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Restaurant is Open for Business



Ryon West was the first customer, Tuesday morning, at the Mercantile on Main restaurant. Opening this week after months of work and anticipation, the Main Street cafe offers fresh baked goods, (Pauline Skains' famous cinnamon rolls can be found here) healthy, fine dining, (think chili-rubbed salmon) a deli and Blue Bell ice cream. The business is owned by Ruthie Bounds, (not pictured) Lucy McGuffin, Mallory Rousselot, and includes in its staff Maria Latham and Joy McGuffin. The take-out and bakery is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The dining room will be serving from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Broncos Lose District Opener

Last Minute TD Ends 28-Year Eagle Drought

By Ray Glasscock

This past Friday, Sonora traveled to Junction to open district play after a successful four win and one loss pre-season. The Junction Eagles were trying to end what they thought was a 32 year drought against the Broncos. I received an e-mail this weekend, and a former Bronco confessed that his team lost to Junction in 1979, which was 28 years ago.

The Broncos won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Bronco defense stopped the Eagles' first drive.

Sonora's first drive of the game was impressive as the Broncos appeared to be on their way to an early lead. Relying on their smash-mouth running game, the Broncos slowly moved the ball down the field using the bruising running of Morgan Martinez, Jordan McGuffin, and Ricardo Rodriguez. When the Broncos got in the red zone, the Eagle defense forced a fourth and goal from the Eagle 15-yard line. Victor Vaquera rolled to his right and his pass was intercepted at the five yard line. Dustin Stapp returned the pick 95 yards for an Eagle touchdown. After the PAT, the Eagles led 7 to 0 with 5:33 remaining in the first quarter.

Neither team could move against the other until late in the third quarter. Sonora had a long drive underway that was kept alive by a throw-back screen from Vaquera to Will Anderson. On one of the first plays of the fourth quarter, Ricardo Rodriguez scored the only Sonora touchdown on a nice, hard six-yard run around the left end of the Bronco line. Aaron Gaytan's kick was perfect and the score was tied at 7 with 11:47 left in the game.

After the Sonora score, the Broncos recovered a fumble, and the crowd could sense a Bronco victory. The Eagles got the ball right back as they intercepted another pass.

Just when it appeared that the game would be going into overtime, the Eagle offense finally was able to move the chains. Facing a first and ten from the Bronco 20 yard line with 27 seconds left in the game, Junction quarterback Kyle Wimberly lofted a pass to Derik Hull that was caught for the winning score of 14 to 7 erasing 28 years worth of Eagle frustration.

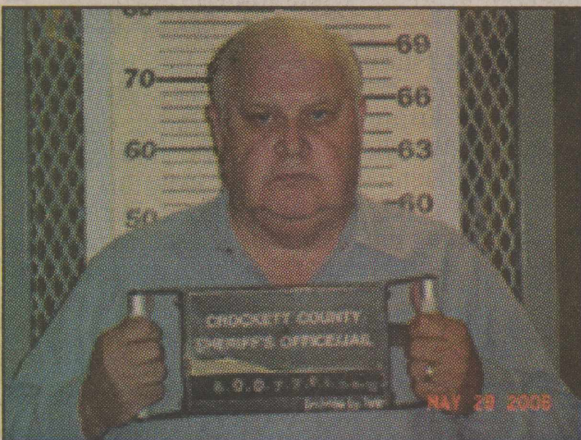
The Broncos led in all statistical categories except for the two most important – turnovers and final score. This week the Broncos face another long time rival – the Mason Punchers. Come out to Bronco Stadium and show your support for our Broncos.

Laughlin Sentenced to Federal Prison

By Melissa Perner

Editor and Publisher, Ozona Stockman

The former manager of Wool Growers Central Storage Co. in Ozona was sentenced last Friday to prison for taking \$2 million in a fraud scheme.



Donnie Laughlin

abetting. Laughlin was sentenced during a 15-minute hearing in the Lubbock Federal Courthouse.

Laughlin has been ordered to report to the Federal Correctional Institution in Big Spring on November 16th. The prison houses low-security male inmates and has a satellite camp for housing minimum-security male inmates.

Along with prison time, Laughlin was ordered to pay \$2,072,326.56 in restitution. The restitution is to start after Laughlin is released from prison, after which he will undergo a three-year term of supervised release. If Laughlin is unable to pay the full restitution amount during the supervised release period, he will make payments of \$200 per month until the restitution is paid in full, court documents state. Interest on the unpaid balance has been waived.

The restitution is to be paid to the U.S. District Clerk's office in San Angelo. The money will then be distributed to 77 creditors claiming to have lost money at Wool Growers.

Laughlin must also refrain from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without permission from the U.S. Probation Officer and must provide the probation officer with any requested financial information, court documents state. Laughlin shall not transfer, sell, give away or otherwise convey any asset with a value of \$500 or more without the approval of the U.S. Probation Officer. As directed by the probation officer, Laughlin shall apply monies received from income tax refunds, lottery or gambling winnings, inheritances, judgments, settlements and any anticipated or unexpected financial gains to paying the restitution.

Laughlin pled guilty on May 31st in Lubbock.

According to court documents, Laughlin carried out the scheme, beginning in March 2000, by selling producers' wool and mohair and not paying producers the money they were owed. Laughlin also sold wool and/or mohair without the producers' knowledge or permission. Instead of deducting fees for storage and commissions from these sales, then paying the balance to the producer, Laughlin would either keep the money for himself or transfer the money from the mohair/wool sales bank account to the bank account of Wool Growers' retail business.

Prosecutors alleged that Laughlin committed mail fraud by appropriating approximately 34 envelopes from five buyers of wool and mohair that were addressed to "Wool Growers Central Storage" in Ozona. The envelopes contained approximately 34 checks payable to "Wool Growers Central Storage" or "Sanderson Wool Commission" totaling approximately \$758,552.63. Each of the envelopes, and its contents, were to

be sent and delivered by the United States Postal Service, the documents state. The mail fraud scheme allegedly took place between Feb. 1, 2002 and May 25, 2006, the documents state.

The money was deposited into a bank account that was supposed to be for payment to the producers, not to be used for Wool Growers' expenses.

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Photo by Ray Glasscock

Riley Sanchez, Will Anderson and Ricardo Rodriguez move the ball against the Junction Eagles. Bronco fans were sensing victory, but had to settle for the first loss to Junction in 28 years after a touchdown by the Eagles in the last 27 seconds of the game.

Economic Development Group Reviews Phase 1 of Study

by Delyse Jaeger

Phase I of the Sonora Economic Development Initiative concluded Thursday, October 11th, with a presentation by AdventGX to the Sonora EDI Advisory Committee. Summarizing the work which began in June, AdventGX President Jose Quintana outlined the 15 top ranking components distilled from the original 53 identified in the preceding community workshops. After applying weight to each "development opportunity" based on how the community ranked the project, the economic impact, current stage of development, funding considerations and feasibility, AdventGX then fine tuned the rankings and grouped them into categories or opportunities, as follows: 1) Nature and heritage tourism; 2) Regional brand development; 3) Housing; 4) New business.

