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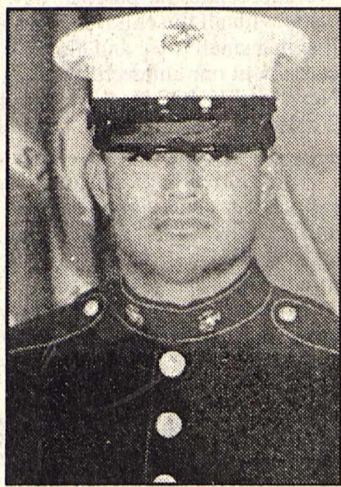
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SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Sonora Marine receives special combat medal

Cpl. Gabriel Perez, US Marines, recently received a special "Navy Achievement Medal" with a combat "V" for his valorous acts in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, while moving into Baghdad to secure one of the palaces. Cpt. Perez served as Machine gun Section leader, Weapons Platoon Company B, in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines while in Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Cpl. Perez distinguished himself through exceptional dedication to duty, personal initiative, and professionalism.



On April 10, 2003, 1st Battalion 5th Marines crossed the line of departure towards their objective, the Al-Azimiyah Presidential Palace on the banks of the Tigris River. Many enemy ambush sites covered the route. As the platoon moved toward their objective, they came under heavy RPG and small arms fire that continued throughout the route. The accomplishment of the mission and survival of the platoon depended on the Marines' ability to suppress the enemy as the platoon moved through the kill zones in the different ambush sites. Cpl. Perez, using his own initiative, grabbed an M-240-G machine gun and employed it from the top of the troop compartment in his AAV. Due to the limited space, once he got into position he was unable to maneuver or take cover.

Cpl. Perez began to place accurate fire on the different enemy ambush sites as the platoon moved through. The fact that the lead AAV did not have any RPG's hit it and that the AAV behind it took 4 hits, is a direct result of Cpl. Perez's initiative and decisive action. After the fighting was over and the objective secured, an examination of Cpl. Perez's position revealed sandbags that were riddled by shrapnel and bullets.

Cpl. Perez's citation commended him for the superior performance of his duties while serving. His "calm demeanor and superb marksmanship were critical to the suppression of the enemy" the award noted. Cpl. Perez can be very proud of his actions and loyal dedication to duty in keeping with the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Cpl. Perez is the son of Genaro and Idalina Perez and has 10 brothers and sisters, Genaro, Eddie, Diana, Pete, Chris, Scott, Cassandra, Perla, Daniella and Alex.

Sonora finishes Cross Country at District meet in San Angelo

The district cross country meet was hosted by Grape Creek at the San Angelo State Park on Monday, October 27, 2003.

Out of 28 junior varsity girls, Delma Tovar placed 19th, Felisha Gamez placed 20th and Emily Butler finished 27th.

The varsity division had 41 runners. Alexie Ortiz placed 20th, Jennifer Gonzales placed 31st, Amanda Berry placed 32nd, Mandy Brister placed 33rd, Amanda Word finished 39th, Meghan Krieg finished 40th and Megan Berry finished 41st.

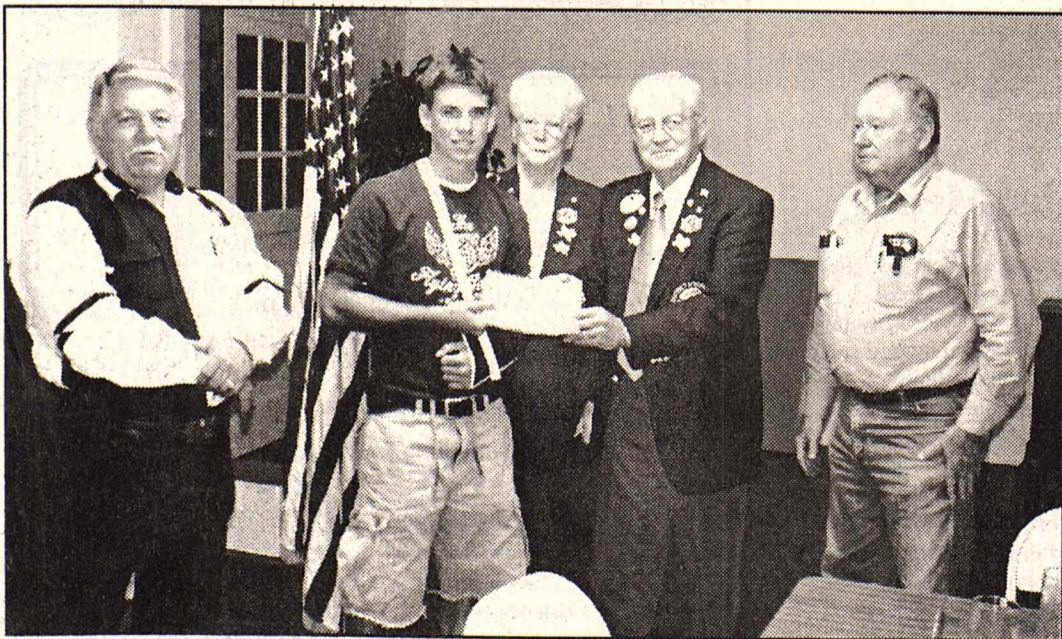
Out of 29 varsity boys, Nick Favala placed 14th, Jacob Ibarra placed 15th, Jesse Garza placed 19th, Toni Torres placed 20th, Wilson Wallace finished 27th, Ty Love finished 28th, and Stevie Hernandez finished 29th.

The seventh grade girls placed 3rd as a team. Out of 43 runners, Kaitlyn Henderson placed 11th, Savannah Leonard placed 17th, Tanya Adams placed 18th, Kayla Webb placed 25th, Vickie Torres placed 27th, Stephani Morris placed 29th, Azeneth Villanueva finished 35th, Senida Martinez finished 37th, and Jessica Snyder finished 39th.

The seventh grade boys placed 2nd as a team. Out of 21 runners David Lane placed 2nd, Michael Luttrell placed 14th, Mario Lira finished 16th, Pecos Roberts finished 17th and Ricardo Rodriguez finished 20th.

Out of 44 eighth grade girls, Kelsey Watkins placed 23rd, Emily Earwood placed 25th, and Kyla Turney placed 30th. The eighth grade boys placed 3rd as a team. Out of 28 runners Colton Moore placed 4th, Clayton Sahr placed 8th, J.T. Downing placed 11th, Nick Pena finished 20th, Michael Chavez finished 24th and Spencer Hall finished 25th.

Hilton Bloodworth chosen as November Student Lion



The Sonora Downtown Lions Club named Hilton Bloodworth as the "Student Lion of the Month" on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at their lunch meeting.

Sonora Superintendent and Lion, Brant Myers, introduced Hilton to the club, calling him an "outstanding student". Bloodworth is a strong academic student, as well as an athlete. He is the

president of the sophomore class and will be soon inducted into the National Honor Society. A member of the Bronco Football team and the Varsity Track Team, Hilton stays active.

Lion District Governor, Melvin Felch and Vice District Governor Joyce Downie were at the meeting and presented Hilton with the certificate of honor.

Two ATVs to be given at Sutton County Game Dinner

Hunting season is here again. With this comes cooler weather, visitors dressed like bushes and the annual Sutton County Game Dinner. This year will mark the 37th year for the feast, welcoming hunters and their families to town. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center on Saturday, November 8, 2003.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association has been busy for many months, working to make sure that this year's dinner is bigger and better than before. Each year this organization uses proceeds from the annual game dinner to help enhance facilities at the Sutton County Park complex and to guarantee great prizes to give away each year.

Master of Ceremonies, Monte Jones, aka Biscuits O'Bryan, will entertain crowds with stories and jokes while prizes are being drawn by 2003 Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney.

