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Ports-to-Plains Traffic Corridor Increases Truck Traffic

Traffic Bypass - Roadblock Ahead?

by Becky McAngus

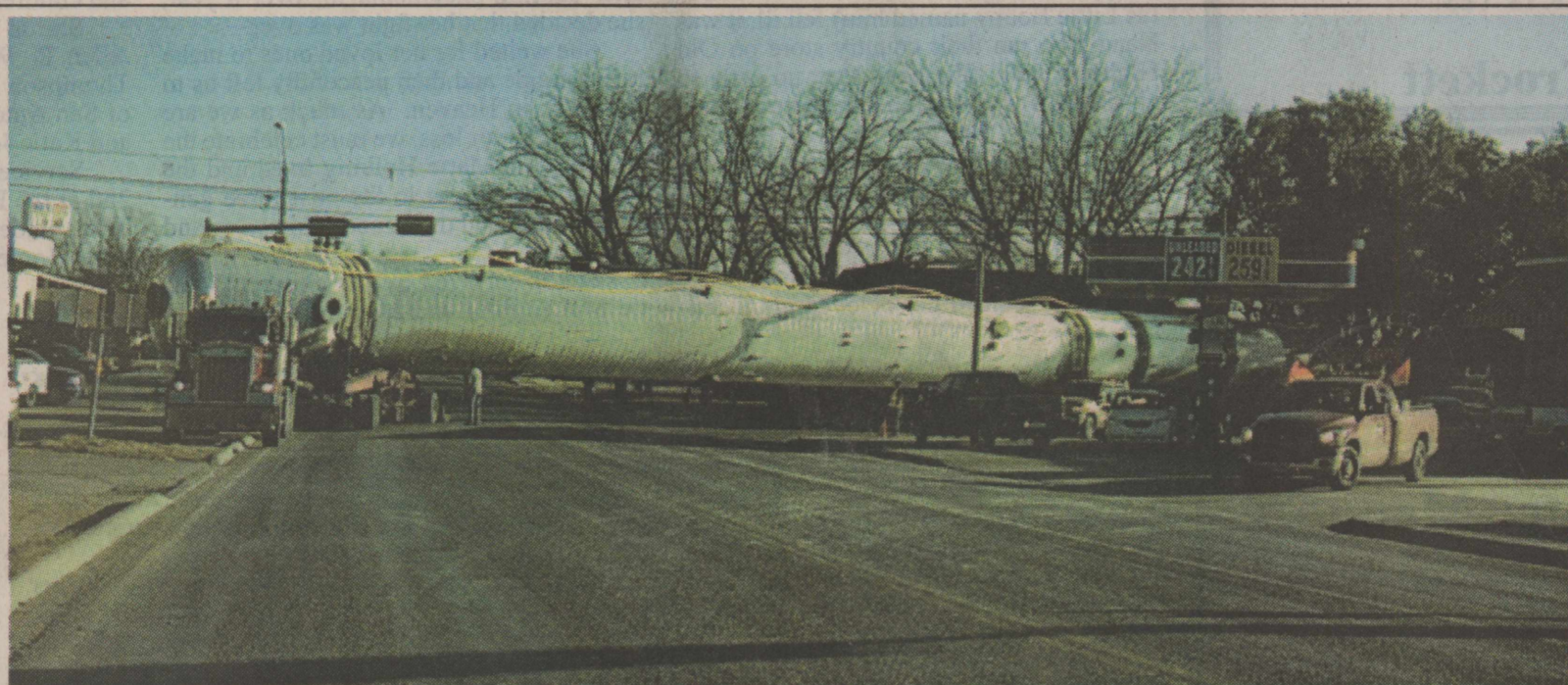
Even before the first mile of pavement is laid in Sutton County, the 1400-mile Ports-to-Plains trade corridor is already carrying goods to America's heartland from the Mexican border town of Laredo. Much of this freight is coming right through the middle of Sonora.

If you've traveled US Hwy. 277 through town, north to San Angelo or south to Del Rio, you've very likely experienced the increased truck traffic. You've probably been stuck behind one of the "superloads" hauling massive components for wind turbines, and you've likely noticed the deterioration of the two-lane highway. The upgrading and widening of Hwy 277 to four lanes is scheduled to be completed between 2016 and 2020.

But does Sonora need a traffic reliever route now? Where will it be constructed? Who will pay for it? Who will benefit and who will the bypass hurt?

The citizens of Sonora and Sutton County have an opportunity to have a voice in decisions on this issue at a public meeting on October 9th at the Sutton County Civic Center. The public meeting is a legal requirement for compilation of a feasibility study conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation, (TxDOT), and opinions and comments from local citizens will help to determine the location of the bypass.

Speakers at the meeting will inform the pub-



Due to Sonora's location along the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, Superloads like the one pictured above are a common sight. Overlength and/or overweight loads could be diverted to a traffic reliever route (or bypass) to alleviate traffic congestion problems and safety issues in Sonora.

lic of the community's options, including the construction of a proposed bypass, the financing of its construction, and the economic impact on local businesses. The meeting is the first of at least two meetings to gauge public reaction to the proposed bypass - and for people in Sonora it is the first real chance to make your voice heard on this issue.

