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To all who are veterans or have family members currently serving in the military, I say "THANK YOU" for the freedom you have provided us.

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.
via e-mail to *The Devil's River News*

Veterans Day recognizes all who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy

Veterans should be thanked everyday, not just on November 11, but this is a special day, set aside to recognize all that they have done for us.

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of

the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress

See *Veteran's Day* page 8

Broncos make the play-offs

Sonora defeats Grape Creek 20 to 12 to secure spot

by Ray Glasscock

On the first cold night of the season, the Broncos traveled to Grape Creek with their play-off destiny in their hands. The Broncos won the toss and deferred to the second half. Zed Snodgrass kicked off and tackled the Eagle returner on the Eagle 35 yard line. Steven Duhon made the first tackle of the night. The Broncos gang tackled the next Grape Creek runner. On third down, the Eagles handed the ball to Josh Cavaness on the counter play. Cavaness got outside the line-backers and sped down the sideline for a Grape Creek touchdown. When they lined up to kick the extra point, the Broncos committed the first of only two penalties of the night as they jumped offside. Grape Creek changed to a running play, but Scottie Moore tackled the runner short of the goal line. For the first time in Grape Creek history, they had a lead over the Broncos at 6 to 0 with 10:30 left in the first quarter.

The first Bronco offensive series was not a thing of beauty. Caleb Ramos' first down pass to Austin Wagoner was incomplete. Moore's first carry from scrimmage lost four yards. Lito Trevino caught his first varsity pass short of the first down yardage. Moore had the ball centered over his head on fourth down. He managed to chase down the ball and get a short punt off before being tackled for a big loss.

With good field position, the Eagles made one of their two first downs in the first half on a fourth down try by using the counter that scored earlier. This time, Cavaness made it to the Bronco four yard line. Then Fernando Lopez broke



It was smiles and cheers for the Broncos who just secured a play-off spot by defeating the Eagles.

through the Bronco line and scored Grape Creek's second touchdown. Their kick was no good and the Broncos found themselves on the short end of a 12 to 0 score with 6:23 left in the first quarter.

Wilson Wallace fielded the kickoff and weaved his way through the Eagle defenders to the 35 yard line. This drive fared much better as the Bronco moved the ball down the field. Moore started the drive with a six yard gain. Clint Cearley hit Anthony Longoria with a six yard pass. Then he hit Chris Perez over the middle for a first down. Two keepers by Ramos and a 15 yard run by Stetson Perez moved the ball to the Grape Creek 12 yard line. From the 12, Moore gained one yard line, but a second down pass fell incomplete. Cearley

took the shotgun snap and looked for a receiver. Instead, he saw oncoming Grape Creek linemen. He avoided the first wave by ducking and bobbing. Forced out of the pocket, he scrambled to his left. When he got to the sideline, with no more room to scramble, he found Moore standing on the two yard line. Moore caught the ball and stepped into the end zone for the first Bronco touchdown. Wagoner split the uprights to make the score 12 to 7 at 2:42 left in the first quarter.

From this point on, the Bronco defense, led by the Duhon brothers, Laramie Hall, Tom Valliant, Diego Cardona, Brett McDaniel, and Wagoner, owned the Eagles. On first down, Hall and Cameron Cox stuffed the runner. On second and five, Moore flattened the

Eagle runner for no gain. The Eagles punted to the Broncos. However, they stepped up their defense and the Broncos were three and out with Moore punting on fourth down.

The Duhon brothers stopped the first two runs. On third down, Moore tackled Lopez behind the line of scrimmage by taking his legs out. The Eagles had to punt. Stetson Perez gained 15 yards and a first down. After two runs by Ramos, Cearley threw a short pass to Trevino who was tackled just short of the sticks. Moore ran from punt formation, but was tackled a yard short of the first down. Grape Creek took over at the Bronco 47 yard line. Dustin Duhon tackled the first down runner.

See *Broncos to play-offs* page 5



Sutton County welcomed hunters; prizes won at annual Game Dinner

by Storie Sharp

Drizzle and cold didn't stop the 37th annual Game Dinner from being a "blast" for game hunters and prize hunters alike. With more than 54 guns and over 50 additional prizes given away, the evening was full of winners. Of course, everyone who ate some of the fried turkey, venison, black buck antelope, camp bread, chili and beans, or that scrumptious "crazy cajun" Jambalaya went home a winner for the evening, with a full belly for sure.

The food was hot and weather was cold, but moving the event inside didn't seem to bother anyone. It was standing room only as the names were drawn from the huge tumbler by Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney. Kearney was helped this year by Little Miss Sutton County, Holly Sparks and Little



Charles Hutcherson accepts the "Hunter of the Year" award from Game Dinner President, Doug Huddleston and The Outdoor Channel's, Brenda Valentine.

See *Game Dinner* page 8

Commissioners set sewage system fee

by Storie Sharp

The contract with Charles McDonald as the DR for water management was finally approved at the November 10, meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners. After several weeks of review, the commissioners agreed to set the sewage system fee at \$250 for all properties, regardless of size and McDonald will manage the inspections for the systems.

In other business, Oscar Jimenez, with the Road and Bridge Department, reported that they were currently working on slopes and caliche roads. The weather has made mowing difficult in the last week, but they plan to finish mowing as soon as possible. Jimenez also said that he would be removing the gates on the new fences at the Sutton County Park until they were needed again. This will keep them from being torn up. No parking signs have been posted on all the fences.

Sutton County Auditor, Maura Weingart, reported that the commissioners needed to set a limit on the amount of assets to be listed in the GASBY inventory. All property will be inventoried, but only items over \$5,000 will be listed in the GASBY report. This inventory will even include county roads.

Betty Hernandez, County Clerk, reported that \$6,207.07 was collected for the District in October, and \$14,385.75 for the county.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner reported that the current redistricting plan, if it stays as is, has cut Sutton County into two national rep-

See *Commissioners* page 8



Stagecoach BBQ & Catering adds on, opens new location

Kirk Joy was joined by family, friends, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce as he cut the ribbon for the opening of his new location and business. Stagecoach BBQ & Catering has moved to 801 Tayloe, next to Rafter W Feed. The new location is larger and will now offer Deer Processing, with Preston Joy. In addition to his great chopped beef sandwiches, Kirk will offer pork loins, rib eyes, pork ribs, thick cut bacon, catfish filets, hamburger and BBQ by the pound in the meat market. For deer processing questions just drop by or call (325)387-0623 or (325)650-0623. Visit Kirk and Preston today and plan that holiday meal early.

Great American Smokeout hopes to help kick the habit

AUSTIN-TX, -- On November 20, the American Cancer Society®, the nation's leading voluntary health agency, will host the 27th Great American Smokeout® and help millions of smokers kick the habit, and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.


The Great American Smokeout® promotion is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when smokers are asked to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they


all have the potential to cause cancer. Because approximately 32 million smokers (out of 46 million current smokers) want to quit smoking completely, the American Cancer Society will continue to offer support and education to the public. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them.

Approximately 10,900 Texans will be diagnosed with

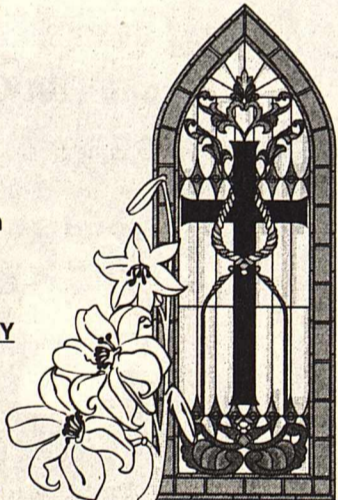
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Obituaries

Irma Gomez Favila

Irma Gomez Favila passed away on November 8, 2003, in a local nursing home. She was 68. Irma was born on December 15, 1934, to Servando and Auroura Gomez in Crystal City, Texas. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1952, where she was a charter member of the National Honor Society. She married Jessie C. Favila on September 15, 1956, and raised three children, Cindy, Randy, and Matt Favila. She worked as a waitress at the Commercial Restaurant in Sonora for many years before retiring as a teacher's aide with the Sonora Independent School District in 1987.



Jessie Favila. She is survived by her sons Randy Favila and his wife Rita, Matt Favila and his wife Mercy, grandchildren Monique, Christopher, Gabriela, Daniella, and Olivia Favila, brothers-in-law Raul Favila and his wife Eloisa, Gil Favila and his wife Maria Elena, sister-in-law Romelia Champion and her husband Ruben, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Irma was a devoted Catholic all of her life. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sonora, Texas, with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Irma was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Cindy, and her husband of 46 years,

Fernande Van Slaars

Fernande Van Slaars, 99, wife of the late Sidney Van Slaars of Meaux, France, went to meet her Lord on Saturday, November 8, 2003, in a regional nursing home.



