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Photo by Becky McAngus

School Zone Safety Urged

Hayley Lankford and Trista Bush take time for a little girl-talk before class Monday at Sonora Elementary. Motorists are being urged by Police Chief Mike House to exercise caution in the school zones. Chief House wants to remind parents there are no left turns allowed in the elementary/middle school area and that the only way to safely drop off your students for school is to have them get out of the car on the right, not the left, side of the vehicle. House said he observed several problems on the first day of school, due to traffic congestion at the elementary campus on Concho Avenue. Please allow our children to cross safely in the crosswalks, and obey the crossing guards who are escorting them across the street.

Local Heroes Honored

Submitted

Three local officers were invited by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to attend their 3rd Annual Law Enforcement Division's Awards ceremony held at the Austin Headquarters on August 16th. The purpose of the annual awards is to provide a manner whereby deserving employees, both sworn and civilian, and members of the general public may receive official Departmental and public recognition for outstanding acts of valor or meritorious service.

The teamwork demonstrated by law enforcement officers during a successful swift-water rescue of a non-swimmer was recognized by the Department. The unidentified man had driven his vehicle into rising flood waters and was about to be washed away at a remote low water-crossing on county road 410 in Sutton County on May 9, 2007. Sutton County Deputy Gary Harwell and Deputy Game Warden Robert Sol Mayer were each presented the Director's Award and Game Warden Will Allison was awarded the Director's Citation by Peter Flores, Director of Law Enforcement. Among others honored during the solemn ceremony were the families of fallen game wardens Justin Hurst and Ty Patterson, officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving the people of the State of Texas.

According to the officers, the healthy sense of teamwork which exists between the members of our various law enforcement agencies and local citizens, such as Robert Sol Mayer, is not all that uncommon in Sutton County. Mayer, who used his personal helicopter to transport Harwell and Allison to the flood victim's location this past May, has also assisted the Sheriff's office during manhunts and during searches for missing aircraft.

City Faces \$65k Fine for Sewer Spill

by Becky McAngus

A contingent of Sonorans, including Mayor Gloria Lopez, City Attorney Beth Wallace, City Manager Jim Polonis and Scott Hay were scheduled to have a face-to-face meeting with the Enforcement Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in their Fort Worth offices on Wednesday in response to a notice of violation and enforcement action that could cost the city \$65,300.00.

The City of Sonora received notice last week from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of an enforcement action and a demand for payment of an administrative penalty for violations of the Texas Water Code and/or commission rules.

The violations, according to the certified letter received by Mayor Gloria Lopez, occurred on April 22, 2007. On that date, problems at the wastewater treatment plant began with a power failure and resulted with the discharge of 290,000 gallons of raw and/or partially treated sewage into the Dry Devil's River. TCEQ alleges that the discharge resulted in a fish kill of approximately 711 fish.

City Manager Jim Polonis explained that on April 22nd, the power outage caused the basement of the treatment plant to flood, knocking out the electrical pump that controls flooding, and the auxiliary power source.

TCEQ has cited the city for failing to maintain the collection system "in a manner as to prevent unauthorized discharges". Specifically, it notes, a manhole structure located immediately north of the facility in the bed of the Dry Devil's River (within the 100-year flood plain) was constructed with a bypass valve, which was not sealed.

On April 22nd, the city notified TCEQ of the discharge and broadcast information regarding the spill to the public on KLST television. A press release regarding the malfunction at the wastewater treatment plant

was delivered to the Devil's River News on April 30, 2007.

Between the date of the spill and April 30th, city crews, under the direction of TCEQ, replaced the battery of the auxiliary power generator, repaired the oxidation ditch aerator rotor motor, removed all contaminated soil next to the manhole structure that allowed the spill to occur, and removed all the sewage sludge from the pools of water that received the untreated sewage. TCEQ's notes also indicate that the city bolted down the manhole structure and the bypass valve in May of 2007.

TCEQ is not just demanding money, according to the notice of violation. The city has 30 days - after the effective date of an agreed order - to provide protection for the electrical pump to keep the controls from flooding and 45 days to submit written verification (with detailed supporting documentation, including photographs, receipts and/or other records) to demonstrate compliance.

Polonis said the timetable presented by TCEQ is unreasonable. "There is just no possible way we can meet those deadlines," he said, noting that the city will first be required to prepare an environmental impact study and engineering design for submission and approval by the Texas Water Development Board. The earliest date the city could expect to have the improvements in place would be January or February of 2008.

Polonis said the group from Sonora hopes to be able to reduce the penalty or to have the penalty against the city dismissed entirely. "We hope to be able to gain abatement through implementation of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that the commission will allow the city to carry out to benefit the citizens of Sonora," Polonis said. Previous SEPs have been completed through city wide trash cleanups or other community activities that benefit the people of our community.



Three local peace officers, whose bravery and teamwork resulted in the successful rescue of a non-swimmer from flood waters in rural Sutton County, received commendations from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Pictured above are (left to right) Sutton County Deputy Gary Harwell, Sutton County Game Warden Will Allison, and Deputy Game Warden Robert Sol Mayer, with Peter Flores, Director of Law Enforcement of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



Photo by Becky McAngus

The Sutton County Road Department, under the direction of Oscar Jimenez, (center), installed a new archway over the entrance to the Sonora Cemetery last Thursday. The hand-made archway, designed and created by the department, is the first of several improvements that are planned for the Sonora Cemetery. Ben Torres (in the loader at left) lifts Robert Hughes who attaches the left side of the archway to the supporting poles. Frisby Bible, (right) finds a foothold on top of a pickup to weld the other side of the archway. Also pictured are Stoney Holmes and Kelly Morrow, who lifted the archway into place before the loader arrived.

County Aces Audit

by Becky McAngus

Wayne Beyer, the outside auditor hired by Sutton County to examine its financial activities, funds, and statements for fiscal year 2006, concluded Monday morning that the financial statements presented by Sutton County "present in all material respects the respective financial position of the governmental activities." He added, in comments to the court, that this audit was a clean, unqualified opinion, the highest opinion an auditor can offer. Beyer's comments to the Sutton County Commissioner's Court came at their special meeting to consider adoption of the 2008 budget.

County Judge Carla Garner commented that the county's solid financial position is due to long-range planning by the county for all operations, including equipment purchases and maintenance of facilities. "We know that in the near future we're going to have to replace two vehicles for the sheriff's office, one vehicle for 4-H and two vehicles for road and bridge," Judge Garner commented, adding "we've been planning on this for years." By keeping tabs on maintenance and repair or replacement of county vehicles, the county has built a working fleet of vehicles and equipment that has

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News/Ad Deadline Changed

Deadlines for both news articles and advertising for the September 6th edition of the Devil's River News will be Friday, August 31st at 5:00 p.m. The newspaper staff will enjoy a long weekend to commemorate Labor Day and will re-open the office on Tuesday, September 4th. We wish all of you a relaxing and safe Labor Day weekend.

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Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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September 5th at 6:00 p.m.
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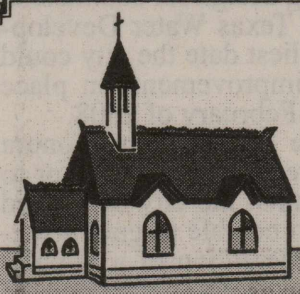
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Aug. 31 - Birthday Party at noon!
- Mon. Sept. 3 - Labor Day Holiday, center will be closed.
- Tues. Sept. 4 - Happy Birthday Rosa Galindo!
Art Class with Nadine
- Wed. Sept. 5 - Van Trax to San Angelo
- Thur. Sept. 6 - Happy Birthday Lydia Galindo.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Aug. 31 - BBQ Chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricot/banana medley and milk.
- Mon. Sept. 3 - Holiday Labor Day!
- Tues. Sept. 4 - Hot Dogs with chili and cheese, pork & beans, pineapple warden salad, brownie with nuts and milk.
- Wed. Sept. 5 - Chicken Strips with gravy, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, roll, banana pudding and milk.
- Thur. Sept. 6 - Tacos with beef, cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, taco shell, fruit with canteloupe 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 and all other meals-to-go). New Summer Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.



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504 Santa Clara
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304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
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Obituary

Orville Raymond Draper

Orville Raymond Draper, 73, passed away Friday August 24, 2007 in a local hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born November 27, 1933 in San Saba County to Orville and Irene Bode Draper. Raymond graduated from Llano High School. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Vallree Behrns, on December 24, 1951. Raymond was a member of the Church of Christ. He greatly loved his family and was a good, kind and caring man. Raymond's love of the outdoors and his knowledge of animals was apparent as he spent many years ranching.

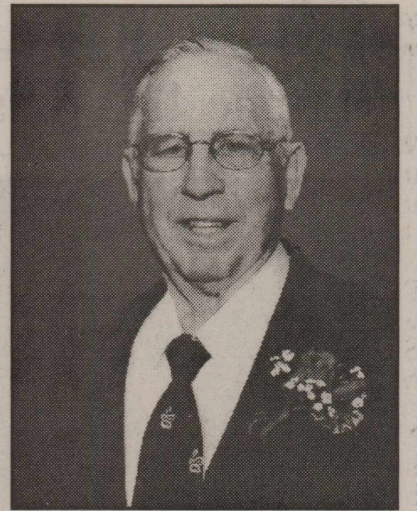
Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Melvin, and his sisters, Dolores Gilcrease and Elizabeth Radetsky.

