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Broncos Clinch Playoff Spot

by Ray Glasscock

The fans at Bronco Stadium got to watch the Bronco quarterback duo show off their passing "A" game in the last district game of the season. Clint Cearley and Caleb Ramos completed the game with 365 yards passing and three touchdown passes. After Pedro Gloria returned the opening kickoff to the 30 yard line, Clint Cearley brought his offense onto the field. Cearley threw long to Anthony Longoria on the third play from scrimmage. Longoria caught the perfectly thrown ball between two Eagle defenders for a 48 yard catch and run for the first Bronco touchdown. Aaron Gaytan kicked the PAT, and the Broncos led 7 to 0 with 11:04 remaining in the first quarter.

Evan Gulley kicked off deep to the Eagles. The Eagles came out in their wishbone offense and started running right at the Bronco defense.

They were successful for three quick first downs. On their fourth first down play, Embre Smith broke through the line and hit Brian Gonzales as he made the pitch. Laramie Hall caught Weston Neiman after a five-yard gain. Cameron Cox hit the pitch man hard for a loss of yardage. The Eagles made another first down on an off-sides penalty against the Broncos. The Bronco defense really stiffened as Steven Duhon shut down a couple of runs. On fourth down, Longoria knocked down the pass, and the Broncos took over near their thirty yard line.

The Broncos went three and out, and Cearley boomed a punt to the Eagles. They started their next drive at their 35 yard line. They returned the favor and punted to the Broncos after two runs and an incomplete pass.

On first down, Cearley hit

Steven Duhon for a 22-yard gain. Stetson Perez gained seven yards to the Bronco 49 yard line. Cearley got the first down on a run behind the right guard. Gloria caught a bullet from Cearley for another eight-yard gain. Two running plays lost yardage. Facing fourth and long, Cearley took the snap, rolled to his right, and threw back left to Justin Northcott who caught the ball and ran for a first down. On the next play, Cearley hit Austin Wagoner for the second Bronco touchdown. Gaytan kicked the PAT and the Broncos appeared to be on their way to an easy victory. With 10:36 left in the second quarter, the Broncos led 14 to 0.

The Eagles didn't fade away. They started a drive with Colt Murr breaking several tackles. Three plays later, an Eagle fumbled and Chris Perez

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Good times and great prizes to be had at the 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner

by Storie Sharp

It's that time of year again. When our town is bustling with strangers clad in green and brown clothing, the temperature starts to drop and the excitement heightens as the time grows near for the annual Sutton County Game Dinner. The 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner will be on Saturday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Each year lucky winners are awarded great prizes from the over \$50,000 in merchandise donated by local businesses, groups and individuals. Among these many treasures are fishing and hunting equipment, camping and outdoor equipment, ice chests, meals from local restaurants, gift items, rifles and shotguns and the big toys, a 2004 Polaris 500 ATV and a 2004 Kawasaki 50 ATV! Last year's 4-wheelers both went to young ladies from the community, so the boys are pulling for better luck this year. Door prize tickets are on sale now at Mr. D's, Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, Teaff Oil, Parker Lumber, Caverns of Sonora, Rafter W Feed, Red Horse Feeds, Stagecoach BBQ & Catering and Sonora Air Cooled Engines. You can also purchase tickets right up to the time of the drawing from any of the volunteers at the event. You do not have to be present to win, as long as your name, address and/or a phone number is on your ticket.

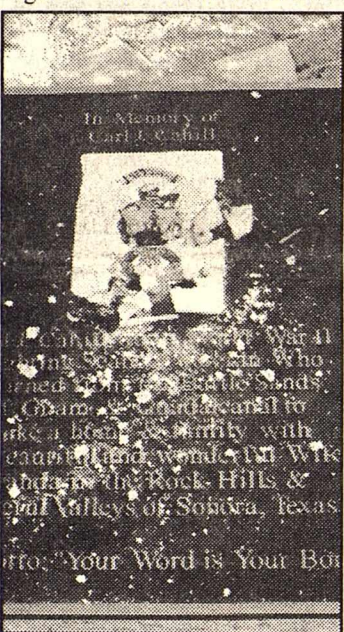
The annual hunter's appreciation dinner also recognizes a special hunter or hunting group each year for their years of commitment to ethical hunting and for setting a positive example for all other outdoor users. Local land owners nominate their hunters for the coveted award and the winner is announced during the Game Dinner activities.

This year's menu remains as good as ever, with Black Buck Antelope, Mountain Oysters, Fried Turkey Breast, Venison, Smoked Turkey, Pork, Beef-o-Lo, Cabrito, Camp Bread, Chili, Son-of-a-Gun Stew, Sutton County Sausage, beans and what has come to be a favorite of many, the "Cajun" surprise. Where else can you get such a meal for only \$7 a plate. Children under the age of 10 eat free.

Monte "Biscuits O' Bryan" Jones will return as Master of Ceremonies, calling out the winners, telling tales and cracking jokes throughout the evening, adding to the fun for the evening.

If you and your family are looking for something out of the ordinary to do this weekend, don't miss the 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, the oldest of its kind and still the one of the best. Coolers are welcome, so load up your favorite beverage and your social attitude and come on over for good food, great prizes, and a Game Dinner good time.

For more information call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.



Senseless act of vandalism on Eaton Hill

by Storie Sharp

Vandalism: Willful or malicious destruction of public or private property.

A malicious act of vandalism has occurred again on Eaton Hill. Someone or several someones, have taken it upon themselves to hike up the hill that is an ongoing project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation and many volunteers, and destroy property for no apparent reason. This time the vandals took the time to apparently pull one of the trail head signposts from the ground and use it to destroy the marble marker that is on the retired flag urn. Many of you will remember the special ceremony that was held on the hill when the plaque was presented to the Cahill Family, in honor of all that they have done for the Eaton Hill Project and Sonora.

The marble plaque in Carl J. Cahill's honor was made from special materials that were shipped in from Italy. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program worked very hard to get the SeaBees artwork and the wording just right so as to do justice for the appreciation that was felt for all that had been done. Now that marble is shattered into pieces. Why?

Because someone was bored and thought it looked like fun to destroy someone else's property? Because someone was angry and had no other means of releasing their frustrations? We may never know. What we do know is that vandalism costs. Local governments (and their taxpayers) pay the bills for broken street lights, stolen signs, and vandalized parks, etc. Organizations, indi-

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Have you thanked a veteran today?

Veterans Day Message from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

The following was provided by the Hometown News Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

We are blessed, as Americans, to live in a nation gifted with rights and freedoms envied the world over. Those rights and freedoms did not come cheaply. Have you thanked a veteran today?

We are the beneficiaries of a struggle for independence from which we emerged as a nation of many States joined together as one shining Republic.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

We rise every morning empowered by a land of opportunities made rich and plentiful by a vigorous and open economic, agricultural, and industrial marketplace. We enjoy a bounty of goods and services unmatched in all the world.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

We expand our knowledge of ourselves and the world around us in myriad kindergartens, elementary, middle, and high schools, and institutions of higher learning unparalleled in their accessibility to virtually every citizen who seeks the keys to education.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

As we have just demonstrated to the world, Americans choose the men and women who represent us in our local, state, and national governments—from county commissioners to the President. And any of us who seek office, or who have an opinion about those who do, are encouraged and welcome to take to the floor of the political arena—small or great—defining the very essence of our unique, and enduring, Democracy.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

We constantly refill and express our creative spirits in countless libraries, theaters, auditoriums, museums, and galleries wherein our literary, performing, and visual arts are displayed in all their variety, uncensored, and open to all.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

We clash on the gridirons of ten thousand stadiums; we shoot for the hoops on countless inner-city courts and in mighty

arenas; we swing for the fences of small town diamonds and the walls of major league ball parks; we run, we swim, we play, we exert ourselves individually and competitively in a nation where we are free as men and women and boys and girls to celebrate the independent spirit of athletics.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

And we bow our heads, kneel on prayer rugs, and lift our voices in holy songs in mighty cathedrals, elegant churches, simple chapels, and in synagogues and mosques all across our nation, secure in the knowledge that our beliefs are sacred and our right to worship in our own way—or not to worship at all—is revered and protected.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

At day's end, we sit down to dinner, in communities large and small, and share with our neighbors the immutable constancy of our freedom to raise our families under liberty's open skies, and to fall asleep beneath the comforting blankets of our democracy.

Have you thanked a veteran today?

Today, Veterans Day, 2004, let us seize this opportunity and offer our heartfelt "thank you" to America's former soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coastguardsmen. For 228 years, they protected the rich and seamless fabric of Freedom woven on the loom of conflict, washed in the blood of patriots, and preserved in times of peace through their fidelity in service to the cause of Liberty.

Forty-eight million of our fellow citizens earned our gratitude by donning our nation's uniform. They are our ancestors laid down in their eternal resting places. They are the Greatest Generation. They are our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters, our neighbors, and our countrymen across the nation. They are our warriors still missing in action, and they are our former Prisoners of War finally released to Liberty's loving arms. And they are our armed forces on the front lines of Freedom half a world away.

On this Veterans Day, we thank them all.

Health Fair offers a healthy dose of information

submitted

The Sutton County Health Fair will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at the Sutton County Civic Center. The fair will include many health vendors providing a host of health information. Vendor tables will open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Many free screenings will be offered, including: Cholesterol Screening (Lipid Profile), Complete Blood Counts (CBC), Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA, Blood Pressure, Hearing Exams and a Blood Drive.

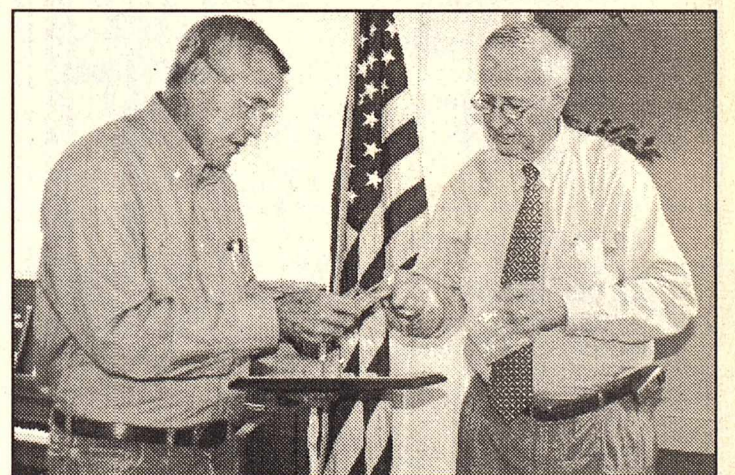
Blood screening will begin at 7:30 a.m. and patients wanting free cholesterol screening must be fasting from midnight.

