

Commissioners hear concerns on grandstands at county park

by Storie Sharp

In addition to the regular business on Monday, September 13, the Sutton County Commissioners heard from concerned citizen Jesse Lem Wardlaw regarding the grandstands at the Sutton County Arena. Wardlaw began by asking which of the commissioners had an active role in the decisions for the plans of the grandstands. All the commissioners said that they had seen the plans. Wardlaw then expressed that she felt that taxpayers' money had been wasted on the project, since the new grandstands were smaller, harder to move around in and small people could not see over the person in front of them. She stated that she thoroughly did not enjoy the rodeo this year because the seats that she has held for many years were now on ground level and she had to look through the fence to see any action in the arena. She said that she did not even attend on Saturday because of the poor seating arrangements and she hated to think that other visitors felt the same way and may not attend next year.

Commissioner Milton Cavaness told Wardlaw that he wasn't aware that there was a problem with the grandstands and that she was the first to express dissatisfaction.

Wardlaw was referring to the construction that had taken place at the arena over the summer, replacing the old grandstands that were found to be dangerous because of age and a strong wind storm that had destroyed the roof two years ago. With the help of donations from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, as well as other outside sources, new grandstands were put in, but because of the placement, the existing box seats were no longer attached, and were removed.

Sutton County Judge Carla Garner stated that the county had offered to cut down the old boxes making them level with the new stands, even though they would not be attached to the new structure, but that they were removed before that could be done. She went on to say that the grandstands that were erected had to be engineered, as any do when they are to seat 650 plus people, and so did the supporting slab. She said that serious restrictions apply because of space and state and federal rules and regulations governing anything a public entity builds.

Wardlaw said that it was apparent that there was a lack of communication between the rodeo committee and the commissioners but it was too late to do anything about it at this time. She said she felt it was a shame that more money would have to be spent to rectify the problem

and she suggested having any organization interested in having such costly projects done by the county to present a detailed proposal and plan before any county monies are spent, thus diminishing problems such as this.

Judge Garner agreed that such a plan is a good idea. She also said that a committee existing of concerned county residents, the county, and members of the rodeo committee was being formed to fix the problems before next year.

In other areas of concern, Commissioner Belia Castaneda asked if the rule of having security guards at the civic center if alcohol was present was being enforced. Judge Garner assured commissioner Castaneda that it was in effect and was supposed to be followed always. The commissioner informed Judge Garner that a party she had attended recently did not have security guards and there was beer on the premises. She asked if maybe the rule wasn't being pointed out to the renters and maybe it should be posted. Judge Garner said that she knew that people were told that they were supposed to have the security. Castaneda said the renters were not from the area, but had said they tried to get security, but didn't. Sheriff Fincher said that his office had not been contacted to work the event. Fincher also expressed that he would like to be notified of all events at the civic center.

This rule was put into effect over a year ago and Judge Garner said that maybe the renters who do not follow said rule should be penalized. It was agreed to look into this matter further.

Commissioner Mike Villanueva reported that the Concho Valley Council of Governments is having their general assembly for all 13 counties, in Sonora on October 20. He stated that many of the visitors were interested in playing golf while they are here, so he would be working on putting together a game for them. He also invited all the commissioners to attend the meeting.

In regular business, commissioners heard department reports. Road and Bridge Department manager Oscar Jimenez reported that paving jobs had been completed, but that several cattle guards on Glasscock Road and Caverns Road were going to have to be replaced soon. Oilfield traffic and the wash from recent rains have damaged approximately four cattle guards. These repairs would use up the small amount of paving materials that were left, so Jimenez said they would not be able to pave any streets for the city this year. He also reported that the roof on the Civic Center is still leaking.

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Broncos have tunnel vision

Thanks to the generous donations of many Bronco fans, the Mighty Sonora Broncos will take to the field in style next week, making their entrance through this red inflatable tunnel. The new tunnel arrived on Tuesday, just in time to try it out after the afternoon practice.

The Broncos and coaches would like to say a special thank-you to Jacqui Bills, Buck and Susan Bloodworth, Lee and Darlette Bloodworth, Carquest, Devil's River Auto Parts, First National Bank, Ray Glasscock, Grider Trucking, Callaway and Ronda Hall,

Robert & Charlotte Higdon, E.M. Hobbs, The Mike Krieg Family, Lino's Custom Stereos, Scott and Linda Neff, Wanda Neville, Mike Percifull, Pool Co., Tim Roberts, Victory and Manuela San Miguel, Santana Trucking, Sonora Tire Company, Tiendita Perez, The Bank & Trust, Peggy Trainer, and George and Martha Wallace for showing their continued support of the team and all that they do.

The Broncos are off this week, but don't miss the Homecoming game against Reagan County on September 24.

Main Street Program honors local heroes in special exhibit

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, the Bank & Trust of Sutton County, Tedford Jewelry, Radio Shack, Oil Sonora Trading Co., Merle Norman and the youth of this community want to encourage everyone to pay homage to our local heroes who are being honored in a special exhibit in The Bank & Trust of Sutton County Lobby. A special thank-you goes out to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Dept., Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County EMS, Sutton County Sheriff's Dept., Sutton County Probation Dept., Texas Game Warden and the Department of Public Safety - Highway Patrol; these are the heroes of our hometown. Please take a moment from your busy day to say "Thank You" to these often unsung heroes.

Memorabilia from the World Trade Center and fire department in New York are also on display. Don't miss this opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who work for your protection every day.



Sonora Downtown Lions Club Auction to raise funds for community projects

The annual Downtown Lions Club auction will be held at the Sonora Civic Center on Tuesday, September 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a free supper catered by The Sutton County Steakhouse.

The auction is the Lions Club's primary fund-raiser of the year, enabling the Club to support a number of civic activities including the teachers' hamburger supper, Lions Club Queen contest, supper for speech meet contestants and lunch for Wool Show contestants. The Lions Club also supports Sonora's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, numerous youth activities as called upon through the year, and assists Sonora residents with vision care needs.

Sonora merchants and individuals have generously donated a wide array of items for the auction this year. Everyone is encouraged to attend the auction, enjoy the meal and support the community at this year's Lions Club auction.

Bill Stewart still roaring after 45 years in club



Sonora Downtown Lions Club president, Ann Kay proudly presented Bill Stewart with a Certificate of Appreciation for 45 years of service to the Sonora Downtown Lions Club.

