

Commissioners' Court tables request to repair lights in Langford Building

by Storie Sharp

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Commissioners' Court was moved to Tuesday, October 14, 2003, because of a holiday on Monday. County Judge Carla Garner was unable to be at the meeting.

In general business, Oscar Jimenez with the Road and Bridge Department reported that one employee recently resigned and another one would be doing so before the end of the year. Jimenez asked to be allowed to wait until after the first of the year to re-hire, so as to not have to deal with training during the upcoming holidays.

Jimenez reported that work at the cemetery had been delayed because of the recent rains, but it was planned to be completed by next week. He also said that Square Sanchez had been hired to put up the fence at the Sutton County Park and plans were going well.

Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez, reported that her office had collected \$60,709.46 in September, with the County's portion being \$25,677.21. Maura Weingart, County Auditor, reported that some data had been lost during the transfer to the new system in the J.P.'s office, but the correct reports were turned in and the amounts would differ a little with the state. Weingart also said that they were in the process of trying to implement a receipt system in all County offices.

The commissioners asked if any roads had received significant damage due to the recent deluge of rain. Jimenez reported that the typical drift has accumulated, but no major problems were reported.

County Attorney, David Wallace, reported that \$87.91 in hot check retrievals were collected in September.

Betty Hernandez, County Clerk, reported that the County portion of collections for last month were \$12,615.32.

Kelly Thorp with the Sutton County Extension Agent's office approached the court about a lighting problem in the old Langford Barn. Thorp said that currently the building was being used for the 4-H Shooting Sports, with over 40 children participating. Portable lights are having to be used because of the disrepair of the lights in the building. The original lights have been repaired so many times, that they are no longer able to be fixed properly. Thorp and Sutton County 4-H adult volunteer, Sherry Ingham, informed the court that in addition to the present use, the building would be necessary for the County Stock Show early next year. They presented an estimate from a local electrician on repairing the lights. A discussion regarding the possible use of a maintenance funds took place. It was decided to table the discussion until more information could be obtained and Judge Garner could be present. Thorp and Ingham then asked that the Commissioners consider hiring Preston Faris part-time during the up-coming Stock Show season. Thorp said that the adult volunteers had been fantastic, giving up personal time and days off of pay to help with activities, but more help would be needed during that busy time. The commissioners agreed to consider the request and gather more information on the process of doing so.

Maura Weingart was appointed as the Appraisal Board Representative. The Collections Contract with Rex Ann Friess was approved and the tax role was certified.

Charlie McDonald, a Waste Water Designated Regulator (DR) gave a presentation on the benefits of having a DR in Sutton County. McDonald explained that he would be responsible for making sure wells in Sutton County were in compliance with TCEQ mandates. After a lengthy question and answer session, the commissioners agreed to pursue the matter, but wanted to table the decision until the next meeting.

It was approved to allow the Road and Bridge Department and the Justice of the Peace office to connect to the Internet through The Devil's River Internet.

Al Elliott approached the court, representing several ranchers, Jimmy Powers, Gay Donaldson and Ruth Espy. The ranchers were requesting that a road stretching through all their properties be designated a county road, as believed to be in a prior judgment passed down by the District Court. Much discussion was held regarding this judgement, what had been done since, and obtaining dedications from all land-owners to agree to the designations. After much deliberation on the legalities and details, Powers encouraged the Commissioners to make the designations. A motion was made to allow Al Elliott and David Wallace to work on obtaining the dedications to make the designation.

The meeting ended with a report from Ann Kay regarding the Fall festival and upcoming Yellow Ribbon ceremonies.

Fire Prevention Week teaches to 'Get Out! Stay Out!' when fire strikes



During "National Fire Prevention Week", national attention is given to promoting Fire Safety and Education. However... Rita and Alta Alewin, Sonora Volunteer Firewomen remind us that fire takes no holiday. What we learn needs to be practiced all year long.

Fire Prevention Week was celebrated from October 5 - 11, 2003. Sonora Volunteer Fire Department helped spread the word about fire safety to Sonora schools, Head Start and pre-schools, with these animated characters. Alta and Rita Alewin dressed up to visit the kids, spreading this year's theme, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

Because fire can grow and spread so quickly, you may have as few as two minutes to

escape safely. When every second can mean the difference between life and death, advance planning is absolutely essential.

Does your family have a home fire escape plan? If not, make one today; it's easy! Start by walking through your home and identifying two ways out of every room. (One way out might be the door; the other could be a window). Then, draw out your escape plan, so you can post it where everyone in the family can see it.

Bronco defense stands tall, drown Owls in District Opener

by Nancy Glasscock

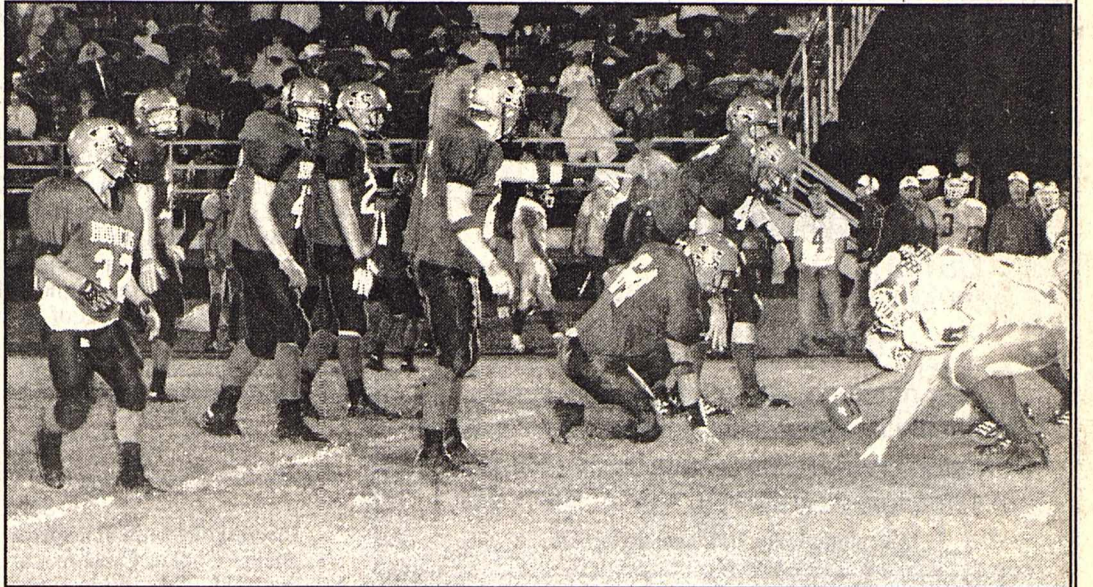
No one predicted the Sonora Broncos (1 - 4) would defeat the Reagan County Owls (4-1). Even the eight "experts" in the San Angelo Standard Times were wrong. Coach Jason Herring and his staff had planned and hoped for the biggest upset in West Texas. They had some surprises up their sleeves to confuse their opponent from Big Lake. The biggest surprise walked out on the field to take the first snap from center. The former JV White team quarterback, Caleb Ramos, a freshman, took that snap and rushed for seven yards. The Bronco right side of the offensive line (Trapper Valliant and Zed Snodgrass) opened big holes for Ramos who rushed for 77 yards in the first half and 91 yards for the game.

