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## Friends, Friends Forever

by Storie Sharp

A special saying between a special group of friends, "Friends, Friends Forever." It is apparent that is how many felt about Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar.

Sonora said farewell to one of our own last week, in two special services, held in honor of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar who was killed in combat in Al-Anbar, Iraq, on September 24, 2004.

A special candlelight vigil was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004. Pfc. Folmar's family was seated under the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn, and mourners filled the street below, as the somber ceremony began. The evening was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America." Mayor Gloria Lopez read a proclamation from the City of Sonora that designated October 2nd a "Community Day of Mourning," and called on the community to honoring the sacrifice of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar by dedicating themselves to honor the American ideals of service and patriotism that he exemplified.

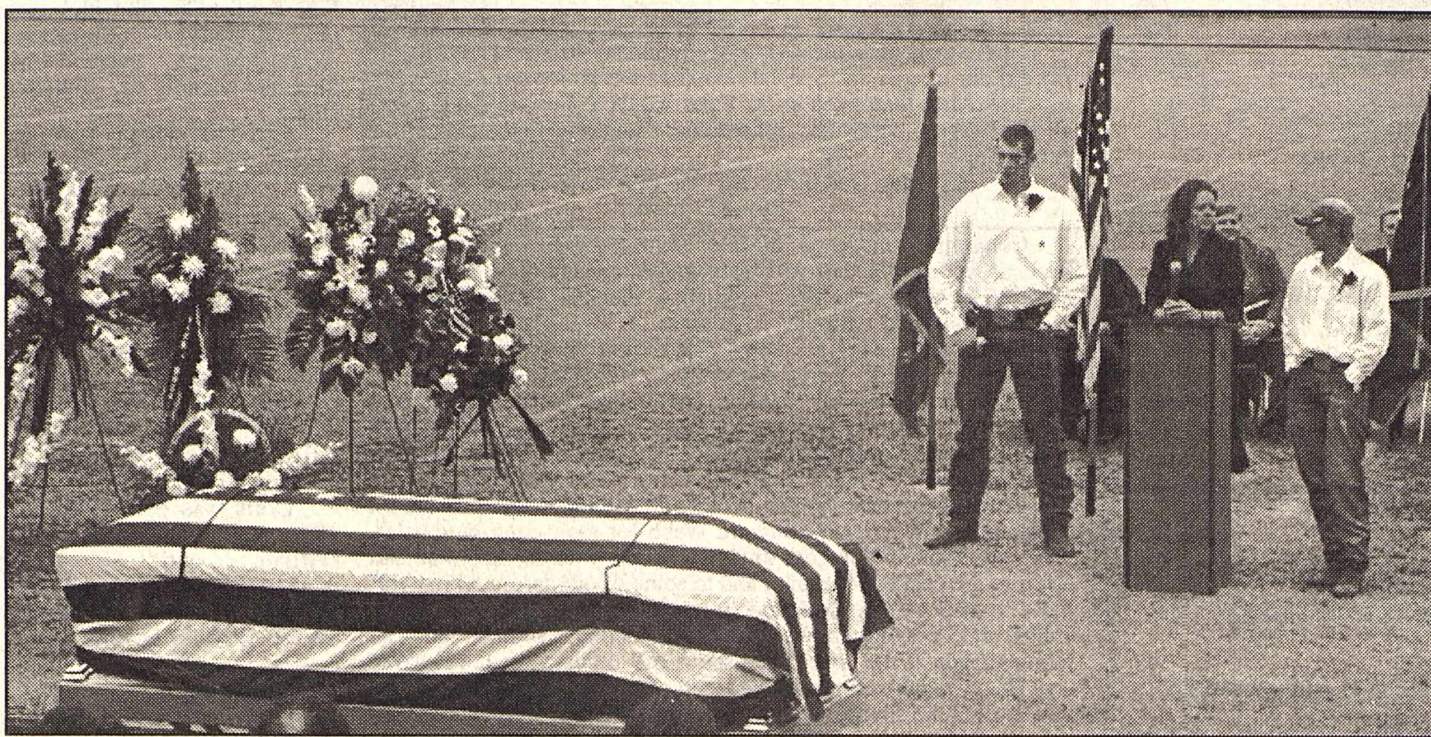
Sutton County Judge Carla Garner then presented Pfc. Folmar's family with a certificate of appreciation for what he did for us as a community and a nation.

In a very moving speech, Tommy Arnwine explained what a Marine is, from his own past experience with the Corp and from that of his sons who have both served, or are currently serving, in the armed forces.

Reverend Lewis Allen led the group in a prayer, followed by David Griffith of Harvey Hilderbran's office, who read a resolution from the Texas House of Representatives in honor of Shane.

Brother Don Longoria spoke of Shane with fondness, remembering how he helped to reconstruct what is now the Lighthouse Community Church. He reminded people to always remember Shane and what he was fighting for when they look upon the Old Oak Tree and the White Ribbon that is hung for a fallen soldier. He reminded everyone to lean on one another during their time of mourning.

Ann Kay and the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program then presented the



Trapper Valliant, Morgan Hobbs and Josh Tidwell say farewell to best friend, Pfc. T. Shane Folmar.

Folmar family with a white ribbon to be hung on the Old Oak Tree, replacing the yellow ribbon that had been hung just a week prior.

As the sun set behind the hills, Ruthie Bounds with the Sonora Chamber of Commerce explained how the lights that were to be lit would signify a light that would shine forever in our hearts as we remember Shane. The candles were then lit throughout the crowd, casting a glow over the ceremony, as Amazing Grace was sung.

Reverend Jerry Jackson gave the closing prayer, followed by a solo of "Taps" by Embre Smith, as friends and family lifted their candles to the sky.

Funeral services for Pfc. Folmar were held on Saturday, October 2, with a brisk wind and ominous gray clouds threatening rain. Red, white and blue bows, flowers and flags provided a patriotic backdrop for the emotional occasion at the Bronco Stadium, which began

to fill early with family and friends and those that wanted to show their appreciation for a fallen hero. As the Sonora Bronco Band played the Marine Hymn, United States Marines slowly wheeled the flag covered casket onto the track. Sixteen honorary pallbearers walked solemnly behind. Between special songs chosen by family, including "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Hero," "Proud to be an American," and "Amazing Grace," special words were shared. Reverend Maxwell read the obituary, followed by close family friend, Charles Spivey, who brought laughter through the tears by reminiscing of Shane's younger years. Reverend Lewis Allen spoke as an American, telling about the many attributes of a hero, all of which Shane fit, and as a preacher, offering spiritual encouragement to all.

Brother Don reminded everyone that Shane is in a better place now and it is those who are left behind who will need to

hold on to one another to get through the time of grief, anger and sadness.

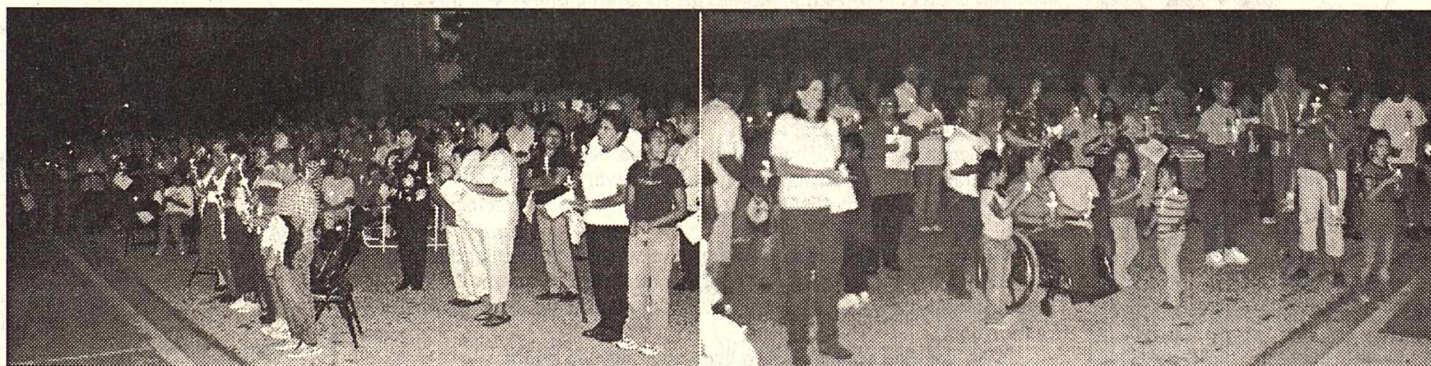
Three very special friends in Shane's life then went forward, showing more courage than most could muster at such a hard time, sharing special memories and feelings for their friend. Morgan Hobbs again brought smiles to many faces as she spoke of special sayings that Shane used and how those sayings will always be a meaningful part of her life, as well as for many who knew him so well. She stated that she was confident that Shane was O.K., because he wasn't afraid of anything and "you couldn't hurt steel." Fighting his emotions, Trapper Valliant reminded everyone what a special friend Shane was to so many, and he asked everyone to honor Shane's memory by sending socks and batteries in his name to the 2nd Battalion, 5th U.S. Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Shane's Battalion. Josh Tidwell said that he had

thought hard about what to say, and since Shane was a man of few words, he chose to just thank everyone for being there to honor his best friend; his brother.

S.H.S. student, Chelsea Martinez read a special poem she had written for heroes in her life, the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, the firefighters on 9/11 and Shane.

During the graveside services that followed the funeral, "Taps" and the traditional 21-gun salute symbolized the full military honors accorded Folmar. Marines in ceremonial dress folded the flag which covered the casket and handed it to his family.

Shane will always be remembered with the utmost respect in Sonora, as a son, a brother, a friend and a protector of many. A hero is defined as a person noted for feats of courage or nobility of purpose, especially one who has risked or sacrificed his or her life; in other words: Shane.



The community gathers to mourn the loss of Pfc. Shane Folmar in a candlelight vigil.

## Broncos eliminate Eldorado, win second district game

by Danni Price

The Broncos traveled up the road to compete with our neighbors to the north in Eldorado on Friday night. This would be the second week of district play in 2-2A. The Sonora/Eldorado contest has always been a classic. Both teams seem to always play just a little harder and each with just a bit more pride. This game would prove to be no different than the ones played before it.

The Eagles won the toss and deferred to the second half. The Broncos took the field on offense first after taking the Eldorado kick at their own 20-yard line. Their quest for a first down would be denied by the Eagles defense, as the Broncos went 3 & out, before sending #15 Clint Cearley to punt the ball. Cearley's punt would be caught at the Eagle 35 and brought back to the Bronco 41-yard line. The Eagles would go to work on offense, with the Broncos on defense. After two Eagle first downs, the Eagle Pass would be intercepted by #30 Justin Northcott and the Broncos would take possession. The Broncos would get a first down at mid-field, after a short run by #32, Stetson Perez and a completed pass to #18, Anthony Longoria. Things would get worse after this. A short 3-yard run, a 5-yard illegal procedure penalty, and 2 quarterback sacks, put the Broncos would find themselves

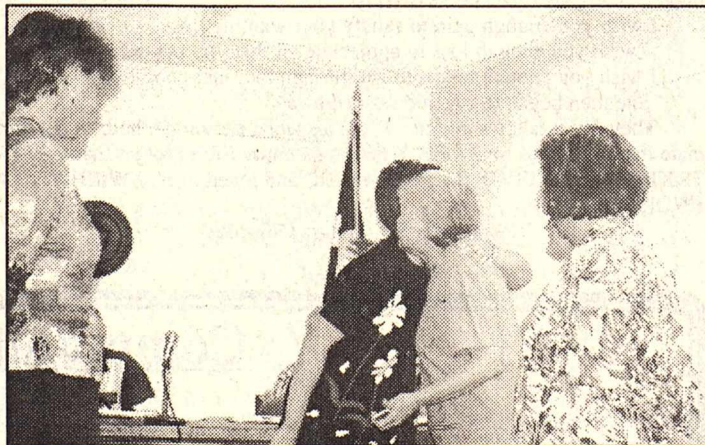
in a hole, literally. On 4th down and 23, Cearley would get off a beauty, punting the ball to the Eagle 17-yard line. The Eagle receiver would be stopped in his tracks by #20 Hilton Bloodworth.