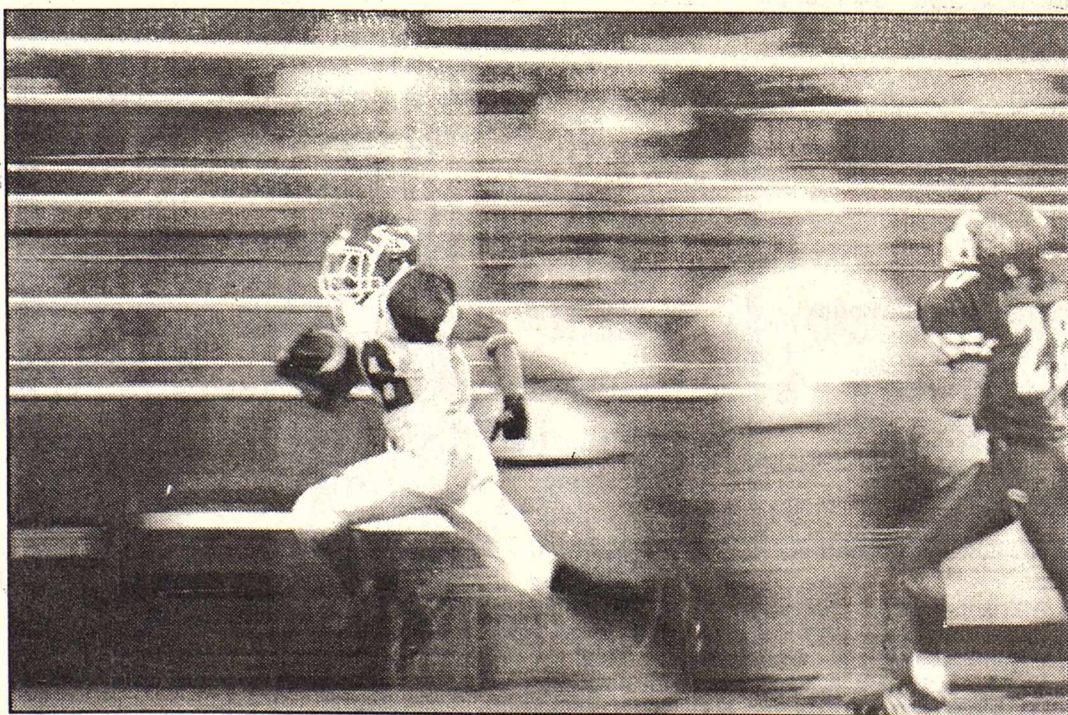
The International Association of Lions Clubs honored G. W. "Bill" Stewart this week, in recognition of distinguished achievements in leadership and service for 45 years in the Lions Club. Bill joined the Lions when Buzzy Stokes was the leader because he felt it was a very worthwhile organization. He said many things have changed over the years, including the annual broom sale.

"We used to load the brooms in the back of our trucks and go around door to door selling them," said Bill. Today the annual sales are held in front of City Hall and the Post Office.

Bill said that he felt he has contributed many things to the Sonora Downtown Lions Club, but he is most proud of starting the Sutton County Game Dinner. He worked hard on the idea, that eventually became a reality and he has worked with the annual hunting celebration for over 30 years.

Bill said he would attribute his longevity in the club to "good food and good fellowship," for he has never had a bad meal at the weekly meetings. The Sonora Downtown Lions Club meets every Tuesday in the basement of the First United Methodist Church. The Lions work hard on many projects for Sonora and Sutton County (see related Auction article), as well as the Lions Camp for Youth.

This recognition is a great honor for Bill and for the Sonora Downtown Lions Club. Congratulations to both.



Anthony Longoria was a blur to the Coleman Bluecats, running for one of his four touchdowns in Friday's game. See *Bronco* coverage page 5. Photo by Patti Strauch

SIDC still looking at airport project

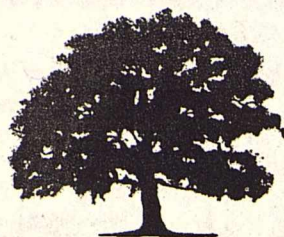
by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation met for lunch on September 13, 2004 at the Sutton County Steakhouse. After approving the minutes from the last meeting, members of the board submitted names for potential members to replace board members whose terms have expired. The recommended parties will be submitted for review by the Sonora City Council, who will make the final decision of placements.

SIDC office manager, Nancy Glasscock, presented a proposal from the accounting

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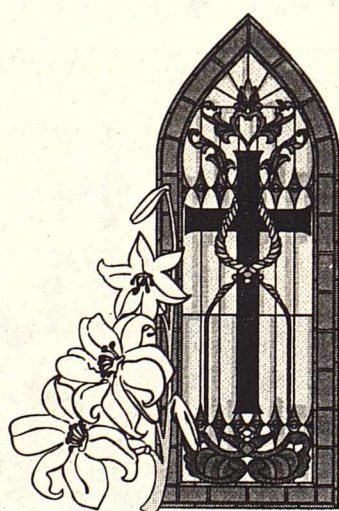
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Cards of Thanks

Dear Sutton County Friends,
Sorry it has taken a while to write you, as I have been very busy in College since the rodeo. I would like to take this time to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent this wonderful county in 2003-2004.

It has been an awesome experience for me that I will carry throughout my life. It has really helped my communication skills. When I first ran for Miss Sutton County it was very difficult for me to talk in front of a lot of people, but now I feel more at ease. In fact, now I am going to major in communications.

I want to thank you for all the support you have given me throughout the past year as Miss Sutton County. I would especially like to thank the Sutton County Days Rodeo Association, Chamber of Commerce and Kim Lewis for their continued support. It has been both a pleasure and an honor working with all of you.

I want to wish Courtney good luck in the upcoming year. I know she will do an outstanding job!

Thanks again for allowing me to be Miss Sutton County 2003-2004! Even though I am starting a new phase in Lubbock, I hope to ALWAYS represent Sutton County well.

Sincerely,
Kelly Kearney
Miss Sutton County 2003-2004

We would like to thank everyone who showed such consideration and kindness during our recent loss.

A special thank you to the Sutton County EMT's, Police, and Justice of Peace Adelia Alvarez for all you did on the morning of George's death. Also, Bruce Kerbow thank you for your outstanding care. We appreciate you more than you know.

The George Caldwell Family

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Senior Center News

Sept. 20 - Bingo.
Sept. 21 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 - First day of Autumn.
Sept. 23 - Crafts anyone?
Sept. 24 - Birthday party for September babies. Noon.

Senior Center Menu

Sept. 20 - Spanish meatballs, rice, carrots, sliced tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings, milk.
Sept. 21 - Hot dog with chili, cheese, chips, pineapple Waldorf salad, brownie with nuts, milk.
Sept. 22 - Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, rice, refried beans with cheese, tossed salad, Jell-O with fruit.
Sept. 23 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, honey glazed carrots, cornbread, melon salad.
Sept. 24 - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, Mexican corn, tossed salad, pudding with fruit, milk.

NEW HOURS BEGINNING SEPT. 1
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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.

Obituaries

Faye McClelland

Mrs. John R. (Faye) McClelland, age 91, died September 10, 2004, in Kerrville, Texas.

Services were at 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 13, 2004, at First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Reverend Beverly Parsons officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

Faye was born in Childress, Texas, on January 17, 1913. She moved to Sonora in 1929 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. James. She graduated from Sonora High School in 1930 and attended College of Industrial Arts "Texas Women's University" in Denton, Texas. She also attended Draughn's Business College in San Antonio.

She married John R. McClelland in 1937 and they moved to Texon, Texas, where John worked for Big Lake Oil Company. They lived there for eleven years, then moved back to Sonora in 1948 and bought the Sonora Men's Store, which they operated until May 1971.