The Broncos weren't able to make a first down on their initial series. An injured Scottie Moore made the first of many outstanding punts. His 37-yard punt forced the Owls to start their first offensive series on their 34 yard line. They made one first down with two sweeps to the outside. A five yard penalty and the first of many outstanding defensive plays by Chris Martin, Dustin Duhon, Steven Duhon, Brett McDaniel, and Tom Valliant forced the Owls to punt.

Ramos again started under center on the first play and gained 32 yards on the keeper to the right. A Bronco penalty and an incomplete pass from Clint Cearley to a wide open Austin Wagoner forced the Broncos to punt. Moore punted from his 24 yard line to the Owl 25 yard line. This time the Owl offense was stopped by Diego Cardona and Wagoner.

The Bronco defense thought they had stopped the Owl offense only to have a roughing-the-kicker penalty give the Owls new life. Instead of the Broncos getting the ball back with decent field position, the Owls had a chance to move the ball down the field. In the first of what would be five fumbles, they lost this one when Brett McDaniel recovered the Owl QB's dropped handoff.

The Broncos took over on the 39 yard line, but they couldn't convert this opportunity into points on the scoreboard. The offense, led by Ramos, made one first down, but the short field drive stalled and the Owls took over on their own 25 yard



The "Red Wall" otherwise known as, (from L-R), #32 Stetson Perez, #12 Austin Wagoner, #48 Dustin Duhon, #24 Steven Duhon, #21 Wilson Wallace, #65 Laramie Hall, #64 Diego Cardona, #54 Trapper Valliant, and #44 Brett McDaniel ready themselves for one of many great defensive plays. Photo by Patti Strauch

line. On the first play of this series, Snodgrass stopped the Owl running back after a two-yard gain. The Owls then went into the wishbone and the Duhon brothers stopped Rudy Vargas. An Owl incomplete pass led to another Owl punt.

The Broncos had good starting field position on the Owl 47. Ramos rushed for one yard. Cearley came in and passed the ball to Martin. He took the ball down the near sideline and got a great block by Anthony Longoria. The run covered 49 yards and the Broncos led 6 - 0. Snodgrass was unable to kick the wet ball through the uprights and the PAT failed. The Owls took the kickoff to their 35. They returned to the sweep, but Wagoner, Valliant, and Steven Duhon stopped the Owls at their 38 yard line.

On the next series, Ramos ran to the right side for a 24-yard gain and a first down. However, the series ended abruptly when Cearley's pass to Longoria was intercepted and returned to the Broncos 39 yard line. The Owls were finally able to gain good yardage and appeared to be headed for the tying score. An Owl runner broke through the Bronco defense, but he fumbled the wet ball at the two yard line and Wilson Wallace recovered the loose ball for the Broncos.

With their backs to the wall, the Broncos were not able to pick up a first down. After the punt, the Owls took over on the Broncos' 36 yard line still hav-

ing excellent field position. Steven Duhon, Longoria, Wagoner, and Hall kept the Owl offense from making a first down. The ball went to the Broncos who were still deep in their territory. Cearley completed two passes for first downs. This ran enough time off the clock so Cearley could take a knee and run out the first half. A stunned Owl team left the field with the Broncos leading 6 to 0.

The Broncos kicked off to start the second half. The Bronco defense once again kept the Owls from making a first down and they had to punt. This time the Owl defense contained Ramos and the Bronco offense. Moore dropped back to punt, but the long snapper sailed over his head. The Owls took over deep in Bronco territory and appeared ready to even the score. On first down, an Owl broke free and made it to the 11 yard line for a first down. On the next play, they made it to the two. On second down and

third down, Snodgrass, McDaniel, Valliant, and Wagoner pushed the Owls back to the ten. On fourth down, the Owl quarterback scrambled through the Bronco defense and made it back to the two - short of the first down.

With their backs to the wall again, Ramos followed the offensive line surge to move the ball away from the goal. On second down, Ramos initially had trouble with the snap from center. After gaining control, he pitched the ball to Martin who started to his right as the play was designed. The Owls blocked his path so he reversed his field and started around the left side of the line. He managed to get outside and picked up a convoy of blockers. One by one, Cardona, Hall, and Wagoner made perfect down field blocks for Martin. Martin was finally pushed out of bounds at the Bronco 12 yard

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Soaking the owls has Bronco fans 'singin' in the rain'!

Hospital Board calls special meeting to review final construction plans for new hospital

submitted

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, October 13, 2003. Directors present included: Lewis Allen, President, Sherrill Dannheim, Vice President, Virginia Epps, Lenora Pool and Maria Carrasco. Also present were Keith Butler, Administrator/CEO, Sheila Richter, Ben Epps, Carolyn Lara, Mickey Schaefer and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After approving minutes from prior meetings, the Board certified the 2003 tax roll, with the taxable value being \$570,845,847.00.

The contract for the Assessment and Collection services for the Sutton County Appraisal District was presented for approval. After a discussion regarding the contract, it was approved for the year

January 1, 2004-December 31, 2004.

Butler presented the three year capital budget, which was approved as presented.

Discussion was held in depth regarding the LifeLine System that is currently being monitored by the Nursing Staff at the Hospital. Butler stated that due to the need to reassign duties it would be better if the monitoring was discontinued by the Hospital. He advised that the system can be monitored by the National Monitoring System and could continue to operate effectively. It was approved to discontinue the monitoring by the Hospital effective February 1, 2003.

Butler advised that the final design of the construction plans would be ready for review on October 21 and asked that the Board meet in a special called meeting for review of these

plans. The motion to have a special called meeting at 12:00 p.m. on October 21, 2003 for review for the final design of the construction plans for the Hospital was approved.

Butler requested that the regular meeting for November be rescheduled due to his being out of town at a Cost Report seminar. He advised that this should be a very informative seminar and would like to attend. It was agreed to move the regular meeting from November 10, to November 17, 2003.

Sheila Richter gave the Quarterly quality Assurance report for June, July and August. Pool stated that she had attended the Medical Staff meeting on September 30, 2003. She advised that discussion had been held regarding the CT scanner and the scanner

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Early morning accident leaves one dead

by Storie Sharp

Texas State Trooper Cody Cory responded to a 9-1-1 call of a possible fatality at the 422 mile marker, on Interstate 10, early Saturday, October 11, 2003.

Trooper Cory reported that the driver of an 18-wheel tractor-trailer had hit a male hitchhiker standing in the right track of the east bound, right lane. Wet, dark conditions prevented the man dressed in dark clothes from being seen. The driver of the vehicle, traveling at the posted speed of 65 m.p.h., never saw the man, and thought he had hit an animal. It was not until he stopped and walked to the back of the trailer that he realized it was a person.

Manuel Cruz, Jr., 59, of Houston, Texas, was thrown sideways when hit and was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez. Family members said that Cruz was traveling from California.

A prior complaint regarding a man on the side of the road had been placed Friday night at approximately 10:15 p.m. The caller reported that he had almost hit the man at that time.

State Troopers Kyle Taylor, Kenny Wadsworth, Justin Baker, Norbert Ortiz, Sutton County Deputy Oscar Chavez, and Sutton County EMS assisted at the scene.

Fall Festival to offer feast of fun

by Mary Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Sonora Independent School District and the downtown businesses want to remind everyone of the annual Fall Festival, making its Saturday debut on October 25, 2003.