This year there will be not one, but TWO! ATV 4-wheelers awarded to lucky winners. A 2003 Polaris 500 ATV and a smaller Kawasaki 50 ATV will be just a couple of the great prizes that can be won by purchasing a \$1 raffle ticket. Tickets can be purchased at Mr. D's, Chamber of Commerce, Teaff Oil, Sonora Hardware, Rafter W Feed, Cellular One, Stagecoach BBQ & Catering and at the gate.

As in years past, there will be over 50 quality shotguns and rifles, fishing and hunting equipment, camping and outdoor equipment, ice-chests and much, much more given away!

A unique and tasty meal will be offered by some of Sutton County's best backyard chefs, as well as some return visitors from down Louisiana way. This year's menu will include: Black Buck Antelope, Mountain Oysters, Fried Turkey Breast, Venison, Smoked Turkey, Pork, Beef-o-Lo, Cabrito, Camp Bread, Chili, Son-of-a-Gun Stew and Sutton County's own Sausage, Beans and "Cajun" surprise!

Admission is \$7.00, with children under 10 free when accompanied by an adult.

Coolers are welcome and everyone is encouraged to attend!

Sweet Treats on Main Street



It was fairies, witches, Indians and more that visited Main Street on Friday, October 31, 2003. Over a hundred little trick-or-treaters, had their bags ready to fill, made the hike up and down the street. The businesses enjoy it as much as the kids, getting to see all the cute little creatures. Another fun Halloween has come and gone, get ready Dr. Miller, D.D.S., I'm sure you'll be busy soon!



Council accepts resignation of City Secretary and Mayor

by Storie Sharp

The October meeting of Sonora's City Council was held on Tuesday, November 21.

It was with great reluctance that the Sonora City Council accepted the resignation of City Secretary, Becky Covington. Patti Prather was appointed as Covington's replacement and Sue Moore was named the Utility Bill Director.

The resignation of Jim Stephen was also accepted, with Gloria Lopez to continue as Mayor-Pro-tem. Stephen will be taking the Municipal Judge position in City Hall.

In other business, the monthly tax collection report was received and approved, the tax roll for 2003 was certified and a contract with the Sutton County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of property taxes was approved. It was agreed to leave Jim Stephen as the Appraisal District Director.

The quarterly investment report gave the bad news that interest rates were down.

The quarterly fire dept. report was read and approved.

Ann Kay, with the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street program, gave her quarterly report and presented the City of Sonora with certificates from the Downtown Association Finalist Awards 2003. Four projects from Sonora have been recognized this year, with two being chosen as finalists.

Ruthie Bounds, provided the Sonora Chamber of Commerce quarterly report.

Carl Teaff, representing the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, reported that they were continually looking at possible businesses to relocate. Each week more people contact them, wanting to come to town. The SIDC does what they can to help, by looking for property and locations. Teaff explained the audit report to the best of his ability, using the information provided in the report.

A request from Ralph Gonzales to discuss drainage on Railroad Street sparked a conversation as to what to do about the problem. It was discussed that the money is not there right now to permanently fix the problem in that area, but it was agreed to get a survey crew look into the matter to see what would have to be done.

An ordinance providing for a stop sign at the approach of Hightower Avenue by a private road, where Hightower Avenue intersects with Castlehill Road West was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

November is National Diabetes Month

Henry Bonilla, 23rd Congressional District

Every November this column announces National Diabetes Month. The goal is to increase awareness of this killer, as well as update you on recent developments.

Blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations can all result from diabetes, which impairs, or even halts, your body's ability to process food sugar into energy. You may already know this because a friend or family member suffers from this terrible disease. Maybe even you have it. In fact, perhaps the scariest thing is that of the 850,000 Texans who have diabetes, half of them may not even know it.

Could you be at risk for diabetes? You are if you are over 45, overweight, do not exercise regularly or have a family history of diabetes. Keep an eye out for these warning signs of diabetes: fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal. The best defense against it, though, is prevention. Just by exercising, eating right and controlling your weight now, you can help control or prevent diabetes later.

The medical experts tell us that we are close to curing this killer disease. To that extent, I and several members of the House Appropriations Committee have worked to ensure that these researchers have the funds they need to battle diabetes.

While the researchers make progress in the labs, there is other good news for diabetes sufferers. Recently, the Health Care Financing Administration agreed to provide Medicare coverage of insulin infusion pumps for beneficiaries who have Type I, or juvenile, diabetes. In Type I diabetes, the body can't make any insulin to process blood sugar. The battery-powered insulin pumps are about the size of a beeper. They inject preprogrammed dosages 24 hours a day through a tube to a needle inserted just under the skin. The pump not only provides diabetes patients greater freedom, but also means greater safety and fewer complications from inaccurate dosages.

Let's not forget that it is your tax dollars that help pay for medical research. Hopefully, we agree that these are national priorities that need to be addressed. Diabetes alone costs Texans almost \$3 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity. More importantly, it is costing the lives of our fellow citizens.

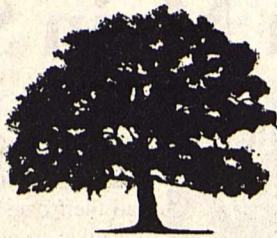
One day, I hope this column can report a cure for diabetes. Until then, best defenses against diabetes are awareness and education. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.


Bank & Trust donates "Fear Factor" money to S.M.S. reading program




The Bank & Trust presented a check to Marlyn Young, Denise Arispe and the 6th and 7th grade reading classes on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The money, raised from selling tasty (?) treats at the "Fear Factor Booth" during the Fall Festival last weekend, will be used for rewarding readers and purchasing incentives to entice students to read.

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Birth Announcements

It's A Boy! David and Beth Jennings are proud to announce the birth of their son, **William Reed** at 7:40 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, in the Shannon Hospital San Angelo, TX. Will Reed weighed 9 pounds and was 20 inches long. Maternal Grandparents are Bill and Sharon Waterbury of Mexico, New York; Paternal Grandparents, Reed and Barbara Jennings, and Great-Grandfather, Elmer Wilson



Micheal and Marisha Hodges of Austin, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Sydney DeAnn Sydney was born October 27, 2003 at 9:45 p.m. in Austin, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20" long. Maternal Grandparents are Wes and Tressa Henson of Water Valley. Paternal Grandparents are Danny and Angelia Hardin of Sonora.



**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY
TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

Strange Lights in the Nighttime Sky

Tumbleweed Smith
I had only heard of the northern lights when I was a soldier stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. They were not anything I had ever seen. I seldom thought about them. They were something mysterious, way beyond my experience. I wasn't even curious about them. I thought they might have something to do with witchcraft. I considered people who talked about them to be weird.

One winter night a sergeant came into our barracks around 2 A.M., turned on the lights, told us to dress warmly and get in a formation behind the barracks. Among all the cussing, complaints and groans associated with young troops, we reluctantly filed outside to stand in the cold air.

The sergeant didn't call us to attention and didn't say much. He just stood there shifting his feet back and forth. He was from Massachusetts and had a distinguished New England accent. We loved to hear him talk.

Guys from our barracks were smoking, swearing, moaning about having to be outside when we could be sleeping. Suddenly one of the guys yelled out, "What the _____ is that?" He was looking at the sky. We followed his gaze.

There were two green chunks of color in the sky. They looked like someone had taken a giant paint brush and swiped it across the dark palette.

"Gentlemen, those are the northern lights, the aurora borealis," said the sergeant.

A hush settled over the assembled group. We watched those lights for an hour or so, talking back and forth about what they were and how neat it was to be seeing such a sight. Gradually we went back inside to get a little sleep before we had to get up and start the day. That was an experience I'll never forget. The northern lights are green, violet, orange, pink and red. They are a naturally occurring celestial display that occurs when solar flares enter the earth's magnetic field and collide with gases in the atmosphere. They are bounced to the north and south poles. Aurora borealis, a Latin phrase, is the most beautiful combination of words in any language. The translation is red dawn of the north. Galileo coined the expression around 1600.

