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Bronco cheerleaders lead traditional Bronco victory celebration

## Broncos Hand Punchers Devastating Loss

By Ray Glasscock

The Broncos won the overtime toss and elected to start on defense. On Mason's first play, George Velez got outside on the sweep and was pushed out of bounds at the seven. A penalty against the Broncos moved the ball to the three. On the next play, the Punchers took the lead in overtime 26 to 20 as Velez got the last of his 197 yards on a three yard touchdown run. The Punter kicker, for the second time on the night, missed a critical PAT.

The Broncos came right back with their punishing rushing attack of Justin Northcott

and Caleb Ramos. Sonora had to overcome a motion penalty and a fourth down play on their way to their final touchdown. Northcott fought for every yard and scored his fourth touchdown of the night tying the score.

After a Sonora timeout, Evan Gullely came in and boomed an extra point giving the Broncos the district win and keeping Sonora undefeated.

The two halves were totally different. The Broncos kicked off to the Punchers. The Bronco defense stuffed the Punchers and forced a punt. The Punter run defense on the first series was furious. On third and long, Ramos

tossed a little screen to Lito Trevino who gained about fifteen yards to keep the drive alive. The Punchers dropped Northcott for no gain and the next two running plays. Evan Rousselot moved the chains as he almost broke a swing pass from Ramos. Mr. "Unstoppable" Northcott got his first touchdown on three carries. The PAT missed and the Broncos led 6 to 0 with 5:48 left in the first quarter.

The Punchers answered with a perfectly executed hitch and go for a long touchdown pass. Their extra point was good and the Broncos were behind for the first time this year at 7 to 6 with 4:18 left in the first quarter.

Freshman Kris Agüero started the next drive with a 37 yard kickoff return. After two bruising runs by Northcott, Ramos had to pass to Trevino on fourth down to keep the drive alive. After a sack, Ramos overthrew Trevino on the post pattern. A Punter helped the Broncos by a late hit on Trevino after the ball was already on the ground incomplete. Agüero rushed for another Bronco first down. Ricardo Rodriguez sprinted to the four yard line. From there, Northcott strolled in for his second touchdown behind the outstanding blocking of his offensive line. Instead of Northcott right, the Broncos used Northcott left to add the PAT. They regained the lead at 14 to 7.

On the Punchers next drive, they unleashed Velez and the senior running back tore through the Broncos. In four rushing plays, they tied the score at 14 to 14 with 11:03 left in the second quarter.

The Broncos changed to their passing attack. On a fourth down, Evan Rousselot kept the drive alive with a leaping catch between two Punchers. Ramos dropped back and hit Northcott on the screen pass. Northcott followed some outstanding down field blocking for a 32 yard touchdown. Sonora missed the PAT and led 20 to 14 with 5:52 left in the first half.

With time running out in the first half, Mason moved into the red zone. Then a loss and penalty seemed to have moved them out of scoring range. After a timeout, the Punchers executed the tackle eligible play to perfection and scored from about 26 yards out. The Punter kicker, unknowingly at the time, sealed the Punter's fate by missing the PAT. The score was tied at 20 after an exciting half of football.

The second half was the opposite of the first half as each defense made adjustments at half time, and neither team could score in the second half.

This was a very important win for the Broncos. The Broncos will be in the playoffs with a victory over Brady this week here in Sonora. If they follow that up with a win over Blanco, they will enter the Division II playoffs as the top seed.

Come to Bronco Stadium this Friday to see the Broncos play the Brady Bulldogs.

## Chavez Receives 60 Year Sentence

Submitted

On October 18, 2006, a Sutton County Jury of seven men and five women assessed a sixty year sentence against Alfredo Murillo Chavez, also known as Freddy Chavez. The preceding day, the same jury found Chavez guilty of Burglary of a Habitation committed in February 2006 at the Balch home on Edgemont Road in Sonora.

Burglary of a Habitation is a second degree felony with a punishment range of 2-20 years and a potential fine not to exceed \$10,000.00. Because of the prior conviction, Chavez's punishment range was enhanced to a first degree felony, which carries a punishment range of 5-99 years or Life and a potential fine not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The case was prosecuted by 112th District At-

torney, Laurie English and Assistant DA, Steve Smith. Chavez was represented by Orlando De-Hoyos and Thomas Williams. Judge Royal Hart presided.

"Quick action by law enforcement officers led to the arrest of Chavez and a co-defendant within hours of the crime. Additionally, officers recovered most of the stolen property on the same day. This case is the best example I've seen of cooperation between local law enforcement agencies. From investigation through trial the Sonora Police Department, Sutton County Sheriff's Office, Sonora DPS Troopers, and the local Game Warden worked together to solve the crime and then assist the prosecution during trial to achieve this verdict," English stated.

## City Council Eliminates Mosquito Spraying Program and Fee

Submitted

At the October 2006 City Council meeting, in a 3 - 1 vote, with Councilman Smith Neal voting against, the Sonora City Council voted to stop the citywide mosquito spraying program and the corresponding monthly fee on the residents' water/sewer bill. The city will instead continue the proactive program of cleaning the draws, placing mosquito bait in the draws, and educating the public about ways to prevent mosquito breeding on their property. Councilman Adkins placed the item on the council's October agenda due to continued questioning by many city taxpayers and residents about the lack of results the spraying has had each mosquito season. Councilwoman Dover asked if the individuals who operate the machinery have to attend and pass annual pesticide training classes in Austin.

After hearing the city manager's response that they do, she stated she thought the money saved there could be used to purchase more bait and work on the draw cleanup program. Councilman Poloczek stated many people have containers of stagnant water on their property that are breeding areas for mosquitoes. Councilman Neal stated he would like to see the program continue because he feels there is more benefit than the evidence mentioned by others.

He also stated it isn't right to increase city taxes, and then turnaround and eliminate city services.

In other business, the council approved the minutes of the previous meetings, the appraisal district report, and the quarterly investment report. The council also approved a request by Myra Ramirez for a zoning variance on a carport. During a Public Hearing for the SIDC's FY2007 Special Grants program, there were two comments in favor of the \$50,000 grant program for beautification and grease interceptors.

The council approved the SIDC, Chamber of Commerce, and Friends of Historic Sonora's quarterly financial reports. Councilmen Neal and Poloczek made a motion and a second to approve the city's expenditure of matching funds for a Tx DOT AWOS grant to repair and update the weather reporting station and radio equipment at Sonora's airport.

The council instructed City Manager Jim Polonis to obtain estimates to complete the city's fire hydrant maintenance. Councilman Poloczek made a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Dover to support the City of Sonora's Howard College initiative. There will be an article in the November 1st issue of the Devils River News about Howard College.

## Sonora's Ironman

By Erika Campbell

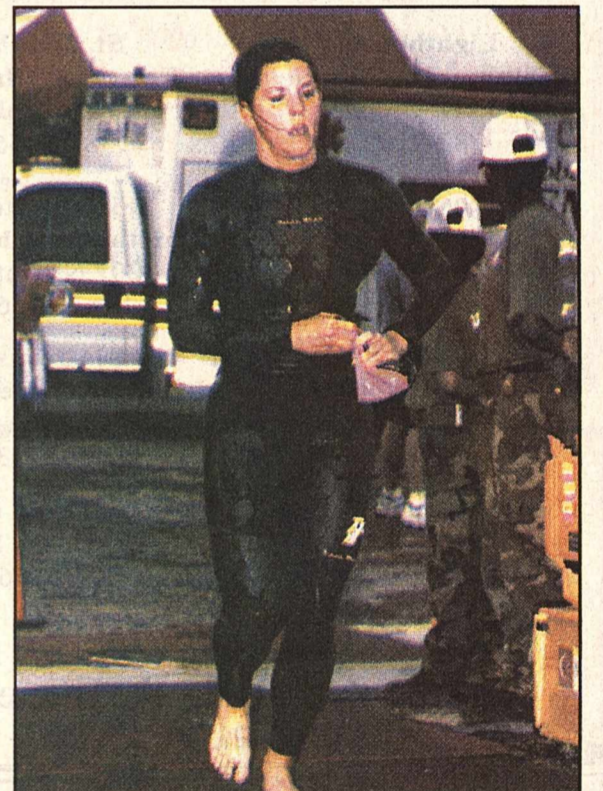
One year ago, after crossing the finish line at the New York City marathon, Carol Pope made a commitment to herself to train for and compete in an Ironman triathlon. After a year of intense training and sacrifice, that time has come.