The crowning of Mr. and Miss Fall Festival at 10:30 a.m. on the Main Stage will start the fun. The Story Book Parade will line up in front of the Sutton County Courthouse at 10:30 a.m. Judging of all categories will begin at 11:00

a.m. and will be divided by age and grade. Prizes will be awarded in "Most Humorous", "Overall Most Creative", "Cutest and Funniest Character" and "Most Frightful".

The day will continue with games, The Devil's River Dancers, food booths, Bingo, an old fashioned Cake Walk, Basketball, a Castle bounce, a mechanical bull, a Super Slide, the Senior Class "Famous Hamburgers" and more, that will go from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss the 2003 Fall Festival on Main Street, Saturday, October 25, 2003.

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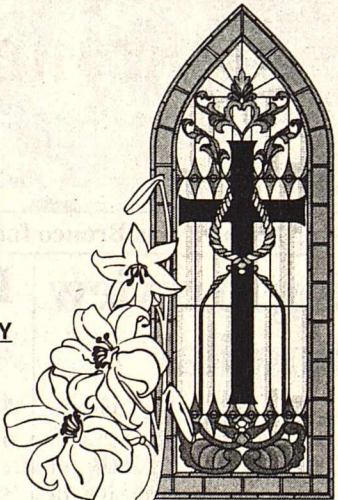


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Thank you for the cards, gifts, flowers and overwhelming support during our recent time of loss. We appreciate all your prayers and love.

Thank you,
Mrs. Emelia Beserra,
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Martinez and Family,
and Isabel Guzman and Family

We would first of all like to thank everyone who joined us on September 6, 2003, for our wedding day. For all those who gave gifts and money towards our selections at Tedfords and Gifts Galore & More, we thank you very much. A BIG thanks goes to everyone who helped in one way or another to make our wedding day special. To our parents and families, we cannot express how thankful we are for everything that you all did. Our wedding is more memorable to us, especially, when our friends and loved ones joined us on our special day.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rito and Lorena Renteria

Our Loving Parents

Ronny and I would like to thank our families and parents for all the hard work they did to help pull our wedding together. To my mother and father, Rodney, and Kathy Knight: I just want you both to know how much you both mean to me and Ronny; and thank you both for everything and I mean everything. I would also like to thank my mother-in-law and Ronny's mother, Jackie Smith, for everything you did for us, and to let you know we love you for that. To our families in and out of town, we cannot express enough what it meant to both of us having you at our sides, and making our wedding so special, and a day we will never forget. Thanks to all of you, our wedding was complete. We love you all!

Ronny & Betsy

Special Thanks

I would like to send a special **Thank You** to the following people: Vickie Cooke, Carolyn Lara, Sheila Richter, Belinda Robles, Mickey Schaefer, Ginny Crenwelge, Tina Hernandez, Judy Holmes, and Evelyn McGinnis for the wonderful bridal shower you gave to me. There are no words to explain what it meant to me to have my friends that are like family to me, to be by my side on such a beautiful occasion. I enjoyed it immensely, and will always cherish and remember all of you for eternity. Everything was wonderful. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts. Once again thank you all so very much for thinking of me, and my family.

Love Always,
Betsy

**Thank you for reading
The Devil's River News.**

School Lunch Menu • Oct. 20-24, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Pancakes, syrup, assorted juice.
Tues. - Biscuit with sausage, assorted juice.
Wed. - Banana nut muffin, assorted juice.
Thurs. - Toast with jelly, assorted juice.
Fri. - Egg & cheese burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon. - Pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad/dressing, strawberry cup, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Tues. - Grilled ham & cheese, baked potatoes wedges, apple, spice cake.
Wed. - Frito pie, cheese, pinto beans, celery sticks/dressing, peaches.
Thurs. - Baked chicken, egg noodles, broccoli & cheese, orange, biscuits.
Fri. - Cheeseburger, salad cup, French fries, ketchup, chocolate chip cookie.

**Senior
Center News**

Oct. 20 - Bingo!
Oct. 21 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 - Crafts. Need Volunteers & Seniors to sign up!
Oct. 24 - Run errands and pay bills after lunch!

Senior Menu

Oct. 20 - Chicken strip with gravy, beans, juice, mustard greens, milk, cornbread, cherry cobbler.
Oct. 21 - Hamburger on bun, milk, oven French fries, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.
Oct. 22 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding, milk.
Oct. 23 - Turkey with giblet gravy & cranberry sauce, cornbread, dressing, broccoli, coleslaw, roll, pumpkin pie.
Oct. 24 - Steakfingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fresh orange, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+
and \$4.00 for others

Menu is subject to change.

McGowen, Spain wed in October



Mrs. Wade Morgan Spain
...nee Shannon Lee McGowen

Miss Shannon Lee McGowen of Waco and Mr. Wade Morgan Spain of Waco were united in a double ring ceremony the 11th of October 2003, at six o'clock in the evening. The bride's family hosted the ceremony under the oak trees at the McGowens' Live Oak Valley Ranch. Stan Reid, former minister at Granbury Church of Christ, performed the ceremony. The ceremony music was provided by The Brazos String Quartet. Dinner and dancing followed at a tented reception on the grounds of the ranch. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom entertained at a rehearsal dinner at the Silverado Steakhouse in Weatherford.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sally Davis McGowen of Falls Church, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ray McGowen of Weatherford and London. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Everett Davis and the late Colonel Davis of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Barna Ray McGowen of Granbury. She graduated from The University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in Classics degree where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and graduated from Baylor University with a Masters of Business Administration. The bride is currently employed as a Program Analyst at L-3 Communications.

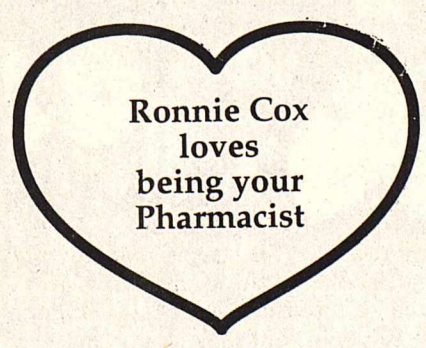
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Davis of Round Rock, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell Spain, Jr. of Robert Lee, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Vivian Morgan of Sonora, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell Spain, Sr. of Haskell, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. The groom is currently employed as a branch manager with Wells Fargo Financial.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant sheath gown of soft, white organza, which gracefully fell to a chapel length train. The bride's ensemble was completed with a ribbon edged fingertip veil of soft illusion. She carried a bouquet of country French style, which was composed of freesia, stock, ranunculus, lisianthus, calceyria, white majolica spray roses and snowy jewel roses.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Stacey Lynne McGowen of Charlottesville, Virginia. The bridesmaids were Angela McCorkle DeConti of Alexandria, Virginia, Toni Margaret Hanson, cousin of the groom, of Sterling, Colorado, Megan Lorraine McGowen, cousin of the bride, of Granbury, and Christi Spain-Savage, sister of the groom, of New York. The house party attendants were Melissa Jane Delp of Waco, Texas, and Kim Thi Nguyen of Arlington, Texas. Serving as flower girl and ring bearer were the bride and groom's faithful dogs, Maddie and Sam.

Best Man was Craig Russell Idol of Dallas, Texas. The groomsmen were Matt Wesley McGowen, cousin of the bride, of Granbury, George Barham "Trey" Sisco III of Iraan, Texas, Clay Alan Whitten, cousin of the groom, of El Dorado, Texas, and William Travis Whitten, cousin of the groom, of Dallas, Texas. Serving as ushers were Michael Patrick Kehoe of Switzerland, and Derek Andrew Sollberger of Tyler, Texas.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Waco.



