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The Winning Tradition Rolls On!

Sonora Athletes and Musicians Win Big



Photo by Mary Humphrey

Sonora Lady Broncos - 2007 Cross Country District Champion Team

by Tiffany Mathews

Despite cold weather, rain, and mud, our teams managed to pull thru with 3 district championships, and 2 runner-up championships. It was the first time in Sonora history for the girls' varsity team to bring home the gold. Both varsity girls and boys qualified for the regional meet in Lubbock on November 3rd. They have done a great job and represented our school well in this program! Varsity Girls: 1st place team with 34 Points! The girls and their times are as follows: Kallie Humphrey: Freshman, 3rd, 14:39; Alyssa Favila: Sophomore, 5th, 14:53; Valeria Buitron: Freshman, 6th, 14:58; Daniela Cano: Freshman, 9th, 15:07; Jessica Chavez: Senior, 11th, 15:23; Keeli Taylor: Sophomore, 28th, 16:46; Monica Sanchez: 31st, 16:54. The Bronco Boys Varsity placed second at district with 64 Points. The team includes Colton Moore: Senior, 2nd, 19:19; Cody Pena: Sophomore, 5th, 19:46; Mario Oliden: Sophomore, 10th, 20:17; Bailey Joe Pennington: Freshman, 21st, 21:16; J.T. Downing: Senior, 29th, 22:01; Amilkar Hernandez: Junior, 31st, 22:04; Paul Faz: Sophomore, Injured.

SHS Band Qualifies for Area

by Becky McAngus

The Mighty Bronco Band earned all "ones" at the Region 7 10-2A band contest over the weekend in Brady. Sonora Band Director Rusty Baldwin said the 73-member competition Bronco Band was among six bands to receive the division 1 rating and to qualify for the UIL Area Marching Contest on Saturday, October 27th in Belton.

Baldwin explained that, at regional, there are three judges who score bands' performances on a rating system from 1 to 5, with 5 being the worst score. The bands advancing to area will compete for ratings and scores against other bands, and only the top ten advance to finals. The top seven

bands from final competition go on to the state marching contest. The Mighty Bronco Band's greatest strength, according to Baldwin, is their music. "They play really good," he said proudly. Four seniors play solos, including Sierra Gomez, Juan Dominguez, Chelsea Martinez, and J.T. Downing. All of the soloists performed well at the regional contest.

The band has been practicing since early August to learn the 5 minute and 30 second routine they performed on Saturday. "We only have fifteen minutes to get on the field, perform and leave. There's only one shot at our fifteen minutes of fame," Baldwin said.



Photo by Juanita Gomez

Bug City



Photo by Dorothy Jungk

The autumn Monarch Migration has passed through Sonora. Dorothy Jungk, armed with her 35mm camera, captured several shots of the cloud of golden-winged visitors last week. On the other end of the spectrum, fall webworms are causing a great deal of concern for pecan tree owners. Information on both the butterflies and the leaf-munching moths may be found on page 8.

Broncos Blank Punchers

by Ray Glasscock

The Bronco defense pitched a shutout by holding the Punchers to zero points with a totally dominating performance! The magnitude of the defensive effort can be seen by looking at the Puncher's numbers: 32 yards rushing, 56 yards passing, two first downs, and no real threat to ever score.

The Broncos came out with a subtle change to their offense. When the Broncos broke the huddle, they rushed to the line, snapped the ball on a quick count, the offensive line attacked the Puncher defensive line, and the backs hit the holes hard and fast.

The Broncos scored on their first possession as they drove the field using runs by Victor Vaquera, Morgan Martinez, Ricardo Rodriguez, and Jordan McGuffin. McGuffin also caught a pass from Ethan Morriss for eight yards to keep a drive alive. In fact, the Broncos converted four fourth down plays on this drive, with the last one a blast up the middle for a 20 yard touchdown run by Martinez. Aaron Gaytan made his PAT even though it was partially blocked.

In the second quarter, Michael Jenkins intercepted a Puncher pass and returned it over 20 yards. This time, the Punchers stopped the Broncos on fourth down inside their five yard line. On their first play, with their backs against their own endzone, they fumbled, Martinez recovered and scored the second Bronco touchdown with about five minutes left in

the first half. Gaytan's PAT was good and the score at the half was 14 to 0 in favor of the Broncos.

In the fourth quarter, Rodriguez broke through the Puncher line and raced 47 yards for the final score of the night. Gaytan finished a perfect PAT night and the Broncos won 21 to 0.

From the vantage of the sidelines, I was able to witness some special plays. Riley Sanchez did an outstanding job of handling the snap on each of the PAT attempts. Albert Tovar and Gaytan continued their excellent play with several tackles for a loss. Jenkins and Cash Jennings made several hard, text book tackles. Dylan Castillo had an excellent night punting the ball, and Kris Aguero had an amazing punt return. I saw Fidel Acevedo make a NFL catch by dragging both toes in bounds. Too bad the referee didn't bring his A game and ruled Fiddle out of bounds. McGuffin and Nick Pena gained their yardage by refusing to go down.

Sonora made 12 first downs, rushed for 242 yards, and passed for 18 yards. Rodriguez and Martinez were the leading rushers with 94 and 50 yards respectively.

This week the Broncos travel to Brady to play the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have won three games and lost four. They have one district win and one district loss. The Broncos can expect a tough game. Brady beat Mason 48 to 2 and lost a close game to Blanco by a score of 18 to 13.



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Morgan Martinez scores the second touchdown of the game, the result of a fumble, Friday night as the Broncos shut out the Mason Punchers 21-0. Also pictured are Will Anderson, Tyler Creek, Dustin Neff and Cash Jennings.

Sonora Chamber Lists Upcoming Events

by Becky Covington,
Executive Director,
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Health Fair

Healthy snacks, free presentations, free health screenings, flu shots, and door prizes are a few of the things that are planned for the 2007 Sutton County Adult Health Fair.

The health fair is sponsored by Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on Wednesday, October 31st, from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

This year, the presentations will include a wide variety of topics people should be interested in, such as Beverlee Williams speaking on Diabetes Education, American Cancer Society speaking on Patient Services, Sutton County Extension Agent speaking on Internet Services, Ada speaking on HPV Virus, Carmen speaking on Swing Bed, Mary Beth speaking on Colon Cancer, Steve and Cari speaking on Obesity, and the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging and the Sonora Senior Center will also speak on subjects related to seniors. Each presentation should last 30-45 minutes, including question and answer time. And, people can sign up for door prizes throughout the whole day, putting their name in for a chance to win a great prize.

The health fair is an opportunity to provide the public with information and bring together a variety of health vendors to show what services are available. There really will be something for everyone.

41st Annual Sutton County Game Dinner

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. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 and tickets for the drawings are \$1.00 each for a chance to win 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 & shotguns, fishing & hunting equipment,

camping & outdoor equipment, and many, many more items. Get your tickets early and avoid the huge crowd that will be attending this event.

More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar

One of the most wonderful times of the year is Christmas and one of the most exciting events of the Christmas season is the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar. Everyone looks forward to this event as it brings people together and gives us the chance to see folks we haven't seen in a while. Come join us on November 16th, at the Sutton County Civic Center, to enjoy a unique Sonora experience while showing your support for local artists and craftsman.

Patrons find the shopping experience to be fun and re-

laxed. It's a great place to find a unique assortment of gifts for those you care about and something nice for yourself too. There are innumerable booths featuring an assortment of Christmas decorations, jewelry, aromatic candles, pies, pastries, delectable goodies and a lot of other stuff. Make plans to have your photo taken with Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause and/or an old time photo in vintage dress.