Fasting is not required if you are only PSA and CBC testing.

Fasting means nothing to eat or drink after midnight.

At this time, due to a national shortage, flu vaccines will not be available at the fair.

Safe Kids again will be on hand to provide safety information and children's activities are planned. For more information, please contact 387-2234 or 387-2521.



Norm Rousellot receives recognition and symbols of appreciation for continued dedication to the Adopt-a-Highway project.

Sonora Downtown Lion Norm Rousellot recognized for dedication to keeping roadways clean

by Storie Sharp

Norm Rousellot and the Sonora Downtown Lions Club were honored recently, as the Texas Department of Transportation "Outstanding Group of the Year" for the San Angelo area. Norm aggressively leads the Lions in their efforts to keep a two-mile portion of Hwy 277 N. free of litter and debris, as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. This international program originated in Texas, where it remains one of the Lone Star State's most successful public-private initiatives.

Norm and the Sonora Downtown Lions were chosen from approximately 150 groups that are located from Glasscock County to Real County. There is no set criteria in choosing the winners, but TxDOT felt that because of Norm's dedication and the group's efforts, it was time that they were recognized.

Sonora should take time to thank Norm and all his Lion comrades who work so hard to keep our community looking better.

SIDC discusses Air Service Needs Assessment

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation met at the Sutton County Steakhouse on Monday, November 1, 2004. In regular business the board corrected a dollar amount in the minutes from the prior meeting and approved monthly and quarterly bills.

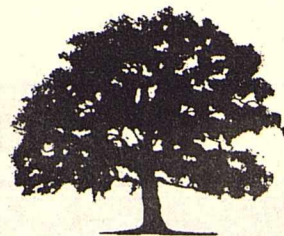
A discussion was held on the wording of SIDC performance contracts. Nancy Glasscock, SIDC Office Manager, explained that she had

attended a 4B Sales Tax seminar and learned that it is very important to ensure that all contracts are worded correctly. Board member John Tedford suggested that this be added to the next agenda, to discuss in detail how the contracts should be worded. City Attorney Beth Wallace explained that the current contract drawn up for Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was satisfactory for

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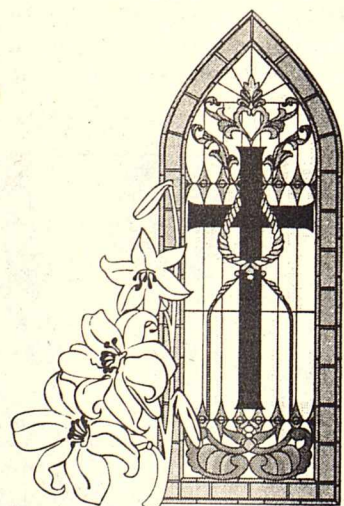
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Cards of Thanks

We want to express our gratitude to those who sent memorials, flowers, cards, gifts, food and telephoned us during this very difficult time.

The Family of Ann Luckett Feagin

2004 SMS 8th Grade Cheerleaders.
Thank you so much for the lovely gifts. They mean so much because every time we look at them, they will remind us of you, an AWESOME group of girls whom we could always depend on to get the job done while having lots of fun. You will be greatly missed next year! We love you bunches!

AND 2004 SMS 7th Grade Cheerleaders.
Thank you for this year - a job well done. You learned everything you need to know to step up for next year. Also, you were GREAT, leading the crowd in cheers at the pep rallies and games! It was a blast, and we're looking forward to a super time next football season!

Always,
Ms. Faris and Mr and Mrs. Baldwin

The Sonora Middle School cheerleaders would like to say "THANKS" to everyone who supported our raffle project by purchasing tickets. Also, a special thank-you goes to Mrs. Marla Percifull of Team Graphics for donating the embroidery for the blankets.

Ms. Jaqueline Alvizo and Mr. Ray Lozano won the embroidered blankets which were given away at the last middle school football games. Seventh grade cheerleaders, Sara Gillit, sold the most tickets and won a gift certificate from Team Graphics.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the voters of Precinct No. 3 for their support in the November 2 election and thank all of the people of Sutton County for their support and cooperation. I ask all for their support and participation over the next four years. With your help and support we can continue to accomplish projects in progress and other projects in the future.

Thank you,
Milton Cavaness
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Thank you Carl, Edna, Rosie and Keith, Carla, Jodie, Betty and Roy Jean. I am fine now, and I do thank you for your help on Friday.

Love,
Ethel Olson

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the businesses in the downtown area and other businesses who participated in the Trick or Treat Downtown Promotion. On Friday, as the sun peeked through the clouds you could see every kind of trick or treat moving all over Sonora. There were knights, supermen, power rangers, cheerleaders, kings, queens, princesses, pirates, spidermen, rodeo clowns and even a china doll. The businesses are the reason this promotion is a success and we appreciate your time, special treats and talent. We say a big "Thank You" to all of the businesses, children, teachers, and parents. If you missed the action on Main Street this year, watch for the special trick or treat day next year.

The Friends of Historic Main Street Program would like to say "Thank You" to the community, vendors, Sonora Boy Scouts, Southwest Lions Club, Sonora Caverns, Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Independent School Superintendent, Tedford Jewelry, Radio Shack, Sutton County, Nathan Favela, the Dance Studio Dancers, West Texas Cloggers, Devil's River News, KHOS Radio, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, the community service workers, Sutton County Probation Staff, Newkirk Electric, Michelle Weingart, the Bank & Trust staff, Mayor Lopez, Sandra Gonzalez, Sally Gonzalez, TxDOT, Maggie Mesa, Mari Sanchez, Kathy Pacheco, Little Mr. Sutton County Alex Castilleja, Little Miss Sutton County Felisha Farley, Miss Sutton County Courtney Caruthers, Lisa's Flowers, all the parents & teachers, and all who supported the Annual Fall Festival.

The Friends of Historic Main Street Board of Directors would like to express our appreciation to you who give your time and talent to the program and Annual Fall Festival 2004. The Fall Festival was a great success. We had a lot of out-of-town guests. One of the vendors said that she hadn't been in Sonora before but she would be back because of the friendly folks. Thank you Sonora for the hospitality.

Senior Center News

- Nov. 15 - Bingo! Blood pressure checks with TDH. 11:00 a.m.
- Nov. 16 - City Council. 2:00 p.m. CEAP Energy Assistance. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 17 - Van to San Angelo. Medicals come first. Call Lilia 387-3941. Crafts.
- Nov. 18 - Birthday Party for November babies! Noon.
- Nov. 19 - Kooking with Kelly! Noon.

Senior Center Menu

- Nov. 15 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk.
- Nov. 16 - Meatloaf with sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, roll, sugar cookie, milk.
- Nov. 17 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian vegetables, roll, applesauce, milk.
- Nov. 18 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, roll, juice, Jell-O with fruit, milk.
- Nov. 19 - Cheese enchiladas, rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, crackers, cake with icing, milk.

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
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.*

Thank You!
I wish to express my deepest gratitude for your votes in the November General Election. I look forward to serving all of the citizens of Sutton County for four more years.

Sincerely,
Deedie McIntire
Tax Assessor-Collector

Obituary

Reverend Ted Harris I

The Rev. Teddy (Ted) W. Harris I, was born in Gray County, Texas near Lefors, Texas June 2, 1936, to Thomas Jackson Harris and Minnie Alice Sloan Harris. Ted was a life long teacher in schools and churches. He did many types of work from oil field supply, commercial T.V., public school teacher, university teacher, building contractor, to Episcopal Priest. Ted was ordained an Episcopal Priest October 1994. He served in Odessa, The Sandhills Ministry (Kermit, Andrews, Monahans), Sonora and Hebronville. Ted married Emma Louise Appling Harris, June 2, 1957.

He was preceded in death by one grandson.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Harris; children, Alicia Harris, Cassandra (Sandy) Harris Burris, Wayne Harris II, and Tom Harris; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Ronnie J. Harris; many aunts, cousins; and a multitude of lay and clergy friends.

A memorial service will be at St. James Episcopal Church in Hebronville, Saturday, November 13, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. and November 27, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. in Harper, TX for scattering of cremated remains.

Those who desire may make memorial contributions to Habitat for Humanity, 311 Probandt St., San Antonio, Texas 78204 or Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, 815 2nd Ave, NY, NY 10016.

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Jerry Traylor runs marathons on crutches



Tumbleweed Smith

I met a remarkable man this past week. His name is Jerry Traylor and he lives in Arizona. He is a professional speaker who spends a lot of time in Texas talking to school kids, prisoners, athletes and community leaders.

I heard him on two different occasions and both speeches were completely different. After his remarks to some federal prisoners, nearly every inmate in the audience stood in line to shake his hand. At a luncheon speech, he got a standing ovation. "I got into the speaking business by accident in the late seventies," says Jerry. "It seems I was doing some things that astounded people and they wanted me to tell them about it. So I did. I never intended to be a speaker."

Jerry was born with cerebral palsy. As a child he had a severe speech impediment. "My mother kept telling me to speak clearly. I worked at it." Growing up, he had to do chores right along with the other kids. Jerry had fourteen operations by the time he was fourteen years old. As a six-year old he was in the hospital eleven months and missed a full year of school. He was a C student in high school, and never felt he had to try because people would cater to him. He entered college and became a social butterfly and dropped out. He eventually went back and got his business degree in 2000 at the age of 46.

When Jerry was 24 he ran his first three-mile race in 36 minutes and forty-one seconds. A few months later he decided to do a marathon. That took seven hours and seventeen minutes. He

started jogging in marathons as a hobby and kept improving until he could do 26 miles in just over 5 hours. He walked up an old mining trail, sometimes blocked by boulders, that goes straight up Pikes Peak. His ascent from 6,000 feet to 14,000 feet took six hours and thirty-six minutes. He did it twice more, improving his time each trip.

Jerry says the most important thing in making a speech is to know your audience and to show genuine concern for your audience. "It's like giving a pat on the back to the people sitting in front of you."