Survivors are his wife, Vallree, of Sonora; sons Charles and wife Jonne of Wyandotte, OK, Bobby and wife Laura of San Angelo, Carey and wife Nancy of Crowley, and Perry and wife

Vicki of Midland; his daughters, Trudy Carta and husband Kelly of Weatherford and Rae Ann Bible and husband Frisby of Sonora. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, August 26th, at the Kerbow Funeral Chapel. Jerry Jackson, Church of Christ minister, officiated. Pallbearers were grandsons: Brandon, Eddie, Dayton, Bode, Casey and Swade Draper and Richard Carta.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. Rahman, Dr. Pajestka, Dr. Wilson, Monica Galfo and the staffs at San Angelo Community and Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospitals. Also, much gratitude goes to the many family and friends who have reached out to our family during this time. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.



Raymond Draper

Letter to the Editor

I attended a city council meeting August 24th and signed to speak before the vote on ordinance 585 regarding a curfew. I was speaking as a concerned citizen; not representing the school or school board.

I tried to make a few comments. I am not personally for a curfew, but I thought the vote at least should be postponed until there was a meeting, including the school, the county, and certainly, parents. I feel if you want community support for such an ordinance, there should have been a committee formed that included public input.

The mayor interrupted me once to say that posting the council meeting agenda was sufficient and then a second time to say my opinion was wrong. I then suggested the hours for the curfew should be 12:30 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, to midnight every night of the week. My reasoning was that after-game parties and dances last from about 10:00 to 12:00, all high school dances last until 12:00, as well as parties at students' homes. I felt there should be time to get home safely after midnight with parent permission and not police intervention, because

the majority of students are really very good.

I was interrupted several times by a council woman who told everyone that most students drank and drove badly. Another interruption was to inform me the only time students went to another student's home was when the parents were not there, so they could drink and party.

I believe if a citizen is given permission to speak by the board, he should be allowed to do so for 2 or 3 minutes without being interrupted and verbally attacked. I felt this behavior was inappropriate, should not happen at a city council meeting, and hope it does not happen to another citizen.

I also hope the curfew works. If anyone has a comment, problem or concern, please let Chief House know. I have visited with him, and he wants to work with the community he serves in a positive way.

Barbara Jennings

The Take-Off Run

Many bush pilots hold their breath until they get airborne. Without a takeoff you are going nowhere and the ground run is one of the most important parts of a flight. The ground run is the distance it takes an airplane to get in the air or off the ground. A lot of factors affect it. High temperatures, high altitudes and high humidity hinder takeoffs. Another big factor is how much weight or load the airplane is carrying. If it is overloaded it will not be able to get in the air. My narrow escape came when trying to fly out of an Indian village in the high mountains with a doctor and medical supplies.

An overloaded airplane reminds me of a problem that Christians face in life. Some of the things that can overload or hinder us are deeds of darkness. Like excessive drinking or drunkenness, drugs, sexual adultery or sex before marriage, just doing what feels good even if God says not to do it, constant bitter conflicts, resentment or envy of others, (Romans 13:12&13) lying, stealing, using bad words, slander and malice all weigh us down or overload us, (Ephesians 4:22 & Hebrews 12:1). It is so much fun for a pilot to get a plane airborne and it is so joyful and peaceful when Christians are living the way God wants them to live, (1 Peter 1:8&9). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

SISD to Adopt Budget at Special Meeting

The Sonora Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. August 30th in the Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, to gather input from the public on the proposed 2007-2008 budget and the proposed tax rate. The district is planning to lower the property tax rate from \$1.37 to \$1.04.

Sonora ISD employs approximately 170 persons in our community and serves an enrollment of 1,000 students. The proposed budget includes salary increases for instructional personnel and increased costs in employee benefit packages. Following the public hearings, the board is expected to adopt both the budget and the tax rate as proposed.

Thank You

Dear Friends,

I just want to thank you for your generosity. Your support, both financial and through prayer, was such a blessing - more than you'll ever know. I recently got back from my trip to the Middle East. Your love and support during this time was definitely felt!

Brittany Longoria

We are so blessed to live in a community like Sonora! Thanks for the calls and prayers while Don was in the hospital. Thanks to Chief House and Officer Humphrey, the Emergency Medical Technicians, the staff at Lillian Hudspeth Hospital, Dr. Pajestka, Monica Galfo, and a special thanks to Diana Artiaga. We would also like to extend a big thanks to the answering service staff. They did a great job while I was gone.

Sonora Elementary School would like to thank the community, the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the First United Methodist Church and Dollar General for their generous donation of school supplies for the upcoming year. We would also like to thank Alco for their support. A very special thank you is extended to the First United Methodist Church for organizing this project.

Thank you for letting us know of the new law that charges a felony to anyone caught destroying precious cave formations. All of my children and grandchildren were honored to have seen the Butterfly formation in the Caverns of Sonora. Its destruction saddened all of us. While the entire cave is beautiful, the Butterfly conveyed in essence, the spirit and splendor of the cave. Now more than ever, thanks to the new law, the image of the Butterfly continues to fly all over the world for everyone to see.

Augustine Chavez
SHS Class of '62
San Diego, CA

Happy Birthday

August 30

Stacy Sanchez, Frank McGee, Rosa McGee, Fidel Acevedo, Robert Zook

August 31

Ronnie Cox, Dick Dudley, Sharon Holman, James Wilson, Florie Gonzalez, Lori Newton, Ponciano Castillo, Jr., Joey Samaniego

September 1

Letty Longoria, Emmanuel Lopez, Espy Whitehead, Pokey Samaniego, Gracie Lopez, Molly Cook, Sutton Foulds, Caleb Romero, Smith Neal, Clint Cearley, Jessie Mathews, Gloria Parades, Dan Dockery, miles Sentena, Erik Santana

September 2

Kellie Lippie, Joanna Garza, Jake Webb, Hilda Vasquez

September 3

Brooke Northcott, Abigail Hernandez, Ronald Pincine, Jr., Levi Pool, Dustin Dillard, Guy Parker, Manuel Campos, Teresa Harris, Mylasy DeLuna, Deedie McIntire

September 4

Mason Surber, Kaitlyn Henderson, Lindsey Palmer, Sid Anderson, McKenzie Watkins, Oscar Gutierrez, Sr., T. Wayne Price, Preston Gonzalez, Sherry Ingham, Diana Hidalgo

September 5

Cades Pope, Sandra Luz Gonzalez, Elsa Trevino, Shane Duenes, Caroline Bacon, Little Joe Castillo, Genny Cramer, Walker Lipham, Frances Reyna

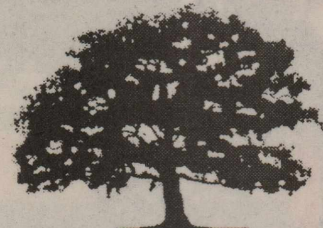
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Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street program honored the Haynie Davis Family as a Pioneer Family during the recent Sutton County Days celebration. Following is a history of this family written by Haynie Davis for publication in the Sutton County Historical Society's 1977 publication on Sonora's history. Dell Davis Tedford, and her husband, John, have updated the family history. This is the first of a two-part series on the lives of this extraordinary family.

My grandfather, R. W. Davis, moved after the Civil War from Cobb County, Georgia, to Elgin, Texas, in Bastrop County, where my father, R. Walter Davis, was born in 1869. In 1891, my father married Maude Cope. In 1897, they came with their two children (me included—I was born March 5, 1896) to Sonora to visit my Dad's brother, J.L. Davis (Uncle Love), who was sheriff of Sutton County and, with his wife Savannah, owed a ranch five miles north of Sonora. This was a 14-day trip for us by covered wagon. My parents took a liking to the adjoining ranch, but it was August, 1903, before M. H. Gilliam would sell it to us. In November Dad rented a railroad boxcar, loaded it with two horses, a wagon, buggy, a few household goods, and my brother Tom and me, and we headed for San Angelo. Mama and the three other children—Winnie, Birdwell, and Wallace—rode the passenger train. We unloaded the car, hitched the horses to the covered wagon, tied the buggy behind, and started our exciting 2 1/2--day trip to Sonora, arriving here Nov. 13, 1903.

My sister Nell was born here later. We six children grew up on the ranch and attended school in Sonora by way of buggy, bicycles, and on foot. Grandpa and Grandma Davis lived a while with us, and Grandpa was buried in the Sonora cemetery in 1907. In 1915, I graduated from high school - the old three-story rock one - and in the fall of 1916, went to Texas A&M College for a two year course in agriculture. But the threat of World War I prompted me to leave and join the Navy. After 19 1/2 months and three trips overseas, I came home to the ranch for good. Mother and Dad moved to Austin in 1919 to finish schooling the three younger children at the University of Texas.

On March 22, 1922, Florence Matthis and I were married in Ballinger, Texas, and have lived on the ranch ever since. Her father, Rev. L. C. Matthis, was our Methodist pastor at the time. Early in our married life, we were in ranching partnership with Mother and Dad. He died in Austin in 1936, and we bought the ranch from Mother in 1939. She died in 1954. Both Mother and Dad are buried in the Sonora Cemetery.

