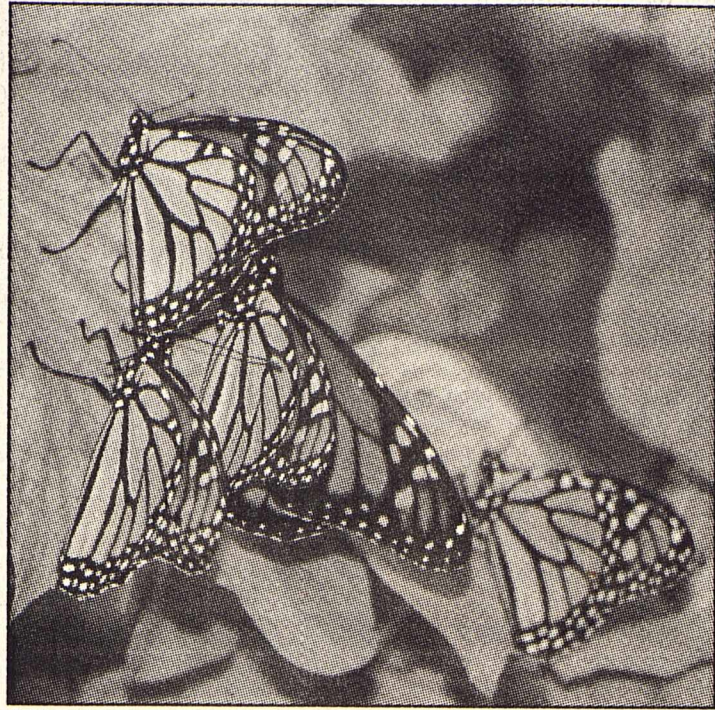
**Up on Eaton Hill
 Flutter By, Butterfly**

by Delyse Jaeger

The word late last week from Oklahoma was "Get ready Texas, here they come!" Reports around Sonora confirm the first wave of orange and black beauties have arrived. The spectacular migration of monarch butterflies from all points north, down into central Mexico is mysterious and delightful to many who marvel at the extraordinary journey undertaken by the delicate wind dancers. There are many unanswered questions surrounding monarch migration, however numerous dedicated biologists and enthusiasts sponsor educational programs and invite the public to learn about monarchs and actually participate in the ongoing research. Two such entities are Texas Monarch Watch, sponsored by Texas Parks & Wildlife and Journey North, sponsored by Annenberg/CPB. Both are easily accessible on the internet.

Sonora is ideally located for observing the migration as Texas acts as a geographic funnel for monarchs heading south to the oyamel forests deep in Mexico. The generation that makes this incredible journey south has never been to their destination. In fact, it is most likely the grandparents of the currently migrating monarchs who returned from Mexico last spring.

Several folks have reported large numbers of monarchs roosting in their trees. I had the delightful experience of visiting the Howorth Ranch where thousands of butterflies roost in the huge trees. They seem to be partial to the mulberry trees. The monarchs literally cover the under branches creating a magical



Migrating monarchs return to their ancestor's favorite roosts, like George Thorp's apricot tree.

fluttering canopy of black and orange, backlit with sun-sparkled leaves. Standing beneath this living mural, butterflies dancing about in all directions, one cannot help but feel awe, excitement and tranquility all at once. We could see the new arrivals coming in a constant stream over the rock fence, and I felt like a guest ambassador at the Howorth Monarch Riviera!

Next stop on the butterfly trail came through an invitation to photograph the monarchs in George Thorp's backyard. For years, monarchs have covered his apricot tree. We mused as to why they prefer this particular tree, when there are so many others available. It seems that not only can the monarchs find

their way to the particular forests in Mexico, but also visit the same favorite spots as preceding generations, right down to the Thorp's apricot tree in Sutton County! Phenomenal.

A special thank you to Max and Jimmie Howorth, and Mr. and Mrs. George Thorp for sharing the remarkable monarch havens occurring at their homes.

