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Photo by Becky McAngus

## Woman's Club Tours Sonora

Linda Fisher, Claire Jones, Barbara Jennings and Brenda Valliant take time to catch up in front of Sam Dillard's newly-remodeled State Farm building on Main Street in Sonora. Members of Sonora Woman's Club toured the downtown area to view ongoing local efforts to preserve Sonora's historic buildings. More than \$4 million has been spent since 1994 on historic preservation in the Historic Main Street District, according to Ann Kay, director of Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street Program.

## City Seeks Mitigation of \$63k Fine

# TCEQ Meets With Sonora Representatives

by Becky McAngus

"We have demonstrated due diligence," said City Manager Jim Polonis in reference to the meeting between representatives of the city and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) held on August 30th. City officials met with the enforcement division of the state agency to discuss a notice of violation received by the city following the discharge of 290,000 gallons of raw and/or partially treated sewage into the Dry Devil's River on April 22nd. TCEQ has proposed fine in the amount of \$65,300 for violations of the Texas Water Code and/or commission rules at the city waste water treatment plant.

The city manager, mayor and city attorney were joined in their meeting with TCEQ officials by the engineering

firm that has been working with the city and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to draw up plans for the waste water plant's improvement. The city has been approved for \$9 million in loans from TWDB, earmarked for rehabilitation of its water and sewer system infrastructure.

The Sonora representatives were hoping to mitigate the penalty assessed by TCEQ. "We really need to be able to spend all of our dollars toward the improvement of the infrastructure, not for fines," Polonis said. "However," he added, "we have been told no one gets out of there without paying a fine."

The Sonora contingent met with four representatives from the enforcement division; the director of enforcement, the supervisor

of enforcement, the senior enforcement coordinator and the special assistant. "They were receptive to our plans for improvement at the wastewater treatment plant and responsive to our documentary backup," Polonis said. The meeting was a positive one, according to Polonis, and TCEQ representatives listened to suggestions for supplemental environmental projects which will benefit Sonora.

The city is going forward with repairs at the wastewater treatment plant. Engineers met with the Texas Water Development Board and made arrangements to reduce the time frame for submission of an engineering study at the plant. "The city is on top of this, and we're moving forward," said Polonis.

# Tigers Lose to Bronco Stampede!



Photo by Ray Glasscock

The pounding of a Bronco Stampede quieted the Bracketville Tigers Friday night at their home stadium. Above, Alonzo Pena and Michael Jenkins provide blocking for Victor Vaquera to run the ball.

By Ray Glasscock

After one scrimmage and one game, the Broncos are showing signs of learning the new offense, as they won by a score of 33 to 10. In a game that featured 15 fumbles, six by the Broncos and nine by the Tigers, the Broncos rushed for 303 yards on 42 carries. Victor Vaquera completed 6 of 13 passes for 41 yards. The Bronco defense held the Tigers to only 105 rushing and 11 passing yards. The Tigers managed only three offensive points.

The Broncos won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Bronco defense stopped the Tigers and forced them to punt. Kris Agüero fielded the punt and returned it over 30 yards to give the Broncos excellent field position. The short drive featured a pass from Victor Vaquera to Riley Sanchez, nice runs by Dustin Neff, Ricardo Rodriguez, and Will Anderson. Anderson got the touchdown on a run up the middle. Aaron Gaytan added the PAT, and the Broncos had the early lead at 7 to 0.

The Tigers fumbled the ball back to the Broncos giving them a very short field. Rodriguez got the touchdown on a counter play. The PAT kick was wide left and the score stood at 13-0.

In the second quarter, a Tiger runner got past the linebackers and appeared on his way to a score. Tyler Creek ran him down from

behind and saved the touchdown. Despite a short field, the Tigers failed to score as they fumbled the ball to the Broncos killing the drive. The Broncos fumbled the ball back to the Tigers giving them another chance. They squandered the gift as they fumbled it again.

Nick Pena got the Broncos out of the hole with a 40 yard run down the right sideline. Fidel Acevedo stopped a Tiger drive by intercepting a Tiger pass. The score at the half was 13 to 0 in favor of the Broncos.

The Tigers generated the first excitement in the second half. Their best drive of the night ended in a field goal after Creek leaped high and deflected a pass, away from the Tiger receiver, saving a touchdown. The Tigers got on the board with a field goal. The score quickly narrowed to 13 to 10 as the Tigers were able to pick up and return a fumble for an easy touchdown. Little did they know that their scoring was over for the night.

Rodriguez ripped through the Tigers for a 50 yard run to the three yard line. A couple of plays later, Rodriguez scored the touchdown, and Gaytan's PAT was good making the score 20 to 10. After a deep kickoff, the Broncos trapped the Tigers inside their own ten yard line. Alberto Tovar recovered another Tiger fumble giving the Broncos a very short field. Anderson got the ball to the one yard line on

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## Local Ranchers Join Round-Up for Rehab

by Holli McClanahan

"Wow" days are different for everyone. A "wow" day for West Texas ranchers may be the day a gentle rain falls or a newborn calf arrives. For Rehab Center pediatric patient Breanna, they are days when she reaches a new stage of development and triumphs over cerebral palsy. Her most recent "wow" day was when she graduated from a rolling walker to tri-canes, which has increased her mobility - and that's important to this active five-year-old who enters kindergarten this fall.

Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen James Barton, Bud and Tommy Whitehead and Edward Earwood have an important message to Sutton County area ranchers, which is simple but sincere: Let's roll up our sleeves and help Rehab help Breanna, and 21,000 other Rehab children and adults, have more "wow" days this year.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 27th at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale on October 29th at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Re-

hab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For Breanna and the hundreds of other children and adults we serve regardless of financial status, I thank everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Corporate underwriters for this year's Round-Up for Rehab include Area Farm Credit Associations, Group IV Member-Owned Electric Cooperatives, Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc., Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Town & Country Food Stores and Wrangler. Sponsor for the Rehab Chuck Wagon is Heartland Alliance of America/Farm & Ranch Healthcare. Providing additional support are A-B Distributing, First Ag Credit, Airtricity, Lone Star Beef, Mueller Metals, and Walco International. Honorary Round-Up chairman for the third consecutive year is legendary cowboy singer/poet Red Steagall and the four general chairmen are Jody Frey of San Angelo, Bob Helmers of Christoval and Mike Alexander and Randy Carson, both of Abilene.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates, and arrangements for hauling donated animals is available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.



Five-year-old Breanna is triumphing over cerebral palsy with the help of the West Texas Rehab Center. Sutton County's Round-Up for Rehab chairmen are asking ranchers to lend a hand to this worthy cause and help Rehab help children like Breanna.



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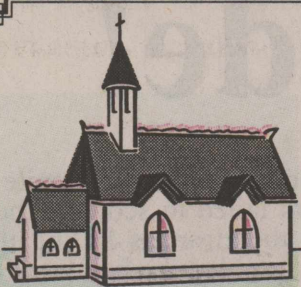
## Senior Center Activities

Fri. Sept. 14 - Homecoming Parade!  
Mon. Sept. 17 - Bingo... 1:00 p.m.  
Tues. Sept. 18 - Happy Birthday Bill Gosney!  
CEAP 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., City Council at 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Sept. 19 - Van to San Angelo - medicals come first. SCP  
in service AAA office 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Thur. Sept. 20 - Work on Puzzle...

## Senior Center Menu

Fri. Sept. 14 - Swiss Steak with gravy, broccoli with cheese, macaroni salad, wheat bread, cantaloupe and milk.  
Mon. Sept. 17 - Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, peas, potatoes, bread, sunshine cup and milk.  
Tues. Sept. 18 - King Ranch Chicken, broccoli, carrot salad, rolls, cookie and milk.  
Wed. Sept. 19 - Roast Beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, angel cake with strawberries and milk.  
Thur. Sept. 20 - BBQ Chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, apricots/banana mix 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.



## Sonora Church Directory

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

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## Obituaries

### Robert Valliant Kelley

Robert Valliant Kelley was born on March 28, 1921, and grew up on a ranch outside of Sonora, Texas. As a child, he actually rode many miles by horseback to a one-room schoolhouse. He later went to Texas Tech University and was one of the early members of the Rodeo Club. He graduated and moved back to Sonora to ranch with his dad.

When World War II came, he went to the U.S. Air Force Academy but was too thin to meet the weight requirements for a pilot. The night before, he drank milkshakes and ate bananas to gain the pounds he needed to be accepted. This determination to achieve a goal became a trait for his life. He never lost his love of flying and built a landing strip at the ranch. He later taught flying, was a pilot for Wise Airlines and bought and sold planes. His ability as a pilot and teacher was exceptional; and his students have many stories of "Crash Kelley."

Mr. Kelley also loved to barbecue. For many years he hosted an annual barbecue at Fort McKavett. All who attended will remember Bob's cabrito and hospitality. Mr. Kelley was an original founder and member of the Fling Ding Club of Sonora and never missed a dance from its inception. His sense of humor and practical jokes have brought many smiles, laughter and memories to those who knew him.

Over the last 15 years, he and Waalita enjoyed traveling and even drove to California and Canada on a three-month trip. They loved to go to Elko and Wendover, where he could try his luck on the dice tables. Over the last few years, he loved to play Texas Hold 'em and was a formidable opponent. He was very computer-savvy and loved to take photographs and send pictures of his travels and grandchildren to his family and friends. At 86, he was inducted as a Mason in Concho Lodge #1260 of San Angelo. He was a remarkable man and will be missed by family and friends.

