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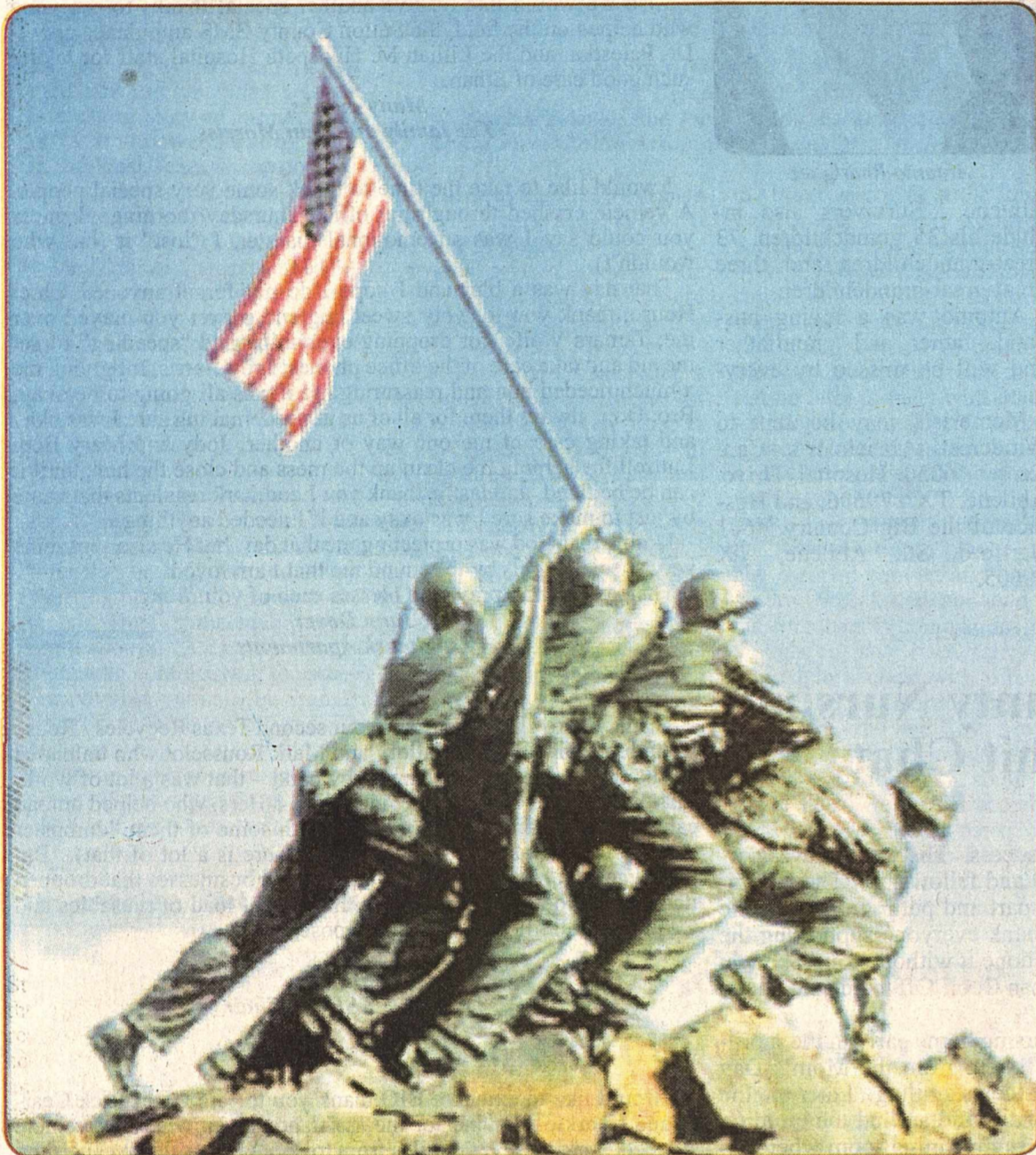
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## Veteran's Day Tribute



### Submitted

Having seen numerous Military Honor Guards perform graveside services for our veterans and active military, I still get a chill down my spine when witnessing the presentation of the folded flag and hear the bugle playing taps. I came across a little information and found it quite interesting. It brought a greater feeling of patriotism as I read it and thought the readers might appreciate it. I never realized the significance of the folded flag and what it should remind us of.

Each fold of the flag is a symbol and represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life, the second, a symbol of our belief in the eternal life and the third is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his di-

vine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor Mother, for whom it flies on Mothers Day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded. The tenth fold is a tribute to father,

for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The eleventh in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "IN GOD WE TRUST." The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from right to left and is inverted when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform. In the armed forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nations honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

## Election Results

Governor <b>Rick Perry</b>	County Treasurer <b>Joyce Chalk</b>
District Judge 112 <b>Pedro Gomez</b>	County Com. Pct 4 <b>Fred Perez</b>
County Judge <b>Carla Garner</b>	Justice of the Peace <b>John K. Wilson</b>
County Clerk <b>Veronica Hernandez</b>	

## St. Ann's Catholic Church is Sonora's October Landscape of the Month



St. Ann's parishioners have been busy for weeks giving a face lift to the parish office building and parish hall. Hours have been spent on repainting the facilities and doing some needed repairs. The landscape also received attention. Hedges were trimmed, trees pruned and brush removed. Congratulations to the group for their beautification project.

## Dominion to Pursue Sale of Most of its E&P Assets

RICHMOND, VA. — Dominion (NYSE: D) will pursue the sale of most of its oil and natural gas exploration and production assets to put additional focus on growing its electric generation and energy distribution, transmission, storage and retail businesses. The move is designed to enhance long-term value by realigning Dominion's operations and risk profile more closely with the company's peer investment group of utilities.

- Sales process to be pursued to maximize value of E&P business
- Proceeds would be used to reduce debt, repurchase shares, grow business
- Focus on generation, distribution, trans-

mission, storage and retail businesses  
• Long-term value targeted from lower risk profile, improved credit metrics

As part of the repositioning, Dominion would retain its low-risk Appalachian Basin properties because of their value to the company's natural gas pipeline, storage and gathering businesses. The Appalachian properties account for approximately 17 percent of proved reserves and 8 percent of Dominion's average daily production as of September 30, 2006. These reserves would produce less than 5 percent of Dominion's consolidated future operating earnings upon completion of any sale. (Continued on page 7)

## Carol Pope Completes Triathlon

### She did it!

"Carol Pope, of Sonora Texas, you are an ironman!" Those were the announcer's words as Carol ran across the finish line at "Ironman Florida", 12:52:50 hours after the race started. The race began on Saturday, November 4 with a 7 a.m. mass start. Triathletes swam directly into 4-6 feet ocean swells for a 2.4 mile swim, bicycled for 112 miles and ran 26.2 miles. For Carol the swim was the hardest part. "It was the only time I wanted to quit" she said. "I told myself I trained for a year and I was not going to end it here. I got mad."