Infrastructure improvements ranked high on the list, but since the City is well past the planning stage on sewer and water improvements, this category was not part of the AdventGX presentation, other than to mention that streets, electrical service and internet access are infrastructure components that need to be addressed.

Quintana outlined strategies for accomplishing the goals and projects comprising each category and offered innovative funding and management ideas for consideration. As a possible avenue for further developing and promoting Sonora's nature and heritage tourism assets, Mr. Quintana described and recommended the formation of a Sonora Tourism Consortium. The model would create a framework for

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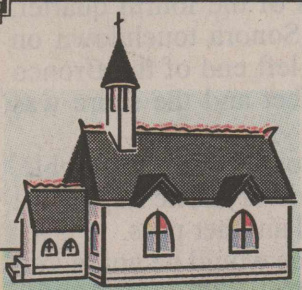
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Oct. 19 - Happy Birthday Jack Hearn!
- Mon. Oct. 22 - Happy Birthday Dorothy Jungk! Bingo!
- Tues. Oct. 23 - Exercise with video anyone?
- Wed. Oct. 24 - Kooking with Kelly Nutrition Ed. at noon!
- Thurs. Oct. 25 - Happy Birthday Teresa Zurita!
Sugar/blood pressure checks with hospital.

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Oct. 19 - Beef Tacos, pinto beans, taco shells, tossed salad, peach cobbler and milk.
- Mon. Oct. 22 - Polish Sausage, baked sliced potatoes, green beans, roll, blushing pears and milk.
- Tues. Oct. 23 - Chicken Strips with gravy, beans, greens, juice, milk, cornbread and cherry cobbler.
- Wed. Oct. 24 - Chopped Steak with onion gravy, mac & cheese, peas/carrots, roll, tropical fruit and milk.
- Thur. Oct. 25 - Steak Fingers with gravy, roll, potatoes, mixed vegetables, orange 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).



Sonora Church Directory

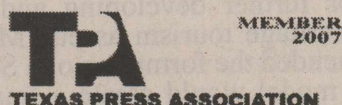
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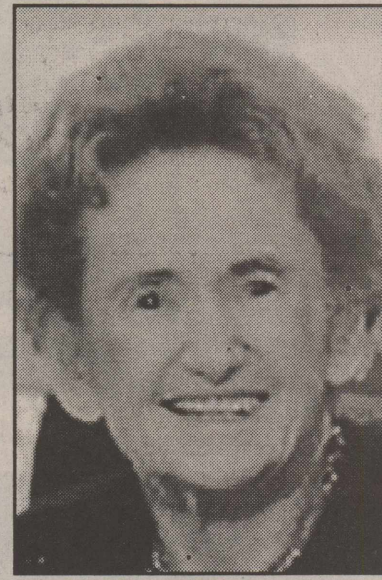
Juan Garcia "John" Lopez

Juan Garcia "John" Lopez of Sonora went to be with the Lord on October 10, 2007 after his courageous battle with cancer. Services were at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial at Sonora Cemetery. John worked in the oilfield construction business for many years then retired and started his own lawn service. John enjoyed playing bingo and most of all he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Augustine and Salome Lopez, sisters Christina, Helen, Feliz and Alexandra; brothers Arturo, Roy, Mike and Jullian. He is survived by his loving family who will cherish his memory; wife, Rita; daughters, Mary Barron and husband, Robert, Josie Emiliano and husband Fernando; sons John, Jr. and wife Betty, Arturo and wife Louise, Mike and wife Patricia, and Pete Sr.; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; brothers Augustine, Rufus and Jesse. Pallbearers were John Lopez III, Arturo Lopez, Jr., Pete Lo-

pez, Jr., Anthony Mata, John Hidalgo and Manuel Flores.

Broken Chain
We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Sarah Taylor McKee



Sarah Taylor McKee

Sarah Taylor McKee, 101, of San Angelo died peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 10, in her home after a long illness, in which she was greeted each morning with kisses and "Good Morning, Little Angel." Service was at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13th, at Johnson's Funeral Home with Milton Langston officiating. Burial was at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Sarah was a member of the Southgate Church of Christ. Pallbearers were members of the church. Sarah was born May 18, 1906, in Cherokee, San Saba County, to Robert Eli Taylor and Mattie Altizer Taylor. She was the fourth of 13 children. The family moved to Sonora when Sarah was 9 months old. Her father, a rancher and breeder of Angora goats, was a founder of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and of the Sonora Experiment Station. In 1918, Mr. Taylor purchased a 42-section ranch, of which two sections were in Eddy County, N.M., and the balance in Culberson County, Texas. The family lived in Carlsbad, N.M., for a time and then moved to the ranch, living on the New Mexico side. Sarah remembered that period vividly because the plentiful rains that had preceded the ranch purchase disappeared. For the

next seven years, she said, "We didn't have one good rain over all that ranch." The Taylors returned to Sonora in 1925, where R.E. Taylor continued to ranch. When her mother became seriously ill after having contracted the flu in 1918, Sarah suspended schooling for a time to take care of her ailing parent and six younger siblings. Fulfilling a promise, Sarah combined caregiving duties with studies and graduated salutatorian from Sonora High School in 1927, with her 5-year-old brother, Basil, sitting proudly on her knee during the ceremonies. She was born to nurture. Sarah's life traveled many avenues. The family ranched, raising prize-winning registered Angoras. In her youth, she rode horses, donkeys and various family conveyances, including a covered wagon, a hack pulled by a team of fast black mares with white faces, and an assortment of early automobiles. She loved singing ballads, whistling and little pigs. She was baptized at age 16 into the Church of Christ at Abilene Christian College. She later managed an apartment building in Georgetown in Washington, D.C. When the five siblings she raised entered World War II, Sarah became an aircraft mechanic to do her part for the war effort. She began at Fort Stockton Army Air Field, then transferred to Pecos Army Air Field, where there were bigger planes, a larger airport and housing for the ground crews. From there she transferred to Goodfellow Field. She proudly stated that not one of her planes was ever lost. A member of the Greatest Generation, she embodied the "can-do attitude" that makes our country strong. Sarah is survived by her daughters, Mary Dale Bryant and Mattie Mae McKee; grandson Jerry Glen Bryant (Lt. Col., USAF, retired) and wife Deborah of Maryland; granddaughter Peggy Aitches; great-grandson Anton Scott Aitches and wife Grace of San Antonio; sister-in-law Mrs. Basil (Velma) Taylor of San Antonio; J. Frost McKee of Pflugerville and wife Joni; and numerous nieces and nephews, and her loyal Pomeranian, Danny. Sarah was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers and sisters, Damon Taylor, Verna Mae Reynolds, Cashes W. Taylor, Tom Taylor, R.E. Taylor Jr., William A. (Pete) Taylor, John F. Taylor, Cora Bell Sofge, Jimmie Taylor, Basil Halburdt Taylor and Baby Girl Taylor. The family expresses enormous appreciation for the tender loving care showered on Sarah for four and a half years by VistaCare Hospice, and most especially of that team Ann Crow, Barbara Johnson, Marianne Simpson, R.N., Valerie Clagg, Irene Dykema, and the late Melanie Cox. The family thanks from the bottoms of their hearts the incredible support and devotion of long-time close friends Dee Burton and Linda Benavides. Memorials may be made to the San Angelo Christian Academy, 518 Country Club Road, San Angelo, Texas, 76904; Vista-Care Hospice; or to the charity of choice.