The Bronco defense would have to get back to work and they did just that. The Eagles were able to accomplish one 1st down in this drive, but not before being tackled by some heavy hitters of the Bronco defense: #44 Brett McDaniel, #34 Chris Perez and #20 Hilton Bloodworth. Steven Duhon #24 also managed to break up a pass, with the blitzing of the Eldorado QB by #30 Northcott. The Eagles would punt the ball to #40 Cameron Cox on the Bronco 27-yard line.

Sonora would have no luck in moving the ball this drive, they would go 3 and out, and once again send Cearley to punt the ball. Cearley's punt would wind up at the Eagle 30. With :24 seconds remaining in the 1st period, the Bronco defense would come on to the field to match-up against the Eagle offense. On the first play of the drive, the Eagles would bust right through the Bronco defense and make their way to the Sonora 43-yard line for a 1st down. This play would end the 1st quarter.

The Eagles would take their turn at a little "smash-mouth"

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Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program recognizes retired board member, Roy Jean Johnson with a special gift.

## City sets tax, water and wastewater rates

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora City Council met on September 21, 2004, with all council members, James Blackman, Virgil Poloczek, Smith Neal and Fred Perez, present. Also present were Mayor Gloria Lopez, City Manager Brent Gesch, City Attorney Beth Wallace, City Secretary Patti Prather, Chief of Police Mike House, Ann Kay, Joy Galbreath, Roy Jean Johnson, Maura Weingart, Juanita Mesa, Keith Butler, Nancy Glasscock, Brant Myers, Sue Moore, Becky Collins, Carl

Teaff, Ruthie Bounds and Tony Lane.

Minutes from the August 10 special meeting, August 17, regular meeting and the August 24 special meeting were approved.

A public hearing to consider a project for the expenditure of \$25,000 of 4B sales tax to the Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital Emergency Room for monitoring equipment to aid in retaining physicians was called to order. Mayor Lopez called

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## Bank heist suspect remains at large



The suspect wanted for the September 27, 2004 robbery of the First National Bank of Sonora is still at large. Local law enforcement are following all leads and the investigation is on-going. If you have any information regarding the robbery or have seen this man, last seen wearing a blue sweat suit with a hooded top, dingy white tennis shoes, a dark tobaggan on his head, with acne scars on his face, please contact the Sonora Police Dept. at 387-3888 or the Sutton County Sheriff Dept. at 387-2288.

### In Shane's Memory

If you would like to send socks, batteries, Copenhagen or any other items to the 2nd Battalion, 5th U.S. Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in honor of Pfc. Shane Folmar, we are taking a collection at The Devil's River News to be sent. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Commissioners award insurance bid

by Storie Sharp

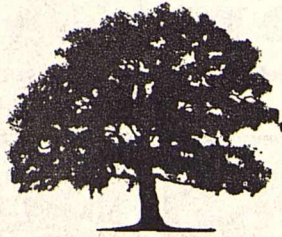
It was business as usual for the Sutton County Commissioners who met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2004. After reviewing and approving minutes from prior meetings and the accounts payable, Sutton County Judge Carla Garner informed the commissioners that Republican Candidate for Congress, Mike Conaway, would be visiting Sonora on Friday if any were interested in attending to ask questions and hear what he had to say. Judge Garner also informed the commissioners that the county had received permission to install another wood floor at the Sutton County Courthouse, to be placed over the tile that was reported to have asbestos. Judge Garner then explained that a request from a previous employee at the District Attorney's office had been made for back pay on sick time and vacation pay. The employee in question did not use the time before he left and is requesting to be reimbursed for the hours. Sutton County's portion of the payment, if they choose to pay, would be \$1,098.54. The commissioners discussed this at length, questioning the proper procedures and legal actions that may or may not stand on such request. Judge Garner explained that there is the possibility that if the commissioners chose not to pay the money that the employee could complain to the Fair Labor Board and costs may be increased. It was pointed out, however, that the employee had moved out of the state and would have to return to make such complaints before the board. After further discussion regarding setting a precedence and ensuring that such problems are avoided in the future by having a written contract, a motion was made by Mike Villanueva and seconded by John Wade to approve the payment of \$1,098.54 to the ex-employee. Milton Cavaness opposed the motion, but the motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1.

Bids for property and casualty insurance were opened and reviewed. Guy Cauthorn from Doyle Morgan Agency explained the two bids, from Trident and St. Paul's, pointing out the pros and cons of each proposal. After a thorough review of the two policies the commissioners voted to go with St. Paul's. The budget had to be amended to compensate for the difference in the price that was approved.

The commissioners approved advertising for a dispatcher in the Sheriff's office. Brandon Faris is leaving the position to take a position with the Seguin Police Department. The price of a new stove in the jail was then discussed. Sheriff Joe Fincher explained that initially he had looked at the commercial stoves in a magazine and requested an advertised amount to be budgeted. It was discovered later that this price

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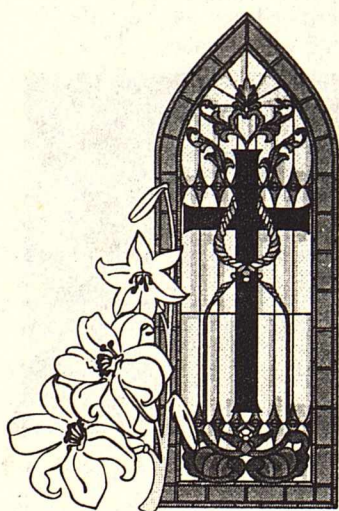
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**Cards of Thanks**

Many thanks to Zeke and Janna Martinez, for the trailer; Cale Mesa, for the pickup; Jimmy Levario, for driving; Janna and Summer, for decorating. The girls enjoyed riding on the float. Your help was greatly appreciated!!!

Rita and Becky  
 Girl Scout Troop #37

Justin Northcott Bronco #30 was pleasantly surprised Friday to have his uncle, former Bronco and Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, David Reyna, attend the Broncos/Eagles game. David who has been employed by the Border Patrol for 19 years, is currently detailed to Washington, D.C. He was fortunate enough to get some time off to visit his family and attend the football game. He was very happy to see Justin's performance, as well as the rest of the team. He wishes his nephew and the rest of the team good luck. "GO BRONCOS!"

On behalf of the 8th grade football Colts we would like to give thanks to Richard and Rachel Aguero, Pancho Valdez, Isabel and Eloisa Hernandez, Ruben and Maria Mesa, and all the mom's who helped put our float together for the homecoming parade.

Thank you,  
 8th grade Colts

I have truly been blessed to have so many friends who came to my aid during a crisis. Special thanks to the police department for my care. Also, thank you to Dr. Pajestka, Dr. Johnson, Maggie and all the hospital personnel. Where else could you find such caring people?

May God bless each and every one of you!  
 Loyce Campbell

Congratulations to our YMCA Youth Football League Sonora Broncos for a great start with their games on Saturday, September 25th! We would like to take a moment to thank all of the wonderful people who made Saturday so successful. Thank you first to the YMCA for sponsoring a Southwest Division Football League that provides wonderfully positive interaction among our small communities. Thank you to Coach Jason Herring and Dr. Brant Myers for allowing us to use the field for Saturday's events. Thank you to all the parents who contributed water and cokes for the concession stand, to Suzanne Badeaux for all of her hard work and constant support, to Schlumberger for making donations to the concession stand, and to Wayne and Barbara Webb for their contributions! A very special thank-you goes to all the people who donated time and effort to the concession stand, and to some of our hard working volunteers who went above and beyond: Suzanne Badeaux, Betty Garza, and Daisy Perez. We couldn't have done it without you! The monies made at the concession stand will be used for the PeeWee and Heavyweights expenses and end-of-the-season parties. Thank you to all of the coaches and YMCA staff members who give of their time to help our youngest Broncos have a great start to their sports careers. You set the best example of all. Thank you to all the families from all of our division's towns who provide support and model good sportsmanship; you make it fun! Thank you all, and Go Broncos!

Region II of the Texas High School Rodeo Association would like to say "thank you" to the following for making the Sonora Rodeo a huge success. Sutton County, Carla Garner, Armando Martinez, Jimmy Powers, Mickey Powers, Scott Neff, Devil's River News, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street, Sonora Chamber, Manuel Tobias, Sonora Contractors, Devil's River Days Inn, Mickey Sharp, Petie Lewis, Steve Morris, Arthur Crittendon and Alec Morrow. If we overlooked anyone please know that we appreciate all you did. It is a real pleasure living in a town that totally supports their youth.

Sincerely,  
 Sonora High School Rodeo Team and Parents

This is for all my friends and family members who are supporting us in our new business adventure.

**I Wish You Enough**

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport.

They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, "I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom." They kissed and the daughter left.

The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and reality is, the next trip back will be my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone."

She paused for a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward me she heard the following as if she were reciting it from memory -

I wish you had enough sun to keep your attitude bright.  
 I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.  
 I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.  
 I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.  
 I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.  
 I wish you enough hellos to get through the final good-byes.  
 She then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. TAKE TIME TO LIVE...To all my friends and loved ones. I WISH YOU ENOUGH!

Sincerely, Sandra Luz Gonzalez

**Obituaries**

**Lucinda Castilleja**

Lucinda Castilleja, 45, of Fort Worth died Wednesday, September 29, 2004 in a Fort Worth hospital. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 4, 2004 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. Survivors include daughter, Julianna Cumpian of Fort Worth; brothers, Milton Castilleja of San Angelo, Modesto Castilleja Jr. of Salvadore Castilleja, Ruben Castilleja and Armando Castilleja, all of Sonora, and Baldemar Castilleja of Fort Worth; five sisters, Clara Sanchez of Lamesa, Connie Skuza of Grand Prairie, Irene Musquiz of Fort Worth, Esperanza Castilleja of Ennis and Juanita Padilla of Saginaw.

**Norma Harris**

Norma Harris, 70, died Friday, October 1, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Services were at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaeffer-Nichols Funeral Home. Survivors include her husband, Erbie Harris of Bakersfield, California, Don Harris of Sonora and Thomas Lee Harris of Denton; and daughters, Nancy Sharpe of Grapevine, Sarah O'Donnell of Van Horn, Darcey Lynch of McCamey and Joy Brooks of Coppel.