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Ask the Historical Society

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

#I Thank You God for the bountiful rain! Everything is starting to look like the green hills of Ireland to quote the late Mike Murphy. He compared this area to that place so often in the early issues of the paper. After the long drought it is nice to see annual totals at almost average amounts for a change.

Q. Do you have any information on an airplane crash in 1978?

A. We went through "The Devil's River News" from January to December and the only crash we could find was listed in the August 9, 1978, issue, front page headline, Training Pilots Die in Crash - An Air Force T-38 jet trainer crashed on the Bill Whitehead Ranch approximately 25 miles south of Sonora last Wednesday evening, killing the two Laughlin crew members.

Found dead in his ejection seat approximately 500 yards from the crash impact was 2nd Lt. Steven J. Morris of San Antonio. Investigating officers were unable to find the body of the second crew member, 2nd Lt. Abbas Ghane of the Imperial Iranian Air Force. The two were on a training flight when their plane crashed at approximately 7:50 p.m. Fragments of the jet were scattered over a half mile long area from the impact area. The largest piece of the aircraft was three feet square.

The impact totally demolished the jet trainer and created a depression in the rocky terrain as deep as the bedrock in the thin top soil. No large pieces of the plane were found in the impact area and fragments of the jet were scattered largely to the north of the hole.

Lt. Ghane was to have graduated from pilot training last week and Lieutenant Morris was to graduate in six weeks.

"I've never seen an accident where the aircraft has been so totally destroyed," an on the scene Air Force Investigating officer commented.

From pictures run with this article, the "largest pieces" were cast metal sections of the landing gear.

While looking through the paper we found some great photographs of St. Ann's Spring Festival Parade. An Hawaiian theme float with women riding on it, a pickup truck full of little girls in their First Communion dresses. Maybe someday we can get an amateur photographer to photograph them, or a scanner large enough to scan



Main Street in the 1940's

these big heavy papers so that we can use some of the really great photos that are in them.

In the August 9th issue we found that Mary Samaniego and Jan Ramirez were among 120 students at an eight week Youth Conversation Camp held at Angelo State University. Marine Sgt. Humberto Villarreal was selected a Noncommissioned officer of the Quarter for Schools Battalion, Marine Corp Base, Camp Pendleton, California. He joined the Marine Corps in August of 1974.

The week before, Mark Van Hoozer placed first in the senior agriculture division of the District 13 4-H record book judging in Uvalde. Fred Adkins and Lottie Puckett won 3rd place at the Angora Bridge Club in Rocksprings on July 22.

The Whiz Kids, Bob Granger, Wayne Doyle, Frank Gamboa, Tryon Fields, Jeff Doan, Benny Granger, Larry Winger, Rick Cearly, Roddy Ray Arnett, Jim Parker, Ken Land, Bruce Kerbow, Don Holdridge, Bud Smith, Billy Frank Matthews and Will L. Matthews walked away with two trophies as they took first place for the season and first place in the league tournament held this past week at the Community Park Field #1.

Celeste Prugal came to visit us this week and we got this little story from her files: Frank Bond's father was a sheep man. They herded the sheep, establishing various camps for the herders. A man rode on a mule or donkey from camp to camp checking to see that the herder was safe and if he needed supplies. The wagonier hauled supplies to the individual camps.

One day as they were out making their rounds, they came to a camp where the sheep were still in the brush pen and the

herder was nowhere to be found. Upon further investigation they found him in his tent, lying on his bed, dead. They went to the main camp to get lumber to build a coffin. They carried the coffin to the dead herder's camp and placed the man inside it, securely fastening the top. They placed the coffin in the wagon to make a trip to town and bury him.

After they had traveled nearly to town they heard a loud noise in the back of the wagon and found their "corpse" had kicked the boards off the top of the coffin. Frank says it was a "good sturdy coffin, made of 1 x 12s with 1/8 inch slits cut 1 inch apart so they could bend the boards to correspond to the shape of the body." The "corpse" wasn't dead, he was alive and mighty strong to kick his way out of that box. The frightened drivers of the wagon watched him calmly walk away back toward his camp. They shook their heads in amazement as he disappeared from sight.

The coffin was taken to ranch headquarters and put in the barn. Since no one else had use of it, after a period of time it became an improvised bran feeder for the milk cows. The container held up for years and was quite a conversation piece. Now everyone knows we don't let anything go to waste, especially good wood, in West Texas. The old sheep herder worked for a few more years then returned to his family in Mexico.

We ran across this obituary in Maries County, Missouri, while doing research on Will Carver. Myrtle, the 14 year old daughter of Johnnie Bull of the Dry Creek neighborhood in Maries County, while milking a cow at the home of Thomas Robertson, where she was visiting, during an electrical storm last Wednesday was killed by a

bolt of lightning that struck a tree nearby. She was struck at 5 o'clock and died two hours later. Henry Minz, who happened to be there at the time, was also knocked down by the lightning and is said to be in serious condition. Mrs. Robertson was also severely stunned by the bolt that killed Miss Bull. Further proof you shouldn't stand under or near a tree during an electrical storm, not even to milk the cow.

Due to some out of town research trips we have coming up and recent illness, the offices will be open Monday 8-12 and Friday 8-12 for the next few weeks. Saturdays, 8-4, are volunteer work days for the Sutton County Historical Society. If you want to help, look for Rick's truck either at the Old Ice House/WTU building or near the Depot or Miers Home. We are getting buildings ready for rentals and trying to clean up the Ice House, replace all the broken glass and get it ready to turn into a large museum. If you have any old items or clothing for the exhibits give me a call. I am looking for an old poodle skirt and sweater to do a 1950's exhibit and some 1930's, 40's and 60's clothing. Special thanks to Mrs. Drake for the neat pioneer woman dress and bonnet. We have some wonderful quilts and braided rope but need some chaps, men's old, real old western work shirts, pants and boots for the ranching part of the exhibit. We will continue to keep the Miers Home Museum as an 1890's home exhibit but need this larger building for all the other items that have been donated. Let's all work together and turn this into one of the best museums in West Texas. You can reach us any evening at 387-2855 or call the office at 387-5084 when we are open if you have any questions. Our e-mail address is schs@sonoratx.net.

Obituary

Gloria M. Kerbow

Gloria M. Kerbow, 72, formerly of Sonora, died at her San Angelo residence Thursday, October 9, 2003.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 11, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with the Rev. Conrad Archer and the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery.

Gloria was born on May 25, 1931, in Garner, Texas, the youngest of eight children born to Samuel Dixon and Nannie Lula McAvoy Boswell. She married Jack Kerbow on Sept. 18, 1949, in Archer City, Texas. Gloria persevered through many tough times, suffering with bipolar disorder since 1973, but her attitude and faith carried her through many difficult times. She never worried about the things in her life that she had no control over and accepted them with a quiet dignity.

Gloria was a member of the Eastern Star, a Girl Scout Leader, a wife and a partner to her husband, a mother to her children, nanny to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a friend to many.

Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her parents, her brothers, Hoyt Boswell, Sam Boswell, Lawrence Boswell, Fred Boswell, and Billy Boswell, by her sisters, Grace Simmons, and Ellen Agee Comer.