Thank You

On behalf of the Lopez Family, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone for the cards, flowers, visits, and especially for your prayers during the time our father was hospitalized in San Antonio. We thank those who honored our father by extending their friendship and compassion to our family during our time of grief over the loss of our father, John. A special thanks to the Guadalupanas for the meal after the funeral and to all those who brought food and gave us support.

May God Bless You,
The Lopez Family



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality health care for generations to come. Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation, PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950. All contributions 100% tax deductible.

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Historical Society



Supplies were delivered by freight wagons and picked up by local ranchers by wagon from Mayer Brothers and Company in the early days of Sonora.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

It has been a quiet but busy week. The office is closed on Saturday, but we are on the grounds and can be found in the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building/Old Depot painting the freight room. It was so dirty and dingy we figured it should look as pretty as our new outside for our renters.

No questions this week, so we will see what was happening in the October 18, 1919 issue of The Devil's River News: Heavy rains have fallen the past week over the country south and east of Sonora. They have come to within ten miles of town on the east and twenty miles on the south.

Stayton Ward returned Tuesday from a visit to his mother at Abilene. Mrs. John W. Martin and Al Purcel left for El Paso Sunday because of the serious illness of their brother, Sam Green.

Neil Roueche, head clerk with the City Grocery, met with a painful accident Saturday when he slipped on a piece of apple peeling and broke his right arm.

A. W. Consoer, of Dallas, was in town on business Tuesday. He was a Captain of Engineers in France and says the highways of that country could not stand the heavy truck traffic of the war. Illinois is building concrete highways in all directions from Chicago, and the automobile tax is paying for the work.

At 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 8th, Mr. T. E. Andrews and Miss Willie Adams were united in marriage in the office of N. R. Skaggs, County and District Clerk. Rev. S. F. Marsh, pastor of the Baptist Church, was the officiating minister. Mr. Andrews lived near London, where the couple will make their home. The bride is the daughter of D. Q. Adams of the Roosevelt community. Miss Edna Adams, a sister of the bride, and Ed Holmig, an uncle of the bride, of Sonora, accompanied the young people.

John C. Johnson returned this week from Mercury, where he visited his daughters, Mrs. Fannie Caywer and Miss Thelma Johnson. He made good the report of the news by seeing the circus at Brownwood, but he can't remember where he ever knew the lady dressed in blue he met there in the big ring.

Millard Parker who left Sonora with the first contingent from Sutton County for the National Army, arrived home from overseas Tuesday. After being a short time at Camp Travis, he was put in the motor repair shops and sent to France early and was, for seven months, stationed at Tours. From September to the signing of the Armistice, he

was at the front with the 27th Division. He is as full of jokes as ever, and has much more to talk about and is extremely happy to be back home. He is the son of Mrs. Agnes Parker, and never met a home boy during his absence.

Bade Merriman is the last of the Sonora boys to leave France. He is supposed to have sailed on the 5th of September, and may intend surprising the folks by dropping in on them any day now.

W. B. Keesee is in receipt of a letter from his son, Wallace Keesee of the Marines, now stationed at San Diego, Calif., stating that he again qualified as a marksman, being 4th among 233. He says he is glad the shooting is over and will be delighted when he can come home and see his mother and breathe the fresh air of the Devil's River country in civilian clothes, but does not know how long it will take him to fill his lungs and wants to get back in the service. He has only a few months more to complete his enlistment.

Now, a little memory of the not so good old days: Notice is hereby given that I, as County and City Health Officer will inspect the out-houses in the town of Sonora at least once a month, the first inspection to be made about October 20th. These houses are a public nuisance and dangerous to the health of the town if not properly attended to, so be prepared for inspection.

Another "Flu" epidemic is liable to spread in our town this fall and winter, and I want to suggest to the citizens that it would be a great preventative against the "Flu" if they would cut the weeds about their premises and haul off the trash, tin cans, etc., and give their premises a general and thorough clean up. A. G. Blanton, M.D.

It seems like the County and City Health Officer waited a little too long to tell people to clean up. Cold weather coming in meant the end of mosquito weather and their hiding in high weeds and any water in tin cans. It also meant most of the snakes and mice headed for warm places, or hibernation. If the outhouses were going to cause a problem, it would have been much worse in the heat of the summer, as the smell wafted on the gentle breezes. Maybe he just didn't want to brave the snakes, bugs, mice, mosquito population, and have to stick his head into smelly holes in the middle of the summer. His job would be much easier

in the cooler weather. I bet the current inspector is glad we don't have out-houses anymore!

The City Garage, H. P. Allison and Claude Keene, had an advertisement for Goodrich Tires and Willard's Storage Batteries. They were located East of the Hotel.

Sonora Tailor Shop says to order your Christmas suit now. Kahn, International and Ed. V. Price clothes ordered to measure. Call 138 for all your cleaning, pressing and altering needs.

Harold Saunders, Windmill Erector and Repairer - gas engines put up and repaired, work guaranteed. Phone 93. Morris-Gilmore Hardware, plumbing supplies, Queensware, furniture, oil stoves, ranges, fishing tackle, camp cots and chairs, paints and oil.

Attorneys: Wardlaw & Elliott and Alvis Johnson had advertisements in the paper. Dr. W. L. Langford, Physician and Surgeon could be reached at 108 at his office in the Craddock Building. Dr. A. G. Blanton could be reached at his office in the Jackson Building. Drs. G. L. Lewis and H. R. Wardlaw, eye, ear, nose and throat and glasses fitted had their offices at the Central National Bank Building in San Angelo.

As you can see there were no shootings, no brawls, just everyday life in a small town at the end of WWI.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call our offices at 325-387-5084 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12. We will be painting in the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building/Old Depot on Saturdays for a few weeks.

Unless several of our members volunteer to man the phones and babysit the office and Miers Home, the offices and museum will be closed November 15th and not reopen until December 4th. We will be spending a few weeks with our daughter in Mobile, Alabama to include Thanksgiving and Rick's birthday on the 29th. We will be in town during the Christmas and New Year holidays this year for anyone who is home and would like to do some family research.

Baylie Brown Signs Recording Contract

Baylie Brown of Krum, TX, the 17-year old granddaughter of Joe N. and Goldie Brown of Sonora, has signed a recording contract with Universal Studios. Her granddad came by the news office last week, beaming with pride, to let us know about her accomplishment.

Joe Brown said Baylie is being flown back and forth to Nashville in the company jet for work. Now a senior at Krum High School, Baylie has been singing profession-

ally since age 7. She was a contestant last year on American Idol.

Baylie has performed several times in Sonora, most recently singing the National Anthem at the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo in August. She will be recording country and western music.

