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First Pubic Meeting Brings Mixed Reviews

Ports -to-Plains Financing and Landowner Rights Top Discussion

By Becky McAngus

The questions were tough and local reception was lukewarm Tuesday night for a panel of experts conducting a feasibility study for the Texas Department of Transportation's proposed reliever route around Sonora.

TxDOT has indicated that a traffic reliever route is under consideration to alleviate traffic loads on our local streets due to Sonora's designation as a city on the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor. "Construction of the reliever route is not imminent," noted John DeWitt, director of planning and transportation for the San Angelo TxDOT office. "Funding," he said, "is indeterminate at this time and the information gathered and determinations made during the planning process will play a significant role in any decisions regarding the reliever route."

"At this point, there are many challenges to our ability to build the Ports to Plains corridor," he said, explaining that the Texas Trunk System, established in the 1950s, provides the backbone of the trade corridor. The corridor north of San Angelo to Denver, Colorado is essentially complete. Highway 277 south of San Angelo, the 150-mile stretch between San Angelo and Del Rio, does not, at

this time, carry any formal authority to construct, he explained.

Factoring in population growth, the rapid deterioration of the highway infrastructure, the status of gasoline tax revenues, record construction costs, federal recessions, and diversions of state tax gas revenues to other objectives, TxDOT is facing "funding challenges."

TxDOT has suggested several financing options, including new fuel tax adjustments, pass-through tolling, or public-private partnerships via Comprehensive Development Agreements or Regional Mobility Authorities. Del Rio has recently agreed to a bond election to fund the construction of a reliever route for that city, and will be paid back by the state through a pass-through tolling agreement.

Questions about the lack of funding, especially relating to depletion of the Texas Highway Trust Fund, were asked by those in attendance. Condemnation of land and water and mineral rights were also chief concerns expressed by local landowners, many of whom dealt with these same issues when Interstate 10 was constructed in Sutton County in the 1970's.

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Billy Green and Billy Martin, both Sutton County landowners, listen intently to the discussion at Tuesday night's public meeting regarding a reliever route for Sonora. A number of Sonorans attended the meeting to gather information and to provide feedback for a feasibility study.

Sonora ISD Board Member Speaks:

Grading Policies and Curriculum Changes Create Concerns

by Becky McAngus

What weight does a grade really have in the Sonora Independent School district? In Sonora, "Principals announced on all campuses that this year, when work was turned in late, the grade would reflect no penalty. A paper could receive the same, or even a better grade than a paper turned in on time, and there is no bonus for a paper turned in on time," commented Sisd board member Barbara Jennings.

Jennings' comments were in regard to an anonymous letter addressed, "Dear Board Member" received by all members of the school board. Mrs. Jennings addressed her concerns about two procedures now instituted at Sonora ISD to the board and a room full of parents at the board's October 8th regular meeting.

"The concern is teaching accountability," Jennings stated, adding, "Life doesn't work that way. In college, there are no excuses for work turned in late. Adults having any job have to be there on time and do their job. I feel teaching responsibility may be more essential than the subject taught. Responsibility is part of the mission statement."

Jennings said teachers are concerned with the curriculum. Teachers have been instructed to align the curriculum with Margaret Kilgo's concept of scope and sequence. Teachers must document each TEAK (objective) used for every lesson before it is taught, every grade and each test given, so that the administration can monitor, by computer, on a constant basis. "(This) is taking more time than teaching students," Jennings stated. "Teachers feel it's overkill and are very discouraged."

Parents are also expressing concern with the grading philosophy. There is concern with the impact this type of grading will have on the district's GPA and class rank system. Additionally, parents are concerned that by allowing a student to receive a full grade for a late paper, there is no sense of responsibility being developed among our students.

Board President Dean Dermody, addressing the concerns voiced by Mrs. Jennings, commented that parents and teachers must continue to follow the chain of command in regard to

concerns about the educational process. "This change in curriculum is a philosophy, not a policy," he noted, and invited board members and parents to address their concerns to Superintendent Doug Bawcom.

Dermody suggested placing Mrs. Jennings' concerns on the November 12th agenda for further discussion, but the board took no action.

Earlier, the board discussed Senate Bill 135, a portion of Update 81 from the Texas Association of School Boards, relating to teacher and board member communication. The senate bill clearly states that school district policy may not restrict communication between teachers and school board members about a matter relating to the operation of the district. The exception is if there is a grievance or appeal in process. Superintendent Bawcom commented, following discussion of the update, "We're going to follow the process - we're going to follow the policy." "There is a difference between visiting and trying to approach you (school board members) with the intent that you can do something," he added, referring to changing district policy.

The board discussed its difficulty in finding someone to replace former board president Tryon Fields, who resigned his position earlier this year citing a conflict of interest. Several persons had been contacted to determine their interest in appointment to serve Fields' unexpired term, according to Dermody. The board was unable to reach a unanimous decision on any of those persons, and several expressed concerns that an appointed person might not want to continue to serve due to the amount of time service on the board requires. The board voted 3-2, with president Dean Dermody casting the deciding vote, to not appoint a person to fill the vacancy, but to leave the seat open. Board members Tammy Favila and Jesse Bustamante voted to leave the seat open while Barbara Jennings and Mallory Rousselot voted to fill the vacancy. Board member Scott Jacoby was absent from the meeting.

In other business, the board reviewed a concept for the multi-million dollar upgrade of its athletic facilities at Bronco Stadium. The architectural concept, developed by Chapman Harvey Architects, Inc. of San Angelo, will result in a 40-to-50 thousand square foot expansion of the facilities at the football field over a ten-to-twelve year period. The price tag for the upgrade and expansion has not been established, but unconfirmed reports put the cost at between three and five million dollars.

Included in the proposal is the expansion of the boy's locker room and construction of a girl's locker room. "The girls don't have a place to dress down there, we need to build that first," commented board member Tammy Favila. Additionally, the board is looking at construction of a 20,000 square-foot multi-purpose facility for athletes to use in inclement weather.

The board authorized the architectural firm to proceed with developing a master plan for the improvements. The master plan is a "long range plan," according to architect Larry Harvey. His firm, he said, has 30 years experience helping school districts address their facility needs. "We were hired to focus on that portion of the district's facilities that haven't been addressed," he said. The master plan, he said, will help the district prioritize its needs and provide a guide for its long-term facilities improvement. Phasing (scheduling of priorities and construction plans) will be developed by the board and the architects as the project progresses.

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LMH Introduces New Doctors for Sonora Medical Clinic

by Keith Butler, CEO

Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

The Sonora Medical Clinic welcomes Bradley Bundrant, M.D. to our facility and to Sonora. Dr. Bundrant will begin serving patients at the Sonora Medical Clinic, Suite B, on November 1, 2007. Dr. Billy Wilson, who currently serves patients at Sonora Medical Clinic, has elected to return to a full-time emergency medicine practice. He will leave his Sonora practice October 31, 2007.

Dr. Bundrant earned his undergraduate degree at Trinity University in San Antonio and his medical degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. He served his Family Practice Residency at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso. Dr. Bundrant is married and has three grown children.

Dr. Bundrant will staff the Sonora Medical Clinic into May, 2008 when the clinic will

welcome Doctors Mark and Kristy Edwards. Dr. Mark Edwards earned his undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University, and Dr. Kristy Edwards earned her undergraduate at Angelo State University. Both physicians earned their medical degrees at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, and both completed their Family Practice Residency at the Valley Baptist Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program in Harlingen, Texas.

In addition to family medicine, Dr. Mark Edwards will offer colonoscopies and Dr. Kristy Edwards will provide wound care and a variety of women's services.

The Sonora Medical Clinic is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For an appointment, please telephone (325) 387-7911. Walk-ins are welcome. Nosotros hablamos Espanol.

Record Setter



Photo by Mallory Rousselot

Sutton County rancher Bill Stewart bid \$2,200 for the Mystery Package at the 70th Annual Lions Club Auction, held in Sonora on October 2nd. Mr. Stewart's bid set a new record for the item local Lions refer to as "Old Faithful." The contents of the box have brought in \$35,992.50 over its 62-year history. Local Lions brought in a record \$15,000 from this year's auction.

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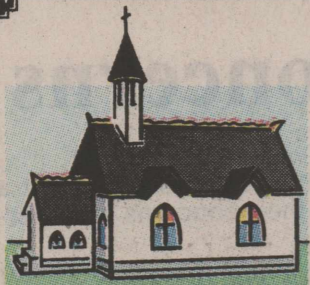
Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Oct. 12 - pre-Thanksgiving meal @ Noon.
- Sat. Oct. 13 - Happy B-day Gaile Cade!
- Sun. Oct. 14 - Happy B-day Marie Curtis!
- Mon. Oct. 14 - Bingo
- Tues. Oct. 15 - City Council 4:00 p.m., CEAP 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 16 - Happy B-day Victoria Romero!
Van to San Angelo 387-3941
- Thur. Oct. 18 - Happy B-day Margarita Martinez!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Oct. 12 - Turkey w/ gravy, dressing, broccoli, coleslaw, roll, pumpkin pie, and milk.
- Mon. Oct. 15 - Beef stew w/veggies, peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding, and milk.
- Tues. Oct. 16 - Chicken supreme, herbed new potatoes, roll, broccoli, green salad, cobbler.
- Wed. Oct. 17 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, mashed potatoes, wheat roll, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie.
- Thur. Oct. 18 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, seasonal spinach, roll, jell-o with fruit, and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
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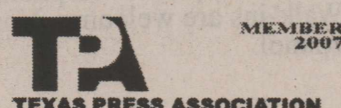
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School Board Continued from page 1

Superintendent Bawcom presented a demonstration of the school district's new \$100,000 security system to board members, explaining that the system gives the district "great surveillance capability." The system, he noted, makes the district's facilities safer and creates an environment with less threat of violence or drug dealing. "We've already seen the difference," he noted.