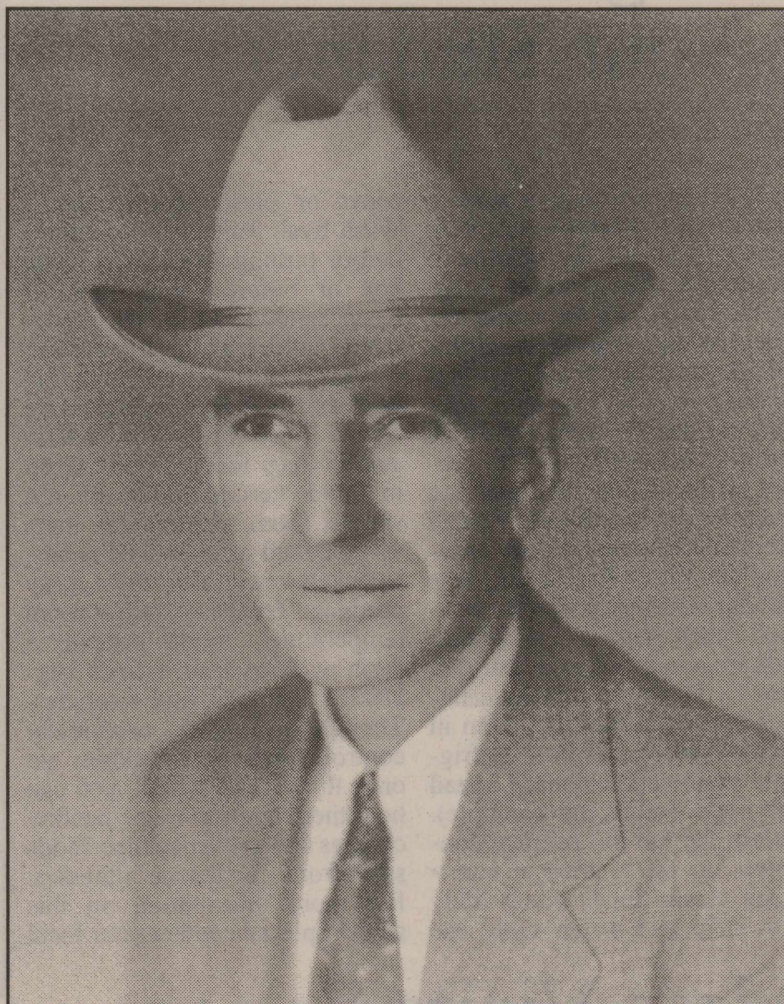
Both our daughters were born on the ranch. Majorie married Hal Wagner, and they have two sons, Daniel H. and Harry. Dell married John Tedford of Dallas, and they have a son and a daughter, Gregg and Valerie, and lived in Sonora.

In spite of Droughts, depressions, wolves, bobcats, cockleburs, screw worms, and hard work, we have had a good life together for fifty-five years here on the ranch.

G. H. (Haynie) Davis, 1977

R. Walter Davis purchased another ranch immediately south of the Schleicher County line, where Haynie's brother, Walter "Tom" Davis, ranched and raised his family. Tom married Buena Hoggett, of Junction, and they had four children, only one of which - son Rodney Davis - survived them.

Although Florence Matthis arrived as a newcomer to Sonora with her recently-widowed father and younger sister in 1922, her family had much- earlier ties to Sonora. Her grandfather and great uncle lived here in the 1890's - one an educator and one a doctor. The latter lost a baby son, who is buried in the Sonora cemetery. Although Florence had never lived on a ranch when she married Haynie, she took to it instantly. Her great-grandfather was Youngs Coleman, a partner in the Coleman-Mathis-Fulton Cattle Company, near Rockport, so perhaps she inherited the love for ranching genetically. Florence died in 1979 and Haynie in 1992; both are buried in Sonora Cemetery.



Haynie Davis

Haynie's Sister Winnie married Sonoran Harold Saunders, and operated a flower shop here for many years.

Dell Tedford, after graduation from Sonora High School, attended Stephens College, which was then a two-year women's school in Columbia, Missouri. She finished her education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where she met her future husband John Tedford. The Tedfords married in 1957 and have made Sonora their home since 1959. John was involved in professional musical theater from 1960 until 1971. Since that time, they have owned and operated Tedford Jewelry in Sonora and ranched in Sutton County. They recently retired from shop keeping in downtown Sonora after thirty-two years.

The Davis/Tedford Ranch was entered into the Texas Family Land Heritage Registry in 2004 by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Susan Combs, and Commissioner. This designation identifies a farm or ranch as having been owned and operated continuously for a century by the same family.

THE RESSURECTION: MYTH OR FACT?

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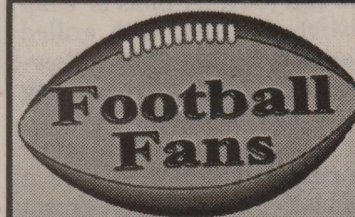
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We invite all those who do not already have a church home to join us for Sunday morning Services. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship starts at 10:55 a.m.

We will be honoring teachers during the service on September 16th, and will have a hamburger lunch immediately after church.

We hope you will join us.
Our hearts, our minds, our doors are always open.

First Baptist Church

Invites ALL children,

3 years (2 years prior to Kindergarten) - 5th grade to

AWANA Kick-Off with Tae Kwon Do

Evangelist and Pastor Jim Wilson of
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Wednesday, September 12th

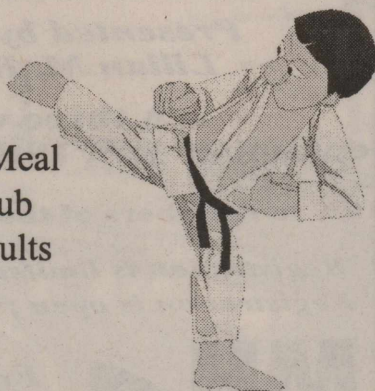
5:15 p.m. Meal in the Church Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Sunday School Building

AWANA is a fun learning club that teaches children to love and serve Jesus Christ. Come learn about this exciting club.

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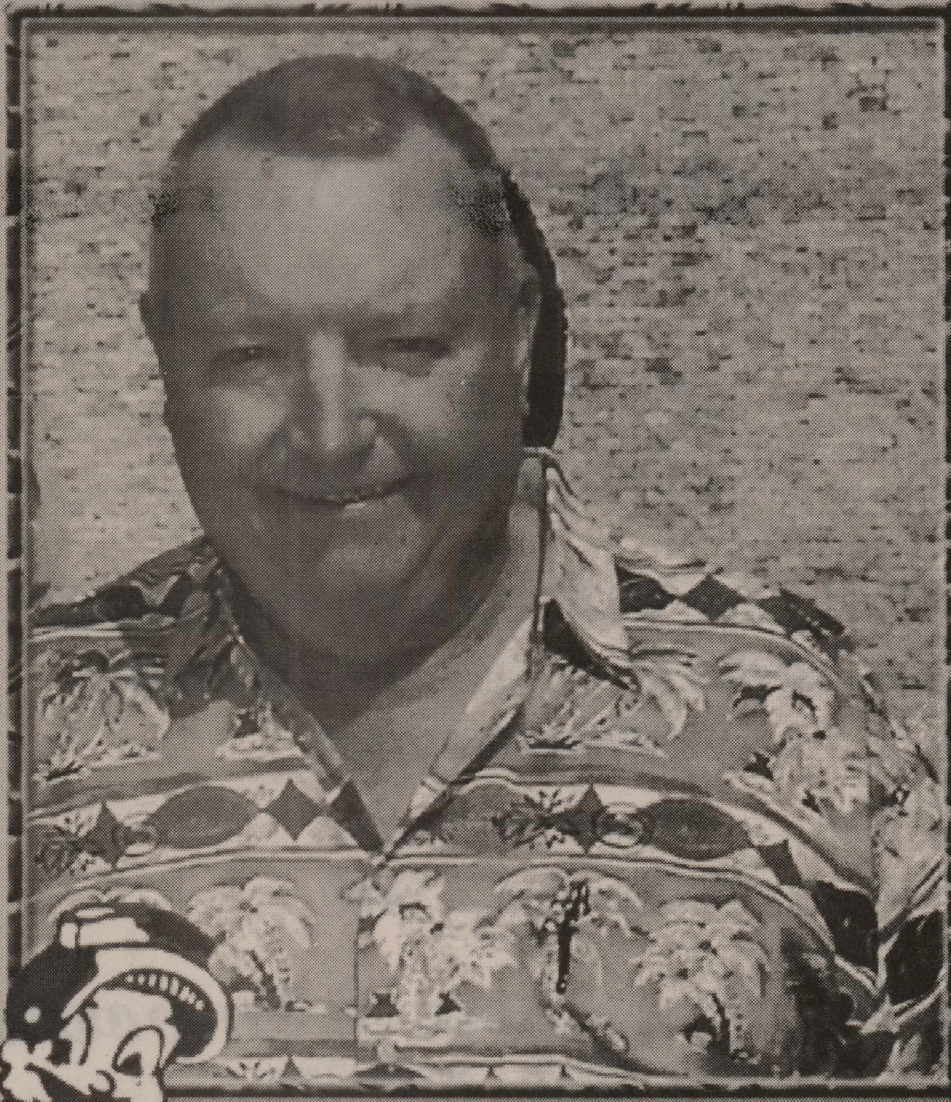
Sunday Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Children's Meal
6:00 p.m. AWANA Club
7:00 p.m. Youth & Adults



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The arguments for giving children good nutrition at the right time, in the right amounts, and of the right kind are numerous. One of the best ways to do that is to follow the guidelines in the Kids' Food Guide Pyramid *MyPyramid* and read the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. Schools have begun to offer better choices, such as salad bars in the cafeteria and vending machines with healthy snacks, like pretzels. Help your child learn what is healthy, and make good choices while at school or when packing a lunch. "Encourage

Making the Right Food Choices With Your Students

your child to choose cafeteria meals that include fruits, vegetables, lean meats, and whole grains, such as wheat bread instead of white. Also, avoid fried foods when possible, and choose milk or water as a drink.