**Doris E. Smith**

Doris E. Smith, 71, of San Angelo, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 5, at Northridge Baptist Church with Minister Emmett Coker officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery. Doris was born April 17, 1933, in Tom Green County to William and Elizabeth Hollebeke. She was a member of Northridge Baptist Church. She worked as an investment counselor. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Hubert Hollebeke. Survivors include husband Henry Smith, of San Angelo; two daughters, Karen Smith and husband, Kelly, of Del Rio and Nora Dempsey and husband, Bill, of Sonora; two sons, Henry Smith Jr. and wife, Victoria, of Parachute, Colorado, and Minister Marshall D. Smith and wife, Debby, of Eastland; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mary Clyde Hicks and Lilla Smith; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friends. Pallbearers were Claude Rogers, Duane Sisson, David Hollebeke, Larry Unger, Larry Yarbrough and Rodney Pyburn. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Alley and Robert Rogers. Kindly consider mailing a memorial in Doris' name to the American Cancer Society.

**School Lunch Menu • Oct. 11 - 15, 2004**

**Breakfast**  
**Mon.** - Staff Development. School Holiday.  
**Tues.** - Pancakes, syrup, assorted juice.  
**Wed.** - Cinnamon roll, assorted juice.  
**Thurs.** - Cheese toast, assorted juice.  
**Fri.** - Egg & potato burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

**Lunch**  
**Mon.** - Staff Development. School Holiday.  
**Tues.** - Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, kernel corn, spice bar.  
**Wed.** - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, Jell-O with fruit.  
**Thurs.** - Beef nachos, pinto beans, carrot/celery sticks, fruit cobbler.  
**Fri.** - Chicken patty on bun, potato wedges, ketchup, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding, topping.

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

**Senior Center News**

**Oct. 11** - Columbus Day Observed! Center closed.  
**Oct. 12** - Bingo.  
**Oct. 15** - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Ed. Noon.

**Senior Center Menu**

**Oct. 11** - Columbus Day Observed. Center will be closed. Sign up for holiday meals on Tuesday.  
**Oct. 12** - Meatballs with tomato sauce, spaghetti, spinach, garlic bread, tossed salad, banana pudding.  
**Oct. 13** - Pork roast with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cake, milk.  
**Oct. 14** - BBQ chicken breast, pinto beans, mustard greens, sliced tomatoes, corn bread, peaches, milk.  
**Oct. 15** - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, fruit cocktail, milk.

**NEW HOURS**  
**Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
 Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
 \$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others \*Menu is subject to change.\*

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**Community Calendar**

**Oct. 11**  
 County Commissioners Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. • Sutton County Annex

Sonora City League  
 Softball Parents Meeting • 6:00 p.m.  
 Old T-Ball Field

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

**Oct. 19**  
 City Council Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. • City Hall

**Oct. 30**  
 Fall Festival  
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Downtown Sonora • Main Street

**Bronco Booster Meetings**  
 Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.  
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**Ask the Historical Society**

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

Harris-McNeill Tragedy Part III  
The Arsenal in Keeping of  
Sheriff Hutcherson

The sheriff's office has in charge one automatic pistol .32 caliber, said to be the property of Nelson McNeill. There is one cartridge in the barrel of this pistol. One 16 gage shot gun, which with a number of bird shot shells were found in the wrecked car. It had not been recently fired.

One 12 gage shot gun, butt broken off, claimed by Dick Harris to have been used by him in firing buck shot at McNeill. One automatic .45 pistol claimed by H. S. Harris as the pistol he used in the battle. One .380 automatic pistol said to belong to Mrs. Dick Harris, fully loaded and not recently fired. One regular .41 caliber pistol, not loaded and not recently fired. This last arm was found in the Harris car Sunday morning when it was searched by Sheriff Luedecke of Schleicher County. The other arms were turned over to Deputy Merck by the Harris' at the scene of the killing Saturday evening. Only pistol of .32 caliber is in the possession of the Sheriff.

Dick Harris of Valley Mills looks to be sixty years of age and is manager of the Cotton Oil Mill at Webb & Co. at Valley Mills. Sunday wires were received from Fort Worth requesting friends to make his bond for any amount.

Nelson McNeill was 27 years of age, the only son of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. McNeill, most highly respected, pioneer citizens of Valley Mills. He had about completed the Medical course at the Vanderbilt University when he went to WWI. In his effects in the car when the tragedy occurred was found papers showing his army insurance in the sum of \$10,000 had been reinstated in April, this year. Since the armistice he had been in the oil business but was not in any business at the time of his death. After leaving Waco on the 31st he had been to Austin and went to Del Rio Wednesday or Thursday. He was seen near Juno on Thursday but reports vary as to where he was on Friday or Saturday morning. He came into Sonora after 1:30 o'clock Saturday from the East on Menard Junction road. When entering town the right front wheel was on the felly band. The deflated casing was thrown up in front of an "extra" that was all pumped up and in good

condition. The car was a 1920 Buick roadster, State License No. 389628 tax seal No. 43466, the odometer registered 1,697 miles. In the back of the car when it was brought in from the 11 mile hill, was a loaf of comparatively fresh bread wrapped in oiled paper with the bakery name of Latt & Vavvaka, Del Rio Texas, printed thereon.

Devil's River News, July 11, 1921 - The tragic death of Nelson McNeill, and his fiancée, Elizabeth Dorothy Harris, at Sonora last Saturday night, May 21st, came as a terrible shock to McNeill's many friends in Del Rio. During the past year McNeill was a frequent visitor to this town. He was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman and it was to indulge his love in these sports that he came to Del Rio so often. Handsome, courteous and always in a happy mood, he fascinated all who knew him. While here, he usually spent his evenings at the Elks Club where his genial manners made him a favorite. His passing away under such tragic circumstances will never be forgotten by those of this town who had come to know him and to think of him with affectionate regard.

Accompanied by Miss Harris, Nelson McNeill paid his last visit to Del Rio Monday, May 16th. The unfortunate young man was driving a Buick roadster. The couple stopped at the Gray Hotel where they occupied separate rooms and registered separately. During the evening McNeill received several telegrams. He told a friend that they were from Miss Harris' father and that they were of a threatening nature. Next morning (Tuesday) the couple left early for Sonora. McNeill stated they were bound for Valley Mills, the home of both.

Nothing more was heard from them until 6:30 pm Saturday when Sheriff "Bud" Whistler received a long distance message from the Sheriff of Sutton County. He told Whistler that the dead body of Miss Harris had been found beside an automobile on the road near the Joe Wyatt ranch. McNeill had disappeared. It was suspected, he said, that McNeill had killed the girl and that he was trying to escape. They were searching the country for him and Whistler was asked to watch all trains bound east since it was possible that McNeill might reach Comstock and board a train there.-Del Rio Herald.

After a lot of legal wrangling and at the request of the father of Nelson McNeill, all charges against the Harris family were dropped. Dr. McNeill



**B.W. Hutcherson, Sheriff of Sutton County**

felt both families had suffered enough. Doctors said the shot in Miss Harris, breast was probably made by McNeill's gun. He probably thought the other wounds she had received were fatal and wanted to end her suffering and take his own life. His gun was dropped before he could do so, when one of the Harris' shot him in the hand.

Several old timers told me about this shooting. They said that Dick Harris was seen pulling a ring or rings from the finger of his daughter and throwing it or them into the brush. Also shells from the shootout were picked up and put under a rock. Many years later one rancher found the shells under a rock and then one time when he was out checking for missing stock he saw a bright glitter on the ground. He got off of his horse to investigate and found a diamond ring partially buried in the ground, with its stone exposed. No one ever claimed it so he kept it for years.

One old man even told me that the young couple still haunted the area and that if you went out and watched the old road at sunset you could sometimes see the couple walking hand in hand. I thanked him but decided that I could do without seeing this particular scene.

The young lovers were both buried in the Valley Mills cemetery but later the Harris girl was moved to another cemetery

nearer to where her parents had moved to. Her mother and father are buried near her grave. Even in death her family saw to it that the young lovers weren't allowed to be together.

Thus ends the tale of the runaway lovers from Valley Mills. We have printed it in its entirety so that you could have the whole story and have included the little stories told to us many years later. We hope we have answered your questions.

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@sonoratox.net. You may call us at the office at 387-5084 on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings or come in to do research during those hours. Tours of the Miers Home Museum are available during the same hours. You may call me at home at 387-2855 with a question but files are all in the office now so I might not be able to give you an answer immediately.

Dues notices have gone out. If you did not get one you can become a member of the society by sending a check for \$10 per person along with your name address and telephone number to the above address or stop by the office when we are open and pay dues.

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**Report finds serious flaws in state's child protection program**

**State Capital Highlights**  
Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox  
AUSTIN - Using words such as "unacceptable," "outrageous" and "deeply disturbed," the state's top political leaders reacted strongly to a report released by the Health and Human Services Commission that shows the state's child-abuse prevention system is badly flawed.

HHSC Commissioner Albert Hawkins said last week's report, ordered in July by Gov. Rick Perry, reveals that "All too often ... children are being left in harm's way, and that must change."

The investigation focused on the state's Child Protective Services program, a division of the newly-renamed Department of Family and Protective Services. That agency operates under the oversight of HHSC.

The report found that in 152 CPS cases, at least one child had been left in a life-threatening situation. In 425 cases, investigators determined that at least one child had been left "in a state of abuse or neglect without appropriate action by the caseworker."

The findings were based on the examination of only 2,221 CPS cases. To put that in perspective, in fiscal 2003, the division completed 131,000 investigations involving

278,800 children.

Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick all said the Legislature would take strong steps in January to deal with the problem, which boils down to too few caseworkers and bad management.

The report also outlined six priorities HHSC has already developed to improve the situation.

To read the full report, visit the HHSC Web site at www.hhsc.state.tx.us.

**School district report cards out...**

Based on the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test and completion and dropout rates, the Texas Education Agency has rated 1.5 percent of Texas' school districts as exemplary, the highest rating. Nineteen districts and 517 campuses were named exemplary, meaning 90 percent of students received a TAKS passing rate and 95 percent completed high school.

The next highest rating recognized, achieved by 30.5 percent of Texas' school districts, requires a 70 percent passing rate and an 85 percent graduation rate. In all, 374 districts and 2,531 campuses were named recognized.

Academically acceptable, the third category, was conferred on 58.3 percent of districts. A total 715 districts and 3,585 campuses were dubbed academically acceptable,

which requires a 50 percent passing rate on the reading, writing and social studies portions of TAKS with 35 percent passing math and 25 percent passing science. A 75 percent graduation rate also is required.

Statewide, about 2 percent of school districts (26 districts) and 102 campuses got the equivalent of an F, an academically unacceptable rating.

To find out how your district or school fared, see the TEA Web site at www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/.

**PR contract leads to toll flap...**

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said her office will audit the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority in response to a request by State Rep. Terry Keel (R-Austin.) Keel made the request after learning that the 2-year-old authority, one of four RMAs now operating statewide, had approved a \$750,000 public relations contract to market new toll projects in the Austin area.

The authority's board chairman, Perry appointee Bob Tesch, told the Austin American-Statesman: "We don't want to get involved in any GOP primary politics, which is what I suspect that (the audit request) amounts to."