The family would like to thank Hospice of San Angelo for their excellent care. They would also like to thank Dr. Kirby of the North Texas Regional Cancer Center for giving us an extra year and a half of time and memories with Bob. He is survived by his wife Waalita Hollis-Kelley; sons Robert P. Kelley, Buck Hamilton and Mike Hollis; daughters Cindy Gilley and Gay Sawyer; and all their family members. A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 8th, at the First United Methodist Church, Sonora, Texas, with arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society.

### Jerry "Clyde" Samaniego Levario

Jerry "Clyde" Samaniego Levario went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007.

He was born Oct. 17, 1977, in Big Lake, Texas, to Jimmy and Maggie Levario.

He is survived by the love of his life, his son Christian Levario; parents Jimmy and Maggie; a brother, Jimmy Levario Jr., and wife Becky of Sonora; and sisters Jenny Romero of San Angelo, and JoAnn Levario and Jessica Levario of Sonora. He is also survived by four special nephews, Orlando and A-Jay Romero, Fabian Sanford and Sergio Davila; and three special nieces, Leslie and Susie Levario and Monique Levario; his grandfather, Juan Levario Sr. of Big Lake; grandmother Esperanza Samaniego of Sonora; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maria Levario; and grandfather Lionel Samaniego.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 8th, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cisco Chavez, Ricky Ramirez, Lalo Leija, Chris Levario, John Sa-



Jerry "Clyde" Levario

maniego and Joe Ramirez. Honorary pallbearers were Trini Sentena, Baldo Castaneda, George Guerra and Randy F. Fonseca.

### Villanueva - Arguello Reaffirm Wedding Vows

Valerie Rae Villanueva Arguello and Ethan Duncan Arguello reaffirmed their wedding vows on July 7, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas. Reverend James P. Bridges officiated.

Valerie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Villanueva of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Pete Gomez, Sr. of Midland, TX and Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Villanueva Sr. of Sonora, TX. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Elena Tambunga of Ozona, TX and Mrs. Esperanza Arredondo of Sonora, TX.

Sgt. Ethan D. Arguello is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howard of Port Lavaca, TX

and Mr. Tomas Arguello of Big Spring, TX. He is the grandson of Linda Kerr of Ardmore, Oklahoma and Larry Kerr of Big Spring Texas.

Victoria Lira, cousin of the bride, from Midland, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ruth Helen Cervantez from Dallas, Texas, Alicia Barton from Lubbock, Texas, Mayra Martinez from San Antonio, Texas, Katrina Hernandez from San Antonio, Texas, and Julie Villanueva of Sonora, Texas.

Nick Arguello and Devin Arguello, brothers of the groom, from Austin, Texas served as best men. Grooms-men were Mason Shepard, Paul Coder, Chris Linsciomb, and Blake Robbins all from Midland, Texas.

A reception and dance honoring the couple was held at the Clarion Convention



Mr. & Mrs. Ethan Arguello

Center. After a honeymoon to the Cayman Islands, the couple will reside in Twenty Nine Palms, California where Ethan is stationed with the United States Marine Corps.

## Thank You

Our family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the many people who have supported us during our time of loss. Your visits, phone calls, cards, food, flowers and, mostly, your prayers have been so comforting to us. Raymond especially enjoyed the visits from his many friends during his illness. We are very blessed to live in a community with so many loving, caring people.

Sincerely,  
The Raymond Draper Family

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Returning back to my home town has been very rewarding. I attended the junior varsity game last (Thursday) night against the (Bracketville) Tigers. Our JV Bronco team was romping and stomping... CONGRATS GUYS! Myself being an ex-Bronco and reminiscing about "The Days", I was disappointed our JV does not rank high enough to even have an announcer at the games. JV deserves recognition just like all the other teams, regardless of rank. I am upset to see how much it has changed since I was in school. Back then, they were all recognized.

God Bless America,  
Gabriel Perez

## Happy Birthday

September 13  
Mary Gail Galvan, Logan Smith, Lawrence Finklea, Cayley Moss, Christina Martinez, Brandi Bible, Maggie Coronado, Jessica Samaniego, Logan McDonald,  
September 14  
Sandrita Gonzalez, Alicia Lowe, Tootsie Gonzales, Mario Elijah Guerrero, Tristin Rospiez, Larry Jennings, Samantha Castro, Yolanda Garza  
September 15  
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September 16  
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September 17  
Carson Cahill, Dan Grider, Steve Morriss, Nathan Sawyer  
September 18  
Kelsey Watkins, Kelly Duke, Tamika Marshall, Ariana Reyes, Ronda Hall, Michael Lira, Raul Leal, Cara Mayfield, Wanda Shurley  
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## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. When did the City of Sonora take over running our water system?

A. About 1913, J. D. Eaton and several members of his immediate family bought the water system for Sonora from T. D. Newell. It was paid for partly in cash and included their turning over to Mr. Newell the system they owned in Rocksprings. The Eaton family sold the water system to Interstate Public Service Co. In 1929, for \$60,000, the system in Sonora was called Central West Water & Power. The Eaton family also owned the main electric provider for Sonora until 1928, when they sold out their electric and ice business to West Texas Utilities. In 1937 the City of Sonora started looking into purchasing the system from the Interstate Public Service Co. John D. Eaton, Jr. was the manager of the facility for Interstate Public Service Co. The value of the system had greatly depreciated due to lack of upgrades and expansion by the owners.

The Devil's River News of March 5, 1937 states an election would be called on March 27, 1937 to be decided by qualified voters whether or not the City of Sonora would purchase the water company. Motion for the election was made by Vernon F. Hamilton and seconded by Alfred Schwieng. Both these men and W. C. Gilmore, voted AYE to the motion to hold the election on the 27th of March.

The election was held and 116 people voted. 110 voted in favor of and 6 against the City of Sonora floating a \$90,000 bond to purchase the current system and build onto it. Appraisals of the current equipment, included examination of mains and laterals in town. Mains were 5 inch and 5 1/2 inch and, with one exception, were made of iron pipe. An examination of the number of meters in use and all the equipment on Eaton hill was also made. Costs were to be based on the cost of pipe on January 31, 1937 and standard depreciation tables.

In the middle of negotiation, on May 7, 1937, over 40 people became violently ill with a disease resembling dysentery. A check of monthly water inspections by the State of Texas showed there had been no contamination in the water system since December of 1936, and it was felt the disease outbreak was of a viral nature and not caused by the water system.

On May 14, 1937 it was reported that there was little difference in appraisals of the water property, except for

a \$4,000 business development figure that was different and it was hoped that the figures could be ironed out. The utility auditors estimated value at \$39,874.19 and the city auditors gave a value of \$34,860.66. A meeting would be held to see if things could be resolved. Final approval was needed by the attorney-general before work could begin on bond printing of the \$90,000 voted on March 27th to purchase and build up the water system.

In the June 4, 1937 issue of The Devil's River News, Citizens of Sonora, represented by two commissioners and the mayor elected by them, agreed to pay \$37,935 for the plant and water system serving the city. On May 14 the city had made an offer of \$37,367.43, which was refused, and the utility asked for \$39,874.19. An arbitrator was appointed and, after figuring arbitration of additional depreciation and a \$3,243 "interest during construction" and "business development" fee were added, the amount was brought up to an agreed figure of \$37,935. The rest of the \$90,000 bond that was voted would be used to replace wrought iron mains with cast iron mains as only a small section was cast iron at that time. A cover would be made for the reservoir tank at the plant site. Pumping equipment would be brought up to date and an additional well would be drilled to supplement the 5 then serving Sonora.

We found this amusing story in the June 4th issue: At the Pecos Co. ranch of J. D. Cunningham, father of J. W. Cunningham, of Sonora a coyote had eluded all efforts of capture, so it was decided to round up the sheep and move them to another pasture. When the sheep had been rounded up, smack in the middle was found the coyote. After separating the animal from the sheep, ranch workers chased him until he dropped dead from heart failure. It sounds pretty simple

but a few of the men said they were lucky they hadn't dropped dead from heart failure from the long chase before that old coyote finally gave up and died.

Can't you just picture those old boys, a hot June day, dry and dusty, horses tired from rounding up the sheep to move them and then having to get that darned coyote out from the middle of them and then chase him down. On top of that, they had to go back and get the sheep together again and move them into the new pasture, just in case that wasn't the only coyote that had been bothering them. Oh, for a helicopter and a sharpshooter. See the good old days weren't always so good.

We would like to thank Jim Fish for the wonderful poetry he put in place of my column one week; appreciate your helping us and enjoyed reading while I was out sick. I am back now and not planning on going anywhere until at least Christmas, God willing! We will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings again, and the number is 325-387-5084 to call in your questions or you can e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net

A special thank you to all those who worked the Miers Home Museum over Sutton County Days. We appreciate all your work on that hot day, and also, to those who have come and gone in the office doing things while I couldn't. Hopefully, our next vacation will be with warning and not spent in a hospital bed and house bound for 3 weeks.

The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building/Old Depot is progressing well, but we have found termites and will have to have the building treated again as our warranty has expired. Another one of those expenses we didn't need. The workers hope to be done in 6-7 weeks and you can already see the difference. One person has already called us to rent the building for graduation day next year. I

think the new siding and trim will please everyone.

The new committee on the Old Ice House Museum is Rexanne Friess, Lisa Whitehead and Wanda Shurley. These ladies will have subcommittees on different areas of the grounds, and we hope to have the building ready by April. We could use some volunteers to do some ground work for us. Shovels just don't efficiently move the amount of dirt we need moved. A bucket scoop would be great for filling in the back area. We will have a covered exhibit area behind the building with old equipment in it. The SIDC has brought our funding request before the city and it is held over for public comment. Please urge them to vote to support the Old Ice House Museum.