She is survived by her daughter, Kay Kibbe and husband Robert of Bridge City, her son Bruce Kerbow and wife Jessie of Sonora, 3 grandchildren, Erica Morris and husband Jeff of Eldorado, Derek Holdridge and wife Amanda of Abilene and Zac Kerbow of San Marcos, 3 great grandsons, Dalton and Jansen Morris and Jack Holdridge, 3 special friends, Charlotte Wilson, Jane Alexander and Fannie Wade.

The family would like to thank the girls of the San Angelo Nursing Registry and Hospice of San Angelo for their loving care of Gloria the past 3 months.

The family requests memorials to MHRM 1501 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76901 or a favorite charity.

"WELL DONE, MOM!"

West Texas Rehab looking for quilts to auction

An important element of West Texas Rehabilitation Center's annual telethon on January 17, 2004, is the quilt/afghan auction, which features handmade items donated by individuals and quilting clubs throughout West Texas.

Each year, these handcrafted gifts raise about \$25,000 - all of which goes directly into rehabilitation treatment programs for children and adults who are trying to stitch together the pieces of lives which have been ripped apart by illness or injury.

With Rehab 2004 only months away, WTRC is asking for its quilting friends to begin stitching together their quilts and afghans now - and let Rehab know about it. To get more information or to say "Yes, Rehab can count on me for a quilt or afghan," call the donor relations department at WTRC San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

Iraq on my mind



Henry Bonilla

Last week, I returned from a weekend trip to Iraq as part of a Congressional Delegation led by the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. It was the largest delegation to visit Iraq since the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was proud to have been among the first to visit the new "free Iraq."

It was an amazing trip aimed at oversight on the Administration's funding request for military and rebuilding assistance. I walked away with a greater understanding of why this funding is imperative. I am convinced that this spending is crucial to the future of both America and Iraq.

My eyes were opened to Iraq's true devastation and the effects of a ruthless leader. We are talking about a leader who has invested nothing in the people nor the infrastructure of his country. In fact, their hospitals, electrical systems and infrastructure are practically nonexistent.

I toured killing fields where Saddam killed over 1.5 million of his own people. I flew over cities where young children waved their arms to the sky as if they were reaching out to the American military planes with gratitude. They weren't waving at a Congressional Delegation flying overhead. They were waving at what they believed were American soldiers, American soldiers who have become their friends and their hope.

During my trip I made several visits with military forces on the ground. Of course, our military servicemembers are the driving force behind the success of the rebuilding and liberation

efforts. The men and women of our armed services are doing a tremendous job. They are putting their lives on the line every day and we owe them a huge debt of thanks.

Most importantly I came to an understanding that Iraq is a breeding ground for terrorists. My feelings were shared by all of my colleagues on the trip -- regardless of political affiliation. We all came to agreement that if we do not do something now to fix Iraq it may become an even greater risk in the coming months and years.

Rebuilding Iraq is about eliminating an outlaw government that has served as a haven to terrorists like Osama Bin Laden and those who may come after him. If we can build an Iraq that works, we have the ability to destroy the seeds of hatred that have been growing there for years.

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That day, an expected 35,000 women across the country will receive cutting edge training and resource materials, with a focus on changing their world through purposeful relationships.

"More than men, women are faith-oriented, church oriented, people oriented...the backbone of American spirituality," said **THRIVE!** President Kevin Small. "But their energies have spread across offices, homes, families, churches, communities, and if there is time, themselves. In the long run, everyone is suffering."

Focusing first on women's relationship with Jesus Christ, and speaking to crowds gathered in local churches, host and INJOY president, motivator and best selling author of more than 30 books, Dr. John C. Maxwell, unites an impressive lineup of topical speakers:

- Kay Author - author and speaker challenging people to serve and equipping them to go there
- Jill Briscoe - author and speaker, on making a difference where you are
- Florence Littauer - author, *Personality Plus*, on practical tools to understand ourselves and others
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"Women's monumental work in the Christian Church is in jeopardy," Small said. "Stress is up. Both church volunteerism and attendance is down. But women can reconnect with their strongest asset - God's love - and renew their influence with men, families, public and their worlds."

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Chamber Chatter

SONORA Chamber of Commerce
 by **Ruthie Bounds, Manager**

This week, since Governor Perry has proclaimed this Chamber of Commerce Week, I would like to tell you all a little bit about our local Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Sonora Chamber of Commerce was formed in October of 1958, and after 45 years the Chamber is still working toward progress, by promoting business and promoting Sonora to tourists and hunters. The chamber is made up of active and associate members. The board of directors is made up of twelve interested persons from the list of active members. The current board of directors is as follows: Keith Butler, President, Lisa Seaton, Vice-President, Sue Moore, Treasurer, Storie Sharp, Pres-Elect, Brant Myers, Mickey Schaefer, Lynn Sahr, Mike Samuels, Ben Solis, Oscar Marshall, Marla Percifull, and Juanita Estrada. These board members are dedicated to the overall promotion of Sonora, and all that represents our wonderful community. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is organized for the purpose of advancing the agricultural,

commercial, industrial, civic and general interests of the city of Sonora and Sutton County. I am very pleased to be the manager of Sonora Chamber of Commerce and extremely happy to welcome my new Administrative Assistant, Donna Garrett.

I want to remind everyone that might be interested in having a "Welcome Hunter" banner for their business that we can still take orders until this Friday, October 17, 2003. Please let us know if you want a banner to hang in front of your business, home or ranch entrance.

Letters have gone out this week to inform merchants and local non-profit organizations about the "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 5, 2003. If you did not receive a letter, but are interested in participating in the Christmas Bazaar, please call or come by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office at 205 Hwy 277 North. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. We have room for a limited number of booths, so please sign up early to ensure your booth space.

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Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds and Chamber Board of Directors, Marla Percifull and Storie Sharp (not pictured) attended a volunteer training conference at the Omni Hotel in Austin last week, learning about roles and responsibilities of Chamber staff and board members. The information gained will help improve working relations with board, staff and members of the Chamber.

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Rosendo Salazar sidesteps the claws of an Owl. Photo by Ray Glasscock

7th Grade Colts oust Owls with only touchdown

by Ray Glasscock

The 7th Grade Colts were never in danger of losing their game last Thursday. The game was played on the practice field due to the heavy rains. Sonora received the opening kickoff and Dereck Van Winkle and Mario Lira marched the Colts down the field. On the second play of the opening drive, Van Winkle kept the ball for a twenty yard gain. Dropping back to pass, Van Winkle connected with Lira for a nice catch and run down to the 20 yard line. After a couple of plays for no gain, Van Winkle ran the option, pitched the ball to Lira who rambled through the Owl defenders for the only score of the game.

The rest of the game was a defensive standoff. With this win, the 7th grade Colts are now 2-1-1 on the season and 1-0 in District.

8th Grade Colts ground the Reagan County Owls



Photo by Ray Glasscock

Nick Peña, Edward Garcia, Morgan Martinez and Zadrian McGee work together to bring down the Owls.

The 8th Grade Colts met the only district team that was able to beat them when they were 7th graders. The Colts kicked off to start the game. The Owls started a 14 play touchdown drive from their 35 yard line. They were able to move the ball from their wishbone formation five to seven yards per play. After scoring to take a 6 - 0 lead, the Colts stopped the two point PAT attempt.