If you're helping your child pack a lunch, start by brainstorming foods and snacks that he or she would like to eat. In addition to old standbys, such as peanut butter and jelly, try pitas or wrap sandwiches stuffed with grilled chicken or veggies. The following are some ideas when packing a lunch for your child:

- Core and stuff an apple with peanut butter; then slice it crosswise.
- Spread light cream cheese and jelly of any flavor on a tortilla and roll it up.
- Make mini kabobs on straws: use ham and cheese, grapes and melon balls, cherry tomatoes and cheese cubes.
- Roll a slice of meat

- around string cheese or a carrot.
- Cookie-cut sandwiches into fun, interesting shapes. In addition to choosing nutritious foods, keeping the foods safe for eating can be a challenge when packing for school. Here are some tips that can help you and your child with "safe sacking":
- Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to prevent growth of bacteria that can cause foodborne illness.
- Send hot meals (soups) in an insulated thermos.
- Pack cold foods (salads) with ice packs in insulated lunch bags.
- For drinks, pack frozen juice boxes that will thaw by mealtime.
- Wrap sandwiches tightly; then put them in a sealed bag or container. Refrigerate sandwiches if made ahead (the night before, for example).
- Wash the top of beverage containers, or use a straw or cup.
- Clean plastic lunch boxes daily with soap and water. Only use

- paper or plastic bags once.
- Wash fresh fruits and vegetables before putting them in a lunch box or before eating them.
- Keep sandwiches in the refrigerator until leaving for school.
- Wash hands before preparing lunches and before eating.
- Use frozen juice boxes or freezer gels to keep lunches cool. Keep in mind, certain foods are not safe at room temperature, such as:
- cooked or uncooked meats,
- cooked vegetables, and
- dairy products.

Try these "safe at room temperature" foods instead:

- fresh or dried fruit,
- fresh vegetables,
- breads, and
- cookies.

Though you can't completely control what your children eat once they get to school, you can help them learn to make healthy choices and help keep their foods safe from foodborne illnesses. For more information on this subject please contact your local

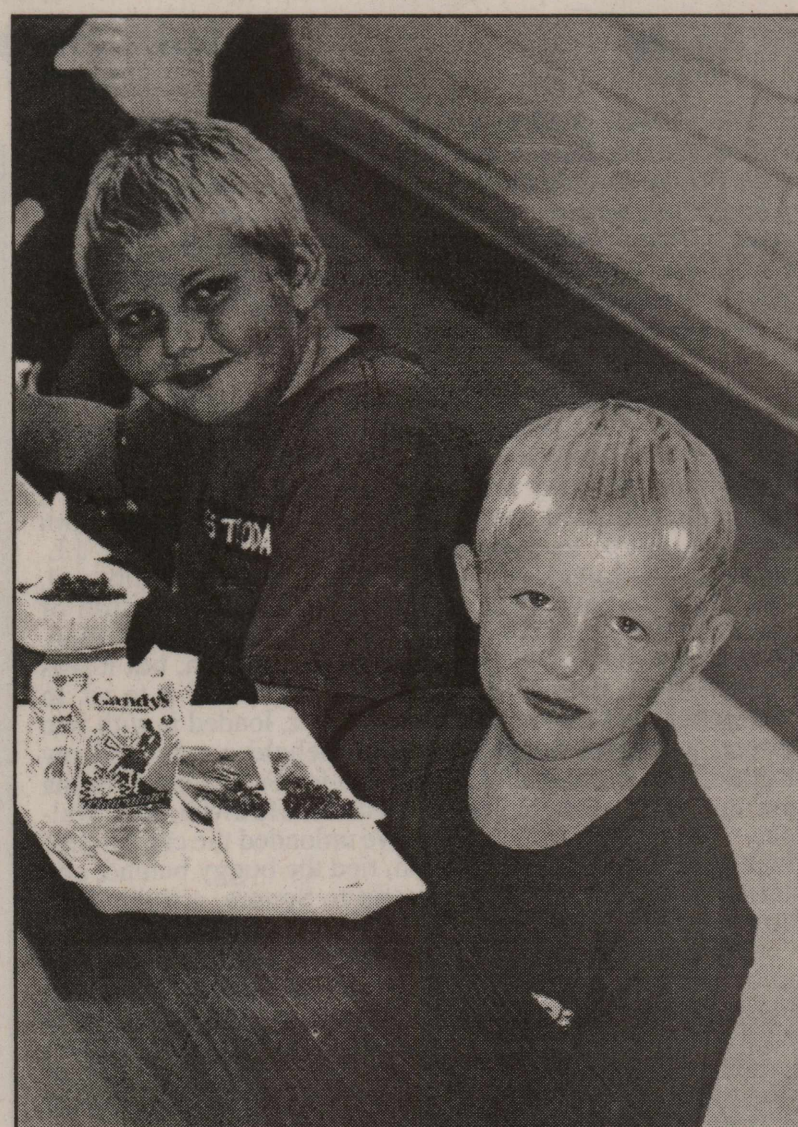


Photo by Becky McAngus

Enjoying the first day of school and a healthy breakfast are Devon Baker and Michael Willoughby. Breakfast is served every morning on all campuses of the Sonora Independent School District.

Congressional Candidate Visits Sonora



Photo by Becky McAngus

Francisco "Quico" Canseco made a campaign stop at Rafter W Feed Store in Sonora last Thursday. Canseco, who will run as a Republican against Ciro Rodriguez in the March 2008 elections, is a candidate for the 23rd Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. In front of a small but supportive lunch crowd, Canseco outlined the issues he feels are important to the people of Texas, indicating that our homes, our communities, affordable health care, taxes, jobs, and retirement issues are at the forefront of people's concerns. "My obligation will be to be your voice," he stated.

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AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 84 degrees; 7.59' low. Black bass are good on watermelon Senkos, jigs, and Carolina rigged soft plastics, and on topwaters early. Striped bass are fair on redfins early and late. White bass are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, nightcrawlers, shrimp, and chicken livers in 10 - 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 12.5' low. Black bass are fair on topwater lures, shad-colored spinnerbaits and soft jerk baits along brush and timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are good on cut shad.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT CALENDAR

Grand Opening
August 31
12:00 noon
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Varsity Football
September 7, 7:30 p.m.
Bracketville - Away

Broncos Homecoming Parade
Downtown Main Street
September 14, 3:00 p.m.
Pep Rally to Follow
Homecoming Game 7:30 p.m. Bronco Stadium

SLGA Couples Select Shot Golf Tournament
Sonora Golf Course
September 15th & 16th
Tee Times 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Club Championship
Sonora Golf Course
September 22nd & 23rd
Tee Times 7:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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Rope @ 1:30 p.m.

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Broncos Seek Rhythm at Scrimmage

By Nancy and Ray Glasscock

After missing their first scrimmage against Stanton due to a very muddy field, the Broncos finally got to hit someone other than their teammates. A scrimmage is much like a NFL pre-season game: simple game plan, multiple substitutions, and hard hitting. The Broncos are moving to the "broken bone" offense after using the spread for four years.

New Bronco coach, Sean Leamon, is trying players in different positions from previous years. Some linemen are now running backs, some receivers are now running backs, and some running backs are now receivers.

During the controlled portion of the scrimmage, Jim Ned scored on a long pass play and on a broken field run. The Broncos moved the ball well and moved the chains several times per drive. The Broncos stopped themselves with some penalties as they learn the new plays.

During the live quarter, the Broncos started on offense. The Bronco offense appeared to be on their way to a touchdown when three consecutive penalties killed the drive. The Bronco defense stepped up and forced the Indians to attempt a field goal which fell short.

Since the players are not wearing their numbers, it is often difficult to distinguish one player from the next. With the help of some of the players on the side-

line, I was able to identify some of the players who made outstanding plays. Aaron Gaytan had several tackles for a loss. Morgan Martinez had many nice runs. Derrick Van Winkle gained about 15 yards on a weaving, broken field run. Michael Jenkins leaped high to catch a pass from Victor Vaquera.

The Junior Varsity also looked sharp, especially the defense. Each team scored once. Ethan Morriss scored the only Bronco touchdown on a quarterback keeper.

The Bronco JV team travels to Harper on Thursday night to play the Longhorns of District 28-1A. The game is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. in the Harper ISD's stadium. We are disappointed to report that Harper's Longhorn Café on Hwy 290 is not open on Thursday nights. If any of you plan to eat prior to the game, it will have to be at home or in Junction (Cooper's, La Familia, Isaac's, or the Sunshine Café and Bakery.)

Sonora's varsity plays host to the Longhorns Friday night at 7:30 p.m. here at Bronco Stadium. Last season, Harper finished with a record of 8-3 and was 5-0 in district play. This summer in 7 on 7 play, the Longhorns made it through the 1st round by defeating Sundown 42-0. In the second round, Harper played perennial 3A contender West Orange Stark and lost 31-15.

Plan to come to Bronco Stadium to kick off the 2007 high school football season.