He also updated the board on the progress of the vocational building being constructed across Tayloe Street from Sonora High School. "We have had a lack of progress," he reported. "We are waiting for the people designing the building and the architect to decide on the construction of piers." The board was told that once the cement pad is poured, there will be a 28-day curing period and then construction of the building can begin.

Children will be released from school at 1:00 p.m. on Halloween, October 31st, to participate in a district-sponsored Halloween Carnival at the elementary school playground area. Superintendent Bawcom explained that the event will begin at around 2:30 p.m. and conclude between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Concern

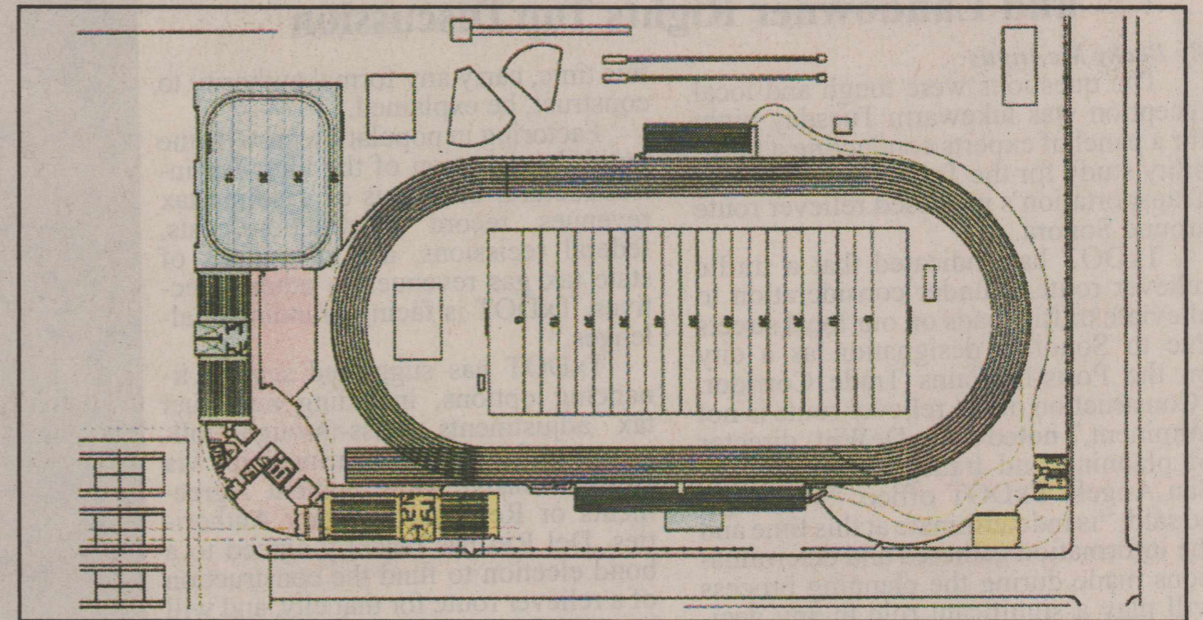
was expressed by Mrs. Favila about children with working parents who would not be able to participate in the event. Superintendent Bawcom commented that he felt sure people would be able to take off work to participate with their children in the carnival. "This is something we want to do for the kids," Bawcom commented.

In other business the board approved the following:

- A bid from Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in the amount of \$89,811 for the purchase of three new Chevrolet Suburbans for school district use. The Suburbans now in use by the district will be retained.
- Appointed Rusty Garner, Jerry Jimenez and Bruce Kerbow to two-year terms on

the Sutton County Tax Appraisal Board.

- Heard the annual performance report from the superintendent regarding Safe and Drug free Schools.
- Approved the Texas Association of Public School Property and Liability Fund Interlocal Cooperation Contract.



Concept B of the proposed upgrade and expansion of the athletic complex at Bronco Stadium, which includes construction of a girls locker room (bottom of diagram in yellow) and expansion of the boys locker room facilities (at left in blue) was determined to best suit the district's future needs. The master plan is a tool which will guide the district in development of the upgrade.

Standing in God's Waiting Line

When one of my sons was in college, he heard about a very good job that was being offered by a major company. The interviews were taking place Saturday morning, but he misread the time of the interviews and arrived late. He started to turn around and go home because so many were in line but, just as he was about to leave, the man doing the interviews came out and made an announcement. He said, "If you have a bad driving record, or have been in trouble with the police, or have been caught using drugs, or can not pass the drug test now, please step out of the line".

My son said that there was a mass exodus and there were only three or four left in line. That reminds me of a problem we face when standing before God. No one can come before Him with a blemished record, and the Bible says no one is perfect, (Romans 3:10) except Christ Jesus, (2 Corinthians 5:21). God provided a way we could be forgiven, (Ephesians 2:13).

That is by the shed blood of Christ Jesus, (1 Peter 1:18&19). We must realize that our sins have separated us from God. We must ask God's forgiveness, (1 John 1:9) and call upon Christ to save us. It is our faith in Christ, (Romans 1:16 & 17, 5:19) that allows us into the presence of God.

See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Letters to the Editor

Last Tuesday, as in most years, Nancy and I attended the Lion's Club Auction fundraiser. The crowd was sparse but enthusiastic. The meal, as usual, was excellent, and the fellowship with the attendees was second to none. Donors were, again, generous with items from their businesses, goats, baked goods, services from company owners, as well as hand painted and hand crafted items. This year the buyers set another record for money raised.

The thing I found peculiar was that there were only two people at the auction who had any connection with our school system. With the amount of support the Lions give our school, with the Sonora Speech meet and the back-to-school hamburger supper, it seems odd that the school district does not return that support. It has become painfully clear that Sonora ISD does not understand how important it is to demonstrate support for the people and organizations in this community.

I do not intend this to be a criticism, merely a friendly reminder. We need to support those who support us, including our community, civic organizations, our schools and families.

Bob Brockman

Thanks to Nancy Glasscock for the write-up about the 7th grade Colts. Please keep it up.
Sammie Espy Horseshoe Bay, TX

I recently visited my brother and attended Church of the Good Shepherd while in Sonora. My cousin and I established a Retreat and Learning Center for the Deaf in Whitney, TX in 2002. Pastor Lewis Allen, his congregation, and that wonderful small church have generously given to Isaiah's Place on several occasions. I know all involved in this giving will be blessed beyond measure. I also know that many deaf children throughout the state of Texas will be affected by the works of one small church in a small community in West Texas. That's exciting! Thank you all!

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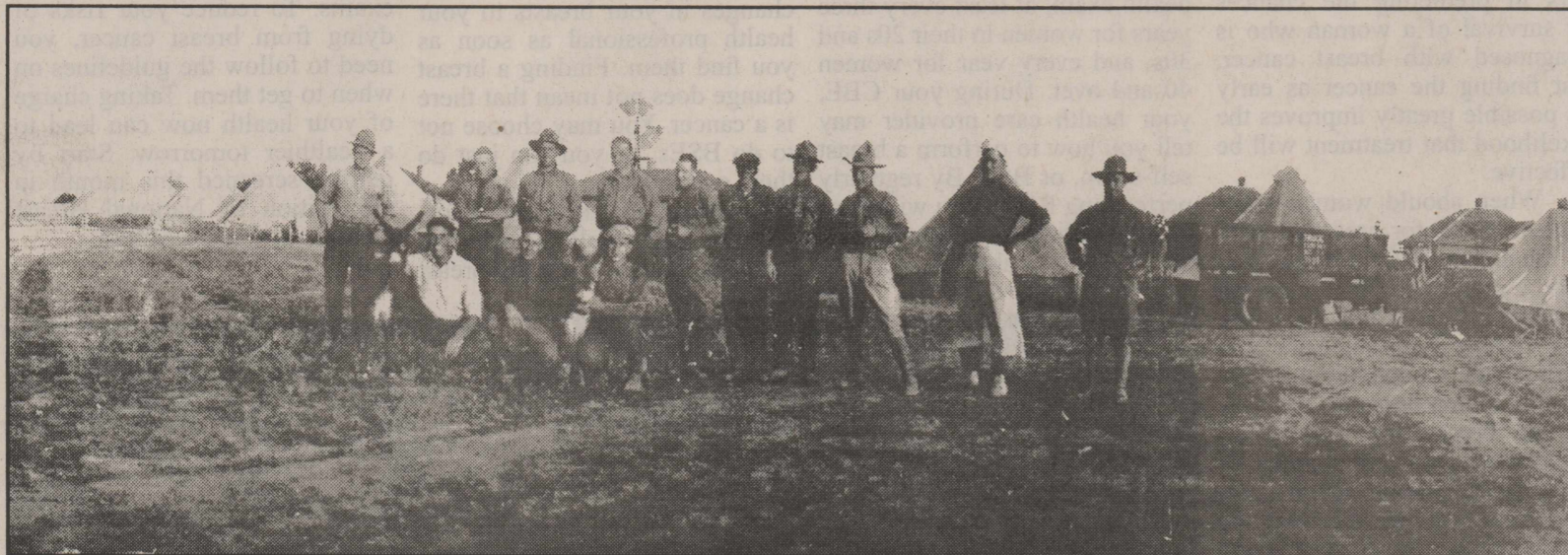


Annual Fish Fry
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PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS

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Historical Society



World War I soldiers camped at the old fairgrounds in Sonora, where the swimming pool is now located.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The following Memorial Donations have been made to the Historical Society:
Raymond Draper Hershel Davenport from Elsie Schwiening and Corky Schwiening

Q. Who did physicals for men applying for military service in Sonora in WWI?

A. The *Devil's River News*, May 23, 1918 had the following article: Dr. H. B. Wardlaw was appointed by Brigadier General Jacob Wolters as examiner for the Sonora contingent of the Texas Cavalry Company K. Nine of the boy volunteers were examined Friday and passed successfully. They are Ralph Trainer, Willie Adams, Frank McKee, Henry Wyatt, Rufus Cook, Robert Kelly, Walter Stapp, Hayden Gilbert, Roy Grimland. Ralph Trainer, who has been representing the organization here, says he thinks they have just the two men who were in the draft.