Financial Burden

Max Howorth and John Paul Friess, both members of the Transportation Committee of Sonora and Sutton County, have made it clear;

"The transportation committee is NOT a proponent of a reliever route. We are nothing more than a fact-finding body representing the interests of the people of Sonora and Sutton County in discussions with TxDOT about the reliever route." Max Howorth, president of the board of directors of the Sonora Industrial Development Committee, said "We don't even have clear justification that we need a reliever route - especially not if we (in Sutton County) are going to have to pay to build it."

At the time the Ports-to-Plains corridor was proposed, in the mid-1990s, the department of transportation anticipated funding the project in the traditional manner - with gas revenue taxes. Due to a change in federal law, \$7 billion in gas taxes paid by Texans has been transferred to other states. To make matters worse, the State of Texas has transferred \$10.8 billion in transportation funds to other uses.

Rather than increasing the gasoline tax, "The state started talking, about two years ago, about alternative, innovative financing," Howorth said, explaining that numerous transportation projects are currently being met through a cooperative partnership between local communities and TxDOT. "What it amounts to is local communities funding a portion of the construction," Howorth said.

The cost of the reliever route project is anticipated to be \$24 million, exclusive of the right of way. That figure does not include the cost of the required interchange with Interstate 10. To fund the project, the community could be faced with a bond election. Other options include intra-state banking loans, or pass-through tolling. "Depending on the agreement reached with the state, over a period of 8-10 years, the county would be paid back 85% to 95% of the cost of the project," Howorth explained.

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Photo by Kristen Johnson

Three oilfield workers were seriously injured Monday afternoon in a devastating crash at mile marker 385 on Interstate 10. Texas DPS Trooper Joseph Van Gundy, who investigated the accident, said the men were eastbound on IH-10 when the driver lost control of the vehicle. The Ford F-250 became airborne and jumped an access road underneath the interstate before landing nose-first against a concrete embankment. Trooper Van Gundy said that all three men were from San Angelo. Two of the men were airlifted to San Angelo with life-threatening injuries Monday afternoon.



Team ropers from throughout Texas were in Sutton County over the weekend to participate in the annual Wounded Warriors benefit at the Collins Arena.

\$22k Raised at Benefit Roping

The Wounded Warriors Project was the beneficiary of a roping challenge over the weekend as 450 teams of ropers tested their accuracy against each other for a good cause.

The event raised just over \$22,000 for the Wounded Warriors Project with \$7,500 coming from the auction. Additional money was raised through cash donations, t-shirt sales, the barbecue and the roping itself. "The benefit roping could not have been as successful without the help of DCP employees, along with our many friends and family members," said Debbie Collins, whose arena on Bloodworth Road was crowded from early Saturday morning through most of the weekend.

"The very generous cash donations from the Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora communities and businesses along with the Midland/Odessa area was amazing," Collins added.

The best two team times shared \$1000 in prize money. Winners of the best time, and sharing the \$600 prize were Bryan Johnson and B.J. Dugger with a 5.91. Second place, taking home a cash prize of \$400, was the team of Casey Gattis and Jeff Gilbert with a time of 6.23.

Karl Rios and Devon Hayes took home the championship saddles, having the best cumulative time, with 31.33. Rios and Hayes each took home \$1,188 in prize money. The team of Jack Kinsey and Sterling Price earned the spurs with a combined time of 33.38. They each earned a \$1,005 paycheck. Bryan Rogers and Frank Montague took third and the breast collars with a time of 34.82. Third place shared \$1,646.

Also taking home prize money from the event were Casey Gattis and B.J. Dugger, fourth place with 36.54, earning \$640 per man; Joe Rios and Steve Northcott, with a 36.67. In fifth place, earning \$457 per man; Joel Garza and B.J. Dugger, sixth place with 37.02, earning \$274 per man; and in seventh place, Leo Rodriguez and B.J. Dugger, with a time of 38.95, earning \$183 per man.

Broncos Win 12-2

by Ray Glasscock

There are some games that one will remember for a long time. Most of these games are exciting, nail biting action packed games. This game will be remembered for the total ineptitude of the officials. The Broncos were flagged 12 times for 105 yards, and the Warriors were penalized eight times for 75 yards. It seemed like there was a referee conference on each penalty to see if any of them had any idea on where to mark the ball. However, it should be noted that they would finally get the calls right, as at least one of them may have officiated a football game before.

Sonora, which has logged four straight victories since losing to Harper, who has yet to lose, had to work hard for this victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Broncos scored first with 10:34 left in first half on a 32-yard touchdown throw from senior quarterback Victor Vaquera to Will Anderson. This capped off a 14-play, 61-yard drive that saw Sonora convert twice on fourth down. Aaron Gaytan kicked the ball through the uprights. The officials called a chop block penalty on the PAT kick - which is a new one for me. The Bronco linemen just went down on all fours, and the Ingram rushers fell over them - thus a chop block. The pass attempt to make the two point conversion failed. The Broncos led 6-0.

Sonora also put together a 5-play, 41-yard drive that ended when senior fullback Morgan Martinez scored on a 1-yard run with 2:45 left before intermission. The Broncos were up 12-0 at that point. Ingram got on the board when senior

Justin Martinez picked up a fumble on the ensuing two-point conversion attempt and rumbled 85 yards to the end zone, cutting the Sonora lead to 12-2. There were two penalties on the play. Ingram was called on a block in the back, and the Broncos were called for unsportsmanlike conduct. After a ten minute delay (it seemed), the officials ruled that the penalties would offset and two points would be given to the Warriors.