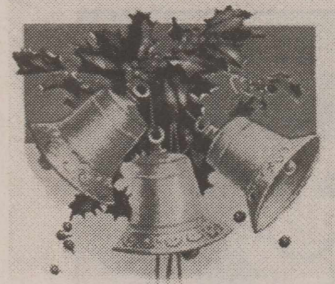


Baylie Brown

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Thank you all for the prayers, visits, cards, floral tributes, memorials, food, and just general kindness in the loss of our mother, daughter, sister and aunt, Brooke Jones. A special thank you to the ladies of the area for the meal at Immanuel Baptist Church. Another special thank you to the staff, and nurses at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and later Angela Community Hospital. Your kindness to Brooke and our family was beautiful. Also another special thank you to Vista Care Hospice of San Angelo for helping make Brooke's last hours easier for her and the family.

God Bless All Of You!!
The family of Brooke Jones
Xavier Nina, Carol Brookshier Jones, Robbie and Lorna Jones, Shan and Melissa Jones and family

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Mrs. Cody Schenkel nee Ashlie Herndon

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Debunking the Myth

Antiperspirants Do Not Cause Breast Cancer

Have you heard the rumor about antiperspirants or deodorants causing breast cancer? Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council would like to put your mind at ease regarding this false claim - antiperspirants do NOT cause breast cancer.

National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) say "there is no conclusive evidence linking the use of underarm antiperspirants or deodorants and the subsequent development of breast cancer."

antiperspirant or deodorant on the day of a mammogram. The American Cancer Society says the reason for this request is that "many of these products contain aluminum, which is a metal and can show up on a mammogram as tiny specks in the area."

By avoiding the use of these products, you can help prevent any confusion when the radiologist looks at the mammogram films.

If you are concerned about breast cancer, talk with your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider about your risk. You can also reduce your risk of develop-

ing or dying from breast cancer by avoiding or limiting the use of hormone replacement therapies, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, avoiding excessive alcohol consumption, and getting regular mammograms and clinical breast exams.

Researchers from both the important to the future of our town.

Correction: Now that I've Got Your Attention, Let's Talk Traffic

by Becky McAngus

I've been told that I'd better quit going to public meetings or I won't have any friends left!

I really, really messed up last week's front page. (The "L" was left out of "public" in the reliever route meeting article, for those who didn't catch it.)

it to Jay Leno. I was so embarrassed that I considered hiding out for several days.

Then I realized that life goes on. The best part about living in Sonora is the fact that most of the people who caught my mistake were comfortable enough to call and laugh with me, and then to offer encouragement. It's what makes this job so special.

I just hope people weren't so distracted by my typo that they forgot to read the story - because it's a story that is

important to the future of our town.

We just thought Ports-to-Plains was years away. The truth is that it's here now. The trouble is that our existing roadways were not designed to safely accommodate the increased traffic and that TxDOT doesn't have the money to build a reliever route.

The discussion about funding, right-of-way acquisi-

tion and landowner rights got right to the heart of the matter last Tuesday night. Something has to be done to ensure public safety, but how can we afford a bond issue to build a bypass that may or may not be beneficial to our community and may or may not be repaid by our state government?

I like the quality of life we have in Sonora - even if

we don't have a superstore or a strip-mall. I'm not interested in living in San Angelo. I don't like to wait in line. Our water is clean, our air is clean, and I still know almost everybody in town.

I promise not to work late anymore to try to get a story about a Tuesday night meeting in a newspaper printed Wednesday morning.

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.

The Sutton County 4-H Club will hold its general meeting for October on Tuesday, October 23rd at the 4-H Center.

The Bronco Booster Club will be chartering a bus for the Blanco football game. Seats will be \$35 and reservations may be made by contacting Team Graphics.

The annual Sonora Fall Festival will be held October 27th in Downtown Sonora. The event is sponsored by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street 325 387-2248

Sonora Independent School District Halloween Carnival is set for October 31st at the Elementary Campus.

The Annual Schleicher County Nursing Home Bean Cook-Off is set for October 27th in the outdoor court yard at the nursing home, 400 West Murchison in Eldorado.

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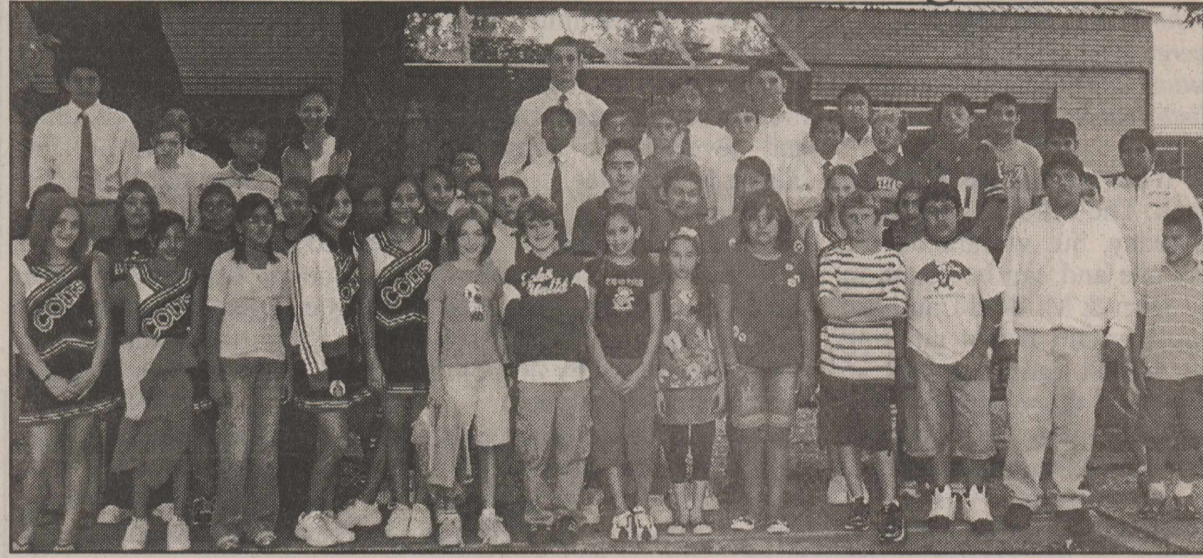
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Sonora Main Street has been very busy planning the annual Fall Festival. We are going to have the Story Book Parade on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and we invite everyone to dress up as their favorite storybook character.

The annual Trick-or-Treat event downtown will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 31st. This is a special treat for downtown businesses and the children of our community, and we invite everyone to join in.

Heritage Tourism, which is a focus of the friends of Historic Sonora, is directed to travelers who would like to experience the heritage of our city, region, community and country. People interested in heritage tourism in the Sonora area enjoy learning about the old West, history, traditions, culture, and local customs.

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Broncos JV Pounds Eagles JV 32-18

By Nancy Glasscock

After the bye week layoff, the Sonora JV football team got back to business at Bronco Stadium last Thursday night. Sonora's junior varsity defeated their much improved counterparts from Junction 32-18 for a 5-1 season record.

Defensive plays by Chacho Mesa, Mikey Sanchez, Ryan Garmon, and Colyer Dermody

stopped the Eagles' first offensive drive. Quarterback Ethan Morriss then went to work softening up the opposing defense by handing the ball off to Caleb Gonzales and Shane Patlan. Morriss' first pass to Gonzales failed. On the next play, the long pass play to the same receiver succeeded for the first touchdown at 5:26 in the game. Refugio Sanchez' kick was good.