We get a lot of questions from visitors about the old town and where people lived when they first settled here. We urge them to go to the courthouse and look in the old deed records to find this information. If you are going to be on a research trip, you should always plan it on a weekday so that you can search public records to fill in blank spaces. Old newspapers don't say the address of a person in Sonora. They just say the old Craddock Building, or so and so's house had a big housewarming. We still do that today. "Oh, yeah! They live over next door to my neighbor, and we don't know the street number, but it is the big brown house on the corner." I guess when you live here long enough you navigate persons by one or another residence and not by streets. So plan on hitting the old deed records to find where your ancestors owned land.

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Mary Armstrong bride-elect Stetson Hall  
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## Texans to Focus on Disaster Preparation



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

Texas Cooperative Extension officials will spend September trying to help people statewide focus on being prepared for disaster—whether by natural forces or terrorism.

"The sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the anniversary of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and recent wildfires all make this year's National Preparedness Month more meaningful for many Texans," said Janie Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist. Extension will host numerous events around the state and offer a variety of instructional materials as part of the preparedness campaign, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red

Cross.

The Extension Disaster Education Network Web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/> has information on topics from avian bird flu to wildfires, much of it in English and Spanish.

"Being disaster prepared is more than just knowing what to do in case of a tornado or a fire—it's about preparing to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after a disaster," Harris said.

Extension materials can help families put together a 72-hour disaster supply kit for the home, office and car," she said, "and provide information on developing and practicing a family emergency plan."

The site also teaches about community warning systems and evacuation routes, and provides information on getting involved and supporting community emergency preparedness, Harris said.

"Preparation and plans need to be made in homes, businesses, schools, and on farms and ranches," said Kyle Smith, Extension associate director of county programs in Texas.

"In order for a family and a community to be prepared for a disaster, everyone needs to take the necessary steps to become disaster-ready," Smith said. "Get informed. Get prepared. Get involved."

Extension agents in each county will conduct programs throughout National Preparedness Week, Sept. 10-16, in conjunction with other emergency management officials, county judges and commissioners, and various volunteer organizations. In addition, Extension agriculture agents are working with county officials to establish a County Animal Issue Committee, Smith said.

Patriotism through Preparedness is an Extension youth curriculum for fourth-grade-level students and their families, Harris said. This curriculum is available in both English and Spanish on the Texas EDEN Web site.

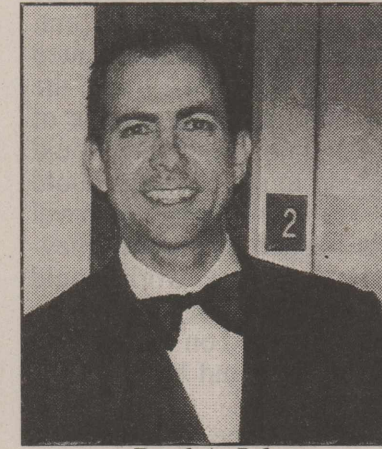
"The agency also offers free programs that teach life skills, basic money management and health and nutrition, all skills that may be needed on the road to recovery," she said. Extension is in a unique position to respond quickly, because it has employees and volunteer programs in every county."

"Whether providing food for victims of the hurricanes or helping producers after wildfires this spring, Extension has been a part of many recovery efforts," he said.

## Johnson Nominated for "Best Restaurant Critic"

Submitted

Brad A. Johnson, son of Linda Johnson and Jerry and Nancy Johnson of Sonora, has been nominated for "Best Restaurant Critic" by Le Cordon Bleu's 2007 World Food Media Awards. Only six critics worldwide received nods, and Johnson is the only critic from the United States—magazine or newspaper—to be chosen. This is the second award season in a row that Johnson has been nominated for the award. Brad is the na-



Brad A. Johnson

tional food and travel editor for *Modern Luxury* magazine, where his critical reviews appear in the Los Angeles-based *Angeleno*.

Held every two years, Le Cordon Bleu World Food Media Awards are the most prestigious international prizes of their kind for food and beverage journalists. The contest now enters its 12th year, with ever-increasing competition from around the globe in categories ranging from cookbooks, magazines, newspapers, and guide books to television and photography.

## Historic Preservation Efforts Recognized in Sonora



Photo by Becky McAngus

Jimmie Ann Howorth, Erin Burnham, Lois Archer and Lenora Pool enjoyed the Sonora Woman's Club tour of the downtown Historic District as part of their September meeting. Many of Sonora's downtown buildings have been restored and preserved for future generations with both private and public dollars.

## Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

We were happy to see the Sonora Woman's Club downtown last week. What a great time to show off the new restorations in the historical downtown. Members of Woman's Club toured Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance, Everett's Floor Store, the Mercantile Building, and the building that is next door to Team Graphics.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street keeps a cumulative total for the State of Texas in a report called the "Reinvestment Summary," verifying monies spent toward preservation of the downtown Historical District, since 1994, for the Texas Main Street Program. Sonora and Sutton County residents and business owners have made a real investment in preservation of their history with a grand total thus far topping \$4,165,531.00 of private and public funds. The reinvestment summary is a wonderful tool to use when applying for grants, because it shows how much our community has done for historic preservation. Our community has been recognized as an "outstanding community" since 1999 by the Texas Main Street Program and by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to welcome another partner at the Old Post Office "P.O. Boxes To Go" offering Thursday night suppers. La Mexicana will be cooking up some great Mexican food. We would like to welcome Tabby, Brenda, and Michael to the Old Post Office. Preston & Linda have been providing excellent Thursday night supper choices at the Old Post Office by offering fried chicken and Steak fingers, along with a health choice. They welcome you to stop by and get your supper, and let Mom off for the evening. Thanks to Linda & Preston, the Old Post Office has

been busy with happy smiles and soon, with the opening of Cookin' Divas, Linda will be stirring up some healthy creations for you to take home and cook during the week. We invite you to watch for the opening of the Old Post Office's new business Cookin' Divas.

Homecoming festivities begin this Friday with the line up for the Homecoming Parade at the Concho Street Car Wash at 2:30 p.m. The parade will travel down Concho and up Main Street, concluding with a pep rally on the courthouse lawn.

After the game Friday night, we will host a Bronco Alumni Party at the Sutton County Steakhouse. Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th, to be followed by a BBQ at noon at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Sponsors of Homecoming are: Sutton County, Sonora Independent School District, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, City of Sonora, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Bronco Football Team & Staff, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, and Carl J. Cahill, Inc.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT CALENDAR

**Broncos Homecoming Parade**  
Downtown Main Street  
September 14, 3:00 p.m.  
Pep Rally to Follow

**Varsity Bronco Football Game – Homecoming Festivities**  
Bronco stadium 7:30 p.m.  
September 14th  
Opponent: Colorado City

**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.

**3rd Annual Benefit Team Roping**  
Collins Arena  
September 29th  
Books open @ 12:00 Noon, Close @ 1:00 p.m.  
Rope @ 1:30 p.m.

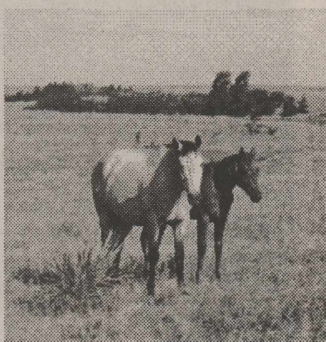
**Lions Cub Auction**  
Sutton County Civic Center  
October 2nd

**Reliever Route – Town Meeting**  
Sutton County Civic Center  
October 9th

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## Bronco JV Wins 39-0

# JV Broncos Send Tigers Packing

by Nancy Glasscock

In baseball terms, Ethan Morriss and his crew pitched a shutout against the Bracketville Tigers. This game, however, was the opposite of the Sonora JV's opener against Harper. The majority of Sonora's scoring in their first game was in the first half. After only scoring one touchdown in the first half this week, this young JV team put an additional 33 points on the new scoreboard in the second half for a final score of 39-0.

The Sonora JV, now 2-0, put their first six points on the board at 1:35 in the game's second quarter. Completed long passes to Angel Aguayo and Caleb Gonzales, set up a Morriss bootleg around the right side and into the end zone. The PAT kick was wide right. During the first half, there were outstanding defensive plays by Ryan Garmon, Chacho Mesa, Paul Faz, Manny Paredes, and Josh Salazar.

In the second half, Sonora's JV offense started clicking. On the second half's opening drive, Morriss's pass to Gonzales helped set up the quarterback's second touchdown

as he lunged over the goal line from the one yard line. A busted play resulted in the next Sonora score. Shane Patlan reversed his field and ran into the left corner of the end zone. Paredes ran the ball in for the two point conversion.

With time running out in the third quarter, Morriss took the snap and took off down the field 70 yards for the fourth Sonora score. The Broncos quickly got the ball back again and put another six points on the board. Preston Lopez returned a Tiger punt 65 plus yards for the fifth touchdown. With less than four minutes to play, Colyer Dermody recovered a Bracketville fumble. This time another Bronco speedy running back, Jesse Guerro, took the ball around the right side for the sixth and final touchdown of the game. Refugio Sanchez's kick was good.

This week, the Bronco JV team travels to Colorado City to play the Wolves' JV team. Good luck JV Broncos on your trip into the Wolves' Den.

In last week's article, I mistakenly credited Shane Patlan instead of Preston Lopez. I apologize for my error.

## SHS Students of the Week



Lauran Schaefer



Franchesca Gandar

by Kaitlyn Henderson

Starting the year off as Students of the Week are Lauran Schaefer and Franchesca Gandar.