Neither team scored in the second half. The second half can be described as follows. The Broncos would run four to ten plays per drive before losing a fumble or being penalized. The Warrior drives usually were three and out or one first down and three and out. The Warriors had only four first downs all night. Anderson had two interceptions and Martinez had one as they stopped three Warrior drives.

Ricardo Rodriguez rushed 11 times for 74 yards, Vaquera had 62 yards on 14 carries, and Anderson had 10 carries for 55 yards. Alonzo Pena had the most impressive run of the night as he broke several tackles in a fifteen yard run late in the game. In all, the Broncos rushed 53 times for 271 yards while holding Ingram to only ten rushing yards. The Warriors had only 73 yards of total offense.

From my vantage point on the sidelines, I saw Aaron Gaytan, Alberto Tovar, and Michael Jenkins make several outstanding defensive plays.

The Broncos (varsity and JV) have their open week before starting district play in Junction. The Colts will travel to Comfort on Thursday.



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Alberto Tovar and Aaron Gaytan stop an Ingram running back at the line of scrimmage in Friday night's win against the warriors.

Historical Society



The Sonora City Baseball team about 1910 included (standing) Lea Aldwell, Gustaf Meckel, Bart DeWitt, Murdock McDonald, Roy Aldwell, (sitting) L.E. Johnson, Luther Thorp and Benny Wyatt.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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Q. Were there cattle thieves in your area?

A. Oh, yes, many cattle have been stolen from our area and cattle thieves continue to be a bother to this day. Back in the old days, they drove the cattle off, but now they drive up with 18 wheelers and load them up. Here is an old time story of cattle thieves: The Devil's River News, June 27, 1914:

Cattle and horse thieves west and southwest of San Angelo are giving the ranchmen trouble. The heaviest loser is D.K. McMullan of this city, who has lost 150 head of cattle from his ranch near Juno in Val Verde County. It is not known whether the stock was stolen by marauding Mexicans from across the border and driven into Mexico or whether they were stolen by cattle rustlers in Texas.

Mr. McMullan has given notice that he is offering \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who stole his cattle.

A report from Mertzson says that Fayette Tankersley had a fine sorrel roan horse stolen this week. The officers are watching a suspect.

Ollie Parker, who ranches in the Ozona section, had a horse

and saddle stolen from him and his sheep herder was robbed of a few articles. Mr. Parker Notified Sheriff Moore of Ozona, who secured the arrest of a Mexican at Juno. The saddle had been traded off, but the officers recovered it, together with the horse and other property. The Mexican was brought to Ozona and bound over to await grand jury action-reprint from San Angelo Standard.

Other items of interest in this issue include the birth of a girl on June 17, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Riley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reiley at 1600 Spaulding in San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wheat and son Ben left for Galveston Saturday. The Sonora Club will hold their sixth annual morning German (a festive get together with dancing, beer and food) on Saturday morning July 4th - musicians from San Angelo.

Some people are so careless that they leave the Cemetery gate open and stock get in and destroy the trees, flowers, etc. It has been decided to leave the key at B.F. Bellow's residence where parties wanting the key can get it. See that you close and lock the gate after you.

Q. Was there anything in the paper when B.W. Hutcherson got married?

A. The Devil's River News, August 8, 1914: In the presence of the brides family and a few friends, Miss Lucille Grimland and B.W. Hutcherson were married Sunday morning August 2, 1914, Rev. J. L. Burns of the Methodist Church officiating. The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grimland and the groom is a popular young stockman with a ranch 16 miles east of Sonora. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a ten day visit to

Galveston.

Now the next article states that The News extends its sympathy to Mrs. H.H. Sparks in the death of her father F.D. Smith which occurred at this home in Kansas City, Mo., Monday, August 3. An article like this might seem like nothing to you, but to a researcher it is important, because the name Smith is so common and many times when someone died and was quite elderly, no one could tell the clerk the parents names. Now, we know Mrs. Sparks was a Smith and her father was F.D. Smith of Kansas City, and we can look for his obituary there and find his date of birth and wife's name as well as his parents names on his death certificate. Sometimes all it takes is a little bit of information like this in the paper to help a researcher jump back another generation.

We were doing some research on my Daniels family tree and couldn't find the link from Canada to the United States in the 1860's. I had the family listed in Massachusetts on the census records but could not make the jump back to Canada. The death certificate stated birth in Canada, no city and father as John and mother Margaret. One problem was I couldn't locate a John and Margaret Daniels in Quebec Province in Canada.

I called to find out about his citizenship records in Hampden County, Massachusetts and they said someone had picked all those records up and taken them away and they didn't know where they were. I called Boston and they didn't know where the immigration records had gone. United States Census records on line all said French Canada on them as his place of birth, so I knew it had to be Quebec Province. So where was Daniel Daniels born?

It took me 5 years before I found out that Daniel Daniels was born Daniel Gellineau dit Daniel, and when he came into the US they changed his name to Daniel Daniels. His father was Joseph Gellineau dit Daniel and his mother was Marguerite St. Amand. Joseph died in his 90's. Marguerite was his second wife, and she was much younger, and remarried a Sergeant. As her husband, he took over all her property, the children left the farm and moved to the United States to make a new life for themselves. Daniel went to work on a farm then switched to working on the railroad. City directories told me this information.