Our artists and craftsman find that they can produce their very best works of the year and sell them. Also, local retailers find it a great place to showcase what their business is about. Vendors who want to participate in this event need to get their application to Donna by November 9th. Vendor space goes quickly.

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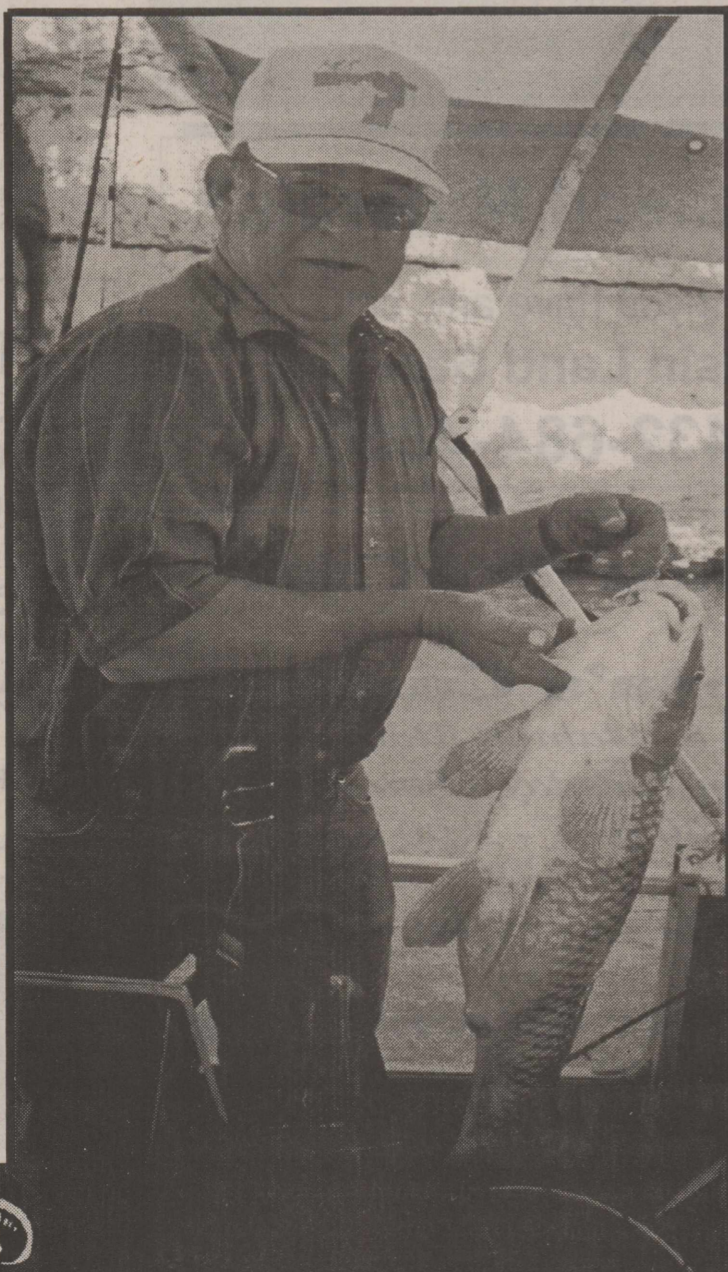
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The Lady Bronco Junior Varsity Cross Country team includes (left to right, back row) Sara Gillet, Mariah Dunn, Kimble Luna, Rose Karnes, Casey Chavarria, Meredith Earwood, Alyssa Vela, Chelby Ramos, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Azeneth Villanueva, (front row) Kash McGee, Daniella Castro, Britney Hernandez, Maci Zuniga, Morgan Smith, and Joell McGuffin.

JV Girls Win District CC Title

The Lady Broncos Junior Varsity Cross Country team captured the district title at Comfort on Monday, with five of our girls in the top ten finishers. In the girl's Junior varsity division, freshman Chelsey Lou Campbell was the first place finisher with Chelby Ramos taking third, Mariah Dunn in seventh, Brittany Hernandez in ninth and Morgan Smith in 10th. Rose Karnes was 11th, Daniella Castro placed 17th, Alyssa Vela 18th, Meredith Earwood 20th, Kaci Chavarria 24th; Joell McGuffin 27th, Sara Gillit 33rd, Kash McGee 34th, Kimble Luna 36th, Senida Martinez 37th, Azneith Villanueva 45th, and Yasmine Hernandez 47th.

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The Old Depot will not be available for rental after August 12th, until further notice.

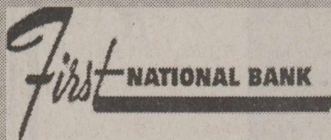
The Bronco Booster Club will be chartering a bus for the Blanco football game. Seats will be \$35 and reservations may be made by contacting Team Graphics.

The Sonora Band Boosters will have a meeting October 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the band hall. Please come out and support the band!

Sonora Independent School District's 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. On-site bean cooking over open fire, gas grill and slow cooker is allowed. For more information or to enter, please contact the nursing home at 853-3028.

A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. November 12th at the Sonora Elementary gymnasium. All veterans are invited to participate and are asked to call Amy at 387-6940, extension 3103.



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The Bronco Varsity boys accept the second place trophy at District competition in Comfort. Colton Moore was the second runner to cross the finish line in the boys varsity competition. Cody Pena placed 5th, Mario Olidin was 10th, Bailey Joe Pennington - 21st, Amikar Hernandez - 31st, J.T. Downing - 29th. Paul Faz was not able to participate due to a leg injury.

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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 27, 2007
Rule 37 Case No. 3253461
Status/Permit No. 645492

AMENDED
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OILGASMA TEXAS ROP, INC. (RRC Operator No. 222282) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the HEN DRILL permit in Sec. 179, DR. A, BEAUNT RR CO/RICKS, S 1 Survey, A-189, GRAYES (STREAM, NORTH) FIELD, SCHLEICHER County, being 10 miles SW direction from EL DORADO, TEXAS. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: GRAYES (STREAM, NORTH)

Lease/Unit Name: HENARD 179
Lease/Unit Well No.: 5
Lease/Unit Acres: 640.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 810.0
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Lease Lines:
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Grayes Lease: 810.0 P.W.L., 1918.0 P.W.L.

AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION, applicant also seeks permit authority in 3 additional fields: (1) FANGCUTT (MELFORD), (2) GRAYES (CANYON), NO rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

GRAYES (STREAM, NORTH): Statewide rules 467/1200, 49.0 acres.
FANGCUTT (MELFORD): GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 49.0 acres.
GRAYES (CANYON):
GAS Special Rules 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Optional rules 500/1000, 49.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7950 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, S. Towns, at (512)4809600.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or leaseholder of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearest to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A proponent should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY 5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 26, 2007 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My family chooses to live in Sonora because we love the land and we love the people. In fact, we just purchased a home in town (after living at the ranch for 10 years) and we look forward to becoming more a part of the community. With Sonora expanding and flourishing, it is an exciting time to live here.

However, as parents of a child who will be entering the Sonora school system in several years, we are especially observant about what we hear and read concerning the schools. The recent article revealing the late work "philosophy" is very disturbing. Seriously, who thinks this adequately prepares our children for life in the real world? I think any college professor or employer would find this cushy idea laughable and how does that reflect on our community when we do not properly arm our children for real life? Our schools

should be institutions of learning, not institutions of merely getting by. A questionable reputation in our school system might prevent families with children from moving here and might serve as a deal breaker to those who live here already.