You can see nature's fireworks most frequently in late autumn or early spring. Close to the north pole the lights are on display every clear winter night. In Fairbanks, Alaska, you can see them five or ten times a month. Along the US-Canada border the lights are visible two to four times a year. In Mexico they appear once or twice a decade.

An acquaintance of mine saw the northern lights in Terlingua. I saw them two years ago when we were coming back from the airport in Midland just before dawn. We noticed a dancing curtain of red-orange in the sky north of the highway. We stopped and looked at them.

Card of Thanks

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to the sponsoring businesses who, along with all of our community, welcome the hunters to Sutton County. The beautiful burgundy deer and turkey banners are hung to greet our hunting visitors to town. The sponsoring businesses for these banners are: The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, The Bank & Trust, Carl J. Cahill, Days Inn Devil's River/Sutton County Steakhouse, Schlumberger, Multi-Chem, First National Bank of Sonora and Dominion Exploration & Production. We would also like to say a big thank you to Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos for putting up the banners and to WTU and TxDot for all their help too.

Mary Ann Kay
Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to all the downtown businesses and other community businesses who gave out candy to all the preschool age, Kindergarten and first grade children. It was so wonderful to see these small children dressed up and trick or treating. We appreciate the parents, day care providers, and teachers who came with all the children. This is one of the reasons it is so nice to live in a small town and also to have merchants and businesses that care about our children. We would like to thank The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio for all their support of the Trick or Treat 2003! Thanks, Sonora!

The Friends of Historic Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Rick Taylor for all his work in cleaning up the Bank Vault (Pocket Park). He is the manager of the Texas Land & Ranches, which is in the old First National Bank on Main Street. We are so grateful for all the help he has given to the Friends of Historic Main Street Program. We enjoy the Bank Vault Park's beauty and the wonderful work of Jo Davis. She is also an angel for the Bank Vault Park too. Thanks for all your work and sharing your talents.

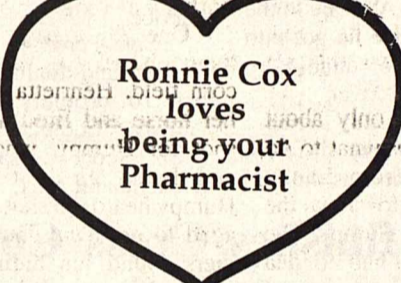
Obituaries

Lex Kent Cole

Lex Kent Cole, 45, of Robert Lee died Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 1, in Robert Lee Cemetery.

Kent was born on March 11, 1958, in Friona, Texas, to Elmer Lawrence Cole and Francis Johnson Cole. He spent most of his life in Robert Lee and had worked for Gideon Sheet Metal for more than 20 years. Kent married Kathy Phillips on December 29, 1994. He was a Baptist and a member of Robert Lee Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Max Cole. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Cole of Robert Lee; his father, Lawrence Cole; his mother Francis Cole; a daughter, Shyla Cole of San Angelo; two stepsons, Darrell Calder and Clifton Calder, both of San Angelo; two brothers; Andrew Cole of San Angelo and Clifford Cole of Arlington, Texas; four sisters, Sherry Nail of Carlsbad, N.M., Kay Duerkson and Jodelle Block, both of San Angelo, and Pattie Shore of Nashville, TN; stepbrothers and stepsisters, Tommy Elliott of Sonora, Carol Harwood of Richardson, Jacque McCrohan of Bronte, Jeff Elliott of Frisco, Texas, and Richard Elliott of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.


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or Bro. Don @ 387-7094.

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Senior Center News

- Nov. 10 - Bingo.
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day. Center will be closed.
- Nov. 12 - 2nd Annual Area Agency on Aging Caregiver Seminar. 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13 - Need ideas and volunteers for Holiday decorations and crafts...come by center or call us.


Senior Center Menu

- Nov. 10 - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, milk, fruit cocktail.
 - Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day...Center will be closed! Fly the Flag.
 - Nov. 12 - Meatballs & spaghetti with sauce, tossed salad, spinach, French bread, banana pudding.
 - Nov. 13 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, sliced tomatoes, peaches, milk.
 - Nov. 14 - Pork roast with gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, carrot cake, 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.

Community Calendar

- Nov. 8**
Sutton County Game Dinner
Sutton County Park • 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10**
4-H Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 24**
PTO Talent Show & Meeting
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Ask the Historical Society

by JoAnn Palmer, Sutton County Historical Society

When reading this story we ask you to keep in mind the following: It began in the year 1869, the Civil War is still fresh in the memory of men. The southern ranchers, many of whom had fled their beloved South because of the conniving "carpet baggers", were not happy the government had sent black soldiers to be garrisoned in their area. The only thing they hated worse than the raiding Indians were Yankees, especially black soldiers in Yankee uniforms.

Feelings were running high; something was bound to happen. The area was a boiling cauldron of hate and mistrust. Ranchers were divided into several factions over water rights and fencing. Indians were still making raids in the area. There were many former "Sons of the Confederacy" in the area and an active Klan.

John "Humpy" Jackson was born in Georgia and came to the Menard area from Arkansas before the Civil War. He was a product of his time, a true son of the South, a southern gentleman, who believed in upholding the honor of his name and his family. He was an excellent hunter and marksman and knew the surrounding area like the back of his hand. Humpy had a large family and many friends in the area. One of his children was a pretty teenage daughter named Narcissus.

Lanky Jim was an extremely progressive, for that time, mulatto soldier stationed at Ft. McKavett. His duties included working at the government sawmill near Humpy's place. Lanky Jim saw the young Narcissus passing by the sawmill on her way to and from school. He became extremely enamored of her. He wrote her a love letter telling her of his feelings and found a way to press it into her hand one day as she passed by. Little did he know the dire consequences this act would perpetrate.

Narcissus was only about 14 and didn't know what to do about the letter from Lanky Jim. She decided to show the letter to her father, Humpy. The innocent young girl had no idea the letter would cause years of trouble for her family and their friends.

Humpy took the letter his young daughter gave him and

read it. Needless to say when he found out who it was from he became very angry. He brooded over the "insult" all night and became angrier as the hours passed. The next day he took his gun down and headed for the sawmill. Some say he hid in a stand of pecan trees and waited for his quarry to appear. Another account says he simply walked up and shot the first Negro that ambled into his sight.

Anyway, Humpy drew an accurate bead, fired and took off into hiding. The only thing was, he didn't shoot Lanky Jim, he killed a Private, Boston Henry, instead. The word of the shooting was carried to Fort McKavett.

On June 9, 1869, Lieutenant John L. Bullis was detailed to apprehend John Jackson, who the military listed as "a horse thief and murderer".

Bullis mounted up and headed out after Humpy with six men. But Humpy knew the country well, and had dodged Indians there for years. He could not be found. Bullis rode for four days and sixty miles and returned empty handed, as did a party from Fort Concho under Lt. George E. Albee which had covered over four hundred miles.

The chase continued for months. Humpy led the soldiers on a merry chase. He managed to return home from time to time and raised a good corn crop on the side. He even dug a cellar at his house and connected it by a tunnel with the river bank to aid his escapes from the persistent army. If they came upon the house suddenly he just popped into the cellar, went through the tunnel and came out along the river safe and sound.

Humpy's daughter, Henrietta, would ride around the country at times, as a kind of picket, and warn her father of approaching troops as he worked the fields. The soldiers started watching her closely.

One day a large group of them chased her back to the corn field. Henrietta pulled up her horse and fired a warning shot for Humpy, who was ill and holed up in the cellar. Humpy heard the shot and managed to get away, but the soldiers found his hiding place, and he was not able to return home as often after that.