Junction and Sonora then traded the ball until Junction, while trying to make their passing game work, had a ball picked off by Zac Rodriguez. Rodriguez took the ball about 65 yards for a defensive touchdown early in the second quarter. A Junction defender took one in the stomach for the visitors as he blocked Sanchez' kick. The thud of the ball hitting him in the stomach could easily be heard.

Again Junction tried using their passing game to move the ball and gain some momentum. Rodriguez plucked another errant pass out of the air and took it in for another defensive score. In the second quarter, Junction scored two passing touchdowns and closed the scoring gap to 19-12.

The Broncos responded with another two minute drill; as in the Ingram game. Morriss, not to be outdone by his signal calling opponent, drove the Broncos the length of the field. He rolled to his right and lofted a high pass into the endzone towards Gonzales. With two Junction defenders draped over his shoulders, Gonzales hauled the pig-

skin in for the JV Broncos' last score of the first half with only one second left on the clock. The two point conversion play failed. The score at halftime was 25-12 in the home team's favor.

Sonora tacked on seven more points in the third quarter. Morriss faked a handoff to Sanchez, kept the ball and ran 72 yards for the Bronco JV's final touchdown of the game. Sanchez' kick was good.

Junction had one more touchdown late in the game.

The Bronco defense stood its ground on the Eagles' last attempt at scoring. The crowd was thrilled to see Morriss intercept a pass and run 90 yards for an apparent score. The play was called back as the ref ruled that Morriss was guilty of pass interference. Colyer Dermody sacked the Eagle quarterback on third down. Then, on fourth down, the last Eagle pass fell incomplete. The final score was 32-18.

The Bronco JV team travels this Thursday to play the Puncher JV team in Mason. Good luck and notch up another victory!!

8th Grade Colts Win Defensive Battle

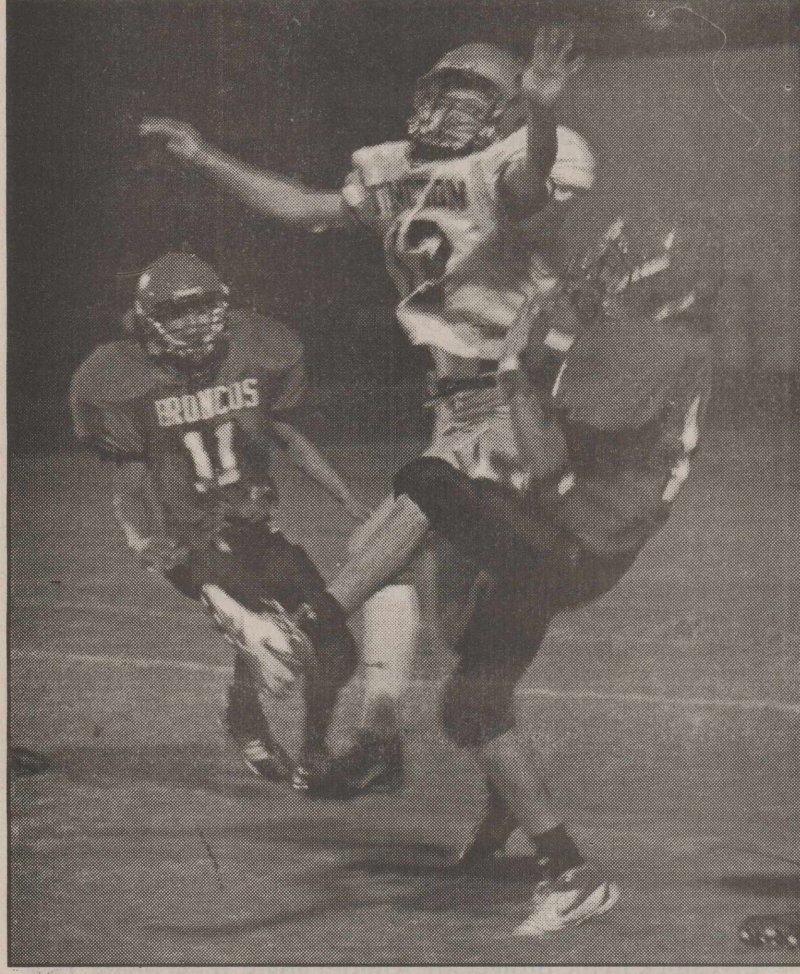
The 8th grade Sonora Colts pulled off a win Thursday night against the Junction eagles. The game was uneventful for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters with the Colt's defense holding the Eagles, then the Eagle's defense holding the Colts. Then in the 4th quarter, the Colts would hand off to Jorge Villanueva who would make the first down. The next play was handed off to Daniel Lankford who would carry the ball for a short gain on yardage. Once again the ball was handed to Jorge Villanueva who gained enough yardage to set up first and goal. Jorge Villanueva would take the next hand off all the way into the end zone for

the first score of the game. The points after would be no good; making the score Colts 6, Eagles 0 with 3:40 left in the 4th quarter. The Eagles would fumble on their next position with the Colts recovering.

But the Eagles held the Colts for no yardage, Word Hudson would kick the ball into the end zone, and the Eagles would have position on the 20. The Eagles tried passing with Colt guard Edward Garza breaking up the reception. The Eagles would then fumble again with the Colts recovering with 23 seconds on the clock. The game would end with another Colts win 6-0!

SISD to Host Halloween Carnival

The Sonora Independent School District will host the Halloween Carnival at the Sonora Elementary School Playground on Wednesday, October 31st, from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The school district promises fun, food and games, including a haunted house, bingo, ring toss, football toss, a putting game, as well as musical chairs, a concession stand, hair coloring, tattoo painting, and more.



Caleb Gonzales hauls in a pass from Ethan Morriss

7th Grade Colts Land Eagles

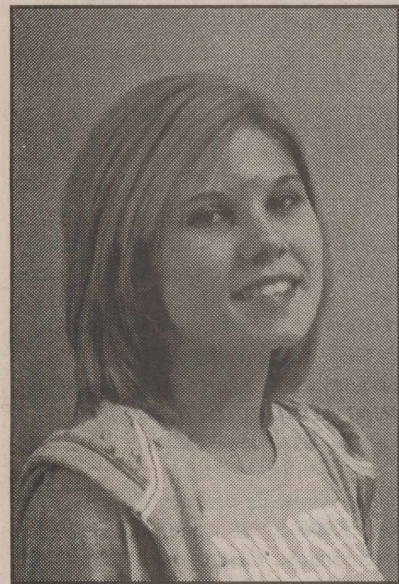
The 7th Grade Colts were once again on the road, traveling this time to take on the Eagles of Junction. The boys jumped out to a quick start when D. Lopez took a punt, found blocking to his right, and rumbled 60 yards to take the lead 6-0. The little guys went right back to work and hammered the Junction quarterback for a loss.