On November 4 2006, Carol will be competing in the Ironman Florida Triathlon, one of the most grueling events in the world of sport but also one of the most inspirational. The Ironman course will consist of a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and finishing with a 26.2 mile run. Yes, that's right, she and other elite athletes from around the world will be running a marathon AFTER completing a grueling rough water swim in the ocean and biking at race pace for more than 100 miles.

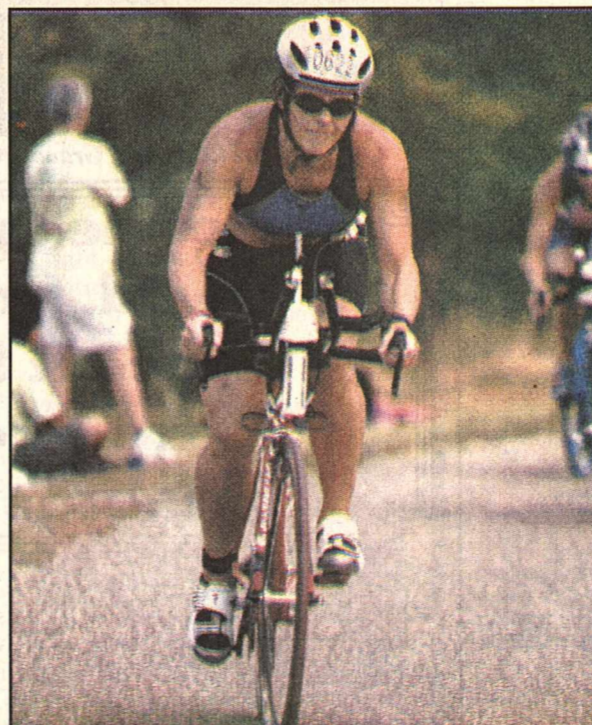
Ironman triathlon had the humblest of beginnings, as a group of Navy Seals who were stationed in Hawaii, were discussing who were the fittest athletes in the world. Were swimmers, cyclists or runners the fittest? Navy commander John Collins decided there was only one way to find out, and that was to combine all three.

So on Feb. 18, 1978, 15 competitors decided to put themselves to the test by swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. "Whoever finishes first will be call the Ironman," Collins said. And thus, Ironman Triathlon was born.

Fifteen men participated in the initial event held on February 18; 12 complete the race, led by the first Ironman, Gordon Haller. His winning time: 11 hours, 46 minutes and 58 seconds. Since then the



Carol Pope after a leisurely 1.2 mile swim heads for the bike phase of 56 miles in Buffalo Springs Lake Ironman.



Carol completing the bike phase, then on to the 13.1 mile run of the Buffalo Springs Lake event.

sport has expanded and now there are 21 Ironman events around the world and 6 in North America.

Carol has been competing in marathons for 8 years and more recently triathlons. The Ironman triathlon is the most prestigious and challenging of the triathlon series, which include sprint races, Olympic distances, and half-Ironman distances.

In preparation for this event, Carol's training schedule has consisted of 22 hours of training per week, a nutrition program designed to provide maximum caloric efficiency for peak condition and performance. She has competed in numerous race events this year to challenge herself, including the Hotter N' Hell 100 mile bike race in Wichita Falls and the Redman 1/2 Ironman event held in Oklahoma City on September 23, where she placed second in her age group and seventh female overall with a time of 5:45:34.

While immersing herself in her triathlon schedule Carol has also completed the ACSM Personal Trainer certification course. She will be sharing her knowledge and training with Sonorans through strength and conditioning courses to be offered at the Wellness Center, and on a contractual basis as a personal trainer.

You can keep track of her performance and cheer her on from West Texas by following the race on the website [www.ironmanlive.com](http://www.ironmanlive.com)

## Ports-to-Plains Spur - Texas and New Mexico

By Bill Sontag, Feature Writer, [www.swtexaslive.com](http://www.swtexaslive.com)

Aside from his reputation as a master of international diplomacy, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson may be remembered as the "transportation chief" of his arid state.

Richardson's push to bridge commerce within and beyond the "Land of Enchantment" is finely illustrated by his drive to graft a branch onto the main trunk of the Ports-To-Plains Corridor.

On a map, the route from Dalhart, Texas, to Raton, New Mexico, appears as a spur to or from the main PTP route that stretches from Laredo to Denver. But on the ground, Sept. 20, travelers are treated to sweeping New Mexico prairies, interrupted only by hills, bluffs and caprock.

Lush grasslands dotted with herds of grazing, tan-and-white pronghorn antelope, and a horizon-to-horizon blue dome punctuated with puffy tufts of drifting clouds complete the scenery for which northern New Mexico is famed.

But U.S. Highway 64/87 also offers important alternatives to truckers moving goods through the desert southwest. Richardson says the value of those goods on this route ranges from \$60-100

billion annually.

The New Mexico portion, the lion's share of the spur, is 83 miles, from Raton to Clayton, N.M. When he broke ground for the project on Dec. 15, 2005, Richardson committed \$101 million to make it a first class, four-lane divided corridor.

When completed, the road will offer safe passage for truckers, travelers and tourists between the main PTP route and Interstate 25. It's a small, but vital part of the governor's GRIP program - "Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership." GRIP is a \$1.6 billion statewide transportation infrastructure rescue and enhancement program Richardson inaugurated in May, 2005.

Again, a glance at the map shows why Richardson was so adamant about becoming part of the Ports-To-Plains Coalition. With the connection, truckers coming from Mexico (through Laredo, Eagle Pass or Del Rio), for example, aiming at deliveries in northern New Mexico (Santa Fe or Albuquerque) or southern Colorado (Trinidad, Pueblo or Colorado Springs), will have access to the I-25 corridor to those destinations and many more.

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The Eklund Hotel's dining room in Clayton, New Mexico is richly decorated in victorian style. For much of its early history, the establishment was the only "first class" hotel between Ft. Worth and Trinidad, Colorado.

Photo courtesy of Bill Sontag

### St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum  
P.O. Box 1397  
Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4  
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30  
Phone: 325-387-2278  
Fax: 325-387-2278  
E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net  
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Monday - NO MASS  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.  
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.  
Friday - 7:00 a.m.  
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

### Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees

#### Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
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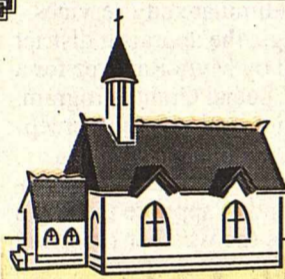
### Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Oct. 27- Kooking with Kelly , Nutrition Ed. @ Noon
- Mon. Oct. 30- Bingo... Bring a Friend to Lunch & stay to play!
- Tue. Oct. 31 - Happy Birthday Manuela Artiaga Happy Halloween!
- Wed. Nov. 1 - TRAX Van to San Angelo! Call 387-2509
- Thur. Nov. 2 - Fifth Annual Area Agency On Aging Caregiver Seminar @ ASU

#### Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Oct- 27 -Frito pie with cheese and cheese, salad, spinach, wheat bread, applesauce and milk.
- Mon. Oct. 30 -Soft tacos, tomato and lettuce, cheese, pinto beans, corn with green peppers, milk and fruit salad.
- Tue. Oct. 31 -Frankenstein St. (chicken fried), ghostly gravy, monster mash potatoes, mixed vegetables, straw bread, ghou!s delite cake and milk.
- Wed. Nov. 1 -Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini Sq. with tomatoes, orange juice, milk and peach cobbler.
- Thur. Nov. 2 - Ground beef with vermicelli, pinto beans, tortillas, tossed salad, Jell-o with mixed fruit and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60)



## Sonora Church Directory

<b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	<b>Church of Christ</b> 304 N. Water 387-3190
<b>The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian</b> 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	<b>First Baptist Church</b> 111 E. Oak 387-2951
<b>Lighthouse Community Church</b> 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 404 E Poplar 387-2955
<b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b> 509 Amistad 387-5266	<b>First United Methodist Church</b> 201 N. Water 387-2466
<b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b> 229 W. Plum 387-2278	<b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b> 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
<b>Jehovah's Witness</b> 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	<b>Hope Lutheran Church</b> 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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## Sonora High School Class of 1956 Reunite



The 1956 graduating year of Sonora High School, celebrated its 50 year class reunion, October 14, 2006 at the Comfort Inn. Eighteen classmates enjoyed a catered lunch by Sutton County Steakhouse. From 2-4 p.m. the classmates were at the Depot to visit with each other, as well as with members from the class of '57. Some classmates have not seen each other since graduation. A great time was had by all.