Grady Lowrey failed in the strict physical examination for enlistment in the U.S. Navy. He tried at Austin, San Antonio and Houston. He will probably return with his sister Miss Marie Lowery who is attending the C.I.A. at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T.O. Holman and daughters, Misses Clyde and Irma, returned Wednesday from a visit to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where Clomer Holman is in the draft. Mrs. Clomer Holman returned with them to her mother's home in San Angelo.

Vernon Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Hamilton, returned Thursday from Austin and Houston where he successfully passed the examination for enlistment in the Navy. He was sent home to arrange his business affairs and await call.

The Local Draft Board has notified seven registrants to report to Camp Travis next week. The four who will leave Sonora direct are Manual Angeles, the Filipino cook, Carol Roueche, Ben Wall, Sam Adams, Lee Richie, now of El Paso; B. Alcorn, now of Waco; and Gilford Evans, now of Junction. This leaves only five in class one of the Sutton County registrants.

All men who have become 21 years of age since June 5th last must on June 5th, next month, register for military service, according to an act just passed by congress. There is only 1 man left in Sutton County to register in this age group. Major General Crowder stated that probably 3/4 million men will be obtained for the Army by this registration.

Meanwhile, on the South Divide Ranch, people sold ice cream and cake for the benefit of the Red Cross at the Wall-Mittel School house, 20 miles south of Sonora, on Saturday night. Among the ladies to whom the success of the affair was due were, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Mittel, Mrs. Luckie, Mrs. Heflin, Mrs. Steen, Mrs. James Holland, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Arthur Stuart, Mrs. Bond. The Sonora Ice Company donated 300 pounds of ice. There was a large attendance from the neighboring ranches and a big crowd attended from town. The night was ideal and the distance not far for motorists. The proceeds amounted to about \$85, besides several donations to the war fund. The cakes were made of other than wheat flour and were delicious.

District Judge James Cornell granted the defendant, Ben F. Meckel, the right to sue out a writ of habeus corpus to the Court of Appeal in the case of the State of Texas vs. B. F. Meckel charged with disloyalty when the cause was called for trial at Ozona on Monday. The defendant seeks to have trial in the Federal courts. A large number of

witnesses were in attendance from Sonora. Among the witnesses for the State are: George L. Aldwell, I.C. Adams, Jap Holman, Sid Martin, Chas. F. Adams, John Sims, Mrs. H. R. Wardlaw, and Miss Manilla Smith asst. postmaster. The defendant has among his witnesses August Meckel, Gustave Meckel, Harry Meckel, B. M. Halbert, E. S. Briant, L. L. Craddock, E. E. Sawyer, E. S. Long, Ruby Davis, J. J. North, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. Will Perry, Mrs. Ruby Davis, Miss Ray Davis, Mrs. R. K. James, Mrs. E. S. Briant and Mrs. E. S. Long.

This was one of those sad cases that cropped up during wars. People got angry if you were an older person who still showed reverence to the old country. Ben Meckel had been born in Mason County and his family had a German Bible. Were they supposed to burn it because we had gone to war with Germany? A picture of the Kaiser on his wall and a few statements made in passing got some locals' dander up and they pressed charges that his activities were un-American. Older people don't change overnight because we go to war with someone; this man was born in 1886 and set in his ways. Instead of taking pity for him and remembering that he had many American family members fighting in the war, they went after him because he was different. He and his brothers would speak in German at times. So what, in the Mason/Fredericksburg area you can still find families that speak German at home.

The Japanese kept their photos of the Emperor. Even in our own Revolutionary War there were people who insisted on keeping a photo of the King of England on their wall. Mexican-Americans still had photographs of Queen Carlotta and Pancho Villa, did this make them less American.

Whenever zealots become angry because everyone doesn't conform to what they feel the world should be some pretty cruel situations arise.

Bigotry and hatred just because your skin is red, yellow or black or you weren't born here, has existed in the country since its founding days. We try to teach the young what is right in our schools and hope the old hatreds will die away.

Mr. Meckel was a good man who gave generously to those in need. His donations to the war funds, Red Cross, local charities were well known. Part of his family went off and fought in WWI, one of them was killed. War was so sad for this old man, to him it was relative against relative. A little like it must have been for some Americans in the War Between the States. His family here was fighting against his relatives there. His loyalty was with America but he still tried to defend old Kaiser Wilhelm and some of his family in Germany.

I guess that old saying is right, "War brings out the best in men and the worst in men." Mr. Meckel overcame this trial and didn't hold anger against the community. He served on the hospital board and hospital ranch board. He worked hard all his life; he started out with a couple of horses and a wagon and, through hard work, became a huge land owner in this area. He died in 1970 at the age of 84, a well respected man. His pallbearers were Willie Miers, Sam Allison, Bryan Hunt, Andrew Moore, John Fields and Joseph VanderStucken.

When I asked Joseph about this incident many years ago he told me that "Ben Meckel was one of the finest men I have

ever known and I was proud to call him a friend." I find it hard to believe that any friend of Joseph VanderStucken and the other pallbearers would be the type of person who would ever hurt our country. His life history in the papers, except for this one article all speak of a good man, one who loved his family, worked hard to support them and was always there to help his community and his friends. Let the record of his life speak for itself.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the His-

torical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net Our telephone number is 325-387-5084 and our offices are open Tues, Thurs and Sat. Mornings. The Miers Home Museum is open the same hours and we do book special group tours for schools and scouts. We are going away for several weeks in Nov. to spend time with our daughter and grand-daughter. If no one volunteers to cover the office it will be closed the last half of the month.

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Mary Armstrong bride-elect Stetson Hall
Mrs. Terry Lemons nee Clara Arredondo
Mrs. Cody Schenkel nee Ashlie Herndon

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Bridal Selections

Megan Fitzgerald
bride-elect
Burke Hedrick

Mary Armstrong
bride-elect
Stetson Hall

Unclaimed Property List Includes Local Individuals

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs will publish the annual list of individuals with abandoned property. Prior to the publication date of Sunday, October 21st, she has sent the Devils River News a list of local property owners for whom the State of Texas is holding \$250 in forgotten funds. If you would like more information about your unclaimed property, please contact the Comptroller's Office at (800) 654-3463 or use the online database at www.window.state.tx.us/up. There is no deadline to file a claim; the money will be there until it is claimed.

Following is the list of Sonora residents who have been identified as owning unclaimed property in the possession of the State of Texas.

- Frances Archer
- Martin Arreola
- L.C. Bible
- Lee C. Bloodworth
- Edward C. Carta
- Monte Dillard
- Sonia Gandar
- Julio Gonzales
- Lasario V. Hernandez
- Martha A. Hicks
- C. Earl Howell
- Ben B. Ingham IV
- Nolan W. Johnson
- Joe D. Ledford
- Bettie R. Luckett

- Mason Shurley
- Mayer Children
- Stanley Mayfield
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- Rickey W. Smith
- Jack B. Smith Jr.
- John Snyder
- Elpidio Torres
- Bonnie A. Turnbull
- John Velez
- Mae C. Ward

Food for the Soul

Connie Samaniego

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Submitted By: Kelly L Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension -
Sutton County

With the fall season now upon us, it is important to remember that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Today, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death among North American women.

Unfortunately, many women with breast cancer do not even know that they have cancer until it is in its advanced stages. It is estimated that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and 1 in 30 women will die of the disease.

So what can we do to decrease our risk of dying of breast cancer? Early detection via health screenings, such as mammography, is an important step. Screening examinations can detect breast cancers early, before symptoms occur, which may make it easier to treat the disease. Screening involves getting mammograms, clinical breast exams, and self breast exams, which are optional. There are many fac-

tors in predicting the chances of survival of a woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer, but finding the cancer as early as possible greatly improves the likelihood that treatment will be effective.

When should women start screening for breast cancer? If you are over 40 years old, you need a mammogram every year, according to Courtney Schoessow, Health Program Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast that usually involves two views, or pictures, of each breast. Mammograms help find lumps or growths that are too small for you or your health care provider to feel when conducting an exam. Additionally, women who are younger than 40 and have had breast cancer, or breast problems, or have a family history of breast cancer need a mammogram once a year.

A clinical breast examination is an examination of your breasts by a health professional, such as a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurse, or doctor's assistant. This exam is also known as a CBE. Clinical breast exams should be part of a periodic

health exam, at least every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women 40 and over. During your CBE, your health care provider may tell you how to perform a breast self-exam, or BSE. By regularly performing BSEs, you will learn how your breasts normally feel, and you will be able to report any

changes in your breasts to your health professional as soon as you find them. Finding a breast change does not mean that there is a cancer. You may choose not to do BSEs, or you can just do them occasionally.