The Colts were not able to move the ball and punted the ball back to the Owls. It looked like the Owls were going to march down the field for another score. After several successful runs from the wishbone, the Owl coaching staff decided to abandon the running game. They went into the shotgun, and the Colts broke through to the quarterback, forced a fumble, and Zadrian McGee recovered.

The Colts started their own long drive. Mixing it up, the Colts used runs by Alonzo and Nick Peña to stage their own 13 play drive. Alonzo Peña scored the first touchdown on a pass from Victor Vaquera. The PAT run was stopped by the Owls.

On the next Owl drive, they

appeared determined to even the score. When they got within the red zone, Lucio Rodriguez made two big quarterback sacks for big losses. Vaquera stopped the drive with an interception at the ten. The Colts ran out the clock and it was 6 - 6 at the half.

The second half belonged to the Colts. In the third quarter, Alonzo Peña scored on a twenty yard run making the score 12 - 6.

The Colt defense, led by McGee and Morgan Martinez, kept the Owls scoreless. Late in the fourth quarter, the Colts scored their last touchdown. Facing fourth and long from the Owl 15 yard line, Vaquera executed a perfect middle screen pass to Alonzo Peña. Peña caught the ball and weaved his way through the Owl defenders for the touchdown. Vaquera handed the ball to Nick Peña on a mis-direction run for the two point conversion making the final score 20 - 6.

The 8th grade Colts are now 4-0 on the season and 1-0 in District play. The Colts will host Eldorado Thursday. Game times are 7th/5:00 p.m. and 8th/6:30 p.m. Go Colts, Beat the Eagles!

7th grade girls beat the rain in Wall

by Kellie Crian

On Saturday, October 11, 2003, the Sonora Cross-Country team traveled to Wall to compete in the Wall Hawk Invitational. Most of the meet was canceled due to a heavy rain, however, the 7th grade girls' division was able to run.

Our girls made a gallant effort as they trudged through mud and a misting rain. Out of a total 86 runners, Kaitlyn Henderson placed 12th with a time of 14:36. She was followed by Savannah Leonard, who placed 40th with a time of 16:18. Kayla Webb finished 43rd with a time of 16:44, followed closely by Vickie Torres, who placed 44th with a time of 16:45. Stephani Morriss finished 53rd with a time of 16:56. Azeneth Villanueva finished 64th with a time of 17:48, and Tanya Adams finished 67th with a time of 17:51.

The next meet will be hosted by the Caverns of Sonora on October 18. There will be a half mile "Fun Run" for ages 12 and under. There is no entry fee, however you must register to run. Call the high school for more information. The meet will start at 9:00 a.m. Come out and support your local cross-country runners!



Sonora Middle School 5th graders were on an Owl hunt Thursday, cheering on all the Colt and Bronco teams to victory!!

Broncos from page 1

line. From there, a combination of Bronco running and Owl penalties moved the ball to the two. Ramos followed his offensive line into the endzone for a Bronco touchdown with four minutes left in the third quarter. Cearley attempted a pass for the PAT, but it was incomplete.

The Broncos finished the game with great defensive play. They had to make one more defensive stand inside the fifteen. Longoria knocked a pass away from the receiver. Chris Perez, Snodgrass, Cardona, and Valliant came up with the big defensive plays to keep the Owls from scoring. Moore made one more great punt and the Owls started their last offensive series from their own seven yard line. Hall sacked the quarterback, Dustin Duhon tackled a runner, the clock ran out after two incomplete passes, and the upset was secured.

Statistics:

Passing
Cearley 4-10-1 for 75 yards

J.V. Broncos outlast the Owls

by: Mason Martinez

Last Thursday the J.V. "Red" ventured to Reagan County to play the Owls. The game started off with the Broncos kicking to the Owls. The Bronco defense got off to a great start holding the Owls to 3 and out. The Bronco return man, #34 Craig Leonard, took the punt and got to the Bronco 37-yard line. On the first play of the drive, #10 Embre Smith hooked up with #42 Nash Traylor for a 43 yard pass to get inside the red zone. The next play, #17 Uriel Santana took the ball in on a run play and scored from the 20. The two point conversion failed, making the score Sonora 6, Reagan County 0. On the Owls' next drive they managed to get a first down but were forced to punt the ball back to the Broncos. The Broncos tried to establish the running game but failed and fumbled. The Owls drove the ball to the Bronco goal line at the end of the first quarter but, the Broncos' dominating defense held strong and forced the Owls to turn the ball over on downs.

The Broncos then set up shop at their own 4-yard line. With their backs against the wall, the Broncos fought to get away from the end zone and to get a first down to keep the drive moving. Failing to do so led to a punt by Smith. The Bronco defense took the field once again to try to hold the Owls scoreless, but could not do so, allowing a touchdown pass. The Owls PAT was successful making the score, Reagan County 7, Sonora 6. On the next couple of drives the ball went back and forth due to great defensive play from each team.

Danielle Galindo receives National Scholar Honor

Danielle E. Galindo, a student at Sonora High School, has recently been selected for membership in the The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family.

"I congratulate Danielle on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," says Mr. Nobel. "The hard work and success of these exceptional young people will ensure a future generation dedicated to their communities and world betterment."

The National Society of High School Scholars was founded to recognize outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only and includes valuable benefits for members such as scholarships, networking, events, publications, and other unique opportunities. As members prepare for college, the Society encourages them to continue to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors.

On one of the Owls' next drives, Santana picked off a pass and took it the other way getting to the Owl 35. On the next play, Smith connected with #35 Trent Reiner for the Broncos only positive yards on the drive. The last play of the half was an incomplete pass from Smith to Traylor to the end zone, keeping the score Owls 7, Broncos 6.

Opening up the second half, the Owls attempted an inside kick, but #77 Jeb Hunt recovered giving the Broncos excellent field position. Both teams still could not get anything going offensively throughout the first part of the 3rd quarter. However, late in the 3rd quarter, the Owls drove down to the Broncos' goal line. Yet again, the Bronco defense stood tall and kept the Owls out of the end zone. The Broncos took over on their own 5. After two plays the Broncos were in trouble as they were looking at a long 3rd down and ten. Smith took the snap rolled out right, hit Traylor with a 95-yard catch and run to score the touchdown that put the Broncos up 12 to 7. On the two-point conversion attempt, Smith ran the ball in on a sweep to the right. Score, Broncos 14, Owls 7.

In the 4th quarter the Owls kept trying to get into the end zone but could not get through the stiff Bronco defense. Final Score, Sonora 14, Reagan Co. 7. With this win, the JV "Red" is now 4-1 for the season and 1-0 in District play.

This week the J.V. team travels to Eldorado to play the Eagles. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m. Go Broncos! Beat the Eagles!!!