He tells his audiences to learn to do incredible things even in your imperfection. I asked him to tell about some of the outstanding things he has accomplished. He replied, "I once ate a dozen burritos at one sitting." Jerry is a funny man. "I have several parks named after me," he says. "But they spell my name wrong. They spell it trailer." He has run in 35 marathons, danced in 16 dance marathons and jogged across America. All on crutches.

Already established in his speaking career, he spent seven and a half months walking across the country. From the Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco to the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, thirty five hundred miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic. He covered 18 miles a day, making a mile in nine and a half minutes. "Most walking paces are about fifteen to twenty minutes a mile. So I generally think I ran across America." He made 250 speeches along the way. I asked him if he considered his walk across America his most spectacular accomplishment. He said, "What I do every day is more spectacular because I'm changing lives."

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Nov. 11
Fillies Volleyball Exhibition Match
Middle School Gym • 7:00 p.m.
Parents Fun Match following.

Nov. 11
Veterans Programs • 10:30 a.m.
High School Auditorium

Al-Anon Family Meetings
Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room
Call 387-2521 ext. 170

The Community Calendar



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Nov. 13

Sutton County Game Dinner
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

Nov. 16

City Council Meeting • 2:00 p.m.
City Hall

Bronco Booster Meetings
Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
SHS Room #210

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary

One of our readers said if I wanted to find snow in Sonora to look in January of 1944. In the Devil's River News of January 14, 1944, there is a report of 8 inches of snow in the county. Livestock losses were expected. The snowfall had begun on Wednesday night and continued all day Thursday. Sonora Wool and Mohair reported that they measured 8 inches of snow and that it would be good for the range but would cross large losses of livestock.

Friday morning no estimates of livestock losses for the county had been reported yet. Clear skies that morning promised an end to the snow, which with sunshine will prevent the situation from becoming worse. W. H. Dameron, superintendent of the Experiment Station, reported that ranches who have feed probably won't experience heavy losses.

Four persons were injured, according to Dr. J. F. Howell, from the ice and snow. Paul Turney suffered a broken thumb when he fell on the ice at his ranch home and Cynthia Milton hurt her knees in a fall at the school house. Two men from Del Rio were injured when their vehicle overturned on the highway about two miles outside Ozona. Snow on the highways outside of Sonora was reported to be deep and dangerous and the hotels and tourist camps were filled to capacity. All mail service from out of town was stopped as the bus service east and west was stopped and the mail carrier from San Angelo did not arrive.

Q. When was the Craddock Building torn down?

A. The Craddock Building, called by that name because Dr. Craddock had his office in the building for so many years, was torn down in April of 1944. The building was also called the "Medical-Arts-Building" during that time.

Fred Koenig built the structure in 1900 as a rent building. It was marked across the top as the Koenig Building. In 1911 it assumed a "Leaning Tower of Pisa" stance as the result of an explosion. At the time Dr. A. L. Taylor had offices on the second floor and the first floor was used as a combination drug store and general merchandise store. In the general merchandise store, which was owned by Hagerlund Bros., was some dynamite which had been

placed under a stand containing flour.

A fire broke out in the building, setting off the dynamite and the concussion blew out 42 windows, sprung the doors in the Court House, and set fire to half the business section where Oberkamp's and the Elliott-Taylor Motor Co. were located. The explosion was heard for 25 miles.

The bottom of the building stayed where it was but the top was moved back 3-4 inches. Needless to say the interior was demolished, including a new X-ray machine owned by Dr. Taylor. The Decker Hotel, which used to be next door, was moved back 1 inch on its foundation. Those who saw it said the fire and explosion were quite a spectacular event. Even though it leaned heavily the building was used for many more years until the structure was determined unsafe for any further habitation. The lumber was sold to Ruby Davis of Rocksprings and used to build goat sheds on his property, when the "Leaning Tower of Sonora," was finally torn down.

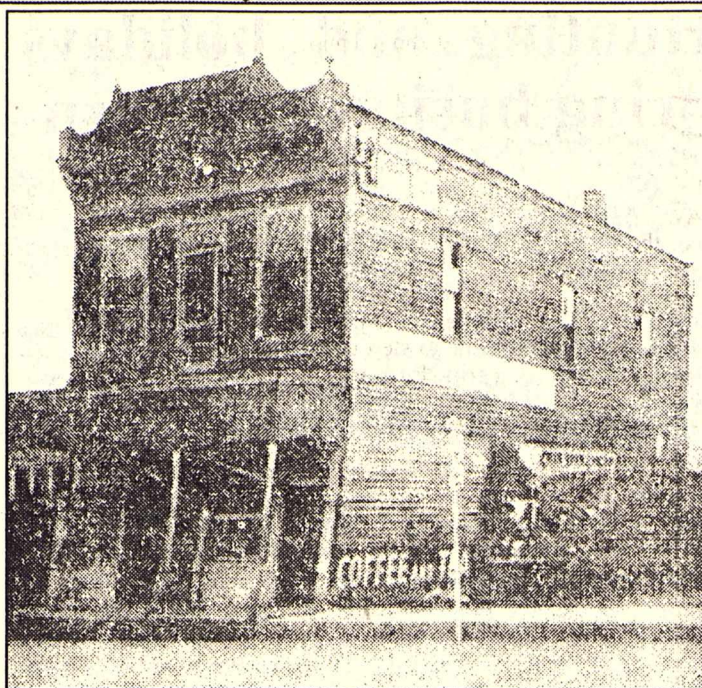
Q. Do you have the obituary of Mrs. John Lee Nisbet?

A. Devil's River News, December 3, 1943-Funeral services for Mrs. John Lee Nisbet, who died Wednesday, November 24, in San Angelo following an operation, were held here Friday afternoon, November 26, at St. John's Episcopal Church. The Bishop Everett Jones of San Antonio conducted the services and burial was in the Sutton Co. Burial Park.

Mrs. Nisbet was the daughter of Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and the later Mr. Aldwell, born in Walkerville, Canada, February 19, 1887, coming to Sonora in 1901. She was one of the first graduates of the Sonora schools, later attending a girls' seminary in Dallas, St. Mary's Academy in San Antonio, a normal school in Denton and the University of Texas in Austin.

She taught in San Antonio and later in Sonora schools. She married John Lee Nisbet in Sonora on July 22, 1913, and for several years they made their home in Lubbock and Plainview then settled in Sonora.

Mrs. Nisbet was active in both civic and social organizations, being one of the organizers of the Girl Scout Troop here and an active member of the executive committee, a member of the Young Women's



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Episcopal Guild, the Sonora Woman's Club, the Music Club and the Sonora Parent-Teachers Association.

Survivors beside Mr. Nisbet, a son, Aldwell of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Marjory Reba, student at the University of Texas, Austin; her mother, Mrs. W. L. Aldwell; a sister, Mrs. T. A. Williams of San Antonio; and a brother, Lea Aldwell of San Angelo.

Q. Where did William Edward Glasscock die?

A. Devil's River News-May 28, 1943, William Edward Glasscock, 57, pioneer Sutton County ranchman and former county commissioner, died Monday afternoon in a San Angelo hospital following an illness of many months. Grave side rites were performed by members of the Masonic Blue Lodge of Sonora. Burial was in the City Cemetery.

Survivors included Mrs. Glasscock, two sons, Herbert Edgar and Travis Edward, both of Sonora; two daughters, Lillian Belle and Betty Faye, both of Sonora; two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Parker and Mrs. B. Bowen, both of San Angelo; three brothers, R. A. of Big Lake, Pink and Sim of Sonora.

Mr. Glasscock was born in Menard Co., September 10, 1886, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasscock. When he was two, the family moved to Sonora where he was reared and attended school.

In 1908 he began ranching for himself in various parts of West Texas, including Val Verde and Tom Green Counties. He later purchased 21 sections of ranch land 22 miles southwest

of Sonora in 1923. He was one of the first to realize the value of wolf-proof fencing and took pride in building the grade of his goats, cattle and sheep.

Memorials: A memorial donation was received for Gayle Jordan Davis from Mrs. C. T. Jones.

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@sonor-ratx.net. You may call the office, at 307 Oak Street, for rentals of buildings or with questions on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 8-11:45 at 387-5084. You can try me at home at 387-2855 but files are all kept in the office now. I do bring a copy of the rental calendar home with me and can answer any questions about rentals. Right now we have 2 rentals confirmed for November and 2 confirmed for December. If you want anything these months you should sign up and get your deposit in quickly as weekends are going fast.

Rick and I let the society use our large Xmas tree in the Depot but we still will need money for new lights on the grounds. If you can afford to donate a little to help us light up the grounds and the hearts of local children please let me know. Many times I see parents walking their children through the grounds over Xmas and showing them all the lights we have put up. They are getting old and unsafe and need replacing. So please help if you can....Thank you!

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street gets ready for the holidays

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been busy gathering special treats for the Yellow Ribbon Shoe Box Drive. We would like to invite everyone to share with the military personnel from our community. We have received many of the military new addresses but we are asking for any soldiers from our community to please call or drop off the addresses at the Friends of Historic Main Street Program Office at 232 Main Street, suite 101. The phone number is 325-387-2248. The shoe boxes will be sent to the military personnel during the week of November 18-19, 2004. If you would like to donate your time or some special treats, go by the the office to help with the project. There is nothing like getting a box from home and you will receive a special blessing.

We have asked some of the parents and family of the soldiers what they would like to have, and we compiled the following list of examples: vacuum packaged meats, sweetened Kool-aid packages, foot powder, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shoe boxes, small notebooks, pens, moist wipes, jerky, sunflower seeds, tic tacs, candy, chocolate candy, gum, stationary, postage stamps, nuts, puzzle books, word discover books, lip balm, motel size soap, or anything you would like to donate. Please don't donate pork produces because they will not allow them in the country. Thank you for your support.

The Knights of Columbus and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite the community and out of town tourists to the Annual Thanksgiving

Lunch, on November 21, 2004. Serving will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. The lunch will be prepared with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. The lunch is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with the lunch you can donate a turkey or a dessert. We appreciate the Knights of Columbus who smoke the turkeys and serve the warm delicious meal. It is a wonderful time to share God's blessings and we hope that you will come to the Annual Knights of Columbus and Friends of Historic Sonora Mains Street Program Thanksgiving Lunch.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will sponsor the "Best Dressed-up House for Christmas". We will have the judges driving around town starting December 4, 2004. They will be looking for Christmas spirit, most creative, and brightest star for Christmas. If you are a winner you will receive a Christmas ornament from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, and a traveling sign will be placed in your yard for a week.