**Letter to the Editor**

To the people of Sonora:

We have very recently visited your town. We stayed a few days. We had a chance to see some wonderful sites and meet some people. We stopped in at your local stores and a restaurant. We have toured many places and we have never run into such crass and unresponsive people in our lives. If your town depends on or wants to expand in tourism, they have to change their attitudes. We have no desire to return to your town or recommend it to anyone else. A little smile goes a long way.  
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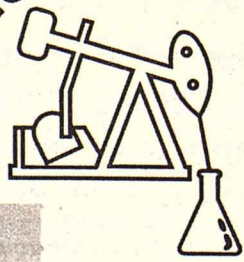
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## Chamber Chatter

### Good news for economic future



by Ruthie Bounds, Sonora  
Chamber of Commerce

As we try to increase the economic base of our wonderful community, there is good news for our future. Texas Tourism is rapidly increasing. Rural communities just like Sonora are the fastest growing types of destinations in Texas Tourism. There has been a twenty percent increase in visitation to the first three heritage regions - Texas Fort Trail Region, Texas Independence Trail Region and Texas Forest Trail Region. The Texas Pecos Trail Region, that includes Sutton County, will be activated some time in 2005 after the Texas Lake Trails Region and the Texas Brazos Trail Region.

Texas is the number two state visited by cultural and heritage travelers in the United States. More than 118 million travelers included a cultural or heritage activity in their travel in 2003. According to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 2001, wildlife viewing activities generated a significant economic impact for Texas of \$2.7 billion. That includes 1800 jobs created by out-of-state visitors and \$6 million dollars generated

from those same visitors. And included in that 2.7 billion dollars is the \$80 million generated in state sales tax revenues. We are hoping to bring some of those sales tax revenues to Sonora to help our local city government, and the over-all economy of Sonora.

Eighty-two percent of wildlife watchers are Texans who are looking for week-end getaways. We are in the perfect location to welcome those Texans who are interested in getting out of the city to explore an historic and wildlife abundant area. We are fortunate to have the economic impact of hunting in Sonora, but more can be done to expand that wildlife tourism for the rest of the year. We are working hard at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to bring more tourists to Sonora, to help with the economy of our area. Tourists not only pay for motel rooms, they purchase meals, groceries, fuel, film, and other items when they visit small communities like ours. The revenue generated by such visitors is significant.

If you would like to do something to help with recruiting tourists to Sonora, please do not hesitate to contact us at: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950 or e-mail: sonococ@sonoratr.net.

## A Whole New Meaning

by Delyse Jaeger

Owls and twilight keep cropping up in my world. The first big-eyed raptor encounter I recently enjoyed took place on Eaton Hill. The scene: an early morning fly-by of a Great Horned Owl. The great bird's silhouette was an impressive sight against the morning sky. The previous week I'd been searching the road cut across from Old Glory in hopes of spotting a reported nest sight, and perhaps even locating an owl pellet for use in school tours. Owls regurgitate ("vomit" if you are talking to kids) the undigested remains of their prey. What's more fascinating than owl throw-up anyhow? A capsule of bones, fur and feathers - owl pellets give silent testimony of the animals that have recently met their end in the deadly talons of the mighty winged tiger. Unfortunately, the search was in vain. I decided to go with the flow and paint an owl during watercolor class and perhaps write about them as I am now.

The following week, being Sonora's Homecoming, owl slogans were hard to avoid, and I began to wonder what was up with all the owliness going on. The tragic news of the loss of one of Sonora's own spread throughout the stands that Friday evening, engulfing the stadium in a surreal atmosphere as people sought out their loved ones to grieve a fallen hero and begin to process the horrible news. In the background, seemingly faded into the distance, was the football game being played out on the battleground of youth - the football field where Shane Folmar most likely honed some of the qualities that contributed to his desire to serve our country so bravely. The stadium lights chased the twilight to the fringe of our perceptions, but the special glow was there nonetheless.

In the awkwardness of the moment, my mind turned briefly to the ancient peoples for whom owls represented an ill omen. I would learn the following day of the death of a life long friend's father.

On Sunday evening, returning from a quick trip to Round Top, another owl flew in front of my vehicle and landed in the nearby brush, giving me just enough time to glimpse his plumage in the glow of twilight, along with the supernatural green surrounding the raptor. Again I was struck by the two



The Great Horned Owl, drawn by Delyse Jaeger.

elements that seemed to be manifest all around. The Scottish refer to the extraordinary luminescence given off in the late evening just before dark, as "the gloaming." My grandfather McCann used to bid farewell with the phrase "See you 'in the gloaming." I like that word almost as much as what it describes: the world, bathed in an amber light that mysteriously alters colors and casts a glow that seems otherworldly. A wonderful place to "see" loved ones.

With all this still fresh on my heart, I simply felt blessed by God's presence at the candle-light service honoring Pfc. Shane Folmar. Reverend Lewis Allen even made mention of the twilight surrounding us all. Briefly checking the skies for an owl, I saw none. But the connection was already seared on my heart and perhaps you may choose to carry it also. Personally, I give no credence whatsoever to the idea that a bird is indicative of impending death. However, I fully embrace the thought that the Creator of all may use his creation to reveal himself for his own good purposes. The great horned owl is a majestic, intelligent and fearless bird, sometimes referred to as a winged tiger. Much like mankind, great horned owls' only natural predators are other great horned owls and one other species of bird. I will forever associate this formidable creature with Shane Folmar and the sacrifice he gave on behalf of our freedom and safety, as well as the memory of the other young men of Sonora who were lost to tragedy before him. And how fitting that owls are most often seen in "the gloaming" - a time that will serve as a reminder of the temporary separation we experience, often tragically, with those whom we are eternally bound to through love. But in those special moments, at the close of the day, the veil of separation thins and there lies whisper of the promise of heaven. See you in the gloaming.

## Local artists to show at the Museum of Southwest in Midland



Ken Rowland will show this, and other pieces, at the Museum of the Southwest.

submitted

Ken Rowland and Barbara Earwood, signature members of the American Plains Artists, and Mary Buckholtz, Associate Member, are among the artists presenting their works at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland, Texas. Approximately 80 to 100 original pieces will be available for the public to view, from October 2 - 31, 2004. Artists from throughout the United States will be exhibiting their art work.

The American Plains Artists was first organized in 1982, as a small group of artists who banded together to highlight, through their art, the variety to be found in the vast region known as the American Plains. Today, the APA has expanded into a non-profit organization with a membership consisting of both signature and associate members. The goals have remained the same, to educate the public through traditional and representational art works about the American Plains Region, including the landscape, wildlife, people and way of life in historical or modern times.

The juror for 2004 is Roy Anderson, a member of the prestigious Cowboy Artists of America since 1989.

In previous years the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and the Ellen Noes Museum have hosted this event.

The public is invited to attend the preview, reception and announcement of awards scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Southwest, in Midland, Texas.

## Fifty thousand women to unite in live national simulcast

Sonora, Texas - November 13, 2004, THRIVE!, a division of INJOY, Inc. - will attract more than 50,000 women to local churches across North America as they explore what it means for women everywhere to start living their best life. "Authentic Living" is the theme of the third-annual live national simulcast conference from Atlanta, Georgia.

Focusing on a woman's relationship with God as the foundation for "Authentic Living," host, INJOY founder, John C. Maxwell, unites an unprecedented lineup of bestselling authors and gifted communicators for audiences gathered in hundreds of local churches:

**Darlene Zschech**, Internationally known Worship Artist and Dove Award nominee for her song, *Shout to the Lord*.

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**Elisa Morgan**, President of *Mops International* and Author of *Real Moms* and soon to be released, *Naked Fruit*.

**Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot**, Founders and co-directors of the Center for Relationship Development and bestselling authors of *Love Talk* and *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*.

**Liz Curtis Higgs**, Award winning speaker and best-selling author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*.

**Kathy Peel**, Founder and president of *Family Manager, Inc.*, and best-selling author of *Family for Life* and *Be Your Best*.

**Tammy Malby**, Co-host of Total Living Network's *Aspiring Women*, and author of *Lifegiving: Discovering the Secrets of a Beautiful Life*.

**Evelyn Husband**, Wife of Space Shuttle Columbia Commander, Rick Husband, and author of *High Calling*.

**Linda Armstrong Kelly**, mother of five-time *Tour de France* champion, Lance Armstrong.

**John C. Maxwell**, Founder of INJOY, Inc and best-selling author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*.

THRIVE! Director, Renée Scobel, said, "The purpose of THRIVE! is to enable women to become connected with each other and to equip them to positively influence those around them."

All of THRIVE!'s programs are created in response to statistical trends showing a nation of women hungry for spirituality, increasingly unclear about their faith, overworked on numerous fronts, and stressed in their most fundamental relationships. They are seeking to equip and provide the tools, relationships and resources that will allow women to overcome the obstacles and discouragements in their lives and allow them to thrive!

Scobel notes, "The human heart longs for what is true, accurate and right - for that which is authentic. When a woman is led to discover her true identity and purpose, and is equipped to implement principles of effective, honest communication, she ultimately increases her potential to influence the people in her life."

On November 13, 2004, THRIVE! Simulcast will deliver a cutting-edge program with training and resources that will focus on equipping women to impact their churches and communities through living authentically.

## Main Street Traffic

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The downtown businesses and Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program want to invite all the little boos and ghouls to come by the downtown businesses on Friday, October 29, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be lots of goodies for the little trick or treaters. If you need more information call the FHSMS office at 325-387-2248 or visit or office at 232 Main Street, Suite 101.

If you would like to have a booth at the Annual Fall Festival 2004 please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office at 325-387-2248. We are planning a great day of fun on Saturday, October 30, 2004. The Fall Festival will start with the crowning of Mr. and Miss Fall Festival at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Story

Book parade. The fun will continue with dancers from The Studio and the West Texas Cloggers. If you or your organization are looking for a great place for a fund raiser, you will want to be a part of the 2004 Fall Festival. Booths may be set up at 8:30 a.m. and sell until 5:00 p.m. on Main Street in historical downtown Sonora.

Prizes will be awarded in the Story Book parade for, "Most Humorous," "Overall Most Creative," "Funniest Character" and "Most Frightful." All ages are invited to dress up and the judging begins at 11:00 a.m. All entries will receive candy prizes and the opportunity to show off their costumes on the Main Stage.

Don't miss some hometown fun and frolicking at the 2004 Fall Festival.

# Eagles wings clipped, Red JV earn win

by Mark Rousselot

86-0. 73-0. 68-0. Those were the impressive scores Eldorado had beaten their recent opponents. A different story awaited them when they rolled into Bronco territory. Last Thursday, the Eagle JV ran into a REAL football team as the mighty Bronco Red beat the Eagles 20-14.

This exciting game started with a bang! On the first play from scrimmage after the Eagle kickoff, Cullen Parker threw a five yard out pass to Evan Rousselot who turned the play into a 58 yard gain to the Eldorado two. Parker scored two plays later. When the conversion failed, the Broncos led 6-0 early in the game. After an exchange of punts, the Broncos fumbled the ball at their own 22. The Eagles scored five plays later and converted a two point play for an 8-6 lead with 42 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

As the second quarter began, the Broncos were forced to punt. The Eagles began operating at their 29 yard line. After a high snap put the Eagles on their own 14, the Eagles tried a screen play, but a lineman's dream came true. Travis Valliant jumped high into the air, yelled "not in my house" and intercepted the would-be pass where he strolled into the end zone. When Parker converted on a quarterback keeper, the Broncos led 14-8 with 7:19 left in the half.