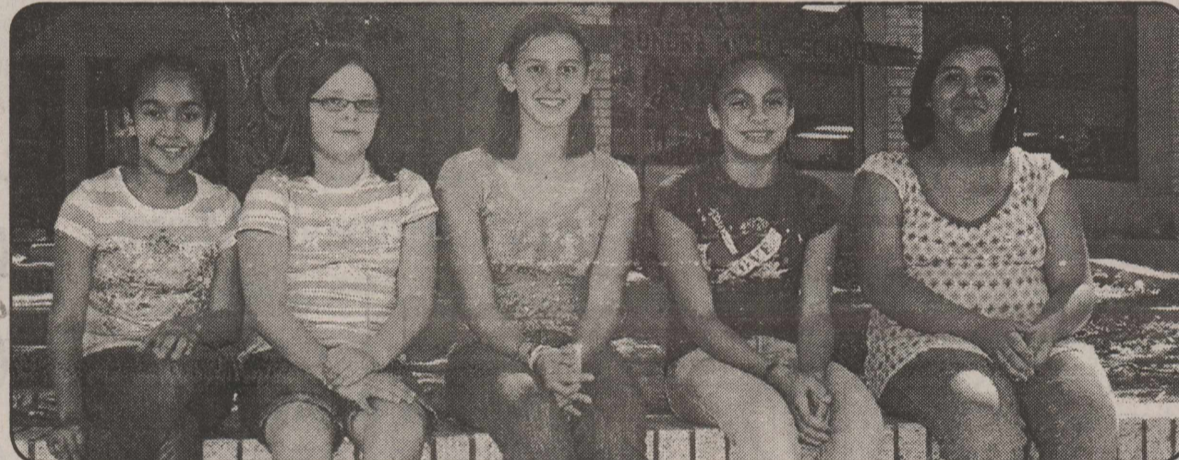
This letter will surely ruffle some feathers out there, and anyone who knows me well knows that I am very uncomfortable with even mild confrontation. However, I feel this is a matter worth being vocal about, and I'll risk the feathers. This is important, and I hope other parents will stand up for our children's education. Let's stop shaping our policies and "philosophies" around specific students and the sports program. Instead, let's give our wonderful teachers the tools they need to provide our children with the education and life lessons that will serve them well in the future.

Respectfully,
Chelsea Blackbird



Sonora Middle School All A Honor Roll

Earning the highest honors at Sonora Middle School for the first six weeks were the following students: Delilah Agüero, Cody Barber, Garrett Bawcom, Mario Bonilla, Brandi Cade, Chance Campbell, Abby Creek, Sidney Dermody, Stephen Esparza, Melissa Freeman, Macie Friess, Veronica Gaytan, Julia Gibbens, Word Hudson, Rebekah Infante, Stella Ingham, Jayton Jennings, Crystal Lopez, Kylie Love, Kamrie Martinez, Logan Smith, Alexa Sykes, Paige Sykes, and Kelsey Velez.



Middle School Colts Honor Roll: These students were selected by their teachers for their hard work and dedication to their education. They are, (left to right) Kimberly Fraire, Tori Harris, Michaela Moore, Jacinda Sanchez, and Kassandra Davila.

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Local Pecan Trees Shrouded With Fall Webworms

by Becky McAngus

It's bug city out there and many of the pecan trees in Sonora are shrouded with masses of fall webworms. The dirty-white webs of the *Hyphantria cunea* contain thousands of wriggling, leaf-eating caterpillars which, according to Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez, will not likely damage healthy trees. "It's pretty severe," Hernandez said of the current infestation of fall webworms. "But we're close enough to leaf drop that our pecan trees should be able to recover."

Hernandez said the cause of this year's infestation can be linked to the good rain Sonora and Sutton County received during the summer months. He said there are a couple of ways to rid our trees of the unsightly mess, but added that the most

effective treatment is to break the web to allow the caterpillar's natural enemies, like birds and wasps, to invade. Each web, often one to two yards long, covers a cluster of leaves on which the larvae feed. As the food supply is depleted, the moth larvae build larger webs to feed the next generation, often creating webs high in trees - out of reach for homeowners trying to invade their territory and out of the reach of conventional spray equipment.

Horticulturist David Fisher said that, as a parent of young children, he doesn't recommend spraying around homes. "Webworms are not going to cause a whole lot of damage to our trees in just one year - they just look ugly." Generally, he said, sprays are somewhat ineffective as they won't kill the eggs of the moth. He agrees that the best way to rid pecan trees of webworms is to poke a hole and ruin their nest. "Birds really like the larvae," he explained.

Webworms may seem impossible to fight. They exist year-round in our climate, in one form or another. In early spring, moths emerge from cocoons hidden in the bark of tree trunks and ground debris. Adult moths lay their eggs in clusters on the leaves of suitable host plants - our pecan trees. The eggs hatch within a week. The first generation of the growing season is often so small that the webs go unnoticed. It's the second generation, larger and more destructive, that most often creates the masses of webs.

There are some things we can do to protect the stately pecan trees of Sonora. Hernandez and Fisher agreed that spraying

must be a general application. If you spray and your neighbor does not, you run the risk of re-infestation. "Sprays are really ineffective unless you can penetrate the web," Fisher explained. He discussed the use of microbial pesticide, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt as it is most commonly known to horticulturists. This pesticide can be used as a dust or a spray, but, he added, "Bt is time sensitive - you've got to get it applied at just the right time in order to get any result from its application."

There are other ways to rid your trees of the masses of webs. Clip the infested branches and burn them or drown the larvae in a bucket of soapy water. A pole pruner with a lopper blade will help you reach webs within 16 feet of the ground.

The old-fashioned method of burning the webs out of trees is still effective - but risky with our dry weather and high winds. One internet writer suggests taking a long bamboo pole or length of PVC pipe, driving two nails in at 90-degree angles, leaving the nails protruding from the pole. You would then push the pole into the web and twist it, spinning the web on the nails. Most of the caterpillars, he said, will be rolled up in the web. You're going to want to wear some type of eye and head protection if you try this method.

The most important thing for pecan tree owners to remember is that the larvae hibernate in debris under the trees in the winter. We have to remove fallen leaves, ground debris and mulch, which could provide protection for the pupae during the winter months.

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The migratory pattern of Monarch Butterflies brings the golden, fluttering creatures through Sutton County.

Monarchs Make Autumn Visit

by Becky McAngus

Sonora was in peak form last week as thousands of migrating monarch butterflies flittered in on gentle northern breezes marking the change of seasons.

Monarchs that left Minnesota in late August arrived at our latitude (30°34'5" N) right on schedule. Generally, according to Monarch Watch, an organization of lepidopterists who keep track of the annual migration, butterfly enthusiasts in Sutton County can mark the calendar each year between October 10th and 22nd as our peak season. Weather patterns, such as strong southwesterly winds can retard the migration while rapidly moving cold fronts arriving from the northwest can advance the flight.

The butterflies that pass through Sonora are unique in that most butterflies only live four to five weeks. Monarchs on migration are a very special generation of butterflies. Referred to as the "Methuselah generation," migrating monarchs survive seven to eight months. Even though our autumn visitors appear to be adults, they won't mate or lay eggs until the following spring. Otherwise solitary

animals, they often cluster at night while moving ever southward.

In all of the world, no butterflies migrate like the Monarch. They travel much farther than all other tropical butterflies - up to three thousand miles - and they are the only butterflies in the world to make such a long, two-way migration every year. Fat, stored in their abdomens is a critical element of their survival for winter. This fat not only fuels their flight south, but must last until the next spring when they begin the flight back north. As they come through Sonora, they stop to collect nectar and can actually gain weight on the trip south.