The town is divided into four parts and there will be a winner in each section. We will announce the winners on KHOS Radio and their photos will be in The Devil's River News. We would like to express our appreciation to these two media for their continued support of the "Best Dressed-up House for Christmas."

The week of November 8-12, I will be in Bryan-College Station at the Texas Downtown Annual Conference. Smiles & Tourism!

Voters hand Bonilla decisive victory

Bonilla Congratulates Bush



Congressman Henry Bonilla

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The voters of the 23rd Congressional District have re-elected Congressman Henry Bonilla by an astounding majority.

"I am grateful for my strong district-wide support. Thousands of people took time out of their busy days to show support for my work in Congress. I thank every one of them for their dedication," said Bonilla.

This election marks Bonilla's seventh term serving the people of the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. Throughout the campaign, Bonilla advocated national security, economic security, smarter government, and reforms to the tax code.

"It will be a tremendous honor to work on behalf of my constituents to reform the tax code, win the war for freedom and work to keep them safe. I look forward to providing real solutions on these critical issues," said Bonilla.

Bonilla will continue to represent the people of Bexar, Brewster, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Edwards, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb and Zavala counties.

According to a new redistricting map, Bonilla will now represent the people of Banderita, Kendall and Kerr counties. "I welcome my new constituents to the 23rd district - it's a great place to be! The people of the 23rd District should expect great things. I look forward to being a part of their continued success," said

Bonilla.

Bonilla also congratulated President George W. Bush on a tremendous re-election to the White House. "This is an exciting moment in the history of our great country. Under the guidance and leadership of President George W. Bush, the people of America can look forward to a future of peace, progress and prosperity," said Bonilla. "I urge all Americans to help heal the divisiveness from the November election and look forward to a future that will bring prosperity to the nation as a whole."

Congressman Bonilla was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. Since his first election he has become Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations

Subcommittees. Congressman Henry Bonilla's congressional district is the largest in Texas. The district spans nearly 800 miles of the Texas/Mexico border, includes two time zones and three climates. He was the only Texan selected by then Governor Bush to serve on his Presidential Exploratory Committee. Bonilla also served as Co-Chairman of the 2000 and 2004 Republican National Conventions.

"I love my job in the House of Representatives. It gives me a real opportunity to make a difference. I'm already looking forward to serving the good people of the 23rd Congressional District for another two successful years."

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Her parents are Captain and Mrs. Shannon Arnwine of Cherry point MCAS, NC. Captain Arnwine is currently serving in Fallujah, Iraq with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Grandparents are Tommy and Beverly Arnwine of Sonora and Fred and Pat Miller of Singers Glen, VA.

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Chamber Chatter

Hunting and holidays bring business to town

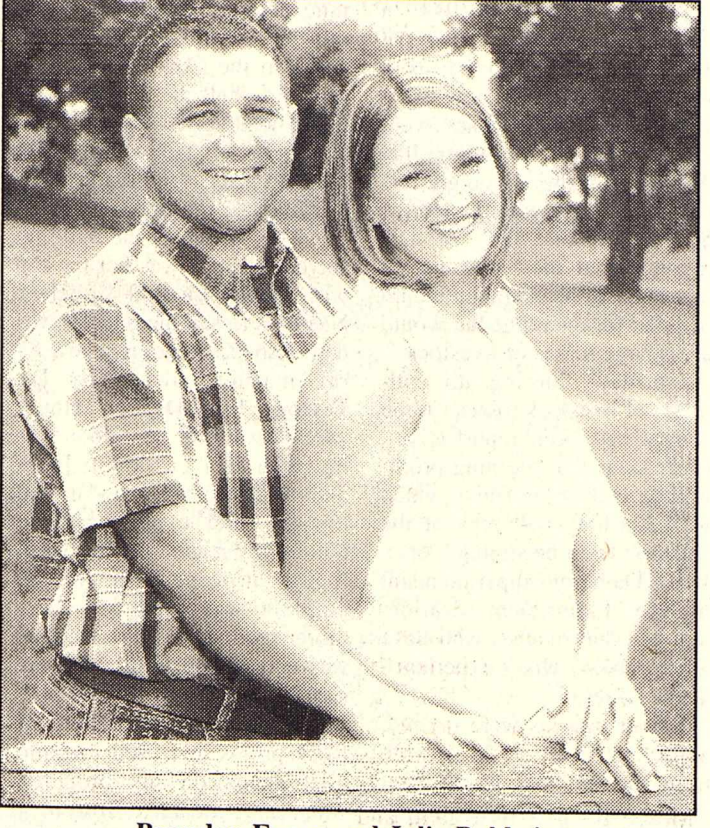
SONORA by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
 Wow, this is a very busy week in Sonora. We will be having a Grand Opening for 2 new businesses in Sonora and celebrating the 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner. The two new businesses are associated with an existing business. Stagecoach BBQ & Catering now has the most wonderful fresh meat market. If you haven't been by there to pick up some good cuts of steak, pork chops, hamburger, chili meat, or any of the other wonderful meats they have to offer, then you have missed a real treat. It is as if you have stepped back in time when you see the wide selection of quality meats and are greeted with the same friendly service you used to get at the neighborhood meat markets of yesteryear. The other new service at Stagecoach BBQ & Catering is the deer processing and storage. They offer all the expected services that go along with deer processing and will hold donated deer for Ministerial Alliance to distribute to those in need of meat this winter. The Grand Opening will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday November 12, 2004 at 801 Tayloe (Next door to Rafter W). They will serve snacks and goodies for you to enjoy. Come help us welcome the expansions of this business to our wonderful community, we are excited to have these services in Sonora.

The 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner is this weekend. This "Texas Size" event will be Saturday evening at the Sutton County Civic Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come on out early so you can buy all your door prize tickets. Coolers are welcome and there will be over \$50,000.00 worth of quality door prizes. Two of the biggest prizes are the Polaris 500 ATV and the Kawasaki 50 ATV, and there will be over 50 quality rifles and shotguns. The traditional menu will be served and Monte Jones aka "Biscuits O'Bryan" will serve up a large helping of humor to go along with all the wonderful food. Don't miss out on all the fun, food and prizes, and if you have never been to the Sutton County Game Dinner, you will be amazed at the wonderful food and the number of high quality prizes. Join us for the 38th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, for more information call 325/387-2880 or visit our website at www.sonoratax-chamber.com.

Get ready to do your Holiday Shopping. Many of the businesses in Sonora will be participating in the Santa Bucks give away. You can get Santa Bucks at participating businesses to use in the Santa Bucks Auction on December 16, 2004. There are many businesses participating and many other businesses which are donating items to be auctioned off. Please remember your local merchants and do as much of your Christmas shopping in Sonora as you can. Santa bucks will be available at participating merchants on Monday, November 15, 2004.

Engagement Announcement

Baldwin and Evans proudly announce New Year's wedding date



Brandon Evans and Julia Baldwin

Russell and Vicki Baldwin of Sonora are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Marie, to Brandon DeWayne Evans, son of Larry and Cheryl Evans of Burnet, Texas. Ms. Baldwin will graduate in December 2004 from Texas A & M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Development. Mr. Evans, who also graduated from Texas A & M University, is an agricultural science teacher at Boling High School in Boling, Texas. They plan to marry January 1, 2005, at Vanderveer Church of Christ in Burnet, Texas.

Henson, Harris announce April wedding plans



Ashley Henson and T.J. Harris

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Henson of Water Valley, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Henson, to T.J. Harris, son of Don and Becki Harris of Sonora, Texas. The bride-elect, a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School, resides in Del Rio, Texas, where she is a nail technician. The future groom, a 1996 S.H.S. graduate, is a Border Patrol Agent in Del Rio, Texas. The couple will marry on April 2, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Sonora, Texas. They will reside in Del Rio, Texas.

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Clayton Sahr makes strides towards State



Clayton Sahr, son of Lynn Sahr and Les Sahr, will be running joining his Christoval Cross Country team at State Competition in Round Rock, Texas, on Saturday, November 13, 2004. The team finished 3rd at Regionals in Arlington last weekend to qualify. Clayton's team consists of Phillip Allan, Stephen Clark, Cris Martinez, Emmanuel Huerta, Andres Hernandez, Brian Deaver, Sahr and Alt; Collin Jernigan.
Good Luck Clayton!!

Correction: In the article last week reporting on the Concho Valley Council of Government (CVCOG) meeting in Sonora, I inadvertently said the Sutton County Steakhouse catered the event, when in fact, it was B&H Catering that catered the meal. We apologize for the misprint and thank B&H Catering for a great job!

Anthony Longoria joins the Who's Who ranks

Anthony Longoria, a junior at Sonora High School, has been named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students. Anthony is the son of Joe and Betty Longoria. He is active in football, baseball, track, NHS, Peppermint Dance Club and PALS.



Anthony Longoria

Who must be recommended by an adult from their high school, church, or sponsor of a youth organization in which they have participated as a high school student. Students listed also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual survey of high achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

JV White Broncos close out Colorado City to end season

by: Danni Price

The JV White Broncos beat the Wolves of Colorado City on Wolf turf, Thursday, November 4th to finish out their schedule. The JV White team shut out the Wolves 28-0 for their seventh win of the season.

Alonzo Peña kicked things off putting the ball at the C. City 23 yard line. The Wolves would go 3 and out before punting the ball. Good work by the Bronco defense, tackles by #54 Zadrian McGee, #55 Morgan Martinez, #56 J.T. Downing and #20 Joe Lugo.

The Broncos would take the punt at their own 45 yard line and #10 Victor Vaquera would make it up to the Wolves' 32. This is where the Broncos would go to work. Vaquera and Nick Peña would only manage a few yards on the first few downs, but then on 4th and 5, Vaquera would haul it all the way to the 12 yard line for the first down. Vaquera would complete passes to #34 Colton Moore for a 5-yard gain, and #17 N. Peña for a 4-yard gain. Then on 3rd down, Vaquera would find the crease created by his offensive line and waltz in for six points. Vaquera and company would set up in the PAT kick formation, but Vaquera would elect to pass. The 2-point pass play was incomplete. Broncos 6, Colorado City 0.