She was born March 8, 1904, in Constantinople, Turkey, to Jules and Jeanne Noble.

She is survived by sons, Robert and wife, Gloria, and Henry Van Slaars of San Angelo, Texas; and daughters, Marilyn and husband, Jean Marie Goisque, and Janine Van Slaars of Meaux, France.

She leaves nine beloved grandchildren, Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora; and Patti Spruell, Joe Van Slaars and Jeanne Miller, all of San Angelo; Christine Gernez-Goisque, Denis Goisque, Hubert Goisque, Veronique Minet and Stephanie Goisque, all of France. Also sur-

viving her are 18 great-grandchildren: Kristen Hardgrave of Dallas, Ryan Hardgrave of San Antonio, Chad Spruell of Ft. Bliss; Austin Spruell, Michaela Miller and Matthew Miller, of San Angelo; and Maylis, Anne-Sophie, Emmanuelle, Guilhem, Guillaume, Bruno, Raphael and Remi Goisque, Camille, Marion, Paul and Clementine Minet, all of France.

Card of Thanks

Cub Scout Pack 19 would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity! Our Annual Popcorn Sale was a great success! Thank you for all your support! We would also like to thank Loretta Garmon for all her hard work in organizing this event!

We would like to sincerely thank all the friends that visited Sharon during her illness. She enjoyed all your visits! We would also like to express a sincere heartfelt thanks for all who brought food, drinks and the beautiful flowers. We appreciate the remembrance of our mother.

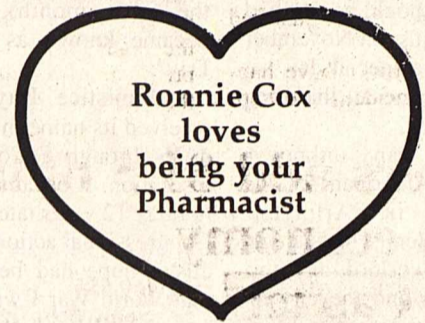
Thank you again,
Jerry, Brittany, David, Shannon & Dawn

The Hudspeth Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the community for their support of the Auxiliary Rummage Sale. Over \$1000 was raised toward landscaping of the new hospital facilities. This would not have been possible without all of the community donations and those who supported us with their purchases.

We also owe a huge thank you to Danny Curtis and "Beavers" Perez for all their moving, carrying, toting, and then helping clean up! Many thanks, also, to Keith Butler who always goes above and beyond the call of duty.



The YMCA Heavyweight Football Team ended their season this past Sunday. It was a great experience and they learned so much that will help them in their futures. Without the help of their great sponsors, Multi-Chem and Creek this would have not been possible. Thank you to the Coaches Larry Jennings, and Scott Neff, for their leadership and dedication in teaching these boys not only the game of football, but also about sportsmanship and camaraderie. Many of these boys have been playing YMCA football together for four years. Watch out! These future Broncos look pretty promising.



Senior Center News

- Nov. 17 - Bingo.
- Nov. 18 - CEAP Energy Assst. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 19 - Van to San Angelo! Call 387-3941. Medicals come first!
- Nov. 20 - Kooking with Kelly. Noon. Nutrition Education.
- Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Meal and Program. Noon.

Senior Center Menu

- Nov. 17 - Hamburger on bun, oven French fries, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, carrot salad, milk, fruit.
 - Nov. 18 - Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, mixed fruit, sugar cookie, milk.
 - Nov. 19 - Chicken strip with gravy, mustard greens, beans, cornbread, cobbler, milk.
 - Nov. 20 - Beef stew with stewed vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk.
 - Nov. 21 - Turkey with gravy, cranberry sauce, dressing, green beans, coleslaw, roll, pumpkin pie, milk.
- Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.**
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. *Menu is subject to change.*

School Lunch Menu • Nov. 17 - Nov. 21, 2003

- Breakfast**
- Mon. - Pancake on a stick, orange juice, milk.
 - Tues. - French toast sticks, apple juice, milk.
 - Wed. - Toast with jelly, orange juice, milk.
 - Thurs. - Oatmeal, apple juice, milk.
 - Fri. - Breakfast pizza, orange juice, milk.
- Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.
- Lunch**
- Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie.
 - Tues. - Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, peaches, orange jell-o.
 - Wed. - Corn dogs, pinto beans, French fries, cinnamon apples.
 - Thurs. - Turkey with gravy, dressing, yams, green bean casserole, fruit salad, hot roll.
 - Fri. - Burrito with chili, kernel corn, tator tots, ketchup, chocolate pudding.

**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY
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Josh Cosden was a Flamboyant Petroleum Pioneer

Tumbleweed Smith
What a life! Back and forth from rags to riches.



Joshua S. Cosden was born in Kent county, Maryland, in 1889. As a young man, he worked as a drug store clerk, earning \$20

a week. Because of health reasons he moved to Bigheart, Oklahoma, where he operated a small refinery. He got oil by skimming waste crude from the surfaces of ponds and rivers in the area, and hauling it in a leaky tank wagon to his refinery. His main product was kerosene, which he peddled from house to house in the little town. When the oil fields started opening up around Tulsa, Cosden sold his refinery and built another one in the center of the oil activity. Within a few years it was worth fifty million dollars.

In 1918 he built Tulsa's first skyscraper, a 15 story building with marble pillars and gold chandeliers in the lobby. He and his new wife set up housekeeping in the penthouse. They owned a nearby river front home which had an indoor tiled swimming pool and an outdoor tennis court made of clay from France.

They acquired a lavish estate at Newport, a fine home in Palm Beach and a stable of 32 race horses at Saratoga. The Cosdens bought a yacht and sailed to Europe with friends and became popular with the most prestigious members of high society. Cosden began trading on Wall Street and pledged the stock of the refining company in a venture that proved disastrous. When the market declined in 1921, Cosden lost

heavily. His board of directors stripped Cosden of his control and changed the name of Cosden Refining company to Mid-Continent Oil Company. Cosden sold his race horses, his Palm Beach estate and other properties at sacrifice prices. With his social and financial position in ruins, he left Tulsa and headed to Texas.

From 1924 to 1927 he operated a modest lease business in the northern part of the state. Then in Brown county he obtained oil leases and sold them for nearly a million dollars. With that money he established oil leases in Howard county and in 1929 built a refinery in Big Spring. Both the oil production and the refining business proved successful and Cosden was well on his way to another fortune. He opened a plush office in Fort Worth and easily sold new stock in his company. Within three years he again was a rich man.

Then ill fortune struck again. The stock market crash of 1929 reduced the value of Cosden stock to 25 cents on the dollar. The company was thrown into receivership. In 1933 a group of friends and business associates raised half a million dollars for him to use in buying back the refinery at the receiver's sale. Cosden worked to put the refinery on a paying basis, but by 1935, the company was again in receivership.

Cosden returned to Oklahoma, took over an idle refinery, obtained a \$100,000 loan, made a success of the refinery and sold it to Kerr-McGee. Cosden went back to Fort Worth, set up a small office and started working on another fortune. In poor health, he decided to go to Palm Springs, California, for relief. He died on the westbound train in November of 1940. He was 51.

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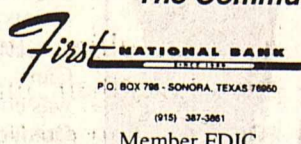
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- Nov. 17**
American Cancer Society
Board Meeting • 4:30 p.m. • FNB
- Nov. 18**
City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall
- Nov. 20**
Sonora Elementary & Middle School
Thanksgiving Lunch

- Nov. 24**
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • City Hall
PTO Talent Show & Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann Palmer, Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Why did Humpy Jackson get away with killing the Negro soldier in last week's story?

A. At the start of the Jackson Story I told you to remember the setting of the story. Jackson was from the deep south, as were many of his neighbors. They hated most of the men in Yankee uniforms, especially the Negro soldiers. The southern men had owned slaves at one time and did not take kindly to having them in the military and over them during martial law. Mr. Jackson regarded a love note to his daughter from a Negro the deepest of insults.

Most of Mr. Jackson's neighbors had tried to help him elude the soldiers and many of them had spent time in custody of the troops for their actions. The Jackson home had been burned to the ground and they lost all their possessions in the fire. Mrs. Jackson and the children were locked in jail in the hope Humpy Jackson would surrender to get them free.