Remember: The most important screening tools we have are mammograms and clinical breast

exams. To reduce your risks of dying from breast cancer, you need to follow the guidelines on when to get them. Taking charge of your health now can lead to a healthier tomorrow. Start by getting screened this month in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Max Howorth, Susan Hall, Sam Kent, Mallory Rousselot and Becky Covington celebrate the grand opening of Sonora's recycling center. A trailer designed for the purpose of collecting recycling materials is set up on the parking lot of the Methodist Church.

Recycling Trailer is Open for Business

by Susan Hall, KSB Chairman

There is a nice new trailer in town and it is not for hauling a horse, goat, or sheep. It

is for this Community's recyclable items. This recycling trailer was purchased in part by a grant

from Concho Valley Council of Government, City of Sonora, and Keep Sonora Beautiful.

The Methodist Church has allowed the use of their parking lot to place this trailer, for easy access for the citizens of Sonora. At this time, the trailer has bins for aluminum cans, shredded paper, magazines, office paper, shredded paper, tin cans, and newspaper.

We ask that the cans be rinsed out because it could be a while before they get recycled, and we do not wish to have an insect problem to deal with. We also ask that the items not be placed in plastic bags in the bins. If you have a business, the trailer would love to have all your copy paper that ends up in the garbage. It really isn't that hard to designate a specific trash receptacle for recycling.

The Chamber of Commerce also has a few can receptacles to give away if you need one. Just stop by the office and they can take care of you. These recyclable items don't need to end up in our landfills. They can be recycled and returned back to us. I have been told it can be very entertaining to watch individuals use this trailer. If you have any new stories to tell we would love to hear them.

Cole Earns Master's Degree

Cassi Cole received a master of physical therapy degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School on August 19, 2007. She is the daughter of Tim and Kim Cole of Sonora and a graduate of Sonora High School.

Cassi earned her bachelor's degree in exercise science from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi in 2004. She has accepted a job as a physical therapist in Killeen, TX.

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

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

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

Bronco Booster Club members will meet Mondays 6:30 p.m. in the High School Commons. We are planning a fundraiser and need your help.

The Annual Schleicher County Nursing Home Bean Cook-Off is set for October 27th in the outdoor court yard at the nursing home, 400 West Murchison in Eldorado. On-site bean cooking over open fire, gas grill and slow cooker is allowed. For more information or to enter, please contact the nursing home at 853-3028.

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DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0253461
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 27, 2007 Status/Permit No. 645492
AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ELLINGTON OILFIELD TEXAS EXP., INC. (BRC Operator No. 222282) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17B, Bx. A, HEART PR CO/BLOCKS, S I Survey, A-809, GARVER (STRAWN, NORTH) Field, SCHLEICHER County, being 10 miles SW direction from EL DONADO, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:
FIELD: GARVER (STRAWN, NORTH)
Lease/Unit Name: HEARDOR 17B
Lease/Unit Well No.: 5
Lease/Unit Acres: 646.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 810.0
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) FANCETT (HOLSTWANG), (2) GARVER (CANON). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
GARVER (STRAWN, NORTH): Statute rule: 467/250, 49.0 acres.
FANCETT (HOLSTWANG): GAS Statute rule: 367/320, 40.0 acres.
GARVER (CANON): GAS Special Rules: 500/1000, 320.0 acres.
GAS Special Rules: 500/1000, 49.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7950 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, G. TOWNS, at (512) 480-9660.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be expected to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6781.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY NOV. 5, 2007, AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

8th Grade Colts Beat Comfort 30-14

Submitted

The Sonora Colts 8th grade football team beat the Comfort Bobcats 30 to 14 on Thursday night. The game began with the Bobcats kick off taken by Zach Badeaux and carried 25 yards, setting up for first down and 10. Then on 4th down and 5 yards, Word Hudson got the ball and took it 35 yards for the Colts first score; the Colts were ahead by 7 points. The Colts kicked off to the Bobcats who ran it to the 35 yard line. The Bobcats made one short gain play, and on the second play, they threw a 30 yard pass that was taken in for a touchdown, tying the score at 7.

The second quarter had lots of action with the Colts making

short gains but having to give the ball over to the Bobcats. The Bobcats were unable to get any yardage on the Colt defense and had to kick the ball. Zach Badeaux received and made a great return for 55 yards, setting up 1st and goal at the 5 yard line. On the Colts second play, the ball was handed to Jorge Villanueva who ran it in for the touchdown; putting the Colts ahead 14 to 7. Word Hudson made another wonderful kick, kicking the ball to the 10 yard line with Cadesman Pope making the stop at the 20 yard line. The Colt defense did not let the Bobcats go anywhere with the ball. A time out was called with 3rd and 20 yards

for the Bobcats. Cadesman Pope would reach up and intercept the next pass by the Bobcats, and the Colts would hold on to the ball until the end of the first half, leading 14 to 7.

The second half began with the Colts kicking off to the Bobcats, who could not get any yardage on our Colt Defense. Comfort had to kick, and the Colts received the ball on the 2 yard line. The Colts fumbled, with a Bobcat recovery, which set up another score by the Bobcats, bringing the score 14 to 14. The Bobcats would kick off to the Colts, who would make several plays ending with Word Hudson making a touchdown and Ca-

desman Pope making the points after, making the score 21 to 14 Colts ahead.

The Colts kicked off to the Bobcats, and Colt player Erik Santana intercepted the next pass. On the Colts first play Word Hudson ran for 55+ yards, getting another Colt touchdown and Davis Jimenez caught the ball for the points after; bringing the score 30 to 14 with a Colt lead. Comfort received the kick and once again tried to pass, but this pass was intercepted by Erik Santana. The game ended with the Colts in possession of the ball on the 3 yard line. The final score was 30 to 14, COLTS WIN!

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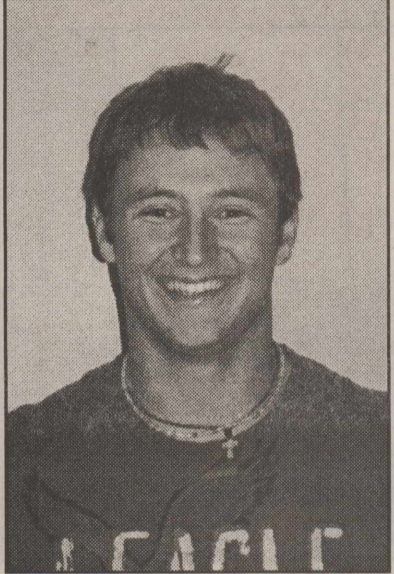
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Heather Smith



J.T. Downing

Smith and Downing are Students of the Week

This week's Students of the Week are Heather Smith and JT Downing, both seniors this year.

Heather Smith, daughter of Celia and Duray Smith, enjoys dancing, art, photography and volleyball. She doesn't enjoy having drama in her life. Her extra-curricular activities include yearbook, newspaper, and photography. She is also involved in her youth group. Heather moved here her freshman year from Austin, Texas. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is being with all her friends. After graduation she plans on

going to college and majoring in things she likes.

JT Downing, son of Robin and John Downing, enjoys baseball, sports in general, and gaming on his Play Station 2. He is involved in Student Council, NHS, youth group and band. He has lived in Sonora all his life. His favorite thing about Sonora High is that they have won 5 state championships, and a hopeful 6 after this year, and his great friends. After graduation he plans on going to TSU in San Marcos to play baseball and become a coach.

Junction To Host Tailgate Party

The Junction FFA Chapter invites all Bronco fans to a pig roast and luau prior to the district football game between the Broncos and the Junction Eagles on Friday, October 12th. This friendly tail-gating experience will be set up at the Junction football stadium and meals will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Plates will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, with to-go orders available on request. The Junction FFA invites their neighbors from Sonora to join them for pre-game fun and a good meal.

Contact Mr. Tillman at (325) 446-3326, ext. 232 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for more information or to place orders ahead of time. All proceeds to the Junction FFA Chapter.



Photo by Deborah Brown, Scoutmaster, Pack 19

Cub Scouts Search for the Great Pumpkin

The Sonora Cub Scouts went in search of the Great Pumpkin and found Sonora's Pumpkin Barn, located at the S & J Plant Co. Mrs. Adams gave the boys the history on the Jack O lantern, played Pumpkin Trivia games and showed them assorted kinds of pumpkins they had never before seen. Before leaving, Mrs. Adams passed out drinks and candy, and made sure each scout had a pumpkin to take home.

The Colts did a wonderful job. Jesus Vasquez scored on a long run, and once again, the linemen did their job. I probably left somebody out, but I hope not. Thanks to all the parents who come and support us. Without you and those Colt cheerleaders, it would not be the same.

7th Grade Colts Stomp Ingram 36-6

Submitted

The 7th grade Colts stomped the Ingram Braves 36-6 on Thursday, September 27th, at Warrior Field in Ingram. On the first play of defense, the Colts took charge when Damon Evans intercepted the first pass from scrimmage. Jansen McBride took the opening hand-off 17 yards. From there, Garrett Bawcom had a good run of 8 yards. Then the scoring test started. Evans ran in from the 20 and the Colts went to 6-0.

The Braves fumbled on the 25, and the Colts went to work driving to the 6 yard line when Bawcom scored, and Darien Lopez scored the 2 point conversion to go up 14-0. Gunter Pennington had a great run into the end-zone, but was called back for holding. After the penalty, the Colts didn't waste any time, and Bawcom scored from 15 yards out. Sam Powers made a great leap to get the two-point conversion. The Colts played the lights out on defense and only gave up two scores.