Humpy kept on the move and Colonel Ranald S. Mackenzie, then in charge of



Irwin Brothers Studio Collection #118. Ed Irwin and "pink" Irwin beside their campfire near the Llano River in Texas, 1899.

Fort McKavett, was determined to catch him. On February 1, 1870, the soldiers caught up with him along the Menardville Road below PegLeg Stage Station. He tried to get away, but his horse ran under a low tree branch and knocked him from the saddle. Humpy rolled around on the ground complaining his back was broke. The soldiers didn't know about his deformity and to them his hump looked like a broken back, so they picked him up and took him to his house until an ambulance could be brought from Fort McKavett.

Humpy's wife slipped him a gun. The neighbors were in an uproar over Humpy's capture and decided to break him out. Several well armed men broke into Humpy's place and Humpy came out of his blankets with his gun blazing, a totally unexpected action from a man who supposedly had a broken back.

Two soldiers, Corporal Albert Marshall and Private Charles Murray, were killed and a third escaped by the river bank and made his way back to Fort McKavett to report to Colonel Mackenzie.

Bullis was sent out at once after Jackson, who once again eluded his pursuers. Bullis ordered Jackson's house burned to the ground, all his goods confiscated, and placed his wife and children, and a few others that were present, under arrest. This action only served to further alienate the locals. They took "up" collections to help Humpy's family and vowed that the army would never get Humpy.

Mackenzie ordered a general pick up of men in the area and had them brought to Fort McKavett and paraded the men in front of the escaped soldier in an effort to identify Humpy's allies. He had no success, as the ones responsible were well hidden in the hills and out of his reach. Mackenzie ordered, on

February 15, 1870, that Stephen Cavaness, Peter Crane, George E. Harvey and Charles Owens be arrested and posted a large reward for the capture of these men he alleged had helped Humpy escape. He also arrested William Epps and B.P. Smith as possible accomplices and kept Mrs. Jackson and Henrietta under arrest.

Bullis and his men found Stephen Cavaness working in a field on Moore's Ranch on Bear Creek. Nine soldiers shot Cavaness down in an ambush and they buried his body in the field.

Mackenzie turned Mrs. Jackson and her daughter over to the district judge at Mason in response to a civil summons, April 13, 1870. Meanwhile, Humpy was living a nomadic life in the San Saba hills. He had the sympathy of the locals, who would hang a slab of bacon and a sack of fresh biscuits from a mesquite near their cabin for him.

The men who aided him took off for greener pastures.

On June 14, 1871, after turning himself in to civilian authorities, Humpy made bond for \$2000 and stood trial in a court of Texans. Needless to say, Humpy was exonerated of all charges.

So ends the saga of Humpy Jackson. Next week we will follow with a couple of questions we received after the first time this story ran.

A special thanks to Robbie Hard and Charles Howard Construction for moving the mounting block down to the new museum.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. The Historical Society office will be closed from Friday, November 7 - Friday, November 14, 2003.

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Chamber of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Director

There is so much going on in Sonora right now. There is never a dull moment in our great little town. This is the week of the 37th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, and we have a Grand Opening for Stagecoach BBQ & Catering at their new location and expanded business, as well as this being the first week that you can get "Santa Bucks" for shopping with local businesses.

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering will be having their Grand Opening for their new location and expanded business on Friday, November 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stagecoach BBQ & Catering has moved to 801 Tayloe. The new location is next to Rafter W, where Multi-Chem was located at one time. Kirk Joy has moved his business to better serve his customers. He now offers deer processing, will smoke sausage, make breakfast sausages and jerky. Kirk is well known for his BBQ and will be selling BBQ by the pound. Stagecoach BBQ & Catering will also have a meat market for your convenience. Please join us in congratulating Kirk and wishing him well with the expansion of his business. Come by Stagecoach BBQ & Catering at 801 Tayloe on Friday to sample some great snacks and check out the new location for Stagecoach BBQ & Catering. Hope to see ya'll there.

This week, the first week in November, is the first week that participating local merchants are giving their customers the "Santa Bucks". The participat-

ing merchants are: Alco, Angel Café, B&H Caterers, Circle S /NAPA Auto Parts, The Corner Drug Store/Gifts Galore & More, Dairy Queen, Devil's River News/Sonora Office Supply, Family Dollar, I-10 Exxon, image, KD's Convenience Store, Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, Mindy's Creations, Moore's Oil & Lube, Ol' Sonora Trading Co., Parker Lumber, Red Horse Feeds, Shot's #5, Shot's #6, Stagecoach BBQ & Catering, Sutton County Steakhouse, Teaff Oil Co., Team Graphics, Tedford Jewelry/Radio Shack, Thorp's Laundry, and Victor's Auto & Truck Parts. All of these merchants are giving their customers "Santa Bucks" during the months of November & December. The "Santa Bucks" can be used at the "Santa Bucks" Auction to be held December 18, 2003, at the Sutton County Civic Center. Be sure to hang on to your "Santa Bucks", because we already have some really awesome prizes for you to bid on and purchase at the "Santa Bucks" auction.

The 37th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner will be this Saturday at the Sutton County Civic Center. There will be over \$30,000.00 worth of wonderful door prizes given away Saturday night. I have some of these prizes and believe me when I tell you that you need to be there. Be sure to come join in the fun, food, and prizes at the 37th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner this Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

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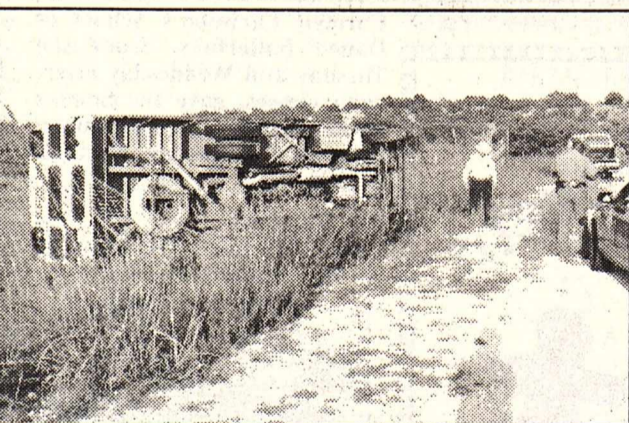
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No injuries in school bus accident

by Storie Sharp

It was unlucky number 13 on the back of the yellow school bus that lay on its side beside Miers road in the early evening on Halloween. Texas State Trooper, Earle Williams, reported that the driver, J.J. Vasquez, of Sonora, had just dropped off the last rider and was returning to town when he took a sharp curve at an unsafe speed. The bus veered into the oncoming lane of traffic and barely missed a Dodge pick-up. Vasquez is reported to have over-corrected, causing the bus to roll onto its side, crashing through a high deer fence on the Wardlaw place before coming to a stop. An estimated \$6,000 in damage was done to the fence. Vasquez, the only occupant on the bus, got out of the accident with no major injuries.

Sutton County Deputy Bob Hartman assisted at the scene.



This school bus skidded to a stop after taking a curve too fast.

School Lunch Menu • Nov. 10 - 14, 2003

Breakfast

Mon. - Chocolate donut, apple juice.

Tues. - Pancakes with syrup, orange juice.

Wed. - Scrambled eggs, toast with jelly.

Thurs. - Cinnamon roll, orange juice.

Fri. - Blueberry muffins, apple juice.



Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch


Mon. - Hot ham & cheese, pork & beans, carrot sticks/dressing, tropical pears.

Tues. - Salisbury steak/gravy, macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli, small apple, roll.


Wed. - Chalupas (beans), cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, fruit salad, crackers.

Thurs. - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, English peas, vanilla pudding, roll.

Fri. - Chili dog or hot dog, pinto beans, tator tots, ketchup, mixed fruit.