The Wolves would take the ball at their own 26 yard line after the Bronco kick. The Wolves appeared to have something going, as they would gain 3 first downs in a row on the ground taking the ball all the way to the Bronco 18 yard line. At the 18, the Wolves would change strategies and opt for the passing game. This would not be a lucrative formula as they would lose two yards and turn the ball over to the Broncos on downs. The Bronco defense applied pressure in the red zone with tackling by #15 Riley Sanchez, and a QB sack by #55 Martinez and #79 Edward Garcia.

The Bronco offense would set up shop at their own 21 yard line with 1:15 in the 1st quarter. Vaquera would gain 35 yards on the first play, taking the Broncos up the field. They would stay on the 43 for the next few plays, and time would run out in the first period. With the clock reset for the second quarter, Vaquera got behind the



J.V. White ends season with a win.

blocking of #62 Juan Dominguez on 3rd and 14, and takes it across midfield to the Wolves' 43 yard line for the 1st down. Vaquera would run the ball 7 yards before tossing it to #17 Nick Peña, who would be tackled almost as soon as he got his hands on the ball. This would bring up 2nd and 3. On 3rd and 2, Vaquera would be sacked in the back field for a loss, but luckily for the Broncos the Wolves were off-sides and the penalty would give the Broncos a 1st down on the 30 yard line. Vaquera and his receivers were willing and ready for the task. Vaquera hit #12 Fidel Acevedo at the 10 yard line, and then hit a waiting #15 Sanchez in the end zone for the second Bronco touchdown. Vaquera would take the ball in himself for the 2 points. Broncos 14, Wolves 0.

Alonzo Peña kicks to the Wolves 20 yard line, where they would bring it back to the 34 yard line. Vaquera and Hutner Lawson had good coverage on the kickoff. They would be unable to make anything happen after that and they would have to punt.

The Broncos would get the ball on the 42 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage #17 N. Peña would take the ball all the way down the field and into the end zone, but unfortunately there was a flag on the field, this one would have to come back. The Broncos would be penalized 10 yards for an illegal block in the back. On 1st and 20, Vaquera would gain 12, to bring up 2nd down and 8. Vaquera would be blindsided on the next play as he dropped back to pass. The Broncos would once again find luck on their side, as the Wolves were called for a personal foul. The Broncos would get a fresh set of downs, and try to get the offense rolling again. But,

again, there would be flags, sacks and incomplete passes. The Broncos would have to punt. Vaquera's punt would travel to the Wolves' 41 yard line and the defense would come out to play.

Colorado City's offense would only gain 4 yards thanks in part to #'s 54 McGee, 55 Martinez and 88 Jacob Cooper on the Bronco defense. Once again the Wolves would have to give the ball back to the Broncos. The buzzer would sound, and that would be it for the first half of regulation.

Nick Peña would handle the punt, acquiring 4 yards to begin the 3rd quarter. This would get the Bronco offense back on the field on the 45 yard line. Vaquera, A. Peña and a "block in the back" call against Colorado City, would get the Broncos a 1st down and to the Wolves' 8 yard line. On 3rd and 10, Acevedo makes a leaping catch in the end zone for the Bronco touchdown; the 2 point conversion would fail. With 6:22 left in the 3rd quarter, Sonora leads Colorado City 20-0.

Alonzo Peña would remain consistent as his kick would sail to the Wolves' 21 yard line. Once again the Bronco defense would come in and play tough. The Wolves' offense had their own ideas. The Wolves would run 13 plays before being picked-off by #34 Colton Moore, on a passing play in the red zone. The Bronco defense would rack up tackles by #73 Mark Holman, #17 Nick Peña, #12 Fidel Acevedo, #55 Morgan Martinez, and #20 Joe Lugo. The Broncos would have the length of the field to work with to get the 4th quarter underway.

On 1st and 10 on their own 16 yard line, Vaquera shovels the ball to #24 A. Peña who

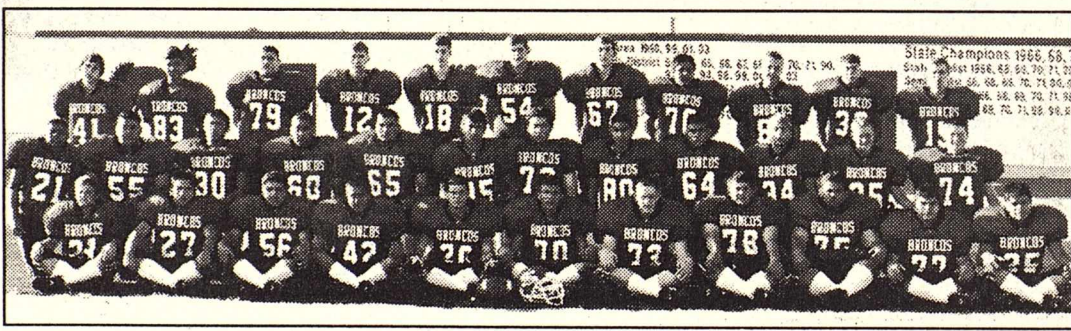
dances around the Wolves' defenders before getting to the outside; once outside, Peña shows his speed and runs all the way up the left sidelines and takes it to the house for six. Vaquera hands off the 2 point conversion play to Sanchez who gets in easily. Score, Broncos 28, Wolves 0.

Colorado City would get off 9 plays and acquire 43 yards before handing the ball back to the Sonora offense on downs. The 43 yards would not be gained easily as they would be met by the stingy Bronco defense. Cooper, #35 Mario Coronado, and #77 Tanner James would force the Wolves to keep the ball close to the line of scrimmage on the first few plays as they would each get a tackle. Martinez, would rush the Wolves' QB and cause a fumble, and then meet him again at the line for the tackle. On 4th and 12, as the trailing Wolves' elect to "go for it", #17 N. Peña makes the stop and rains on their parade.

The Broncos would get the ball on offense for the last time at the 22 yard line. They would manage 24 positive yards before the buzzer would sound ending the game, and the season. The final score, Broncos 28 and the Colorado City Wolves 0.

These freshmen boys had a notable, efficient season proving their unbending, propelling, "never give up" mentality. They play "in your face", "down but not out", smash mouth football. They had 7 wins and 3 losses. And I personally find myself just a little let down that their season has come to an end. WAY TO GO BRONCOS!!! GOOD JOB, GREAT SEASON!!!

Bronco JV Red Shuts-out Eagles



J.V. Red wins last game for the season.

By Mark Rousselot

What a finish to the 2004 season! The Red JV rolled to a 30-0 victory over the Junction Eagles last Thursday to end its season in the winning column. The Broncos proved once again it can run the ball. The Red JV pounded out 272 yards on the ground to go along with 85 yards passing.

Sonora won the toss and took possession of the opening kickoff at their 49. Sonora drove to the Junction 5 yard line but a fumble into the end zone gave the Eagles the ball at the 20. Shortly thereafter, Cullen Parker intercepted an Eagle pass and returned it to the Junction 10 yard line. Two plays later, Parker scored on a 5 yard run to give the Broncos a 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

With Junction owning the ball at their 39, the Bronco defense, led by JJ Galindo's crushing "Ray Lewis" type tackle, forced a fumble and Travis Valliant recovered the ball at the Sonora 36. Eight plays later, #27 Jose Casillas burst up the middle for a 31 yard gain to the Eagle 4. On the next play, Casillas was

rewarded with a 4-yard TD pass from Parker to make the score 12-0 in favor of the Broncos with 3:41 left in the half.

After a pass rush sack by Warren Wallace, the Eagles were forced to punt on their next possession. Then came the Broncos version of the two-minute drill. With the ball at its own 30 and only 1:31 remaining in the half, the Broncos drove the length of the field to score on a 10-yard leaping catch by #15 Evan Rousselot with no time left on the clock. This was a classic drive that rivaled any pro team. And it furthered the Broncos lead 18-0.

As the game temperature continued to drop, both teams exchanged four punts in the third quarter. But another interception by Parker gave the Big Red the ball at the Sonora 20. The Broncos then cinched the game with a bruising 12-play drive that culminated into a 6-yard touchdown run by Parker. On this 5:34 ball control drive, several key plays aided in the score: a 16-yard catch-and-run by Casillas, an 11-yard scam-

per by Parker, and an 18-yard gallop by Casillas.

But give credit to the Junction Eagles. Even down by 24, they never quit. Trying their best to score, the Eagles even went for a first down on a fourth down play deep in their end of the field. When their 4th down pass fell incomplete, this gave the Broncos the ball at the Eagle 25. Five plays later, Martin Gonzales rambled in from the one yard line for a 30-0 lead with 2:00 left in the game. And that is where the curtain closed (on a winning note) for the Red JV in 2004.

The Bronco Red JV ended the season at 5-4-1. Led by many outstanding players and efforts throughout the ten-game schedule, these young men will certainly be able to begin their 2005 season with a never-say-die spirit. So let us deviate from football a moment and, as players, parents, supporters, remember "til next year "Freedom must be constantly won and re-won. It cannot survive unless those who cherish freedom are prepared to nourish, live by, defend and develop it."

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JVA • Varsity

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Broncos from page 1

returned the ball about 20 yards. The Eagles kept the ball due to a Bronco penalty. The Eagles' good fortune lasted only one play. Gonzales tried a quick pass to his near receiver, but Dustin Duhon intercepted for the Broncos. Ramos threw a strike to Longoria who was forced out of bounds inside the Eagle twenty yard line. Brett McDaniel gained five yards. Two plays later, the complexion of the game quickly changed. On a first and goal play, Ramos pitched the ball to Northcott. The ball hit his pads and fell to the ground. Brent Abilez picked up the fumble and went 97 yards for an apparent touchdown. The Eagles were flagged for a block in the back near the Bronco 20 yard line. Five rushing plays later, Colt Murr scored on a ten-yard run through the middle of the Bronco line. After the PAT, the score was 14 to 7 with 4:41 left in the half.