We talk about our backs, but

without our linemen, we get nowhere. The Colts' line includes Blake Esparza, Noland Kinder, Alonzo Hernandez, Marcos Quiroz, Phillip Onofre, Michael Sanchez, Jose Gutierrez, John Lopez, Mark Samaniego, Lino Villanueva, and Stephen Domin-

guez. The tight ends also do a really good job blocking and don't get mentioned. They are Esau Martinez, Marc Bonillo, Owen Friess, Darien Lopez, Sam Powers, Ricardo Regino, Nathan Farrot, Luis Hernandez, Matt Jarvis and Kevin Buitron.

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

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2007 JV Football Schedule	
Oct. 11 Junction	Home
Oct. 18 Mason	Away
Oct. 25 Brady	Home
Nov. 1 Blanco	Home
Nov. 8 Comfort	Away

*all games start at 6:30 p.m.

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2007 Sonora Colt Football Schedule	
Oct. 11 Junction	Away
Oct. 18 Mason	Home
Oct. 25 Brady	Away
Nov. 1 Blanco	Away
Nov. 8 Comfort	Home

*7th grade team will kickoff at 5:00 p.m. and 8th grade games will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted in the schedule.

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2007 Cross Country Schedule	
Oct. 13 Comfort	
*Oct. 22 District - Comfort	
*Nov. 3 Regionals - Lubbock	
*Nov. 10 State - Round Rock	

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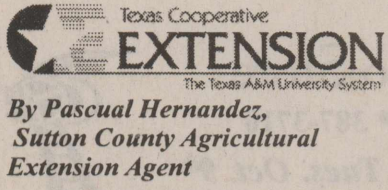
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Horned Fly is Significant Threat to Livestock



By Pascual Hernandez,
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Of the many species of insects that feed on the blood of cattle, the horn fly, *Haematobia irritans*, is the most common fly pest. The horn

fly's feeding activity causes reduced weight gain, anemia due to loss of blood, and a general weakening of the animals. These flies are so named because they often cluster in the hundreds around the base of the horns of cattle. Although they are found almost exclusively on cattle, they will feed on horses, sheep, goats, and

wildlife.

Horn flies are 3/16-inch long and dark gray in color. They resemble house flies but are half as large and have blood-sucking mouthparts. An easy way to identify horn flies in the field is by their habit of clustering around the horn bases or on the shoulders and backs of cattle. The flies often move to the animal's belly on extremely hot days or during rain storms. They will fly up in a swarm when disturbed but immediately return to the animal.

Both male and female horn flies are blood feeders. The flies feed in a head-downward position, holding their wings at a 45-degree angle to

their bodies. Each fly feeds intermittently, 10 to 40 times a day for 10 to 25 minutes at a time. Such continual feeding causes the cattle considerable pain and aggravation.

Adult horn flies spend their entire lives on cattle. Females leave only to lay their eggs in manure that is less than two minutes old. Their requirement of such fresh manure results in interesting egg-laying behavior. After mating and feeding, the female horn fly moves to the rear of the animal and awaits defecation. As defecation occurs, the fly heads toward the ground and is blanketed with fresh dung.

Each female fly lays up to 500 small, reddish brown

eggs in clumps on grass and other vegetation under the manure. The eggs hatch in a few hours; maggots mature in 10 to 14 days. Horn fly maggots develop best in grass-type manure from cattle that are on pasture and poorly on the manure from cattle on concentrated feed.

Horn flies are relatively easy to control with whole-animal chemical sprays and with self-treating devices (eg, dust bags or back rubbers). Dust bags are most effective when cattle are required to pass under them daily to reach water or mineral supplements. Dust bags leave a deposit of insecticides along the back, the areas where horn flies spend most

of their time. Back rubbers allow cattle to treat themselves as they scratch. Feed additives and insecticidal boluses are also options. Feed additives pass through the animal to kill larval stages that develop in fresh cow feces. All animals must eat a minimum dose of a feed additive regularly. An insecticide bolus is a large pill-like formulation that is given orally. The active ingredient, usually an insect growth regulator, is gradually released from the bolus and prevents development fly larvae in manure.

TDA Market Recap October 8, 2007

The Texas Department of Agriculture market recap for the week ending October 6, 2007, shows that the average cash feeder cattle price continues to decline seasonally with added concerns about how much wheat pasture will be available for grazing this year. However, trends at local auction markets were uneven, ranging from \$7 per hundredweight lower to \$5 higher depending on the location and condition of cattle being offered. Cash fed cattle prices were sharply lower as declining beef values resulted in lower packer bids. Corn prices posted their biggest weekly decline since the end of June as harvest progressed well with good yields. Wheat prices backed off from the record highs posted a week earlier, and cash cotton prices were also lower as harvest gets underway in many areas. As for futures markets, cattle futures declined under pressure from lower cash markets. Cotton, corn and wheat futures prices also closed the week lower. Crop progress and condition information was not available in time for this week's recap.

----- Week Ending -----
Cash Markets:

10/06/2007 09/29/2007 10/07/2006

		(\$/cwt)	
Feeder Steers	111.02	111.96	116.15
Finished Cattle	92.06	95.94	90.21
Slaughter Lambs	100.50	101.00	100.00
Slaughter Goats	107.00	104.50	110.50
Cotton	59.50	60.25	48.75
Grain Sorghum	5.69	6.29	4.48
Wheat	8.19	8.53	4.59
Corn	3.55	3.87	2.96
Oranges	13.25	--	13.75

Futures Markets:

		(\$/cwt)	
Feeder Cattle	113.95	116.30	
Finished Cattle	93.68	96.95	
Cotton	60.22	62.05	(\$/lb)
Wheat	8.95	9.29	(\$/bu)
Corn	3.42	3.73	(\$/bu)

The cash prices above are market averages for locations covered by the TDA Market News program and do not reflect any particular sale at any specific location. Feeder cattle prices are for 500-600 pound medium and large #1 steers. Futures prices are quoted for the nearest month contract on the last trading day of the week.

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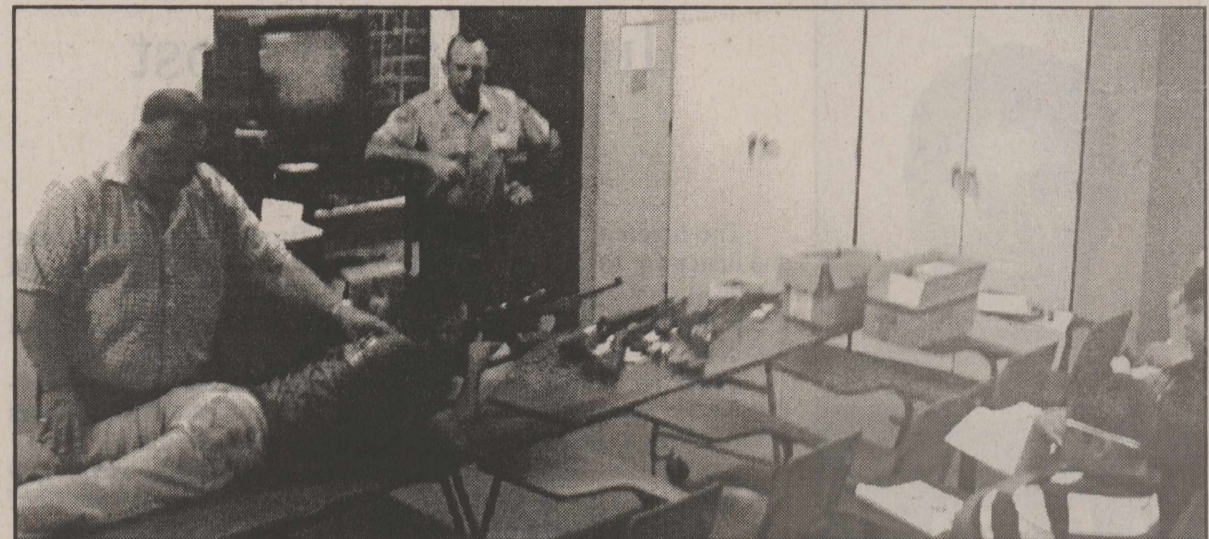
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NEW 6 DOMINION OK TX E&P 8900' VALLIANT #13 DW PATTERSON DRILLING/A 122 10/02/07 4 DRLG AHEAD
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Instructor Rodney Knight and Game Warden Will Allison enlist a volunteer to demonstrate the proper prone firing position at this weekend's hunter education course. Participants discussed firearm safety & responsibility, law & ethics, hunting as a wildlife management tool, survival & first aid, as well as basic hunting techniques and other topics. Those who successfully complete the course receive hunter education certification. A special thanks to Mr. Raul Chavarria and Sonora High School for their collaboration on facilities. Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Parks & Wildlife sponsored the event.

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Game Warden Notes

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

The case for not running

On Aug. 26, Harrison Co. two game wardens were patrolling the Sabine River in Gregg Co. when one warden decided to check two subjects stuck in a van beside the river. The game wardens became suspicious, so the game warden decided to check the individuals out through Gregg Co. Sheriff's Office. After completing criminal history, one of the subjects decided to take off on foot, leaving his friend stuck in the mud. The subject who ran thought the game warden had a warrant but was mistaken. Upon searching the vehicle, marijuana and a 9mm pistol were seized as evidence. The other warden was also dealing with a third subject at the same location. The second warden discovered marijuana in the subject's tackle box as he was fishing by the river. Cases pending.