### Thank You

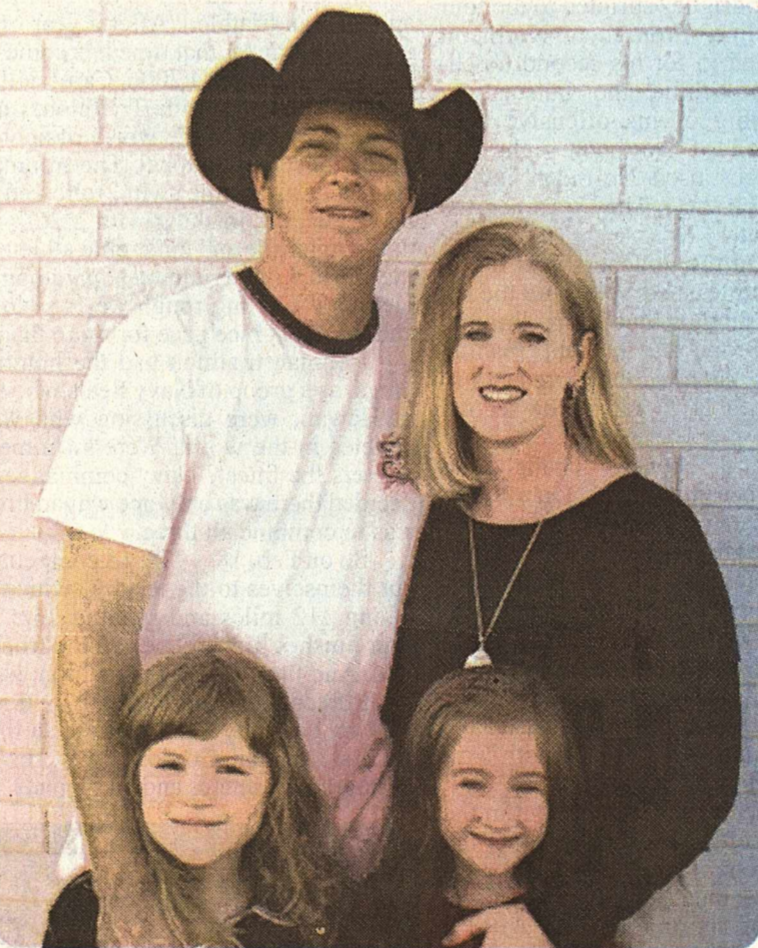
Dear Citizens of Sonora,  
I want to thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness during my injury of my arm.  
To the teachers of Sonora Elementary, citizens of the town and especially Kim Gonzales, many thanks and lots of love.  
*Barbara Urbanski*

### Obituary

Mrs. Barbara Farley, 66, member of the Coleman Church of Christ. She was also an assistant at Bowen Drug Store. She married Bob Farley in Santa Anna, Texas on December 10, 1957, and is survived by her husband Bob of Coleman; sons Bret Farley of Coleman and Scott Farley and daughter-in-law Tamara of Sonora; two grandchildren, Shayler Farley of Santa Anna and Felicia Farley of Sonora; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Sherwood Downey of Coleman, Thelma and Cecil Hoggs of Midland, and Dorothy Tunis of Selada, MO.

## Lighthouse Community Church Welcomes New Youth Minister

Submitted by Don Longoria  
Lighthouse Community Church would like to announce an addition to its church family and staff.  
Sunday, October 8, 2006 Lighthouse Community Church called David Dunlap to be its full time Youth Minister. For the past three years, David has served in Junior High Ministry for House of Faith ministries in San Angelo.  
David is married to Kristen and the couple have two daughters; Grace in the first grade and Sarah in kindergarten.  
Pastor Don Longoria is excited to have David join him at Lighthouse. "David has a calling and giftedness matching the purpose of Lighthouse to reach the unchurched people and help them become devoted followers of Jesus Christ."  
David will primarily be responsible for Junior and Senior High Ministries, but will also be available to help any teenager or their families in our community.  
Join with Lighthouse Community Church in welcoming the Dunlap family and show them how wonderful it is to be part of a great community.



David, Kristen, Grace and Sarah Dunlap

**Welcome to Sonora**  
**David, Kristen,**  
**Grace & Sarah**  
**from your**  
**Lighthouse Family!**

Letter to the Editor  
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## Wedding Announcement

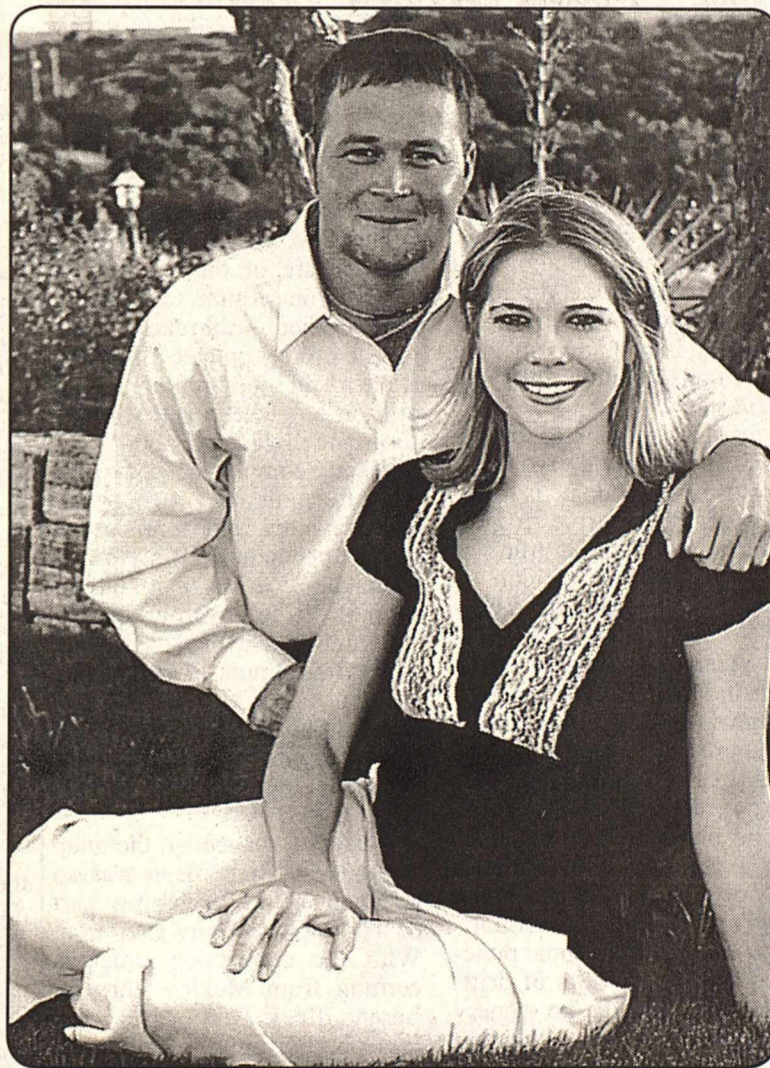


Karla and Michael Steppe

Photo courtesy Dorothy Jungk  
Submitted  
Karla Jungk Fant and Michael Scott Steppe were married on October 7, 2006 by Justice of the Peace Russell Smith in San Angelo, Texas.  
The bride is the daughter of Pat and Dorothy Jungk of Sonora, and the granddaughter of Billie Gulden of Yuma, AZ and the late Frank Gulden.  
The groom is the son of Doris Shank of Mertzon and Emerson Steppe of Williamsport, PA and the grandson of Eleanor Rathmell of Mertzon and the late Ralph Rathmell.  
The couple were attended by Matron of Honor, Maxine Fant of Miles, and Best Man, Todd Elkins of Mertzon. Scott also presented Victoria "Vicki" Fant, soon to be Steppe, a ring to symbolize his commitment to her as her new Daddy.  
A luncheon and reception were held near Mertzon, on Spring Creek, at the farm of Scott's brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Liz Mase.

## Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilde of San Angelo, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelley Rae Wilde to Jason Kyle Surber, son of Ms. Loraine Surber of Ingram and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Surber of Katy.  
The wedding ceremony will be held December 9, 2006 at St. Ambrose Church in Wall, Texas.  
Shelley is a 2001 graduate of Wall High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University in 2006. She will be a candidate for Elementary Education certification in December 2006.  
Jason graduated from Sonora High School in 2000. He also attended Tarelton State in Stephenville and Angelo State University in San Angelo. He is currently employed by Creek Swabbing in Sonora, Texas.