Lauran Schaefer, daughter of Mickey and Joe Schaefer, is a senior this year. She enjoys doing Debate and hanging out with friends. Her community activities include youth group (C3) and community service projects in San Angelo for People to People. Lauran has lived in Sonora her entire life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is being with friends. After graduation she plans on going to school to become a lobbyist. "I think academic activities are great. Sports are good, but not for me. They really just aren't my cup of tea. I want to do the whole lobbyist career because of debate and my favorite/best teacher ever, Scroggins."

Franchesca Gandar, daughter of Elena and Frank Gandar, is also a senior this year. She enjoys hanging out with her boyfriend, Jesse, and friends, Leana and Sulema. She is an office aid at Sonora High. She moved to Sonora from San Angelo her freshman year. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is that it's little and you get recognized as a senior. She plans on going to San Antonio after graduation.

## Middle School Presents At-Risk Youth Programs

Sonora Middle School will be presenting the STAR (Services to At-Risk Youth) programs on bullying and gang association to students in classrooms on the following dates:

**Bullying Prevention and Awareness:**  
Oct.

15-Farley  
16-Brooks  
17-Valkonen  
18-Baumgardner

**Gang Prevention and Awareness:**  
Nov.

5-Farley  
6-Brooks  
7-Valkonen  
8-Baumgardner

A presentation by the STAR group for teachers, parents, and anyone else interested in these programs, will be held on September 25th at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

## Cheerleaders to Sell Suppers

Sonora High School Cheerleaders will be serving bristket plates prior to the Homecoming game in the high school commons area on Friday, September 14th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Each plate is \$8. Tickets are on sale from any high school cheerleader; or they can be purchased at the door. The cheerleaders appreciate your support.

## Sonora I.S.D. Menu

September 17-21

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Tues.- Ham-n-Biscuit	Fri. - Potato & Egg Burrito
Wed.- Cinnamon Roll	

### Lunch

Mon.- Pep. Pizza, lettuce, tom., pickles, celery, carrots, banana pudding
Tues.- Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, peas, pears, roll
Wed.- Bean-n-Cheese Chalupa, Spanish rice, salad, peaches
Thurs.- Spaghetti, corn salad, applesauce, garlic roll
Fri.- Cheese Burgers, lettuce, tom. pickles, fries, fruit icee

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**2007  
Varsity  
Football  
Schedule**

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.  
\*Starts at 6:00

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**2007  
JV  
Football  
Schedule**

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
Nov. 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. 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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4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 9350' Duke Wilson #40-14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 09/05/07 3 Drlg Ahead  
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7 Kcs Resources/pb 9000' Sawyer -167- #15 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 08/30/07 9 Drlg Ahead  
8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8995' Mayer -20a- #9 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 09/03/07 5 Drlg Ahead  
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10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8450' Minnie H Hill-mayer -d38- #4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 09/06/07 2 Drlg Ahead  
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13 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr #11-4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 09/15/07 Assigned  
New 14 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Mayer Ranch -ee- #29-6 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 09/07/07 1 Drlg Ahead  
New 15 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7750' Jones Ranch #1553 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 09/10/07 Assigned  
16 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7750' Jones Ranch #1556 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 09/03/07 5 Drlg Ahead  
New 17 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450' Shurley -148- #14 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 09/12/07 Assigned  
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New 21 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' Canyon Ranch -105- #15s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 09/10/07 Assigned  
New 22 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7000' A D Hollman #2-26 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 09/13/07 Assigned  
New 23 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6950' Canyon Ranch -207- #15s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 09/12/07 Assigned  
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5 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500' Davidson -a- #13 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 08/29/07 10 As Directd  
6 Bluegrass Energy Inc 8000' Simpson Canyon -1012- Unit #1 Amerimex Drilling 1 08/24/07 15 Drlg Ahead 5206'  
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### Neurological Disease In Sheep and Goats



By Pascual Hernandez,  
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Polioencephalomalacia is a common acute neurological disease of ruminants. It is a thiamine-responsive disease that was first described as thiamine deficiency. However, more recent evidence indicates that the disease actually results from a disturbance in thiamine (vitamin B1) metabolism.

Clinical signs include dullness, apparent blindness, "stargazing", uncoordinated staggering and/or weaving, muscle tremors and paddling movements of the limbs. If untreated, symptoms will develop into convulsions, high fever and death will occur within 1-3 days.

Ruminants do not depend on dietary sources of the vitamin B complex, as these vitamins are readily synthesized by rumen microbes. However, in polioencephalomalacia, increased thiaminase levels are found in the rumen, and this enzyme rapidly destroys thiamine. It is commonly believed that this enzyme is produced in the rumen by certain bacteria, such as Clostridium sporogenes and Bacillus thiaminolyticus. These organisms proliferate under conditions such as lush, low fibre forages and high concentrate diets. This is presumably because the low rumen pH decreases the numbers of thiamine-producing bacteria and increases the numbers of thiaminase-producing bacteria.

Some forages such as Mexican fireweed (Kochia scoparia) contain thiaminase and have thus been implicated in causing polioencephalomalacia. There is also evidence that treatment with certain anthelmintics (e.g. levamisole and thiabendazole) may predispose animals to this disease. Excess dietary sulphur has likewise been associated.

If diagnosed and treated early in the course of the disease, affected animals may recover completely with treatment. Thiamine (vitamin B1) can be administered intramuscularly or subcutaneously three times a day. Vitamin B Complex will help, but may not have a high enough dose to reverse the disease process unless caught very early. Some veterinarians may recommend thiamin be given orally 3 times a day until recovery. For dosage and administration details, contact your veterinarian.

In thiamine deficiency, the water and electrolyte balance is upset. It also interferes with brain metabolism and causes brain swelling. For additional information, visit our website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.



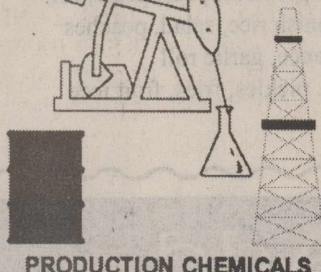
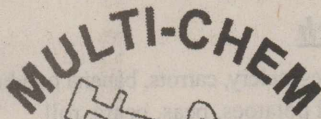
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### TDA Market Recap

AUSTIN - (September 10, 2007) The Texas Department of Agriculture market recap for the week ending September 8, 2007, shows higher cash prices for the major commodities covered by this report. Fed cattle prices were up on a continued tight supply of finished cattle. Cash feeder cattle increased along with the higher fed market and weak feed grain markets at mid-week. The fall run of feeder cattle has begun in some areas. Sheep and goat prices were up seasonally. Cash wheat markets closed the week sharply higher amid continuing strong demand and concerns about world supplies. This spilled over into other grain markets and helped corn and grain sorghum close higher after trading lower at times during the week. Cash cotton was higher with continued good export demand. As for futures markets, cattle, wheat and corn futures closed the week higher, but cotton was lower. Scattered showers were reported over much of the state last week with areas of North Central and North East Texas receiving the most rainfall. The cotton crop remains in mostly good to fair condition with harvest now underway in South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend. Corn and grain sorghum harvest are well underway in all areas of the state with corn condition rated mostly good to excellent and grain sorghum mostly good to fair. Winter wheat land preparations and planting are underway with 2 percent of the acreage seeded, compared with 15 percent on average. Pastures and rangeland remain in mostly good to excellent condition.

Cash Markets:	----- Week Ending -----		
		09/08/2007	09/01/2007
		09/09/2006	
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	119.00	117.86
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	94.99	94.62
			119.77
			90.58
Slaughter Lambs	(\$/cwt)	110.00	102.00
Slaughter Goats	(\$/cwt)	116.00	107.25
			97.00
			106.50
Cotton	(¢/lb)	55.00	53.75
Wheat	(\$/bu)	7.32	6.50
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.66	3.46
Grain Sorghum	(\$/bu)	5.67	5.36
			3.97
Watermelons	(¢/lb)	15.0	12.5
			15.0
Futures Markets:			
Feeder Steers	(\$/cwt)	118.80	117.48
Finished Cattle	(\$/cwt)	96.10	94.10
Cotton	(¢/lb)	57.90	58.87
Wheat	(\$/bu)	8.10	7.21
Corn	(\$/bu)	3.31	3.24

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

For additional information, contact TDA Market News at (800) 252-3407 or visit our Web site, [www.tdamarketnews.com](http://www.tdamarketnews.com).

### Sonorans Qualify for 41st "Original" Terlingua International Championship Chili Cook-Off

By: Kelly L Thorp, Tia Loca

Since June local cooking team "Totally Wacked" has been busy gathering points in order to qualify for the prestigious Terlingua International Chili Cook-off. The cook-off has been a long time standing tradition since 1967 and is held the first weekend in November in the heart of the Big Bend County. The cook off is an invitational and teams must qualify through a point system set up by Tolbert rules.

The husband/wife team made up of Ronnie and Lynn Wipff hit the summer cook-off circuit running when they entered the West Texas Championship BBQ cook off and won the overall Sonora championship. Since then the team has competed at Ft. McKavett, Rough Canyon, Odessa, Knickerbocker, the 1st Annual Sonora Throwdown, Buffalo Gap, and Miles.

Joining in on the friendly competition, locals Steve and Kelly Thorp formed "Tia Loca's" Cooking Team. Both couples have been making the circuit and have taken the cook-off trail by storm. The teams have been placing in showmanship, chili, barbequed meats, and beans.

Other news includes that Kirk Joy with "Pow, Pow, Shoot the Moon" Cooking Team received an invitation to compete at the National Championship Barbeque Cook Off held in Meridian, Texas in October. Congrats to everyone and we'll see you on the cook off trail!!!!