Conditions on the bike were challenging as well. Athletes faced gusts of 25-30 mph winds. "It was very windy and I was very concerned I would not make my goal time." Once she was going however, she knew she was doing okay because "I was passing people all over the place." She knew that meant that she had a slow swim, but that she was catching up on the bike." Carol said that a blind man passed her on the swim, bungee corded to a partner for direction. This man, incidentally, continued the race on a tandem bike and finished the run back on the bungee.

This was just one of the many pictures of courage seen on the course. Another finisher was a

man who had a double lung transplant five years ago. A lot of buzz at the finish centered about the arrival of former governor of South Dakota, Frank Farrar. He is a 77-year-old cancer survivor who doctors told he would die in a few months. He finished Ford Ironman Florida event in well under 17 hours. Then there were the stories that we will not know, the woman running with the needle in her back pumping medication, the ambulances leaving the course, the calls for medics at the transition tents, and the physical and mental struggles many faced.

Carol said that by the time she got to the run, although "it was not the fasted marathon I've ever ran, it was the easiest. I know its crazy, but it was." It was a sentiment shared by many of the athletes. ALL they had left was the run. She attributes her strength on her run to the countless hours, days, and months of training.

The clock tells the story of her race. She finished the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, and 26.2 mile run with a 1:33:05 swim, 6:07:38 bike and 4:48:56 run. Her goal was to finish under 13 hours and her mental determination and strength brought her across the finish with seven minutes to spare. Congratulations to Carol Pope, Sonora's Ironman!



Carol Pope's jubilant finish at the Ford Ironman Florida Triathlon.

## Broncos Fall to the Blanco Giants Panthers

### By Ray Glasscock

We have all heard the saying that it is not size of the dog in the fight, but size of the fight in the dog. Most people have never read the next verse. *If the size of fight in both dogs is the same, the bigger dog will win.*

The Panthers came to Bronco stadium with two things on their minds. They wanted to win to earn the top seed in the Division II playoff bracket and to gain some revenge over the Broncos for the time they lost the 2000 state championship to the Broncos.

The Broncos kicked off to start the game. The Panthers gained one first down on a pass completion. Morgan Martinez and Jordan Isenhour stopped the 250 pound fullback after a two yard gain. On third down, Riley Sanchez dropped the Blanco quarterback at the line of scrimmage. The Panthers punted to the Broncos.

On the Bronco's third play, Lito Trevino got outside and gained about 20 yards. A quick pass to Trevino, followed by a misdirection run by Caleb Ramos, moved the chains for the Broncos. The drive ended abruptly when the Blanco middle linebacker leaped into the air and intercepted a middle screen pass.

The Panthers methodically ran and ran. Despite great tackles by Travis Valliant and Agustine Vaquera, the Panther's halfback, Breeding, scored the first Blanco touchdown with 3 seconds left in the first quarter. The Panthers tried for two, but the Bronco defense stopped the play.

The quality of our opponent's defense became clear on the next drive. Ramos was able to get one first down by passing, but not two. Justin Northcott punted and the Panthers took over. The Bronco defense stepped up and forced a turnover on downs.

After two rushing plays were stuffed by the Panthers, Ramos hit

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## Bill Stewart - Bronco Fan of the Year

### By Ray Glasscock

The Bronco Booster Club chose Bill Stewart to be the first name on the Bronco Fan of the Year Award. The award will be given each year, and the plaque will be on permanent display in the Sonora High School Commons.

Mr. Stewart basically started the Bronco Booster Club. In 1968, Coach Hopkins wanted to use color 16-mm film to film the playoff games. As Hopkins tried to raise money, Mr. Stewart and others took on the project. Bob Teaff donated a set of tires and conducted a raffle. Mr. Stewart and others went around town with coffee cans collecting money.

While there may be others, Mr. Stewart is the only fan that I know of that has only missed one Bronco playoff game ever. I presented him a DVD of the game he missed along with the 1966 Forney game.





### Historical Society

#### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Do you have any information on a sheep shearing plant erected in Juno about 1900?

A. This is another that has been on the bulletin board for a while. We didn't find anything in the 1900 papers on this but while laminating 1932 we found the answer in "The Devil's River News" of January 1, 1932: **FIRST POWER SHEARING PLANT ERECTED IN WEST TEXAS IN 1903-** J. W. Trainer, Sonora merchant and ranchman, tells an interesting story of the erection of the first power shearing plant in the West Texas sheep country 29 years ago on the Prosser headquarters ranch 16 miles south of Juno on the Devil's River.

Mr. Trainer was reminded of the erection of the plant, a tremendous affair with 50 drops, by a recent story in The News telling of the purchase by Rex E. Bord of mutton sheep in 1882 from Fritz Wilhelm, Menard, at the then fabulous price of \$1.87 per head.

Mr. Bord later became agent for Cooper's Dip in the West Texas territory and it was at this time that he built the stationery shearing plant for the Prosser interests. The first machine was an innovation in its day, but seems clumsy in contrast with the present portable outfits. Mr. Trainer sheared as high as 60 and 70 head of sheep a day on the machine, an average number being about 45 head per drop. About 30,000 sheep a year were shorn at the plant.

The first shearing machine in the immediate Sonora section



**Sonora's Diamond Jubilee**  
*Left to right:* Maysie Brown, Bob Vicars, Mrs. Robert Halbert, Guila Vicars, Allie Askew and Mr. and Mrs. Pink Taylor

was placed at the Joe Ross ranch about 20 years ago (1912). It was a 12 drop plant.

A year or two after putting in the Prosser plant, Mr. Bord moved to Oregon, and a few months later Mr. Trainer followed him there, managing a herd of Mr. Bord's sheep for over a year before returning to the Sonora section. Mr. Bord still lived in Oregon in 1932 and had a wide reputation as a breeder of Corriedale sheep.