Faye was a member of the Methodist Church in Sonora for 75 years.

She was preceded in death

by her husband; mother; father; sister, Aliene Kelly; and brother, Everett James.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, John and Sharon McClelland of Junction; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Dr. Joe King of El Paso; three grandsons, Dr. John R. McClelland and wife Lori of Austin, Jess Cole McClelland of Salt Lake City, and J. Savage Glasscock and wife Brandy, and son Austin and daughter Savannah Faye, of Columbus, Ohio; two step-grandsons, Jeremy King of El Paso and Jon King of St. Louis, Missouri; and also nieces and nephews, Jo Thompson of Sweetwater, Jeffrey and Marty McAllister of Fort Worth, Bill and Sonia Decker of Abilene, James B. Kelly and Joanne of Fort Worth, Bill and Carol McClelland of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jack and Charma James of Tumacaceri, Arizona. She is also survived by several great-nieces and nephews.

"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one - I'd like the tears of those who grieve - To dry before the sun of happy memories - That I leave when life is done."

Jacinto Garza

Jacinto Garza, 79, died Sunday, September 12, 2004, at his residence. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Josefa Garza of Sonora; sons, Rey Garza and Chris Garza, both of Sonora, and Jacinto Garza, Jr. of San Angelo; daughters,

Yolanda Morin and Juanita Alaniz, both of Brownfield, Annabella Alvarado and Dora Mendez, both of Sonora, and Elizabeth Morin of Sundown; brothers, Hipolito Garza, Juan Garza and Eusebio Garza, all of Sonora; and sisters, Remedios Acosta of Uvalde, Catalina Auses of Odessa, Carmen Escobar of Sonora and Maria Castilleja of San Angelo.

James A. Lewis

Funeral services for James Arthur Lewis, 78, of Bethany, Louisiana were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2004 in Centuries Funeral Home Chapel in Shreveport, Louisiana. Burial followed in Centuries Memorial Park.

Mr. Lewis was born March 13, 1926 in Myrtis, Louisiana to the late A.R. and Fannie Lewis. He passed away on Monday, September 13, 2004 at his residence after a lengthy illness. Mr. Lewis graduated from Ashdown High School, attended Magnolia A & M, Harvard University, Sewanee College and graduated from the University of Arkansas. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, having served as a Lieutenant (j.g.). He retired from UGPL/Pennzoil after 38 years

of service.

Mr. Lewis is also preceded in death by his sister, Virginia and his best friend, Gerald P. Hogan. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Dovie Fleming Lewis; two daughters, Barbara Fulkerson and husband, Roby of Magnolia, Texas and Kathleen Freeman and husband, Paul of Sonora, Texas; three sons, Thomas David Lewis of Greenwood, James Robert Lewis and wife, Sharon of Bethany and Daniel Kevin Lewis and wife, Tammy of Bastrop, Texas; a sister, Betty Sue Thomasson of Little Rock, Arkansas; a brother Allen R. Lewis and wife, Joyce of North Little Rock, Arkansas; twelve grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

School Lunch Menu • Sept. 20 - 24, 2004

Breakfast

Mon. - Toast with peanut butter, orange juice.
Tues. - Muffin, ham slice, orange juice.
Wed. - Pancakes with syrup, orange juice.
Thurs. - Cheese toast, apple juice.
Fri. - French toast sticks, orange juice.



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pizza, vegetable salad, fresh grapes, Rice Krispie bar.
Tues. - Sloppy Joe on bun, kernel corn, pickle spear, Jell-O with topping.
Wed. - Beef nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit crisp.
Thurs. - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, peach cup, hot roll.
Fri. - Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, oatmeal cookie.

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Sept. 18

S.H.S. Cheerleading Camp • 8:00 a.m.
High School Gym

Sept. 21

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

Sept. 24

S.H.S. Homecoming
Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon Family Meetings

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room
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The Community Calendar



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Sept. 21

Tx. Dept of Health Immunization Clinic
Lion's Club Auction
6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

Sept. 27

County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.

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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. How did Sonora get its name?

A. This and how did the Devil's River get its name seem to be the most popular questions asked by visitors to Sonora. Some say that Adams named this area Sonora because it reminded him of the Sonora Desert area in Mexico. But the true story is told in the Devil's River News of June 19, 1936. Many years before the birth of the city of Sonora, countless herds of livestock roamed the valleys and browsed the hill-sides comprising a portion of the country known as the Edwards Plateau. Buffalo, deer and antelope were plentiful, while scattered ranchmen grazed thousands of head of cattle throughout this vast territory. Fences were unknown, and man and beast held right of grazing by priority. Vast herds were drifted in from north to south to be returned to ranch headquarters when the season ended.

Such was the background and setting of the prosperous town of Sonora today. Forty-seven years of progress has steadily widened the gap between "wide open spaces" and a more thickly settled community of contented and happy people.

Few people know the real facts of the "how and why" of the town of Sonora - who started it and when.

Old-timers interviewed here and there have given various versions of the matter as they remembered it. All concede that it was the work of Charley Adams, and in fact, it was he who laid the foundation for the thriving little city.

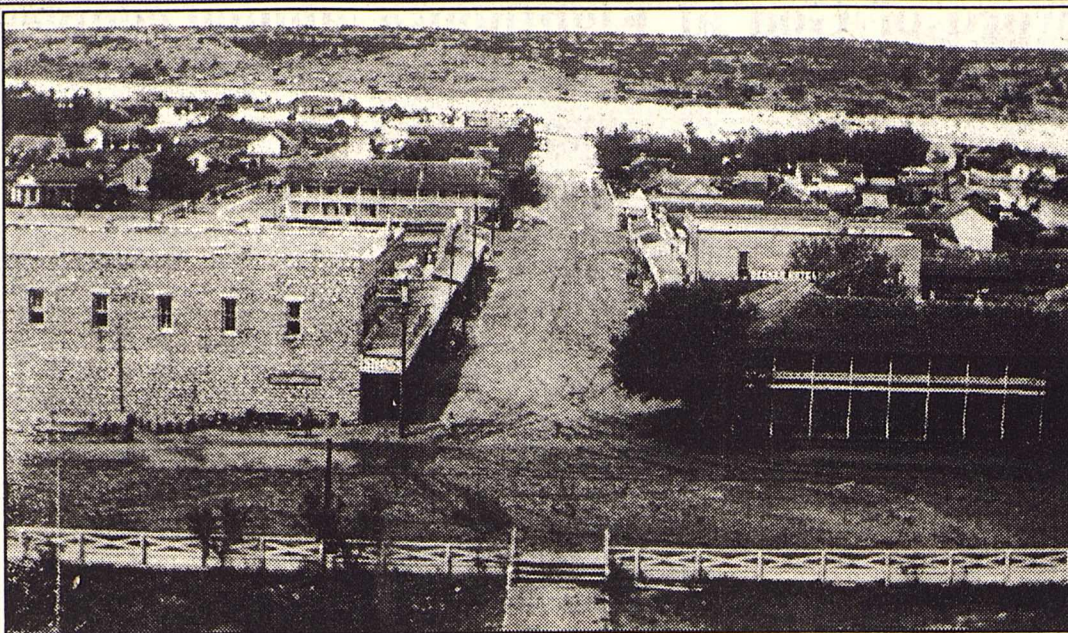
But it was his wife, Mrs. Alice E. Adams, who was the real founder of the town and gave it its name. It was Mrs. Adams' idea and she convinced Mr. Adams that it would be a good thing to do. However, she reserved the right to name the town, when and if it was started.