Told you so

On Aug. 20, a Harris Co. game warden received information that a field near Cypress had been baited and that the subjects might already have been hunting earlier that week. The warden located the field and found cracked corn and milo along with dove decoys hanging on the barbed wire fences. The following Sunday, the game warden watched the field in the evening and observed four subjects shoot skeet for an hour before the temptation of all the doves got to them. The subjects shot doves until 8:15 p.m. before deciding to pack it up. As the game warden made contact with the surprised subjects, he overheard one say: "I told you guys this was not a good idea." Cases and restitution pending.

Canine alert

On Aug. 22 at 1:30 a.m., a Taylor Co. game warden heard his dog barking at something. When the game warden went outside to see what it was, he could hear a vehicle idling at a curve near his house. After about a minute, two shots rang out and the vehicle took off. The game warden got into his truck and followed the vehicle. The game warden stopped a vehicle just south of Merkel for running a stop sign and inside the vehicle were three individuals, along with two spotlights, a shotgun, a .243 rifle, and an open 36-pack of beer. All three individuals, 18 years old, denied shooting off the road but did state they had been hunting on some property south of Merkel and had driven to Nolan to look at the windmills. Two of the subjects did not have a hunting license or hunter's education. Citations issued.

Growing Grass on the Edwards Plateau



Charles "Butch" Taylor, Regents Fellow and Professor at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Sonora, is planning a field tour of the Sonora Station and Canyon Ranch on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. The tour will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Station and should be through by 4:00 p.m. Above is a picture of an area that has received 9-prescribed burns since 1987. The tour will also travel next door to the Canyon ranch and look at a 1,500 acre burn (burned in summer of 2006) that was sprayed with Tordon about a month after the burn. For information about the field tour, contact the Experiment Station at (325)387-3168.

Risk Management Workshop Set for Ag Producers

Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a livestock risk management workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 7th at Angelo State University's Management, Instruction and Research Center.

The center, known regionally as the "MIR Center," is located at 7945 Grape Creek Road, north of San Angelo.

The Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Cattlemen's Beef Association are partnering with Extension to present the workshop.

"Texas livestock and forage producers have faced many frustrating events over the past decade," said Bill Thompson, Extension economist at San Angelo. "Now, with rising corn and other feed, producers are again faced with unparalleled input costs."

"Although cattle prices have stayed relatively high, lamb prices remain flat. Never has the importance for risk management been higher in the livestock industry."

Thompson said the workshop's objective is to provide livestock producers an overview of the risk management tools approved by the risk management agency, as well as other tools now available through local crop insurance agents.

Workshop topics include: pasture, rangeland, and forage insurance; livestock risk protection for feeder cattle, fed cattle and lambs and livestock gross margin insurance. The workshop will also look at the current market situation and outlook.

"Anyone involved in the livestock industry should benefit from this workshop," Thompson said.

The workshop is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

To pre-register and for more information, contact Thompson at 325-653-4576,

w-thompson@tam.u.edu or go to <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>

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Environmental Program Needs Local Participants

Tom Payton, local district conservationist with the USDA National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), reminds Sutton County landowners that those interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives program (EQIP), need to apply by November 16th to be eligible for the next round of funding.

Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program some producers may not be aware they need to sign up now for 2008 funding. According to a news release from the USDA, there is a possibility that EQIP funds will become available this month.

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, local farmers and ranchers may receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and implement management systems that promote conservation. Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer.

In 2008, participants will see a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments, based on a schedule for each conservation practice.

In the past, input from local producers chose the resource concern and what practices were to be used to address this concern through public meetings. For this particular sign-up period the local Soil and Water Conservation District elected not to hold a program development meeting because of time constraints. However when the new 2007 Farm Bill is passed and another EQIP period opened, producers will once again be

asked to help decide what resource concerns should be addressed. To sign up for EQIP, or to get more information, contact Tom Payton or Kason Haby at 387-2730, ext 3 or by e-mail at tom.payton@tx.usda.gov.

Lamb & Goat Validation Set for Sutton County 4-H

The Sutton County 4-H Lamb and Goat Validation will take place on October 14th at 9:00 a.m. and on October 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Farm. Pascual Hernandez, Agricultural Extension Agent reminds participants that if you can't attend on, make plan to attend the other.

Lamb & Goat Clinic Set

The Sutton County 4-H lamb and goat clinic will be held October 16th at the 4-H Barns. Topics will be "Beginning the Training Process" and "Developing Showmanship Skills." The instructor will be Edwards County Extension Agent Sam Silvers.

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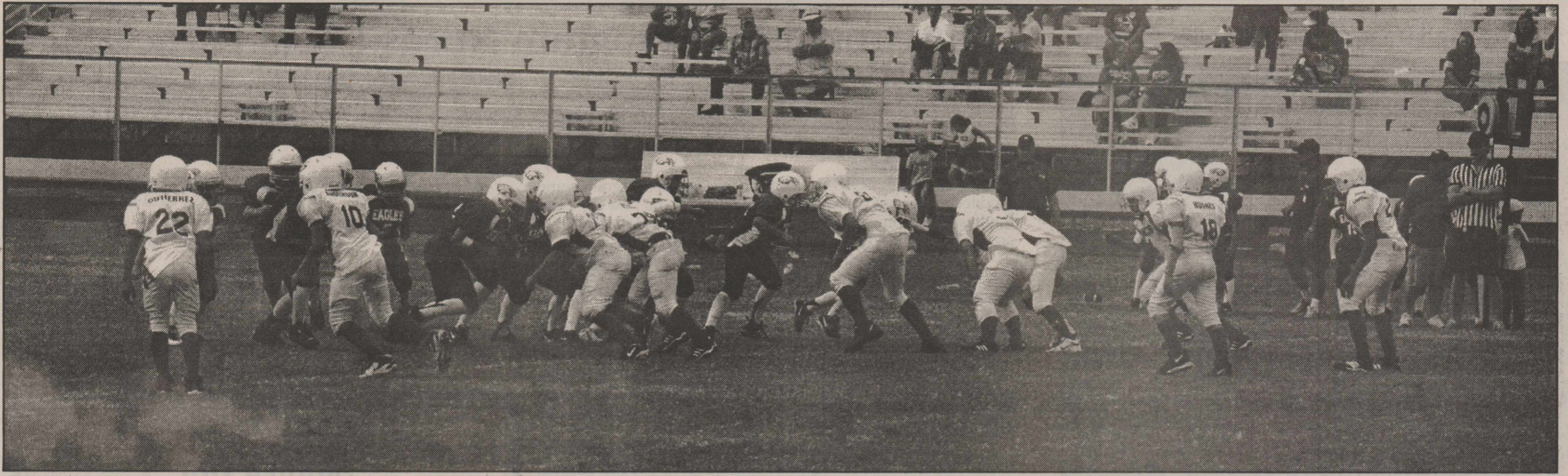
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Peewee and Heavyweight teams participating in the YMCA's football program from Sonora, Ozona, Eldorado, and Big Lake convened in Sonora for a day of youth sports participation on September 29th. Above, the Broncos Heavyweights line up against the Eldorado Eagles Heavyweight team.

First Public Meeting *Continued from page 1*

"TXDOT will contract with an appraiser who will give us the fair market value of properties, and the state will then make an offer, DeWitt explained. "If the landowner does not agree with the offer, he can come back to us for reconsideration. If the state and the landowner cannot reach an agreement we then go to condemnation." He added that the right of way would be surface-only rights. "The landowner takes all the minerals and the state takes water rights only for the construction and maintenance of the highway," he said.

Paul Ramsdell asked how TxDOT would be able to condemn property for the right of way if local communities were footing the bill for the project's construction.

Mark Rousselot commented that this project is all part of the Trans-Texas Corridor, and would result in the condemnation of one-half million acres of land from private property owners.

Tony Adkins wanted to know how much the right of way would be expanded. He was told that there is currently a 150-foot right of way for Highway 277. The expansion of this road to a four-lane divided highway will require a 250-300 foot right of way.

Speakers for the meeting encouraged residents to see the broader picture.

Michael Reeves of Lubbock, President of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Coalition, said that the coalition involves 90-plus cities, counties and chambers of commerce along the designated trade

corridor whose "common goal is to improve the infrastructure" of their communities and, at the same time, generate revenue and create jobs.

Professor Thomas Longoria, Director for Public Service at Texas Tech University discussed the perceptions of issues related to economic impact on communities with reliever routes. He presented a study prepared by a professor at the University of Texas in Austin that demonstrated that the economic impact of reliever routes around communities are the result of other factors, but tend to be amplified when a reliever route is constructed, either positive or negative. He noted that communities who are most successful in implementing a reliever route have a historic downtown, are located between major urban districts and encourage tourism. "That's what I see in Sonora," he said.

George R. "Rudy" Hermann, and engineer with TxDOT, reiterated that noting has been determined yet on the reliever route. There is complete freedom to consider the viability of all aspects. Most issues can be boiled down to money, he noted. And those that can't be boiled down can be ordered into a series of preferences.

"No solution will be completely painless," Hermann said. "Everybody won't be happy at the end of the process." But, he explained, TxDOT will consider all the tangibles and intangibles in making any determination.

"In the end," he stated, "it does break down to cost."

YMCA Football Takes Over Bronco Field

YMCA's Peewee and Heavyweight Broncos would like to thank all the people in town who helped us have a GREAT day of football on Saturday, September 30th! From the people at the Chamber who helped welcome all the teams from the surrounding areas, to the coaches and volunteers who announced at the games, thank you for volunteering your time for us. Thank you to our parents, family members, and friends who sat there in the heat and then got drenched in the rain! Thanks to the YMCA guys who run around all day, every Saturday, and still find the time to teach us about good sportsmanship at the end of every game.