Somehow these harbingers of autumn find the overwintering sites in Central Mexico every year. They fly in masses to the same winter roosts, often roosting in the same trees along the route, as their great-great-grandparents did the year before. Once they reach the United States the following spring, their offspring with only four to five weeks to live, continue the trek north over several generations to their summer home.

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For Lease: Office building located downtown at 206 E. Main St. \$350/ Month Call Main Street Realty 325-387-6115

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Public Notice
Frontier Mini Storage located on Hwy. 277 S, in Sonora, Texas; Sutton County will be holding a **public sale** on November 1, 2007 @ 10:30 a.m. (No early Birds) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's notice of "intent to sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of to the current date Leanne Perez, Phillip DeHovos, Elva Hulsey, Laura Galindo, Gilbert Lumbrebras, Sylvia Vasquez. If you feel there is a mistake, please feel free to contact this office asap. ****This is not going to be a garage sale. This will be a "bidding" on each unit as a whole according to its belongings. We will only accept CASH at this sale. We will have a very generic summary of items in each unit that will be sold off with a starting bid. If your bid is accepted, you agree to remove all items from that winning unit that day regardless. Be prepared to load all your items immediately after proper paper work and money is accepted. Any questions regarding this notice can be directed to Jana Dover 325-387-2104.**

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Sonora Main Street Receives National Honor

Submitted

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized Sonora, Texas as one of the 59 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2008 National Main Street Cities include: Amarillo, Beaumont, Beeville, Bowie, Bridgeport, Canton, Canyon, Carthage, Celina, Clifton, Colorado City, Comanche, Corsicana, Cotulla, Denison, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Fairfield, Farmersville, Freeport, Georgetown, Goliad, Gonzales, Grand Saline, Greenville, Harlingen, Henderson, Hillsboro, Huntsville, Kerrville, Kilgore, La Grange, La Porte, Levelland, Livingston, Llano, Lufkin, Luling, Marshall, McKinney, Mineola, Mount

Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Paris, Pharr, Plainview, Rio Grande City, San Angelo, San Marcos, Seguin, Spur, Taylor, Tyler, Waxahachie and Winnsboro.

"A lot of hard work goes into achieving this recognition, which honors the many people, including Main Street managers and volunteers, who put in countless hours to make their Main Street programs work. The result is an active and successful downtown revitalization effort that benefits not only the Main Street district, but also the entire community", said Debra Farst, state coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program. The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Conference in Fort Worth. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center will honor these cities at the 2008 National Main Streets Conference to be held in Philadelphia in March.

Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment. For additional information, visit the National Main Street web site at www.mainstreet.org and the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

For more information about the THC's Main Street Program visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a four-point approach: organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout the state. For more information, contact Debra Farst at 512/463-5758.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural re-

"Youth Only" Hunting Season is This Weekend

Passing the hunting heritage, as well as a rifle or shotgun, on to the next generation of hunters are what the upcoming special youth-only seasons are all about, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

TPWD has set aside this weekend, Oct. 27-28, as special youth-only seasons for white-tailed deer, Rio Grande turkey and waterfowl in the North and South Duck Zones, to encourage adults to share the hunting experience with the next generation of hunters.

"This special weekend is an opportunity for families to devote some time afield with the kids and pass on Texas' hunting heritage to the next generation," said TPWD wildlife division director Mike Berger. "We're seeing an abundance of wildlife across the state this year and there's never been a better time to get a youngster involved in hunting."

During the statewide special youth-only hunting weekend, licensed youth 16 years of age or younger will be allowed to harvest white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey.

A Special Youth Hunting License (\$6) is required and may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold, as well as online and by phone at 1-800-TX-LIC-4U for an additional convenience fee. General season bag limits for the county hunted apply during the youth-only weekend.

Hunting for geese, ducks, mergansers and coots during the youth-only season will be limited to youngsters 15 years of age or younger. Bag limits under the Hunter's Choice experimental program apply. Youth hunts for either sex white-tailed deer are scheduled during the special weekend season on 21 public hunting units covering about 325,000 acres, mostly in East Texas. Youth waterfowl hunts are available on many public hunting units. The Annual Public Hunting Permit is a \$48 permit, valid from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 of the following year.



Sonora's Main Street manager, Ann Kay is pictured above receiving congratulations from Debra Forest, State Coordinator for the Main Street Program.

Lost and Found!



A one-vehicle roll-over occurred at 12:30 a.m. Sunday night at mile marker 301 on Interstate 10. The EMS was the first on the scene and found no patients, the fire dept. rescue unit, EMS and Sheriff deputies looked for patients. Information indicated that the roll-over was due to a vehicle coming loose from the vehicle that was towing it. Evidently, the persons towing the vehicle lost it and didn't return to claim it.

Sonora PD Dispatch Log

Incidents:

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| <p>October 15, 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 AM: Caller reported an injured animal. Animal Control Officer responded. • 10:11 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded. • 10:27 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded. • 1:45 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded. • 2:16 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded. • 4:10 PM: Caller reported an injured animal. Animal Control Officer responded. | <p>vehicle. Officer responded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded. • 4:34 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded. |
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- October 16, 2007
- 8:55 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer notified.
 - 2:50 PM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- October 17, 2007
- 3:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Deputy notified.
- October 18, 2007
- 8:45 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 9:13 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a

Organization

IT'S A GIRL!

Jason and Beth Donaldson proudly announce the birth of their second child, **Jordin Paige Donaldson**. Jordin was born on October 10th, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and twenty inches long. Her sibling is Jaxon Donaldson. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Donaldson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Covington. She is also welcomed by Duane and Kim Jones, Jeff and Tracy Hart, and cousins Kaitlyn and Kera Jones and Kendal Hart.

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Property Rights, Increased State Spending are Focus of November Election

Early voting by personal appearance began on Monday, October 22nd. Registered voters who would like to cast an early ballot are instructed to present themselves and a form of identification at the County Clerk's office in Sutton County Courthouse Annex between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Early voting will take place through November 2nd. On November 6th, Texans are called to vote on 16 propositions to amend the Texas Constitution.

Most vital to property rights is proposition #7, especially in view of the fact that more rural land will be taken to benefit urban needs in the near future and in view of the veto of HB 2006:

Proposition 7 - HJR 30

"The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property." The constitutional amendment allows the sale of the property back to the owners if the public use of that property has been cancelled or no actual progress has been made toward the public use during a prescribed period of time.

Current law states that a governmental entity is required to offer to sell back the property to the previous owners or their heirs if the public use is cancelled before the 10th anniversary of the acquisition of the property and for the fair market value of the property at the moment of cancellation of public use.

Please find below the text of all the propositions. For a detailed analysis of the amendments prepared by the Texas Legislative Council, including arguments in favor or opposition to the amendments, please visit: <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubscon/amend/analyses07/analyses07.pdf>

Furthermore, on November 6 voters will cast a ballot for a special state representative election for District 97 (Ft. Worth, Benbrook, and Southwest Tarrant County areas) to replace Anna Mowery.

Ballot Language For November 6, 2007 Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 1 - HJR 103

"The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

Proposition 2 - SJR 57

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

Proposition 3 - HJR 40

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

Proposition 4 - SJR 65

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

Proposition 5 - SJR 44

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture

under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

Proposition 6 - HJR 54

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

Proposition 7 - HJR 30

"The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

Proposition 8 - HJR 72

"The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

Proposition 9 - SJR 29

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

Please feel free to contact the EWA office at 830-367-7761 for more information about this or other legislative issues.