Shelley Rae Wilde and Jason Surber



### SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality healthcare for generations to come.  
Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,  
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## Senior Center Support Group

Juanita Mesa, Director of the Sonora Senior Center, would like to announce the formation of the Senior Center Support Group. The purpose of this organization is to (1) conduct a continuing assessment of the needs of the Senior Center, (2) promote an awareness of the Senior Center needs, and (3) further the interests of the Senior Center.

The Senior Center Support Group will meet at the Senior Center the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

The Group is in the process of planning fund raisers and soliciting for money to be used for items not covered by the Senior Center yearly budget.

## Keep SONORA Beautiful

It is often said that actions speak louder than words... Well, Keep Sonora Beautiful (KSB) would like to take this opportunity to extend a BIG appreciation to two entities in our community that have always been a HUGE supporter of our efforts. The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio Station have been there for KSB since this Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was formed. They both have reported; written numerous words; held many minutes of air time and PSA's; and allowed the subscribers and listeners to be informed of everything KSB has been a part of this year. Keep Sonora Beautiful was recognized by Keep Texas Beautiful as a Silver Star Affiliate at their past annual conference. A Silver Star affiliate accomplished more in the past year than a regular affiliate. KSB has now begun its second year of operation. They could not have accomplished as much, without the wonderful support of Sonora's Media Coverage. We would like to say "Thank You!" We look forward to continuing what we started. We welcome anyone

interested to join us at our meetings that are held at noon, the second Monday of each month, at the Chamber office. Please mark your calendar, and come be a part of Keep Sonora Beautiful!

### The Video Store

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for  
Tues. Oct. 30

### Mission Impossible 3

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Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A big Texas rancher and a little Missouri farmer had a conversation. The Texas rancher said, "I can get into my truck, drive it all day and not ever get off of my ranch!" "Yeah," replied the little Missouri farmer, "I had a truck like that one time."

## Chamber Chatter

Submitted by *Becky Covington*

Remember Voting is the most important business: On Tuesday, November 7 registered voters in Sutton County will go to the polls to vote for state, district, county and precinct officers. It is essential that the business community get out and vote for pro Texas candidates, they can directly affect your bottom line such as economic prosperity of the community, property rights, tourism, tax relief for small businesses, job creation, border security, and education. We would also urge all candidates to commit to working with the business community to make a real difference in Sonora.

**BUSINESS TRAINING!** Through Angelo State University Small Business Development Center, a virtual on-line training was developed to provide businesses with a convenient method of learning to enhance management skills. On-Line Training offers 26 business topics that fall into (1) Foundations of Marketing, (2) Managing Your Finances and (3) Starting Your Business. Each of these categories contains more specific areas tailored to meet your needs. For further information please feel free to contact Angelo State University Small Business Development Center at 325-942-2098 or Web: <http://www.angelo.edu/services/sbdc>. Also, any other training assistance or job hiring assistance you may need contact the Chamber at 325 387-2880.

**REMINDER!** Don't forget Wednesday, November 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Sombra's Laserwash, 404 S. Crockett, for Texas Recycle/Refuse Roundup.

Applications for a booth space at "More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar" need to be turned into Donna at the Chamber Office by November 20. Space is limited so first come first reserved. The event is scheduled for December 1 at the Civic Center. This event is so much fun; good food, shopping and entertainment. Keep Sonora Beautiful will be selling Christmas trees and Mr. and Ms. Clause will be there to take photos with your children.

Tickets for the upcoming Sutton County Game Dinner scheduled for November 11 are on sale now at the Chamber Office. Get them early and beat the crowd.

*It's not so much how busy you are, but why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito is swatted.* Mary O'Connor



## Welcome Alltel and Double Financial Works to Sonora

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## Small Talk Beats Booze this Holiday Season

By *Debra Fine*

A study recently released by Reason Foundation, publisher of Reason magazine, suggests that people who drink socially after work earn between 10 and 14 percent more money than those who abstain. The study finds that the alcohol helps workers socialize, and gives their careers a boost.

There's another way to grease the social wheel this holiday season that is far more dependable. Especially when chatting with the boss's wife at the company office party or schmoozing with clients at a seasonal open house. And it doesn't involve taking even a sip of wine. Instead learn the "Fine Art of Small Talk". Keep this cheat sheet handy for after-work get togethers, holiday parties, and other seasonal events. Here are five ways that small talk can boost your career, with or without a drink in your hand:

1. Demonstrate your confidence. Using body language that is self-assured can help others view you as both a professional and a leader, whether you've made it to the managerial top or not. Dress for success, and stand up tall. If you are not comfortable...fake it. Look people directly in the eye. Model your voice, tone and pacing to the person you are talking to. People are comfortable with people just like themselves.
2. Show you care. Find out about people. Take the risk of being the first to show an interest in their families, recreational activities or favorite tradition during the holidays. When other people are talking, ask follow up questions that will require them to give longer explanations. Instead of asking, "Do you work in Accounts Payable?" Say something like, "I've always admired people who are good with numbers. What got you into accounting? What do you like best about it?"
3. Share your knowledge. Are you a good resource for updates on current legislation that impacts real estate professionals? Are you a member of a Chamber of Commerce or association whose activities may provide learning opportunities? Are you a good networker who can connect people with other people? Do not wait to be asked. Instead become the "go to" person who is glad to help with information and connections when appropriate.
4. Ask for what you need. There's only one way to get

ahead in the corporate world or when developing business, and that's to let the people around you know that you're interested in trying on new roles or taking on more responsibility. To get that message across to your supervisor and the rest of the management team, try questions like: "What one factor do you attribute your success to?" or "What advice can you offer someone like me who wishes to grow further with the company? If you are interacting with clients and customers magical questions that gain valuable answers include: "Who do you know that might be aware of opportunities in the oil and gas sector?" or "Who do you know that might be interested in listing their home for sale during the next year?" or "Who do you know in the biotechnology field?"

5. Listen. Without realizing it even the most reserved people become monopolizers if someone indicates a sincere interest in us. Be sure to keep the conversation ball going back and forth. Never speak about your vacation, your project, your home remodel for more than 5 minutes. After you hit the 5 minute limit pass the ball back and really listen to what your partner has to offer. Give verbal cues such as: "How interesting!" or "Tell me more..." which encourage others to continue. It is a challenge to mentally stay on track, particularly at social events that are noisy. Focus on what is being said, do not look over at the buffet table to discover what is being served or glance around the room to see who has just arrived. Use the free information you gain from listening to keep the conversation going: "You mentioned that your organization instituted flex time, how did that impact you?" or "What brought you to this part of the country? Didn't you say you went to school in Boston?"

Whether or not small talk comes easily to you, it's possible to use holiday parties and open houses to increase your networking circle, make a positive impression and give a lift to your career... if you practice the techniques that the best small talkers know. With a bit of effort, you can find yourself enjoy holiday mingling even more, and even better, have more to show for it.

Debra Fine is the author of "The Fine Art of Small Talk" (Hyperion). Visit her online at [www.debrafine.com](http://www.debrafine.com).

## Chamber of Commerce Event Calendar

**October 28**  
Fall Festival  
Downtown/Main Street

**October 31**  
Trick or Treat-Downtown

**November 1**  
Recycle Sonora-Sombra's Laser Wash

**November 3**  
Sutton County 4-H Tailgate Party

**November 11**  
Sutton County Game Dinner - Civic Center

**November 19**  
Thanksgiving Dinner - Civic Center

**December 1**  
"More the Merrier" - Civic Center

**December 13**  
Christmas Downtown Downtown/Main Street

## Kelly's K O R P

### MANAGING DIABETES BY READING NUTRITION LABELS

Submitted by: *Kelly L Thorp, MS*  
County Extension Agent, FCS Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

One of the best tools to use for establishing healthy eating habits is reading nutrition labels. People with diabetes especially should read the fat, fiber, sodium and carbohydrate content of their packaged foods. In particular, they should look for "hidden sugars," which are added to foods but not labeled as "sugar." Some of these ingredients are sucrose, fructose (and many other words that end with "ose"), corn syrup, high fructose corn syrup, dextrin, sugar alcohols, molasses, sorghum, honey, brown sugar and invert sugar. But that's not the only information to be found by reading labels. The fat, fiber and sodium content of foods are also listed. People with diabetes can eat healthier if they limit total fat intake to 30 percent or less of their daily calories; 10 percent or less should be saturated fats. If a food is labeled "fat-free," that means it has less than 0.5 grams of fat. Other definitions are:

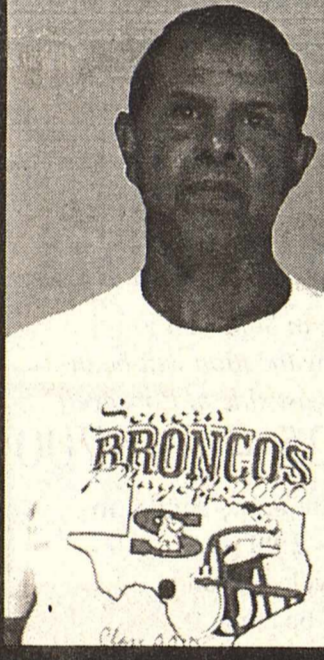
- Low-fat: contains three grams of fat or less;
- Reduced fat: has at least 25 percent less fat than similar foods that have not reduced fat;
- Cholesterol-free: contains less than two milligrams cholesterol and two grams or less saturated fat;
- Low cholesterol: has 20 milligrams or less cholesterol and two grams saturated fat;
- Reduced cholesterol: has at least 25 percent less cholesterol and two grams or less saturated fat. While decreasing fat intake, people with diabetes – and anyone else who wants to eat healthier – should increase fiber intake to help lower levels of glucose and fat in the blood. In a healthful meal plan, about 25 to 30 grams of fiber should

be consumed each day. A good source of fiber provides three to five grams – or 10 percent to 19 percent – of the daily value of fiber. High fiber sources provide five grams, or 20 percent or more. Whole-grain products are a good source of dietary fiber. People with diabetes often need to watch their salt intake too, and label information can help there. When checking for salt content, watch for the words "salt," "sodium" or "soda." Helpful definitions regarding sodium content of foods include:

- Sodium-free: contains less than 5 milligrams of sodium;
  - Very low sodium: contains 35 milligrams of sodium or less;
  - Low sodium: contains 140 milligrams or less;
  - Reduced sodium: contains 25 percent less sodium.
- Calorie count is also an important aspect of label-reading. Watch for these terms:
- Calorie-free: contains less than 5 calories per serving;
  - Low-calorie: contains 40 calories or less per serving;
  - Sugar-free: contains less than 1/2 gram of sugar per serving;
  - Reduced sugar: contains at least 25 percent less sugar;
  - Artificially sweetened: contains artificial sweetener;
  - Juice-packed: packed in natural fruit juice;
  - Water-packed: packed in water.

If a label claims a food is "Lite" or "Light," use caution. No federal regulations define these terms so read the label carefully. When it comes to reading labels, remember the first ingredient listed is the one the product contains the most of, by weight. Ingredients are listed in descending order by weight, greatest to least, on labels, so if sugar is listed at the top of the list, the food probably contains too much sugar. Because more and more people – those with diabetes and many without – are interested in eating healthier, many food manufacturers are producing more and more healthful foods. Knowing how to interpret food labels can help with meal planning – and food enjoyment. For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program on Thursday at the Sutton County Senior from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. For more information contact Kelly Thorp @387-3101 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

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### Middle School Honored

Submitted

Sonora Middle School has made the Texas Business and Education Coalition's Honor Roll for 2006. This honor was bestowed on a select group of the 49 best middle schools and junior highs in the state of Texas.

This honor is based on the number of students passing the state test and achieving commended on all tests. This is presented by such prestigious organizations as IBM, Washington Mutual, and HEB. We will have a formal presentation on our campus at a later date.

### Sonora High School Industrial Tech Dept. 2006-2007 Officers

Submitted by Michael Stephens

These young men are the winners for the Sonora High School Industrial Tech elections. This year, we are taught by our Industrial Technology teacher, Cliff McMullan, who was hired this year from Big Lake.

We are looking forward to a good year in this class with Mr. McMullan and the newly elected officers.

- President-----Evan Gulley
- Vice President----Pedro Gloria
- Secretary-----Pecos Roberts
- Treasurer-----Cody Word
- Reporter-----Michael Stephens
- Sergeant at Arms--Dustin Duhon
- Advisor-----Cliff McMullan

### Sonora High School 1st Six Weeks Honor Roll

reprint

**ALL A's Freshmen**  
 Leonard Castillo  
 Kati Chavez  
 Tyler Creek  
 Maraya Dunn  
 Meredith Earwood  
 Alyssa Favila  
 Cecilia Garcia  
 Caleb Gonzales  
 Brittany Hernandez  
 Sarah Hernandez  
 Cash Jennings  
 Cassie Krieg  
 Alicia Lowe  
 Mario Oliden  
 Pedro Ramirez  
 Monica Sanchez  
**Sophomores**  
 Kaitlyn Henderson  
 John Duke Hudson

Steely Ingham  
 Savannah Leonard  
 Steven Pacheco  
 Pecos Roberts  
 Ricardo Rodriguez  
 Yolanda Sanchez  
 Eneida Silva  
 Monica Traylor  
 Azeneth Villanueva  
**Juniors**  
 Zenon Acosta  
 Kaci Chavarria  
 Marcus Perez  
 Lauran Schaefer  
 Heather Smith  
 Kelsey Watkins  
**Seniors**  
 Emily Butler  
 Marc Hernandez  
 Stacy Sanchez

### Students of the Week for October 23-27

By Lyndsey Frasier

Jose Casillas, senior and Michael Stephens, freshman have been named as the Sonora High School Students of the week for October 23-27, 2006.

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November 7th

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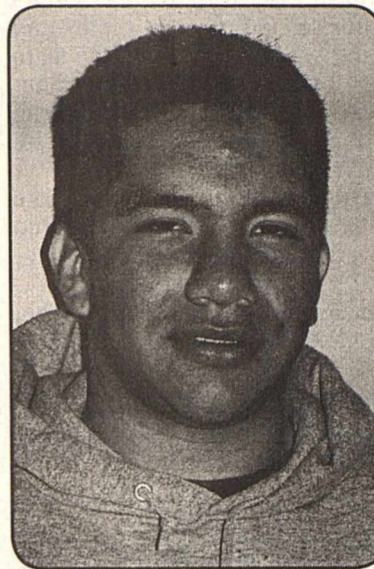
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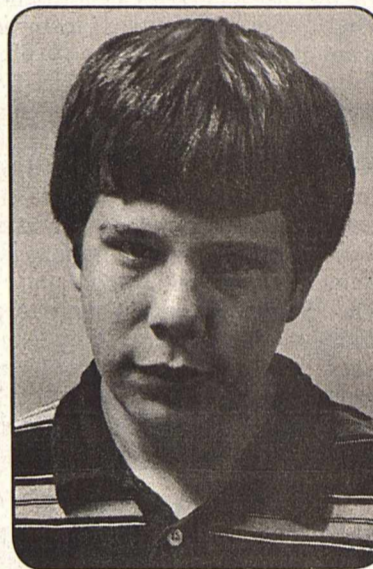
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Jose Casillas

is part of the N.H.S., Band and One Act Play. Jose has lived here in Sonora all his life, and according to him his favorite thing about high school is lunch. Casillas plans to go to college to study engineering.



Michael Stephens

moved to Sonora in 1997 from Houston. He is a part of F.C.A. and enjoys his shop class. According to Stephens his favorite thing about Sonora High are his classes. Michael plans to go to college after he graduates.

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**Thank You**

To all who helped me at a difficult time in my life! But first I must brag about my parents. Antonio B. Lira and Maria I. Lira who are both in heaven. Dad a go-getter, a fighter, responsible, a strong man, a man who always stood strong, stood up for what he believed was right. Two tear drops! When the doctor and I told my dad there was no cure for his illness. The doctor told my dad 2 weeks, one month only God knows how long. My dad wiped his two tear drops with pride and said I want to go home! Right in front of me stood my dad, the fighter. He loved life and fought to the end. My mom a believer in God, all her faith in God and the Virgin de Guadalupe. She was a giver, she had so much love in her to give. Her job all her life was to baby sit kids who she loved like her own. The little money she made she sent to her two single sisters in Mexico. And bought us material to have someone make us cloths, and her dresses. Yes, we were poor but she always managed to give! Because of her faith in God.