Cox returned the Eagle kickoff for about 15 yards. Steven Duhon caught another Cearley pass for about 15 yards. Cearley's next pass bounced off Gloria's hands, and Gonzales caught the deflected pass. He returned the interception to the 50 yard line. Several running plays later, the Eagles were knocking on the door again. Cox intercepted an Eagle pass and returned it to the 20 yard line. However, the Broncos were penalized for roughing the passer. With 18 seconds left in the half, Gonzales found Ryan Robinson open in the end zone for the second Eagle touchdown. After their PAT, the Broncos and Eagles were tied to end the first half. At halftime, the Broncos were tied with the last place team, and the Ozona Lions were way ahead of the



Photo by Patti Strauch

#32 Stetson Perez takes off through the Junction Eagles.

undefeated Mason Punchers. The Broncos kicked off to start the second half. The Bronco defense that came out of the locker room looked like they wanted to enter the playoffs. Junction went three and out after three Bronco gang tackles. The Broncos tried two running plays that lost yardage. Cearley dropped back on third down and completed a 50-yard pass and run to Longoria. A pass to Cox and then to Wagoner gave the Broncos a first and goal at the one. Stetson Perez regained the lead for the Broncos with a one-yard run. Gaytan kicked the PAT, and the Broncos led 21 to 14 with 7:33 left in the third quarter.

Each team traded punts. On the next Bronco possession, Ramos entered the game, and the Broncos moved the ball on the ground. Ramos gained 8 yards and McDaniel gained about 15 yards. He then followed up with a 20-yard run to the Eagle seven yard line for a first and goal. After the Eagles stopped two Ramos runs, the Broncos lined up in the Power I formation with McDaniel at tail-back. Ramos pitched the ball to

McDaniel who ran untouched into the end zone after tight end Smith pancaked the Eagle defensive end. After Gaytan missed his kick, the Broncos were back in front 27 to 14 with 10:03 left in the fourth quarter. There was no "quit" in the Junction Eagles. However, the Bronco defense stopped them. It seemed that the scoring was over. But with 49 seconds left, Ramos threw another 48-yard touchdown pass to Longoria. Once again the PAT was not good. Junction finished their season on a high note. They returned the Bronco kickoff to the Bronco 40 yard line. Two plays later, Eagle senior Ryan Robinson finished his high school career with a 20-yard touchdown reception. The final score was 33 to 20.

Cearley and Longoria had career nights. Cearley threw for 265 yards and two touchdowns. Longoria caught seven passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns. The Broncos will have a playoff rematch with the Crane Golden Cranes (7-3) next Friday at 7:00 p.m. at San Angelo Stadium.

8th Grade Colts Defeat Junction

By Nancy Glasscock

The 8th Grade Colts held on to win a close game versus the 8th Grade Junction Eagles last Thursday at Bronco Stadium.

The defensive plays of Kody Word and Rudy Charo stopped the first offensive series by Junction. This continued time and again throughout the game. When they needed to, the Colt defense stiffened and never allowed Junction to put points on the board.

The Colts' Jordan McGuffin and Mario Lira made a couple of first downs on their first offensive series behind the blocking of Andy Galindo and Mikey Sanchez.

Shortly after the Eagles took over, Uvaldo Ramos picked off a pass from Junction's quarterback. Derek Van Winkle went to work keeping the ball himself and handing off to Lira. The Power I worked for the Colts' only touchdown of the night by Lira. Van Winkle took the ball in for the two-point conversion.

The remainder of the first half featured good defensive plays by Word, Alberto Tovar, Lira, McGuffin, David Lane, and Ricardo Rodriguez.

Except for a terrific, acrobatic catch by Pecos Roberts, the second half of the game was a defensive standoff. Reynaldo Gaytan, Lira, McGuffin, Lane and many other Colt defensive players kept the Eagles out of the end zone. The final score was 8 to 0.

The 8th Grade Colts complete their 2004 season at 2-6-1. Good luck Colts when you move up to play on the JV team in 2005.

State school board adds marriage definition to health textbook

State Capital Highlights
 Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
 AUSTIN - The presidential election was not the only vote last week in which the R's prevailed over the D's in Texas. On Friday, members of the State Board of Education followed party lines in voting 10-4 to approve middle school health textbooks after publisher Holt, Rinehart and Winston agreed to change them to say that marriage is "a lifelong union between a husband and a wife."

In other words, the texts most Texas sixth- to eighth-graders will be studying will not even broach the concept of gay marriage.

The four Democratic members of the board voted against the adoption.

In approving high school health texts, the vote was 13-1. Before winning the approval, the publisher had agreed to change the reference to marriage, but declined to make many other changes in areas dealing with relationships.

The textbooks now go on the state's list of "conforming" titles. State money can be used to purchase either conforming or non-conforming textbooks, but school districts usually stick to those judged to be conforming.

Craddick says he'll stay...
 Almost lost amid all the news about the presidential election last week, House Speaker Tom Craddick announced on Wednesday that he has enough votes to preside over the lower chamber for another two years. Craddick (R-Midland) released a list of 119 members or member-elects who he says will vote for him as speaker when the Legislature convenes in January.

Promising in a written statement to lead the House

"with a fair, even hand," Craddick said that no one would be "shut out of the legislative process."

Voters shut out some...
 Craddick couldn't speak for the Texas electorate, which did vote to shut a few incumbents out of the legislative process.

In Travis County, Republican House Rep. Jack Stick, serving his first term, lost narrowly to Democratic candidate Mark Strama.

In Houston, the race pitting longtime Republican Rep. Talmadge Heflin and Democrat challenger Hubert Vo, a Vietnam native, was still hinging on a count of absentee ballots ongoing on Monday.

Heflin has served 11 terms in the House and is chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the group at the heart of the state budget-making process.

The House will have 87 Republicans and 63 Democrats if Vo wins, though that GOP margin could drop by one if a requested recount affects the outcome of the race between narrow winner Republican Rep. Todd Baxter and Democratic challenger Kelly White in Travis County.

"District of Travis"...
 Years ago, singer Michael Martin Murphy said he didn't live in Texas, he lived in Austin. And Austin is in Travis County, which some had quipped may as well call itself the District of Travis.

Showing that it is a bit different from the rest of the state, Travis County went for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, giving him 56 percent of the vote.

President Bush carried the state, of course. He got 61.14 percent of the vote statewide, compared to 38.24 percent for Kerry. Other than Travis County, Kerry did best in South Texas along the border, El Paso and the Beaumont area.

Tough 7th Grade Colts Pummel Junction

By Nancy Glasscock

If you didn't get to Bronco Stadium on time for the Colts game versus the 7th graders from Junction, you probably missed the first twelve points Sonora scored. On the first play from scrimmage, Colt quarterback Kris Aguero ran 65 yards for the first Sonora touchdown. He then capped that off with a keeper for the two-point conversion. After the Michael Stephens' kickoff to Junction, Dustin Neff had a first-down-stopping tackle. Aguero returned Junction's punt from the Colt 40 yard line for another touchdown. This time, Junction stopped the two-point conversion play. With less than three minutes off the game clock, Sonora was up 12-0.

On the next Colt possession, Caleb Gonzales got his turn at quarterback. Harvey Santana made a 30-yard gain after the catch, but the drive stalled. Junction had the ball

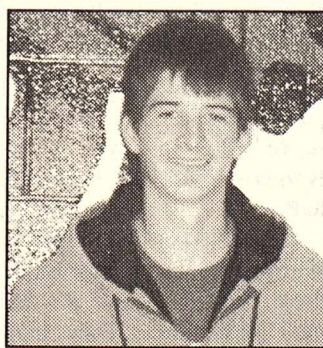
for only a short time when Tyler Creek intercepted a pass at the 25 yard line. Aguero, in again at QB, guided his offense for the final points of the half. The Colts led 20 to 0 at the half.

In the third quarter, the Colts tacked eight more points on the scoreboard. Aguero took the pigskin into the end zone on a quarterback draw. He also ran for the two-point conversion.

The Colt defense shut out the Eagles the remainder of the third quarter and most of the fourth. Aguero scored another touchdown and two-point conversion at the start of the fourth quarter.

The 7th grade Eagles scored their only touchdown with less than a minute left in the game. The 7th grade Colts ended the year 7 and 2. Thanks, Colts for the exciting games and your hard work this season.

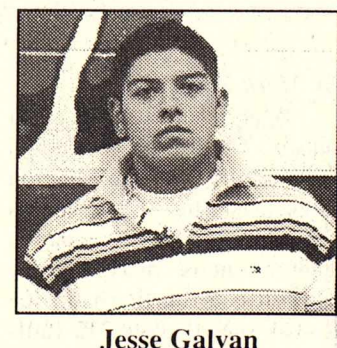
Students of the Week



Shane Love

Shane Love is one of the lucky students who has lived in Sonora all 15 years of his life. His parents are David and Rebecca Love.

The SHS Sophomore says that welding and working on trucks are his hobbies and he lists Ag as his favorite subject. Shane plans on attending school after graduation.



Jesse Galvan

Jesse Galvan is the 16-year-old son of Pancho and Dora Galvan. Jesse was born in Odessa, Texas and moved to Sonora in 1990.

Jesse enjoys playing football as he is a member of the Bronco Football team. He also likes cars and trucks. Jesse says that his favorite subject is athletics.

He plans to go to college after graduation but has no college preference.

Vandalism from page 1

viduals and businesses pay for the repair of something that is special to them and others that they share it with. Businesses pass the costs of vandalism on to customers through higher prices.

We know that vandalism hurts. People feel angry, sad, and frightened when something of theirs - a mailbox, a garden, a car antenna, or a special marker, is destroyed for no reason.

We know that vandalism indirectly claims other victims - a child is injured because a stop sign was stolen, a person can't reach 9-1-1 because the public phone is broken, or an organization has to take funds away from another project that may have helped someone, to repair broken items.

Most vandals are young people -- from grade schoolers

to teens to young adults -- who damage property for one or more of the following reasons: Boredom, Anger, Revenge, Defiance, Alliance.

We may never be able to stop it completely, but you can help prevent vandalism.

* Educate the public, especially young people, about the costs of vandalism.

* If you see anyone com-

mitting vandalism, report it to the police, school authorities, or someone who can take action.

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation and the Sonora Police Department want to state that, when or if found, the vandals will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. **Vandalism isn't a game, it is a crime.**

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Landowners Need License To Conduct Hunts

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department would like to remind landowners that a hunting lease license is required for certain hunting operations. The owner of a hunting lease or the landowner's agent may not receive pay or anything of value from hunters unless the owner or agent has acquired a hunting lease license from the department. This law applies to all hunting leases.

There are three types of lease licenses: (1) hunting lease license; (2) hunting cooperative; and (3) wildlife management association. The license is required to be displayed on the hunting lease property.

The fees for the first type, the hunting lease license, are as follows. This license is for the total amount of property in a county owned by an individual, partnership, firm, or corporation.