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## Chamber to Release Community Guide

by Becky Covington  
Executive Director  
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Donna and I have been busy trying to wrap up information for the 2007 Membership and Community Guide. This guide provides business owners and citizens, looking for reliable local providers of required goods and services; visitors to Sonora seeking great motels, restaurants, and shopping; and long-time residents trying to keep up with new businesses and developments in the community with all the answers they need.

This annual publication by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce features listings for more than 230 Chamber members. An alphabetical listing makes it easy to find specific companies by their business names as well as individual members. Chamber benefits, services, and promotional opportunities are

also included.

The convenient 6" by 9" Guide to Sonora easily fits in a car glove box or brief case, and provides valuable information on the Chamber and the community. A "quick reference" guide provides important and often used telephone numbers and departments, and a "community profile" includes information on the government entities, its departments and officials, libraries, churches, recreational facilities, and schools. A Chamber calendar provides information on festivals, rodeos, golf tournaments, and other events to be enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

The guide will be mailed to every member of the Sonora Chamber. Copies may be picked up at no charge at the Chamber of Commerce Of-

fice at 205 Hwy 277 North.

The Guide to Sonora is a valuable reference tool for all Sonora businesses. Each year, hundreds of members take advantage of the opportunity to highlight their businesses with display ads. If your company is not a member of the Chamber, you should join and be included in the next edition. For additional information on membership or the Guide to Sonora, please call the Chamber at 325-387-2880.

Once again, I want to remind you that Belle Lanning or one of her staff members with Texas Trails will be contacting businesses to display an ad on the city/county street maps. This map is to be distributed to all businesses who advertise on the map, City Hall, Sutton County, Sonora

Chamber and to welcome centers across Texas to hand out to visitors. Texas Trails will be personally contacting most Chamber businesses but if you want to make sure you are included please contact the Chamber Office and we will make sure you are included.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome the Sonora exes as guests this weekend during Homecoming festivities, September 14th and 15th. It is an exciting time to be a Bronco! Homecoming 2007 is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Sonora School District achievements, connect with friends and experience all the positive things. Make plans to participate in Homecoming now.

## COG Seeks Foster Grandparents

The Concho Valley Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging and the Foster Grandparent Program of the Concho Valley are celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Foster Grandparent Program.

The Foster Grandparent Program volunteers provide loving and experienced tutors and mentors to children and youth with special needs. Foster Grandparent volunteers provide support to schools, childcare, Head Starts and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Concho Valley.

We are inviting Foster Grandparent Volunteers past and present to join us in recognizing our 10th anniversary. This celebration will take place September 27, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Concho Valley Council of Governments Training Center located at 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend no later than Friday, September 21, 2007.

For more information, please contact Sylvia A. Nembrano, Program Coordinator of the Foster Grandparent Program at (325) 223-5704 or toll free 1-877-944-9666.

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Jeff Probst, most commonly associated with the reality television show, "Survivor" is helping promote St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital's annual fund raising campaign. Jeff wants people to know that Chili's Restaurants will be giving a portion of all their proceeds on September 23rd to St. Jude's.

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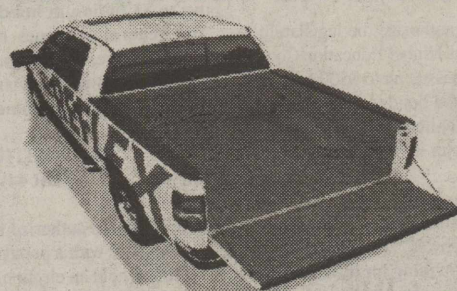
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Sonora Police Department Chief Mike House accepts the September Popcorn Fund donation from Elaine Donaldson with First National Bank. The donation, according to Chief House, will help the department with its DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. First National Bank donates money raised through its popcorn sales to local service organizations and public service agencies.

# Sonora PD Dispatch Log

## Arrest(s):

September 5, 2007  
 • Manuel Simon Pena, 30, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Bexar County warrant for Larceny Theft.

September 6, 2007  
 • Tomas Hernandez Favela, 46, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sonora Municipal Court Warrant for Public Intoxication.

## Incidents:

September 3, 2007  
 • 4:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 5:30 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.  
 • 6:00 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

September 4, 2007  
 • 8:00 AM: Caller reported a burglary. Officer responded.  
 • 11:19 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
 • 11:19 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 2:39 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.

September 5, 2007  
 • 1:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 2:04 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 3:30 PM: Caller reported a hit and run. Officer responded.  
 • 6:50 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

September 6, 2007  
 • 3:25 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 7:45 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.  
 • 10:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

September 7, 2007  
 • 9:00 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.  
 • 11:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

September 8, 2007  
 • 10:00 PM: Caller reported a burglary. Officer responded.  
 • 11:00 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

September 9, 2007  
 • 6:30 PM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.  
 • 9:00 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

## Historic Fort Lancaster to Host Ghostly Campout

A Fort Lancaster "Ghostly Campout" planned for October 27th, will be the first ever sleepover to be open to the public at the Fort Lancaster State Historic Site near Sheffield. Being held during Halloween week - its schedule of events includes hiking through historic ruins and natural trails with guides, a "wildlife scavenger hunt", a hotdogs and s'mores dinner on the Parade Grounds of the fort, and ghostly stories around a campfire. The Fort is limiting the over-night camping activities to just 26 attendees, but the afternoon's events are available to all visitors to the fort that Saturday. Fort Lancaster was established in 1855, to guard the San Antonio - El Paso Road and protect movement of supplies and immigrants from "Indian hostilities". This event is the first of many planned as fun & educational fund-raisers for the historic site located just 10 minutes south of I-10 East in Crockett County. The Historic Site's Director, Chris Elliott, admires the fort and the surrounding country - "Fort Lancaster has stood guard over the Pecos River Valley, protecting the region for over 150 years, this is the chance for the people of the Pecos Trail Region to help protect the fort".

Campers are asked to bring their own tents, bedrolls, lanterns for the over-night stay, personal snacks and of course - cameras, binoculars and favorite ghost stories to share. Details on the sleep-over's events, specific supplies to bring, and on making a reservation by October 19th, may be found on the Texas Pecos Trail website or by calling the fort for registration forms.

Sunday morning will start with a sunrise wildlife walk with a nature and birding guide. Keith Godwin of the Texas Pecos Trail Region talks about what a special environmental heritage site the fort is. "One day I stopped in for a short walk around the fort's pa-

rade grounds, and in less than an hour I saw a Texas Horned toad, a Gamble's quail, and was able to add a Lucy's Warbler to my Texas Birding list. Add all the wildflowers and historic ruins along the trail - it was one of best lunch breaks I ever experienced!"

A bargain at only \$25 a person, or \$35 for two - the event is an experiential tourism program developed by the Texas Pecos Trail Region and co-sponsored by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Iraan-Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and the "Friends of Fort Lancaster." Reservations are very limited in order to have plenty of one-on-one experiences with the Fort's staff and volunteers.



Fort Lancaster Historical Site Director, Chris Elliott

## Eldorado Nursing Home Chit-Chat

### Submitted

Hello, I'm back by demand! We have had a busy summer playing in the garden, picking tomatoes, hot peppers, and onions. The kitchen fixes hot sauce daily for our hot sauce lovers. It's amazing to see how many people eat hot stuff in the nursing home.

We have been walking to town and visiting with some folks we meet up with. If you're up early and coming to see the doctor, please come through the side doors of the lobby and meet our welcoming committee. They stand at the door way and take turns opening the door for staff and visitors. They will make your day with big smiles and "good mornings."

Our annual barbecue is coming up this month. We are preparing for our families and friends to come have supper with us. The activities for the day include music and clog

dancing. We have been reminiscing about our lives when we were in school. One of our women residents was remembering that when she was a young girl, in the 1940's, "homework" did not mean what it does today. It meant work at home. After school every day, each of us kids had real "home" work without all the modern conveniences of today. It took the help of each family member to keep the home going. There was wood to chop and carry for the pot-bellied stove in the living room and the cook store in the kitchen, water to carry from the backyard pump, clothes to wash and hang on the line and, of course, everything needed to be ironed.

The garden needed weeding, and the animals needed feeding, the potatoes needed peeling, the garden vegetables needed to be picked, washed, and chopped, and the yard had to be mowed. The older kids had to watch the "little ones" so that Mom could cook and can the vegetables we picked and cleaned. That was our "homework" day after day, and yet we still managed to have a little playtime before bed each night.

See you next week!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

### PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

### PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

### PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

### PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

### PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

### PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

### PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

### PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

### PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

### PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

### PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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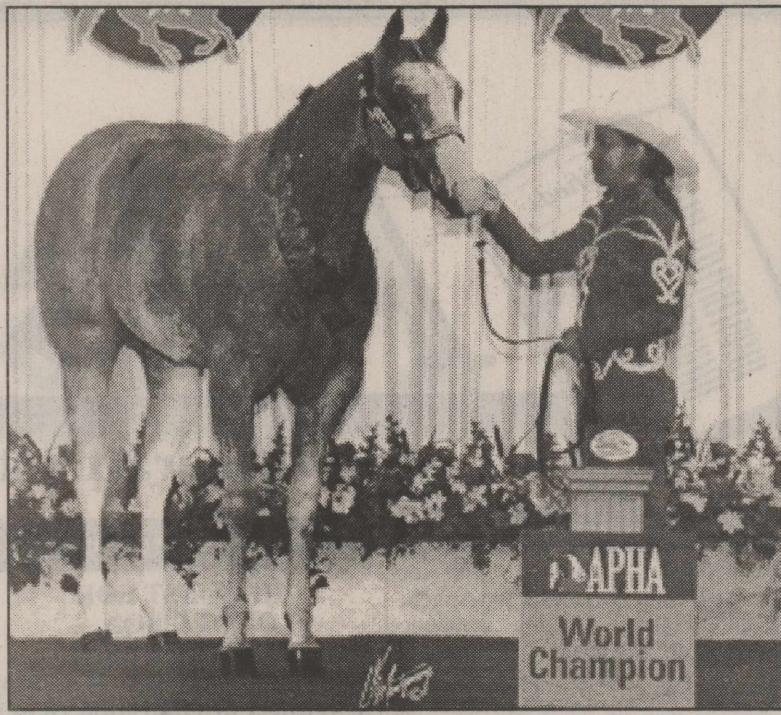
Last week the residents and I reminisced about Home Work. Thinking back, the residents wondered why they didn't have "homework" from school, like kids have, today. One reason was probably that they had to walk to a little, one-room country school in all kinds of weather: rain, snow, sleet, and heat. They didn't have backpacks or even plastic bags to carry their books and lunch. The books belonged to the school and had to be well cared for, which wouldn't have happened, if they had to carry them back and forth.