I think that when the jury sat in this case there were a great deal of hard feelings against the Yankee soldiers. During the hunt for Humpy Jackson, many of their friends had been killed, wounded and incarcerated. They seemed to feel that being away from his family for so long, hiding out for years, losing his home and out buildings and the cruelty to his family and friends justified their verdict.

Q. What would have happened if this incident had hap-

pened in current times?

A. The Civic War has been over for a long time but it still seems to linger on in the minds and hearts of some men and women.

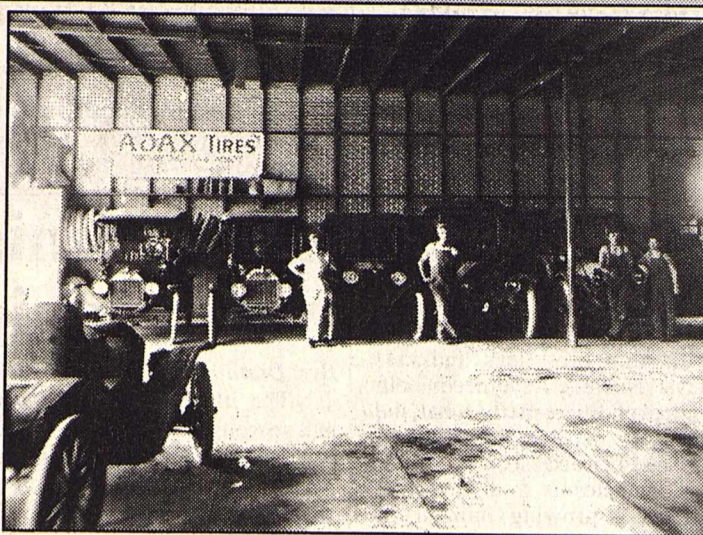
With current gun laws we could hope that Mr. Jackson would not go off with gun in hand after Lanky Jim. If he stayed calm he could very easily go to court and obtain an order keeping the soldier from talking to, writing to or going anywhere near his daughter.

In current times, with modern vehicles, cars, trucks, aerial surveillance, tracking dogs, etc. Mr. Jackson would have been apprehended pretty quickly. There would have been none of the deaths of locals that had tried to hide him. Our laws now would have forbidden the soldiers from burning his home down and locking up his family. I am afraid that unless Mr. Jackson had a very, very good attorney who could prove he was temporarily insane, or some mitigating circumstances, Mr. Jackson would have spent some time in jail for his crime.

I realize an adult should not be writing love letters to a 14 year old; that alone would make a man upset. But, I still think that cooler heads could have prevailed.

You have to remember that Mr. Jackson did not shoot Lanky Jim, the man who wrote the letters, but another Negro, Pvt. Boston Henry, who had nothing to do with the incident.

We have courts of law to handle disputes and administer justice. When you circumvent the legal system to correct a problem, you are no better than the person who caused the



1914 Model T's inside the Sonora Motor Co.

problem.

To the people who have called me, wanting to know if they are related to Humpy Jackson, I suggest you get your parents' birth certificates, their parents' birth certificates and their parents' birth certificates. Also check census records for Menard County, death certificates, obituaries, and other papers you will find on file in local courthouses and records in Arkansas. See if Humpy Jackson left a will and you might obtain information from it.

In the stories in the Free State of Menard and Frontier Times magazine, we found the Mr. Jackson had been married several times and had children from both marriages. There was quite an age difference between the children in both families. Mr. Jackson died around 1887 according to page 120 in the Free State of Menard.

"Somebody brought him into the saloon and left him on

the floor behind the stove. When they went to pick him up and carry him to a bed in a back room, they found him dead. He had died from heart failure."

Pioneer Adventures states that Humpy Jackson had several children: Henrietta who married Joe Harkey; Narcissus; a grown son James; Rose Ann who married Gilford Chapman; Sara who married Henry Merrell; Susan who married Tom Murray; Josie who married a man named Nichols; Dave who married an Estep girl and John Jr. If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratl.net. The offices are open Monday and Friday from 8-12 for research or building tours and rentals. You can call us there at 387-5084 on those days, or reach me at home during the week at 387-2855.

Chamber Chatter

Game Dinner was great, now let's get ready for the holiday season

SONORA
Chamber of Commerce
by **Iuthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Director**

Well, I witnessed another great event in Sonora this last weekend. The Sutton County Game Dinner seemed to be a huge success in spite of the cool damp weather. It never ceases to amaze me, every time there is an event in this wonderful town, people seem to come out of the woodwork to help make it a success. I would like to commend the Sutton County Game Dinner Association for all their hard work. Under less than ideal weather circumstances, this association managed to have a very successful 37th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner. Any event of this magnitude requires a lot of work in advance, not to mention the unbelievably long hours that we all know the organizers and cooks put in on the day of the event. We have already had several visitors and phone calls at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office from people who were in attendance, to tell us that the food was the "best ever" and the prizes were the "best ever". We all owe a big "Thank You" to the Sutton County Game Dinner Association for keeping this 37 year old event going and grow-

ing.

I personally owe a big "Thank You" to Bobby Zuniga and Gus Hinajosa for not only hanging the large street banners to welcome hunters and remind them of the Game Dinner, but for reminding me that we had such banners. I didn't even realize that these banners were in the Sonora Chamber of Commerce storage room, or that it was my responsibility to get them hung. I bumped into Bobby and Gus at lunch last Monday and they asked about the "Welcome Hunters" street banners, prompting me to go in search of the banners. They were found that afternoon and Bobby and Gus had them hung the next afternoon. Thanks, gentlemen, you saved the day!

The holidays are fast approaching, and we are in need of volunteers to help make sure that the Sutton County Courthouse lawn and other public areas of Sonora are lighted up to show the spirit of the season. If you have a desire to see Sonora all lighted up with Christmas decorations, we could use your help. Please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office at 325/387-2880.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce
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Happy Birthday

- November 13**
Lynn Sahr, Brant Myers, Janice Sadler, Steve Thorp, James Edmondson, Larry Don Luckie, Erica Kerbow
- November 14**
Cameron Cox
- November 15**
Kim Marshall, Jim Kay, Pauline Thompson
- November 16**
Josh Payton, Victor Garcia, Susan Floyd, Lynn Barber
- November 17**
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Have you noticed the unsightly mess at the north-west corner of Main Street and Crockett Avenue?

With the holiday season upon us, wouldn't it be nice to have the weeds removed and the trash picked up? The former First National Bank drive-in, now owned by absentee landowners, is the first thing people turning up our picturesque Main Street see, and it's not a pretty sight. Is there nothing that can be done to encourage the not-so-new owners to at least maintain their property?

I am concerned that, last year, Sonora's Christmas decorations remained in storage, and I've heard that this year the lighting of our historic downtown will not happen. I don't understand why. Our beautifully restored courthouse is the cornerstone of a joint public and private effort to restore our downtown. Why don't we want to highlight our accomplishments?

Is the Cowboy Christmas and the lighting of downtown another of our traditions that will be discarded? Whose responsibility is it to light the courthouse and the downtown buildings? Are our Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Historic Sonora working jointly on this project?

Glenda Lowe

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Hunters add \$1.3 billion to Texas economy

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - As political activities in Austin begin a slow slide toward the holidays, thousands of armed men and women in camouflage are moving into the rural areas of Texas.

The two actions are not necessarily related, but some of those people in camo doubtlessly are legislators, state officials and state employees taking a little time off to go deer or turkey hunting.

Deer season in all parts of the state except the Panhandle (where hunting can begin Nov. 22) opened on Nov. 1, but since that weekend was unseasonably warm, for all practical purposes the hunt began the second weekend of November with the arrival of a strong cool front.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the state has upward of 900,000 hunters. The latest survey data the agency has on its Web site reflects that those hunters contributed \$1.3 billion to the Texas economy in 1996. Given that ammunition, deer corn, hunting leases and other necessary items have not suffered any deflation since then, the amount of money hunters are pouring into Texas is probably much more - even with the super sluggish economy.

Texas ranks second nationally, TPW says, in the number of people who hunt. However, when the number of hunters gets divided by category, statistics from one private Web site indicate Texas is behind Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and New York - in that order - in the number of deer hunters.

But, Texas leads the nation in the estimated number of whitetail deer with a population of 3.7 million.