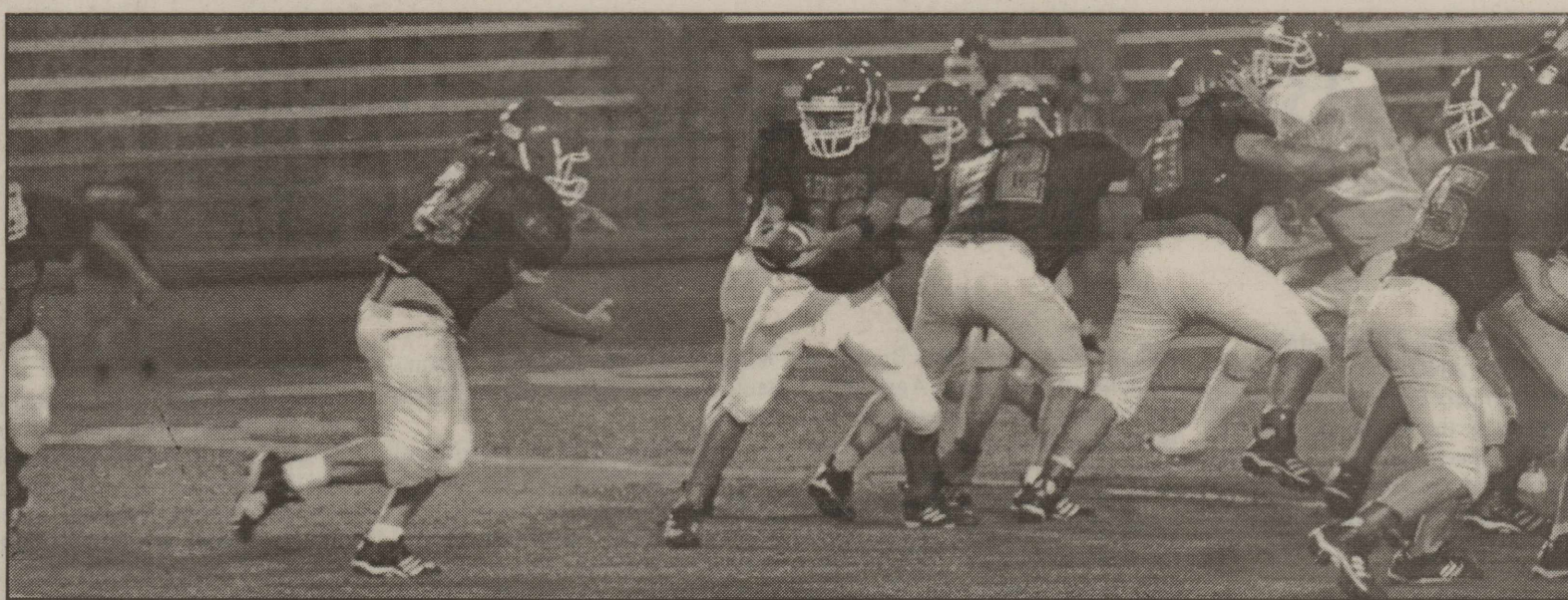


Photo by Ray Glasscock

Derek Van Winkle hands off the football to Alonso Pena at the Broncos scrimmage against Jim Ned. The Broncos begin season play at Bronco Stadium, Friday night at 7:30 p.m., against the Harper Longhorns.

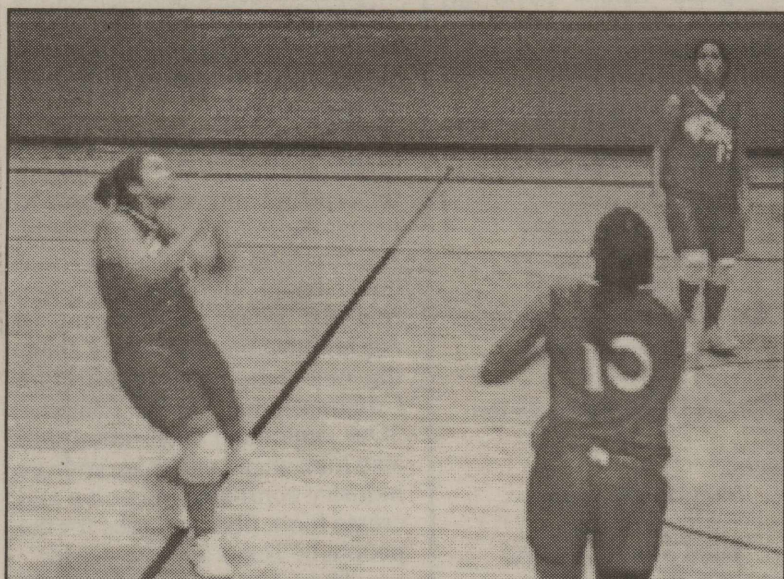
Sonora Fillies Begin Season Play

The Sonora Fillies began their season Tuesday evening with a home game against Cornerstone High School. Junior varsity took the court first. Cornerstone won 2 of 3 matches, winning the first game 25 to 20 and the second game 25 to 12. The first game of the match was played well by both teams, and the lead went back and forth throughout. In the second game, the fillies were not able to control their defensive game, and Cornerstone was able to take control from the service line. Stand-out players on the junior varsity were Alyssa Vela, Alex Galindo, Danielle Rodriguez and Amber West.

Cornerstone won the 3 of 5 varsity match with scores of 25 - 10, 25-7, and 25-15. Cornerstone started the game with 6 seniors on the court. The Fillies played well offensively

and defensively. Both teams served and defended against the serve very well, bumping, setting and hitting the ball over the net. The longer the ball stayed in play, the experience of the Cornerstone team was able to control the ball and win the point. Stand-out players for the Fillies were Tori Castillo, Kaci Chavarria, Christy Perez, and Monica Traylor.

Coach Joleta Traylor said, at the conclusion of the matches, that the girls were very nervous going into the first matches of the year but showed improvement over where they were when the season ended last year. She felt that their ability to receive a serve and set up a play - rather than just get the ball back over the net - was one of the biggest improvements seen. She said she expects the Fillies will see success on the court and on the scoreboard this season.



Photos by Bonnie Lou Campbell

Emily Newton returns the ball as Danielle Rodriguez and Tori Castillo get set to assist.



The Varsity Fillies faced off against Cornerstone High School last Tuesday.

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Aug. 31	Harper	Home
Sept. 7	Brackettville	Away
Sept. 14	Colorado City	Home
Sept. 22	Marfa * Odessa Ratliff	
Sept. 28	Ingram	Away
Oct. 12	Junction	Away
Oct. 19	Mason	Home
Oct. 26	Brady	Away
Nov. 2	Blanco	Away
Nov. 9	Comfort	Home

All games start at 7:30 unless noted in the schedule.
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2007 JV Football Schedule		
Aug. 30	Harper	Away
Sept. 6	Brackettville	Home
Sept. 13	Colorado City	Away
Sept. 27	Ingram	Away
Oct. 4	Ozona	Home
Oct. 11	Junction	Home
Oct. 18	Mason	Away
Oct. 25	Brady	Home
Nov. 1	Blanco	Home
Nv. 8	Comfort	Away

*all games start at 6:30 p.m.

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2007 Sonora Colt Football Schedule		
Sept. 13	Colorado City	Home
Sept. 20	Wall	Home
Sept. 27	Ingram	Away
Oct. 4	Comfort	Away
Oct. 11	Junction	Away
Oct. 18	Mason	Home
Oct. 25	Brady	Away
Nov. 1	Blanco	Away
Nov. 8	Comfort	Home

*7th grade team will kickoff at 5:00 p.m. and 8th grade games will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted in the schedule.

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2007 Cross Country Schedule	
Sept. 1	Reagan Co.
Sept. 8	Water Valley
Sept. 15	ASU (San Angelo)
Sept. 22	TBA
Sept. 29	Ozona
Oct. 13	Comfort
*Oct. 22	District - Comfort
*Nov. 3	Regionals - Lubbock
*Nov. 10	State - Round Rock

Jr. High Schedule will be the same except for the first meet, which they will not attend. Their season will end on October 22 at the district meet.

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Tues.- Toast w/Jelly	Fri. - Sausage -N-Biscuit
Wed.- Pancake Pup	

Lunch

Mon.- Labor Day - No School
Tues.- Fish, Corn, Applesauce, Granola Bar, and Milk.
Wed.- Hot Dog/Chili Dog, Fries, Pickle Spears, Peaches, and Milk.
Thurs.- Sausage Pizza, Green Beans, Carrots, Apples, Cookies, and Milk.
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New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9550' Jack W Brown -A- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 39 08/20/07 5 Drg Ahead

New 3 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9350' Duke Wilson -187- #19x Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 08/30/07 Assigned

New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9350' Duke Wilson #40-14 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 08/27/07 Assigned

5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9300' Duke Wilson -174- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 122 08/15/07 10 Drg Ahead

New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8995' Mayer -20a- #10 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 303 08/27/07 Assigned

New 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Gerald Nicks -5- #9 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 08/24/07 1 Drg Ahead

8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Mayer -20- #7 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 303 08/15/07 10 Drg Ahead

New 9 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Shurley -166- #29 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 120 08/24/07 1 Drg Ahead

New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8800' Tom Mitchell -4- #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 08/26/07 Assigned

New 11 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8325' Shurley Rr -5- #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 08/30/07 Assigned

New 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr #11-4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 08/28/07 Assigned

New 13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7550' Mittel #150-3 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 08/20/07 5 Drg Ahead

New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7500' Shurley -147- #29 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 08/22/07 3 Drg Ahead