This experience has taught me that every little bit of information that is in the newspapers and in the directories is important to anyone doing research. Death certificates are not always correct and obituaries are often wrong. Recently, I was working on one obituary and found that in earlier obits the sisters had said their father was J.T. and J.A., which was incorrect. The last daughter to die listed her father as the initials J. H.. With the correct initials and last name, White, it was a breeze going back and finding the family in census records. It turned out that the father was John Henry. So if you are stuck on a member of your line, double check the initials of the parents against the other family members death certificates. Many times A and H are confused and the names John are sometimes listed as Jack or Johnathan, especially if the father's name was John.

Doing a family tree can be a time consuming, confusing, hair pulling experience, but gathering all the history can also be very educating. You learn about wars, historical reasons large groups of people left a country and came here, and what wars your ancestors fought in. Military records are available to direct descendants of deceased members, but you do need the branch of service and hopefully service number or dates of approximate service.

Until next week, we wish you happy hunting on your family tree and pray that God will send

us a little more rain to help keep the grass nice and green right up to winter. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or

e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call the office, 387-5084, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings with your questions or stop in and see us to tour the Miers Home Museum on the same mornings.

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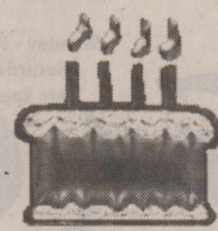
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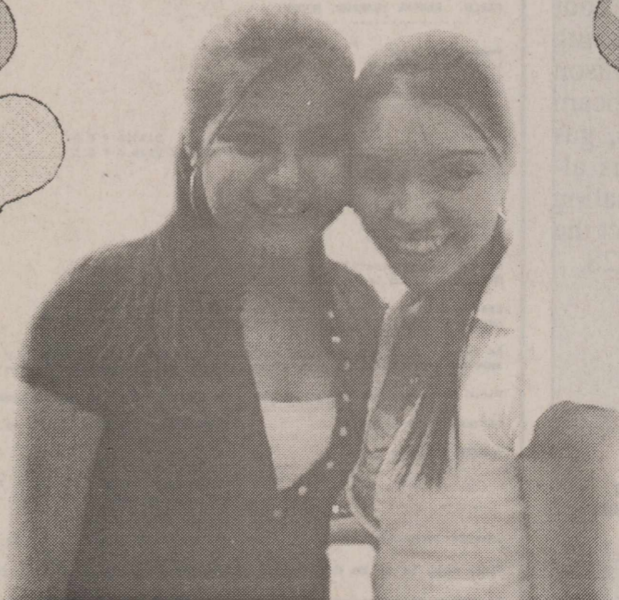
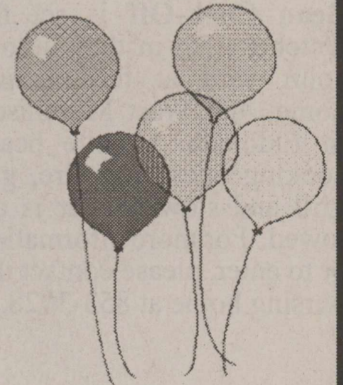
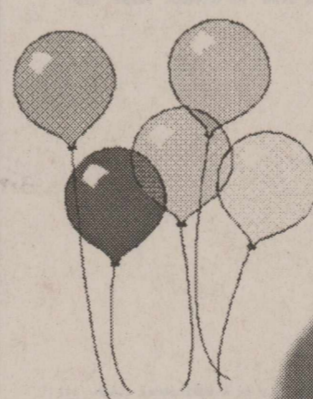
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Burke Hedrick*

*Mary Armstrong
bride-elect
Stetson Hall*

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Sonora 34 - Ingram 8

JV Broncos Dominate Ingram

By Nancy Glasscock

Sonora's Junior Varsity didn't need a full four quarters to secure their fourth victory of the season. The defense stopped the Warriors on all but one drive and the offense's rushing and passing game was clicking. The game was called due to lightning within three miles of Bronco Stadium shortly after the fourth quarter began for a 34-8 hometeam victory.

JV quarterback Ethan Morriss scored the first Sonora touchdown at 1:43 in the first quarter. Morriss' run was set up by a 20 yard punt return by Caleb Gonzales. The PAT kick was no good.

Defensive plays by Paul Faz, Ryan Garmon, Angel Aguayo, and Gonzales put the brakes on the ensuing Warrior drive.

With less than a minute to go in the first half, Zac Rodriguez scored the second JV touchdown on a pass reception from Morriss. Rodriguez followed it up with a successful run up the middle for the two point conversion. The Broncos got the ball back with two seconds left in the first half. The Broncos sent three receivers to the right side of the formation, and Morriss ran the keeper to the left side for a fifty plus yard touchdown. The PAT failed, and the score at half was Broncos 20 and Warriors 0.

On the Broncos first possession of the second half, Jesse Guerrero and Pedro Ramirez moved the ball into Warrior territory. Manny Paredes capped this drive off with the touchdown run. Refugio Sanchez's PAT kick was good to make the score 27-0.

The final JV score came late in the third quarter. With Morriss blocking, A.J. Ozuna took the ball around the left side in for the score. Sanchez's PAT kick was good.