These facts were obtained from Mrs. Adams through her son, Ica, who now resides in Brawley, Calif. The following quotation is taken from a recent letter from Mr. Adams. He says:

"My Mother conceived the idea first, to start a town and finally convinced my father. It was her only wish that, if a town was started, she be given the privilege of naming it. This was agreed to and my father proceeded toward this end.

"A water well was started in the latter part of the year 1888 and the location of this well was in what is your courthouse yard. This well came in the early part of the year 1889.

"My mother was then living at Ft. McKavett. When my father informed her that he was



After heavy rains Main Street became almost impassable due to the mud. Water St. was eventually dug down deeper and Main Street also to keep mud from running into the stores. The dirt was oiled, then finally tar streets came to Sonora and the days of getting stuck in the mud on Main St. ended, and ladies didn't have to be carried across muddy streets any more.

getting ready to send in the papers for starting the town, he evidently had forgotten his promise to let my mother name it. He had selected the name Randall.

"My mother states that she broke into tears and that my father acceded to her wishes.

"She then selected the name of Sonora and sent it to my father a day or so later. Sonora was chosen by my mother, not because of any particular meaning, but because she liked the word and the way it sounded.

"This was February, 1889 and my mother came to Sonora in June of that year. At that time there were a few residences, a feed store, blacksmith shop, post office, Sewell Hotel, saloons, a general mercantile store run by my father, Charles F. Adams and Mr. Callahan, a partner. Though Mr. Callahan was the official postmaster he had Peter Hurst do all the postmasters duties.

"The saloons at that time were not in the main part of town, known as Sonora's business section, but were across the draw, known later as Murphy Draw which I understand is now called Lowrey Draw."

Sonora was founded in 1889. Charles Francis Adams founder, in his book, "Forty Years' Fool," referred to the establishment of the town as follows: "The site selected for this town was on a dry draw of the Devil's River, forty miles from water in every direction. It wasn't an easy job to plant civilization there either. It required lots of faith...to anchor a prospect. But the reason I chose this particular spot for the city of Sonora was because in locating a ranch and drilling a well down there, I had to bear the expense of surveying, and the only way I could break even was to put on the town and sell lots."

Two years after the creation of Sutton Co. named for Col. John J. Sutton, who lost his life in battle during Sibley's expedition, and one year prior to its organization Mr. Adams opened the town to settlement.

The newly created county contained but 685 people at that time. In order to stimulate quick growth of the town, Mr. Adams offered free a number of choice lots. About fifteen settlers took advantage of the free offer.

The founder of Sonora was a man of ideals and purposed to build a city free of contaminating vices and evils. Unlike most frontier towns, the saloon was outlawed. There would be no saloons in Sonora! To forestall such calamity each deed to a town lot carried a clause stipulating that the property could not be used for the establishment of a saloon.

Alas! "No Man's land" across Lowrey draw and outside the city limit of the town, became the "Oasis in the Desert." Almost before the ink had dried upon the first deed issued, the flap of a tent saloon, across the draw, was thrown open to the thirsty ones. Such a disturbance resulted in the Governor of Texas becomg petitioned to send Rangers to keep the peace.

Before the town had passed its first milestone the prohibitive clause-carelessly or other wise-was omitted from a deed to a lot within the city limits and the first saloon on Main St., The

Maud S was in business.

After the first surveys were completed the first general store was established by Charlie Adams and his partners Callahan and McCue. The building stood where the E. F. Vander Stucken Co. was located for many years and served a large range of customers.

McCue sold his interest after a few years to T. B. Birtrong, father of Mrs. W. A. Miers of Sonora. Mr. Birtrong moved off to New Mexico.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history please send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885. Our offices are open Monday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 11:45 and Saturdays from 8 - 12 unless it is a work detail day then we start at 7 a.m.

To rent the Depot for weddings or parties you can call the office at 325-387-5084 or call me at home at 387-2855. We do not hold any dates unless a \$50 security deposit has been paid. Deposits will not be refunded unless we receive cancellation two weeks in advance.

Dues notices have gone out and I will be calling to tell you when our next meeting is. Please pay your dues, we have to pay insurance and utilities with this money. Thank you! A little extra in the envelope is always appreciated and we have included a place to do memorials.

Chamber Chatter

Working for the tourists



by Storie Sharp, Chamber of Commerce President '04-'05

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, is away at a Texas Travel Industry Association annual conference and trade show this week. Each year, more than 500 delegates from the Texas travel industry meet to discuss ideas, issues and trends, learn how to promote tourism more effectively, network with other industry professionals, listen to state and national authorities on travel and tourism, and see the latest in products and services available. She will bring all this information back to Sonora to help build a better place for people to visit. These kinds of conferences and trainings are important for the Chamber of Commerce, and all organizations, so that everyone continues to keep up with the times to offer tourists what they want and help make our community an even better place to live.

This week is still busy in the Chamber office, even with Ruthie gone. Donna is working with Lonnie Longmire of Shepherd Publishing Company, putting together an official

Chamber of Commerce information book for Sonora. The bound book is a Chamber of Commerce fund raiser that will benefit everyone by providing listings of businesses, churches, schools, hospitals, and more. Visitors will be able to use the book to reach any of Sonora's chamber members and take advantage of their services. Longmire may be contacting you or your business to see if you want to advertise in the book. It's a great opportunity to be seen by travelers and visitors in our community.

...and right next door to the Chamber office, we want to remind everyone to stop by Dairy Queen on September 21 to help raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. Dairy Queen has been a proud national sponsor of Children's Miracle Network since 1984. During the past 19 years, Dairy Queen operators throughout the United States and Canada have raised more than \$47 million for CMN.

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Letter to the Editor

To all interested parties in events, conventions, and meetings in Sonora:

As the Executive Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, I need your help in making our events, conventions, and meetings in Sonora the best that they can be. If you host, sponsor, provide facilities, time or money to any of these things, please respond to this letter. We cannot improve and grow without your input. The staff at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and Welcome Center devotes at least 75 percent of its time and resources to the promotion of tourism. This includes the promotion of events through advertising, volunteering and planning. There are several long-standing and successful events which take place here in Sonora each year, and several new events which are beginning to shape into large events.

Please list in order of priority the top five things that you or your organization needs in order to host a more successful event. Please keep these needs real, no fantasy expectations. For example, if you need more parking space and that is your number one concern list as:

1. More parking space available at ...

Please return this information to Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Event Coordinator, P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950, by September 20, 2004. We will compile this information so that all the event organizers, sponsors, facility representatives, and interested parties can attend a meeting in October. This will not be a gripe session; it will be a meeting to further the growth of our events in Sonora, so please keep your list of needs reasonable.