What Defense! The Colts have been clicking on all cylinders. We try to coach teamwork every day, but when players see the needs of others being as important as their own needs, they begin to reach out to those around them. The guys' attitudes and their sacrifices are showing up more and more in practice. With the Colts up 6-0 Jansen McBride scooted right for a nice gain of 18 yards. Garrett Bawcom went left into the endzone but the referee called the him out at the 4 yard line. With 1st and goal, Evans along with the

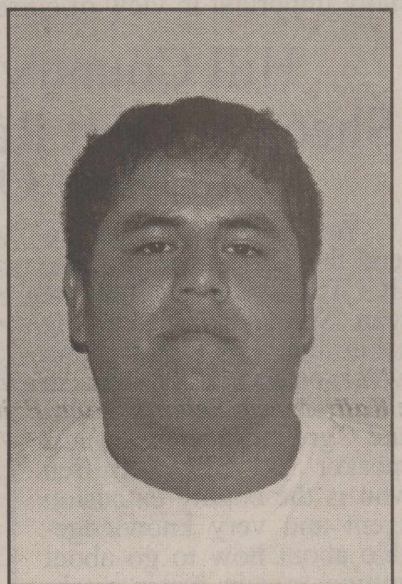
blocking of Esparza, Onofre, Gutierrez, and Sanchez punched the ball in to take a 12-0 lead. The two-point conversion was complete, thrown by Pennington to Powers, to go up 14-0. Upon the ensuing kickoff, the Eagles fumble and the Colts substituted different backs and receivers consisting of Ricardo Redino, Jason Alaman, Jesus Vasquez, and Kevin Buitron. These Colts drove the ball nicely but fumbled back to the Eagles right at halftime.

The second half started with another stop, by Dominguez, Hernandez and Jarratt. These guys did a great job at the defensive tackles, along with Esparza at linebacker. The Colts ended the game with a 28-8 victory to go 2-0 in District play and 5-1 over all.

Thanks for everyone's support. The Colts take on the Punchers of Mason Thursday, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m.



Naomi Sanders



Zadrian McGee

Sanders and McGee are Students of the Week

This week's Students of the Week are Zadrian McGee, senior, and Naomi Sanders, sophomore.

Zadrian McGee, son of Martin and Geneva McGee, enjoys football, his friendship with his girlfriend Paige, and school. His only dislike would happen to be the rumors and drama of high school. He is involved in PALS, Football, and Youth Group. He has lived in Sonora most of his life but was born in Yuma, Arizona. His favorite thing about Sonora High is the people. After graduation, he plans on attending Howard College and becoming either a Respiratory Technician or a Coach.

He would like to be a Respiratory Technician because he wants to be able to save lives and make good money.

Naomi Sanders, daughter of Cindy Sanders and John Nelson, likes to hang out with her boyfriend and with her friends. She dislikes rude comments that people have to say about her. She goes to Lighthouse Church and has not lived in Sonora her whole life. She moved to Sonora in the sixth grade from Borger, TX. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is that there are not very many people. After high school, she plans to move to California or Florida and attend college.

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Tues.- Sloppy Joes, fries, broccoli, mixed fruit
Wed.- Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, apple half
Thurs.- Fish Nuggets, corn on the cob, salad, grapes
Fri.- No School

2007 Varsity Football Schedule

Oct. 19 Mason	Home
Oct. 26 Brady	Away
Nov. 2 Blanco	Away
Nov. 9 Comfort	Home

All games start at 7:30

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2007 JV Football Schedule

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. 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. 22 District - Comfort
*Nov. 3 Regionals - Lubbock
*Nov. 10 State - Round Rock

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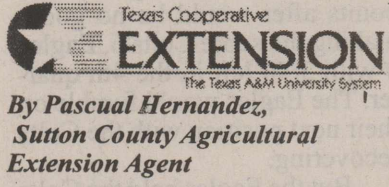
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“Ranching in the 21st Century” Workshop is October 26th



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

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surge in feral hog numbers.

To address emerging issues, Texas Cooperative Extension offers a “Ranching In The 21st Century” workshop every fall.

Additional items of interest for landowners will be: “Trends in Agricultural Land Use,” and the “Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)”.

Of particular interest may be the “Harvesting Mesquite for Ethanol” talk by Dr. Jim Ansley, Experiment Station Rangeland Ecologist.

and a process for converting the wood to ethanol. Mesquite is certainly one thing that Texas has much of.

Other talks include “Pesticide Laws & Regulations” as well as “Livestock Risk Protection & Drought Insurance”.

interact with their questions and concerns.

The program is being conducted by the Extension offices in Sutton, Edwards and Schleicher counties.

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Research Projects and Ranching Challenges are Topics for Oct. 18th Field Day

By Erika Campbell

The Texas Range Station at Barnhart will hold a field day, the first in several years, on October 18th.

The day's activities will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the station, which is located 21 miles north of Ozona on State Highway 163.

Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at San Angelo, said the time is right for the field day.

"We're very proud of the current work going on at the station, so we decided now was an excellent time to showcase that work to the public," Walker said.

The program will also provide an opportunity for producers to meet some of the new researchers leading the programs,

Walker said.

Morning topics will include a history of the field station and its ecology, and an introduction to the research being done at the station.

Lunch will be served on-site.

Afternoon topics will include a description of the station's research projects, overcoming the ranch's challenges, parasite management, breed differences in bitterweed susceptibility,

The 5-Star Project, will also be discussed. Walker said the project is evaluating the economic return from four types of livestock specifically chosen for their adaptability to a low-input, sustainable management system.

Livestock in the project are Angora goats, meat goats, Dorper x Barbado sheep and Rambouillet sheep.

The emphasis is on achieving environmental and economic sustainability through efficiency, Walker said. This is especially important in view of current rising feed prices, parasite

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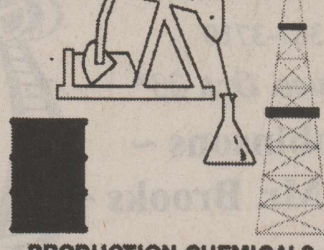
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Hill Country Chapter of Sheep & Goat Raisers Auxiliary to Meet Oct. 22nd

You are invited to attend the next meeting of the HCCTSGRA to be held at Jean Sultemeier's new log cabin that has a total rain water catchment system in place for the whole house and grounds.

The Auxiliary wants to thank everyone that attended the luncheon and style show that was held Tuesday, September 11th. We will once again be able to provide scholarships to youth enter-

ing into an agricultural field thanks to the success of the event.

Junction Stockyards

Market Report

10/15/2007

Sheep & Goats Market Report Sold 1800 head. Lambs and fat ewes steady. Thin ewes 1-3 lower. Choice kids steady, plainer kind 1-3 lower. Fat nannies 1-2 higher, thin nannies 1-3 lower. Billies and muttons steady..

Sheep:

- #1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs 1.00-1.08
- #1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs. 87-1.02
- #1 Old Crop Lambs 50-70 lbs. No test
- #1 Old Crop Lambs 70-90 lbs. No test
- Fat Ewes - .34-.40
- Thin Ewes - .12-.24
- Bucks - .28-.35
- Baby Tooth Ewes - .60-.72
- Solid Mouth Ewes - .37-.48
- Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Goats:

- Baby Tooth Angora - .60-.78
- Solid Mouth Angora Stocker Nannies - .32-.44
- Stocker Muttons - .50-.70
- Angora Kids - 1.10-1.25
- Angora Kids Shorn .92-1.10
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) - .17-.27
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies - .28-.34
- Stocker Spanish Nannies .60-.80
- Fat Spanish Nannies .38-.47
- Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies 72-.88 mutt. .90-1.10
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Junction Stockyards Junction, Texas 325-446-3378 Sheep & Goats sell Mondays @ 10:00 a.m.