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- Oct. 24
* Wall • There • 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31
* Ozona • Home • 7:30 p.m.
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* Grape Creek • There • 7:30 p.m.
- * District 2-2A Game
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JV

- Oct. 16
Eldorado • There
White • 5:00 p.m.
Red • 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 23
Wall • Home
White • 5:00 p.m.
Red • 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30
Ozona • There
White • 5:00 p.m.
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White • 5:00 p.m.
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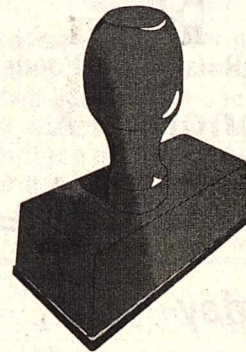
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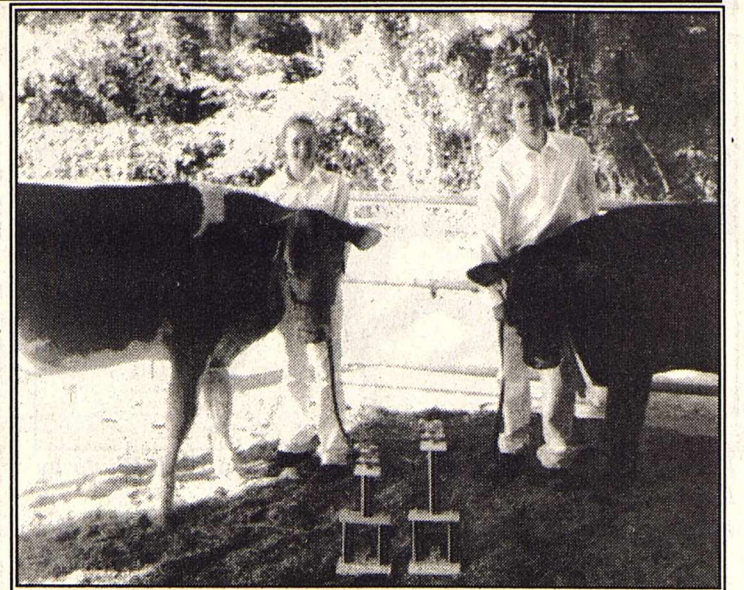


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On October 4, 2003, Nash and Monica Traylor participated in the Dairy Cattle Show at the East Texas State Fair in Tyler, Texas. Monica showed one Guernsey heifer and one Guernsey cow. She won Senior Champion with her cow and Junior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion with her heifer. Nash showed a Milking Shorthorn heifer. His heifer received Junior Champion and Grand Champion of the breed.

Local animals headed to world's largest purebred livestock expo

Louisville, Kentucky - Sharon Holman of Sonora has entered four head of Boer Goats in the 30th annual North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The NAILE is recognized as the world's largest purebred livestock show with more than 21,000 entries and nearly \$700,000 in prizes and awards. Scheduled for November 8-21, the event takes place at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, Louisville, KY.

Purebred farms from nearly every state and Canada bring livestock to compete in one of nine expo divisions: dairy cattle, dairy goats, Boer goats, beef cattle, quarter horses, draft horses, sheep, swine, and llamas. More than 225,000 American and foreign visitors attend the hundreds of individual breed shows and sales. In addition to the recognition and prize money that comes with winning at the NAILE, the value of the champion breeding stock is significantly enhanced.

Breed association events are not the only NAILE feature. The expo is also home to numerous youth events that are an important part of the livestock industry's traditions, including: Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup; Youth, Junior College and Senior Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest; National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest; National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest; Junior College Livestock Judging Contest; and National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference.

Additionally, young livestockmen enter market animals, those targeted for meat production, in the Junior Steer Show, Junior Market Swine Show or Junior Wether Show. These youth shows are sponsored by Farm Credit Services of Mid-America and are nationally recognized for both the quality of competition and prestige of winning. Champions from these shows are sold at the Sale of Champions on November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Great Lakes Circuit Rodeo Finals takes place November 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. From the 200,000 square foot giant country store and food court, to the entertaining U.S. Disc Dog Nationals Frisbee Contest, NAILE visitors find lots to do and see in addition to attending the livestock competitions. The NAILE is produced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky State Fair Board. It is held at the Commonwealth's giant Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, which features 1,000,000 square feet of climate-controlled exhibition space.

Academy for Ranch Management announces 2004 workshop schedule

by Blair Fannin
COLLEGE STATION - The Academy for Ranch Management has announced its 2004 workshop schedule, focusing on rangeland restoration management, rangeland burning, plant identification, and restoring and managing deer habitat.

All of the workshops will be held at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora. Participants will have the opportunity to observe a wide variety of rangelands either depleted or covered by unwanted brush, areas that are in the process of being restored, and rangeland that has been restored by fire and management. Most of the workshop will be spent in the field learning and observing in small groups.

Two Rangeland Restoration and Management workshops are scheduled for Jan. 8-10 and Aug. 12-14. Basic information on rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies and other topics will be covered. Each workshop will provide information on developing strategies to meet resource goals. Participants will tour the Experiment Station to observe the effects of grazing and burning treatments first hand.

A rangeland prescribed burning basic class is scheduled for Feb. 19-21. Fire characteristics, dangers, benefits and burn planning will be part of the educational program. Habitat manipulation with burning will be discussed. Participants will develop a burning plan and serve different duties during practice burns.

A new Rangeland Plant Identification workshop has been scheduled for May 13-15. The workshop will help participants learn more about identifying plants. Participants will collect rangeland plants, grasses, forbs and browse that grow on the Sonora station. The plants will be identified, dried and mounted.

The Restore and Manage Deer Habitat workshop is scheduled for July 8-10. The course will provide techniques and methods to inventory and manage rangeland for producing quality deer herds. Discussion will focus on the pros and cons of mechanical, chemical treatments and prescribed burning to alter the landscape into prime habitat.

The cost for each three-day workshop is \$395. Lodging and meals will be provided. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Separate sleeping arrangements will be available for men and women, with limited space available for couples.

Instructors for the Academy are Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora Station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor at Texas A&M University; Ray Hinnant, senior research associate at Texas A&M; and Kent Mills, manager and consultant with Ezell Key Grain Co. Inc. in Snyder. For more information, go to the Web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm> or phone (979) 845-5580.

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Sonora mourns neighbors' loss

Eight die in Eldorado church bus accident

The tragic news spread quickly through our small town on Monday, October 13, 2003; our neighbors to the north had been hit with horrific news.

A First Baptist Church bus from Eldorado, taking senior citizens on a tour of historical sites, slammed into a cotton-hauling tractor-trailer on the shoulder of a highway in Louisiana Monday, killing eight people and injuring seven others.

As friends and family tried to find out the conditions of their loved ones, the picture was flashed on national news stations and Internet web-sites. The names were finally released and a letter was placed on the door at the church. Six Eldorado residents were named among the deceased, Kenneth Richardson, Betty Richardson, Jean Demere, Mary Ruth Robinson, Delia Peña and Domingo Peña. Also reported deceased, but not being from Eldorado, were Jimmie Teel and Lavern Shannon. Some may remember Delia Peña as a former employee of Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital.

The driver, Kenneth J. Thomas, is reported to have fallen asleep, causing the bus to veer off the road and into the stalled truck. Victims were taken to nearby hospitals in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The bus and the truck remained upright on the side of the road after the crash, but the front end of the bus was demolished -- pushed up under the rear of the 18-wheeler's trailer, its engine driven back against the steering wheel by the impact. Bales of cotton, seats from the bus, pillows and clothing littered the highway.

Carolyn Mayo, Eldorado city secretary, said the senior citizens on the bus included retired teachers and a retired nurse.

Small towns are like one big-family, and surrounding communities are neighbors. Regardless of whether we personally knew any of those lost, the tragedy still hits hard, and our deepest sympathy goes out to the community of Eldorado and the members of the First Baptist Church.

F.Y.I.