Respectfully,

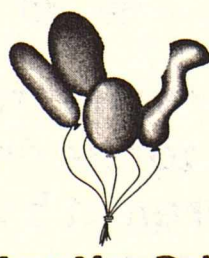
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Leann Price Conner to share word of God at Lighthouse Community Church

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The ministry of Leann Price Conner has spanned more than 15 years since she began singing at the age of seven. By the time she was 15, she had already recorded her first album, and at the age of 20, she co-produced and wrote an entire album of original music.

Today, the 24-year-old is singing and ministering like never before with a solid testimony of God's amazing grace and strength that brought her through the tragic loss of her entire family in 2003. Leann and her husband, Braden, reside in Midland, Texas and are high school youth pastors. They bring a message of the love of God, hope, success and how anyone can achieve victory through any situation they may face by standing on the Word of God.



Leann Price Conner

Leann Price Conner will be at the Lighthouse Community Church on Sunday, September 26, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. for youth and at 6:00 p.m. for everyone. For more information call 387-9100.

Diabetes Facts and Figures

By: Kelly L. Thorp, Texas Cooperative Extension, CEA-FCS-Sutton County

Diabetes is a serious illness. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one. Early diagnosis and treatment, and good management practices are the keys to a long

and healthy life for persons with diabetes.

According to the American Diabetes Association (<http://www.diabetes.org/main/application/commercewf>) when a person has diabetes, his or her body doesn't produce insulin (type 1) or properly use insulin (type 2), a hormone needed to convert some foods into energy. No one knows what causes diabetes, although genetics and such factors as lack of exercise and obesity may contribute.

Facts and figures from the ADA list about 17 million Americans with diabetes, but only about 11.1 million diagnosed. This means nearly one-third, 5.9 million people with diabetes, don't know they have it.

The costs of all these cases of diabetes is enormous. The ADA estimated the total direct and indirect cost in 1997 (the most recent year figures are available) to be \$98 billion. Of that, \$44 billion was medical and treatment costs, and \$54 billion was for indirect costs, such as disability.

A simple blood test by a health care provider is required for a diagnosis of diabetes. However, being aware of the symptoms can lead to an earlier diagnosis and a better quality of life. The ADA lists some of the symptoms to look for: frequent urination, excessive thirst and extreme hunger, blurry vision, increased fatigue, irritability and unusual and unexplained weight loss.

Once the medical diagnosis has been made, proper treatment and management can make life healthier for the person with diabetes. A combination of exercise, weight control, proper diet and sometimes medications can keep the person, not the disease, in charge of his or her life.

For information on living with diabetes, especially Type 2, plan to attend Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program, hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension. Call 325-387-3604 to find out more. Classes will begin on September 21.

Ladies Golf Auxiliary hosts annual couples tournament

The Sonora Ladies Golf Auxiliary hosted the annual Couples Golf Tournament on September 11 and 12, 2004. There were thirty-eight teams that competed for the cash prizes.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

Saturday

Championship Flight

1st Johnny Doan and Gidget Tate 63
2nd Barry McCallister and Janie Schneider 63
3rd Jason and Beth Donaldson 64
4th Matt Fry and Tricia Fry 65

President's Flight

1st Suzanne Alley and Brad Hull 67
2nd Tom and Branda Gray 69
3rd Steve and Frances Tackel 69
4th Albert and Velta Bosmans 71

First Flight

1st Savell and Shelly Shannon 70
2nd Dean and Rama Jones 71
3rd Robert and Cyndi Hollander 73
4th Jimmie Sims and Julia Hines 74

Second Flight

1st Jesse and Rosa Cerda 71
2nd Jerry Don Balch and Jodi Finklea 73
3rd Don and Judy Letsinger 74
4th Jerry and Kyle Cass 74

Sunday

Championship Flight

1st Barry McCallister and Janie Schneider 62
2nd Johnny Doan and Gidget Tate 62
3rd Jason and Beth Donaldson 63
4th Adam Gonzales and Debbie Young 65

President's Flight

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Second Flight

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Winners of the contest were:

Closest to the Pin for Women - Beth Donaldson
Closest to the Pin for Men - Quade Sutton
Longest Drive for Men - Matt Fry
Longest Drive for Women - Gidget Tate
Longest Putt Made - Jason Ball
Shortest Drive Used - Judy Letsinger
Closest to the Pin on #9 - Bill Blair

We would like to thank all of the employees of the Sonora Golf Club for their extra help and all the members of the Ladies Golf Auxiliary for their help. We also want to thank all of the volunteers especially Hoot Hearn, James Barton, Ed Newton, Quade Sutton and Virgil Burge.

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Broncos win with big plays

by Ray Glasscock

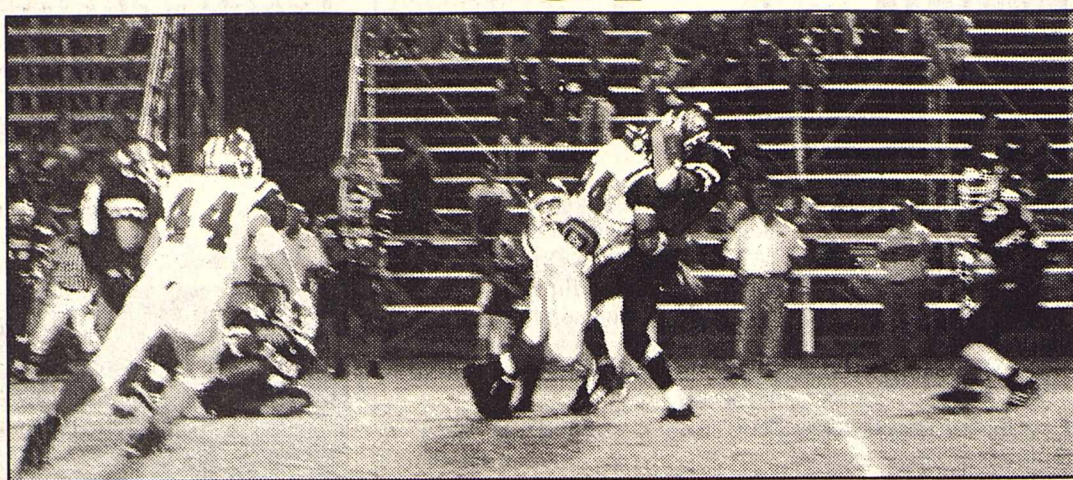
Last Friday night, September 10, the Sonora Broncos (1-1) traveled to Coleman to play the winless Bluecats. The Bluecats won the toss but deferred to the second half.

The Broncos were unable to move the ball with their first possession. Clint Cearley punted to the Bluecats. They also could not move the ball. They punted, Cameron Cox fielded the ball, handed it to Anthony Longoria who ran 75 yards for the first of his four touchdowns. Cearley's kick split the uprights and the Broncos led 7 to 0 with 6:54 left in the first quarter.