Proposition 10 - HJR 69

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

Proposition 11 - HJR 19

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

Proposition 12 - SJR 64

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

Proposition 13 - HJR 6

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

Proposition 14 - HJR 36

"The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

Proposition 15 - HJR 60

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

Proposition 16 - SJR 20

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



by Tumbleweed Smith

There are some people who have had a great impact on my life. The first was my father who taught me to be fair. In high school and college I met a writer in Florida and an architect in Fort Worth who both worked out of their homes. Growing up in the

family grocery store, working at home was something totally new to me. At Baylor, I was fortunate to take a drama course from Paul Baker. He changed my life and still has an influence on me. I called him the other day (he's in his 90's) and he urged me to write some more books.

Speaking of books, I found a book at a bookstore sale at Baylor titled YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN by Thomas Wolfe. I had never read such prose in my life. His descriptions of life in America made me want to see this country and experience as much of it as I can. A few years

ago, I went to his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina, just to breathe the same air he breathed. After graduation from Baylor, I traveled 10,000 miles around the country, to Oregon, California, New York and Florida. I even threw in a side trip to Havana.

While working as a broadcast newsman, I met the humor writer, H. Allen Smith, who moved to Alpine from up north somewhere in the late 60's. He did his writing at home. We became good friends and when he died his widow told me I could have anything in his office. I asked for his typewriter. I kept

it for a number of years, then donated it to the museum at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

When I started my radio program I met Ace Reid, the cartoonist from Kerrville. I guess every aspiring person doing any kind of creative work has spent some nights on Ace's Draggin' S Ranch, getting food, drink, lodging and encouragement from him. Ace was perhaps the best storyteller I've ever recorded. He did his cartoons in the afternoons while watching Hogan's Heroes on TV in his bedroom.

When I started producing commercials, I went to the best

in the business, Chuck Blore, whose studio was in Hollywood. I wanted to soak in the atmosphere of the place where he worked. He was extremely cordial to me and I am still using some of the production techniques I learned there.

When I started after-dinner-speaking, I visited with Dr. Charles Jarvis and Bob Murphy and Cactus Pryor. I learned something from all of them.

The other night I interviewed Ken Burns, America's foremost documentarian. He was at Midland College to speak as part of a lecture series. I had a

short visit with him before his talk. We were lucky to see him, especially during the time his 15-part series, THE WAR, was on public television. I thought his speech was inspiring and motivating. It made me want to read, contemplate and write. It also made me realize how lucky I am to have been born in the USA. It made me glad to be a chronicler of Texas people and events, its small towns, festivals, characters, legends, folklore and history. And I get to write about them at home.

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Bruce Kerbow	Energy Saver Bulbs	Bid Texas On-line Inc.
Carl Teaff	27" Color TV	The Bank and Trust
Carl Teaff	Wall Clock	Newkirk Electric
Consuelo Ranch	Goat-Game Dinner	Joe and Ginger Wallace
Consuelo Ranch	Goat	Bud and Tommie Whitehead
Curry Campbell	Reciprocating Saw	Parker Lumber
Days Inn	1/2 Day Doxing	Carl J. Cahill
Doc Keller	Power/Light Circular Saw	Parker Lumber
Everett's Pharmacy	Goat-Game Dinner	Bud and Tommie Whitehead
First Nat'l bank	Goat-Fire Dept	Lee and Darlette Bloodworth
First Nat'l bank	\$300 Radio Advertising	The Revolution Broadcast Co
First Nat'l bank	Goat	Bud and Tommie Whitehead
George Wallace	Goat	Lee and Darlette Bloodworth
George Wallace	Buffet and Drinks for Two	Taco Grill
George Wallace	Goat	Bud and Tommie Whitehead
George Wallace	Lunch for 2	B&H Caterers
George Wallace	Tanksgiving Cooking-2 loaves, dessert	Melissa Teaff
George Wallace	Goat	Rousselot Ranch
Glen Fisher	Christmas Cooking	Melissa Teaff
Glen Fisher	Chain saw chain, oil, fuel mix	Sonora Air Cooled Engine
Glen Fisher	Energy Saver Bulbs	Bid Texas On-line Inc.
Glen Fisher	3 mths Wellness Center Membership/Bag	LHM Wellness Center
Glen Fisher	2 Water Trough Floats	Reliable Float Co.
Gretta Ramsdell	Homade Amish Rug	John and Sarah Wade
Iris Bradley	Books	Patti Strauch
Jim Cusenbary	12 Volt Jump Starter	Benson's Auto Repair
Jim Cusenbary	2 Water Trough Floats	Reliable Float Co.

Buyer	Item	Donor
Jim Cusenbary	Goat-Game Dinner	Drew and Less Wallace
Jim Cusenbary	Variable Speed Jig saw	Parker Lumber
Jim Cusenbary	Dog Food/Deer Corn	Red Horse Feeds
Jim Cusenbary	ATV Accessory Kit	Family Power Sports
Jim Garrett	\$50 Pest Control Service	Johnson's Pest Control
Jim Garrett	Pecan Pie	Zola's Motel
Jim Garrett	Framed Eaton Hill Wildflower Print	Chamber of Commerce
Jim Polanis	1/2 Day Doxing	Carl J. Cahill
Jimmy Cahill	Makita Circular Saw	Morningstar Woodworks
Jimmy Cahill	Free Nights Stay at Comfort Inn	Comfort Inn
Jimmy Cahill	"From Muskets to Mohair"	Friends of Historic Sonora
Jimmy Cahill	Chainsaw Sharpener	Lewis and Cindy Allen
Jimmy Cahill	Tin Texas Flag	Jim and Lorraine Polanis
Jimmy Cahill	Pecan Pie	Zola's Motel
Jimmy Cahill	18 Volt Cordless Drill	Parker Lumber
Jimmy Cahill	2 Christmas Ornaments	Friends of Historic Sonora
Jimmy Cahill	Ceramic Chip Cross	Smith Neal
Judith Wells	2 Christmas Ornaments	Friends of Historic Sonora
Keith, Vicki, Sid & Gerry Wallace	Goat	Virgil and Jackie Polocsek
Keith, Vicki, Sid & Gerry Wallace	Goat-Game Dinner	Virgil and Jackie Polocsek
Keith, Vicki, Sid & Gerry Wallace	Lamp	Gifts Galore and More
Larry Finklea	Goat	David and Beth Wallace
Larry Finklea	Handmade Amish Rug	John and Sarah Wade
Lewis Allen	10x5 Binoculars	Lone Star Collision
Location Builders	Goat-Location Builders	Morris Ranch
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Lolabeth Jones	1gloo Ice Chest	Lone Star Collision
Lolabeth Jones	18 Volt Power Tool Set	Lowe's
Mallory Rousselot	Rooster Painting	Delyse Jaeger
Mallory Rousselot	Pecan Pralines	Iris Garza
Mark Rousselot	\$50 Gift Certificate	Everett's Furniture
Max Howorth	Dinner for 4	La Mexicana
Max Howorth	Chili Pepper Painting	Sylvia Garcia
Max Howorth	Big Bend Painting	Ken Rowland
Melissa Teaff	Wagon of Toys	Hold Cat
Mike Hale	Gallon of Hot Sauce	Beto Duran
Mike Hale	Quart Lite	Newkirk Electric
Mike Hobbs	Thermos, Gloves, Knife	Lone Star Collision
Mike Hobbs	Metal Detector	John Ward