Here is a thank you way over due. Many doors closed but others open! Thank you Maria Hernandez my sister, my sister Dora Galvan, my brother Victor Lira, my brother Pete Lira, sister in law Janice Lira. Thank you to Bruce Kerbow for all! Especially for making me laugh. You don't know how long it has been since I laughed. For a minute you made me forget all me problems. To Lori at the Bank and Trust for being concerned about me! You just didn't see me as some one trying to get a loan. You showed you cared. That meant a lot to me! Especially everything I was going through. To Beth Wallace for all your advise and answering all my questions. Thank you Beth Wallace. To my oldest sister, no, I'm not the poor one, I'm the rich one. I might not have, a beautiful house, or a 2006 car, no credit cards. But I'm rich with all the faith in God, I'm a giver not a taker, I'm a fighter not a quitter. Thanks to God, my father and mother! To my two older sisters you are in my prayers every night! May God Bless You! I Melissa Lira Gloria thank you all for being there! My parents thank you from heaven! May God Bless You All! You see my parents had only one thing in this whole wide world their home! Rest in Peace mom and dad!

*Proud Daughter,  
 Melissa Lira Gloria*



Pictured clockwise from bottom left: Kate Jennings, Stacie Phillips, Shelly Shannon, Jami Chavarria, Kory Humphrey, Adriana Faz, and Mark Samaniego. (Not pictured Ben Landry)

**Cream Rises To The Top**

Adriana Faz, Kory Humphrey, and Mark Samaniego from Sonora Middle School are the top sellers of Krispy Kreme donuts. The 6th graders recently sold Krispy Kreme donuts for a fund raiser to raise money for Young Buck trips and class trips to be taken throughout the school year. The 6th grade teachers took the top three sellers out to eat at the Sutton County Steak House as a reward for selling the most donuts. We are very proud of these three students and we want to congratulate ALL the 6th grade students for doing a superb job. Thanks so much, 6th Grade Team - and thanks to all our sponsors out there who were generous enough to support our cause.

**Letter to the Editor**

To whom it may concern:  
 To those who talk what they don't even know. Yes, I Melissa am paying for the loan! So, here take a good look at the receipts. Don't talk if you don't have your facts straight. Remember me, you know who you are. I'm a responsible hard working woman! It might get hard at times but I'll pay it because its worth every thing to me!

*Melissa Lira Gloria*

**Shooting Quail and Skeet**

My name is Mark Holman and I attended the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade in June. We learned about quail and their habitat, as well as hunting quail and shooting skeet.

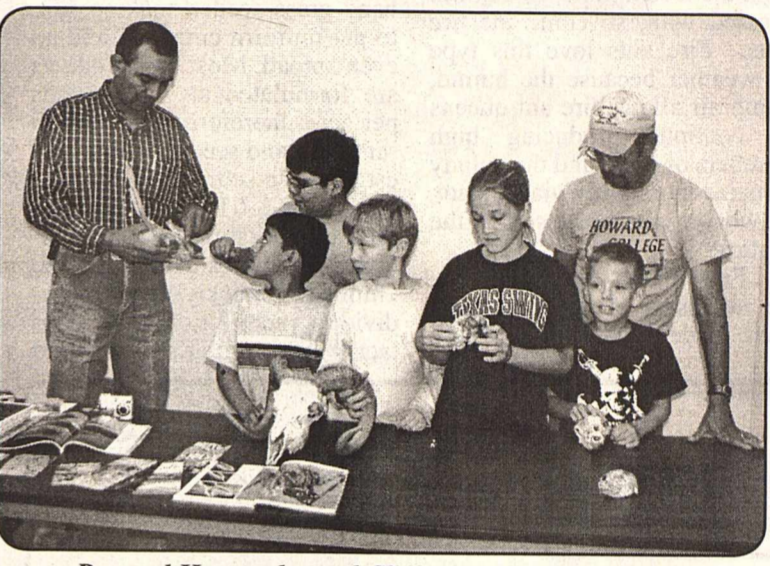
Our instructors reviewed the basics of how to handle a shotgun and took us to the shooting range to shoot skeet. We were each given the opportunity to shoot ten skeet with a 12 gauge shotgun, using #8 shotshell. The best marksman was a member of my covey and he shot nine of the ten. I shot six of the ten.

We went back to the classroom and learned the different gauges of shotguns and types of shells. The various sizes of shotguns are as follows: .410, 10 gauge, 12 gauge, 16 gauge, 20 gauge and 28 gauge. Most people use chokes on their shotguns. There are three types of chokes: fixed, interchangeable and adjustable.

Most pattern testing is done at 40 yards. The goal is to use a choke that will throw a pattern that is as large as possible without having the pellets so far apart that the target can escape multiple hits. For shooting quail and clay targets, you want a pattern that is even in pellet distribution over a 30 inch circle.

Shotgun shells contain different sizes of shot. For shot size, the larger the number, the smaller the pellets will be in the shell. For quail hunting you use from 7 to 8 1/2 shot shells. Skeet shooting requires 8 to 9 shot because the range is short and a high density pattern is needed.

After camp I continued to practice shooting skeet and can now average 8 out of 10. I encourage other young people 13-17 years old to attend this camp because it teaches you everything about quail and shotgun shooting.



Pascual Hernandez and Cliff Brister demonstrate to Christopher Amador, Jesse Amador, Stratton Rushing, Kylie Love and Skyler Wood, wildlife identification skills during a recent 4-H wildlife photography class. The class is on-going each Monday afternoon at 5:30 at the 4-H Center. The program is still open to interested members of 4-H.

**City Police Dispatcher Report**

**Incident(s):**  
**October 16, 2006**

- 9:01 AM: Subject reported a cat missing. Officers notified.
- 10:07 AM: Caller reported a dog in street. Officer responded.
- 10:09 AM: Caller reported a truck-blocking driveway. Officer responded.
- 12:40 PM: Caller reported two dogs underneath residence destroying insulation. Officer responded.
- 1:38 PM: Caller reported two dogs on the street. Officer responded.
- 2:05 PM: Caller reported a truck blocking driveway. Officer responded.
- 2:25 PM: Caller requested an animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer will be notified.
- 8:35 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 9:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

**October 17, 2006**

- 9:23 AM: Caller reported an unknown trailer parked at residence. Officer notified.
- 9:24 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer notified.
- 10:43 AM: Caller requested an animal trap at residence. Animal Control Officer will be notified.
- 11:10 AM: Caller reported a dead deer on street. Officer notified.
- 12:45 PM: Caller reported a minor accident on Poplar Street. Officer responded.
- 1:48 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle seen earlier this day. Officer notified.
- 4:04 PM: Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
- 6:20 PM: Caller reported vandalism. Officer responded.
- 6:50 PM: Burglary Alarm. Officer responded.
- 8:30 PM: Caller reported a minor accident at IH-10 Exxon. Officer responded.

**October 18, 2006**

- 9:30 AM: Caller reported a missing cat. Animal Control and Officer notified.

**October 19, 2006**

- 5:45 PM: Burglary alarm. Officer responded.

**October 20, 2006**

- 8:50 AM: Caller reported a burglary of a vehicle. Officer notified.
- 12:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 7:00 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
- 11:55 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.

**October 21, 2006**

- 9:59 AM: Caller reported two cats in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:06 AM: Subject reported a strong gas smell at residence. Officer responded.
- 2:07 PM: Caller reported two dogs missing. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 3:02 PM: Caller reported a minor accident at the High School. Officer responded.
- 3:43 PM: Caller reported a child missing. Officer responded.
- 3:58 PM: Caller informed child was found. Officer notified.
- 4:18 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 4:40 PM: Burglary Alarm. Officer responded
- 7:05 PM: Panic Alarm. Officer responded.

**October 22, 2006**

- 12:40 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
- 1:15 PM: Caller reported harassment at residence. Officer responded.
- 1:55 PM: Caller reported a fight. Officer responded.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Meghan Krieg, Meghan will be a 2007 graduate of Sonora High School, and has orally committed to Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA. Meghan will join Texas Glory Alumni Summer Young and Amberly Waits who are both freshmen at Tech this year. Meghan and her parents have worked very hard through the years making a 5-6 hour drive each way to practice and tournaments with her Glory teams. Coaches Noble Hansard, Doug Smith and Joe Garcia have also helped Meghan along in the recruiting process. Good luck Meghan, we are proud of you!