In spite of the fact Texans have the most deer to shoot at, they only come in second in the annual harvest. Texas hunters bagged 442,000 deer in 1998, with hunters in Wisconsin tak-

ing 469,555.

Some deer fight back...

A buck is not likely to attack a hunter, but deer can be dangerous in another way. The Department of Public Safety says 15 people were killed in 2000 when their vehicles struck deer on the roadway. Another 1,500 motorists were injured in vehicle-deer crashes.

"And even a non-injury collision with a deer can be expensive. One body shop owner in Llano told a writer for Insurance Journal that the average repair bill stemming from hitting a deer is \$1,500.

"It's just harder for motorists to see deer at night, thus the greater chance of hitting a deer that may dart onto the roadway," said TPW wildlife enforcement director L. David Sinclair.

Bottom line: Be aware that deer are on the move this time of the year. If you see a deer in the roadway, hit the brakes and hold the wheel steady. Above all, don't swerve dramatically to miss it. That's far more likely to cause a serious crash.

Another warning from the DPS...

The DPS also is warning hunters to keep an eye on their all-terrain vehicles, ATVs.

Theft of these vehicles, used by many hunters, is running way ahead of last year's numbers. Through the first half of this year, a time period which includes only a small portion of last hunting season, 153 ATVs were reported stolen each month.

Deer season, according to the state law enforcement agency, usually means an upswing in the theft of these recreational four-wheelers.

"Awareness is important this time of year, both for ATV owners and law enforcement," said David Griffith, commander of the DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service.

The DPS recommends keeping ATVs chained to a secure object when they are not in use, removing the key, locking the steering wheel, and making sure you have the vehicle's serial number and description to aid in its recovery if it is stolen.

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Self-managing diabetes vital to living with disease

By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Mary, a 42-year-old lifelong West Texan, recently learned she has type 2 diabetes. She understands that diabetes can have terrible consequences. She really wants to stay around with both eyes, legs and kidneys. However, she needs help understanding exactly what she needs to eat and how best to manage her disease.

Diabetes is a disease that affects a growing number of Americans like Mary. There are now approximately 17 million people, roughly 6.2 percent of the population, who have been diagnosed with the disease and this number is growing rapidly. Education and awareness are important components to living with diabetes.

Diabetes is a disease that affects how a person's body processes sugars. When a person has diabetes, their body does not correctly produce the insulin needed to control the blood sugar level. When the blood sugar stays at too high a level, it can cause damage to the eyes, kidneys and nerves leading to blindness, kidney failure or amputations. If the blood sugar gets too low, then the person may go into a coma.

In order to control the effects of the disease, it is important that patients learn how to manage their diabetes. Controlling diabetes, or maintaining appropriate blood sugar levels, involves making diet changes and regularly monitoring blood sugar levels.

Individuals who are trained to help people manage their diabetes are called Certified Diabetes Educators or CDEs. These health professionals have gone through a certification process through the American Diabetes Association gaining knowledge and skills in diabetes self-management training, in addition to clinical hours and hands-on experience. They teach classes and have one-on-one training for people with diabetes and can then develop a care plan for the individual based on the stage of his or her disease.

Because uncontrolled diabetes can lead to so many other health issues that affect key organs like the kidneys and the circulatory system, it is extremely important for people with diabetes to learn how to manage their disease. The doctor can assist with treating the disease, but time spent with a CDE is crucial to help the patient with day-to-day lifestyle management.

The concept of diabetes self-management becomes especially important when a person with diabetes lives in a rural area with limited access to health care services. There are more than 108 Texas counties in the area that Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center serves; and in those counties, there are only 17 Certified Diabetes Educators to serve all those people.

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center is implementing a new program to educate professionals to become diabetes educators.

The Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals program is a multi-campus initiative that will provide an American Diabetes Association-approved curriculum for diabetes educators. The program also will be available through distance learning and there will be some scholarships available.

There will be a "Bronco Send-off" on Saturday, November 15, 2003, starting at 12:45 p.m. in the Field House parking lot and traveling through town.

Ratliff Stadium is on the corner of N. Grandview and E. Yukon in Odessa. Driving from Midland, take I-20 westbound and exit on Headlee Rd. North. Turn left onto Yukon Rd off Headlee.

Colts finish seasons with winning records

By: Danni Price

The 7th and 8th Grade Colts rounded out their respective football seasons last Thursday in Grape Creek. Both Colt teams played very well, despite the fact that the first cold snap of the year had made an appearance. A legion of loyal Colt fans, dressed in winter wear and blankets were on hand to watch these Colts' season finales.

The 7th Grade Colts played first, beating the Eagles by a score of 12-6. With this win, the 7th Grade Colts finished up their season over .500 with a 4-3-1 record. These boys played especially well for their first year of contention in U.I.L. football.

The 8th Grade Colts played immediately after the 7th grade game, also beating the Grape Creek Eagles 22-12. The 8th Grade Colts close out their season with an impressive 6-1-1 record. This Colt team has had an exemplary Junior High football career, recording just 3 losses in two winning seasons.

Good job, Colts; we look forward to seeing you take the field next year, some of you leading Junior High, as 8th grade Colts, and for the rest of you, we look ahead to High School football, as you take the field as Broncos! Thanks, Colts for a superb year!

Chris Castro nominated for Who's Who national publication

John Christopher Castro, son of John and Annette Castro, has been nominated to have an academic biography included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students 2002/2003*. Only the highest-achieving students in high school are even considered for this honor.

This honor has traditionally been of great value to high school students. First, Chris will qualify for one of 127 scholarships totaling over \$200,000.00. To date, over \$3,400,000.00 has been awarded through this program.

Second, Chris's achievements will be made known to people throughout this great nation as a result of the complimentary distribution of this prestigious publication to approximately 11,000 colleges, high schools, libraries and youth group organizations.

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Chris's biography will be published upon approval in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* this fall. For over 36 years, *Who's Who Among American High School Students* has been recognized as a reliable herald of future success. The great majority of honorees have gone on to distinguish themselves first in college and then in their careers and throughout their lives.

Nicki Harle visits Sonora to announce her State Representative candidacy

Pledging to take her conservative values to the Texas Legislature, Baird resident Nicki Harle recently announced her candidacy as Republican nominee for State Representative in District 53. The 15 county district includes Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher and Sutton Counties.

"I'm running for the Texas House of Representatives because I believe the people of District 53 deserve a State Representative who will listen to constituents and work with Texas' leadership to solve the problems facing rural Texans," Harle said. "We must protect our natural resources and preserve the quality of life for those who follow us in the years ahead. Without the right representation, we stand the very real possibility that rural Texas will be forgotten by the big city mentality that is becoming prevalent in Austin."

Harle said she knows first hand of the needs of our area. She has served as the first and only executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network, a regional organization covering 25 rural counties working with local elected officials and community leaders in more than 40 small cities on the very problems that face all of rural Texas.

Texas Speaker of the House, Tom Craddick, recognized her leadership role in these vital areas by appointing her to the governing board of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency established by the 77th Legislature.

"I have gained first hand knowledge of the unique challenges small town leaders must deal with on a daily basis. Infrastructure maintenance and legislative mandates continue to stretch local resources beyond capacity," the Texas native said. "We must not allow rural Texas



Onlookers listen to Nicki Harle talk about her platform in the upcoming State Representative race.

to be forgotten in the rush to expand the urban landscape."

Married to Dr. Rob Harle in 1974, the couple raised three sons who all graduated from Baird High School and received honors at Texas Tech University. A fifth generation Texan, Harle was instilled at a young age with a strong work ethic and desire to serve others. Raised in a rice farming family she observed as her parents farmed and ranched in Colorado County while serving in city government and community service roles. "I was taught the value of working hard and serving others through my parents' example and strive to do the same for my children."

As landowners with a small ranching operation, the Harles are members for the Texas Farm Bureau and Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Assn. Nicki, a graduate of Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University), is trained in economic development and recently completed two terms as chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee of Texas Economic Development Council. She is also a 1996 graduate of Leadership Texas. Rob, a graduate of Texas A&M University, is an active member of Texas Veterinary Medical Association and has served as president of the Academy of Veterinary Practitioners. Both serve as eld-

New point system created for moving violations

Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding drivers that a new point system has been created by House Bill 3588 for moving violations.

Each conviction for a moving violation will be assigned two points. A conviction for a moving violation which results in an accident will be assigned three points. A surcharge of \$100 will be assessed when a driver has accumulated six points in three years. During the three year period \$25 per point will be assessed for every point over six. The surcharge will be required every year the driver has accumulated six points. Those drivers who continue to accumulate points will be required to pay the \$100 surcharge for multiple years, while drivers who improve their driving habits may only have to pay the surcharge for one year.