Another reason could have been that one teacher had to teach all eight grades. After she taught each grade the lesson, they had to do their assignment while she went on to teach the next grade, giving them plenty of time to do their work at school. If they didn't get it done, we stayed inside for recess and lunch, and she helped them. Back then, homework was really "home" work and "homework" was schoolwork.

Last October 2006 we were thinking of a way to raise money for the Activity Fund and someone came up with a Bean Cook-Off. Well, we did so, and it turned out to be so much fun that we are going to have it again. It will be Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m., outdoors on the Nursing Home Patio.

1st place is \$250 cash. The beans must be made from scratch on site with an open fire, gas grill or slow cookers. Awards for 2nd and 3rd place, will be given. Awards for 1st and 2nd place for most creative table will also be given. If you would like more information, please, contact Annie Arispe at 325-853-2507-ext. 132.





**Obsessed Layde Love, owned by Lucy McGuffin of Sonora was the world championship at the American Paint Horse Show over the summer. The one-year-old filly bested a field of nine to win the championship**

## The Puppy With A Special Mission

I went to pick up some sheep and the owner had a small white puppy in his pickup. His hair was white as snow and so soft and every time you got close to him, he started wagging his tail. I thought about it and I had a special job in mind for that little puppy so I made a trade for him and put him in my pickup and headed for home. The next day I put him in a special pen with a doghouse and I included a young lamb to be his friend. They have become inseparable friends and I have turned them out with some other sheep. You see, the special job I have for him is to be a guard dog that stays with and protects the

sheep. Yes, it will be difficult and lonely. Just as I have a special assignment for that young dog, God has special jobs or assignments in mind for each and every Christian. First, every Christian has the assignment to live in a way that brings honors to the name of Christ, (1 Thessalonians 4:7 and Ephesians 4:1). Second, God calls many for special assignments for example Moses, the twelve disciples, (Luke 6:12&13), Mary the mother of Jesus, (Luke 1:26-33), John the Prophet Jesus' cousin, (Luke 1:60 &76), the apostle Paul, (Galatians 1:15) and even Angels, (Luke 1:26). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J.

## Perez Reports to Nellis

Air Force Airman KayLynn Perez has arrived for duty at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Perez is a security forces apprentice assigned to the 99th Security Support Squadron. She is the daughter of Emilio and Araceli Perez of Sonora, Texas. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School.

## \$8.2 Million Awarded for Veterans Cemetery

Work on the third Texas State Veterans Cemetery to be built since Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson took office in 2003 is set to begin with recent news that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$8.2 million for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

"This is great news for the men and women who have served this nation so honorably," said Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board. "The construction of these hallowed grounds is the result of all levels of government - local, state and federal - working together. Our veterans have earned no less."

The Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will be built at a beautiful site near Lake Fort Phantom Hill, four miles north of Interstate 20, just east of Farm-to-Market Road 600.

The 63-acre cemetery will be a magnificent facility with an ultimate capacity for up to 20,000 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. Construction will be in two or more phases.

The first interments are expected to begin in spring 2009.

The new cemetery will join Texas State Veterans Cemeteries built in Killeen and Mission. The cemeteries complement the states' four national veterans cemeteries in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

"Texas has always taken care of her veterans," Patterson said. "This money will help us accomplish that mission."

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will be scheduled later this fall.

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### Are you planning on having a joint replacement?

Steven Spoonemore, Physical Therapist, will be at the Sonora Senior Center September 27th to provide details about a new program designed to prepare the body for rehabilitation after surgery. This program is offered jointly by the Health and Wellness Center and the Physical Therapy Department at Lillian M Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. For more information about this new program call 387-2521.



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## Notice

# of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Sonora City Council conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Sonora from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 15% percent on September 4, 2007 and September 11, 2007.

The City of Sonora City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 25, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.



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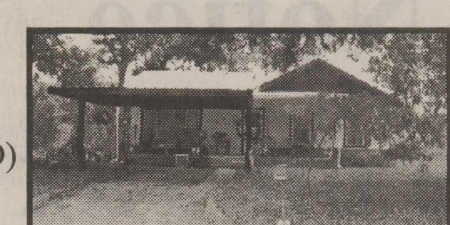
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**Help Wanted: Opening for Pharmacy Technician.** Certified preferred, but will train the right applicant. Please come by Everett's Pharmacy, 417 Hwy. 277 North, to pick up application.

**Employment**

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**Employment**

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**Public Notice**

**Sonora I.S.D. will accept sealed bids on 3 old school buses.** Bids will be accepted at the Admin. Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until Sept. 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Contact **Danny Hardin** concerning condition of vehicles or to make arrangements to view the vehicles if needed. Bids must be marked "VEHICLE BID". Sonora I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Public Notice**

**Official Notice to Tenants of Intent to Sale**  
**Big Door Storages Hwy 277 South Sonora, TX,** Sutton County will begin to sale contents of 3 storage units on Sept. 15th, 2007 to satisfy back rent owed. Tenants are **Chris Gonzales, Eloy Torres & Daniel Ozuna.** Business phone 325-387-5548

**Public Notice**

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION - SANITATION SERVICES**  
The City of Sonora is issuing a Request of Quotation (RFQ) for its sanitation services, collection and disposal of solid wastes. The services are for residential and commercial customers inside city limits as well as outside for single and multiples of containers and sizes. All RFQ's must be sealed and addressed to the City Secretary, 201 E. Main St., Sonora, Texas 76950. The proposal envelope must be clearly marked "RFQ - Sanitation Services" and returned to the City Secretary's office prior to Monday, September 17, 2007 at 3:00 pm, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The City of Sonora reserves the right to reject any and all quotations. For further information, contact **James J. Polonis, City Manager** at (325) 387-2558.

**Public Notice**

**Sonora ISD will accept sealed bids for 3 Suburbans.** Specs can be obtained at the Adm. Office or by calling 325-387-6940, ext 3002. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until Sept. 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened. The board of trustees will award the bid on Oct. 8, 2007 at the Vocational Bldg, 805 S. Prospect. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**  
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: San Angelo  
Contract 4704-00-652 for **ADDITION OR RENOVATIONS IN SUTTON COUNTY,** etc will be opened on October 10, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 4704-00-652 to be held on September 26, 2007 at 11:00 am at the 708 US 277 NORTH, SONORA AREA OFFICE, SONORA, TX. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 24516

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**Public Notice**

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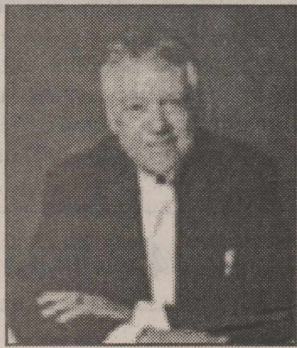
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# A Long Time on the School Board

by Tumbleweed Smith



Tommy McMullan has been a school board member longer than anyone else in Texas.

"This will be my 55th year," says Tommy. "I've been on it since '52."

He is on the school board

in the Liberty County town of Devers. The district has 164 students in grades kindergarten thru 8th. Tommy knows all the students and calls them by name when he makes his weekly visit to the school.

"I don't go over there to check on anything or anybody," says Tommy. "I just go to see the kids. Most of them will hug me when they see me. I just brag on them and tell them what a good job they're doing in school. And they are. I'm telling them the truth. In the last ten years we've got an exemplary rating four times. We would have made it this year if one more student had

passed the statewide test."

Tommy loves to visit with the kindergarten kids.

"I go in and read with them. They start reading early in our little school. I sit down with them and listen to them and help them if they need it."

Tommy, a retired rice farmer, has lived in Devers (population 416) all his life.

"I went to school in Devers and I finished here. We had a high school. The school was built in 1932. We didn't have running water. We had a big ole round pot-bellied stove in each room."

The district has three buildings now. The newest one bears

Tommy's name. Some time ago, Tommy had heart surgery and was recuperating in a nursing home. He had some visitors.

"Two school buses full of kids came to see me. I hugged every one of them."

Tommy has had few opponents in his 17 school board elections and he is not planning to step down anytime soon. The average length of time someone spends on a school board is about six years. He has served continuously since 1952. The state legislature recognized him when he reached the 50 year mark on the board.

Police don't patrol the halls

in the Devers schools. The town's mayor, Edna Johnson, is the cafeteria cook.

"She's the best cook in Devers," says Tommy. Tommy got in trouble when he was in the first grade. "We had rest time every day. Miss Wise was my teacher. I was running around and wouldn't lie down, so she tied me to a big pine tree outside. And why my mother came up to school that day I don't know. She just walked right past me and never said a word. So I stayed tied to the pine tree for a while. Everything I got in school I deserved."