The Heavyweight team would like to thank NAPA, Wood Group, Sonora Contractors and GesTex for being such generous sponsors. The Peewee team would like to thank Dakota Enterprises for being such a generous sponsor, and additionally thank MultiChem and B&K Trucking for being such incredibly dependable supporters. We're having a great season because of you!

Of course, none of the games would have happened without the support of Sonora ISD. Thank you, Mr. Bawcom and Coach Leamon, for making sure we got to use the Bronco field. Thank you to our superhero custodial staff for making sure we were all set to go.

And, finally, thank you to the Gaytan family for making incredible food for a very worthwhile cause, and for also sticking around to help clean up - they not only cleaned up the food area, but also helped take out the trash.

Thank you so much to all of you. You made it fun for us.

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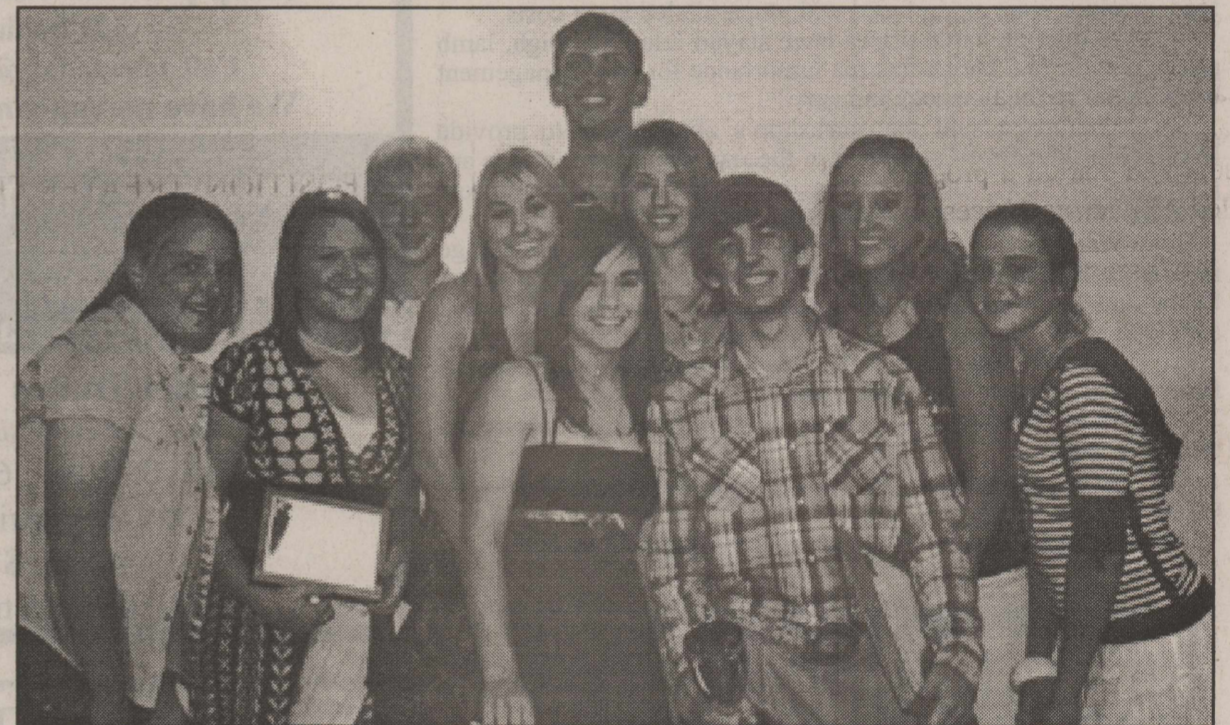


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The Sutton County 4-H Club honored its outstanding participants at the recent 4-H Achievement Banquet. Pictured above are the award winners from this year (left to right, front) Record Book, Stella Ingham; Club Sweetheart, Public Speaking and Record Book, Laura Martin; Angora Goat and Record Book, Meredith Earwood; Gold Star Award, the Earwood Award, Public Speaking, and Record Book, Colton Moore; Community Service, Chelsey Lou Campbell; (second row left to right) Leadership, Record Book, and the Glasscock Award, Zachary Leonard; 4-H Achievement and Record Book, Emily Earwood; Ag Achievement and Record Book, Savannah Leonard; Judging Award, Record Book and Gold Star Award, Steely Ingham. Also pictured is Club Historian Spencer Hall. Also receiving awards were Angora Goat, Word B. Hudson; Horse, Gunter Pennington; Citizenship, Bailey Joe Pennington; and Wildlife, Chance Campbell. Silver Spur Award winners from this year's banquet were Julie Martin and Dr. Mike Keller.

Eldorado Star Party Set for October 11th


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The X Bar Ranch will again host the Eldorado Star Party, an event created by a partnership of various amateur astronomy clubs from around the state and the X Bar Ranch. The Austin Astronomical Society is the sponsoring club for 2007. Celebrating its fifth year, the Eldorado Star Party has been created to attract serious amateur astronomers and will offer four nights of viewing dark skies in a protected environment.

With over 100 participants already signed up to attend, if clear skies prevail, more are expected to be on hand. Previous guests have come from as far as the Philippines, Mexico and Canada, while other participants will be coming from several other states and points all across Texas.

Area residents are encouraged to attend Public Night, which organizers have designated as next Thursday, October 11, 2007. Anyone interested should come to the X Bar Ranch at least half an hour before dark. The event entrance is about ¼ mile west of the Live Oak Lodge entrance to the ranch on FM 2129, approximately 22 miles from Eldorado.

There you will be able to watch participants ready their equipment for night viewing (some 75+ telescopes on the observing field), ask questions and after dark look through the telescopes. The public is invited to stay until 10:30 p.m., and there will be no charge to anyone. For more information contact the ranch at 325-853-2688.



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Tapes From Manny

by Tumbleweed Smith

One of my closest friends lives in Minnesota. His name is Jim Mans. He and I were in the Army together and fought the wars of the Army Security Agency School in Fort Devens, Massachusetts during the cold war days of the late 50's. We were both trained as radio interceptors and got real good at copying Morse code. I had a car for most of the time we were in Massachusetts, so we were either in Boston, New York or some New England village every weekend.

We got separated after the agency school. I went to Europe, Manny went to Okinawa. After the Army, I went into the radio business. Manny joined the CIA. We sent letters back and forth for about 15 years, then our wives set up a surprise reunion in Dallas. We laughed a lot and got up to date on our various activities. We also had a few drinks. During the Army years, we had lots of drinks.

In the early 80's, Manny was ready for a new challenge. After his stint with the CIA he did banking and chamber of commerce work. He came down to my studio in Big Spring to learn about syndicated radio. He was a good student and went back to Minnesota and started a program called Minnesota Voices. We were both using cassette recorders then to do interviews. We started using the recorders to send cassette letters to each other. He would drive around Minnesota and record his thoughts, descriptions, outbursts at stupid drivers, and news about his family. I did the same thing while driving around Texas. I have saved all the tapes I've received so far. They cover an area nearly three feet wide and a foot tall in a bookcase. We're still exchanging tapes, by the way, and enjoy the heck out of it. The tapes really contain the story of our lives. Sometimes when I traveled with my family, I'd put one of Manny's tapes in the cassette player so everyone could hear.

Once on a family trip, I put in a new tape from Manny that I had just received. He told

about drinking with a buddy of his and the buddy didn't want to ride with Manny because he had too much to drink. On the tape, Manny told about sliding off the highway, turning over and the tape recorder flying through the air. He said he was lucky he wasn't killed. Manny said he was giving up drinking, that he had too many good things in his life he didn't want to jeopardize. He started going to AA meet-

ings and hasn't had a drink of alcohol since that night. He now writes about small towns in Minnesota for a couple of magazines.

Manny and I get together occasionally now, either in Texas or Minnesota. We still laugh a lot. While in the Army, we went to a Boston hotel ballroom where a dance had been scheduled, but was canceled. Feeling good from a few whiskey sours, we pulled

a huge American flag from its holder on stage and started marching around with it, humming the stars and strips forever. We marched out the front door of the hotel with that flag. No one seemed to notice. I still have that flag and Manny has the eagle from atop the flagpole. When we get together, we always have them with us and have our picture made with the eagle and the flag.

"Hip and Healthy" Cooking is Focus of Kids' Cooking Class

Kelly Thorp, Sutton County Extension Agent - Home Economics, will be leading a six-week culinary instruction as part of the 4-H program this fall. "Kids Can Cook, Too" cooking school will begin on Tuesday, October 16th and will be held every Tuesday at the Sutton County Civic Center from 4:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "hip and healthy" and is a hands-on cooking school that incorporates 4-H foods and nutrition principals with the flair of popular television cooking shows.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

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All terms, conditions, specifications and requirements for such applications are available upon request made to the City Manager and same are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as set forth verbatim herein.

The City Council will review and take action on bids on October 16, 2007 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds and shall have the right to reject any or all applications and to waive informalities.