New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7400' Shurley -147- #31 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 115 08/28/07 Assigned

New 16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7350' Shurley Rr -1e- #7 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 40 08/23/07 2 Drg Ahead

New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6900' Canyon Ranch -114- #17s Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 08/28/07 Assigned

18 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6800' Archer -Swd- #1 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 08/13/07 12 Drg Ahead

New 19 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 5500' Stewart 78 1/2 #6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 304 08/20/07 5 Drg Ahead

New 20 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 5200' Stewart -3- #4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 304 08/29/07 Assigned

CROCKETT

1 Exl Petroleum Lp 11000' University Sarah #2602 Ft Robinson Drilling 10 08/10/07 15 Drg Ahead 6581'

New 2 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 9300' McMullan -D- #11 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 38 08/21/07 4 Drg Ahead

3 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -A- #904 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 08/14/07 11 Drg Ahead

New 4 Approach Operating 9000' Cinco Terry -A- #803 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 08/27/07 Assigned

New 5 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #408 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 08/21/07 4 Drg Ahead

6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' University 56-22 #8x Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 08/09/07 16 Drg Ahead

New 7 Eog Resources/Mid 8700' Bouscaren -9- #1 Dw Capstar Drilling 11 08/18/07 7 Drg Ahead 2740'

New 8 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Meybin -C- #1514 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 08/23/07 2 Drg Ahead

New 9 Bluegrass Energy Inc 8000' Simpson Canyon -1012- Unit #1 Amerimex Drilling 1 08/24/07 1 Drg Ahead

New 10 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Phillips -A- #27a Dw Patterson Drilling/A 721 08/21/07 4 Drg Ahead

11 Mlc Operating 5000' Bouscaren Unit -0357- #1 Dw Patterson Uti/Lv 737 08/13/07 12 Drg Ahead 3540'

SCHLEICHER

New 1 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8825' Parmer -29- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 742 08/27/07 Assigned

New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7950' Nixon -177- #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 105 08/29/07 Assigned

EDWARDS

1 Newfield Exploration 10000' Allar #5803 H Dw Patterson Drilling/A 118 08/16/07 9 Drg Ahead

New 2 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7350' Canyon Ranch -107- #13e Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 08/20/07 5 Drg Ahead

New 3 Diamondback Oper 2700' Bowermaster #4704 Dw Tinsley Drilling 1 08/23/07 2 Drg Ahead

VAL VERDE

1 Devon Energy/Houston 16800' Jarrett-Farmer -4- #1 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 294 06/25/07 61 Drg Ahead

New 2 Newfield Exploration 16000' Funderburgh #801 Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 08/25/07 Moving On

3 Cimarex Energy Of Co 15500' Phillip Arledge #16 Dw Cactus Drilling 122 08/11/07 14 Drg Ahead

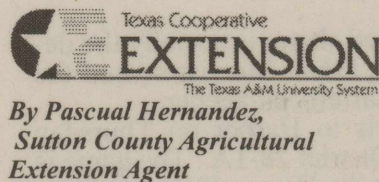
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2007 Pecan Crop is "Limb Breaker"



By Pascual Hernandez,
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The pecan crop in many parts of the state is best described as a "limb breaker" this year. Pecan trees are losing many large limbs. Due to the large crop, the insect pressure from casebearer has been minimal and as a result many trees are still carrying a large crop. In addition, the wet weather has allowed the nuts to attain their true genetic potential and, as a result, are very large which makes the nuts weigh even more. The nuts

will be the heaviest when the kernels are totally full of water. As a result, many of the limbs are breaking. Nuts can be removed from the tree to reduce the crop load and prevent limb breakage.

However, the freezes around Easter did get some of the crop, and disease is taking its toll as well. We are seeing lots of scab, causing many nuts to drop, especially on Wichita and Burkett varieties. Scab is caused by a fungus that affects leaves, shoots, and nuts. Symptoms on all plant parts are similar. Velvety olive-brown to black spots occur on the husks. Several spots may develop to form black blotches or may blacken the entire surface of the husks.

Severely affected nuts of susceptible varieties may drop prematurely, or they may stop growing, die and remain attached to the shoot. For example, in Southwest Texas, the following varieties are rated (from the most susceptible to most resistant): Wichita, Hopi, Western, Waco, while Cheyenne, Sioux, Nacono, Desirable, Kiowa and Choctaw are all about the same. A spray schedule is available for growers who have spray equipment adequate to cover the trees, or for growers who hire custom spray applicators. Realize, though, that it is too late to treat for scab at this time of the year.

Stink bugs and other insects will also cause pecan drop in August.

Stink bugs and leaftooted bugs suck sap from developing nuts. Nuts injured - before the shells harden - fall from the tree.

Feeding after shell hardening causes brown or black spots on the kernel. The kernel spots are variable in size, sunken and bitter to taste. Kernel spot lowers nut quality and is undetectable until shelling.

The long and short of it is that, though pecans are dropping, it is not totally a bad thing. Many trees do have a large crop, and the drop will relieve some of the weight on limbs as well as provide for better fill on the remaining nuts. For additional information, contact the Sutton County Extension office or visit <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Bioenergy Impact is Topic of Sheep and Goat Field Day

by Steve Byrns, 325-653-4576

SAN ANGELO - Bioenergy and its impact on the sheep and goat industry is the theme for the 34th Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day Sept. 6th at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center near San Angelo.

The field day starts with registration at 8:00 a.m. at the center, located just north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87 North. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m., said Dr. John Walker, resident director. Morning topics

and speakers are: "The Bioenergy Situation and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Response," Dr. Bill Dugas, Experiment Station deputy director, College Station.

"U.S. Ethanol Policy: Implications for Agriculture, Energy, and the Federal Budget," Bill Thompson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist, San Angelo.

"Impact of Higher Grain Prices on Sheep and Goat Selection Strategies," Dr. Dan Waldron, Experiment Station research geneticist, San Angelo.

"Distiller's Dried Grains,"

Kirby Vanover, nutrition consultant, Angelo Pellets Feed Mill, San Angelo.

"Evaluation of the Nutritional and Feeding Value of Ethanol By-products for Small Ruminants," Dr. Travis Whitney, Experiment Station research nutritionist, San Angelo.

State Rep. Drew Darby, House District 72 of San Angelo, will be the keynote speaker at 1:00 p.m. Industry updates will follow from Producers' Marketing Cooperative Inc., Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Mohair Council of America, American Sheep and Goat Center and Texas Wildlife Damage

Management Service.

The final field day presentation will be on marketing animal fiber products to health/sustainable lifestyle-conscious consumers by Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt, Texas State University, San Marcus. No continuing education units will be available due to the unique subject-matter of this year's program, Walker said.

The field day is free and open to the public. There will be an exhibitor-sponsored catered lunch available on site. For more information contact Walker at 325-653-4576 or jw-walker@tamu.edu.

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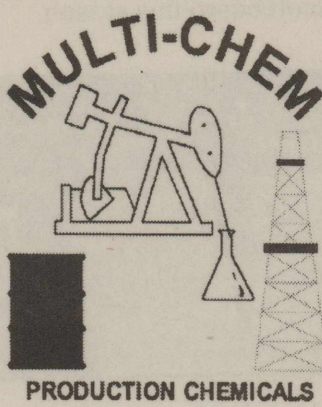
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Sheep:

#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs

1.02-1.14

#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs.

.90-1.02

#1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs.

No test

#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs.

No test

Fat Ewes - .38-.44

Thin Ewes - .22-.32

Bucks - .25-.34

Baby Tooth Ewes - .60-.72

Solid Mouth Ewes -

.37-.48

Ewe & Lamb Pairs - no test

Goats:

Baby Tooth Angora -

.70-1.02

Solid Mouth Angora

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The famous Fort Worth Stockyards will host the two-day celebration. On Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, the event will kick off with a special gala reception and dinner featuring a variety of produce, beef, chicken and pork products representing Texas agriculture. The evening will also include the debut of the Texas Department of Agriculture's centennial documentary video featuring narration by Ray Benson, the front man of the legendary Texas swing band *Asleep at the Wheel*.

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Bad Motor Scooter, Two-Time Horse of the Year, Dies at Age 26

by Becky McAngus

He was a champion in a world of champions. Standing just an inch taller than 14 hands high and weighing no more than 1,100 pounds at the peak of his career, he earned the respect and admiration of the rodeo world and pockets full of money for those men lucky enough to hitch a ride on this star at the National Finals Rodeo.

"He weighed 1,000 pounds, and 500 of them were his heart," said Jimmy Powers, Bad Motor Scooter's owner.

As announced in the *Sports News*, world champion cowboys are marking the passing of two-time AQHA/PRCA Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year - Bad Motor Scooter. "Scooter" died July 27th from natural causes at his retirement home on the Powers Ranch. He was 26.

Scooter retired from bulldogging at age 21. His retirement ceremony was held at the location of his greatest achievements - the arena at the NFR in Las Vegas. "He made two laps around the arena. As far as I know, he's the only horse that ever got a standing ovation," Powers said.

Scooter's world titles were won in 1998 and 2001. He carried Mike Smith to the world title in 1998 and Mickey Gee won the gold buckle in 2001 at the NFR in Las Vegas. Scooter's athleticism and his huge heart were best displayed at the 1998 NFR, where he carried five cowboys through all 10 rounds. Mike Smith, Herbert Theriot, Steve Duhon, Jeff Corbello and Kurt Goulding all rode Scooter that year at the NFR. Smith won the world championship, Theriot placed second and Duhon finished fifth. Cowboys riding Scooter earned \$255,000 in prize money that year, a record for one horse at the NFR.