## F.Y.I.

**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.

**Join the Sonora High School cheerleaders** in a pre-game dinner. **Brisket plates** will be served for \$8.00 in the high school commons area on Friday, September 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale from any high school cheerleader or they can be purchased at the door. Your support is appreciated!

**The Sonora Lions Clubs** are continuing to clean up trash along Hwy. 277 north. Between Sept. 3rd and Sept. 10th, the Lions collected 7 large bags of trash along the roadway and tallied five hours of volunteer time on this project. Norm Rousselot reminds Sonorans to dispose of their trash in a responsible manner and welcomes everyone to join in to clean up the entrances to our town.

**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

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The Mighty Bronco Band performed during half-time at the Bronco varsity football game with Bracketville last Friday night. A large group of freshman has added to the numbers and the sound of the of the band.

## City League to Elect Officers for 2007-08 on Tuesday

Sonora City League is announcing a meeting to elect new 2007-2008 board members. The SCL Board oversees Little Dribblers, Tee ball, Softball & Baseball for our youth. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend September 17, 2007 @ 7:30 P.M. at Sutton County Steakhouse back room. Any inquires can be made to President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President, Blayze Sykes 387-5719.

## New Laws Protect Children and Seniors

Six hundred and fifty-four new state laws took effect on Sept. 1st. The 80th Texas Legislature also passed 670 bills that became law immediately last spring. Another 22 bills will take effect on January 1, 2008.

The subject matter of the laws which took effect on September 1st is wide-ranging. Major among them are money issues affecting nearly everyone: the state's 2008-2009 budget (House Bill 1) and school property tax reduction (HB 2). The Texas Department of Public Safety drew up its own list of safety-related new laws and on Aug. 20th posted the list online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us). Here are a few traffic and criminal laws mentioned there:

- HB 8, "Jessica's Law," imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 a capital felony; mandates Global Positioning System monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of

limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.

- SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

- SB 1315 requires the DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the Amber Alert Program for abducted children.

- HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2010, to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2011, must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. But, the Legislature first must appropriate funds to school districts to cover the costs.

- SB 1287 requires certain estab-

lishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.

- SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.

- HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper and that has a value of less than \$20,000.

- HB 1355, "Lillian's Law," requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. A dog owner now can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner, by criminal negligence, failed to secure the dog. The law exempts certain professionals, including peace officers, who deal with dogs on a regular basis.

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## Service Academy Nominees Sought

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To be considered, applicants must be a United States citizen, be a resident of the 11th Congressional District of Texas and be between the ages of 17 and 23 by July 1 of the

year of admission.

Selection is based on SAT and ACT test scores, class rank, grade point averages, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and motivation.

Interested applicants should contact JoAnne Powell at (325) 659-4010. Applications are available through the Congressman's San Angelo Regional Office located at 33 East Twohigh, San Angelo, Texas, 76903.

## Broncos Stampede in Bracketville

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the sweep. On the next play, he smashed over for the touchdown. Gaytan kicked it, and the Broncos moved to a comfortable lead of 27 to 10 late in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Vaquera rolled to his right looking for a receiver. He found an opening and ran 63 yards for an apparent touchdown. A tripping penalty against the Broncos cancelled the touchdown. The last touchdown drive of the night started when Acevedo got his second interception. Ander-

son got his third touchdown of the game on a trap play up the middle making the final score 33 to 10.

This week is homecoming. The Broncos will be playing the Colorado City Wolves. Last year, the Broncos shut out the Wolves 28 to 0. The Wolves come to Sonora undefeated as they have defeated Wall and Grape Creek. Come to Bronco Stadium and cheer on our Sonora Broncos.

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# Commissioners Adopt 8% Tax Rate Increase

by Becky McAngus

The Sutton County Commissioners on Monday formally adopted a tax rate to support the 2008 budget, which includes an 8 percent increase over the 2007 tax rate.

By unanimous vote, the commissioners voted to increase taxes generated for the county's general fund to .167079. The new rate will result in a tax bill of approximately \$167.08 as opposed to \$150.07 last year on a property assessed at \$100,000. County Judge Carla Garner informed the commissioners the new tax rate will produce \$176,956 more in taxes to support the County's increased costs.

The commissioners also voted to raise the FMSE (road and bridge fund) tax rate to .036013, also an 8 percent increase over fiscal 2007. The increase will generate \$38,000 in additional taxes to fund the road and bridge department, and will be reflected on 2008 property tax bills.

The commissioners also voted to renew the inmate telephone system contract at the Sutton County Jail with Conversant Technologies, Inc. of Plano. The renewal will include placement of telephones in the visiting area of the jail, which Sheriff Joe Fincher explained will be a convenience for inmates and their visitors. He said currently the visiting area is "pretty loud" as many persons have difficulty hearing through the plexiglass. The telephones will assist in two-way communication between inmates and their visitors.

The sheriff reported that 50 inmates were housed in the county jail during the month of August with an average inmate count of 15 persons daily. The sheriff's dispatch handled 764 calls in August and the department logged 9,299 miles. Sheriff Fincher said the jail generated \$7,385 in fees.

Justice of the Peace John K. Wilson reported that his office processed 454 traffic cases during the month of August and collected \$67,635.80 in fines and fees. Of that amount, Sutton County retains \$40,185.38 for the general fund.

Rosie Butler reported that the EMS had 41 ambulance runs for the month of August.

Road and Bridge department head, Oscar Jimenez, told the commissioners he has placed signs at the county park to notify people that the use of the dumpsters is prohibited to all but trash generated at the park. He informed the commissioners that, although most people who have used the dumpsters are considerate of others, someone recently dumped a couch into one of the dumpsters placed there. Jimenez also reported that county crews have been cleaning up the area at Camp Allison where several old pecan trees have been showing signs of age and deterioration. One such large tree recently fell in the area of the slab.

County and District Clerk Veronica Hernandez reported that \$3,976.76 had been collected during the month of August by the district clerk and \$8,017.00 was collected by the county clerk. County Attorney David Wallace reported the collection of \$143.54 in hot check fees for August.

# Pentagon Gives Soldiers A Warm Welcome Home

The following was sent to our offices by Jody Luttrell and brought tears to our eyes.

'It is 110 yards from the 'E' ring to the 'A' ring of the Pentagon. This section of the Pentagon is newly renovated; the floors shine, the hallway is broad, and the lighting is bright. At this instant the entire length of the corridor is packed with officers, a few sergeants and some civilians, all crammed tightly three and four deep against the walls. There are thousands here.

'This hallway, more than any other, is the 'Army' hallway. The G3 offices line one side, G2 the other, G8 is around the corner. All Army. Moderate conversations flow in a low buzz. Friends who may not have seen each other for a few weeks, or a few years, spot each other, cross the way and renew.

Everyone shifts to ensure an open path remains down the center. The air conditioning system was not designed for this press of bodies in this area. The temperature is rising already. Nobody cares.

10:36 hours: The clapping starts at the E-Ring. That is the outermost of the five rings of the Pentagon and it is closest to the entrance to the building. This clapping is low, sustained, hearty. It is applause with a deep emotion behind it as it moves forward in a wave down the length of the hallway.

'A steady rolling wave of sound it is, moving at the pace of the soldier in the wheelchair who marks the forward edge with his presence. He is the first. He is missing the greater part of one leg, and some of his wounds are still suppurating. By his age I expect that he is a private, or perhaps a private first class.

'Captains, Majors, Lieutenant Colonels and Colonels meet his gaze and nod as they applaud, soldier to soldier. Three years ago when I described one of these events, those lining the hallways were somewhat different. The applause a little wilder, perhaps in private guilt for not having shared in the burden ... yet.

'Now almost everyone lining the hallway is, like the man in the wheelchair, also a combat veteran. This steadies the applause, but I think deepens the sentiment. We have all been there now. The soldier's chair is pushed by, I believe, a full colonel.

'Behind him, and stretching the length from Rings E to A, come more of his peers, each private, corporal, or sergeant assisted as need be by a field grade officer.

'11:00 hours: Twenty-four minutes of steady applause. My hands hurt, and I laugh to myself at how stupid that sounds in my own head. 'My hands hurt.' Shut up and clap. For twenty-four minutes, soldier after soldier has come down this hallway - 20, 25, 30. Fifty-three legs come with them, and perhaps only 52 hands or arms, but down this hall came 30 solid hearts.

'They pass down this corridor of officers and applause, and then meet for a private lunch, at which they are the guests of honor, hosted by the gener-

als. Some are wheeled along. Some insist upon getting out of their chairs, to march as best they can with their chin held up, down this hallway, through this most unique audience. Some are catching handshakes and smiling like a politician at a Fourth of July parade. More than a couple of them seem amazed and are smiling shyly.

'There are families with them as well: the 18-year-old war-bride pushing her 19-year-old husband's wheelchair and not quite understanding why her husband is so affected by this, the boy she grew up with, now a man, who had never shed a tear is crying; the older immigrant Latino parents who have, perhaps more than their wounded mid-20s son, an appreciation for the emotion given on their son's behalf. No man in that hallway, walking or clapping, is ashamed by the silent tears on more than a few cheeks.

An Airborne Ranger wipes his eyes only to better see. A couple of the officers in this crowd have themselves been a part of this parade in the past.

'These are our men, broken in body they may be, but they are our brothers, and we welcome them home. This parade has gone on, every single Friday, all year long, for more than four years.' Did you know that? The media hasn't told this story. (Copyright 2007 by Robert Bateman.)



Photo by Teresa Castillo  
Sonorans Becky Covington, Donna Garrett, Mallory Rousselot and Doris Rousselot welcomed members of Move Forward America, a group of family members of American service men and women who have joined forces to express their support for our troops.