Slightly more than a minute and a half later, the Bluecats answered when Carlton Brown broke through the Bronco line and weaved his way for a nice touchdown run of 47 yards. Their PAT was good and the score was tied at 7 with 4:11 left in the first quarter.

The Broncos answered quickly. On second down, Caleb Ramos hit Longoria with a perfect pass that Longoria took 84 yards for a touchdown. This time, the Bluecats blocked the kick leaving the score 13 to 7 with 2:38 left in the first quarter.

Both defenses kept the



Broncos defense played hard to keep the Blue Cats back. Photo by Danni Price

offenses from scoring the rest of half.

In the third quarter, the Bronco offense came out fired up. Mixing runs and passes, the Broncos moved to the Bluecat 26 yard line. On fourth and ten, Ramos hit Longoria for his third touchdown. The Broncos tried a two point conversion, but it failed making the score 19 to 7 with 7:13 left in the third quarter.

The Bluecats took the kick-off and mounted their best drive of the game. When they made it to first and goal, the Bronco defense led by Austin Wagoner denied them their score. Two plays by the goal line offense

moved the ball to the 9 yard line. Cearley dropped back and threw long toward Longoria. The Bluecat defensive player had the pass well defended.

Somehow, Longoria managed to catch the ball and maintain his balance. Once he regained his balance, he had a clear field ahead of him to complete the 91 yard pass and run for his fourth touchdown.

The kick failed, and the Broncos led by 25 to 7 with 46 seconds left in the third quarter.

Cearley finished his night with a 39 yard run for a touchdown. He also kicked the PAT. This made the final score 32 to 7 with 5:08 left in the game.

The Bronco defense led by the Duhon brothers, Laramie Hall, Justin Northcott, Brett McDaniel, and Austin Wagoner kept the BlueCats from scoring during the remainder of the game.

September 17th is the Open Week. The Broncos start their district play against the Reagan County Owls at home at 7:30 on Friday, September 24th.

Come out to support the Broncos at this Homecoming game.

JV White Defeats Irion County

By Nancy Glasscock

Due to Coleman High School not having enough players out for football, Coleman was not able to field a freshman JV team. The Irion County Hornets instead filled in and brought their "A" game to provide the freshman JV Broncos some good competition.

Irion County won the toss and deferred. Victor Vaquera took the opening kickoff to the Bronco 32 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Vaquera kept the ball and took it 68 yards for the first points of the game. The two point conversion was stopped by the Hornets. With only 25 seconds off the clock, the score was already in Sonora's favor 6 to 0.

Riley Sanchez, Aaron Gaytan, and Hunter Lawson stopped the Hornets' first possession. They could not make a first down and were forced to punt. Vaquera, the Bronco returner, brought the ball out to the Hornet 31 yard line. He threw a screen pass to Alonzo Peña for a sixteen yard gain. Sanchez fought for the extra yardage on his carry to make another first down. Nick Peña took the ball in for the second touchdown.

Again, the two point conversion play failed, but the Broncos still had the 12 - 0 lead.

Zadrian McGee, Morgan Martinez, and Juan Dominguez would have no part of the Hornets trying to advance the ball on their next series. The Hornets were again three and out. The Hornets punted. A Bronco mistakenly touched the ball, and the Hornets recovered. They had their first success moving the ball. However, when they got to the Bronco 35 yard line, the Bronco defense held. A fourth down pass fell to the ground, and the Broncos took over on downs.

The Broncos took over and started another drive. After several first downs, a Vaquera to Lawson pass was picked off at the Hornet 15 yard line. The Hornets' offense came to life and moved the ball. They scored on a thirty-five yard pass play to make the score 12 to 6. The Bronco defense stopped their PAT.

The Broncos scored their last points of the game in the final minutes of the first half. Vaquera and Alonzo Peña worked the ball down the field behind their outstanding offensive line. Vaquera did a great job of faking the handoff to Peña and then keeping the ball and running for big yardage. With time running out in the half and the Broncos in the Red Zone, they used a play that Bryce Williams perfected in the 2000 season. Vaquera rolled to

his right and threw back across the field to a waiting Peña who scampered into the end zone for the six points. Vaquera's pass for the PAT was broken up by the Hornets. At the half, the score was 18 to 6 in favor of the Broncos.

The Hornets' first possession of the second half ended quickly when Vaquera intercepted the ball at the Bronco 44 yard line. A Vaquera scramble, an incomplete pass, and an illegal procedure call on the Broncos ended the drive. The Broncos punted to the Hornets. They went three and out and punted back to the Broncos. The Broncos moved the ball to their 46 yard line on a pass reception by Sanchez. On fourth down in Bronco territory, the Broncos went for the first down. The snap was fumbled and the Hornets recovered.

Gaytan registered his first sack when he blew through the Hornet offensive line. With Gaytan and the other defensive linemen providing relentless pressure on the Hornet quarterback, Fidel Acevedo intercepted the first of two crucial Hornet passes. The Broncos went three and out.

A great punt pinned the Hornets deep in their territory. However, they responded with a quick score. Two plays after the punt, a Hornet receiver got behind the Bronco defenders, caught the well thrown pass, and scored a long touchdown. This time their two point conversion was good to tighten the score at 18 to 14 with seven and a half minutes left in the game.

The Broncos took the kick-off and started a long, time consuming drive.

Running plays by Vaquera and the Peña brothers ate up six minutes and advanced the ball to the Hornet six yard line. On fourth and goal from the six, the Hornets stopped the Broncos for a four yard loss and got the ball back for their last chance to score.

The Hornets completed one pass to move the ball close to mid field.

Twice, Gaytan Bull rushed the Hornet quarterback and hit him in the "act of throwing," causing incomplete passes. On fourth down, the hurried quarterback threw his last pass of the game. Acevedo had his second interception of the night and the Broncos held on to win the game.

If you weren't at the game, you missed a great offensive and defensive game by the JV White Broncos! The JV White Broncos play the Colorado City Wolves here in Sonora on the 16th of September at 5 p.m. Come out to watch this exciting team.

Bronco JV Red blasts Bluecats



Martin Gonzales leads the Broncos to victory against Coleman. Photo by Danni Price

By Mark Rousselot

The Bronco passing game proved too powerful for the Coleman Bluecats last Thursday. In route to a 45-6 score, the Broncos dominated the game from the outset. On its first offensive possession the Broncos set the tone for the game by scoring on its second play. Jose Rodriguez hauled in a 23 yard touchdown pass from Cullen Parker.

After a recovered punt by the Broncos, they returned the favor when the Bluecats intercepted a Bronco pass and ran 75 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was no good and the Broncos led 7-6.

But that was all the Bluecats could muster for the remainder of the game. On its very next offensive possession, Parker hit Evan Guley with two passes, a 50-yarder followed by a 5 yard touchdown pass for a 13-6 lead. After another Coleman punt to the Sonora 26 yard line, it took just one big play. Jose Rod-"n-reel"-riquez got behind the Bluecat secondary and raced 74 yards with another Parker pass for a Sonora 19-6 lead with 4 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

On Coleman's next possession the Bronco defense, led by

Travis Valliant, Jordan Isenhour and Marco Jimenez, forced a Bluecat fumble. Three Bronco plays later, Martin Gonzales scored on a 6 yard burst. Fred Romo converted a 2 point conversion to increase the score 27-6.