Buyer	Item	Donor
Mike Hobbs	100 pc Crescent Tool Set	HighMount
Nancy Brockman	Soup Tureen	Of Sonora Trading
Nancy Brockman	\$25.00 Gift Certificate	The Mercantile on Main
Nick Garza	Weather Radio	Aiko
Nick Garza	2 Christmas Ornaments	Friends of Historic Sonora
Norm Rousselot	Goat-Fire Dept	Jane Rushing
Norm Rousselot	Cloging Lesson-Give to Tryon Fields	Bob Brockman
Patti Prather	Toy High Lift Truck	AEP Texas
Pete Bradelly	2 pair Men's Mohair Socks	Jim and Margaret Garrett
Pete Bradelly	\$50 Travel Card	Best Western-Sonora
Pete Bradelly	One Laser Declaw of Front Feet/Spray	Dr. Patti Strauch
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Pete Bradelly	Gentlemen's Bath Assortment	Tidwell Production Co.
Pete Bradelly	Surf and Turf Dinner for 4	Schwan's
Pete Bradelly	2 Pair Women's Mohair Socks	Jim and Margaret Garrett
Pete Gomez	Hand Knitted Cap and Scarf	Richard and Jo Ann Palmer
Pete Gomez	Nights Lodging at Day's Inn	Day's Inn
Pete Gomez	Indoor Grill	Village Market
Pete Gomez	DVD Player	The Video Store
Pete Gomez	8 Speed Blender	Family Dollar
Pete Gomez	Toaster Oven	Village Market
Pete Gomez	Hand Crocheted Baby Blanket	Linda Jackson
Pete Gomez	3 Golf Club-#1, #3, & #5	Wanda Neville
Pete Gomez	\$50 Gift Certificate	Bahlman Cleaners
Pete Gomez	20 Snowcones	Fred's La Tienda
Pete Gomez	1 Year Subscription	The Devil's River News
Randee Fawcett	Makita Hammer Drill w/Angle Grinder	HighMount
Ronnie Cox	5 gal propane cylinder	United Fuel and Energy
Ronnie Cox	Pecan Pie	Zola's Motel
Ronnie Cox	One Year's Subscription	Devils River News
Rousselot Ranch	Case of Dr. Kist	Town and Country
Rousselot Ranch	Goat-Rousselot Ranch	Bud and Tommie Whitehead
Shelly Hughes	2 Christmas Ornaments	Friends of Historic Sonora
Tom Payton	\$10 Gift Certificate	TC's Barber Shop
Virgil Polocsek	Miter Saw With Laser	Duncan Waste
Virgil Polocsek	Pecan Pie	Zola's Motel

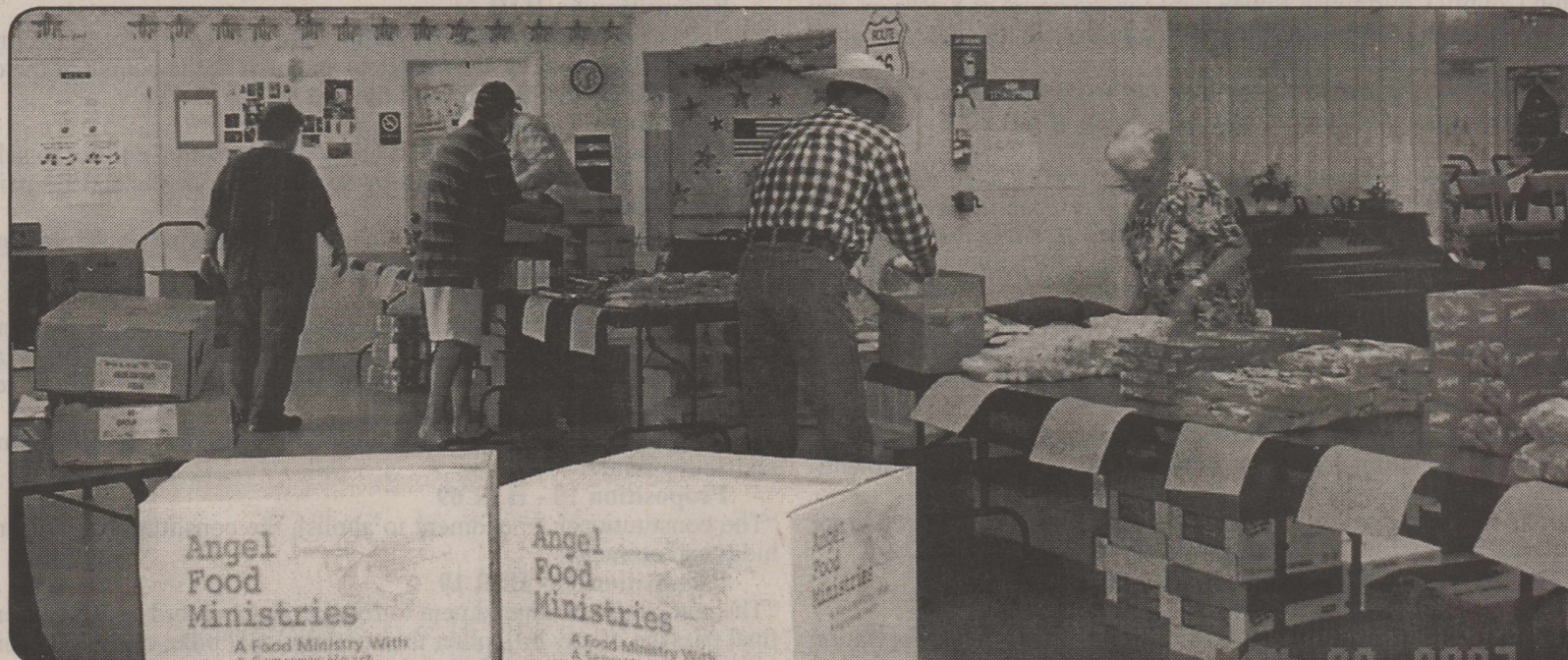
Angel Food Ministry is Neighbor Helping Neighbor

by Becky McAngus

"It's how we take care of each other. Everybody who participates is a volunteer - that's why the system works," said Jenny Sue Trainer, who heads the Angel Food Ministries program in Sonora. She is referring to local volunteers who participate by taking orders, collecting money and distributing food through the non-profit, non-denominational organization.

In Sonora, Angel Food Ministries feeds approximately 30 families a month, and as Bill and Eddie at the radio station have been telling listeners for months - "This is good food!" Trainer said Chik-Fil-A® donates chicken fillets to the ministry, and Banquet® donates frozen dinners. There are no second hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads, and no produce that is almost too ripe. "For \$25 a month, participants in the program receive a box of food that will provide meals for a family of four for a week. A single person or a couple can make this food last for up to a month," she added.

Simply getting the food from the corporate donors, wholesalers and restaurant suppliers to families in Sonora and to small towns all across America is a miracle of the first order. Orders and distribution are handled in Sonora through the efforts of a group of our dedicated neighbors, including United Parcel Service delivery man, Steve Campos. Campos, a member of PaulAnn Baptist Church in San Angelo, works on the "dock crew", meeting refrigerated eighteen-wheelers arriving at the church loaded down with fresh, refrigerated and frozen food. The crew unloads the truck and sends it on its way back to headquarters in Mon-



Everybody pitches in to organize boxes of food after the delivery truck arrives in Sonora. Distribution of food through the Angel Food Ministry is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers throughout the community.

roe, GA. Other volunteers break down the load into bulk orders for Sonora, Eldorado, Christoval, Ballinger, Paint Rock and other communities around San Angelo. Those bulk orders are picked up by volunteers from the receiving community and packed into boxes for distribution to participants in the Angel Food program.