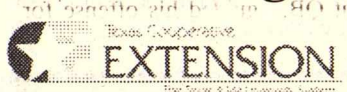
- * less than 500 acres—\$75
- * between 500- 1,000 acres—\$140
- * 1,000 acres or more—\$240.

The second type of license listed above, the hunting cooperative lease license, means a cooperative enterprise in which participating landowners pool their acreage and lease it for hunting purposes under the authority of a hunting lease license and in which the leasing profits are distributed to the landowners, according to the landowners' participation.

The fees for that license are as follows:

- * Less than 10,000 acres — \$60 + \$5 per participating landowner
- * Between 10,000-50,000 acres— \$120 + \$5 per participating landowner
- * More than 50,000 acres— \$240 + \$5 per participating landowner

Monitoring rangeland trend



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Having so much rain this year has produced good pasture conditions...right? Well, knowing what to look for is the key to reading your range. Managers must monitor both current conditions and changes over time to determine if damage to the soil, plant communities, and water resources is occurring; if past decisions are producing expected results; and whether management should be changed to correct problems before they become critical.

The first indicator of range or pasture health is vegetative cover—both the amount of vegetation and the species composition. Good vegetative cover, with little bare ground, slows the movement of water across the land. The slower the movement of surface water, the more time there is for it to soak into the soil. A certain amount of vegetative cover should be left ungrazed at all times. This is called the threshold residue. It varies with plant species, soil type and climate, and it determines the amount of rainfall captured and the potential for future grass production. Ten to 17 inches of rainfall can produce as little as 1,100 to 1,800 pounds of forage, or as much as 4,000 pounds of forage, depending on the amount of residue left ungrazed. Your management tool is to adjust your livestock stocking rate seasonally so that the threshold residue is not removed. Monitoring with photo points can help document seasonal and annual changes

Extension Office looking for interest in learning Spanish

The United States and especially Texas, are fast becoming multicultural, multiracial and multilingual. According to Steve Murdoch, with Texas A&M University, by the year 2030, Texas' population is estimated to be 46 percent Hispanic. Thus, as a result of recent interest due to our changing demographics, the Sutton County Extension Office is considering offering an educational spring series in conversational Spanish. This would be for non-speakers or those with beginner skills. If you'd be interested in participating in a 10-week series, call 387-3101. If enough interest exists, these series would begin after the first of the year.

pating landowner. And the third type listed above is the wildlife management association area hunting lease license. The department may designate two or more contiguous or proximate (a tract of land within one-half mile of another member tract) tracts of land as a wildlife management association area if:

1. each owner of the land applies for the designation;
2. the land is inhabited by wildlife;
3. the department determines that observing wildlife and collecting information about the wildlife will serve the purpose of wildlife management in the state; and
4. the landowners agree to provide the department with information regarding the wildlife under Section 81.302 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

The fees for licensing of this type of area are as follows:

- * Less than 10,000 acres—\$36 plus \$5 per participating landowner;
- * Between 10,000 and 50,000 acres—\$72 plus \$5 per participating landowner;
- * More than 50,000 acres—\$144 plus \$5 per participating landowner.

A hunting lease license is valid for the period from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.

"A person who violates any provision of the hunting lease license requirements or who fails to comply with any provision of the hunting lease license requirements commits an offense that is a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor, which carries a fine of between \$25-\$500," said David Sinclair, chief of Wildlife Enforcement at TPWD.

For more information, call (512) 389-4854.

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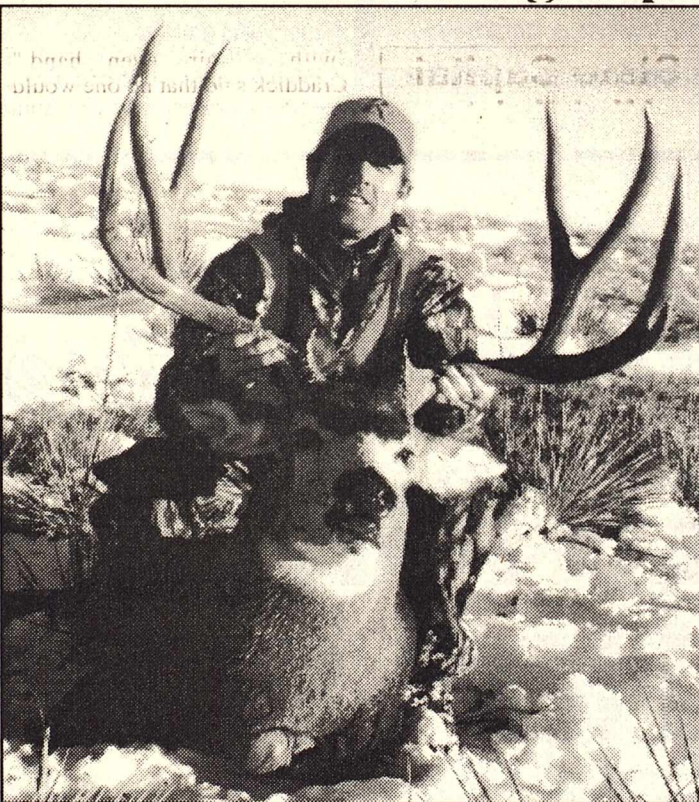
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Finklea bags a BIG buck on Coloardo hunting trip



Before getting too busy guiding hunters on his home turf, Larry Finklea traveled north to Colorado for some hunting in the snow. He bagged this 10 point mule deer about 20 miles west of Limon, Colorado. The deer, sporting a 28" inside spread, scored a 197 on the Boone and Crockett scale. Larry used a 270 to bring down the buck. Look for some Sutton County Big Bucks in weeks to come.

Matching funds awarded to projects promoting Texas Agricultural products

Eleven projects designed to promote awareness and increase the sales of Texas agricultural products have been awarded matching fund grants through the Texas Department of Agriculture's GO TEXAN Partner Program. TDA announced recently.

"The diversity of these projects is a wonderful reflection on the many exciting directions of Texas agriculture," said Delane Caesar, TDA's assistant commissioner for marketing and promotion. "This program is designed to assist companies that are actively involved in blazing a trail for their products and stepping up to face market challenges."

GOTEPP is a competitive matching fund program open to producers, commodity groups, cooperatives and businesses that are members of GO TEXAN. TDA's unified campaign marketing Texas agricultural products. The program is designed to help leverage the dollars available to promote agriculture products grown and processed in Texas. Costs for approved projects are split evenly between the applicant and TDA.

The combined cost of the 11 recently-awarded projects is approximately \$443,000. Products to be promoted include everything from Texas Boer goats, wine, mushrooms, aloe and gourmet food products to Texas Christmas trees, boots, emu oil and farmers markets.

One of the recipients of the funded projects was Two Sisters Boer dba Powell-Holman Boer Goats, of Sonora, who received \$41,991 for brochures, postcards, Web site enhancement, print advertisements, a pen banner and trade show attendance to promote Texas-raised Boer goats. In 2003, the company won its third Premier Breeder award at the America Boer Goat Association National Show as well as Premier Exhibitor, National Grand Champion Buck, National Senior Grand Champion Buck and Junior Grand Champion Buck. The company raises 25 percent of the animals in Sutton and Schleicher counties.

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Mark Your Calendars for our upcoming events at the Junction Livestock Auction

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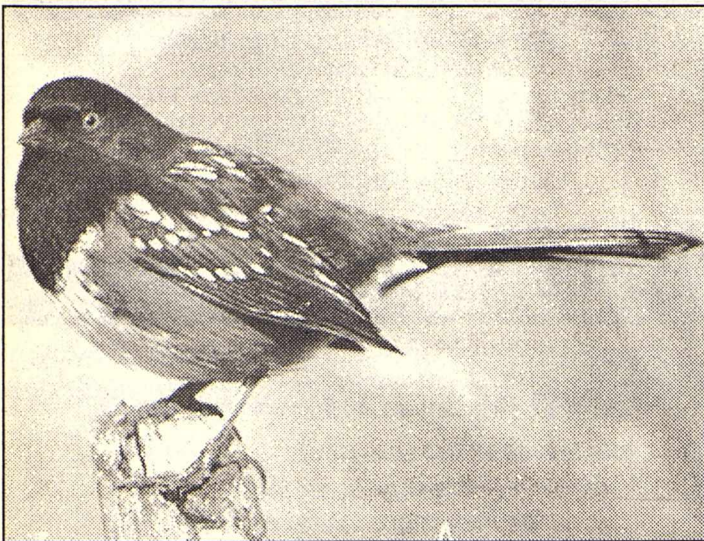
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Fall Feathers and Wily Webs



The delightful rufous-sided towhee, courtesy of Carl & Irmgard Carter Photography

by Delyse Jaeger

As the fall season breaks gently across the land and our world is bathed in a golden hue, feathered creatures, dressed in the colors of autumn, escape the bitter northern cold and make their homes among us. Like the bumper sticker says - they may not be from Texas but every year they get here as fast as they can!

Among these part-time residents are the lovely goldfinch and the boisterous rufous-sided towhee. The goldfinch comes in three varieties: the American, the Lesser black backed and the lesser green backed goldfinch. The American goldfinch is

mostly bright yellow with a black cap and black wings. The not-so-lesser black backed goldfinch sports a jet black head, back and wings with the bright yellow breast, and the green back has of course a greenish back. All three have white wing bars. These tiny birds are seed eaters and especially enjoy thistle. They can often be seen in flocks and are common on Eaton Hill during this time of year, so look for the yellow beauties at or near the feeders.

The rufous-sided towhee can be easily confused with a robin, but on closer inspection one will find him far more interesting in color and behavior. The male rufous-sided towhee is black from head to shoulders, has a white chest, and rusty orange wings and sides. His long black tail feathers and reddish eyes are identifying features. The female is patterned the same as the male, but she is dark brown where he is black. Towhees average about seven

inches in length and are usually spotted hopping around in the underbrush. These birds are entertaining to watch as they make quite a production of their search to uncover seeds, nuts and insects by scratching and hopping around in the leaves. I recently spotted one along the Apache Ridge Trail perched in a scrub oak. Keep a look-out for the beautiful and active ambassador of the autumn underbrush next time you hike the hill.