In the same issue we found an article saying there was very little bitterweed growing the winter of 31/32 in Sutton County. Usually at this season the weed has acquired considerable growth and is harming livestock. Some think that late warm weather has given extra life to other plants keeping the weed choked out. Stockmen are unanimous in rejoicing that the weed's growth is backward.

Three buildings to comprise a laboratory and two residences of

the bitterweed unit at the Ranch Experiment Station south of Sonora were finished this week by W. D. Westbrook, San Angelo contractor. The work is entirely completed with the exception of a small amount of painting. Mr. Westbrook will return to the station later to meet with the inspection board of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations and will turn the buildings over to them at that time.

Mexican Bandit Slain in Border Crossing Battle - Juan Garcia, escaped convict and border outlaw, was killed and two of his four bandit companions are thought to have been seriously injured in a clash with officers of the U.S.I.S. Border Patrol at the Paso Largo and Cow Crossing on the Rio Grande River near the Indio ranch south of Eagle Pass Monday, December 21, when two border patrolmen were forced to open fire upon the alien smugglers when they started to cross the river to the

American side and refused to give an account of their business, firing twice at the inquiring officer.

Investigation by a party of 11 men summoned from Eagle Pass by the officers later revealed the identity of the dead man as Juan Garcia, 34 years old, sheep stealer and escaped convict, having been convicted at Del Rio three years ago and given two years in the penitentiary for sheep stealing, but having escaped from the Blue Ridge Farm and returned to his home at San Jose, Coahuila, about 25 miles southeast of Piedras Negras. The other four men escaped.

Soon after the discovery several shouts from the Mexican side requested the officers not shoot and asked if anyone had been killed.

An expensive saddle on Garcia's animal proved to belong to Bob Martin, manager of the Indio Ranch, and had been missing for several months, along with the best horse he ever had, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Adams of the Camp Allison community, and all of their children enjoyed a family reunion at the Adams home Christmas. It was the first time the entire family had been together in ten years. Six sons and two daughters, some with their children, were there for the day. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bright and son Randall, and Estes Adams, Comstock; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Adams, and son C. W., Del Rio; Mr. and Mrs. Ulice Adams and children Delbert and Eula Mae, from their ranch 90 miles south of Marathon; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Cash, and children Vima and Alonzo, Pumpville; George Adams, Ozona; and two sons Leo and Elva who live at home; were

all present.

Fifty-six thousand, five hundred and seventy-five lambs were weighed on the scales of the Sonora Scales Co. at the Santa Fe loading pens in Sonora during 1931, according to records kept by John Hamby, weigher. Other stock was weighed as follows: Steers, 425 head; calves, 710; cows 26. The total weight of all stock weighed was 3,928,210 pounds. Local authorities estimate that only about half of the lambs shipped from Sonora were weighed here.

Q. Was S. E. McKnight the same McKnight that was the head of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium?

A. No! That was his brother Dr. J. B. McKnight. When he

came to the hospital in 1914 it had 3 wards and 57 beds for patients. By the 1930's under careful management it had grown to a 718 bed hospital.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net You may call us any Tuesday, Thursday 9-12:30 or Saturday from 8-12 at 387-5084 our office at 307 Oak Street. You can also just stop in and look up things in the archives with our help and do your research. We do have Ancestry.com on our computer to help local researchers do their family tree and will assist you in accessing information at this site.

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### The Rio Grande Valley's State Veterans Cemetery Dedicated

MISSION — Texas veterans joined a distinguished roster of guests today to dedicate the long-awaited Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission. Constructed by the Texas Veterans Land Board on land donated by the City of Mission, the second State Veterans Cemetery in Texas is a place of honor.

"Today, we dedicate these hallowed grounds to the men and women who have so honorably served our country in time of war and peace," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board. "Burial here is not a benefit given. It is a right earned."

Lt. Gen. Marc Cisneros, Ret.; U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison; and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, Ret.; addressed a crowd of several hundred Texas veterans and their families.

"I want to personally thank those who helped bring this cemetery to the Valley," Patterson said. "All levels of government worked together to make this special place a reality. South Texas and the Valley know how to take care of their own."

Dignitaries who spoke at the dedication included U.S. Congressman Rubén Hinojosa; William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Pete Olsen, Chief-of-Staff for U.S. Senator John Cornyn; State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa; State Senator Eddie Lucio; State Representative Ismael "Kino" Flores; State Representative Armando "Mando" Martinez; State Representative Aaron Peña; State Representative Verónica Gonzales; Mayor Norberto "Beto" Salinas of Mission; Hidalgo County Judge Ramon Garcia; and Commissioner Hector Farias of the Texas Veterans Commission. The Veterans Band of Corpus Christi provided patriotic music and the U.S. Marine Corps presented the colors.

Construction on the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery began in September 2005 and will be completed in December 2006.

There will be several phases of construction: Phase I will cost about \$8.7 million — including design, construction and equipment costs — and will have adequate burial capacity for 10 years. Future phases will cost less, because most infrastructure

costs will be covered by Phase I.

The 75-acre cemetery will be a magnificent facility with an ultimate capacity for up to 25,000 burials. Among the features: a covered, open-air structure for committal services; a visitors center; a computer system for locating specific graves or interments; an assembly area for special occasions, such as Memorial Day observances; an avenue of flags; and a memorial walkway for future monuments.

The cemetery is located just off U.S. Highway 83 on South Inspiration Road about 2.5 miles south of the exit, just past Seven Oaks Golf and Country Club, near the junction of South Inspiration Road and Military Road. The City of Mission purchased a 75-acre cotton field from Bentzen Palm, Limited, and ownership was transferred to the Texas Veterans Land Board in January 2004.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs funds up to 100 percent of the design, construction, and equipment costs of state veterans cemeteries.

Patterson quoted from a March 21, 1945 invocation by U.S. Navy Lt. Roland B. Gittlesohn, a rabbi, at the 5th Marine Division Cemetery at Iwo Jima.

"Here lie officers and men, blacks and whites, rich men and poor — together," Patterson said. "Here are Protestants, Catholics and Jews — together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy."

The dedication ceremony ended with the crowd of several hundred looking skyward as Chairman Patterson's former Marine squadron — Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 112 — flew F-18 fighter jets over the crowd at low altitude. Buglers Ruben Ramos and Oscar Palacios quietly played "Taps" for the first time at the site.

The new cemetery will be the second of up to seven Texas State Veterans Cemeteries, which will complement the states' four national veterans cemeteries in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

The members of the Texas Veterans Land Board are Chairman Jerry Patterson, Cephus S. "Dusty" Rhodes and Alan Johnson.