Coleman, still trying to muster some offense, found the going rough against the Bronco defense. Led by the inside play and big pass rush of Steven Lozano, the Broncos stopped Coleman on a fourth down attempt when #86 Justin Zuniga stuffed the Bluecat tailback for a two yard loss. Shortly thereafter, quarterback Parker scored on a nifty 50 yard run on a designed option play with 1:15 remaining in the half. The PAT was no good, and the Broncos led 33-6. But the Broncos were not done. Trying to get back in the game, Coleman attempted a last second pass. In Deion Sanders fashion, cornerback Cody Perez stepped in front of the Bluecat receiver to intercept the pass, raced down the sideline 43 yards and scored for a 39-6 Broncos lead at halftime.

Credit the Bronco coaching staff in the second half. Since Coleman was no match for the mighty Broncos, the Broncos elected not to throw the ball in the second half. This gave the

Broncos a chance to work on their running game. The Broncos' lone score in the half came on a nine play scoring drive culminating with a perfectly run option play. From the Bluecat 24 Parker pitched the ball to Gonzales who galloped around the right side to paydirt. This made the score 45-6 in the 3rd quarter.

Not to be outdone, the Bronco defense limited Coleman to 3 possessions in the second half. The only Bluecat threat in the game was halted when Evan Rousselot intercepted a pass at the Bronco 10 yard line. A host of Bronco defensive players such as Abraham Rivera and Bryan Reyes kept the Bluecats at bay and allowed them to cross into Bronco territory only twice.

Led by #24 Gonzales (53 yards on 9 carries, 2 TD's) and Fred Romo (49 yards on 6 carries, 2 pt. conversion run), the Broncos grinded out 177 yards rushing for the game. Cullen Parker was 5 of 10 for 199 passing yards and 3 TD's.

The Junior Varsity's next game is 6:30 p.m. on September 23 at Reagan County stadium in Big Lake. And remember, "the difference between good and great is just a little extra effort".

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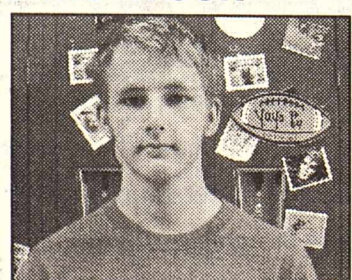
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So please don't curse the boys down there, Each one's his parent's son. And win or lose, or tie, you see, To us they're NUMBER ONE!! -author unknown

Students of the Week



Karla Dominguez



Richard Reese

Sonora High School principal, Raul Chavarria, is implementing a Student of the Week award. Each week, teachers will choose two students to honor. This week's students are Karla Dominguez and Richard Reese.

Karla is 17 years old and a senior at SHS. Her parents are Cruz and Jose Dominguez. Karla says that her favorite class is PALS because she "loves little kids - they're so adorable." Karla likes to sing and go to church, and said she tries always to be responsible and friendly and to do her best. After graduation, Karla plans on going to the University of North Texas and becoming a foreign language teacher. Later she would like to work as a counselor.

Richard Reese is the son of Don and Sandee Reese. Richard is also 17 years old and a senior at SHS. Richard likes to work with lifted trucks and he loves fast cars. His favorite class this year is physics. After he graduates, Richard plans to attend college and then go to Wyo Tech.



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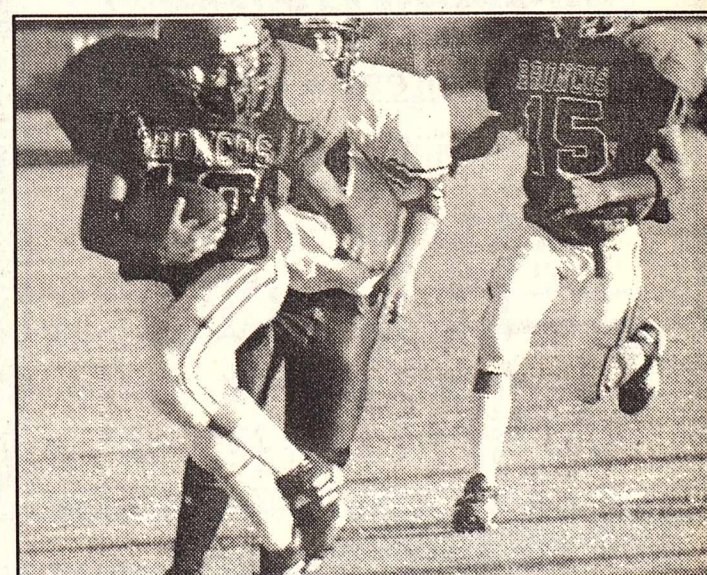
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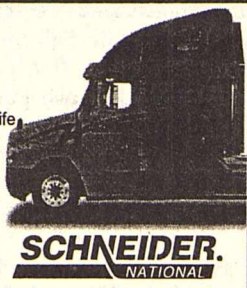
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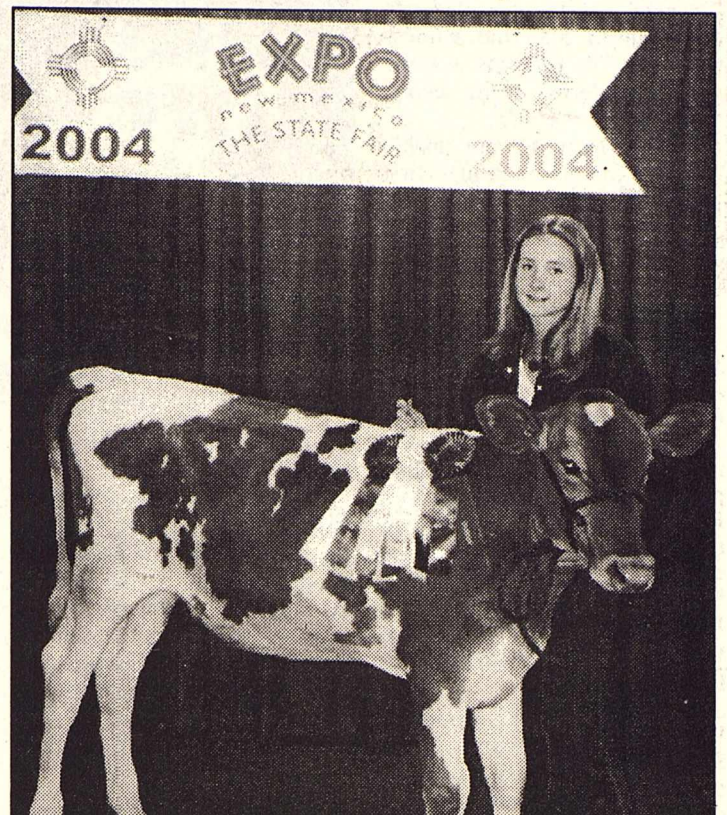
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELMER CLIFTON WILSON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elmer Clifton Wilson, Deceased, were issued on September 14, 2004, in Cause No. 1287, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, Sitting In Matters Probate, to: Larry Glen Jennings and Rosemary Katherine Jennings, as successor co-independent Executors. The residence of Larry Glen Jennings and Rosemary Katherine Jennings is Sutton County, Texas. Their mailing address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the same addressed in care of the co-Independent Executors or in care of the co-Independent Executors attorney of record, or in care of "Representative. Estate of Elmer Clifton Wilson", within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 14th day of September, 2004.