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Sonora ISD implements School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

Recently, a group of individuals who represent a wide range of segments in our community met with Ada Castilleja, Sonora ISD's school nurse, to begin providing advice to the school system on one of the most important of our children's school programs. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is designed to address issues concerning all aspects of school health including, healthful school environment, health services, physical education, health instruction, school counseling, food service, school site health promotion for faculty and staff, and integrated school and community programs.

The group adopted this as their mission statement: Our vision is to support and encourage all children of Sonora schools in their social, mental, emotional, and physical development. The SHAC members working along with Mrs. Castilleja are: Laura Word, Sr.; Jacque Castillo, Jr.; Dora Gonzales, Food Service; Ben Solis, SMS Counselor; Brant Myers, Superintendent; Officer Bryn Humphrey and Officer Mike House, Law Enforcement; Mike Villanueva, Commissioner; Tammy Love, teacher; and the following parents will serve on the council: Dee Martinez, Louise Ingham-Moore, Jana Martinez, Bonnie Lou Campbell, Rachel Duran, Jane Rushing, and Carol Pope.

This group will meet quarterly to address the health issues for Sonora ISD. For more information, or to become involved with this program, please contact Ada Castilleja at 387-5536. One of the issues that all school districts face is Drugs and Alcohol. The following poem was shared by one of the concerned members of this council.

WHO IS TO BLAME?
We read it in the papers and hear it on the air
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.
We sigh and we say as we notice the trend,
"This young generation... where will it end?
But can we be sure that it's their fault alone?
Are we less guilty, who place in their way
Too many things that lead them astray?

Too much money, too much idle time;
Too many movies of passion and crime.
Too many books not fit to be read
Too much evil in what they hear said.
Too many children encouraged to roam
Too many parents who won't stay home.

Kids don't make the movies, they don't write the books
They don't paint the pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars,
They don't change the laws, and they don't make the cars.

They don't make the drugs that muddle the brain;
That's all done by older folks...eager for gain.
Delinquent teenagers; oh how we condemn
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.

Instead of placing blame, let's fix the cause,
And remember as we pause;
That in so many cases - it's sad but it's true -
The title "Delinquent" fits older folks too!
Author Unknown
Read aloud at TASN Convention by Riney Jordan, 11-6-94



Red Ribbon Week reminds students to say NO to drugs

October 27-31 was the week that our nation's youth celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a campaign to live a drug-free life. Monday, the students at Sonora Elementary had a rally to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Bronco cheerleaders, along with Rowdy, led drug-free cheers and passed out red ribbons to the student body. Student athletes and band members introduced themselves claiming to be drug-free, and Miss Sutton County told the students that "you can have fun without doing drugs."



Top: Rowdy and Mrs. Faz dance their way down the aisle at the Red Ribbon "Say No To Drugs" Rally at Sonora Elementary.

Students showed their support for a drug-free lifestyle by dressing up in something different everyday: Monday - "Wake up: Say No to Drugs!" - they wore pajamas, Tuesday - "Sock-it-to-Drugs" - it was crazy socks day, Wednesday - "Crazy Red Day" - everyone wore as much red as possible, Thursday - "Too Cool to Do Drugs" - it was shades for all the cool, and Friday - "Say Boo to Drugs" - it was costumes.

Below: Students dressed up in their PJs on Monday to show they were "Waking Up!" and saying NO to drugs

Activities for the remainder of the week included planting tulip bulbs in front of the school, thus "planting the promise to be drug-free," and discussing the dangers of doing drugs.

Happy Birthday

November 6
Platt Glasscock, Randy Lewellen, Kathy Lewellen, Martin Lopez, Mary Tabarez, Ron Pincince, J.R. Sanchez

November 7
Ben Taylor, Tony Valkonen, Douglas Otwell

November 8
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November 9
Andrea Chavez, Jason Moore, Tony Hooper, Houston Powers

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November 11
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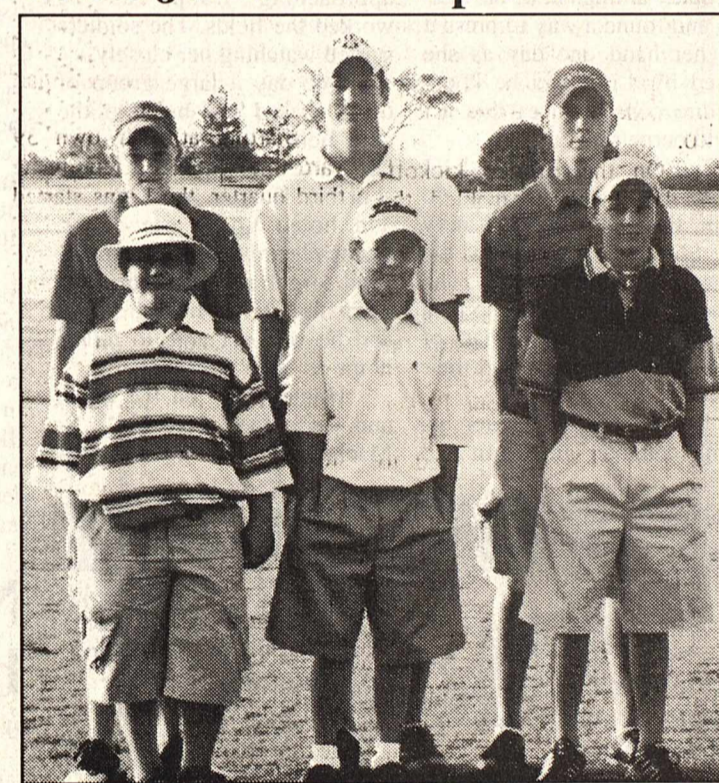
November 12
J.C. Surber, Callaway Hall, Ryan Healy, Charles Howard, Cindy McCam

Dancing for treats at the Sutton County Senior Center



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance ballerinas, from the Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon classes, gave the Sonora senior citizens a Halloween treat on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

Junior golfers compete at West Texas Junior Champions Finals



Back: Trent Reiner, Embre Smith, Cullen Parker; Front: Garrett Smith, Word Hudson and John Duke Hudson golfed in the Finals in Fort Stockton.

Sonora was well represented by our junior golfers at the West Texas Junior Champions Tour Finals held at the Pecos County Golf Course in Fort Stockton on July 31st and August 1st, 2003. These six young men competed all summer in junior tournaments and qualified for the tour championship. Scores and placings from Ft. Stockton were as follows: Boys 9-11 Garrett Smith 38/41 79, 2nd place; Word Hudson 40/42 82, 5th place. Boys 12-13 John Duke Hudson 76/77 153, 4th place. Boys 14-15 Trent Reiner 75/81 156, 3rd place; Embre Smith 82/80 162, 7th place; Cullen Parker 82/87 169, 11th place.

The Fall Tournament Series of the WTJCT will begin this weekend with a 2 day tournament at the San Angelo Country Club. Entry information and tournament schedule can be found at www.wtjct.com. Good luck to all our local junior golfers who will be participating in the fall tournaments.