Also, under this bill certain convictions will not be assessed points but will result in an automatic surcharge. Since the surcharge will be assessed as of the date of the conviction, the surcharge for these violations will be required every year for three years.

They are: 1st Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)-\$1,000 or 2nd DWI or subsequent DWI-\$1,500.

Any DWI with an alcohol concentration over 0.15-\$2,000.

Driving While License Invalid will cost the individual \$250.00 while Driving Without Valid License is \$100.00.

It is also important to note any moving violation with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) will effect your license.

Senate Bill 1904 increased the definition of serious traffic violations to include non-commercial motor vehicle offenses. Example: speeding more than 15 mph over the posted limit in a non-commercial motor vehicle would count as a serious traffic violation for a commercial driver's license holder.

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Broncos make it to play-offs from page 1

Valliant got the second tackle, and Boomer Galindo stopped the third run of the drive. On fourth down, Grape Creek completed a pass for 15 yards and their last first down of the half.

After the Broncos took over on downs, Stetson Perez ripped off a 48 yard run to the Eagle 32 yard line. After a seven yard gain by Ramos, Stetson Perez broke through for 18 more yards to the Eagle ten yard line through the hole opened by the pulling Snodgrass and Valliant. Ramos was stopped at the one after picking up nine yards behind the blocking of Hall. Grape Creek stopped a Moore quarterback sneak and a run from Husker. Just when it looked like the Broncos wouldn't score, Grape Creek's off sides penalty gave Sonora a first and goal at the one. From the Husker, Stetson Perez scored from a yard out. Ramos' pass for the two point conversion was knocked down by a Grape Creek defender. The Broncos had a 13 to 12 lead with 14 seconds left in the half.

The third quarter belonged to the defenses as neither offense could sustain drives.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Broncos stopped the Eagles on their best drive of second half. The Broncos started their drive from the Grape Creek 20

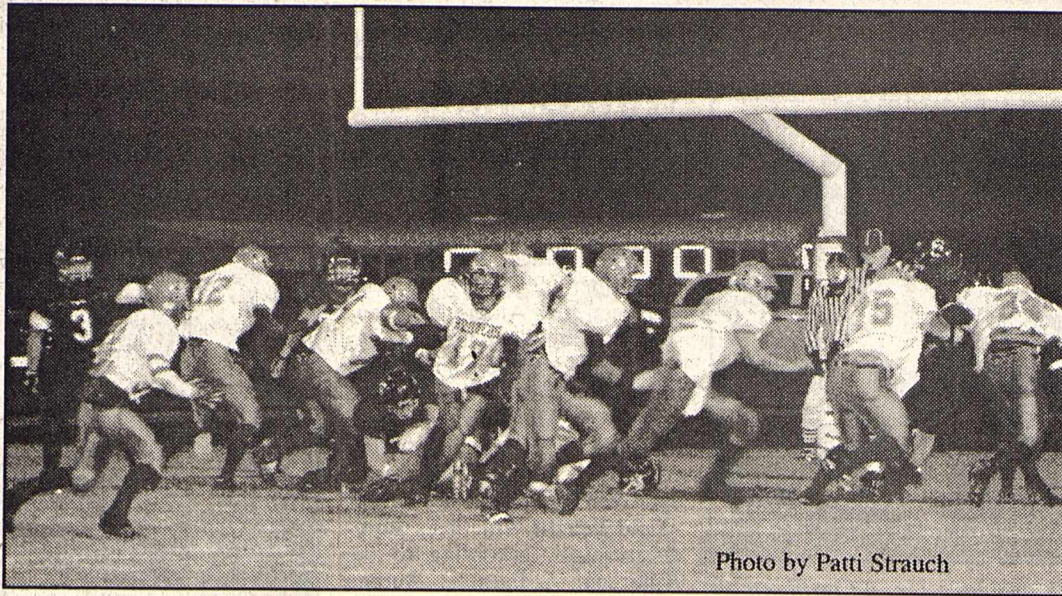


Photo by Patti Strauch

Quarterback, #17 Caleb Ramos hands the ball off to #32 Stetson Perez.

yard line. The Broncos decided to go with Ramos and Stetson Perez alternating seven to ten yard runs. With first and ten at the ten yard line, two runs by Perez were stopped for no gain. On third down, Cearley came in and hit Chris Perez in the end zone, but he was unable to catch it. Facing fourth down, Cearley took the snap, drifted to his right and waited for someone to come open. He threw a strike to a le

aping Wagoner for the clinching touchdown. Wagoner finished the scoring

with the PAT kick and the play-off spot was in the bag with 3:53 left in the game.

Grape Creek managed to make a couple of first downs, but their last drive ended with an interception by Anthony Longoria.

The entire team played Bronco football, and Stetson Perez had an outstanding game filling in for the injured Chris Martin. He finished the game with 164 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown.

Sonora travels to Odessa's Ratliff Stadium this Saturday

for a bi-district game at 7:30 against Marfa. The Marfa Shorthorns have a nine and one record in district 1-2A.

Statistics

Rushing

Perez 18-164, Caleb Ramos 14-55, Moore 7-19

Passing

Cearley 9-15-0 for 55 and two touchdowns, Ramos 2-4-1 for 45.

Receiving

Anthony Longoria 5-51, Moore 2-23, Chris Perez 2-13, Wagoner 1-12, Lito Trevino 1-

Red JV finishes 7 and 2 season with win over Grape Creek

by Ray Glasscock

The JV Red Team completed a successful 2003 season with a 35 - 0 shutout of the Grape Creek Eagles JV team last Thursday. After a 27 yard return of the opening kickoff by Jose Rodriguez, Sonora started its first possession at their 40 yard line. Cullen Parker, starting at quarterback, Uriel Santana, and Nash Traylor moved the ball down the field on the ground. Then Parker fired a touchdown strike to Santana in the end zone. The two point conversion play was good for an early 8 to 0 lead.

The Eagles' first offensive drive ended on the Broncos' 41 yard line when Parker recovered an Eagle fumble. Parker connected with Traylor for a short gain. Facing third and six from the Eagle 44, Parker completed a pass to Traylor who was run out of bounds at the Eagle 25 yard line. On the next play, Parker found Traylor open in the end zone for a touchdown. The Bronco's attempt to kick the extra point was blocked.

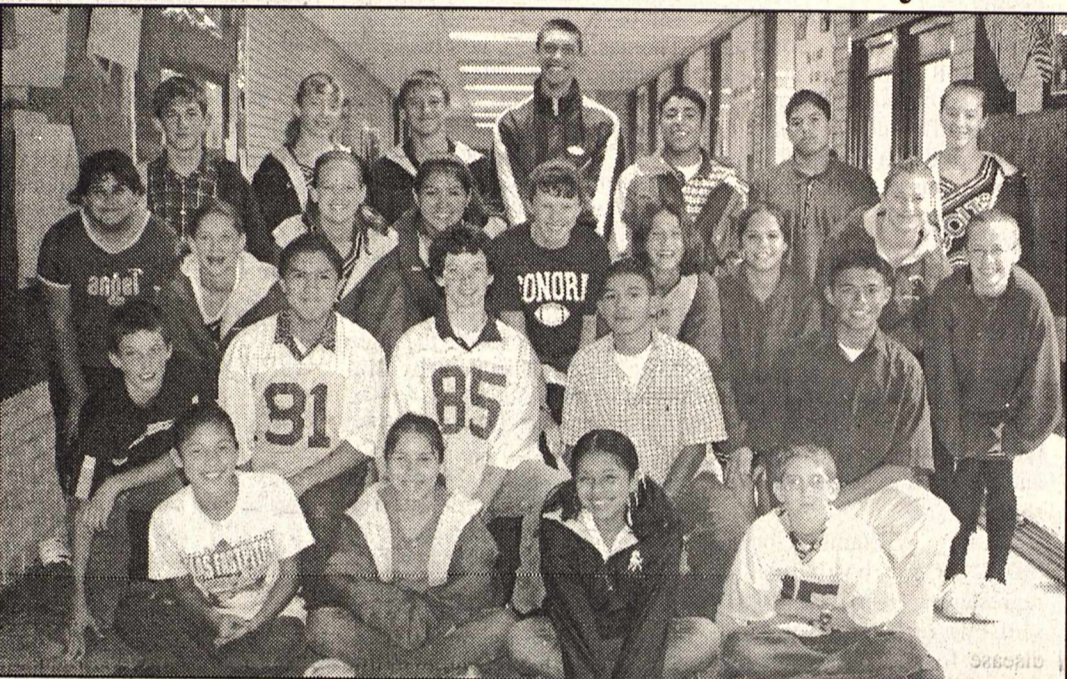
The Broncos kicked to the Eagles and BJ Hines stopped the Eagle returner. Two plays later, Swade Draper stopped the Eagle runner on third and long. The Bronco offensive series lasted only one play as Santana fumbled the ball to the Eagles. After one first down, Santana stopped their runner for no gain on first down. Draper stopped the second down play and Hines made the third down tackle. On fourth and eight, Will Crittendon stopped the Eagles from making a first down.