The Eagles muffed the ball on the ensuing kickoff and started at their 12 yard line. From there, the Eagles mounted a 17 play drive, but, once again, the Bronco defense showed their resilience and kept the Eagles from scoring before half. The defense was led by Bryan Reyes, Swade Draper and Steven Lozano, but the biggest defensive play to stop the Eagle drive came by Brandon "Just Call Me Money" Munn when he sacked the quarterback for a twelve yard loss. The Eagles tried a 4th and 26 desperation pass, but the Bronco defense batted it down to end the half with the Broncos leading 14-8.

The Broncos came out firing in the second half. On its first possession, Parker drilled Evan Gully with a perfect pass for a 42 yard gain, but the back judge claimed there was a fumble, and the Eagles recovered the ball. Led by Jose Rodriguez, the Bronco defense stiffened and forced the Eagles to punt, but the Broncos fumbled away the pigskin at the Sonora 46. Four plays later, the Eagles found the end zone. When the two point conversion pass fell incomplete, the score was tied 14-14 at the 2:35 mark in the quarter.

After both teams traded punts to end the quarter, the Broncos started their march. A 21 yard pass play to Wallace, an 18 yard catch by Ishenhour, and 10 plays later Cullen Parker snuck in from the 2 for a Bronco 20-14 lead with 2:42 left in the game. Any thought of an Eagle victory was thwarted when Valliant recovered an Eldorado fumble. The Broncos then simply ran out the clock and claimed a hard fought 20-14 victory.

The Bronco Red are now 3-1-1 for the season. The JV's next game is October 7 at 7:00 pm against their 1-10 rival the Ozona Lions. Don't miss these thrilling games! And remember, "the will to win is worthless if you do not have the will to prepare."

# JV White Broncos shear Rocksprings Angoras

By: Danni Price

The JV White Broncos hosted the Angoras of Rocksprings on Thursday, September 29th. This would be the first meeting of these two football teams. This JV White team would start the game with a 3-2 record with hopes of adding another win to the board.

The Broncos, #70 Aaron Gaytan kicked off to the Angora 15 yard line. The waiting Angora returned it to the 40-yard line, finally taken down by the kicker, Gaytan. That's where the Angoras would start their offense. After a couple of running plays, and then a completed pass, the Angoras would move the chains to mid-field for a first down. The Angoras struggled with the next 3 downs; losing yardage and being penalized. On 4th and 6 the Angoras elect to go for the 1st down, but the Bronco defense would have nothing to do with it. The Broncos would take over on downs.

The Bronco offense started off on their own 45-yard line. The Broncos would go 3 and out and be forced to send in their punter, #24, Alonzo Peña. Peña's punt would sail to the Angora 19-yard line. The Bronco defense would take the field for the 2nd time. The Angoras were able to complete their first pass for a gain of 5, but would be stopped for no gain on the next two downs. On 4th down the Angoras got ready to punt, but are called for illegal substitution and will be pushed back even further. The Angora punter kicks the ball to his own 46-yard line.

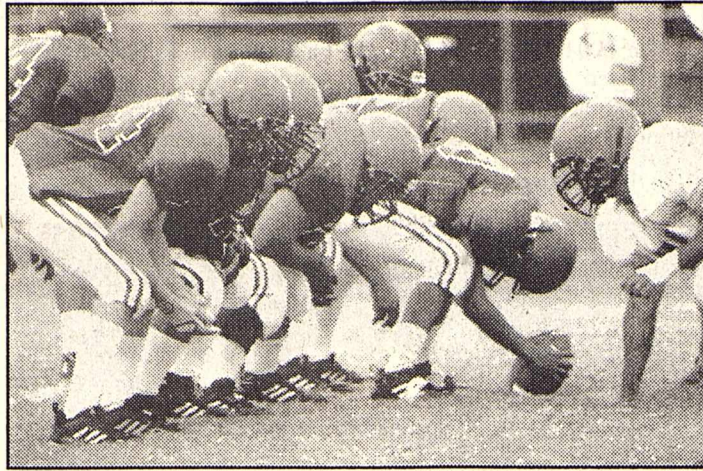
On 1st and 10, Vaquera attempts to hand-off to running back #24, A. Peña, the ball is fumbled in the hand-off and the ball is recovered by the Angoras on their 47-yard line.

The Angora quarterback goes to the air on 1st down and his pass is incomplete. On 2nd and 10, the Angora QB drops back to pass, and is taken down for a loss by #10 Vaquera and #21 Hunter Lawson. On third down the Angora QB hands the ball to his running back who is tackled by #55, Morgan Martinez for a big loss of yards. The Angoras will be forced to punt on 4th and 20. The Angora punter boots the ball to the Bronco 44-yard line.

With only 44 seconds remaining in the 1st quarter of play, the Broncos get ready to go to work, fast. On first down, Vaquera keeps the ball and runs right up the middle behind the blocking of his offensive line and gains about 5 yards. Then moving quickly, Vaquera on 2nd down gives the ball to #24, A. Peña, who gets through the Angora defense and then turns on the gas to take it all the way into the end zone for about a 50-yard run. Sonora 6, Rocksprings 0. Aaron Gaytan, #70 would attempt the PAT, but it would fail. That would end the first quarter.

Gaytan would kick-off to the Angora 36-yard line to begin the 2nd quarter. Riley Sanchez, #15 would pin the Angora for a loss on 1st down, and #17 Nick Peña would take down the next Angora for no gain. On 3rd down and 15, the Angoras try the passing game again. Their pass is complete, but not good enough for the first down. They would be faced with a 4th and 11 situation at about mid-field. They would have to punt. The punt would travel to the Sonora 28-yard line.

Vaquera would keep the ball and dash 33 yards to the Angora 49-yard line for a Bronco 1st down. On the next three plays, Vaquera and A. Peña would each chew-up yardage, and then on 3rd down Vaquera would take the ball and make it to the Angora 34-yard line for another Bronco first down. From the 34-yard line,



The Sonora Bronco JV White Offensive Line says "bring it on, Angoras!" Photo by Danni Price

Vaquera tucks the ball and runs another 15 yards to the Angora 19 for the first down. With great blocking from the offensive line, Vaquera again keeps the football and takes it to the Angora 8 yard line. This will bring up 1st and goal for the Broncos with 4:29 left in the half. Vaquera gets the ball to #17, N. Peña who powers himself behind the line and takes it in for the second Bronco score. The Broncos opt to go for the two-point conversion. Vaquera steps back to pass, he sees #15 Sanchez waiting all alone in the left end of the end zone, Sanchez catches the pass and the two-point conversion is good. Sonora 14, Rocksprings 0.

The Broncos kicker, Gaytan puts the ball back to the Angora 19-yard line, but the Angora receiver is not taken down until he is able to reach the 40-yard line. The Angoras make a first down and reach the Bronco 45-yard line after two running plays. The Angora ball carrier is stopped at the line of scrimmage by linebacker Martinez for no gain. The Angoras complete their next pass, but are still shy of the first down. The ball is marked at the Bronco 39, third down and about five for the Angoras. On third down the Broncos are called for a facemask penalty and the Angoras will get a first down and the ball will be on the Bronco 33-yard line. Rocksprings run the ball and go to the air to get another first down at the Bronco 22-yard line. After two stalled offensive plays, the Angoras on 3rd and 11 complete a pass to their receiver who barely manages to get into the end zone before being pulled out by Vaquera. The Angoras try the fake PAT, but the Bronco defenders catch on and stop the Angoras in their tracks. Sonora 14, Rocksprings 6.

The Angoras get off a booming kick, all the way down to the Sonora 11-yard line where #24, A. Peña will bring the ball up to the 26-yard line before being tackled. After an incomplete pass on first down, Vaquera looks down field to #20, Joe Lugo, the ball is tipped and intercepted by an Angora defender, as he makes his way back to the Bronco 45-yard line, the buzzer sounds to signify half-time. Broncos 14, Angoras 6.

The Broncos would start out the 2nd half on offense. After receiving the Angora kick on the 24-yard line. After a quick run by A. Peña, the Angoras would be called for a personal foul. This would give the Broncos a first down, with the ball on the 39-yard line. The Broncos would go 3 and out, and it looked like they would be punting. But, no, instead Vaquera keeps the ball and ambles down to the Angora 37-yard line for the 1st down. After gaining minimum yardage the Broncos will have to punt. On 4th and 2, and a high snap, A. Peña jumps on the ball at the Bronco 47.

The Angoras were able to put together two first downs on their next possession and bring the ball to the Bronco 25 yard-line. On 2nd and 6th, the Angora QB finds an open

receiver in the end zone, but, the officials signal no touchdown; the Angora receiver was outside of the end zone. The Angoras were able to convert on 3rd down, and then on the next two plays they push it inside the end zone for their second score. After a failed two-point conversion, the score is Sonora 14, Rocksprings 12.

Nick Peña, #17, would handle the Angora kick-off at the Bronco 15 and scamper his way to the 28-yard line. Vaquera would make another great run and getting another first down along the way getting to the 44-yard line. That would be the last play of the 3rd quarter.

After an offside penalty by the Angoras and good blocking by the Broncos, Vaquera is able to reach the first down marker on the Angora 44-yard line. On second down the ball is given to A. Peña who takes off to the Angora 29-yard line and collects another 1st down. After being stopped for a loss on first down, Vaquera takes the ball to the left on second down and reaches the Angora 7-yard line to set up first and goal. On the next two plays the Broncos would fail to move off the 7-yard line, but on 3rd down, Vaquera bursts through the line and into the end zone for the third Bronco touchdown. Gaytan's PAT is low and no good. Score; Sonora 20, Rocksprings 12.

The Angoras run with Gaytan's kick and go to work on offense. Their work would not be quite good enough to withstand the Bronco defense. They would turn the ball over, on downs to the Broncos on their own 17-yard line. It would take only two plays for the Broncos to reach the end zone with Vaquera and A. Peña in the driver's seat. Aaron Gaytan's PAT would be perfect this time and the Broncos would improve their score to 27 points. Broncos 27, Angoras 12.

The Angora kick-off return man takes advantage of the short kick by the Broncos and makes his way to the Bronco 43-yard line. On the second play of the Angora drive, the QB hits his receiver at the Bronco 24. On the third play, the QB hits his target again to give them a first down on the Bronco 7-yard line. With 1:00 minute left in regulation the Angoras need to find the end zone and on second down they do, as they waltz in for the touchdown. The Angoras try for the 2-point pass play, but the throw is incomplete. The score is now Sonora 27, Rocksprings, 18.

With only :30 seconds remaining in the game, the Angoras try the on-side kick, the ball travels to the Sonora 49-yard line, where #55 Martinez lands on the ball. Broncos take over the ball with :27 seconds left, and Vaquera will take a knee to end the ball game. Final score; Sonora Broncos 27, Rocksprings Angoras 18.

The Broncos increase their record to 4-2 with this win over the Angoras. They will now get ready to face the Ozona Lions in Ozona next Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 5:00 P.M.

GO BRONCOS!!! BEAT

# Broncos from page 1

football running the ball right at the Sonora Broncos to start things off in the second quarter. They would manage to run the ball up the middle, pushing through the defense and making their way down to the Sonora 13-yard line. That's where the Eagles would sputter, they would attempt a Field Goal on 4th down and 8, but the 3-point try would fail.