Monarchs and many other colorful butterflies can be seen on Eaton Hill, and the cemetery is an excellent spot for finding roosting monarchs. It is a sight worth taking the time to see. Hit the trails, where wonders never cease!

Local renewable energy resources, opportunities to be discussed in San Angelo

Event to focus on energy research and technologies

(Austin) The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) today announced its support and participation in the Rural Alliance for Renewable Energy's (RARE) Development Forum and Expo, which will address the benefits of developing renewable energy for individuals, businesses and communities. The event will take place October 24-25, 2005 at the San Angelo Convention Center, located at 500 Rio Concho Drive in San Angelo, the seat of Tom Green County.

The event will feature Texas energy and research experts, who will discuss opportunities for generating energy from wind, ethanol and biodiesel, methane, geothermal and solar sources, among other topics. The event will also feature development, applications and marketing discussions.

"Rural Texans are becoming increasingly aware of the significant local and regional benefits available through the development of renewable energy resources," noted Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA Executive Director. "I encourage rural Texans across the state to continue to educate themselves about the important current and future economic, security and reliability opportunities that our abundant renewable energy resources can provide through appropriate development. This event is a great place for everyone to learn about new energy technologies."

"The Concho Valley and surrounding area has an abundance of renewable resources, including good wind in some areas, significant biomass potential, and excellent solar energy," said Russel E. Smith, Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association Executive Director. "We expect this Forum will stimulate some very useful discussions that could lead to new economic development opportunities for the region."

RARE encourages ranchers, farmers, landowners, business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, government officials, and all others interested in exploring the economical benefits and opportunities available from renewable energy resources.

The event is coordinated by RARE, whose members include, Alternative Energy Institute, WTAMU - Austin Energy - Baylor Institute for Air Science - Corn Producers Association - National Corn Growers Association - National Grain Sorghum Producers - Office of Rural Community Affairs - Southern Methodist University Geothermal Laboratory -- Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Texas Cooperative Extension - Texas Department of Agriculture - Texas Farm Bureau - Texas Forestry Association - Texas General Land Office - Texas Grain Sorghum Association - Texas Mid-West Community Network - * Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association (Cielo Wind Power, LLC; CSG Services, Inc.; Electric Power Engineers, Inc.; EnLink GeoEnergy Services, Inc.; Kyocera Solar, Inc.; O2Diesel, Inc.) - Texas Solar Energy Society - Texas State Energy Conservation Office - The Wind Coalition - U.S. Dept. of Agriculture - USDA Agricultural Research Service, Conservation and Production Research Laboratory - Wind Science & Engineering Research Center, Texas Tech University * TREIA names six industry representatives.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us.

RARE is committed to assisting rural Texas communities in developing their renewable energy resources now so that future generations in those communities can prosper. For more information, visit www.treia.org/RARE.htm.

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October 10
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October 13
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Traylor's heifers win at New Mexico State Fair



Monica Traylor

submitted

Nash and Monica Traylor began their stock show season by traveling to the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque and then to the east Texas State Fair in Tyler. While in New Mexico, Monica came away with two 2nd places, 2 first places and Champion and Reserve Champion Guernsey Heifers. Nash had two 3rd places, one 1st place and Champion Bull in the Milking Shorthorn Division. They also came home with the Herdsman Award for the presentation of their projects.

In Tyler, Nash received two 1st places and Grand and Reserve Champion in the AOB (All Other Breeds) Division with his Milking Shorthorn heifers. Monica received two 2nd places in the Holstein Guernsey division with her heifers and won the Herdsman Award for her presentation of the projects.



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Oil & Agribusiness Improving Range Condition



submitted by **Pascual Hernandez**
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

How do I improve range condition? The single most important factor affecting range improvement is livestock stocking rate. Animal numbers must be balanced with forage supplies for range condition to be maintained or improved. All grazing systems and range improvement practices should follow this principle. To obtain range condition improvement, any increases in forage production must precede increases in stocking rate, not vice versa.