It appeared that the Eagles were going to stop the Broncos again. Facing fourth and ten, Parker hit Santana with the middle screen for a first down. After a Parker keeper, he hit Traylor for a touchdown, but it was called back due to a penalty. So Parker passed to Santana for the touchdown.

The Eagles were able to make a couple of first downs on their first possession of the second half. Brandon Munn stopped their drive on third down. They lined up in the shotgun formation and surprised the Broncos with a quick kick by the quarterback. On first down, Parker threw a perfect pump and go to Traylor for a 47 yard touchdown. The two point conversion was good as Parker threw to Santana.

On the next series, Hines again made a nice tackle for a loss. Warren Wallace intercepted and almost scored, as he was tackled just short of the goal line. On third and goal, Fred Romo scored on a nice run up the middle. Jesus Talamantes split the uprights making the final score 35 to 0 in favor of the Broncos.

Congratulations to SMS Cross Country Team



The Sonora Middle School Cross-Country runners did a great job representing Sonora this year. Congratulations on a job well done! Staff photo

JV White takes tough loss against Harper Longhorns



Craig Leonard and Justin Northcott work together to move the ball across the line. Photo by Ray Glasscock

by Nancy Glasscock

The Bronco JV White team played the Harper Longhorns last Thursday at Bronco Stadium. Craig Leonard quarterbacked the team since Cullen Parker filled in as the JV Red quarterback for Embre Smith.

Harper took the opening kickoff and steadily moved down the field. From the thirty, their halfback broke through the Bronco defenders for the first touchdown of the game. Their kick was good for an early 7 to 0 lead.

The Broncos stormed right back. Justin Northcott broke free for a sixty plus yard run. Unfortunately, it was called back. On the next play, Leonard called Northcott's number again. He threw to Northcott, who once again gained sixty plus yards with the run after catch. Leonard finished the touchdown drive with a keeper for the touchdown. Augustine Vacquera kicked the extra point to tie the game.

Harper scored their second touchdown midway in the second quarter after the Broncos fumbled the slick football. The Harper quarterback completed a fifteen yard pass to his receiver in the end zone. Vacquera broke through the Harper line and blocked the PAT making the score 13 to 7 in favor of the Longhorns.

Shortly before the end of the half, the Broncos were advancing the ball down the field. Northcott made a 22 yard run to the Longhorn 44. Leonard tried the middle screen,

but the Harper defenders broke through the blockers and sacked him for a big loss back to the 50 yard line. The Broncos tried another fake punt that didn't work, and the Longhorns took over at the fifty. Despite good field position, the Bronco defense was up to the task of stopping them. After a long Harper pass to the Bronco 20 yard line, the Harper quarterback was sacked by J.J. Galindo. On the next play, Galindo intercepted and the Broncos took over at the 30. The half ended with the score Harper 13 and Sonora 7.

The Broncos struck quickly as Galindo returned the second half opening kickoff to the Longhorn 20 yard line. Galindo followed up with a run to the ten yard line. Leonard kept the ball to the five, and Northcott got the touchdown. This time the Bronco kick was not good and the game was tied at 13.

Harper answered on their next drive. Their halfback broke free and appeared to have clear sailing for a touchdown, when lineman Alex Perez ran him down from behind to deny the touchdown. Several plays later, Harper scored their winning touchdown and PAT.

The Broncos had several defensive standouts. Evan Gulley had an interception. Travis Valliant, Aric McGee, Perez, and Vacquera made tackle after tackle. The JV White team finished the season with a winning record and showed great improvement over the course of the season.

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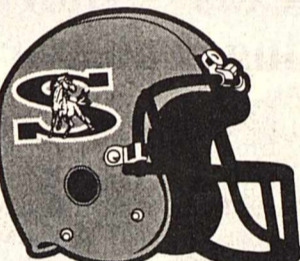
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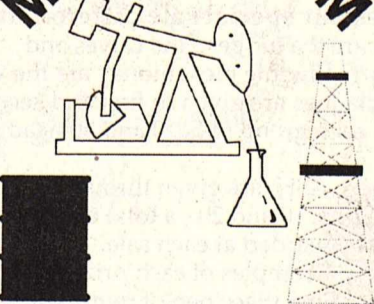
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Up on Eaton Hill

Eaton Hill shows good community spirit in Austin

by Delyse Jaeger

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary was recently honored at the annual Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Program Conference in Austin. You may recall, Eaton Hill was a finalist in an award competition judging the best projects in the state. Our category was Community Spirit - Humanitarian Effort and we competed against the Brazos Valley Hospice in Bryan. And the winner is... well, we did not win the top award but the honor was not lessened by that fact. The efforts of the hospice program are undeniably impressive, having a far reaching impact on healthcare in their community and frankly, I'd have been a bit suspicious of the judging had we placed ahead of such a program.

However, Sonora still has quite a bit to brag about, and the conference was educational as well as inspirational. First, let's talk about us. There were "breakout sessions" throughout the three days, and Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary partnered with Bat Conservation International in a breakout presentation on Natural Destinations in Downtown. Elaine Acker of BCI illustrated through newspaper headlines the transition of Austin's mindset from fear of the bats under the Congress St. bridge, to embracing the little critters and the 8 million dollars they annually contribute to Austin's economy. Yes, 8 million American dollars. This was painstakingly accomplished through educa-



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tion, especially in the schools, but also included educating public officials and community groups. Interestingly, my presentation about Eaton Hill culminated in highlighting the importance of interpretation of the unique aspects of our environment and education - especially of youngsters - so that we serve to foster an appreciation of the natural world. Low and behold, tourists are looking for just such educational experiences. The audience was comprised of approximately 75 professionals from large metropolises to smaller cities - though none as small as Sonora! Sonora's Eaton Hill made an impressive showing and received numerous compliments on our efforts. Thank you to the volunteers, partners and supporters of Eaton Hill for making this project possible. Congratulations, Sonora! For information, or to support bat

conservation, visit Bat Conservation International's website at www.batcon.org.

It was very rewarding to have our efforts recognized and appreciated. I was also inspired by the many success stories around the state on projects ranging from simple event planning to complex revitalization strategies. Thank you to Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora/ Main Street Program for inviting our participation in the conference. Check next week's Devil's River News for additional results of the awards banquet.

New from Eaton Hill: Look for the new Sonora's Eaton Hill postcards at local hotels and businesses. There are seven different designs to choose from. You can also get the postcards at the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street offices.

Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership receives matching grant for map development

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced that the South West Texas Tourism (SWTTP) has been awarded a matching grant of \$500 through the 2003 Matching Grant Program. These grant funds will complement the local efforts towards development of

a regional indicator map for Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, and Kimble counties.

"The purpose of the map is to hand it out to those travelers already in our communities. We want to educate the traveler to the number of activities available in our counties," said Shannon Biggerstaff, Executive Director of the

Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the partnership.

Larry Williams, Concho Valley RC&D board member representing Crockett County said, "we received seven applications for worthy community projects from thirteen counties. Our Grant Evaluation Committee reviewed and rated each proposal based on community need, expected benefits and local commitment. Our goal was to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our thirteen county area for local projects." Larry Williams presented a check to Shannon Biggerstaff.

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities.

For more information about the RC&D program, contact your local USDA-NRCS office of the Concho Valley RC&D Office at 325/597-4666. For more information about the SWTTP, contact Shannon Biggerstaff at 392-3737.

AFBF pleased with Senate passage of COOL

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 7, 2003 - The prospect of America's consumers being given the power to select a food product based on its country of origin became more likely Thursday thanks to a country-of-origin labeling (COOL) funding measure approved by the Senate. COOL would benefit America's farmers as well, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"By passing a country-of-origin labeling amendment, the Senate took us one step closer to giving our consumers the ability to choose American-produced food items," said AFBF President Bob Stallman.