Other Sightings: Unidentified Flying Filaments Found Floating On The Breeze! In the fall, many young spiderlings climb to an elevated position, point their spinnerettes skyward and release a long strand of web into the air. This dragline serves as their flying ticket outa here, and on some days hundreds or thousands can be seen surfing the breeze on the way to their spider destiny. Glimmering in the sunlight, these aerial arachnid parachutes travel untold distances to dis-

perse their tiny cargo. Referred to as gossamer, the webmobiles have been spotted at the height of airplanes. It is believed the dispersal helps to ensure adequate food supply although some unfortunate wind runners have been spotted over the ocean. I found a website where numerous young folks in Texas were discussing the phenomenon online with a bit of concern. Finally, someone from Australia explained the mysterious flying web! Wonder among wonders.

The first monarchs have arrived in Mexico, and Journey North reported seeing millions in the skies. We are still seeing an occasional monarch in Sonora but the migration peak has passed. Looks like the butterflies enjoyed optimal traveling weather without needing to stay too long in our area this trip. No report yet on the totals to arrive in Mexico.

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Give space heaters S-P-A-C-E. On average, more than one-third of home fire deaths in the United States occur during the winter months. Keep portable heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, including furniture, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Do not leave space heaters on when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Install smoke alarms and test at least once a month. Have a working fire extinguisher and know how to use it. Have your chimney inspected by a professional before the start of the heating season and cleaned if necessary. Use a sturdy fireplace screen when burning fires. Burn only wood. Never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out of the chimney and ignite your roof or a neighboring home. If using a log in your fireplace, such as Dura-flame, only burn one log at a time. Burning more than one can emit too much heat and start a fire.

Candles are responsible for more than 100 fire fatalities each year in America with December as the leading month for home candle fires. The

Red Cross offers these candle safety tips: secure candles in a sturdy holder on a flat surface that won't tip over, make sure the holder is big enough to collect the dripping wax, keep lit candles well away from Christmas trees and other decorations, don't place candles in windows where blinds or curtains can close over them, do not leave a burning candle unattended, place all candles out of reach of children, and in a position where pets won't be able to knock them over. **KEEP ALL MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

Christmas trees are directly responsible for around 40 fatalities every year. Follow these safety tips while decorating your home for the holidays: if using a live Christmas tree, keep it watered daily, never put a lit candle on a Christmas tree, make sure your Christmas tree is far away from any source of ignition such as a space heater or candle and when putting holiday lights on a tree, follow the instruction recommended by UL Laboratories. Overloaded circuits are the cause of many home fires during the holiday season.

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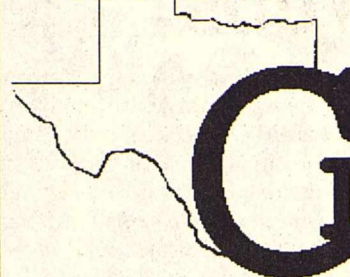
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Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors Monthly Meeting has been changed for the month of November to the third Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at noon, at 232 Main Street (The FHSMS Office). For more information please call 387-2248.

Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. The vision of TRANSFORMATION is based on Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be 'transformed' by the renewing of your mind." Don't miss this opportunity to see what God is doing. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Politt FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

The Sonora Middle School Fillies will be hosting an exhibition match between the Fillies Red and Fillies White teams on Thursday, November 11, 2004, in the Middle School Gym at 7:00 p.m. Come out and support the girls' volleyball teams. After their match the girls have challenged the parents to a Fun Match. See you at the Gym!

A Program Development Group meeting for the Environmental Quality Incentive Programs (EQIP) will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at the Sutton County 4-H Community Center in Sonora. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will be from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. For more information call Tom Payton, NRCS, 325-387-2730.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar titled "Excellent Customer Service" in Menard. This seminar is being underwritten by The Menard National Bank and will be held on Thursday, November 18th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Menard National Bank. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Janelle Kothmann at (325)396-4524 to reserve your space today as space is limited.

Over 80,000 people are on The National Transplant Waiting List. Sixteen of those people will die each day waiting for an organ. If everyone signed an organ/tissue donor card and told their families about their wishes no one would have to die waiting for an organ. Please consider the gift of life and call The Living Bank at 1-800-528-2971 if you are interested in becoming a registered organ donor or would just like more information.

Sonora Woman's Club is selling, unique to Sonora, "Sutton County Library" Christmas Ornaments to raise funds for the library. If you would like to purchase one of the collector ornaments contact any Sonora Woman's Club member or call the Sutton County Library.

THRIVE! authentic living conference- Lighthouse Community Church - November 13, 2004. Join over 50,000 women as they gather in 500 select churches across North America for the Premier Women's Conference of 2004. Get ready to be equipped to live your best life...the Authentic Life. Come ready to be challenged by an unprecedented line up of Nationally Recognized Speakers who will guide you in the art of Authentic Living. For more information contact Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625.

Storytime at the Sutton County Library, Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for children ages 3 through Pre-K. FMI call 387-2111.

Do well, Be well with Diabetes classes, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. For more information and to register call Kelly Thorp at 325-387-3604.

Show your support of our troops with a Yellow Ribbon Flag on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 232 Main St. (Mercantile Building) in downtown Sonora. If you need more information call 387-2248.

"Support your troops" car magnets are available at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$5 apiece. All proceeds benefit the 1836th Transportation Det. 1. For more information call 387-2880 or stop by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office.

When you can't find a ride or Mom is just too busy, call Thunderbird Transit. We will be glad to take you where you need to go. That's what we do best! Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Students fare \$1.00 round-trip. Adults fare \$1.50 round-trip. Senior Citizens - donations. 387-2509.

Band Boosters treated to FNB Popcorn Cart donations



Elaine Donaldson of the First National Bank proudly presented the Mighty Bronco Band Booster Club with the October funds raised from the Popcorn Cart. Rusty Baldwin, Band Director, parent volunteers and band members were happy to accept the donation and plan on putting the money to good use to help enhance the band.

Holidays May Be Stressful For Some Families

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For many Texans the family togetherness that accompanies the holiday season may be more stressful than joyous. Conditions such as dementia or events such as placement in a care facility may leave families wondering how best to celebrate the holidays. These tips will help families make the best out of the holidays regardless of their situation.

Care facility placements may be stressful at any time of the year but especially during holidays. Many families struggle with the question of whether or not to take their loved one out of the facility to celebrate together. While it might be fine for some patients, for others it could be a very traumatic experience. Consider the following:

- **Adjustment to new surroundings.** Has your loved one adjusted to his or her new life in the care facility? If your loved one has not gotten used to the fact that he or she no longer lives at home, a return home may be a very stressful situation. Talk to the facility staff to see how they feel your loved one has adjusted to the new surroundings. Also, trust your instincts - do not put yourself, your family or your loved one into an uncomfortable situation.
- **Explore options.** Check with the staff to see if you and your family might be able to celebrate part of the holidays in the facility. The facility may even be willing to let you eat a holiday meal with your loved one. Most places tend to be accommodating to family members, especially during the holidays.

- **Talk to your loved one.** No matter what you and your family choose to do for the holidays, make sure your loved one understands what is happening. If you decide to spend time at home with your loved one, use positive reinforcement to make sure he or she understands that you enjoy being together at home but it is temporary. For example, We don't want you to miss anything happening at your new home.

Where dementia is concerned, families may not know what to expect each new day, much less on holidays. You may want to talk to family members

not used to your loved one's condition so that they may be prepared for any surprises that may arise during your time together. In addition

- **Keep a routine.** Predictability is a very important aspect in the life of a person with dementia. You and your family should try to adjust your schedules so that you all may celebrate together but still preserve your loved one's schedule.

- **Plan events earlier in the day.** In dementia, confusion often occurs as the day goes on - a condition known as sundowning. For this reason, you may want to plan your holiday celebration earlier in the day.

- **Keep it simple.** While tradition and decorations may be an important part of your family's holiday celebration, remember that too much distraction may be frustrating to your family member. You may want to have some decorations that hold some family memories - something to which your loved one may respond. Also, you may want to consider traditional holiday music that your loved one knows and with which he or she may be able to sing along.

- **Involve your loved one.** If your family's holiday celebration includes exchanging gifts, you may want to consider recommending what other family members could get your loved one: comfortable clothing, music or photos of family members, to name a few. In turn, involve your loved one in the gift giving as well - you may want to buy something and allow your loved one to wrap it.

No matter what situation you and your family may face this holiday season, remember that much of the stress from holiday celebrations stems from expectations being too high. Many times family members expect things to be like they have always been before. Realizing that you and your family are in a different situation will help reduce the risk of a stressful holiday season.

For more information, go to the Alzheimer's Association at <http://www.alz.org> or contact your County Extension Agent at <http://sutton-tx.tamu.edu>.

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the project. The board then made a motion and approved the contract with Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital to allot the funds for the emergency room equipment.

Board Member Max Howorth gave a Sonora Municipal Airport Subcommittee report. He explained that the committee had been working on a questionnaire, or an Air Service Needs Assessment, to gather data from possible users of the airport, including businesses, individuals, ranchers, etc. Howorth explained that he had gathered information from surrounding areas with similar projects, including Del Rio, and had put together sample questionnaires for review. He stated that this information is important and is the first step in the process before any more finances are expended on the airport project. The board looked over the questionnaires and offered questions and comments regarding them. One area of concern was a question regarding income information. After much discussion on legalities and details, Howorth agreed to review the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

A request from Delyse Jaeger for funds to attend a Naturalist course in Junction was tabled until more information and exact cost figures could

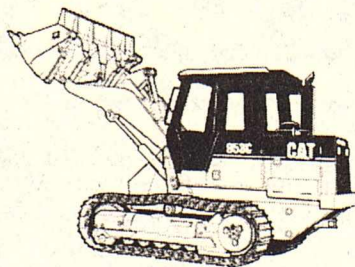
be obtained. A discussion and vote was then made regarding a discrepancy between the amount of money SIDC approved for the completion of the Eaton Hill project. The board agreed that the project has already been approved, so the funds needed to be allotted at this time. A motion was then made and approved to allot another \$1900 to the Kiosk project on Eaton Hill.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, addressed the board on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, explaining that a written explanation was required on the possible transfer of Eaton Hill responsibilities. She advised that the Chamber board was receptive to the idea, but that more information was desired.

In the SIDC office report, Glasscock reported that sales taxes were down from September. She also informed the board that she had already transferred the money that would be presented to the hospital for the ER equipment project. She said that no property requests had been made in the office last month, but that there are buildings available right now. After discussing other possible economic negotiations, the meeting was adjourned.

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