Chairman Patterson would like to thank the following individuals for their work in supporting the new cemetery: Norberto "Beto" Salinas, Mayor of

Mission; Julio Cerda, Mission City Manager; Aida Lerma, Public Relations Officer for the City of Mission; the City of Mission Parks and Recreation Department; Bill Wilson, of D. Wilson Construction; and James C. Shawn, of Mobile Crane Service, Inc.

### New Guidelines for Historical Marker Program Now Available

AUSTIN, Texas — The 2007 Official Texas Historical Marker application forms and new procedures are now available on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us). Also available are detailed marker research guides that provide information on how to compile the requisite research for a variety of eligible topics including structures, cemeteries, individuals, institutions, churches, synagogues, communities and World War II. The marker research guides offer resources, links, documentation formats, research checklists and sample histories to assure applications are completed correctly.

The THC will begin accepting applications from county historical commissions (CHC)

under the new guidelines beginning Nov. 15 in anticipation of the deadline, Jan. 2, 2007. Under the new program, applications will now be submitted electronically for review. Potential sponsors interested in applying for a marker should first meet with their CHCs for assistance compiling their applications and for guidance on local procedures or reviews. In the coming weeks, more research materials will be added to the THC web site in order to provide broader basic training on historical research. The information will be helpful to all individuals interested in local history, not just those working on marker applications.

For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-5853 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us)

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Keep **SONORA** Beautiful

by Susan Hall

What do you think Sonora? We sure have had an action packed month so far and it hasn't even been a week into the month as I write this article. The month began with the delivery of 1000 fleece jackets to Sonora. This was awarded to Keep Sonora Beautiful (KSB) from Sam's Club and Aquafina Bottled Water Company for recycling 526 pounds of plastic containers back in May of this year!!! We did not recycle the largest number, but based on per

capita it was exceptional!!! In return, Sam's Club and Aquafina, "Returned the Warmth" back to our Community with these fleece jackets.

We have distributed these fleece jackets to various organizations throughout this Community that will ensure these jackets get to where they are needed, to "return the warmth." Then, November 1st KSB held their annual Recycle/Reuse Round-UP Day and the numbers are not yet in, but it was a definite success for many citizens of Sonora, because closets were cleaned out for Goodwill; aluminum cans were brought for the Mighty Bronco Band; and old cell phones were brought for KSB to turn in for fundraising. It was quite an eye-opener to some people, at the



quantities we throw away that could be recycled and not end up in the landfill. It proves recycling will be a part of Sonora's future because it has to be. Lastly, the weekend brought many clubs, organizations, churches, and businesses out to Trash-OFF their Section of Sonora. We picked up quite a few rolls of toilet paper and good old litter off the streets and draws of Sonora. We would encourage any group in the Community that has not Adopted- a- Section to let us know and we will be glad

to get a "Section of Sonora". KSB would like to thank Town & Country Food Village for providing the hotdogs and Ronnie Bowers, our Frito Lay Man for the chips. It was the perfect meal after the Trash-OFF! Well, Sonora, how can we top this first week of November? Come join us at our next meeting, Monday, Nov. 13th @ noon at the Chamber of Commerce office and see how you can be a part of our efforts, and what we are up to next to Keep Sonora Beautiful!

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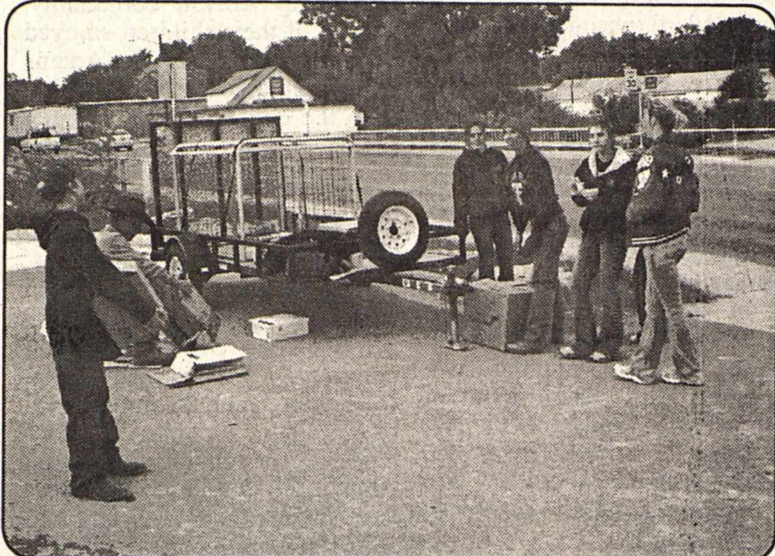
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**Chamber Chatter**

By Becky Covington, Director, Sonora Chamber of Commerce

**WELCOME HUNTERS** and "Hunting Widows". Ladies, another way to be entertained while your significant other halves are out enjoying the hunting season, and you refuse to wear camo, is to visit Sonora. The following are a few options that might make your hunt in Sonora, fun and adventurous.

**Dining:** Treat yourself to one of the restaurants that are known for serving heaping portions of southern cuisine. Have you sampled some of our culinary culture? We do have great barbecue, grilled steaks, Mexican food, pizza, authentic Cajun, and many varieties of sandwiches. Sonora boasts some of the best Mexican food in the State, whether you like it very hot or mild, they offer the many choices of breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. A variety of menus are offered to meet every one's taste, from the delicious chicken fried steak to a healthy choice of chicken salad. Homemade yeast rolls, the best onion rings, chips and salsa make a tasty accompaniment as does a frosty mug of cola, a cool glass of iced tea, a cold beer or a glass of wine. Just be sure to save room for dessert and coffee or perhaps a specialty cappuccino. Whether you're in the mood for an award-winning eatery, a national chain restaurant or a Mom and Pop café or diner, you'll find good eats in Sonora.

**Shopping:** Looking for that gift for someone special? "Discovery" is truly the word that best describes the shopping experience in Sonora. Each shop has its own unique personality and offers a wide array of shopping with old time atmosphere and unique gifts. Located in the heart of the historic district there is an abundance of small town charm highlighted by its historical buildings, beautiful pocket park and restored courthouse. The downtown historic district features home furnish-

ings, specialty gifts, electronics and upscale jewelry. Also, not to be missed are other unique shops scattered throughout the community, which offer "bling bling" items, mohair products, candles, clothes and classic arts and crafts, overflowing with bargains, treasures and that special find. You'll find hunting, camping and other recreational needs to help you get through your hunting adventure.