Death Notice

Marilyn Mangum passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2007 in Austin, Texas. She was born on June 29, 1935 in San Angelo and grew up on their ranch with her parents, Ben F. and Myrtis Mittel, along with her brother, Ben Richard and sister, Melinda. Her husband, Charles, resides in Austin, along with their

son, Greg, and his family, as well as their daughter, Marisa, and her family in Seattle, WA. Her memorial service is being held on Friday, October 19th, in Austin. She can be lovingly remembered by memorials sent to South Texas Children's Home, P.O. Box 1210, Beeville, TX 78104.

Obituary and guestbook on-



Photo by Kristin Johnson

A Yellow Ribbon was tied on the Old Oak Tree for PVT Jacob Adams on October 10th, honoring the soldier and expressing the gratitude of our community and nation. PVT Adams is on his way to Germany for two years. Jacob is the son of Stanley and Daphney Adams of Sonora, the grandson of Eddie and Venetta Smith of Sonora and Lee and Thelma Adams of Del Rio. He is the great-grandson of Greta Smith, also of Sonora. PVT Adams recently graduated from AIT in El Paso on October 4th, where he trained to be a Patriot Missile Launcher. During that time, he participated in a BRM contest, (Basic Rifle Marksmanship) which consisted of shooting and breaking down and rebuilding his weapon. Out of his brigade, Jacob and another young man were the top two, and then competed as a team against 25 other teams. The other teams consisted of seasoned shooters from all branches. Jacob and his partner won the contest and received the Colonel's Coin of Excellence.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends, I hope this letter finds you in good health and fine spirits. I thought I had better drop you a line so that you know I am still around! Everything is ok. If it was not for the Army, we would be in good shape! Of course, there is nothing that the spirit and motivation of a bunch of Texans cannot overcome, and our Texas flag flies over our area just to remind the rest of the garrison of that fact. (They won't let us fly flags from our Hummys or we would be showing the bad guys as well.) My company runs escort missions for the convoys going north and seems to be doing a good job. Some of our Hummys are not the newest, but our mechanics have them in working order. Our other equipment is in good order as well. Living conditions are as good as can be for having to live on an Air Force base. I don't have anything too exciting to report. The prayers are working, and the bad guys always seem to be otherwise occupied when we roll by (which is good). Keep up the fight at home. I don't know what the press is saying (although I can guess), but the war is still real and the bad guys are STILL bad. They really do have evil designs and these Soldiers, Sailors (yes, even in the sand), Airmen and Marines are standing in their way. And, by-the-way, the GIs are doing a great job of it. Please continue to pray for our country, leadership, and the President. Leadership is only on track with the guidance of the Lord. Thank you for your love and support. Since my gunner does not seem to like my singing, I have more time to think about home when

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Sonora Economic Development Group Reviews Phase I

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ism Consortium. The model would create a framework for a collective vision and consolidate efforts among the entities currently engaged in nature and heritage tourism and promotion. Should the consortium reach its desired potential, the success could ultimately lead to a privatized corporation functioning some-

what as a travel agency would. AdventGX also recommended establishing a "Sonora Community Development Foundation" capable of receiving any grant monies awarded for the numerous projects identified which qualify for consideration from a variety of public and private funding entities. Regional Brand Develop-

ment deals with defining and marketing the "Sonora Experience" while complimenting the ongoing regional efforts already in place, such as the Texas Pecos Trail, West Texas Wildlife Trail and others. Sonora brand development can encompass anything from new business opportunities and products to web enhancement and enrichment of all educational and promotional items used to interface with the public.

While housing issues are not in the typical scope of the AdventGX economic strategies, Quintana presented recommendations and possible new housing models based on experience with other communities as a means of addressing the current shortage of affordable, quality housing in Sonora.

In conclusion, Mr. Quintana expressed his appreciation to the Committee and the citizens of Sonora for all the

hard work that has gone into the Sonora EDI project thus far. He commented on the uniqueness of Sonora, so rich in cultural and heritage tourism opportunities and so well positioned in the regional transportation grid. He said he believed that, with such dedicated and impassioned leaders and citizens striving

to make a difference, we will succeed in changing the economic well being of our community. SIDC President Max Horworth adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the hard work is just beginning. He announced that following a brief period to absorb the final report, the Sonora

Economic Development Initiative Advisory Committee will meet again to determine which projects to undertake first, assess available resources both human and financial, and identify leadership and management structures to move the project forward.



Sonora Cookers Take to the "Chili Road"



Pictured above with Miss New Mexico are the teams of Totally Wacked (Ronnie & Lynn Wipff) and Tia Loca's Cooking Team (Steve and Kelly Thorp). The group recently kicked off the new "Chili" year by competing in the New Mexico State Chili Cook-Off in Ruidoso.

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Bankruptcy Compromise Filed

By Melissa Perner
Editor and Publisher, Ozona Stockman

A compromise settlement agreement has been filed between Wool Growers Central Storage Co. and the Wardlaw Group of Sonora. Under the agreement filed October 9th, the Wool Growers Board of Directors has agreed to pay the Wardlaws \$170,000 in exchange for assignment of Wardlaw Group's two bankruptcy claims against Wool Growers, totalling \$252,215.44. The agreement will pay Wardlaw Group approximately 67.4 cents on the dollar, according to court documents.

The board of directors has also agreed to pay Wardlaw Group additional sums of \$35,000 for damages and \$35,000 in attorney fees to settle any and all claims made against them in the state court suit. The Wardlaws have agreed that the state court suit will be dismissed. The only difference in the settlement reached with the Wardlaw Group, from the settlement set forth in the motion to dismiss filed September 19th, is that, in addition to Wardlaw Group receiving approximately 67 cents on the dollar for their bankruptcy claims, they are being paid an additional \$70,000 to settle a state court lawsuit. Wardlaw Group filed a state lawsuit in February of 2007 at the Tom Green County Courthouse against the Wool Growers board of directors, George Bunger, Bill Black and John Allison, former manager Donnie Laughlin, former bookkeeper Tonya Stalcup and current manager Mike Edinburg.

Otherwise, the settlement reached with the Wardlaws does not affect in any way the settlement proposed in the motion to dismiss. Under the settlement agreement, the Wardlaws release any claims or causes of action that they may have against the board of directors and Wool Growers. The Wardlaws' objection to the original motion to

dismiss is to be withdrawn, documents state.

The settlement agreement motion states that the board of directors will contribute \$2.6 million to fund a settlement which will pay almost all of the administrative expenses and professional fees incurred and outstanding in this case. Also, it will give all allowed unsecured creditors the opportunity to settle their claims for 67.75 cents on the dollar.

The \$2.6 million has already been deposited with Walter O'Cheskey who has agreed to serve as escrow agent and disbursing agent. Upon dismissal of the case, O'Cheskey will send to each allowed unsecured creditor a form of release which, if each creditor so chooses, can be signed and returned to O'Cheskey, who will then immediately disburse to that creditor 67.75 cents on the dollar of that creditor's claims. The only exception being those claims held by the producer claimants from whose dividend will be subtracted their share of that portion of the Mohair Producer Board's Claim.