The Broncos would take the field and the ball on their own 20-yard line. Bronco QB, #15 Cearley would hand the ball off to his left to #32, S. Perez who would manage to turn the jets on and take the ball 80-yards into the end zone for the first score of the game. The PAT by Cearley would split the uprights and the Broncos would lead this game 7 to 0. After receiving the Bronco kick-off, the Eagles would start on their own 30-yard line.

The Eagle QB would launch a long completed pass to the Bronco 33-yard line for the first down. The Eagle QB would be taken down at the line of scrimmage on the next play. Then on the Eagles 2nd down, #67 Roland Solis of the Broncos strips the ball from the running Eagle and makes his way to the Eagle 30-yard line. Sonora's ball!

After a dropped pass, and two short running plays it looks as though the Broncos will send in their punt man on 4th and 3, but elect to go for it. Caleb Ramos, #10 goes to the right and runs the ball to the Eldorado 25-yard line for a Bronco first down. The Broncos then make 3 good running plays and suffer a penalty, (illegal formation), as they make their way to the Eagle 7-yard line. From the 7-yard line, #32, S. Perez would take advantage of the excellent blocking of the offensive line and take the ball into score. The PAT by Cearley is good and with 5:33 left in the half, the Broncos now lead this thing 14-0.

The Eagles would start their offense again on their 37-yard line, after receiving the Bronco kick at the 25. The Eagles would make 2 first downs on this drive, with two great passes, but the Bronco defense was on top of their game as well. #11 Embré Smith sniffed out a play and tackled the quarterback for a loss and then #18, Anthony Longoria picked up a dropped pass by the Eagles and recovered the ball. The Broncos would be 1st and 10 on their own 27-yard line with 4:13 left to play in the first half.

The Broncos completed two passes on this drive to #21 Pedro Gloria and #34 Chris Perez, and two running plays by #44 Brett McDaniel and #10 Caleb Ramos. From the Eagle 13-yard line #10 Ramos keeps the ball and runs right, behind the blocking of #44 McDaniel to reach the end zone for the third Bronco touchdown. The PAT by Cearley would be too far to the left and fail. The Broncos would now lead this game 20-0, with just under 2:00 minutes to play in the half.

The Broncos would be penalized on the kick-off, and have to re-kick. Eldorado would take over on their 35-yard line. The Eagles would find out just how tough our defense could be on this drive as the QB was slung down for a five-yard loss by #64 Diego Cardona on first down. Their pass was complete on 2nd down, and they would suffer a 5-yard penalty on 3rd down. The QB was sacked as he threw an incomplete pass on 3rd and 12. They would manage a quick punt to the Bronco 16-yard line on 4th and 12.

Cearley throws a beautiful pass to #12 Austin Wagoner for a first down on the 40-yard line. After two stalled running plays, the Broncos are 3rd and 10; Cearley goes to the air again and throws all the way down field to the Eagle 9-yard line, but it is a green jersey that catches the ball. The Eagles will take over at their own 9-yard line. The ball is given to A. Mejia who makes it to the 23-yard line, this would move the chains. On the next play, the QB would throw the ball to the 50-yard line where it would be caught. But, the clock hit double zero to signify halftime. Broncos 20, Eagles 0.

The Eagles received the Bronco kick to begin the second half. The Eagles would try again to get on the scoreboard as they started on the 36-yard line. The Eagle QB connected to his receiver at the 47-yard line before being taken out of bounds by #12 Wagoner. This would move the sticks and bring up a first down for the Eagles. The second pass attempt would be incomplete and put the Eagles 2nd and 10. The officials then had to take a time out to fix the first down chain. During this time, the officials were notified that there had been lightning detected on the meter and both teams were instructed to head to the locker rooms with 11:41 on the 3rd quarter clock. After approximately 10 minutes, the two teams took to the playing field to get things back

on track. Eldorado would be on the 47-yard line 2nd down and 10. The Eagles would get off two completed passes, on the third pass attempt, #24 Steven Duhon would step in front of the intended receiver and snag the ball at the Bronco 30-yard line. Duhon would run all the way down field to the Eagle 9-yard line. The Bronco offense would get another shot at the end zone.

The Broncos were unable to get much going on the ground the first two plays, then on 3rd and 4, Cearley steps back to pass and spots his "go to" receiver, #18 Longoria in the end zone, Cearley threads the needle and the Broncos score. After a failed 2-point pass play, the Broncos would remain 26 points ahead of the Eagles.

The Eagles would set up on offense on their 37-yard line, after another Bronco kick to the 10. The Eagles would drive, using the passing game and attain a first down on the Bronco 13-yard line. On the next Eagle drive and 4th and 4, the Eagle QB would look to pass to the end zone, but #12 Wagoner had other ideas. Wagoner came up and almost intercepted the football. The Broncos would take the ball back on downs and start out at their own 6-yard line.

The Broncos would try the #10 Ramos to #44 McDaniel running play a couple of times with minimal positive yardage, then on 3rd down Ramos would keep the ball and run up the right side line to the 17-yard line for a Bronco first down. The next pass play intended to #42 Nash Traylor from Ramos, would be broken up by an Eagle defender. Then the Broncos would receive an illegal high-low penalty that would push them back a little more. On 2nd down and 10, #18 Longoria catches the ball out in the flat, and is "off to the races" gaining a first down along the way to the 34-yard line. The Broncos would get off one more play, before switching ends at the end of the 3rd quarter.

On 2nd down and 10, Sonora would head towards the Eagle end zone again. Lito Trevino, #14 makes a spectacular catch while he is double covered at the Eagle 20-yard line. Move the chains; we've got a Bronco 1st down. The Broncos would then get a little help from the Eagles, the Broncos were sitting on 3rd and 10, when Ramos' pass attempt is incomplete, but there is some yellow laundry on the field. The call would be against the Eagles, roughing the passer. This would give the Bronco drive new life and a first down on the Eagle 9-yard line.

On first down, Sonora is called for illegal procedure and 5 yards tacked on. On 1st and 15, Ramos rolls left and finds Longoria at the Eagle 5-yard line. Longoria makes his way into the end zone for a touchdown. Cearley's PAT is blocked by Eldorado; the score is now Sonora 32, Eldorado 0.

The Eagles will begin this drive on their 37-yard line, after fielding Cearley's kick at the 25-yard line and advancing another 12 yards. This drive would prove to be fruitful for the Eagles. After keeping their drive alive and traveling approximately 87 yards down the field, they would finally reach the end zone for their first touchdown. The Eagle PAT would go through, and the tally would now read Broncos 32, Eagles 7.

The Eldorado Eagles would then try the "ole" on-side kick, but on this night it would not work. The ball was recovered by the Broncos on the 30-yard line. As many of you fans already know, the next few Bronco series would be both interesting and extremely frustrating, as the officials got just a little "flag friendly." The Broncos would be penalized 5 different times. Many of these were either "delay of game" or "illegal procedure" calls. To most of the Broncos and spectators, it would definitely be confusing. The Broncos did manage to rack up a couple of first downs along the way, and even had one touchdown by McDaniel called back.

The Eagles would eventually take over on downs on their 41-yard line, with 2:51 left on the game clock. It would take the Eagles 3 plays to reach the end zone on a pass play for the touchdown. The 2-point conversion would be spoiled by #11, Embré Smith who came up with the ball and ran it all the way back to mid-field.

The Eagles would kick-off to the Broncos. The Eagles with no time-outs could not stop the clock and Cearley would take a knee a couple of times and that would be the ball game.

With this district win, the Broncos are 2-0, and look forward to entertaining the Lions of Ozona here at home on Friday, October 8th at 7:30 P.M. GO BRONCOS!!!

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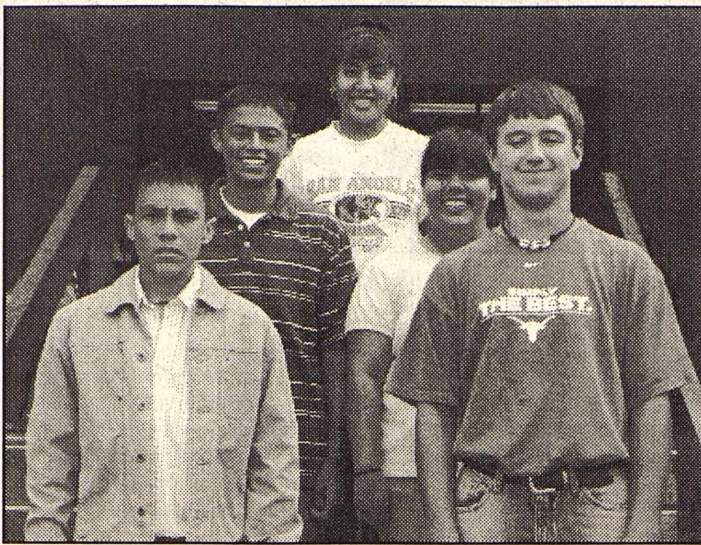
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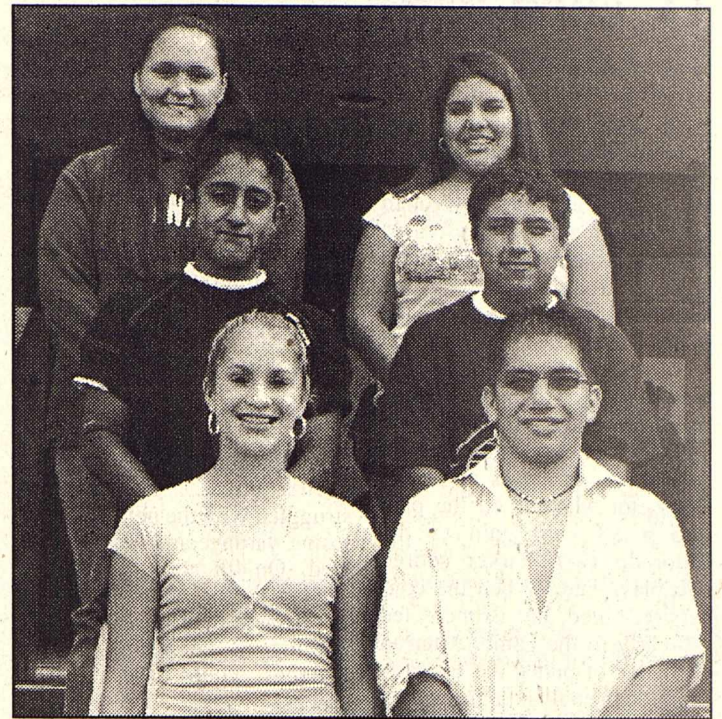
The 2004-2005 Class Officers for Sonora High School have been elected. These young men and women will work with school officials to help make school related decisions for the students in their grades.