*Experience is the comb that nature gives us when we are bald.*  
 Belgian proverb

**Happy Birthday**

**October 26**  
 Kreasha Bradford, Meghan Acosta, Connie Castillo, Sonia Reyes, Kimberly Gonzales

**October 27**  
 Chelsey Lou Campbell, Casey Henderson, Julie Cypert, Yvette Samaniego, Dana Duhon, Leo Samaniego, Dora McAfee, Albert Alvarado

**October 28**  
 Royce Miears, Annika Galindo, Vicky Wallace, Heather Gann, Kristi Burge Barker, Bear Bryan

**October 29**  
 Jim Squyres, Garrett Cypert, Sylvia Ramon, Ray Smith, Stephanie Williams, Jane Alexander, Jacob Gonzales, PFC Eliazar Yorba

**October 30**  
 Cade Krieg, George Hernandez, Julie Villanueva, Jose Gomez, Carlos Estrada

**October 31**  
 Juanita McBride, Santiago Faz, Jr., Mary Daubney, Emily Newton, Stacey Pennington, Fernando Emiliano, Terry Schenkel, Aiden Teaff

**November 1**  
 Curry Campbell, Danny White, Miranda Villanueva, Marsha Patton, Ricardo Steele, Baylen Crites, Christian Harper, Salvador Trinidad



**Ports-to-Plains From Page 1**

To get to southern Colorado, however, truckers must negotiate the winding road and steep grades through Raton Pass, elevation 7,834 feet, a trek most avoid during snowy, icy episodes, November through April. If Denver is the primary destination of trucks originating in Mexico, the PTP Corridor through southeastern Colorado is often the chosen alternative.

Richardson dubbed the U.S. 64/87 stretch from Raton to Clayton the "John L. Morrow Highway" in 2004, in honor of the late state senator, a popular figure in the New Mexico legislature, also a rancher with a reputation for good humor as "New Mexico's Will Rogers."

Now, the race is on to completely rehabilitate the aging roadway, bringing it up to PTP standards. At the 2005 groundbreaking, Richardson shared his vision: "We are making this huge investment here because Northeastern New Mexico is a vital part of our economic future. We are working to take what was once part of the Santa Fe Trail into the 21st Century."

A southbound traveler on I-25, fresh from the glorious panoramas afforded in the negotiation of Raton Pass, makes a sharp left onto U.S. Highway 64/87, and within minutes is slowed for the first batch of many miles of construction projects cranked up by Richardson's GRIP program.

Another stretch, from Grenville, 30 miles west of Clayton, N.M. to within 7 miles of the Clayton city limits, shows Twin Mountain Construction Company work on two more lanes, designed for westbound traffic. All phases of work are in evidence, from scraping bare soil, to establishing base and roadbed, to paving with jet black asphalt. The \$14 million section will complete the four-lane divided highway here.

Bridge work, right-of-way pipelines and fiber optic cable are scattered at strategic points along the route, as are huge materials storage and mixing sites, with hundreds of gravel haulers and earthmovers crawling about, or parked for the night.

But out of an abundance of civic pride, Clayton Mayor Garth Boyce considers his town the eastern anchor for this sweep of the Ports-To-Plains Corridor. With a city population of 2,600 and a Union County population of 4,000, Clayton is striving to capitalize on both highway and historicity to advance in the direction of Boyce's dreams.

The city bills itself as the "Crossroads of the Southwest," in part because Union County touches the borders of Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas. But the county's Community Development Corporation also touts its "natural wonders, national grasslands, large ranches and dinosaur tracks."

Nearby Capulin Volcano National Monument protects a 60,000-year-old cinder cone, rising 1,000 feet from the plains below, affording views of all four states in the immediate area and into Kansas as well.

Rio, Texas and, as with our city, private entrepreneurs and investors have put their money where their mouth is to make the designation a meaningful reality. The jewel of Main Street in Clayton is the Eklund Hotel, Dining Room & Saloon, a \$2.6 million renovation project completed in 2004, after a closure of 30 years and all the neglect that goes with it.

Built in two parts, respectively in 1892 and 1898, the old landmark is now completely refurbished, with spacious, high-ceilinged rooms and suites, comfortable hand-made furniture, sparkling period-style tile, ceramic and porcelain baths, and gracious hosts - Thedra McDowell and Ilene Taylor - at the front parlor desk.

In addition, the historic saloon boasts its original bar and mirrors. The whiskey and wine may be

offers a great selection of steaks. "Union County is ranch and feedlot country," asserts the Community Development Corporation Web site, www.eatmorebeef.net.

But Boyce, 63 and mayor for only seven months, is looking beyond the feedlots and recent increases in pig production for revenue streams to drench the local economy.

"Today we signed a \$78 million economic development agreement with GEO Group and the New Mexico Department of Corrections to build a 600-bed correctional facility here, to be expanded another 300 beds," Boyce said over drinks and dinner at the Eklund. GEO Group, he said, is expected to create 200 new jobs, and stimulate another 100.

The most recent estimate of through travelers is that 1.5 million vehicles pass through Clayton annually. "If you can stop that car overnight, it's about \$50 per person into the local economy, and at two or three people per car, it becomes a \$172 million market," Boyce exclaimed. "We're trying to change from a byway to a destination city."

"But we also want to know what's in all those trucks passing through, and how we can participate in their industry. We hope to build an industrial park to accommodate whatever we learn about that," Boyce said.

Other prospects include a pilot energy-generating "windfarm," already in profusion in the Texas Panhandle, the Davis Mountain area, and southeastern Colorado.

His big concern now is the number one issue on the lips of westerners everywhere. Water.

"Over towards Dalhart, they're putting in the world's largest cheese factory, so there'll be stiff competition for water out of the Oglalla Aquifer. It doesn't recharge itself, you know," said Boyce. The concern is regional.

"Question is - where's all this water going to come from? When asked what was going on in Dalhart, an individual who identified himself as being associated with the dairy industry replied, 'We're going to buy Dalhart,'" said a Nov. 30, 2005 blogger to the Amarillo Globe News Web site.

But Boyce believes in the power of positive thinking. He's working a deal with a "major truck stop and a possible hotel," to be sited on Clayton city property for a \$1-per-year lease arrangement. Boyce believes truckers and tourists are strong reasons to support the Ports-To-Plains Corridor here.

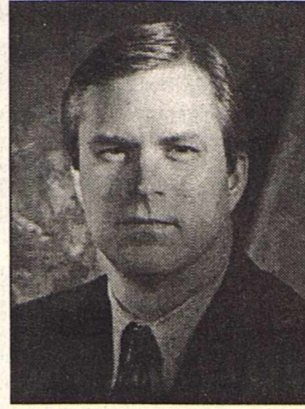
From Clayton to Texline, the first burg east of New Mexico, the evidence of civic pride is abundant. Amidst rolling bundles of tumbleweed are frequent signs announcing roadside cleanups by Union County Crime Stoppers, the Clayton Gospel Church and the Lariat Cow Belles.

Road construction continues along the New Mexico and Texas spur, nearly to its reconnection "That road is so unsafe as it is now or was before all this! When we have high winds and blowing snow and ice, there are so many wrecks out there, all the time," lamented McDowell.

McDowell's and Boyce's sentiments and aspirations are felt or expressed all along the 1,300-mile Ports-To-Plains Corridor, perceived most acutely in those communities that have heard and taken to heart the goals of the Ports-To-Plains Coalition. The Coalition can make no promises - only projections - but communities make it happen.

**Editors note: This is the final installation of the Ports-to-Plains report. We are grateful for Bill Sontag's report and journey along the Ports-to-Plains route, and to SouthWestTexas Live and DelRioLIVE! for providing this important information affecting us all in the years to come.**