**Fun:** Plan on taking a walk in the historic downtown area that's rich in pioneer heritage. See the Sutton County Jail, which was home to many frontier outlaws; the Miers Home Museum; and the Santa Fe Depot. Hike the 3 miles of trails at the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary Park and experience the place with unrivalled beauty, serenity and tranquility. Explore the mysterious underground Caverns of Sonora, considered one of the most beautiful and unusual caves in the United States and experience the wonders of nature!

**Relaxation:** Treat yourself to a new haircut, color or perm at one of the local beauty salons (call ahead for an appointment, however, some take walk-ins) where you can go to relax, maintain, and create your ideal personal makeover. There are some salons that just strictly deal with nails or other treatments, such as facials, tanning or massage. New breakthroughs in skin care are a regular occurrence and these salons can give the clients the best information available. Salons also sell a variety of professional hair, skin, and makeup products to help the lady maintain the professional treatment at home.

Thanks for visiting our community.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed but nothing can be changed until it is faced". James A. Baldwin

**Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events**

**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/Live Nativity  
Downtown/Main Street

**Educational Development in Sonora, Texas**

Submitted

In today's economy the job market demands an educated workforce. However, of the workers with degrees beyond high school, 80% have a two-year technical degree, while only 20% of have a four-year college degree. In Sonora, as well as the West Texas region, the demand is great for workers who have the skills to perform technically challenging work. These skilled positions require a person to be able to communicate effectively - orally and in writing, perform mathematical calculations, operate complex machinery/equipment, and be conscious of safety, profitability, community relations and the law. Wow! Where do such skilled workers come from? Well, they could come from right here in Sonora if we offered the resources for the educational development of the citizens of our community and surrounding area.

educated workforce to boost the economy of the city and county by attracting more people who can economically contribute to the community.

According to a paper presented at the National Rural Education Forum in Kansas City, only about one-fourth of those involved in adult learning live in rural areas. It suggests that the availability of educational services in rural areas has been hampered by the increased costs involved in delivering services, and has resulted in an urban bias that has denied equal access to educational services by rural residents. Local policymakers for the City of Sonora, Sutton County, the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation and Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the staff of Howard College of San Angelo have joined forces to try and change all that for Sonora.

Sonora is in a central location, 90 miles from Del Rio and 65 miles from San Angelo, right on the cross-hairs of Interstate 10 and the new Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor. There must be people in Sonora and the surrounding West Texas region who would jump at the opportunity to advance their careers through education. Sonora could receive an economic boost as well as the potential for becoming a center for technical excellence in West Texas. We could benefit from this enterprise because a technical center would supply an

It is known that education programs that have been successful in rural communities are those that respond to a specific societal need and to the adult learner's expectations. Therefore, the first step in developing a Program for Adult Learning in Sonora is to provide a forum where the citizens of our community can provide input into what those needs and expectations are.



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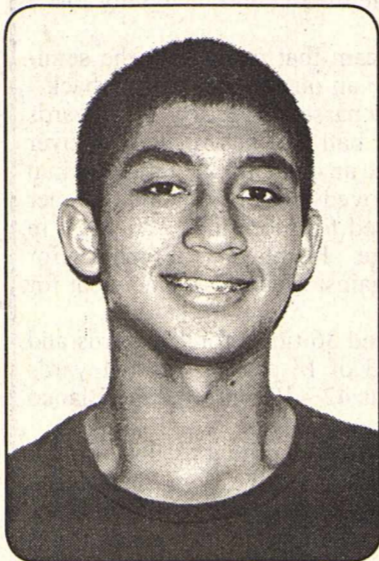
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**S.H.S. Students of the Week**

Every week new students are chosen to be students of the week. Many students are wondering how they get chosen. All students are eligible. Teachers nominate students based on character, effort, attitude, and dedication. This week's students are Emily Newton and Paul Faz.



Paul Faz, son of Santiago and Marrisra Faz, is a 9th grader at Sonora High. He enjoys playing sports, listening to music and hanging out with friends. His extracurricular activities include cross country, football, basketball, baseball, track, 4-H, and FFA. He has lived in Sonora all his life. The thing he likes about Sonora High is that it's better than Junior High. When he graduates, he plans on joining the Air Force.



Emily Newton, daughter of Edward and Lori Newton, is a 10th grader at Sonora High. She enjoys listening to music and hanging with friends. She doesn't like to fail her classes. Her extracurricular activities include golf and tennis. Newton plays volleyball for the Sonora Fillies. She hasn't lived in Sonora all her life. She moved here in the 1st grade form Junction, Texas. Newton said, "The good thing about Sonora High is that everyone knows everyone." When she graduates she plans on attending the Art Institute at Dallas to become an interior designer.



**MANAGING DIABETES WHEN EATING OUT**  
 By: Kelly L Thorp, MS  
 County Extension Agent-FCS  
 Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

A diagnosis of diabetes doesn't mean you can never enjoy a restaurant meal again. On the contrary, people with diabetes are not required to eat special dishes or limit the foods they can eat. People with diabetes can enjoy the same foods everyone else in the family enjoys – but they must choose their foods wisely to control blood sugar levels and maintain their health. People with diabetes should make sure their meals are nutritionally balanced, with foods grouped by nutrients and calories; adjust their caloric intake to achieve and keep a healthy weight; and control blood glucose levels.

All these things can be done while still enjoying an occasional meal out. Food choices greatly affect blood glucose (sugar) levels. So does the kinds of food and numbers of servings, as well as the amount of calories in these foods. Carbohydrates, proteins and fats are energy nutrients in foods. This energy is measured in calories.

Eating healthfully means consuming more whole grains and vegetables, which are relatively low in calories, and fewer dense-calorie foods such as meats, sugars, fruits and starches. Americans spend about 40 percent of their food budgets on meals and other foods eaten away from home. But with wise management, you can make healthy choices dining choices when you are eating out. Use these tips:

- Know how often you eat out. When you do, ask for no butter or salad dressing, or order it on the side. That will help you can keep better control of how much salt, butter, mayonnaise and oil you use when dining away from home.

- Visit restaurants with flexible menus. Even fast-food places that offer salads or baked potatoes (without added butter or cheese) can be included on this list.

Many of these cooks have been cooking for more than 10 years and some are now second generation cooks, following the fine example of their fathers, uncles or sometimes even grandfathers.