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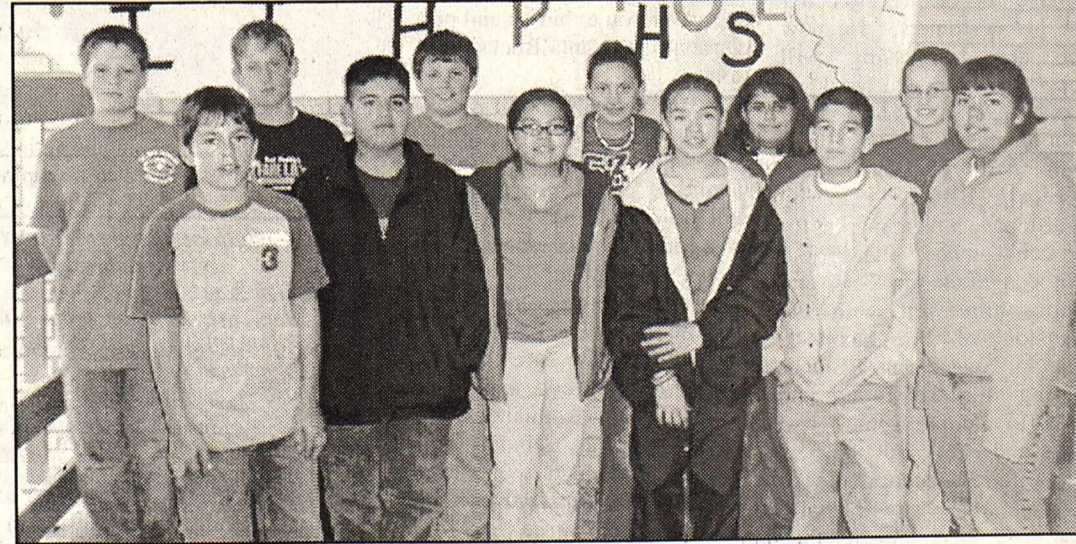
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Middle School Student Council elects officers



Sonora Middle School Student Council recently elected class representatives. The following students were chosen by their peers to be Student Council class representatives: (back row) Tyler Creek, Dalton Dover, Cash Jennings, Maraya Dunn, Victoria Robles and Kaitlyn Henderson. (Front row) Will Anderson, Julio Samaniego, Kati Chavez, Maritza Garcia, Uvaldo Ramos, and Danielle Rodriguez.

Broncos lose tough one to Lions

by Nancy Glascock

This was the game that would determine which team would be the top seed in the small school playoff bracket. It was another big test for the young Bronco varsity team against last year's undefeated district champions. Despite the Lions' six penalties, including a fifteen yard taunting penalty against Arron Garza after the Lions' fifth touchdown, Ozona lived up to its pre-game press.

The game began with the Lions on offense. On the first play, Steven Duhon and Brett McDaniel tackled Garza for a two yard loss. But on the second play, Garza completed the slant over the middle to Trey Collins for a 56 yard touchdown pass. Their PAT was stopped by the Broncos.

The Broncos responded with a touchdown drive that took less than three minutes. Chris Martin scored the only Bronco first half touchdown on a ten yard screen pass from Clint Cearley. The PAT kick was wide right and the game was tied at six points for each team.

The Bronco defense, led by Steven Duhon, Tom Valliant, Scottie Moore, Laramie Hall and Martin, kept the Lions from scoring on their next offensive series.

The next Bronco offensive series stalled. Instead of punt-

ing the ball to Ozona from the Bronco 45, Sonora attempted a fake punt play. Once again, the fake play didn't work and Ozona got great field position. The Lions took advantage of the short field by giving the ball to Jarryd Taylor and Brad Mayfield. They took the ball to the Bronco 30. Garza then found a wide open Bryan Skehan for the second Lion touchdown.

Just as the JV Lions did the previous night, the Lions varsity surprised the Broncos with an inside kick. They recovered and, six plays later, Taylor got outside on the Broncos and ran in for the third Lion touchdown.

The Lions attempted the same tactic again, but Dustin Duhon was prepared and covered the football. Sonora immediately gave the ball back to Ozona when Cearley's pass to Anthony Longoria was intercepted by the taller defender. The next two offensive series for each team ended in punts.

Immediately before the first half ended, the Lions scored again on a pass to Mayfield. The PAT was good. At halftime, the score was 25 to 6 in favor of the Lions.

The second half started out looking more promising for the Broncos. Ozona's first offensive series ended up with the ball being centered over Garza's head. Garza chased

down the ball and managed to get off a short punt before being tackled. The Broncos took over at the Lion 17. On fourth down, the coaches sent in a play that caught the Lions by surprise. Cearley came in and executed a perfect shovel pass to make it first and goal. Moore came in at quarterback and finished the drive with a quarterback sneak for the touchdown. Austin Waggoner came in to kick the extra point to make the score 25 - 13.

On the Lions' first play after the kickoff, Waggoner tipped a Garza pass. McDaniel caught the ball and raced 33 yards for the touchdown. Suddenly, it appeared that the Broncos were back in the game with the score 25 to 19 in favor of the Lions. The Lions had to abandon their plans to rest Taylor. They brought their superstar back into the game. He and Garza each scored touchdowns to put the game out of reach with the Lions winning 39 to 19.

The Broncos are the first team to keep Taylor under 100 yards this year. They hit hard, gang tackled, and were never penalized.

This Friday night, the Broncos travel to Grape Creek. When the Broncos win, they will enter the Division II playoffs. Come out and support our Mighty Sonora Broncos!

Red JV Broncos corral the Lions

by Ray Glascock

Ozona took the opening kickoff. They executed the starburst play to perfection. The Lion who fielded the ball, turned his back to the oncoming Broncos, faked it to one Lion, and handed to the other Lion as in a double reverse. The Lion raced untouched down the far sideline for an 80 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. After 18 seconds, the Lions led 7 - 0.

The Broncos took the Lion kickoff and basically rammed it down their throats. Embre Smith started with a 26 yard run, a three yard pass, a 16 yard run, a five yard run, an 18 yard run, and a two yard run for the touchdown. He finished the drive with a run for the two point conversion and the Broncos took the lead 8 - 7.

Ozona answered with a 12 play, 60 yard touchdown drive to retake the lead at 13 to 8. The rest of the half was a stalemate. Both teams had two drives that ended in punts. Brandon Munn and Jesse Galvan stopped the Lions' drive with a timely quarterback sack. The Lion punter pinned the Broncos deep in their territory with a 40 yard punt to the Bronco nine yard line. Smith handed the ball to Uriel Santana for eight yards and some breathing room. Smith gained to the Bronco 25 yard. With 24 seconds left in the half, Craig Leonard ran the deep post. He caught Smith's pass in stride and outran the Lion defenders for a 75 yard touchdown. Without time to catch his breath, Smith called Leonard's number again and hit him for the two point conversion. The stunned Lions walked off the field behind 16 to 13.

The Broncos received the second half kickoff. The Lions held, and Smith's 40 yard punt kept the Lions deep in their territory. Will Crittendon tackled the Lion quarterback, and Munn recovered the fumble giving Sonora the ball at the 40 yard line. Once again, Smith had to punt. After another long punt, Smith hustled down the field and made the tackle. Both teams then traded punts.

Ozona started their next drive on Sonora's 44 yard line. Tackles by Swade Draper and Crittendon slowed the Lions. Fred Romo stopped a run that gave the Lions a first down on the Broncos' 19 yard line. On third and nine, Smith intercepted and returned the ball 50 yards to end the drive.

Sonora decided to put the Lions away. Santana gained 22 yards on three carries and Smith gained nine yards on four carries. Leonard caught a seven yard pass to make it first and goal from the three. Smith finished the drive with a three yard touchdown run. The PAT failed and the score was 22 to 13.

The next two Lion drives were stopped by interceptions by Jesse Garza and Warren Wallace. Wallace returned his interception for 25 yards.

The JV Red Team will be playing their last game this Thursday at Bronco Stadium against the Grape Creek Eagles.

White JV Loses To Ozona Freshman 28 - 22

by Ray Glascock

The fans who traveled to Ozona last Thursday to watch the JV games were treated to some excellent and exciting football. The Lions won the toss and deferred to the second half. It didn't take the Broncos long to score as Cullen Parker threw long to Pedro Gloria for the first touchdown. The kick was wide and the Broncos led 6 - 0.