According to Stallman, the Senate's action supports continued implementation of the mandatory labeling law by recommending the program's funding be kept intact. The measure is part of the Senate's fiscal 2004 agriculture appropriations bill.

The sense-of-the-Senate amendment, offered by Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle (D-SD) and Sens. Michael Enzi (R-WY), Tim Johnson (D-SD) and Craig Thomas (R-WY), was passed in a voice vote after members voted 58-36 not to table the measure.

"The steadfastness of these four senators during the three-hour floor debate preceding the vote will help strike a blow for American farmers and consumers," Stallman said. "Conferees to this bill now have the opportunity to do the right thing for all Americans by continuing funding for COOL implementation in their final bill."

AFBF supports COOL as passed in the 2002 farm bill. The COOL provision is expected to be among the most controversial issues for House and Senate conferees during debate on FY '04 agriculture appropriations. The House version of the spending measure is different in that it eliminates COOL implementation funding for meat and meat products.

Energy debate continues

The Republican leadership is expected to produce their version of the final energy bill Nov. 12, with floor action in the House scheduled the following day. But, leaders warn not to expect the Senate to share the same enthusiasm for finalizing the comprehensive energy legislation.

Democrats, who have been angered from day one for being left out of energy discussions, will likely filibuster the bill. Moreover, Democrats say the legislation provides excessive subsidies to the gas and oil sector and shortchanges renewable energy, including solar and wind power.

But, Republicans argue they have gone so far as to sweeten the deal for Democrats by adding generous provisions on the renewable fuel source ethanol. In hopes of attracting Democratic votes for the legislation, the Republican-written bill is expected to require ethanol production to double to 5 billion gallons by 2012.

Oil & Agribusiness

Trapping Trespassers



This 45 pound female coyote was taken on the Liveoak Ranch in Edwards County by Jack Graves, government trapper, who works for Texas Wildlife Services. Predators such as these are highly detrimental to the livestock industry because they derive their food supply from young lambs, kid goats, fawns and other young wildlife, thus depriving the rancher of his main source of income.

By depleting the supply of wildlife, this also deprives the sportsman of his future right to enjoy hunting, and the photographer of his right to enjoy his recreation.



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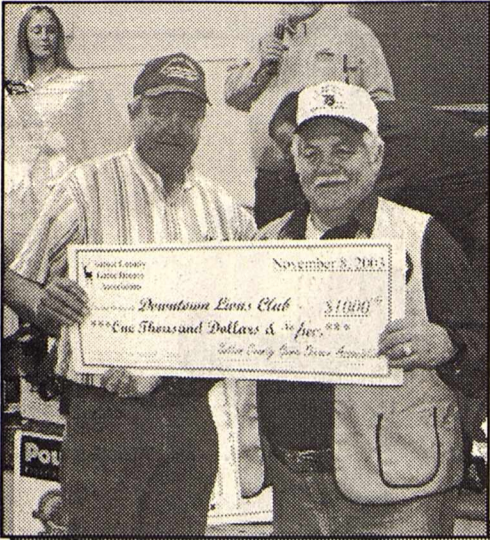
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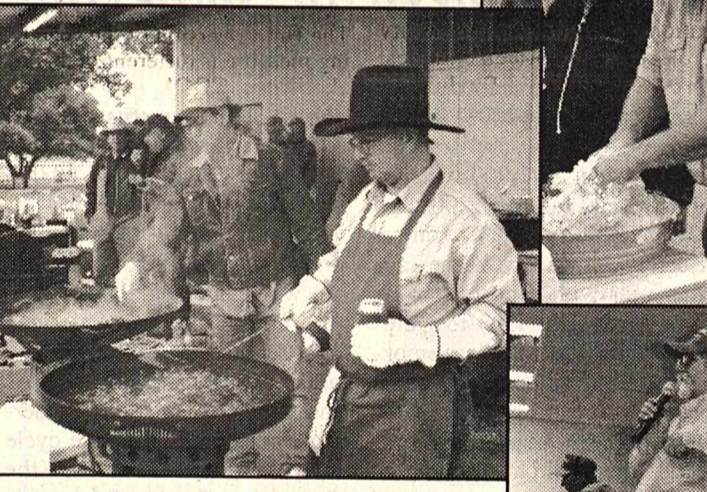
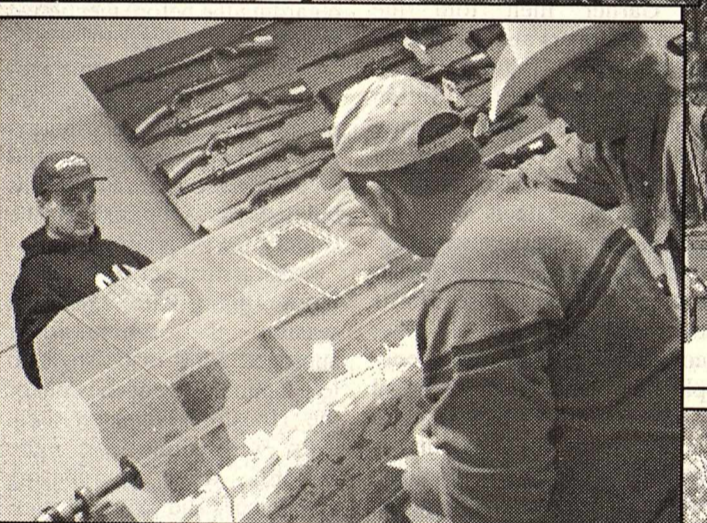
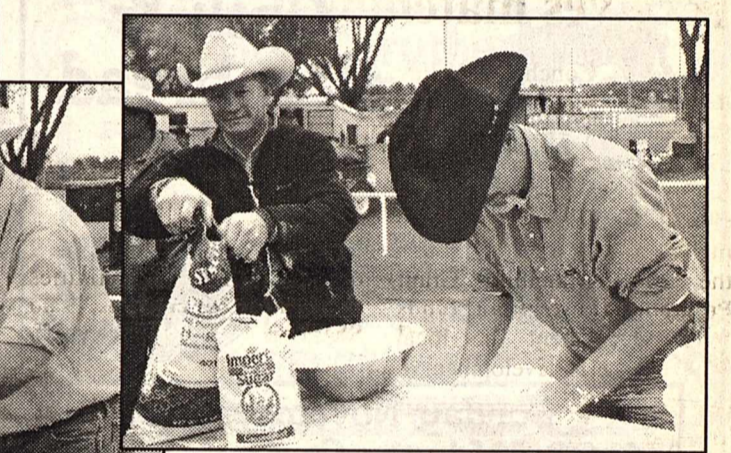
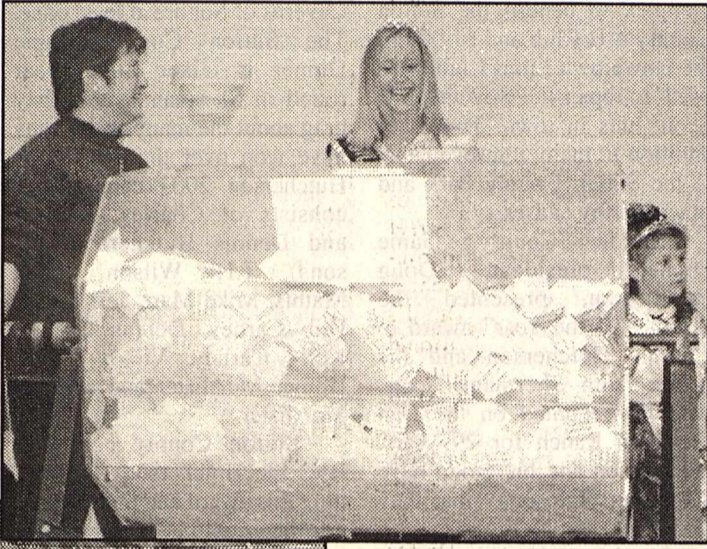
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Game Dinner from page 1

Mr. Sutton County, Robert Zapata III. The evening was kept rolling, as were the laughs, by Master of Ceremony, Biscuits O'Bryan (known to some as Monty Jones). There were some great prizes in addition to the many guns, huge ice chests (for sodas and snacks, of course), two 27" color televisions (for when the deer aren't out?), DVD players (to use in the blind?), fancy binocular sets and so much more. The "big" winners of the evening actually weren't that big. The two Ramsdell girls, Darby, 5 years old, and Delaney, 3 years old, won the Kawasaki 50 ATV and Amber Lewis, 12 years old, won the 2003 Polaris 500 ATV.