Individuals and businesses alike join together to contribute funds, gift certificates, merchandise and their time to make sure that the Annual Sutton County Game Dinner has a huge array of prizes to be won. It takes an army of volunteers to gather all these prizes, sell all the drawing tickets, sell the meal tickets, prepare the food, serve the food, set up all the tables and chairs, and everything else that goes on behind the scenes. The Sutton County Game Dinner Association has many wonderful volunteers and the Sonora Downtown Lions Club always helps with the serving of the food.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association is an

- Make wise menu choices that will taste good and still be healthy. Eat a little snack before you go out so you won't over-order when you get there.

- Keep fat grams in check. Watch for extra fat in appetizers, entrees and desserts.

- Order food the way you want it. If the restaurant won't honor your special request, you don't have to go there again.

- Use portion control. Know what portions look like, based on the food guide pyramid or the exchange lists. If the portion is too big, ask for a take-home container for the leftovers or share an order with a friend. Look for smaller portions on the menu, which are often listed as lunch, petite, single or child.

- Ask the server for information on how the food is prepared, what size the serving is and what are the options for special requests.

- When visiting a salad bar, avoid piling on dressings and other high-fat items. Stick with the raw vegetables and other low-fat, low-calorie items.

Fast-food places are everywhere, and people with diabetes need to be extra cautious when ordering from a fast-food menu. Most of these establishments offer menus heavy on meat, starch and fat. To include an occasional fast-food meal in your meal plan, be aware of how to measure the servings. For example, a quarter-pound hamburger provides three meat exchanges (medium-fat); adding cheese will add another one-half to one meat exchange (high-fat). The sauce or dressing contributes fat; ask for mustard instead. A regular-sized hamburger bun is usually two starch exchanges; larger buns provide two and a half to three exchanges. Milkshakes are concentrated carbohydrate and not a milk exchange. The best drink choices are reduced-fat milk, water, coffee or tea, depending on meal plan. Some fast-food places offer juices; one-half cup of tomato juice counts as a vegetable exchange and one-half cup of orange juice is a fruit exchange.

Remember to control what you eat in restaurants. Eating out healthfully takes a little work and effort, but it can be done. For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program, at the Sutton County Senior Center on Thursdays at 11:00 AM. For more information contact Kelly L. Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

organization that has continued to support the community of Sonora and the land owners in Sutton County while welcoming the hunters; and providing food entertainment and prizes for hunters and locals alike.

**Angel I. Silva Completes Basic Combat Training**

During the nine weeks of training, Private Silva studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Lucino Silva of Sonora, Texas.

**Heart and Heritage**

By Ruthie Bounds

This Saturday will mark the 40th year that Sonora has held the Annual Sutton County Game Dinner. As far as I have been able to ascertain, that makes it the second oldest game dinner in the state. Bandera's game dinner is the only one that I have found that has a longer history than that of Sonora's.

Originally the Game Dinner was founded to entertain and to welcome hunter's to Sutton County, and to recognize outstanding hunters. That still holds true today, it has just grown in size and scope. The camaraderie of hunters and land owners is still evident and still the main goal of the event, though fund raising has become a big part of this annual event. The Sutton County Game Dinner Association has donated funds through the years to nearly every youth group in Sonora, from replacing the roof on the Boy Scout building to purchasing sale lots in the Junior Livestock Show premium sale. As the economic impact of hunting in Sutton County has grown, so has the size of the Annual Game Dinner.

I remember as a child growing up here in Sonora that the Annual Game Dinner was a big event, as big as the Annual Race Meet, or the Junior Rodeo, or the Halloween Carnival. It is so nice that the tradition of the Annual Game Dinner has survived all the changes this community has gone through, and has only gotten bigger and better. We no longer have horse races in Sonora, and what used to be a school sponsored Halloween Carnival with hundreds of little spooks in the "spook parade" is no longer sponsored by the school, and is called a Fall Festival, but the tradition of rodeo and the game dinner has survived.

The success of the Annual Sutton County Game Dinner is a phenomenon all its own. The ability of the organizers to adapt, their vision of growth, and most of all their hard work, have not only sustained the Game Dinner, but have fostered the growth and success of this annual event. The people that cook for this game dinner put in a long hard day of cooking on barbeque pits, open fires, and fry pots, not to mention all the preparation that starts months before the actual dinner.