# Daughters of Republic of Texas Seek New Members in Area

Submitted

The Fort Concho Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic is actively seeking women who are interested in Texas History to join an exciting and fun organization whose main goal is to preserve and protect the history of Texas. The chapter meets 6 times a year on a Saturday for a short business meeting and a guest lecture on history. Women who are 18 years or older can join the chapter by submitting paperwork that proves they had an ancestor in Texas before 1846, when Texas became a state, or by joining as an associate member. Membership by lineage is \$40 per year and associate members pay \$10 per year.

Come and join a great group of ladies who love history and want to not only learn about their historic roots but do what they can to preserve Texas history. The chapter also sponsors an essay contest for 4th and 7th graders and nominates outstanding teachers in both 4th and 7th grades.

For More Information, contact Joyce Gray, 325-650-2507 email Granyins@aol.com. Tammie Smith 432-693-2656 email finis@hughes.net.



Tamra Dietz Smith, (left) formerly of Sonora, joined Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 2004 and was elected registrar in 2005. She has recently been elected president of the Fort Concho Chapter of the DRT. She is pictured with President General Madge Roberts, a descendant of Sam Houston. Tamra said she enjoys all aspects of DRT and thanks Reed Jennings for her love of Texas history.

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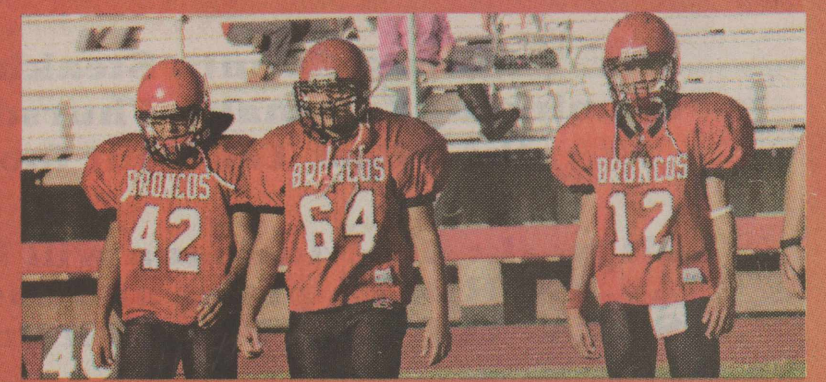
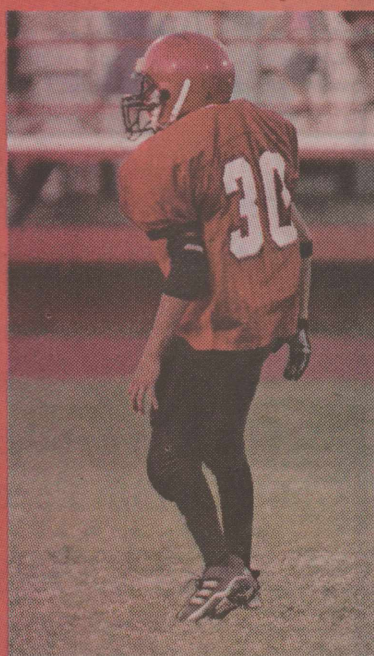
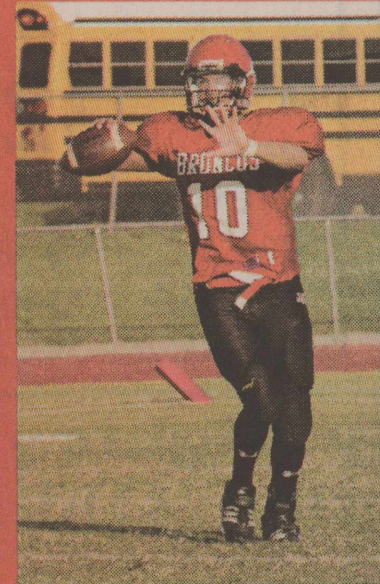
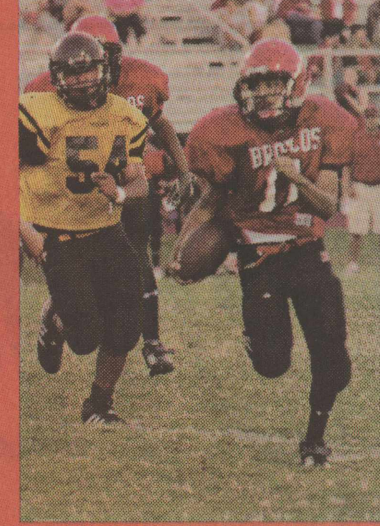
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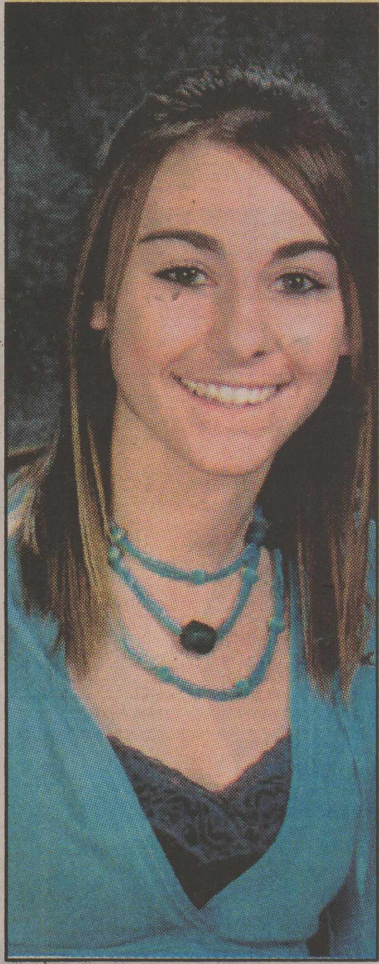


# SHS Homecoming Queen Candidates and Court



Maritza Garza

Queen Candidate Maritza Garcia is the daughter of Jesus and Lurdes Garcia. She is a member of the National Honor Society, PALs and the Mighty Bronco Band. Maritza said she likes to spend time with her family and friends. She also enjoys listening to music and dancing. Maritza said the highlight of her time at Sonora High School was getting a "1" in marching contest her freshman year.



Emily Earwood

Queen Candidate Emily Jane Earwood is the daughter of Carolyn and Edward Earwood. She is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Lady Broncos basketball team. Emily continues to be actively involved in Sutton County 4-H and FFA. She said her interests include being with family and friends, showing Angora goats, judging wool and mohair, spending time at the ranch and going to Lake Amistad water skiing.



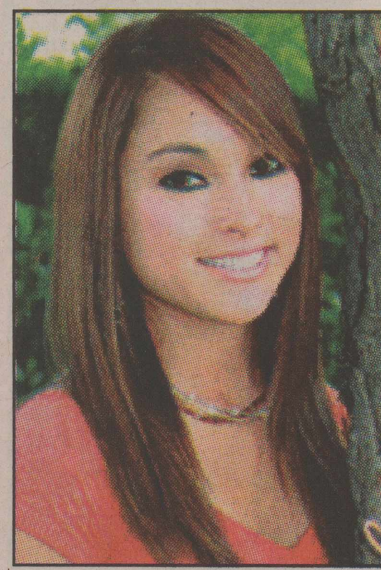
Paige Harwell

Queen Candidate Paige Harwell is the daughter of Rachel and Gary Harwell, who likes riding bikes and hanging out with her friends. Paige is a trainer for the Bronco Varsity football team and was a candidate for Miss Sutton County 2007. She said she will always remember coaching the junior class last year at the Homecoming Olympics and the time she fell up the stairs when she was a sophomore.



Savannah Leonard

Savannah Leonard is the Junior Class Duchess. Savannah is the daughter of Gary and Carol Leonard and is actively involved in 4-H, Youth Group, basketball, track, FFA, SHS Student Council, JV cheerleading, Bronco Band, National Honor Society and University Interscholastic League competition. She said she treasures the memories made when the Sutton County team won the National Wool Judging contest and cheering at the Bronco football play-off games.



Alyssa Vela

Alyssa Vela is the daughter of Armando Murillo and the late Robin Vela. She is a member of the Mighty Bronco Band color guard and runs cross country. Alyssa is a watergirl/manager/trainer for the Bronco varsity football team and participates in basketball, tennis, golf, volleyball, and track. She is also class president and participates in University of interscholastic league competitions. Alyssa said she has too many good memories of her time at Sonora High School to keep count of.



Kash McGee

Kash McGee is the Freshman Class Duchess. Kash is the daughter of Frank McGee and Monica McGee. She is an SHS JV cheerleader and participates in the Mighty Bronco Band, athletics and debate. Kash enjoys music, hanging out with friends, MySpace, coloring, talking and God. She said her most memorable times at Sonora High School include yelling random acronyms during band and singing "Tequila" in the stands.



Paula Zaragoza

Queen Candidate Paula Zaragoza is the daughter of Efrain and Maria Zaragoza. She is a member of the Spanish Club, the Bronco Spirit Crew, the Prom Committee, PALs, a class officer and a member of the track team. Paula is second runner-up to Miss Sutton County 2007, the Cinco de Mayo Queen and Fall Festival Queen and is a member of the National Honor Society.

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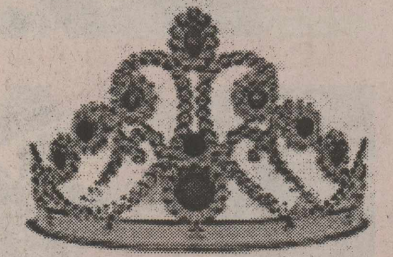
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