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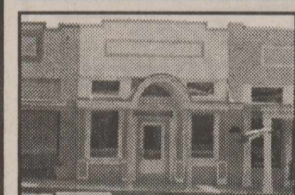
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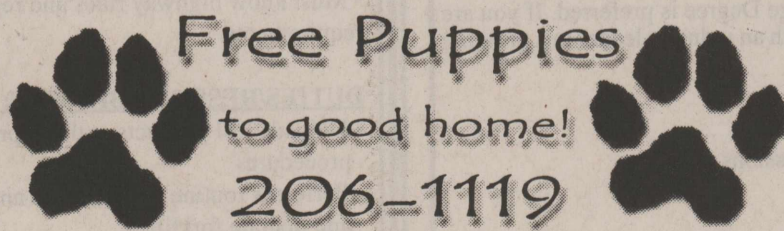
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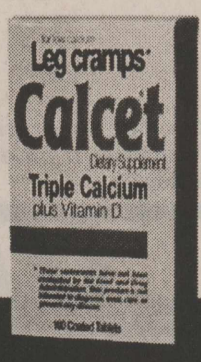
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7th Grade Colts Win Defensive Battle in Win Over Comfort

By Coach Lamar Evans

The 7th grade Colts traveled to Comfort Thursday October 4th to play, and what a game it was! The first quarter was nothing but a defensive battle, with both sides throwing what they could to overcome the opponents' offense. When we did have to punt, the kids did a great job in protecting Kinder while he was punting. Kinder got us out of the hole on several occasions punting the ball deep into the opponents' territory. The 2nd quarter was a little different when they broke a long run off scrimmage, but the mighty Colts held them and stopped the two-point conversion.

With the Kittens on top 6-0 the Colts went to work and, on second and fourteen, Bawcom threw a pitch pass to Sam Powers. Sam rumbled for 62 yards and found paydirt. The two-point conversion was missed when Evans caught the pass but, because he was juggling it, the Refs said no catch. That's where the half ended, tied 6-6.

The second half was the same, a defensive battle all the way, until the Kittens busted another run up the middle, which broke the tie. The two-point conversion

was stopped when a herd of Colts slammed the door shut. The defensive play was lead by M. Sanchez, Gunter Pennington, Owen Friess and Onofre coming off end to put an stop to the cats. On kick return we tried a hand-off but it was fumbled. Bawcom picked the loose ball up and scooted left, where he found a host of Colts picking up blocks. Bawcom found the goal line and J. Vasquez picked up the two-point conversion with McBride and Evans finding good blocks.

This was a hard-hitting ball game and everyone contributed to the win. S Dominguez did a great job on offense. It's hard to recognize everyone, but, GREAT WIN ON THE ROAD!!!! The Colts take on Junction there at 5:00 This Thursday. Thanks for all your support, parents, and those MIGHTY COLT CHEERLEADERS!!!!!!

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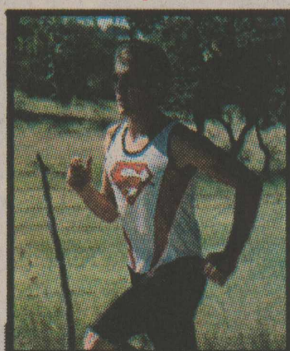
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Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington
Executive Director
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

October fifteenth through nineteenth is Chamber of Commerce Week in Texas. During this week, all of the citizens of Sonora should pause and reflect on the many contributions made to our community through the efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce improves your community by implementing beautification programs; sponsoring community activities and festivals; guides tourist, hunters and other visitors to our area and informs them about your product of service; and promotes local businesses and personal interest.

Through the guidance of outstanding business leaders, there is a long history of accomplishment in our town that is the result of the support and involvement of the Chamber. Everyone in the community benefits from

the work of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, but you can accept those benefits with a sense of pride, knowing you played a part in making them happen.

Let's express our appreciation through a simple thank you to the following staff and Board of Directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

- Susan Hall
- Missy Anderson
- Carla Smith
- Shanna Petty
- Michelle Faz
- Donna Garrett
- Ryon West
- Juanita Gomez
- Delyse Jaeger
- Lance Castro
- Mary Ann Pajestka
- Jacqui Thomas
- Jim Phillips
- Gerry Ingham
- Becky Covington
- Eddie Arteaga



Photo by Kristen Johnson

The Grand Opening of Bahlman Cleaners was recently held at the Old Post Office in Sonora. Bahlman Cleaners, with its plant in San Angelo, provides laundry pick-up service in Sonora. Pictured are (left to right) are Donna Garrett, Preston Love, Linda Love, Blaze Sykes, Susan Hall, Gloria Lopez, Danny Bahlman, Mary Ann Bahlman, Leon Bahlman, Chelsea Riddle, Christy Lippman, Shanna Petty, and Becky Covington.

Eldorado Nursing Home Chit Chat

by Annie Arispe

The month of October is busy for the residents at the Eldorado Nursing Home, who are now busy making Halloween decorations for the Halloween party. The residents will also be making some of the treats for the trick-or-treaters for Halloween night. We are decorating the lobby to be scary, and we invite you to please stop by. We even have treats for you older folks. School students will be in to help us carve the pumpkins.

The annual Bean Cook-Off is October 27th with first place earning \$250 cash. This is an on-site bean cooking challenge with open fire, gas grill or electricity. The judges will be a local Eldorado citizen and a Sonora resident. Entry sheets are available at the Nursing Home lobby. We would like to thank those who have signed up. Thank you for supporting our local nursing home.

The month of September was National Rice month. The residents are growing our own rice. It is an easy gardening activity. Rice is not only delicious, but also makes a beautiful, unusual houseplant. You can use your own rice just like you'd use rice purchased at the grocery store. We plan to harvest 110-180 days after planting.

September was also our annual nursing home barbecue. About 150 visitors enjoyed the good food, visiting and entertainment.

We were not able to take the residents to the Farmers' Market, so we are going to bring the Farmers' Market to the residents. We are asking that any one who would like to share produce from their garden do so.

One year, the residents were able to go to the Sheriff's Department garden to pick fresh fruits and veggies. We had them cut the vegetables, and enjoy the smell, touch and taste. We had residents take turns being blindfolded in front of a large basket of produce and touch and guess which piece of produce they were touching. We encouraged discussion among the residents by each telling his or her favorite vegetable and sharing a good memory of autumn with the group.

In many parts, September can be just as hot as August. Autumn became official on September 23rd, but we always know it's on the way without looking at the calendar. Nature's signals are everywhere. These long, hot days we enjoyed all summer are not quite so long and not as hot as they were.

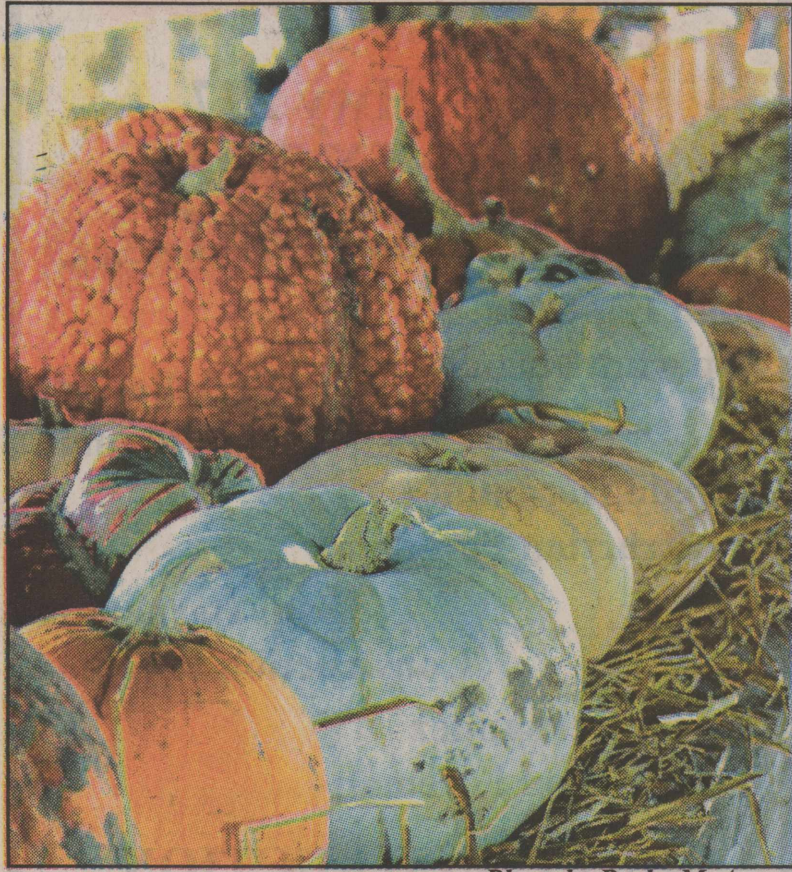


Photo by Becky McAngus

The colors and textures of Autumn have arrived in Sonora this second week of October, although temperatures remain in the low 90s. Pumpkins of all sizes have arrived at S & J Plant Company's Pumpkin Barn.

"While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation."

- Maya Angelou

RUNNERS	FINISHED	TIMED	SCORED
Humphrey, Kallie	3	15:06:29	1
Buitron, Valeria	4	15:09:24	2
Favila, Alyssa	5	15:19:23	3
Cano, Daniela	10	15:54:09	8
Chavez, Jessica	17	16:49:15	15
Taylor, Keeli	20	16:53:38	18
Sanchez, Monica	21	16:59:29	19
Ramos, Chelby	24	17:11:12	
Campbell, Chelsey Lou	30	17:52:26	
Hernandez, Amy	32	17:59:35	
Karnes, Rose	36	18:12:40	
Martinez, Senida	40	18:34:30	
Smith, Morgan	41	18:36:12	
McGee, Kash	45	18:57:35	
McGuffin, Joell	46	19:01:56	
Earwood, Meredith	47	19:05:03	



Sonora Lady Broncos
Cross Country

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Back Row: Amy Hernandez, Valeria Buitron, Kallie Humphries, Keeli Taylor, Daniella Cano, Alyssa Favila, Jessica Chavez, Monica Sanchez, Danielle Castro
Front Row: Yazmin Hernandez, Senida Martinez