Powers said Scooter started his athletic career as a racehorse at Ruidoso. He was trained as a bulldogging horse by Steve Duhon's dad, Billy Duhon. When Powers' 1994 World Champion Steer Wrestling horse, Yellow Dog, came up crippled, he bought Scooter. "You don't do much training on these horses - they will do what they want to do, the trick is to find out what that is," Powers said.

The Powers Ranch, just outside the city limits, has a very special collection of horses - all of which have not had a saddle on their backs in decades. Retired rodeo horses Yellow Dog and Joe Lee are fed twice a day. They laze in belly-deep grasses of liveoak shaded pastures and Powers, who rodeoed from the time he was 12 until age 63, oversees their care. "These horses have taken care of me, so I'm taking care of them," he added.

Powers was quick to note that his horses are not the only local rodeo horses to have achieved greatness in the rodeo world. "Clay Cade had a world champion calf horse, which he has buried by his arena. Arnold Felts' roping horse, Santa Claus, was Horse of the year. He is buried by Felts' arena in San Angelo. Keith Hudson had a super calf horse named Buttermilk and Robert Zapata produces and trains roping horses for world champion trip ropers," he explained.

Powers says there is a great tradition of rodeo in Sonora, and

this amount of success is "unheard of" for a town the size of Sonora. "But it's not just the horses. Here in Sonora we have champion rodeo cowboys and cowgirls carrying on the tradition," said Powers. The parents of today's young rodeo participants, (Jimmy's son, Houston, Keith Hudson, Ben Ingham, Stacy Pennington and Mike Friess) are the teachers. All of them earned belt buckles and trophy saddles signifying their success in the sport of rodeo. "They are passing down their knowledge and spending time with their kids," he said.

The time is well spent. Powers proudly acknowledged the six Sutton County participants at the recent AJRA Finals in San Angelo; Word Hudson, Gunter Pennington, Steely and Stella Ingham, Macie Friess, and his grandson Sam Powers. He remarked that all are "excellent students, respectful kids" who participate in sports at school and are active in their churches and community. "These kids are already champions," he added, "because they work until they are."

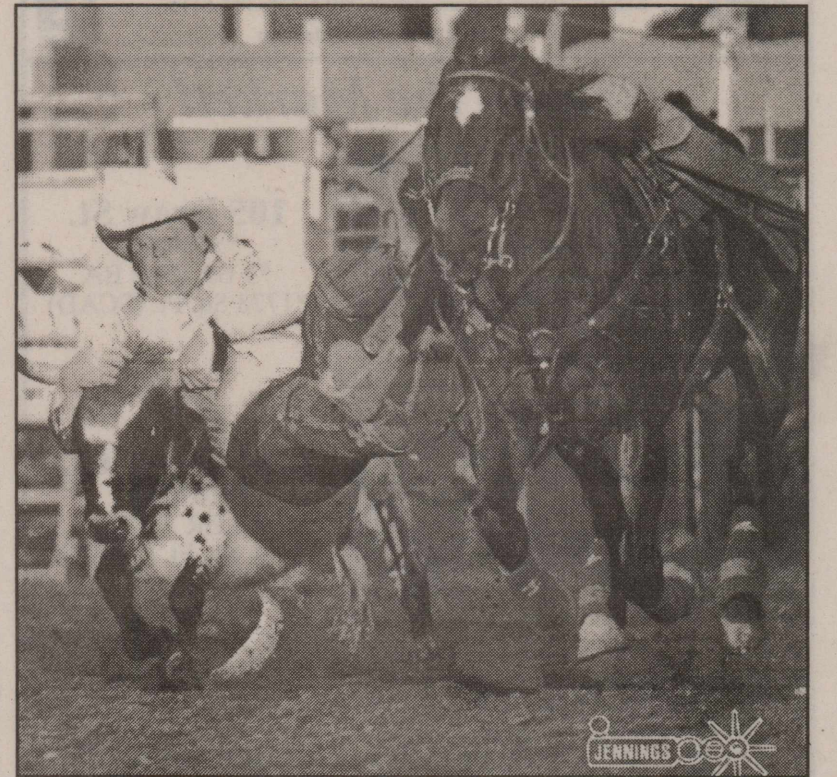
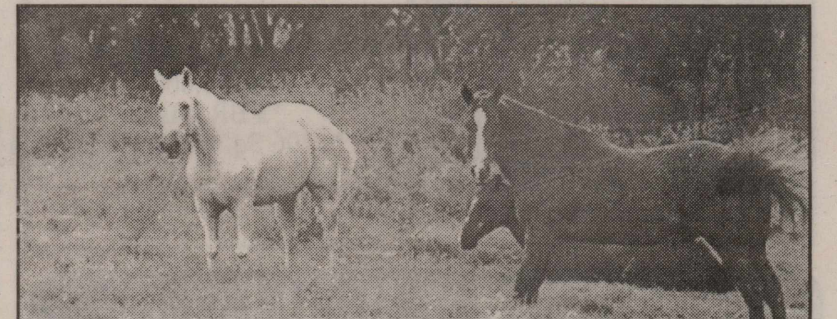


Photo by David Jennings

Bad Motor Scooter, the 1998 and 2001 Horse of the Year, is pictured above at the 1997 Circuit Finals in San Antonio, where Houston Powers placed second in Steer Wrestling. One year later, this horse carried five cowboys through ten rounds at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, including world champion, Mike Smith.



"They've taken care of me, so now I take care of them," says Jimmy Powers of the retired rodeo horses who shared the pasture with Scooter at the Powers Ranch.

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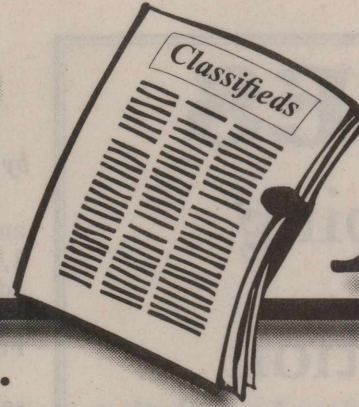
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 An ordinance annexing the hereinafter described territory to the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, and extending the boundary limits of said City so as to include said hereinafter described property within the city limits, and granting to said territory and to all future inhabitants of said property all of the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding said future inhabitants by all of the acts and ordinances of the said city. (2,460 acres out of Survey 85, Abstract No. 1186, H.E. & W.T. R.R. Co., Block B) Passed by an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council, this 21st day of August, 2007.
 By: Gloria Lopez, Mayor
 ATTEST: Patti Prather
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PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given to all interested persons, that the City of Sonora will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall to discuss the annexation of portions of Tract D, Section 84, Block B, H.E. & W.T. R.R. Survey including .33 acre, .5 acre and 2.927 acres of the original 5.89 acre tract. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written or oral comments.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING
 The Sutton County Underground Water District will hold a public budget hearing on September 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, 301 S. Crockett Ave, Sonora, Texas. All citizens are invited to attend and may inspect the proposed 2007-2008 budget at the District office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: Elizabeth W. Wallace, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 583
 An ordinance of the City of Sonora, Texas, adopting water conservation plan and drought contingency plan; providing for penalties for failure to comply; publication; conflict; validity; and becoming effective ten days after first publication.

Presented and given first reading on the 17th day of July, 2007, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas; and given second reading, passed and approved on the 21st day of August, 2007, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas.

Gloria Lopez, Mayor
 ATTEST: Patti Prather, City Secretary
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: Elizabeth W. Wallace, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 584

An ordinance amending Chapter 22 Building and Building Regulations of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sonora, Texas, by amending Article II. Building Code, Section 22.31 publication; conflict; validity.

Presented and given first reading on the 17th day of July, 2007, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas; and given second reading, passed and approved on the 21st day of August, 2007 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas.

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 ATTEST: Patti Prather, City Secretary
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ORDINANCE NO. 586

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sonora, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances at Chapter 62 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions; Section 62.2 Shooting Guns, Firearms by amending section 62.2 for clarification; severability, publication; conflict, validity.

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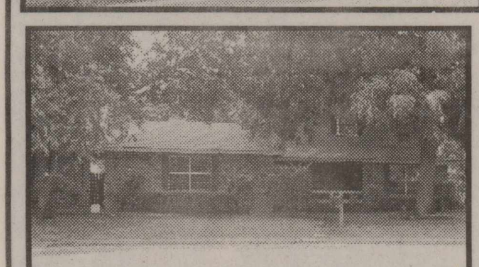
PUBLIC NOTICE TAX RATE HEARING
 The Sutton County Underground Water District will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2007 at 301 S. Crockett Ave, Sonora, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007. The proposed tax rate is 0.014914 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District by 7.986388 percent.