"You Are Someone Special"
West Side Lions Club Rose Sale Make your special someone extra special on this day! \$15 a dozen. Delivery November 13, 2003. Call Paul Freeman 387-3736, Lisa Galindo 387-6515 or 387-5229, or Maria Mesa 387-2287 or 206-0061 or any West Side Lions Club member.

Westside Lions Club meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sutton County Library at 6:30 p.m.

The Scouts of Pack 19 will have their monthly pack meeting on (Monday) October 20, 2003, at 6:30 P.M. Meeting will be held at the Sonora Middle School Snack Bar! Popcorn money & orders DUE at this time! For any further questions or information, please contact Jan Stephens at 387-5821.

DAISY MEETINGS 10/23/03, THE GIRL SCOUT HUT (409 Water St.) FROM 5:30-6:30 - Thursday.

Pre-School Trick or Treat - Friday, October 31, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and The Sonora Downtown Businesses will be giving out special treats. Everyone is invited to dress up your special little princess or prince and join in the fun. For more information call 387-2248.

Emmaus gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program now has the 2003 Christmas Ornaments. The 24K gold finish brass ornament is a windmill and a turkey on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. The cost is \$10. Visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office on Main Street to get yours today, and add it to your Sonora ornament collection.

Library Story Time every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. For more information call the Sutton County Library at 387-2111.

Health Fair to offer free screenings

The Sutton County Health Fair will be held Wednesday, October 22, 2003, at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Annex. The fair will include many health vendors providing a host of health information. Vendor tables will open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Many free screenings will be offered, including:
 Cholesterol Screening (Lipid Profile), Blood Sugar, Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA, Blood Pressure, Diabetic Foot Screening, and Hearing Exams.

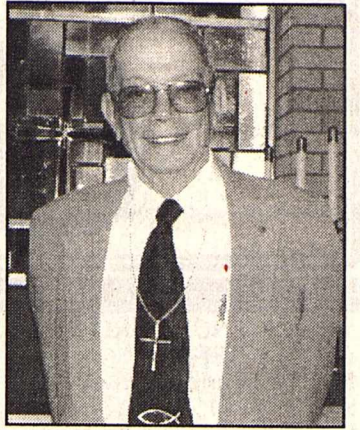
Blood Screening will begin at 7:30 a.m. and patients wishing free cholesterol and blood sugar screening must be fasting from midnight. Fasting is not required for PSA testing.

Other screenings and exams will be offered at a small fee to include: Osteoporosis Screening and Flu Shots.

For more information, please contact 387-2521.

Meet Sonora Clergy

Hope Lutheran Church



Rev. Charles Huffman has served as pastor of Hope Lutheran for the past 20 years, so it is with heart-felt gratitude that the congregation welcomes this opportunity to thank him before the whole community.

Charles Huffman was born in Johnson County, Texas, in 1933. After finishing high school in 1950, he served our country in the military, which included a tour of duty in Korea in 1952-53. When he returned to Texas, he met and married Betty Sessums and, in 1958, they moved to Ozona. He was employed by the Ford Dealership, but, following the death of its owner, Charles opened his own auto repair shop. In 1975, he suffered a back injury, so he turned the business into an auto parts store, which Betty and their two sons, Vince and Bubs, continue to operate.

Although Charles was raised in the Baptist Church, the Lord led the family to the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod - a conservative part of the Denomination. Receiving the call from the Lord late in life, Charles graduated from Concordia College Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1983. Almost immediately, Rev. Huffman was installed as Pastor of both Faith Lutheran in Ozona and Hope Lutheran in Sonora. The responsibility of serving two congregations in different towns placed quite a demand upon the new pastor. His concern that he might be late for the Sonora service, after delivering the Ozona service, led him to make trips from one town to the other for the sole purpose of timing himself at speeds which would reflect both good weather and bad. He continues to arrive before most of the members.

While he had previously enjoyed outdoor activities, such as hunting for interesting rocks and cactus and playing tennis, these were replaced with his mission to bring to others the knowledge that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and are the only source and norm for faith and life. Although he had enjoyed playing competitive chess, it too was pushed aside, and the concentration and energy formerly given to hobbies were transferred to preaching and teaching a Liturgy based on God's Word. (It is the Liturgy which came out of the 16th century Reformation of the Church. It is in allegiance with and proclaims the core belief of all who confess the Christian religion: that there is only one True and Living God, and it offers Him praise and thanksgiving for His free salvation from Sin, Death, and Hell- through faith in His Son; Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice on the Cross and His glo-

rious Resurrection to overcome death). However, for the past few years, Rev. Huffman has again experienced time-consuming, but enjoyable, outdoor activities: He tries to attend whatever event his energetic granddaughter, Hilary, is involved in at the time.

Rev. Huffman is a past member of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and remains an active member of the Downtown Lions Club in Ozona. Since semi-retirement in 1998, Rev. Huffman has continued to conduct Sunday Worship services and weekly Bible studies in both the Ozona and Sonora congregations. Over the years, he has met many Sonorans while making personal visits to members' homes, nursing homes, and in hospitals, but he regrets that living in another town has made it difficult for him to meet most of the people of Sonora or to be active in its civic events. Of course, he extends everyone a personal invitation to visit Hope and even promises all visitors information on how to get free life insurance.

The duties of all pastors are both time-consuming and stressful, and Hope Lutheran is thankful that the Lord has entrusted our small congregation to the care of a man who is always ready to comfort and guide us with the Scriptures or cheer us with a joke, who is willing to drive from Ozona twice a week- more if needed, and who labors diligently without complaint. We realize that his efforts on our behalf produce little benefit to himself, and are performed out of loving service in obedience to our Creator and Redeemer, yet his words and actions are ever humble. When offered expressions of admiration for his labors, he persistently refuses all applause and redirects the attention to God's actions and concern for our welfare. With this "denial of importance" in mind, we gladly respond to the opportunity to express our appreciation for him and to also tell the community of Sonora about him. Hope Lutheran Church is sincerely grateful that Charles Huffman responded to God's call.

Corrections

In both the car theft article on page 1 and the drug bust on page 4 of the October 9, 2003 issue of The DRN, the date was incorrectly printed as Wednesday, October 18, 2003. The date of both incidents was Wednesday, October 1, 2003. Also, Officer Eric Byrne's name was spelled incorrectly. In the article about the hidden money, Trooper Norbert Ortiz asked that we please report that Sonora Police Officer Dick Dudley assisted with the stop. We apologize for the mistakes.

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should arrive around the first of October.

Butler reported that the CT scanner is here and set up in a trailer outside the ER. The Support Technician was here today and the scanner is in operation as of this date. He advised that the Health Fair will be held on October 22, 2003, in the Annex at the Hospital. The Hospital will be doing Lipid Profiles, Glucose and PSA testing. The blood drawing will begin at 7:30 a.m. for those fasting. The rest of the fair will begin at 10:00 a.m. He reported that the accounts receivable was down from last month and the office staff are continuing to work on getting the days down to the projected goal. Mr. Butler advised that the work on the Medical Clinic was three weeks behind, due to the weather. The contractor advised that there should be no problem in catching up, once the weather cooperates.

Butler advised the Board that he had submitted approximately \$2.9 million in grant requests to various Foundations and other sources for help in the funding of building the new Hospital and Wellness Center.

Mrs. Knight reviewed the financial report for August and the Board approved the expenditures for September.

Having no visitor or board member comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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