Diana Condra supplies the trailer and the fuel for the once-monthly round trip from Sonora to San Angelo and Duke Frederickson drives the pickup and trailer. When Frederickson arrives in Sonora, he is met at the Sonora Senior Center by volunteers including Helen Hokit, Jeanette Turner, Juanita Mesa, Rosa Carrasco, Shayla Cavaness and members of Boy Scout Troop 19 or St. Ann's youth group, who break up the bulk order to be placed into boxes for participants in the program.

The orders for distribution are normally taken on or about the 25th of the month and delivered around the 15th of the

following month. A monthly menu, detailing the foodstuffs that will be delivered, is available online at www.angelfoodministries.com. Copies of the menu can be found in Sonora at the Senior Center, Sonora Medical Center's doctors' offices, the Health Department office or at Petal Pushers on Main Street. "Steve (Campos with UPS) sees a lot of people in Sonora every day. He hands out menus to people who ask, and Carol Ann Hardy, (the owner of Petal Pushers), helps

us out by taking orders at the flower shop," Jenny Sue said. Orders are also taken at the Senior Center; "Jim Polonis, (Sonora's city manager) has really helped us by allowing us to use the Senior center for our distribution site," she added.

Participants must pay cash when they place their order. For \$25, participants during the month of November will receive nine meat entrees, rice, pinto beans, fresh onions, frozen vegetables, and

dessert items. Orders will be taken this month on October 30th and 31st. For an additional \$18, you can order the November Special, which is

eight 8-ounce rib eye steaks, or a 4-pound steak combo with four 8-ounce steaks and four 8-ounce top sirloin steaks. Each month's menu is different from the previous month and consists of fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of \$50.

There are no applications to complete, and no qualifications for participation in the program - either as a purchaser or a volunteer. "Anyone can be part of this program. This is real grocery relief for lots of folks, it doesn't matter what age you are," Trainer said. As far as expanding the band of volunteers who make the program work so smoothly in Sonora, she encourages anyone interested in helping out to show up at the Senior Center about 10:30 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month. "We can always use help," she said.

Angel Food Orders Due Next Week

Sonora's Angel Food Ministry will take orders for November on October 30th and October 31st at the Sonora Senior Center or at Petal Pushers on Main Street in Sonora. These orders will be delivered on Saturday, November 17th, in time for holiday cooking. Orders for December will also be taken early, on November 27th and 28th and will be delivered on Saturday, December 15th. Participants in the program get significant savings on quality groceries. For more information on this program, please contact Jenny Sue Trainer at St. John's Episcopal Church; (325) 387-2955.

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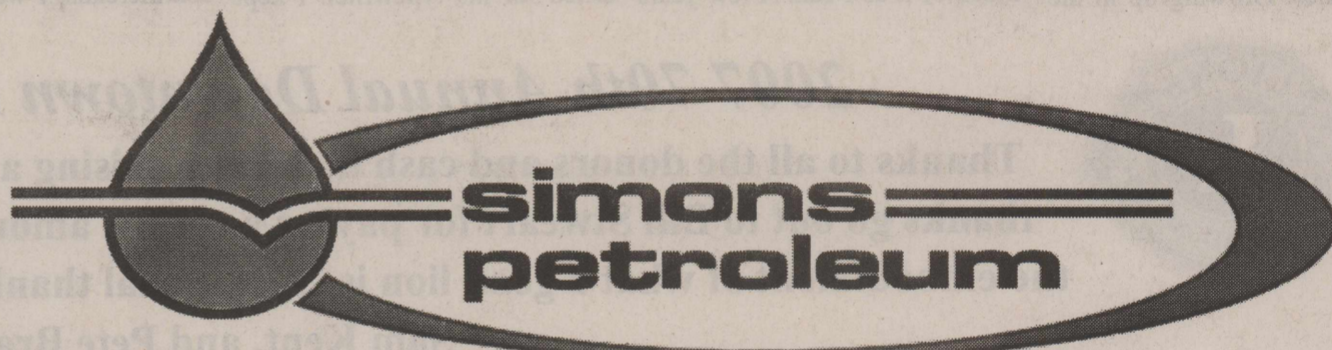
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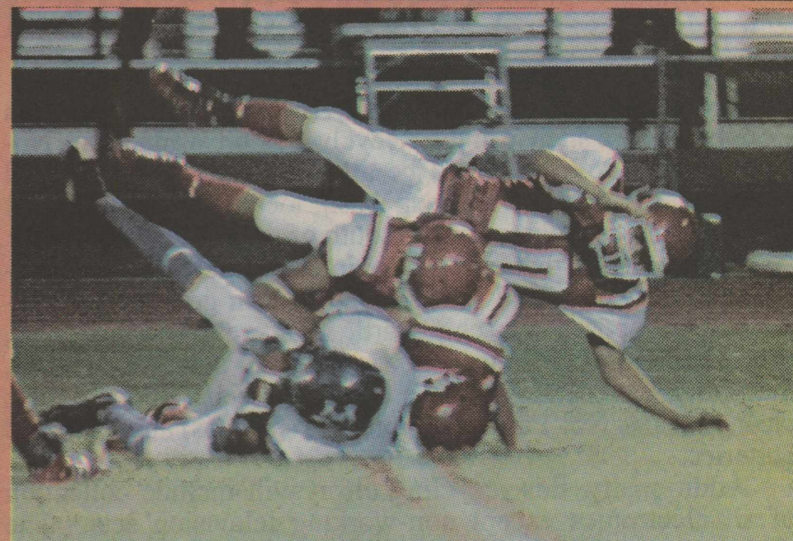
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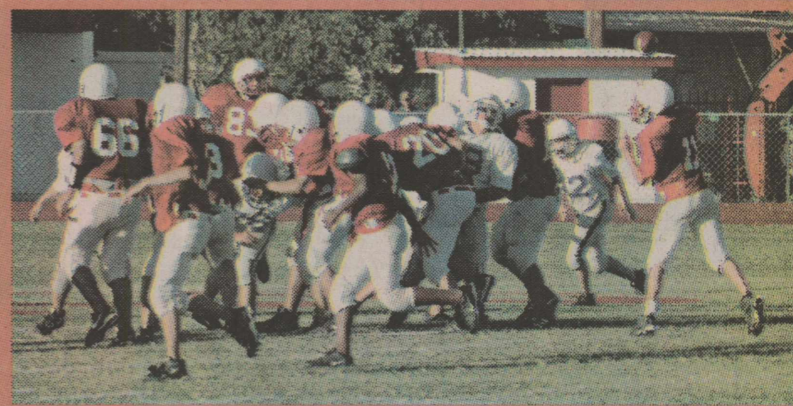
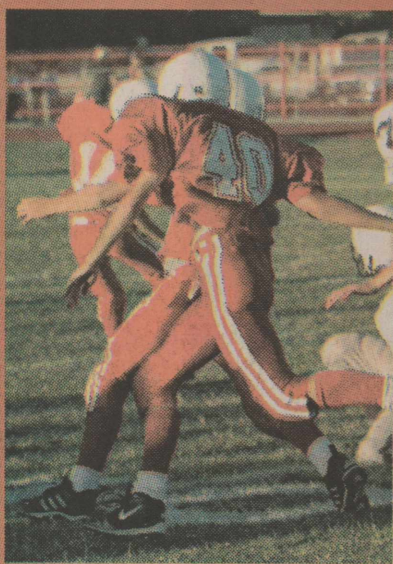
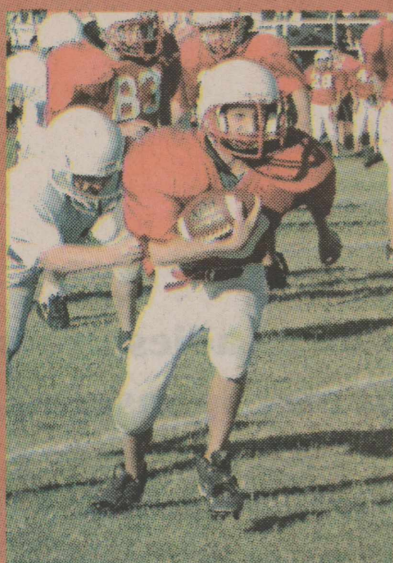
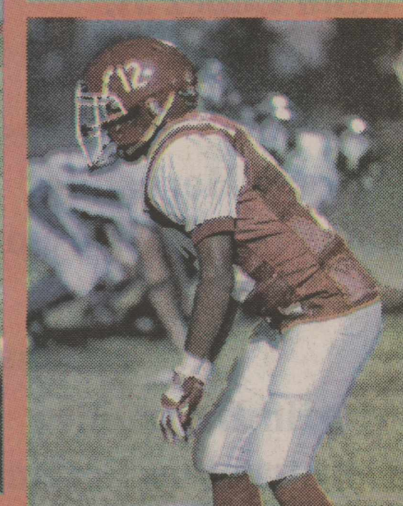
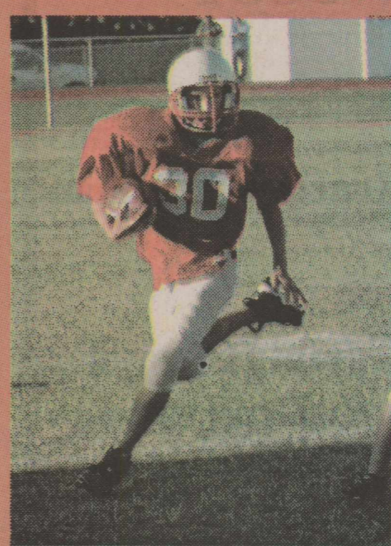
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Sonora Sets Recycling Event For November 7th