### Freshman Class Officers



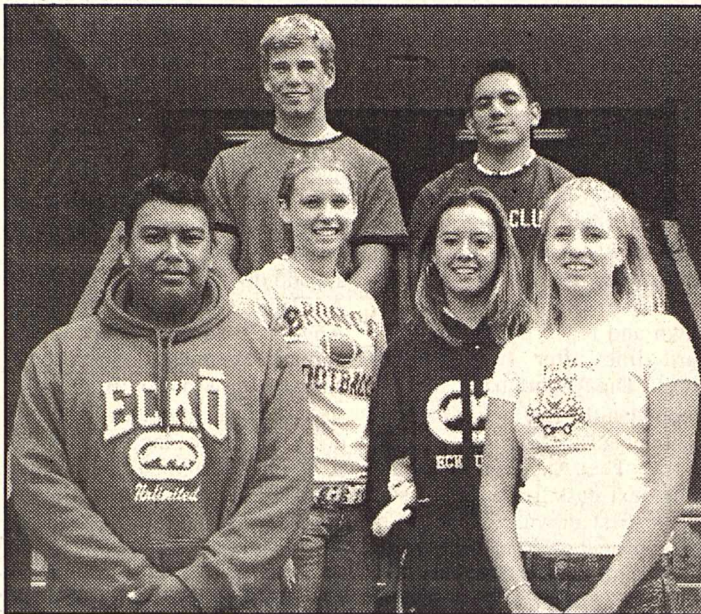
President: Kayla Garcia, Vice President: Tyler Stewart (not pictured), Secretary: Danielle Rodriguez, Treasurer: Michael Chavez, Class Representatives: J.T. Downing and Riley Sanchez

### Sophomore Class Officers



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## Sul Ross PASS Students Receive Scholarships from STAR

A bonus scholarship was awarded to each Sul Ross State University student from a grant program administered through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, named STAR grant program for the fall 2004 semester.

Fifty-one entering students who participated in the summer PASS (Program for Academic and Social Success) program were each awarded an additional \$300.00 scholarship as part of a STAR program.

"We received a grant to operate the PASS program this summer and at the beginning of the semester an additional \$17,000 was allotted for the fall semester," said Suzanne Harris, PASS program coordinator at Sul Ross. "It was a special circumstance to have received this funding year, but certainly has benefited the students."

PASS students are first-generation college students who attend a two-week pre-college program in July or August. 2004 graduate of Sonora High School, Norbert Ortiz is a STAR scholarship/PASS recipient.

## Wagoner selected for National Society of High School Scholars

Bryant Austin Wagoner, a student at Sonora High School, has recently been selected for membership in 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 Austin on this outstanding achievement and applaud the commitment to academic excellence," said 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, applications and other unique opportunities. As members prepare for college, the Society encourages them to continue to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors.

## Protect the Pledge

**Congressman Henry Bonilla**  
The Pledge of Allegiance is a deep-rooted symbol of America -- every American knows that. But if some federal judges have their way, our children will be barred from saying the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools.

We cannot sit idly by as the courts try to rewrite our heritage and traditions. That's why I recently co-sponsored legislation to protect our Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge Protection Act stipulates that states-not activist judges-have the right to determine whether or not the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is constitutional. The measure would put an end to the practice of federal judges essentially deciding to strip our pledge of its historically important reverence for God.

Passage of the plan is an important step toward safeguarding the free-exercise rights, guaranteed by the First Amendment. It is also an effective check on the power of the court when it abuses its power of judicial review.

I'm pleased to report that the Pledge Protection Act was brought before Congress this week and approved by the House of Representatives.

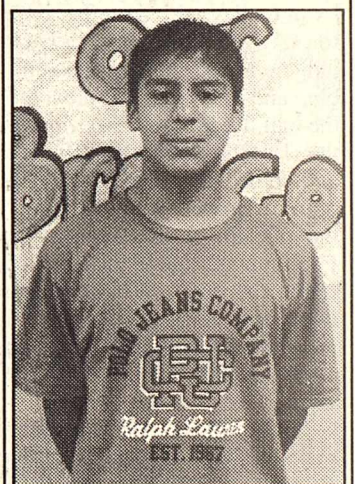
Freedom of religion is a principle that is central to our Nation's Declaration of Independence. Congress has taken this positive step to protect our freedom to express allegiance to America's flag and the ideals it represents.

I can't think of a better way to educate our children about America than with the Pledge of Allegiance. It teaches the ideals that our flag represents, and about the lives dedicated - and sometimes lost - to protect those ideals.

## Students of the Week

The teachers of Sonora High School would like to congratulate both of our Students of the Week on being great students.

### Jacob Ibarra



Jacob Ibarra is the 15 year old son of Fernando and Alice Ibarra. Jacob is currently a sophomore at Sonora High. He lists playing volleyball and trying to stay in shape as his hobbies along with playing pool on the internet.

Jacobs favorite subjects are athletics and Mr. Nicholas' art class.

After graduation, Jacob plans on going to college and has not made up his mind as to where.

### Megan Maxwell



Megan Cathleen Maxwell is currently enjoying her junior year here at Sonora High. She is the 16 year old daughter of Frank and Janie Maxwell.

Megan enjoys spending time with her family and friends, theater, talking on the phone, and driving around. Her favorite subjects are math and theater.

At this time Megan says that she will attend college but it is to early too say where.

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## Oil & Agribusiness

### Extension Outreach: Putting A&M's Resources To Work In Your Life and Community



by: Pascual Hernandez  
Sutton County Extension Agent-Ag

**Cooperative Extension** puts current and cutting-edge information to work in your life and community. Extension covers a wide range of subjects: from raising cattle to landscaping your yard, from teaching computer technology for adults to preparing healthy meals for your family, from skills for county officials to building self-esteem and responsibility in young people. Educational opportunities may be by telephone, in person, news column, radio brief, or seminar.

**Agriculture.** Farmers, ranchers, and small landowners can obtain information on anything from livestock or wildlife management, brush control, and soil fertility to risk management and economic analysis. A network of agents, specialists, and researchers is available to assist.

**Horticulture.** Home owners can get help with weed & pest control, fertilization, landscaping, plant disease treatment, gardening tips, and much more. Home visits are made to help diagnose disease, deficiency, pest, etc. There is also a Master Gardener course which prepares and certifies participants to help solve many of their plant needs and those of their neighbors.

**Family & Consumer Science (FCS).** Families can receive recommendations on balanced nutrition, exercise, budget planning, health, child safety, and more. Restaurants commonly use FCS agents to conduct food safety & sanitation training for their personnel. Additionally, a Better Living For Texans (BLT) program which targets serving families of limited income and

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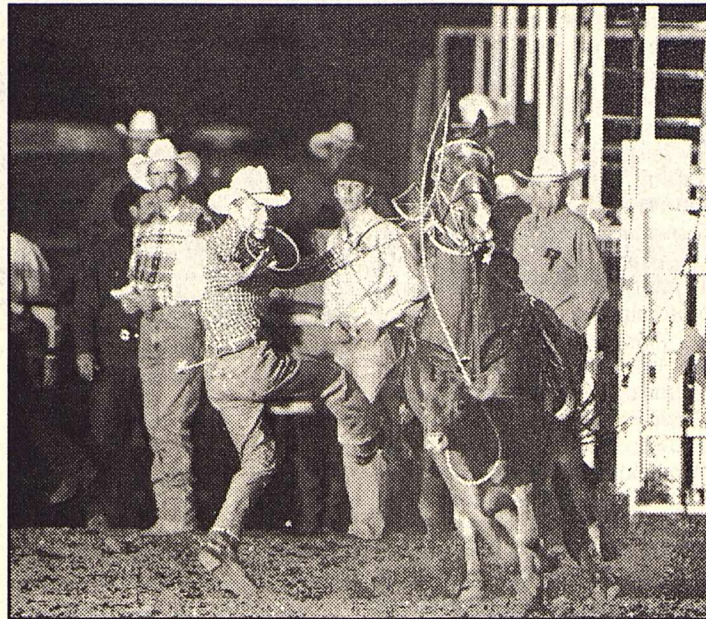
**Community Development.** Extension personnel can provide training for small business leadership, computer technology, home improvement, nature tourism, fairs and festivals, and other endeavors which provide opportunity for economic growth and development. Extension partners with various agencies to provide a more complete approach.

**Youth Development.** Known as 4-H, this involvement strives to develop responsible, productive, self-motivated youths. Youngsters ages 8-18 can become involved in activities as diverse as poetry, photography, outdoor & wildlife education, wood-working, food & nutrition, clothing & textiles, livestock, range science, computers, veterinary science, small engines, public-speaking, dance, shooting sports, and much more. There is also opportunity for curriculum enrichment in partnership with the school district.

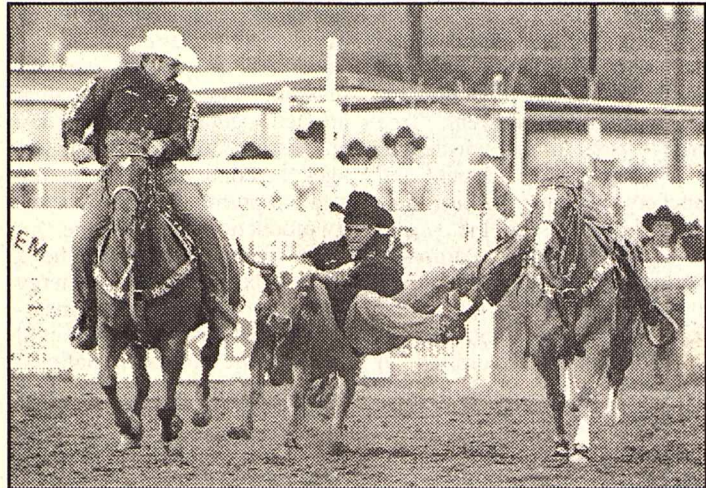
Best of all, there is no cost for most services provided by the Texas Cooperative Extension. However, services such as forage testing, soil analysis, and water testing do have a small fee. For more information, contact local agents Pascual Hernandez (Ag) or Kelly Thorp (FCS) at 387-3101 or 387-3604 or come by 1700 N. Crockett. Educational programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

On October 15th we will hold a Weed Identification Clinic from 12-1 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. One TDA continuing education unit in integrated pest management will be offered for those with a pesticide applicator license. The event will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center.

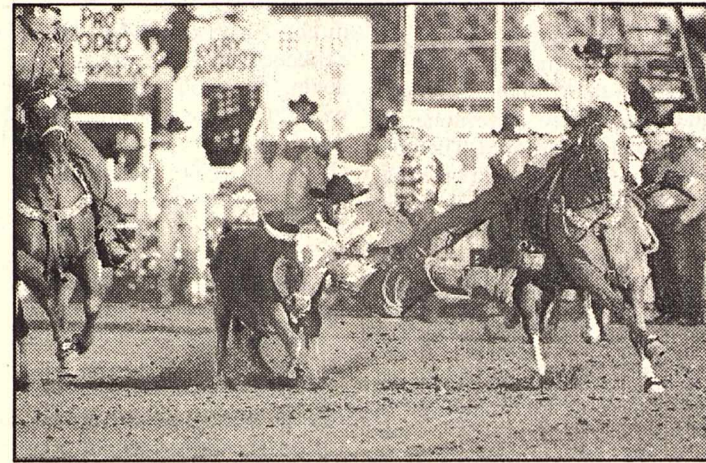
### Sonora High School cowboys 'git 'er done' at home



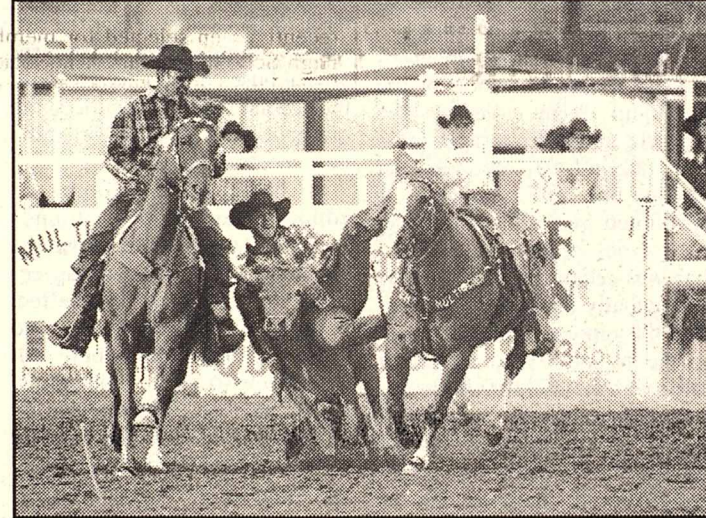
Craig Leonard races the clock in the Calf Roping.