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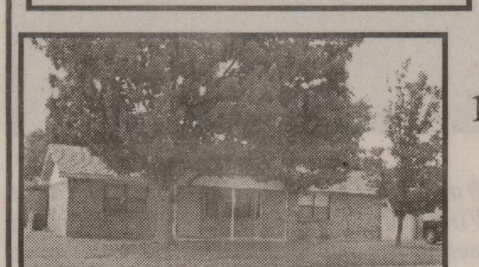
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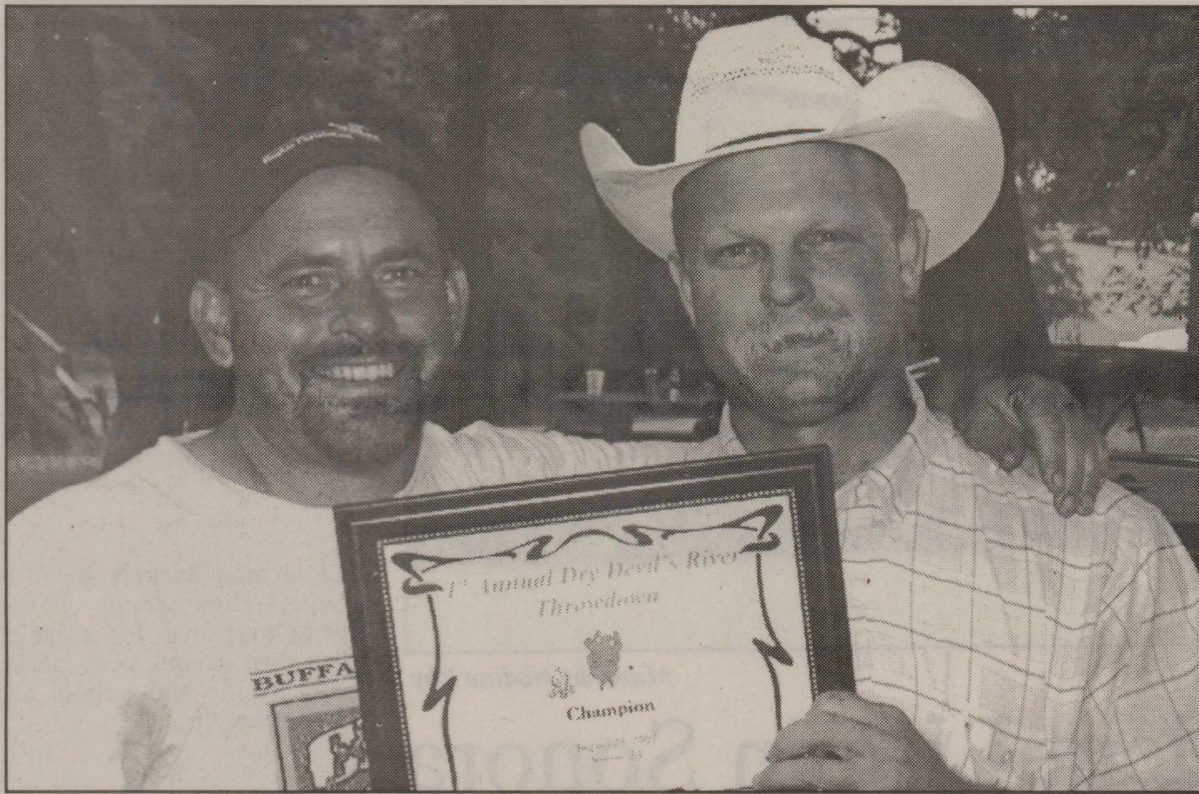


Photo by Lynn Wipff

Ronnie Wipff (above, left) won the championship at the First Annual Dry Devil's River Throw-Down, held last Saturday at the Will Carver Park. Four teams, including Wipff, Steve Thorp, Kirk Joy and Adrian Mata and John Lopez, competed in the coals-only barbecue event. Wipff is congratulated by event organizer Michael Kissire.

Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington,
Executive Director
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

I would like to open with my thanks and gratitude to Frank Wamble for serving as an "Ambassador", for three months of the busiest time of the year, for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street. Frank worked thirty hours a week at two different business locations, targeting those vacation travelers. Frank has been an inspiration to the community and we appreciate all of your hard work, dedication and hours of promoting Sonora's events, places of interest, lodging, shopping and unique western heritage. Also, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to extend thanks to Amigos Convenience Store and Exxon I-10 Convenience Store for allowing us to use your business to target these travelers and for supporting our community.

The Shepherd Publishing Company that is printing our *Sonora Chamber of Commerce Membership and Community Guide* will be calling to follow up on advertisements for the new book. If you would be interested in seeing an example of this Community Guide, please stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. We have a copy of a Community Guide from the previous year, full of information, pictures and advertising on our wonderful community.

Belle Lanning and her staff with *Texas Trails* will also be contacting businesses personally to participate in advertising on the city and county road maps. This is the road map that has the city on one side and the county roads on the other side. Advertising is often as important to a small business as location, employees, and cash flow. It's an essential form of business communication, for both products and services. It's difficult to sell anything to people who don't know about you. When a business owner looks at his or her budget, advertising is oftentimes seen as one of those

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The Mercantile on Main, 232 E. Main Street, has been buzzing of late as owners Ruthie Bounds, Mallory Roussellot and Lucy McGuffin make plans to open their new restaurant around the middle of September. Restaurant hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and open late one evening during the week for dinner. The restaurant will accommodate parties and group gatherings. We are all looking forward to the home-made cooking (all from scratch) and the friendly service in the historic downtown setting.

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Public Meeting Set for Reliever Route Study

The Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) has recently received funding for a feasibility study of a traffic reliever route connecting US 277 from the north side of Sonora to the south side.

In response to that, there will be a public meeting held on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. The purpose of the meeting is to record feedback from the public via oral comments and written surveys. There will be about one hour of presentations concerning critical issues, followed by comments from the public. After that, each presenter will be available for one-on-one discussion. A survey will be provided to record your written responses.

Prof. Tom Longoria, Director of the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech, will speak on economic effects of reliever routes. Michael Reeves, President of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, will speak on Ports-to-Plains and our local traffic survey. John DeWitt and Rudy Hermann from TxDOT in San Angelo, will speak on route options, controlled access issues, and financing options.

All citizens of Sonora and Sutton County are urged to attend and express their opinion. For those unable to attend, there will be another such public meeting early in 2008. Responses from these meetings will be incorporated into TxDOT's feasibility study.

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Mural by Nadine Eby

School Mural Depicts Student Life in Sonora

The mural in the board room of the Sonora Independent School District has been completed, and provides for the board a "constant presence and focal point" of the district's mission and goals concerning the children of our community.

Nadine Eby, art teacher for Sonora High School, was commissioned by Superintendent Doug Bawcom and the board of directors to create a mural depicting the progression of a student in Sonora schools from elementary school through graduation.

The canvas was a challenging space for Mrs. Eby, since it changes space and size from one side to the other. "But that is the nature of mural painting," she said. "Not only must you consider your theme and viewers, but also the paint surface and architectural limitations, as well as vantage point. For my inspiration I used yearbooks ranging from 1967 to the present, as well as photographs from all the campuses," she explained.

In drawing the students, Mrs. Eby used a composite of various faces, so that no one was easily identifiable, but represented the students in general. "In completing this project, which took approximately 200 hours, I gained an appreciation of the architecture around the original campus with its elegant arches, as well as the many faces of the Sonora ISD student body," Mrs. Eby said.

She added that she utilized elements of the art curriculum from the past two years to complete the mural. "Hopefully, this will lead to more murals for myself and for my students," Mrs. Eby concluded.

Mrs. Eby noted that she is hoping to form an art club to include artists from the Sonora area. Anyone interested in this club may reach Nadine Eby at nadine.eby@sonoraisd.net or ndeby@sonoratr.net. You may also contact her at her home number (325) 387-2589.

F.Y.I.

School Pictures will be taken at the Sonora Independent School District during the first week of school. Elementary pictures will be taken on August 30th and Junior High and High School pictures will be taken August 31st.

Letterman Jackets are in at Sonora High School. If you were measured for a jacket this past school year, please stop by the high school and pick yours up.

The Old Depot will not be available for rental after August 12th, 2007 for 8-10 weeks.

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

Season tickets for Bronco football games will be on sale through 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 31st at the Administration Building. Tickets are \$20 per book for the 4 varsity home games.

The last day to sign up or pay for **YMCA's Youth Football** program here in Sonora is Thursday, August 30, 2007. YMCA's program is for students in 3rd-6th grade levels. To register or to ask any questions, please call Jerry or Nancy at 387-2714.

Bronco Booster Club members will meet Mondays 6:00 p.m. in the High School Commons. Please come to meet the coach, review game tapes and discuss future projects.

The **Sutton County Extension Service** reminds students that the new 4-H year begins September 1st. Students are advised that eligibility for participation in 4-H programs is age 9-18 as of that date. The exception is age 8 AND in the 3rd grade. Ages 5-8 are eligible as Clover Kids, but may not take part in competitions. Annual enrollment cards can be filled out at club meetings or at the County Extension Office.

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purchased out of budgeted dollars. "We don't have to soak taxpayers, because we've planned," Garner concluded.

Prior to the regular meeting, commissioners held the second public hearing on the proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by eight percent. In other business, the commissioners court adopted the 2008 budget, which, among other provisions, includes additional funds for raises for the county's elected officials and funds maintenance and infrastructure projects.

In other business, precinct 2 commissioner John Wade updated the board on the predator control resolution approved by the commissioners on August 13th. Wade told the commissioners this resolution has been presented to the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association and the Texas Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. The issue of predator control, he remarked, should be discussed by ranchers. Wade urged local ranchers to get behind the resolution and to speak with their legislators regarding this matter.

Correction from last weeks issue, August 23, 2007. The following information was left out of the Public Notice on Tax Increase.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$335. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on the residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$307. The difference between the amount of the taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be a decrease of \$28 of taxes.

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