The Warriors put eight points on the board shortly before the game was stopped due to the weather.

The Sonora JV Broncos have their bye this week. Their next game is in Sonora against Junction on October 11, 2007.



Photo by Ray Glasscock

The Bronco JV defensive line put the breaks on the Ingram Warrior offense last Thursday, holding them to just eight points.

Sutton County 4-H Officers Elected



Serving the Sutton County 4-H Club for 2007-2008 are: (L to R) Stella Ingham, Jr. Club 1st Vice President; Zachary Leonard, Jr. Club President; Carol Leonard, Club Manager; Sr. Club officers are: President, Colton Moore; 1st Vice President, Emily Earwood; 2nd Vice President, Savannah Leonard; 3rd Vice President, Stella Ingham; Secretary, Laura Martin; Reporter, Chelsey Lou Campbell; Parliamentarian, Meredith Earwood; and Historian, Spencer Hall. Results and photographs from the 4-H Awards Banquet will be in next week's Devil's River News.

Colt Girls Win 1st at Ozona CC Meet

The Sonora Junior High Girls Cross Country team took first place out of eleven teams at the Ozona meet on Saturday, September 29th, with a combined 42 points. The Junior High Boys cross country team won second place, while the Lady Broncos were the fifth place team, and the Bronco team won sixth.

Top finishers included Emilce Hernandez, 5th; Kelsey Favila, 6th; and Jacinda Sanchez, 7th for the junior high girls and Jesus Vasquez, 6th; Jansen McBride, 12th; and Cadesman Pope, 22nd for the junior high boys. Kallie Humphrey placed 7th; Alyssa Favila, 11th; Valerie Buitron, 24th for the Lady Broncos and Colton Moore, 10th; Cody Pena, 16th; and Bailey Joe Pennington, 34th for the high school boys team.

Sonora will host the next cross country event this weekend.

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Sonora I.S.D. Menu

October 8-12

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| Tues.- Breakfast Burrito | Fri. - Pancake |
| Wed.- Waffle Sticks | |

Lunch

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| Mon.- Chicken Sandwich, fries, salad, apple 1/2 |
| Tues.- Steakfingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, apple slices, roll. |
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| Thurs.- Chicken Enchiladas, rice, beans, pineapple |
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2007 Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 5	Open
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

Oct. 4 Ozona	Open
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

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

Oct. 6	Sonora
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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Oil & Agribusiness

Entomologist to Present Bee Seminar October 4th



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

Despite their value as pollinators and producers of honey and wax, honey bees are generally unwelcome in and around homes because of the possibility they may sting people

and animals. However, you might encounter honey bees as they forage for food in a swarm or in an established colony. Each situation may require a different response. It is important to know the tendencies of bees.

Honey bees swarm as part of the colony's reproductive process. A honey bee queen is not able to survive on her own or start a new col-

ony alone. When an existing colony prepares to swarm, the bees produce a new queen. Then the old queen and about half of the worker bees will leave the parent colony to establish a new colony. It is this group of bees we call a swarm. Although a swarm appears quite dangerous, honey bees are usually gentle when swarming. A swarm does not contain stored food or young bees, so the bees have nothing to defend and are unlikely to sting.

A swarm of honey bees may cluster temporarily on almost any object such as a tree branch, mailbox or fence. The swarm may re-

main for a few hours or, at times, for several days while scout bees search for a suitable nesting site. Although a swarm is not dangerous and will generally move within a few days, this is the best time to eliminate bees if they are in an area where they are not wanted. Swarms near homes often move into wall voids, attics or chimneys if not eliminated.

To address our options, Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist, will conduct a Bee Seminar at the Sutton County Civic Center on October 4th at noon. He will offer information on control and management options. Dr. Sansone will

also answer questions regarding the various pest problems which you may have. We know that complete reliance on pesticides will not be effective. In order to cope with bees and their damage, we need to use an integrated approach.

The program begins at noon and offers 1 C.E.U. (continuing education unit) in the integrated pest management category for those with a pesticide applicator license. BRING A SACK LUNCH, we'll provide the drinks. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 if you plan to attend.

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As of September 28, 2007

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3 Dominion OK TX E&P 9250' L R Valliant #29 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 10/05/07 Assigned
4 Dominion OK TX E&P 9100' L R Valliant #30 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 122 09/24/07 5 Drlg Ahead
5 Kcs Resources/pb 9000' Sawyer -129- #16 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 42 09/18/07 11 Drlg Ahead
6 Dominion OK TX E&P 9000' Duke Wilson -188- #19 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 120 10/01/07 Assigned
7 Dominion OK TX E&P 8975' Mayer -20- #9 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 09/21/07 8 Drlg Ahead
8 Dominion OK TX E&P 8675' Mayer Ranch -35- #6 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 742 09/23/07 6 Drlg Ahead
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17 Dominion OK TX E&P 6750' H C Epps -39- #13 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 115 10/01/07 Assigned
18 Dominion OK TX E&P 6350' Espy -56- #16 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 10/02/07 Assigned