Periodic rest from grazing is necessary if range condition is to improve. This rest should be staggered at different times of the year to allow all forage species some relief from grazing pressure. A grazing system should be used to provide needed rest. Many grazing systems are available ranging from low-intensity, two pasture-one herd switchbacks to high-intensity, multiple pasture-one herd short duration grazing systems. Some grazing systems favor range improvement over individual animal performance. Others favor the opposite. In many instances, the grazing system used to obtain range improvement is not the system used to maintain the achieved level of range condition.

The species of livestock grazed (cattle, sheep or goats) also impact range improvement.

Different livestock species select different types of plants (grass, forbs or browse). To ensure optimum utilization of the total forage base, multiple species of livestock can be grazed together. The selective grazing behavior of livestock can also be used to manipulate vegetation. For example, goat numbers can be increased in relation to other species of livestock if a ranch manager wishes to favor the herbaceous component of a pasture over the woody.

Instances may occur when further improvement in range condition through grazing management (proper stocking rate, species of animal grazed and pasture rest) is too slow or not possible because of undesirable woody plants. In these cases, it may be necessary to apply control methods to accelerate range improvement. Control methods may be herbicides, fire, mechanical, biological (i.e. goat) or any combination of methods. Such methods, while capable of accelerating range improvement, often require substantial financial investment.

Of course other factors such as rainfall also influence range condition. The object is to manage the parts that one CAN control and to not compound the elements that can't be controlled. In subsequent articles we'll consider range condition for deer management and the idea of range monitoring as part of the management of range condition. For similar and related information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

4-H Forecast

Enrollment Forms: Pssssst! Please come by to fill out your enrollment forms for the 2005-2006 4-H year if you have not done so already. Enrollment is also required to enter county and major stock shows.

4-H Club Meeting: The 4-H club meeting this month will be on October 4th at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will have an interesting Halloween program topic...it has to do with "the afterlife". Come listen to the guest speaker and if you're in costume you'll be eligible for a door prize. Don't miss it.

Lamb and Goat Clinic: We will be having a lamb and goat clinic on October 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H barns. Topics will be *Developing Showmanship Skills and Beginning the Training Process*. Speakers will be collegiate students who not so long ago were burning up the show ring!

Project Visits: Pacual would like to visit all of your livestock projects. If you would like some help or input from him, give him a call and set up a time. If you ask, he will do what he can to help you.

Sheep & Goat Validation: Market lamb and goat validation will take place on October 16 & 17 at the Ag Farm. We'll begin at 9:00 a.m. on both days. Futurity Ewe Lamb shearing date will be October 20th.

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Texas. However, they currently have members in almost 40 states and Canada. The interest in meat goats is still growing, as evidenced by the numerous requests for information and membership applications received from all over the US. With all the adversities producers face in today's agricultural marketplace it's exciting to know there's a segment with room for expansion. Instances in agriculture are few where demand exceeds supply, allowing prices to remain relatively stable. With the demand for goats growing such as it is, the market is looking to remain strong for some years to come.

Local businessmen and women, friends and AMGA board of directors joined the Sonora Chamber of Commerce as they cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of the new location. Shurley and his family did most of the renovations and decoration of the office themselves, turning the empty rooms of an old building into a pleasant place to work and visit. Stop by and visit Marvin, Wanda and Betsy and let them know how proud we are to have the AMGA call Sonora home.