Submitted by Sam Kent

Keep Sonora Beautiful, TxDOT, AEP, Goodwill and Sutton County 4-H are sponsoring a Recycle Day on Wednesday, November 7th. Collection will be all day from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Sombrero's Laser Wash, located at 404 Crockett Avenue. (US 277, three blocks south of the post office).

Among items that will be accepted are gently used clothing and coats, toys and sports equipment in good repair, corrugated cardboard (no chipboard, i.e. cereal box material), office paper and junk mail, newspaper and newspaper flyers, magazines and catalogs, clean aluminum cans, phone books, clean tin cans, No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (no caps) and lead-acid batteries.

Additionally, this recycling effort will include collection of all electronics except non-working television sets. The electric laundry list includes ink jet cartridges, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, PC workstations, notebooks, fax machines, copiers, scanners, monitors, servers, phone systems, software, audio equipment, and any electronic components or scrap.

This collection will not include appliances, mattresses, box springs, tires, junk televisions, air or gas tanks, hazardous materials, trash, food or fencing wire.

If you are planning to take electronics to be recycled, please call 387-3166 by November 2nd to let them know what you plan to bring. Computers and larger items are being trucked

to San Angelo later in the week and then to Austin. Sponsors need to order the truck to Austin and want to be sure they get the right sized vehicle.

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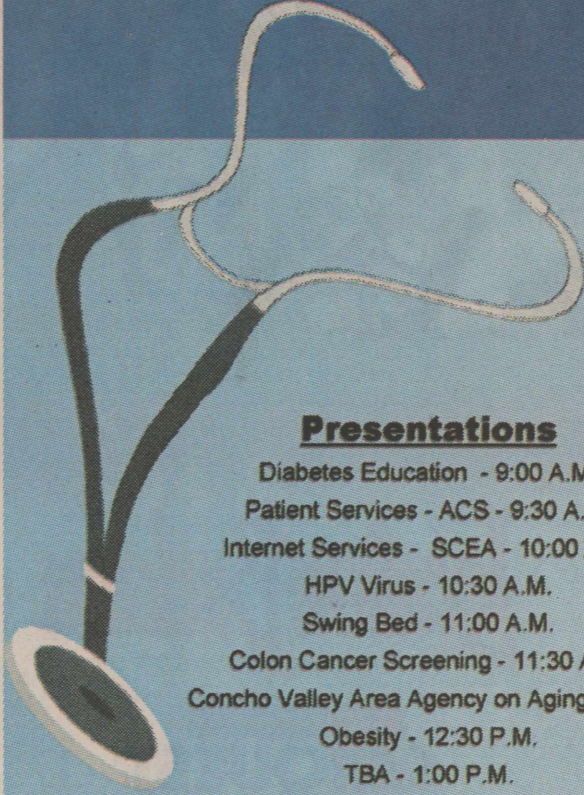
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- Internet Services - SCEA - 10:00 A.M.
- HPV Virus - 10:30 A.M.
- Swing Bed - 11:00 A.M.
- Colon Cancer Screening - 11:30 A.M.
- Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging - 12:00
- Obesity - 12:30 P.M.
- TBA - 1:00 P.M.
- Sonora Senior Center - 1:30 A.M.

Free Health Screenings

- Blood Draws - 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
- 100 Glucose Test
- 100 Lipid Panels

Prostate Specific Antigen Test -Men over 30

(All lab work requires a fasting blood sample. Do not eat or drink after midnight on October 30th.)

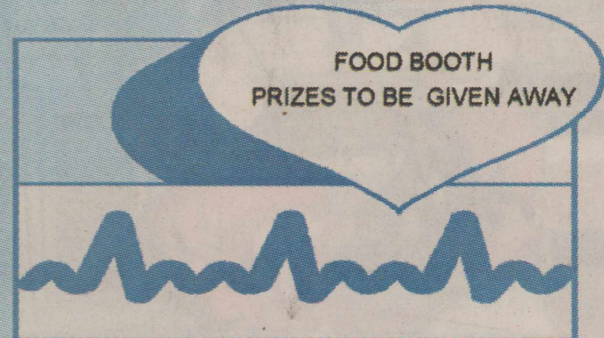
Pulmonary Lung Function Test

Blood Pressure Checks

Bone Density Exams - Schedule Only
\$50.00 - no insurance filed

Flu Shots - 11 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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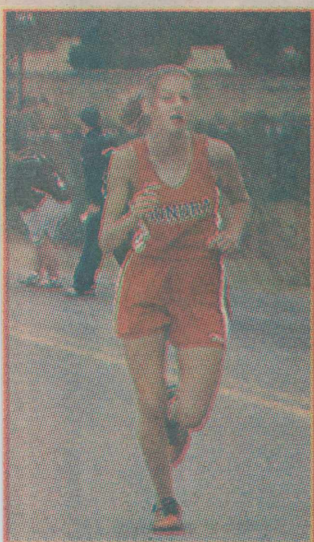
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Despite cold weather, rain, and mud, our teams managed to pull through with 3 district championships, and 2 runner-up championships. It was the first time in Sonora history for the girls' varsity team to bring home the gold. Both varsity girls and boys qualified for the regional meet in Lubbock on November 3rd. They have done a great job and represented our school well in this program!



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