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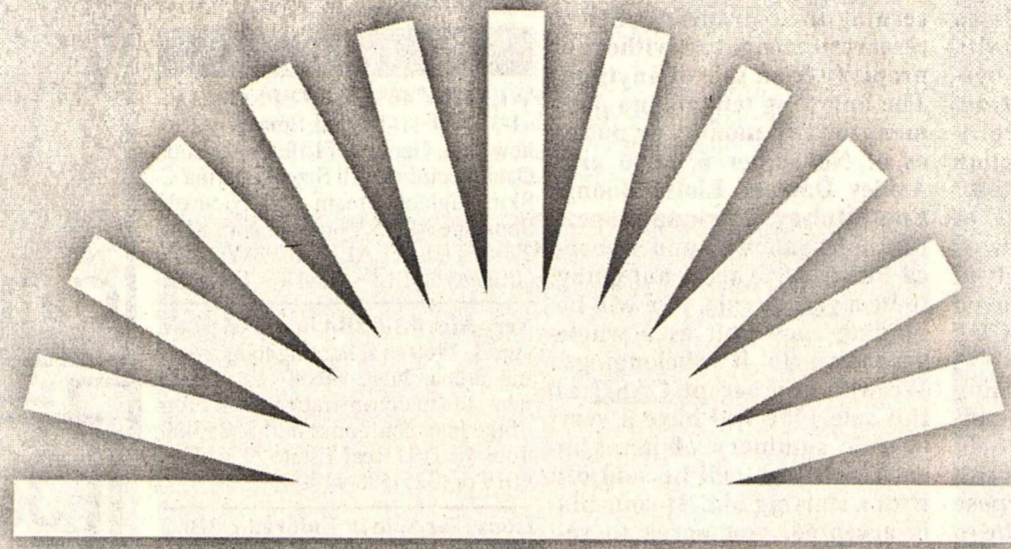
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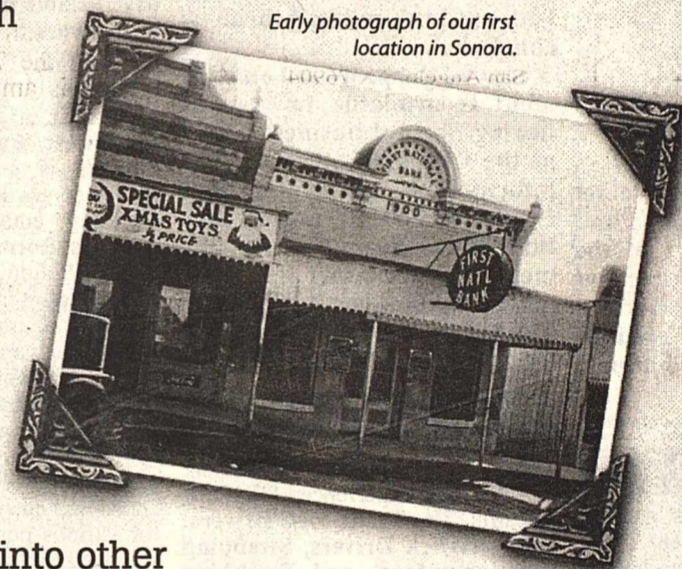
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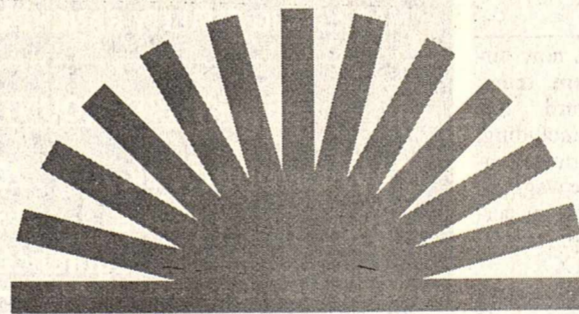
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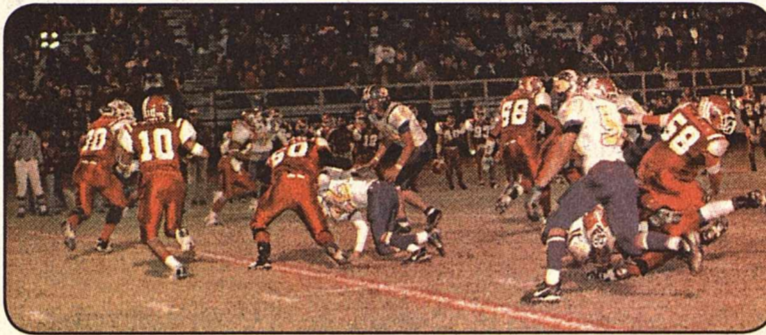
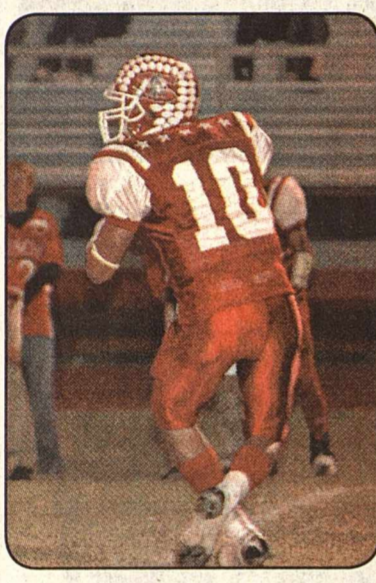
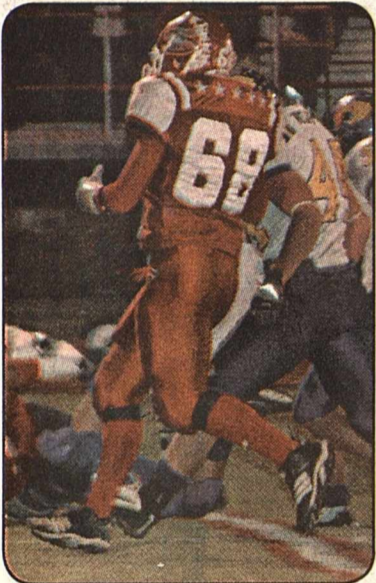