However, the producer claimants may then apply to the Mohair Producers Board and receive the difference on their claim; therefore, allowing and affording them full recovery and payment of the 67.75 cents on the dollar of their claim.

Any creditor not wishing to accept 67.75 cents on the dollar does not have to do so, but can refuse that offer and pursue whatever claims that they may have against whatever parties they believe to be liable to them on their claims, according to court documents.

Any interest earned on the money held by O'Cheskey will be used to pay professional fees that have been incurred since the filing of the motion to dismiss, which are over and above those fees to be paid as set forth and itemized in the motion to dismiss.

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Sonora PD Dispatch Log

Arrests October 3, 2007

• Carmin Henry Jackson, 23, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Failure to Report an Accident.

October 10, 2007

• Brett Ryan Dacy, 20, from Christoval, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Burglary of a Building.

October 11, 2007

• Stephanie Steger Doyle, 46, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

Incidents:

October 1, 2007

• 3:33 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

October 2, 2007

• 8:10 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 11:54 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 12:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 1:16 PM: Caller reported an abandoned animal. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 4:50 PM: Caller reported an abandoned animal. Animal Control Officer responded.

October 3, 2007

• 9:51 AM: Caller reported 3 abandoned kittens. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 10:25 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 11:13 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 2:39 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 2:48 PM: Caller requested assistance **October 4, 2007**

• 8:30 AM: Caller requested

assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 10:16 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 10:19 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 4:37 PM: Caller reported a hit and run. Officer responded.

October 5, 2007

• 1:44 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 3:57 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.

• 4:12 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

October 6, 2007

• NA

October 8, 2007

• NA

October 9, 2007

• 9:03 AM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.

October 10, 2007

• 1:45 PM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

October 11, 2007

• NA

October 12, 2007

• 4:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

October 13, 2007

• NA

October 14, 2007

• NA

with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy Notified.

• 3:15 PM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident at the Post Office. Officer responded.

• 3:21 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 4:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.



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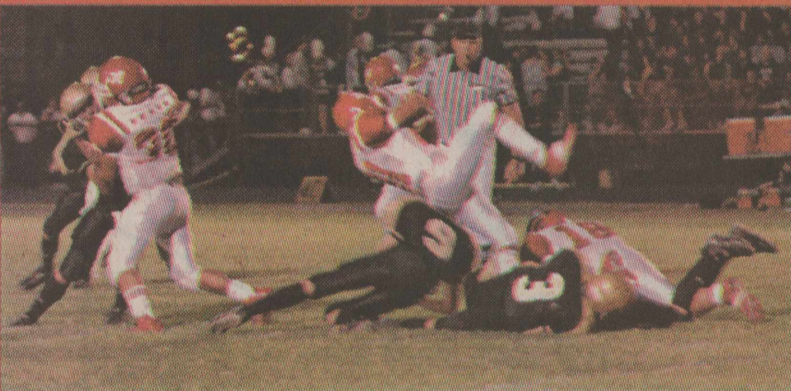
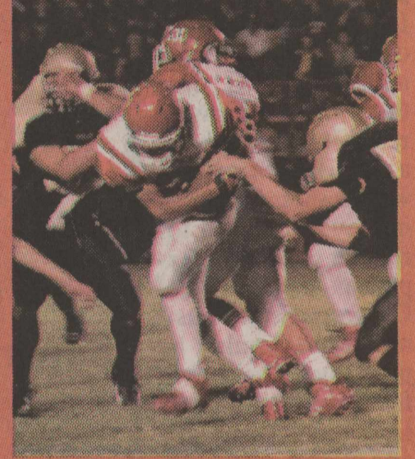
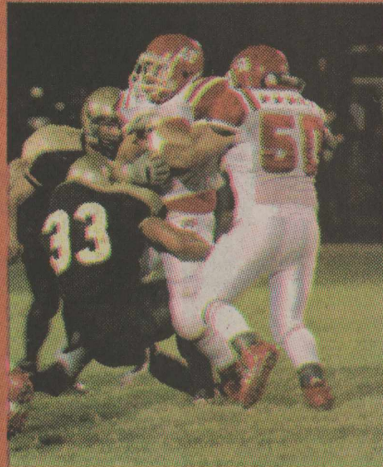
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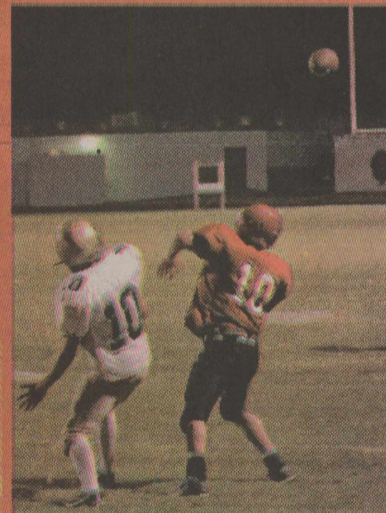
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Laughlin Sentenced
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Once the money from the fraudulent sales had been transferred from the producers bank account and deposited into the Wool Growers retail business bank account, Laughlin would then order the money to be used for regular business expenses of the Wool Growers retail business or would be used by Laughlin in the form of unauthorized additional salary checks and cash, the documents stated. Laughlin was hired in 1991 as manager of Wool Growers. Former bookkeeper Tonya Stalcup is currently serving a 33-month prison sentence in the Federal Prison Camp at Bryan, TX for fraud, swindling and aiding and abetting. After serving her prison time, Stalcup will also be placed on three years supervised release and ordered to pay \$200,000 in restitution.

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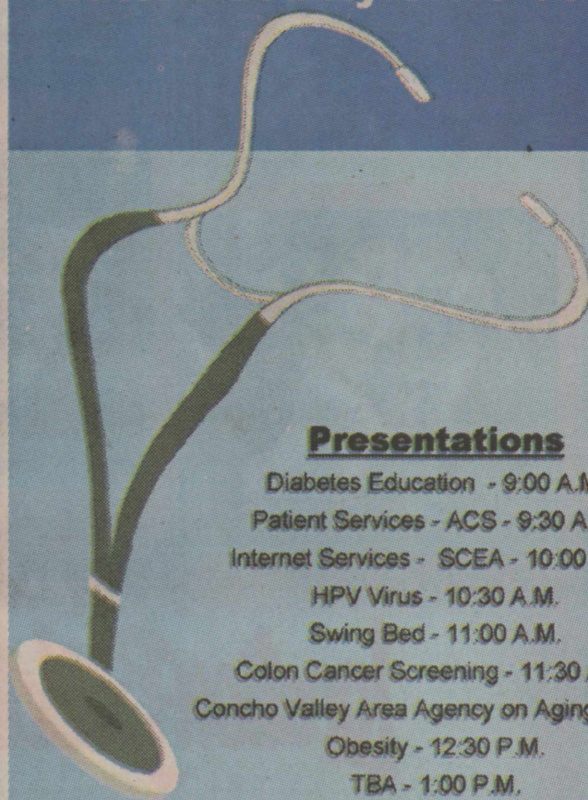
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