On the Bronco kickoff, Jordan Isenhour tackled the Lion runner near the 35 yard line. The Lion drive stalled, and they punted to the Broncos. The Lion defense played harder. Evan Gully had the longest gain of the drive on a pass completion from Parker. On fourth and twelve, Augustine Vaquera punted to the Lions. The Lions, having no luck running against the Broncos, went to the air. After three first downs, they faced a third and seven from their 36 yard line. The Lion quarterback threw deep. The Bronco defender appeared to be in perfect position to intercept when the ball went right over his outstretched hands into the hands of the Lion receiver who raced into the end zone for their first touchdown. The Lions caught the Broncos by surprise as they came out in the swinging gate formation. When the Broncos stood there confused, the Lion quarterback threw the ball to the running back at the side line who just walked into the endzone for the two point conversion giving the Lions an 8 to 6 lead.

The Broncos started their next drive on their 15 yard line. After a penalty, and facing third and long, Parker hit Gloria for a thirty yard gain. The drive stalled when the Parker's pass on fourth and eleven fell incomplete. The Ozona Lion drive didn't last long as Gully picked off a Lion pass and returned it for about ten yards. After three incomplete passes, the Broncos lined up for a field goal. Parker and the Broncos executed the fake perfectly and Lito Trevino caught the touchdown pass. Parker kept the ball and ran for the two point conversion making the score 14 to 8 in favor of Sonora.

Ozona tried to score right before half. After several good runs, Gloria ended the drive with an interception and the half ended with the Broncos in the lead.

Ozona started the second half at their own 34 yard line. In five plays, they tied the game with a touchdown pass. Their kick failed. The Broncos started on their 35 yard line. Parker ran the option for five, threw to Gloria for a first down, ran for

eight yards, passed to Trevino for a first down, ran for two yards, and finished the drive with a 42 yard touchdown pass to Trevino. All during this drive, the offensive line blocked like pros. Once again, the fake PAT kick fooled the Lions and Parker completed the two point conversion pass to Trevino. The Broncos had their last lead at 22 to 14.

Starting at their own 39 yard line with 4:02 left in the third quarter, the Lions started their own well executed drive. Six plays later, they tied the score with a touchdown and two point conversion.

It was Ozona's turn to trick the Broncos. They lined up as if it were to be a normal kickoff. As the normal Lion kicker held his arm up to signal to the official that he was going to kick off, another Lion ran up to the ball by himself and kicked a perfect inside kick. The stunned Broncos stood there and watched him recover his own kick. Wasting no time, the Lions threw deep on the first play for the winning touchdown. They tried the swinging gate again, but the Broncos were not to be fooled twice and the PAT was no good.

On the next drive, the Lions intercepted and had good field position. The Lions ran the ball and quickly had a first and goal. With four downs, it appeared that they were sure to put the game out of reach. The Bronco defensive line had other ideas. In order to protect their quarterback from the oncoming Broncos, they had to hold. Bryan Reyes broke through the Lions to sack the quarterback making it third and goal at their 29 yard line. The Lions made it back to the six on third down. They tried a field goal, missed it, and the Broncos had 80 yards to go with 4:54 left in the game. The Lions helped out with a 15 yard penalty, and a Lion was ejected for trash talking. The Broncos moved to the Lion 25 yard line and had a first and ten with 2:14 left. On two of the next three plays, penalties wiped out good gains. The Broncos were cheated out of a down when the officials didn't catch the error by the kid running the chains. On what should have been third down, the "fourth down" pass was incomplete, and the Lions were mistakenly awarded the ball. They ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

Be sure and come to Bronco Stadium this Thursday as there will be a re-match. The Lion Freshman team has been scheduled to replace a team who could not field a freshman team.

See more Bronco sports page 6

7th Grade Colts surprise Ozona

by Nancy Glascock

The 7th Grade Colts played Ozona last Thursday at home. The Colts showed the young Lion team, that despite having an injured starting quarterback, they had the players to win. Pecos Roberts moved from his normal receiver position to start at quarterback. Derrick Van Winkle, the regular Colt quarterback, was injured in last week's game versus Wall.

The first quarter was scoreless. Mario Lira ran by Lion defenders for an apparent 46 yard touchdown that was nullified by a Sonora holding penalty.

The Lions got on the scoreboard first early in the second quarter. The Lion quarterback, who was "in the grasp," pitched the ball to a running back who ran the ball in from two yards out. The Lions' two point conversion attempt was no good.

Sonora answered with a touchdown with 1:11 left in the half. Lira took the middle screen 55 yards for the score. The Colts failed to make the two point PAT.

Roberts, Reggie Hernandez, and David Lane kept Ozona from making their fourth down try at the start of the third quarter. With the injured Van Winkle at quarterback, the Colts tried another middle screen pass. Lira caught the pass at the Colt 48 and took the ball all the way for the second Sonora touchdown. The PAT was stopped by the Lions.

The fourth quarter was the Van Winkle, Roberts, and Lira show. Roberts ran down an Ozona running back to stop a touchdown. The Lions did finally score on a quarterback keeper. The two point conversion play was broken up by a Lira tackle.

With two minutes left to play in the game, Roberts took the kickoff to the Bronco 30. With third and ten at the Sonora 35, Van Winkle threw downfield over the middle to an open Roberts who was tackled at the Lion 49. With 24 seconds left, Van Winkle threw a pass to Roberts for the thirty yard winning touchdown. The final score was 18 - 12 in favor of Sonora. The Colts play their last game of the 2003 season on Thursday in Grape Creek.

Sonora FFA Annual Fundraiser

The Sonora FFA is selling meat and fruit again this year as their fundraiser.

Thanksgiving meat orders only are due November 10th
Delivery will be November 18th

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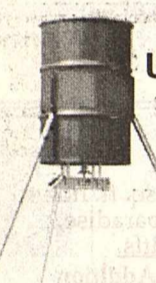
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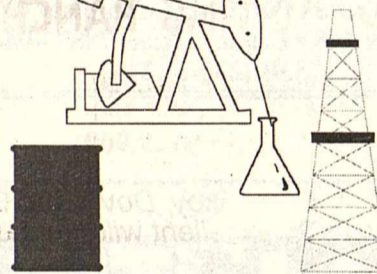


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Another look at the Ozona game

Editors note: The Sonora High School Journalism Department has submitted articles on the Sonora Bronco games as part of their class projects. We hope you enjoy another look at Sonora Bronco Football.

by Cameron Cox, Chris Perez, Chris Martin and Anthony Longoria

On Halloween night the Ozona Lions traveled to Sonora to play the Sonora Broncos.

The game started out rough when the Lions came out attacking through the air. On the third play of the game, the Lions' Aaron Garza hooked up with his receiver for a 60-yard touchdown. The Lions two-point conversion failed with an incomplete pass. Lions 6, Broncos 0.

The Broncos' opening drive was filled with excitement. The Broncos had two consecutive first downs on runs by Caleb Ramos and Chris Martin. Clint Cearley then connected with Chris Martin on a 16-yard screen pass. The extra point failed. The kick failed and made the score, Ozona 6, Sonora 6.

Sonora kicked back to the Lions, and the Bronco defense again took the field. Ozona ran a couple of option plays and a reverse and then punted back to Sonora for the Broncos second possession of the game. The Broncos had one first down and then were forced to punt. On the punt the Broncos faked it to Chris Martin, who threw to Steven Duhon but the ball was fumbled and the Lions recovered. That gave the Lions momentum and they drove the field and scored, making the score 12-6.

The Lions' kick-off was onside, and the Lions recovered.

The Lions drove the ball on the Bronco defense steadily. The drive ended in a Lion touchdown. Ozona again kicked an inside kick. However, the Bronco's Dustin Duhon recovered. On the Bronco's first play of the drive, Clint Cearley's pass was intercepted. The Bronco defense forced the lions to punt to Chris Perez. Anthony Longoria had a nice catch and run on the drive to pick up a first down. However, the Broncos were forced to punt. The Lions once again had great luck moving the ball on the Bronco's and scored for the fourth time of the night, making the score, Lions 25, Broncos 6.