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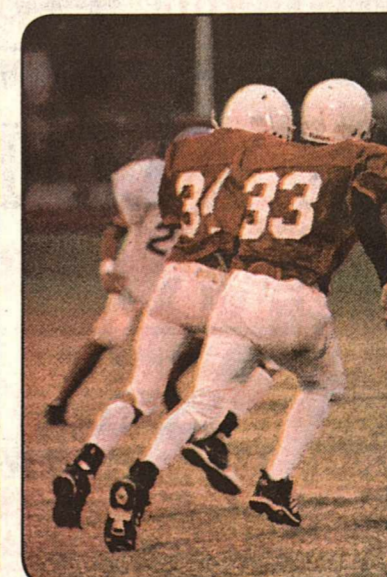
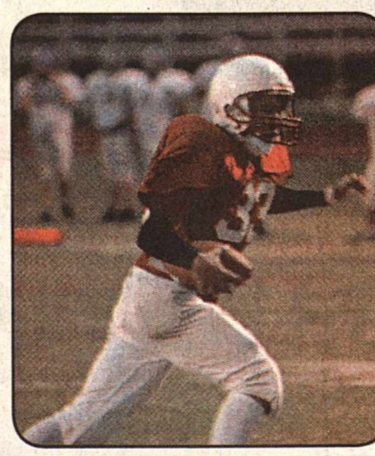
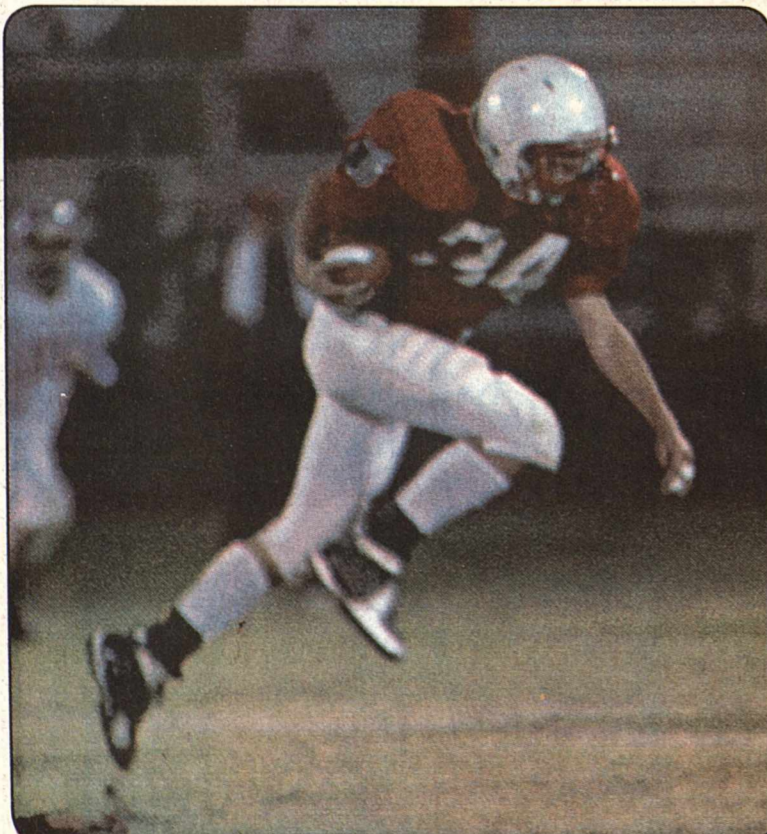
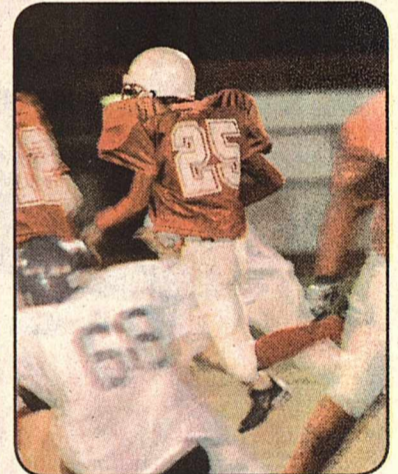
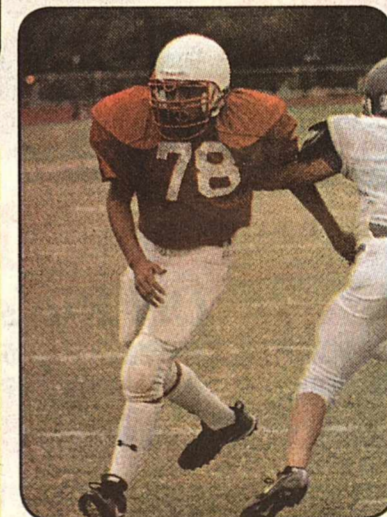
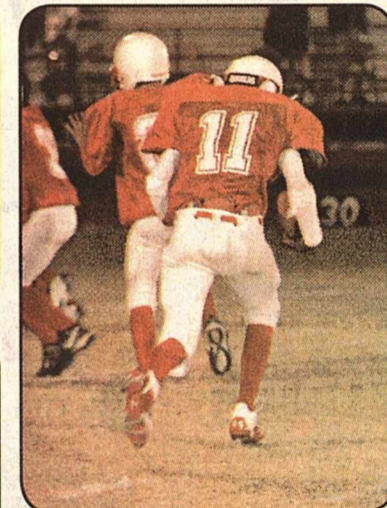
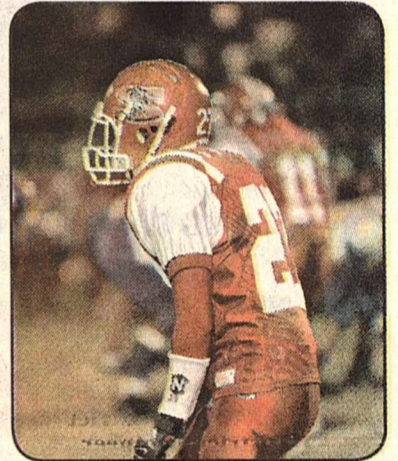
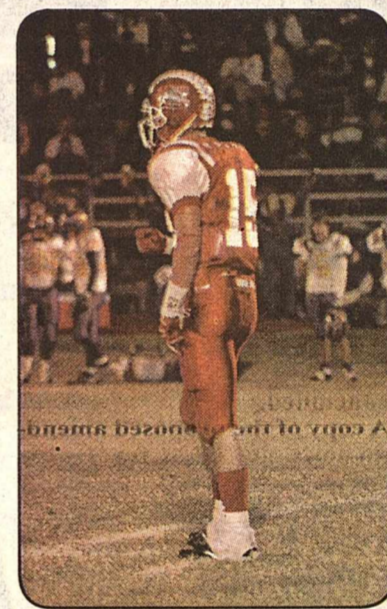


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**Members of the Sonora High School National Honor Society** are hosting a commemorative Veteran's Day Program on November 10, 2006. The program will be held in the gym and will begin at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be the assistant District Attorney, Mr. Steve Smith. We would like to encourage all veterans and guests to attend. Veterans who wish to attend, please call the high school at 387-6940. Veterans please arrive at the high school gym at 9:45 a.m.

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Hospice of San Angelo invites you to join them for the upcoming events. Tuesday Dec. 12, 2006. Please join us for our annual Light up a Life celebration at the Cactus Hotel at 7:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, refreshments and the tree lighting. Anyone wishing to purchase a light in memory of a loved one can do so for \$10 per light. Thursday Dec. 21, 2006. If you are wanting to do something for yourself this holiday, come and light a candle in memory of your loved one. We will be at the First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of E. Beauregard and S. Oakes at 6:00 p.m. There will be HOSEA staff present to lend support.

Carol "Ironwoman" Pope will start teaching a Buff N' Tuff- 60 minute strength class next week at The Health and Wellness Center. Come to the Health and Wellness Center to check out the new group fitness class schedule! For more information call 387-BFIT!

An Emmaus Community Gathering will take place Nov. 14 at Lighthouse Community Church with speaker Stacey Sanchez. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m. and services begin at 7:00. Child care is provided. Please contact Steve Smith at 387-6037 for more information.

Kent Mills of Hi-Pro Feeds, will be holding an open deer camp discussing Deer Diseases, Nutrition During the Rut, Fawn Growth & Development. The meeting will be in the Texas Room at the Days Inn at Sonora starting at 7:00 pm., November 10, 2006. Hi-Pro Feeds is sponsoring the meeting along with our dealer outlet in Sonora, Red Horse Feeds.

The Sonora City Council will meet in regular session Tuesday November 14, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**Listen to Coach's Corner**

at 9:00 every Friday morning on KHOS. Coach Herring gives information about the last game and what to expect for this week's game.

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