CROCKETT
1 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey -a- #805 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 09/23/07 6 Drlg Ahead
New 2 Approach Operating 9000' Bailey #326 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 09/22/07 7 Drlg Ahead
New 3 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500' Meybin -a- #8 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 09/25/07 4 Drlg Ahead
Crockett
New 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8400' Davidson -15- #14 Ft Heart Land Drilling 8 09/20/07 9 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Eog Resources/mid 5800' Shannon Hospital -a- #13 Dw Capstar Drilling 11 09/27/07 2 Drlg Ahead 738'
New 6 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Baggett Oz #1157d Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 09/24/07 5 Drlg Ahead

TERRELL
1 ConocoPhillips/Odessa 12500' Alex Mitchell -1- #10 Dw Patterson Uti/lv 481 08/25/07 35 Drlg Ahead 10600'
2 Encore Operating Lp 12100' Banner Estate #35 H Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 641 07/23/07 68 Drlg Ahead
3 Encore Operating Lp 6700' Goode Estate Unit #15 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 709 09/25/07 4 Drlg Ahead

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1 Chesapeake/okc 10000' Barr -59- #1 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 79 08/25/07 35 Drlg Ahead
2 Newfield Exploration 10000' Allar #5803 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 08/16/07 44 Drlg Ahead
3 Newfield Exploration 10000' Rolston #802 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 09/20/07 9 Drlg Ahead
4 Megawest Energy Tex 5000' Mitchell -87- #1 Ft Unison Drilling 2 09/12/07 17 Drlg Ahead

VAL VERDE
1 Cimarex Energy Of Co 15500' Phillip Arledge #16 Dw Cactus Drilling 122 08/11/07 49 Drlg Ahead
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Ozona Hosts Oil & Gas Show

The oil and gas industry will invade Crockett County for the South West Texas Oil and Gas Trade Show, Oct. 9-11 at the Fair Park Convention Center, located off of Avenue A by the Best Western/Ozona Inn.

The three-day convention will feature more than 50 exhibitors from all over West Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado and more than 200 attendees (attached is a list of exhibitors and sponsors). The convention is being presented by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and DCP Midstream.

"We wanted to recognize and show appreciation to the oil and gas industry," said Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce. "This will generate revenue for the community and is a fundraiser for the chamber of commerce."

A luncheon will be held Thursday, Oct. 11th, at the Crockett County Civic Center, located off of 1st Street across from

Lion Stadium. Those wanting to attend the luncheon need to RSVP the Ozona Chamber of Commerce by Oct. 8th. The number is (325) 392-3737.

Keynote speaker will be Ben Shepperd, who currently serves as the executive vice president of the Midland-based Permian Basin Petroleum Association. The association represents about 750 members in the oil and gas industries in West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico.

Prior to this position and his move from Austin, Ben served as committee counsel to Texas House Energy Committee Chairman Buddy West and as water policy advisor to Chairman Harvey Hilderbran. Shepperd also served as legislative and policy director for Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews for over three years.

Shepperd heads a 45-year-old organization that is one of the largest regional oil and gas associations in America. The PBPA provides its members value-added services and

advocates for them in Austin, Santa Fe and Washington, D.C.

Events will begin from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, with a "Come and Go" Welcome Reception at the Convention Center.

Wednesday's activities include and all day trade show from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The trade show will feature exhibits and demonstrations of oil field and oil field related products.

Wednesday will also be a time for companies to go through different types of training that relate to their work in the oil field industry.

"All of the companies coming don't just drill wells," Biggerstaff said. "There are water haulers, oil haulers and all different aspects involved in this industry."

In Crockett County, the oil and gas industry makes up 95 percent of the total value of the county's tax roll. That is an estimated \$1.9 million out of a \$2 million tax roll, according to the Crockett County Tax Office.

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#1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. No test
Fat Ewes -.36-.40
Thin Ewes -.12-.28
Bucks -.25-.34
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Solid Mouth Ewes -.37-.48
Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Goats:
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Stocker Muttons -.50-.70
Angora Kids - 1.20-1.50
Angora Kids Shorn .95-1.20
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Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies -.32-.35
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Fat Spanish Nannies .35-.40
Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .72-.88 mutt. .90-1.10
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A fire at the Sonora Golf Club resulted in the destruction of at least ten golf carts. The fire is being investigated. Preliminary reports are that this fire was electrical in origin.

Sonora PD Log

- Arrest(s):**
- September 26, 2007**
- Adriana Botello, 18, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court Warrants for Failure to Attend School.
 - Desidero Gonzalez-Rodriguez, 65, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.
- September 26, 2007**
- Angel Jesus Castilleja, 20, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.
- September 27, 2007**
- Betty Gillette Newberry, 40, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication. Newberry was also arrested for a Sutton County warrant for Unlawful Restraint for Abducting a Juvenile.
- Incidents:**
- September 24, 2007**
- 10:39 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
 - 10:54 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on road way. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 4:47 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- September 25, 2007**
- 8:53 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 10:07 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
 - 1:51 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 4:13 PM: Caller reported a loose dog. Animal Control Officer responded.
- September 26, 2007**
- 8:51 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
 - 8:54 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 12:00 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 12:15 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.
 - 2:57 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 4:49 PM: Caller requested animal control at residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 4:55 PM: Caller reported a suspicious subject. Officer responded.
 - 6:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 7:00 PM: Caller reported suspicious subjects. Officer responded.
 - 7:45 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident on Oakwood Street. Officer responded.
 - 10:15 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- September 27, 2007**
- 8:15 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
 - 8:30 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 10:58 AM: Caller reported dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 1:05 PM: Caller reported dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 3:12 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

Community Service and Input Vital to Sonora's Future

by Becky Covington
Executive Director
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Do you support your community? We all like to think we do, but do we really go that extra mile to support the people who make it a daily part of their lives by joining service organizations, governing boards and non-profits? You know the people I'm talking about. The ones, who are always planning fundraisers, are in the middle of all those community events, and always, always have a raffle ticket in their back pocket (whether it's for sale or one they've recently bought). These are the people who care about our community and our future. They are willing to give a bit of their time to make things better. Maybe we can take a few moments today and think about these people. Or maybe we can go a step further and walk right up to them and thank them! Or maybe we could support them by buying that event or raffle ticket they have for sale, without complaint!