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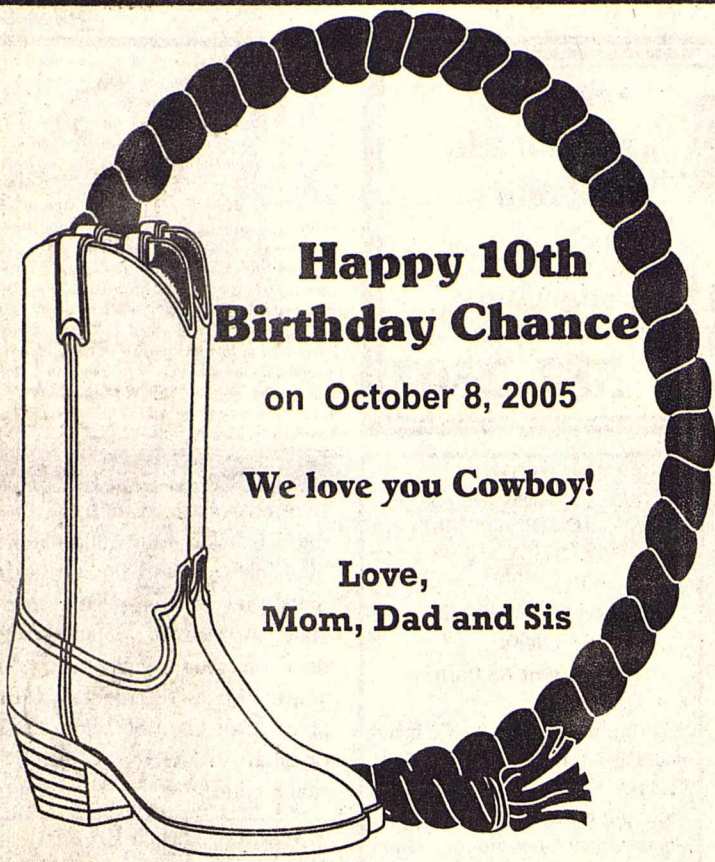
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Wamble awarded Masonic Golden Trowel Award



Frank Wamble was presented the Golden Trowel Award by Worshipful Master Curry Campbell of the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge #715 on Saturday, September 17, 2005. The Golden Trowel Award is one of the highest honors given in Masonry. Frank's leadership, dedication and commitment to the Lodge and to the community of Sonora is an example of Masonry at its best.

Chamber of Commerce week from page 1

grams, improve education, campaign for improved streets and highways, and stimulate industrial, commercial, and agricultural growth.

During Chamber Week, communities from across the state will pass proclamations that honor their chambers of commerce and the many contributions made to education, economic development, and community development. In Sonora, the Mayor Gloria Lopez passed a resolution on October 5, 2005 which not only praised the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for its many accomplishments, but also encouraged citizens to acknowledge and congratulate the Chamber's staff and volunteers for their hard work.

In the last year alone, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce has implemented projects that have included: Sutton County Days, Keep Sonora Beautiful Project, Landscape of the Month recognition, Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Sutton County Car Expo, the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar, advertising and promotion of local events such as the Sonora Classic Goat Show, Sutton County Game Dinner, West Texas Championship Cook-Off, and area producer's goat sales.

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Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes classes for people with type 2 diabetes begin on October 10 at 5:30 PM at the Civic Center. To register call Kelly Thorp 387-3604. Classes are sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Retirement & 401(K) Seminar, Sutton County Steakhouse, Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a FREE seminar to review your options with your 401(K) to help you select the one that is best for you. This seminar will be very informative. Food provided with RSVP. RSVP by October 17 by calling 325-944-3830 or 800-736-6573.

Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition 2005 Annual Women's Conference will be held at Lighthouse Community Church, Saturday, October 22nd at 9:00 am. Advance reservations are recommended. Registration fee is \$20.00. For more information, contact Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-9100, or Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

Annual Sonora Fall Festival 2005; Saturday, October 29, 2005; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bronco Seniors Hamburgers, Prizes, games, music, giant slide and more; crowning of Mr. & Miss Fall Festival - 10:00 a.m.; Storybook character parade, starting in front of the courthouse - line-up 10:30 a.m. judging 11:00 a.m., prizes in every category.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program "Trick or Treating", Monday, October 31, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Downtown Sonora. Dress up and get goodies at local businesses. If you need more information please call the friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by 232 Main Street, suite 101.

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