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Lions kicked to the Bronco's. The Bronco's were forced to punt again. After

a great defensive stand, the Lions had a deep snap over the punter's head to give the Mighty Broncos great field position. Sonora took advantage of the field position as Scottie Moore punched the ball in on a 1-yard run. The extra point was good. Lions 25, Broncos 13.

The Bronco's defense showed once again that they could stop the Lions. Outside linebacker, Austin Wagoner, batted the ball and defensive end, Brett McDaniel, took the interception in for six. The extra point failed. Lions 25, Broncos 19.

Just when momentum went to the Bronco's, Aaron Garza of the Lions scored on the quarterback draw. Lions 32, Broncos 19.

Stetson Perez, AKA "the Warrior", had an excellent return. However, the Lions once again intercepted a pass. The Bronco's forced the Lions to punt but could make nothing happen as the fake punt failed. The Lions put the game well out of reach with a long touchdown run. The extra point was successful. Lions 39, Broncos 19.

The leading tackler of the night was Steven Duhon with an amazing 25 tackles giving him 147 tackles for the season. Other defensive standouts were, Scottie Moore and Austin Wagoner, who both had 11 tackles; Chris Perez racked up 10 tackles, Chris Martin had 9 tackles, Brett McDaniel, Laramie Hall and Dustin Duhon all had 6 tackles for the night; Cameron Cox and Wilson Wallace had 5 tackles, Anthony Longoria and Hilton Bloodworth had 3 tackles, Diego Cordona had 2 and Zed Snodgrass had 1 tackle.

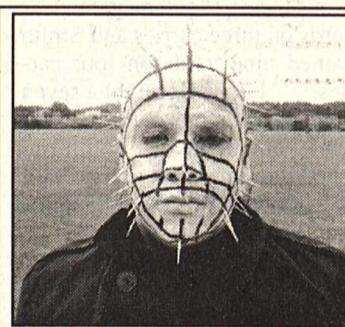
On the other side of the ball, Scottie Moore led the rushing game with 26 yards on 8 carries. Chris Martin had 5 carries for 25 yards and standout freshman quarterback, Caleb Ramos, had 4 carries for 18 yards.

Anthony Longoria was the leading receiver with one catch for 24 yards. Chris Martin had 1 catch for 18 yards, Austin Wagoner had 1 catch for 4 yards, Steven Duhon had 1 catch for 5 yards, Chris Perez had 2 catches for 13 yards, and Scottie Moore had 1 catch for 5 yards.

The Bronco's had 141 yards total offense.

Next week the Bronco's fight the Grape Creek Eagles for a playoff spot, which the Bronco's have not had since 2001.

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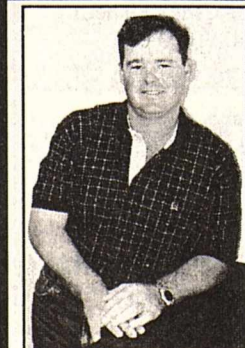
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8th Grade Colts tie with Lions

by Nancy Glasscock

This game started out as an offensive shootout. The Lions team began using a lot of motion plays, big shifts, and trips right. Riley Sanchez, Nick Pena, and Aaron Gaytan made several tackles, but the Lions moved the ball down the field on the ground and scored halfway through the first quarter. The Lion two point conversion was good.

The Colts responded quickly. Riley Sanchez, one of the up men, fielded the kickoff. Alonzo Pena took Vic Vaquera's option pitch for a 58 yard touchdown. Pena then went in for the two points.

Nick Pena, Fidel Acevado, Colton Moore and Lucio Rodriguez led the defense to stop the Lions' next possession. Nick Pena, Vaquera, and Alonzo Pena all took turns moving the ball down the field for Sonora's second touchdown. Alonzo Pena got both the touchdown and PAT.

This time it was Ozona's turn to strike quickly for a touchdown. The Lions' quarterback hit a wide open receiver for

the touchdown. The Lions made the two point conversion to tie the game up at 16 points with 7:17 to go in the half.

The rest of the half was scoreless. The Colts missed an opportunity when they had a first and goal but failed to score at the end of the half.

Neither team was able to score with their first possessions of the second half. Ozona used the half back pass to go ahead in the third quarter. The Colts answered with a Nick Pena touchdown with 3:14 left in the game.

It was up to the Colt defense to stop the Lions and preserve the tie. The Lions had to start on their 20 yard line after Aaron Gaytan's kickoff went through the end zone for a touchback. Key defensive plays by Aaron Gaytan, Fidel Acevado, Zadrian McGee, and Lucio Rodriguez kept the Lions out of the end zone. The Lions last attempt was a sweep that Nick Pena keyed on to tackle the Lion runner for a loss.

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Rev. Conrad Archer

Conrad received his Bachelor's Degree from SMU and his Theology Degree from Perkins School of Theology. He was a student pastor for the Eustace circuit in 1970, then Associate Pastor at United Methodist Temple Church in Port Arthur from Jan. 1973 to June 1974. He next served as pastor at St John's United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Texas.

In the mid 70's, Conrad began working as a therapist at Rusk State Hospital. He worked in the mental health field for 20 years serving as therapist at the regional MHMR center in Tyler. From there he worked as a Program Director in the MHMR state office and then as Regional Center Director in Kingsville.

Conrad returned to full time ministry in 1996 with his appointment as pastor of First UMC Bishop, Texas and then Ganado, Texas, before moving to Sonora.

Conrad and Judee have three grown children; two in Austin and one in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and three grandchildren.

Members of his congregation are enthusiastic about their appreciation of Conrad, and here are just some of their comments:

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Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Friday, November 7, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. till it's gone, in the Hudspeth Hospital Annex. Items for sale include a wide variety of furniture, household goods, holiday decorations and much, much more. Proceeds from sale will be used to landscape the new hospital and wellness center. If you would like to donate items to the sale, they can be taken to the hospital by Wednesday, November 5th or call Keith Butler at 387-2521 or Janalyn Jones at 387-3101, to arrange pickup.

A general 4-H meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. There will be a short business meeting, followed by an opportunity for stock show participants to fill out major show entry cards. 4-H participants are encouraged to attend with a parent so the cards can be filled out correctly.

Community Thanksgiving Luncheon, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at the Sutton County Civic Center on Sunday, November 23, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. Food prepared by the St. Ann's Church with the Senior Citizens of the Community as honored guests. Donations will be accepted and to go plates will be available.

Sonora Fillies fall to the Volley Girls in San Angelo



Jessica Snyder bumps the ball at the YMCA, while teammates Stephani Morriss, Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Alyssa Favila and Ashley Brown hustle to keep the play going. Injured player, Monica Traylor and Coaches Chap and Joleta Traylor watch from the side.

by Chap Traylor
 On Monday, November 3, 2003, in their second outing, the Sonora Fillies won one out of three matches against the San Angelo Volley Girls.
 This puts the Fillies win loss record at 1 and 1.
 The Fillies played strong defensively, but were not able to get their serving on track. With three games left on their schedule, the Fillies will be returning to San Angelo to get things back in the win column.

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Building a better education; construction crew takes over at Sonora Elementary



The Sonora School Board might need glasses if this is the construction crew that was approved for the renovations of the Sonora schools. Actually, this motley crew could be found constructing young minds in the first grade classes on Friday, October 31, 2003 - Halloween. Cathy Jones, Susie Moore, Sharon Creek and Rhessa Lang, Sonora Elementary first grade teachers, donned their best "Bab, the Builder" duds and took over the classes. Some students didn't even recognize the "substitute teachers" that were waiting to greet them. These ladies are always a sure bet for offering a creative lesson for Sonora first graders. Keep up the good work crew!

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