There is much discussion throughout Sonora concerning the transportation problem and whether Sonora needs a reliever route. A public meeting is being held to gather feedback on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Guest speakers will be Professor Tom Longoria, Economic Effects of Reliever Routes; Michael Reeves, Ports to Plains, Local Traffic Impacts; John Hermann, Route Selection Process; and John DeWitt, Financing Options. At the meeting, a question and answer session will follow, a questionnaire sheet will be handed out and one-on-one discussions with speakers and local officials will be available. Please take part in this decision and make plans to attend this meeting and express your opinion, especially if you own a business. If you cannot make the meeting, please let me know and I would be more than glad to get a comment sheet to you.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Industrial Development Corporation regularly advertise in the Texas Highways Magazine and Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. If you are a subscriber or purchase the magazine from the store, please notice the advertisement for Sonora in the October issue. They are great ads and the Chamber has had many phone calls from the publication.

Raffle tickets for the 41st Annual Sutton Game Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 10, are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Office. Tickets are \$1.00 each for over \$50,000.00 in quality door prizes that will be given away at the event, including a 2007 Polaris Sportsman 500, 2007 Polaris 90, quality rifles and shotguns, fishing & hunting equipment, camping & outdoor equipment, and many, many more. Get your tickets early and avoid the huge crowd that will be attending this event.

Vendors are beginning to send in their applications for a spot for the "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar that has been scheduled for Friday, November 16th. Please get your application back