Two special presentations were made this year, with the Sutton County Game Dinner Association donating \$6,010 to Sutton County for improvements to the Sutton County park complex to benefit the Sutton County 4-H Club and \$1,000 to the Downtown Lions Club to be used to repair the Boy and Girl Scout huts in town. This is in addition to many improvements at the Sutton County Park and other worthy causes.

Sutton County Game Dinner president, Doug Huddleston, presented the "Hunter of the Year" award to Charles Hutcherson and his group from Sherman, Texas, who have hunted on the Dan Cauthorn Ranch for 29 years. Hutcherson and his group have a hunting philosophy that they follow:

1. It's not about killing deer, it's about the fellowship. They purposely choose father/son and family groups. This has been most rewarding for them over the years. They currently have a four generation family of hunters in their group, with the youngest being 20 and the oldest being 78. But that isn't the oldest hunter who joins them; Mr. T.H. Wilson is 88 years young and still hunting.
2. Treat all hunters as equals. Each day they draw

numbers to select their hunting area, unlike some camps that make you hunt one area only.

3. They set up a "kitty" for all the workings of the camp, like corn for feeders, food and misc. items. For each night a hunter is in their camp he puts \$10 in the "kitty", and this is more than enough to meet the needs and is fair to all.

4. Game Management. Hutcherson's camp loves Sonora. The Bronco games can be heard on their radio as they cook their meals every Friday night. It is a family tradition for them to eat at the Sutton County Steakhouse and then go brag about it in North Texas. They make regular trips to Rafter W for feed, and they have spent tons of money at The Village Market, keeping the camp stocked with food. Mr. D's is their favorite beverage supplier, and they have all visited the Caverns of Sonora at least once. The Sutton County Game Dinner is talked about year round in Sherman, where they brag about the many prizes they have won over the years. The Hutcherson 2003 camp roster consists of Charles, Rodney and Dennis Hutcherson (his sons), T.H. Wilson, Steve Mathis, Mike Marr, Jeff Smart, Dub Carney, Dennis Carney, Kelly Carney, Victor Smith, Homer McAlister and Spencer McAlister.

Sutton County congratulates the Hutchersons for winning this award and thanks them for their continued patronage of our community.

Over \$35,000 was raised this year, which will go toward additions on the permanent concession stand at the dance slab and adding more lighting in that area, as well as many other small projects.

This volunteer organization works very hard every year to make this event successful, and is a great asset to Sonora, Sutton County and visitors from near and far.

Great American Smokeout from page 1

lung cancer in 2003 and of those, 9,900 will die. Nationwide, 171,900 will be diagnosed and 157,200 will die. The American Cancer Society is sending a message this year with a poster stating "It's Never Too Late to Quit," proclaiming that quitting smoking significantly reduces your risk of cancer, not only of the lung, but also mouth, nasal cavities, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, and other organs.

Smokers who are ready to kick the habit can find help through the American Cancer Society's Quitline by calling toll-free, 1-877-YES-QUIT. The Quitline, funded by the Texas Department of Health using Tobacco Settlement funds, offers free telephone counseling services, advice and cessation materials to smokers, age 13 and older.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Cigarette Smoking Among Adults - United States, 2001" report shows a slow but continued decline in adult smoking rates from 25 percent in 1993 to 22.8 percent in 2001.

Current or former smokers may enroll in a National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a cancer screening trial funded by the National Cancer Institute that will take place at 30 study sites throughout the United States, including The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The trial, slated to last eight years, will examine

the risks and benefits of spiral CT scans compared to chest X-rays. NLST will enroll 50,000 participants nationwide. To learn more about the screening trial, call: 713-792-5340 or visit www.mdanderson.org/nlst.

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(Above) An architect searches under years of paint for original stenciling on the Sutton County Courthouse walls. (Below) Original stenciling is found under coats of paint in the front entrance way.



Commissioners from page 1

representative precincts and it effects all four precincts in town. There will have to be two ballots for each precinct.

Judge Garner said that the County has applied for a grant for playground equipment, and the Executive Director of the grant will be here next week to observe the area.

A discussion was held regarding liability issues at the Sutton County Civic Center.

Garner then told the Commissioners about an architectural firm that has been working inside the Sutton County Courthouse, looking for original stenciling on the walls. This week the architects, using small scalpels and hammers, were very excited to uncover stenciling in every room of the courthouse. This is rare, with most finds in other courthouses only being in a couple of rooms. The Historical Commission will be visiting to observe the findings, and a grant will possibly be obtained for restoring the interior of the courthouse.

Commissioner Wade asked

about the progress of replacing the grandstands at the Sutton County Arena. Judge Garner said that this needs to begin soon, and they will be requesting additional funding from outside sources. The Sutton County Days Association will also be contacted to work with the county on replacing the grandstands.

December 8th was set as the date for a public hearing regarding the before mentioned sewage system fees.

A retirement system resolution was approved as in years past, with a 7% contribution from the employer and employee. Rex Ann Friess was bonded for \$100,000 as the County Tax Appraiser.

As a final act of business before going into executive session, the commissioner approved \$200 to be spent to join a purchasing agency out of the Houston/Galveston area. This will allow for more options when purchasing ambulances and other vehicles.

Veterans' Day from page 8

was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11, as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans' Day to the

fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies Held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national, ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

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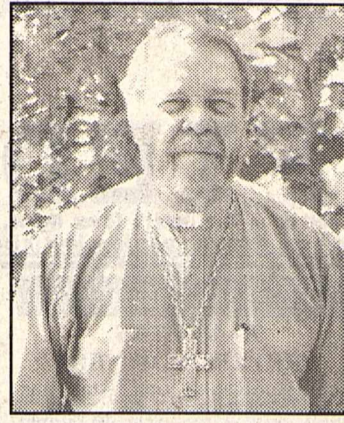
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Max was born on November 15, 1938, in Groveton, Texas, and attended school at Lufkin. After receiving a degree in Ag. Education from Texas A&M in 1961, he served two years as an ensign in the US Navy. He returned home to Liberty and San Augustine Counties to work as the county agricultural agent. He was also a sales representative for Ciba-Geigy Ag. Chemicals.

In answer to God's call, Max left this field in 1983 to attend Seminary at Sewanee, TN, for the next three years. Since finishing his training, he has served in several parishes

from the valley of the coast, to the heart of Texas, and finally to Sonora.

Max and Dorothy Springett were married on December 17, 1962, and have lovingly raised three daughters, Lisa, Rebecca and Mary. They have four of the best-ever grandchildren, Reynolds, Elizabeth, Henry, and Annie Grace.

St. John's invites you to join us on any Sunday morning for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and share our fellowship with this special man.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Pastor Antonio F. Gonzales Sr.



Pastor Gonzales came to Primera Iglesia Bautista, Sonora, in January 2001. When he came to Sonora, our church had only seven members who have been faithful and did everything as best they could. We also offer Bible studies on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Our membership has grown to 10 members. We have had about three concerts in 2002 and 2003.

There are some members from the Primera in San Angelo who come to Sonora, and we have a good fellowship.

Brother Gonzales' previous assignment before Sonora, was with Primera Iglesia Bautista San Angelo, TX, where he was the Associate Pastor for 5 Years. Before Primera San Angelo. He served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church Lakewood, Colorado.

Antonio retired from the U.S. Army with 20 years in service, and works full time for the Information Resources, Texas Department of Transportation San Angelo District. He graduated from Coronado HS, Lubbock, TX, and received an Associate

Degree from Central Texas College, Killeen, TX, Bachelor of Science Degree from Excelsior University, Albany, NY, and is currently working on his Masters in Theology from South Western Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft Worth TX. Married for 23 years - Lawana P. Gonzales teacher Central HS San Angelo, TX. Son- Antonio F. Gonzales Jr. graduated HS. Daughter- Tina Maria Gonzales Senior Central HS. Daughter - Angelina C. Gonzales Elementary Bonhom, San Angelo, TX.

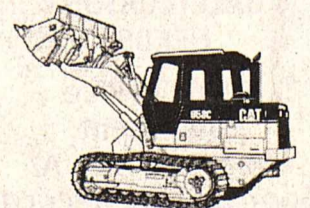
Lady Bronco Basketball is back



The JV (left) and Varsity (right) Lady Broncos, in dark jerseys stamped onto the court Monday, November 10, 2003 to scrimmage Iran and Comstock teams. The Lady Broncos start games next week on Tuesday, November 18, 2003.

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