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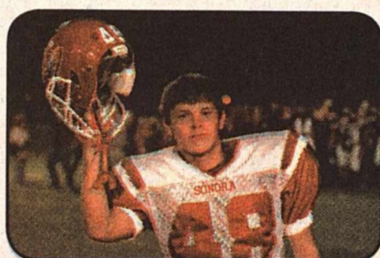
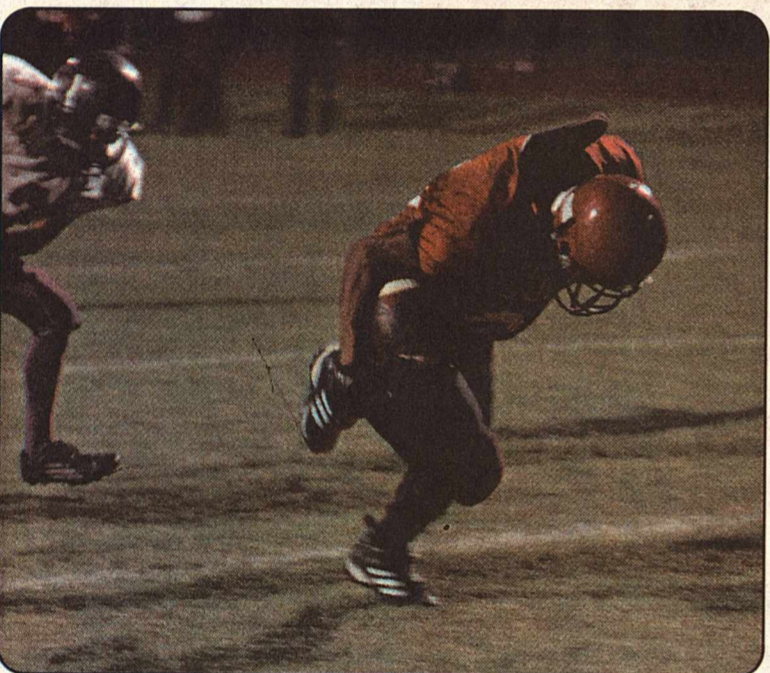
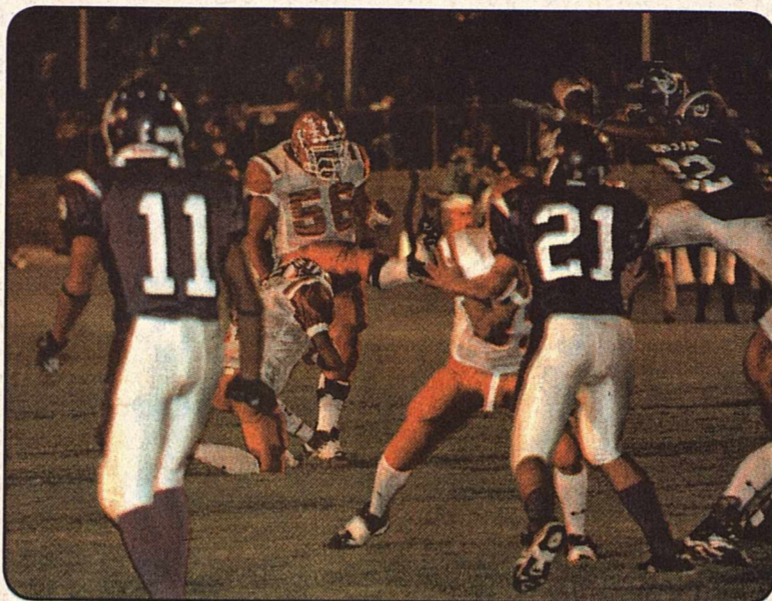
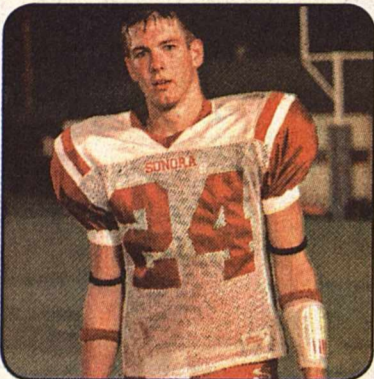
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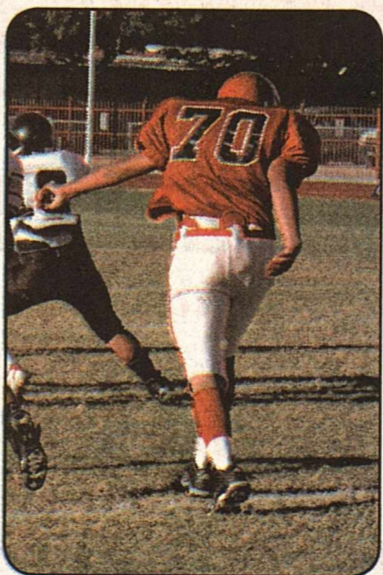
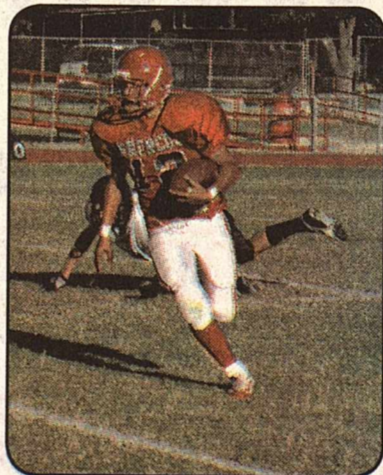
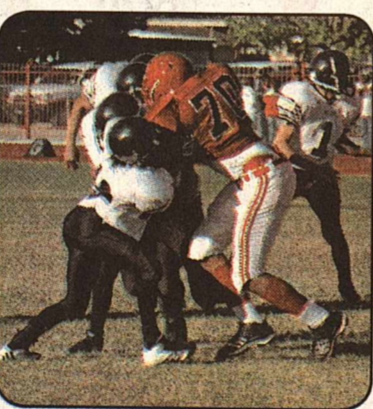
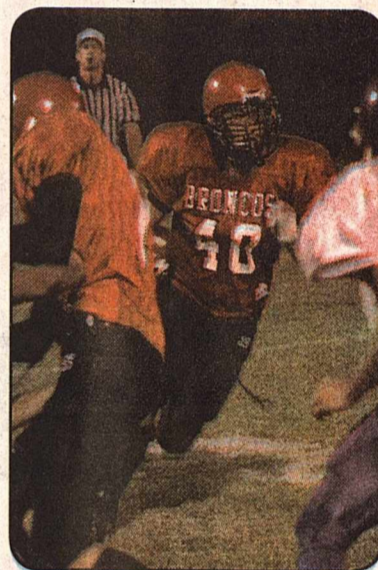
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## Kerr County Market Days

The arrival of cooler fall weather brings with it a great opportunity to visit Market Days at the Kerr County Courthouse. More than 90 vendors will gather on Saturday, October 28 from 9-4 to offer a fine selection of homemade arts and crafts. Additionally, there will be a good selection of native plants as well as pumpkins, pecans and other local seasonal produce. In its fourth season, Market Days continues to attract a group of high quality artisans and artists to Kerrville.

A visit to Market Days is a great outdoor activity for the whole family. The Tivy Band Boosters will be selling food along with other vendors offering funnel cakes and other snacks. Pets on leash are always welcome. For more information call 830-792-4655 or check out the website [www.kerrmarketdays.org](http://www.kerrmarketdays.org).

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## F.Y.I.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

**Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes** is an educational program for people with type 2 diabetes sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Sutton County Senior Center. Classes began October 19 and will be held on Thursdays at the Senior Center from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. To register call Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Jaunita Mesa at 387-5657. Transportation is available for senior citizens who qualify. The cost of the class is free.

**The Kimble County Meals on Wheels** will be sponsoring a retreat to the beautiful HEB Camp near Leakey. We invite you to join us in the fun. The retreat will be Nov. 7, 8, and 9. The cost is \$45.00 per person. This fee covers the insurance and all meal costs. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this great week of fun and fellowship. To register, please come by the Sonora Senior Center. We can only take 10 people, so let us know ASAP. If you would like to go but can't pay, let us know at the Senior Center and we will find some sponsors willing to help with the costs.

**The Lady Bronco softball team fundraisers** for spring tournament expenses: Friday, Nov. 3 carry and go fish & chip meal from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the field house parking lot. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets available from any Lady Bronco softball team member; Bake Sale, Sat. Nov. 4, 8:00 a.m.-till gone at the T&C Village Market.

**Sonora Bronco Booster Club** members will meet each Monday at 7:00 p.m. to view the latest varsity game film. The location will be in the Sonora High School Commons.

**The Health and Wellness Center October Special:** Join the "LUNCH BUNCH". Come see us for a HALF HOUR OF POWER Strength and Sculpt class Monday and Wednesday at 12:10 pm-12:40 pm. Sweating minimal!

**Hospice of San Angelo** is sponsoring a special seminar for any adult coping with a loss and fears the holidays will be unbearable. The seminar will be Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Shannon Women's and Children's Center. The center is located on the corner of Harris and Magdalen. The seminar is free, but please call Jeanne Miller at 658-6524 for reservations.

**Chicken Strip Dinners** (by the Sutton County Steakhouse) will be for sale Friday Oct. 27, 2006 for \$8.00 at the High School Commons Area from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Sonora High School Sophomore class. Tickets may be purchased from any S.H.S. sophomore. For more information, please call Sonora High School at 387-6940.

**Grease Trap Seminar II** will be held at 2:00 p.m. Oct. 26 at City Hall for restaurants and those serving food to the public.

**Do You Need A Tax-Write OFF?** Keep Sonora Beautiful is looking for an old stock/cotton trailer 14', 16', or 18' with a bumper hitch, and mechanically sound. This will help us get our recycling program going. Please call Max Howorth 387-2172 or Sam Kent 387-5181.

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