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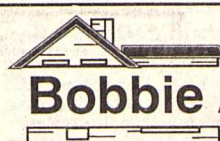
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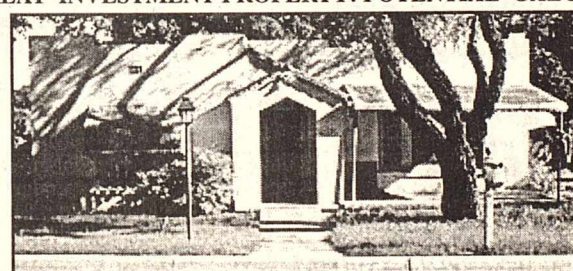
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by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

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1) Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Do not point a firearm or bow at anything you do not intend to shoot. Control the direction of the muzzle at all times.

2) Treat every firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun or nocked arrow.

3) Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target.

4) Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use. Use gun or trigger locks and guards when not in use.

5) Handle the firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully. Avoid horseplay with firearms. Never climb a fence, a tree or a ladder with a loaded firearm or bow and arrows. Never jump a ditch or cross difficult terrain with a loaded firearm or nocked arrow.

6) Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it.

7) Control your emotions when it comes to safety. If you lose control of your emotions you may do something carelessly.

8) Wear hearing and eye protection.

9) Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows.

10) Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness. Just because something isn't listed under these "ten commandments of shooting safety" doesn't mean you can ignore it if it is dangerous.

If you want to learn about firearm and hunter safety, and need to take a hunter certification course, or have a youth ready for his/her first hunting experience, Texas Cooperative Extension & Texas Parks & Wildlife will sponsor a hunter education course the weekend of October 2nd. Upon satisfactory completion, those 12 years of age and older will receive their hunter certification. The cost is \$10. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for details or to register.



Popcorn funds for P.T.O.

Rosa Sanchez (left) and Roberta James (right) with the First National Bank, presented Amy Ramirez and Casey Henderson with a check for the Sonora Parent Teacher Organization. The P.T.O. allows parents, teachers and staff to work together as a community to expand the education of our children. Money raised by each P.T.O. is used to enrich the school in many ways: extra equipment, materials, special student events, transportation for trips, and assemblies are just a few examples. The P.T.O. extends a cordial welcome to all parents to join their membership and attend their meetings.

Commissioners from page 1

The EMS report was given, stating there were 42 runs in July, with a year-to-date total of 232 runs. Judge Garner also reported that 259 working accounts had been billed and that a lot of money would be collected for the month of August, because of the new billing company that was being utilized by the EMS.

The commissioners authorized advertising for bids for a new vehicle at the Sheriff's office and a new dump truck in

the Road and Bridge Department.

A resolution for a hazard mitigation plan was also approved.

County Attorney David Wallace reported that \$219 in hot checks had been recovered in the month of August.

County Clerk Veronica Hernandez reported that her office had collected \$16,791.50 last month. The District Clerk collected \$5,610.

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firm of Webb & Webb of San Angelo for the handling of the annual audit. The acting firm had suggested Webb & Webb, since they will no longer be handling such audits. After much discussion regarding the appointment of Webb & Webb, it was pointed out that they did not offer any 4B organization experience referrals. The board decided to go with Webb & Webb if it was found that the experience was there for such audits. If not, more bids would be sought.

In an Eaton Hill report, Delyse Jaeger reported that she had sought bids for the construction of a second Kiosk on Eaton Hill, but had only obtained one at the present time. The funds for this project were budgeted this year and a concern was that the money wouldn't be there next year. The board deliberated as to whether or not the money could be rolled over to the next year to complete the project. Another area of concern was brought up by City Attorney Beth Wallace, that sealed bids needed to be advertised for such service projects. The board agreed that sealed bids need to be sought and a motion was made to advertise for such. The bids will be opened at the October meeting.

Jaeger informed the board that Nadine Eby is interested in having some special pottery programs on Eaton Hill that will show how art and nature interconnect. Jaeger requested that the programs be held in the Eaton House on the hill, because of the proximity to cover and a great area for such programs. The initial program will be open to the public, with hopes of eventually

having special learning programs for school children. City Attorney Beth Wallace explained that the funding of such a program will have to be gathered from outside sources because it is a project for local people. Jaeger agreed to begin searching for the funding.

Glasscock reported on inquiries in the office, including a building for sale on Glasscock Ave. and another business that is looking to possibly expand in this area.

The airport committee reported that they would probably have to pursue the idea of a new airport rather than the original idea of increasing the existing one. Max Howorth and Cam Campbell explained that any major improvements or changes at the Municipal Airport would violate the Grandfather Clause that is currently in place. Another problem is obtaining the ample amount of land around the airport for such a project. Many concerns and ideas were tossed around and the committee agreed to continue researching the possibility of building at a new location, with the possibility of hiring a consultant to assist with the research.

Max Howorth ended the meeting by suggesting that someone from the SIDC attend the upcoming Nature Tourism program in Lueders, Texas. It was agreed that such programs would be a good learning opportunity. Delyse said that she should be able to attend the event for the SIDC.

F.Y.I.

Do well, Be well with Diabetes classes, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, will begin on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register call Kelly Thorp at 325-387-3604.

Sonora City League will have a meeting on September 21, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office in the Mercantile Building on Main St.

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled, "Excellent Customer Service." This seminar will be held on Thursday, September 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 1702 W Avenue N - CVCED Conference Room. Please call 942-2098 to register.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and Sonora ISD would like to invite everyone to be a part of the 2004 Sonora Bronco Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Friday, September 24, at 3:00 p.m. To enter the parade call FHSMS office at 325-387-2248. Line up will begin on Concho Street in front of the Car Wash at 2:30 p.m. Join the fun and show your support of the Broncos.

All past Bronco Cheerleaders are invited to lead the "Two Bits" cheer and the school song at the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 24, 2004. For more information contact Renee Casey or Jerrilyn Miller at 387-6533.

Living History Days in Historic Fort Stockton will be September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a full day of fun, food, and entertainment for the entire family - all free.

The 7th grade class will be taking care of the concession stand on Friday, October 22, and November 5. Parent Representatives will be contacting all 7th grade band parents very soon. Please support our band!

Bronco Booster Club meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons Area of the Sonora High School. Join Today!

Get your yearbook today! PreK-4th yearbooks are available for \$23.00 while quantities last. 5th-12th yearbooks are available for \$40.00 while quantities last. Contact Ms. Judy McDaniel at Sonora High School at 325.387.6533 or come to the high school from 8:50 a.m.-9:50 a.m. or 10:50-11:50 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

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