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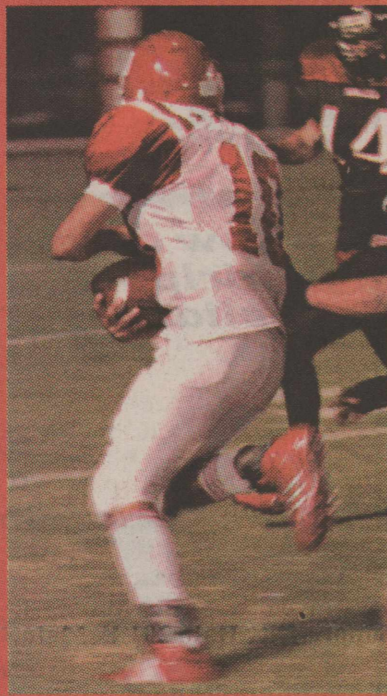
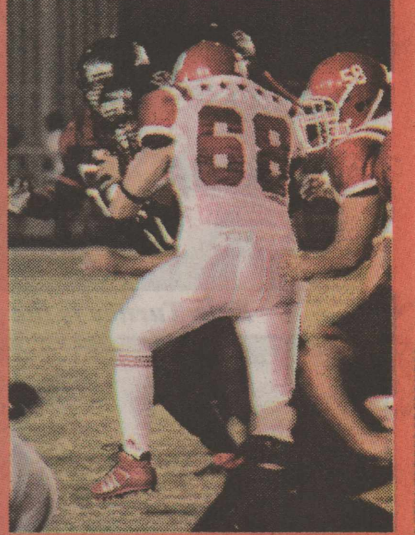
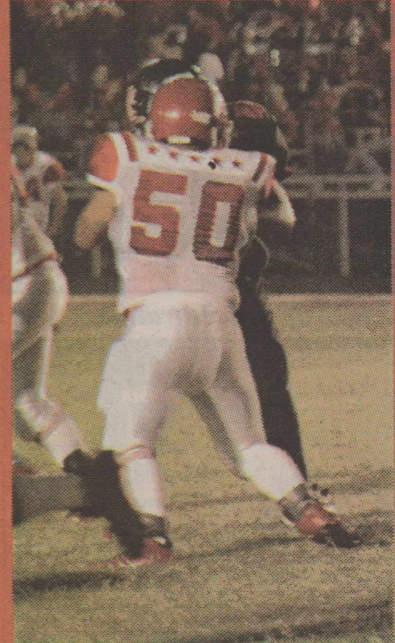
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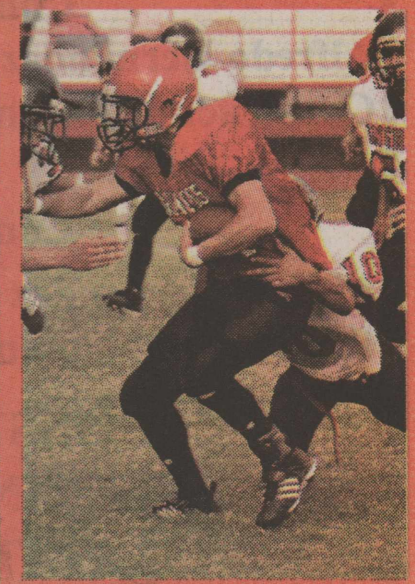
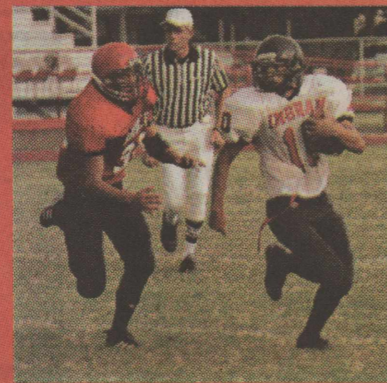
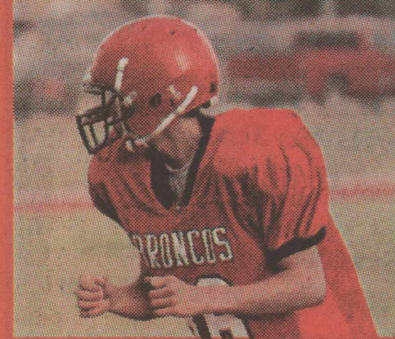
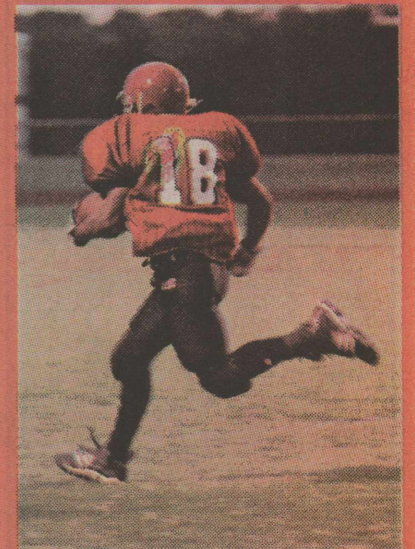
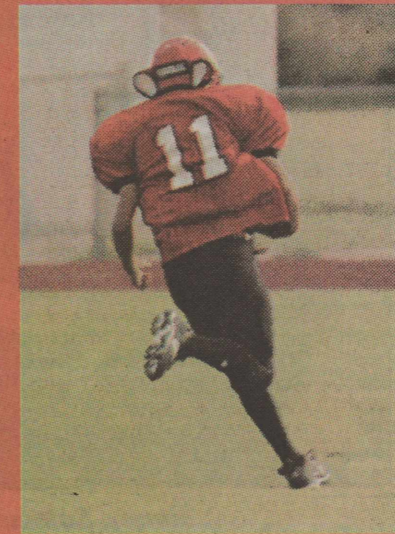
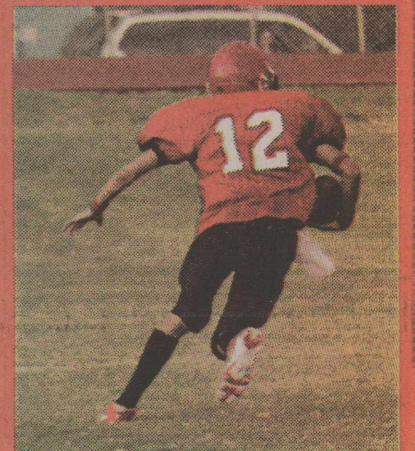
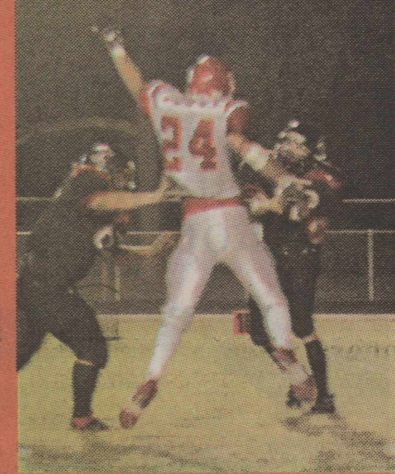
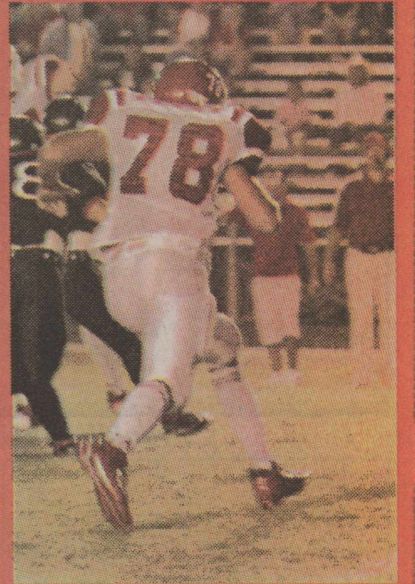
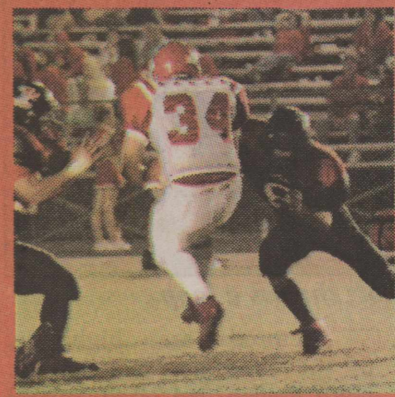
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