Dustin Duhon throws one in Sonora.



Steven Duhon reaches for a win in the Steer Wrestling.



Laramie Hall takes one down at the Sonora High School Rodeo.

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora High School Rodeo was held at the Sutton County Arena on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26, 2004. Texas High School Rodeo Association President, Steve Duhon, and THSRA Student President, Laramie Hall, worked hard to put together a good rodeo for the visitors from Region II. Sonora had four students competing this year, and all did well representing Sonora, placing in at least one event each.

The parents for our local cowboys, and all of Region II, are to be commended for the job they did organizing the event and putting together a good crew in the concessions stand and in the pens. All the parents of the THSRA work hard each year to make sure the kids have good rodeos. High School Rodeo is different from other varsity sports, in that it is a truly independent student athletic association, receiving no financial assistance from tax dollars - and, therefore, does not usually come under the supervision of school administrations. High School Rodeo doesn't suffer from this independence, though. The association is basically self-supporting (with the generous assistance of national corporate sponsors) and is highly successful. Members are fully-insured, supervised and guided by adult experts, and have as much opportunity to acquire scholarships and grants for higher education as their schoolmates who are involved in recognized high school varsity sports. In fact, many NHSRA members are also stars in other high school sports as well.

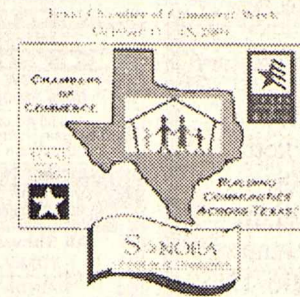
Sonora's Rodeo Team placed as follows:

In the Calf Roping on Saturday, Craig Leonard was 3rd with a time of 14.160.

Sonora dominated the Steer Wrestling competition, with Steven Duhon winning on Saturday with a time of 17.100. On Sunday it was little brother Dustin Duhon, in first with a time of 7.410. Laramie Hall finished 2nd with a time of 9.740 and Steven Duhon was 3rd with a time of 10.720.

Laramie Hall and his roping partner also placed in the Team Roping on Sunday, finishing 9th with a time of 10.3.

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Dominion; 7500' Mack Cauthorn - 129 - #14, Patterson Drilling.  
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New Dominion; 7975' Simmons - 71 - #7, Patterson Drilling.  
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New Dominion; 9800' Hunt - 24 - #5, Patterson Drilling.  
Dominion; 9600' Hunt - 24 - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
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New Anadarko; 9000' Henderson - P1 - #17, Patterson Drilling.  
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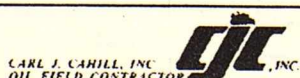
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**Conaway asks for support on road to Congress**

Republican candidate for Congress in the New District 11, Mike Conaway, visited Sonora on Friday, October 1, 2004 to ask for support in the upcoming election.

Conaway met interested parties at The Bank & Trust, answering questions and discussing issues of interest. Dr. Joe David Ross was one of the first to ask questions regarding Conaway's stance on assisting agriculture. Conaway says that promoting agriculture is one of his top priorities. Endorsed by the Texas Farm Bureau, National Cotton Council, Texas Cattle Feeders, National Cattlemen's Association, and many other agricultural organizations, he says he understands that our top priorities must be to protect our nation's food supply and to make the global markets for our agriculture products more accessible. He also supports Free Trade as long as it is also Fair Trade.

"Our cotton, cattle, sheep and other agriculture products should be sold in every corner of the world. The current "free trade" system in many instances is not fair to our farmers and ranchers. We have the best agriculture products in the world, but if we are going to compete worldwide, we can't be hamstrung with needless tariffs and export fees," says Conaway.

He says that if elected, in Congress he will work to promote fair and free trade, to pro-



District 11's Republican nominee for Congress, Mike Conaway, visits with George Velarde and James Archer of Multi-Chem.

tect our food supply and to ensure that the current 2002 Farm Bill is not renegotiated. The Farm Bill is in effect a contract between the United States Government and farmers and ranchers across the country.

On oil, gas and energy, Conaway states that our oil and gas producers and service companies need to be encouraged. This means having sensible governmental policies and not making more regulations that are detrimental to our economy and our way of life. He encourages the continuation of taking steps to promote domestic energy production here at home.

Conaway has put together a 15 member Oil, Gas & Energy Advisory Council with members across District 11 who will advise him on local, national and worldwide Oil & Gas issues.

Conaway also went over

questions regarding the health care system and the current situation in Iraq. He stressed that he wants to be voted in to help give West Texans a voice in Washington, "I'm running for Congress to be a positive voice and a leader for Central and West Texas. I will bring our Texas Values to Washington and work hard to pass our conservative agenda," said Conaway.

U.S. Congressional District 11 was created by the Texas Legislature during its special session in 2003. District 11 consists of 34 counties in their entirety, and portions of 2 other counties. As with all the Congressional districts in Texas, the population of District 11 is approximately 650,000, based on U.S. Census data from 2000.

Early voting started on October 4, Election Day is November 2, 2004.

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for any questions or comments. Hospital Administrator, Keith Butler was available for any questions. There were none, so the hearing was closed. The vote will be made at the next meeting.

The council then reviewed a list of proposed candidates for the SIDC director positions that are being vacated. After considering the three choices, the council decided to appoint Marty Parks and JoAnn Hernandez as 2004-2006 directors of the SIDC.

One bid, from Eddins Walcher, was received and approved for the city fuel purchases at 7¢ above dock prices.

The council then reviewed bids for the construction of the aluminum dome cover on the concrete ground storage tank. Only one bid was received, but here are only four companies in the United States that construct these types of domes. The bid that was received for \$117,500 was actually about \$20,000 less than the representative working on the project expected, but is still over the \$50,000 budgeted for the project. The council discussed the fact that there are no options, the project has to be completed or the city can be fined \$10,000 a day if they do not comply within the dedicated time limit. This project is the second part of the overall project to bring the water tanks in to compliance with state regulations. With no other options, the council accepted the bid from Tank Builders.

The council approved an interlocal agreement with SIDS for security services at local school events at which security is necessary. The city bills the school for this service and Chief House said that it helps cut down on overtime pay for the officers.

A second reading was held on the ordinance to place "No Left Turn" traffic signs in the school zone around the elementary schools and middle school. Chief House informed the council that the police were initially helping with the traffic problems around the school at the beginning of the academic year and currently school staff are helping

direct traffic. The Chief explained that the traffic was better, but would not improve more until the construction is done. School Superintendent Dr. Brant Myers explained that there are still some parents who are having a hard time following the provided map. The council discussed the fact that the signs would instruct "no left turns", and whether school buses should be exempt or not. Chief House expressed some concern about this, in that some drivers may follow the buses. Several possible options were discussed and it was agreed that the drivers will have to be educated that the left turns are prohibited except for school buses only. This was only the second reading, therefore the ordinance will be voted on at the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce administrator, Ruthie Bounds presented a request to revise the Publicity and Tourism agreement that is presently in effect between the City of Sonora and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to include the annual audit as an administration expense, so the fee can be paid partially from the hotel/motel tax fund. City Attorney Beth Wallace assured the council that it is an administration duty and the change would be allowed. The council approved the amendment to the agreement. The request was also to include the expenditure of funds for certain costs for holding sporting events that substantially increase local hotel activity. Bounds explained that legislature had amended the hotel/motel expense list to include sporting events a couple of years ago, but the Chamber had not yet included it. This would include events like softball tournaments, golf tournaments, etc. that would bring people to town. The council approved the change to include the sporting events as an acceptable expenditure for hotel/motel tax.

A donation of \$217, from David Creek, to the Senior Center was approved. The money was received from the use of Creek's barrel train during Sutton County Days.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street manager Ann Kay and the board of directors presented a certificate of appreciation to Roy Jean Johnson for her years of service to the board.

FHMS Board President, Joy Galbreath requested a discussion of the policies and procedures of Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program. Galbreath stated that some questions had apparently arisen regarding the hiring practices and expenditures of

funds in the FHSMS office. She explained that any money that is spent from the office is approved by the board and requires two signatures on all checks. She also explained that all bank statements are opened by the board of directors and there is a written explanation provided for any funds that are spent. As for the hiring procedures, Galbreath explained that two staff members are related to board members, but the positions were publicly advertised and the board members refrain from any decisions regarding the employees. Galbreath expressed that she feels the board follows the procedures as expected and stressed that there is confusion on the board and in the office as to why these questions are being fielded. Attorney Beth Wallace explained that some questions had been presented to her and she had answered to the best of her ability. The council instructed that in the future, any questions regarding such matters be brought before them first.

In other FHSMS business, the council agreed to street closures for the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 24 and the Fall Festival on October 30, 2004.

An interlocal agreement with TML-IEBP for health benefits for City of Sonora employees was approved.

The council was hesitant about approving the 2004-2005 annual budget, but stated that they had no choice. The budget was in front of them, but would have to be approved with an amendment for the \$67,500 that was not budgeted for the dome project. This would increase the deficit to over \$300,000. Blackman said that they had done the best they could and it was a "bare bones" budget. With nothing left to discuss, a motion was made and approved to adopt the 2004-2005 budget.

On a better note, the council said that the proposed tax rate is the "lowest rate in 23 years," before adopting a tax rate of 0.467018 on each \$100 value of property.

An amendment to the fee schedule to include rate adjustments for water, sewer, tap and non-metered account fees was approved.

The 2003-2004 budget was amended to \$349,350.

In closing the council commended the city staff for a job well done for their work on the budget and thanked them for all that they had done to help prepare it.

**Commissioners from page 1**

was far from the actual cost of the necessary stove. Sheriff Fincher explained that he was still looking for a more cost efficient stove, but he would need to amend the proposed budget line item for this request. The commissioners agreed to allow the Sheriff to amend the budget if needed at a later date.

Upon a request from the Knights of Columbus, the commissioners agreed to waive the rental of the Sutton County Civic Center for the community Thanksgiving lunch.

The court then went in to executive session to discuss legal matters with Sutton County Attorney, David Wallace.

**Public Notice**

ORDINANCE NO. 549  
SETTING THE TAX RATE  
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2004-2005

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SONORA FOR THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA.

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Sonora, for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, upon all property, real personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.467018 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund),

\$0.467018 on each \$100.00 valuation of property; and:

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2004 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2005 shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 3. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the city assessor and collector of the City of Sonora is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and ordinances of the City of Sonora shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the general fund of the City of Sonora. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency and thereto prescribed by state law.

SECTION 4. That Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District is authorized to perform all duties required by law of the tax assessor-collector in regard to assessing and collecting ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

PASSED this the 21st day of September 2004, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora, there is being a quorum present by 4 years and 0 days, and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.

APPROVED: Gloria G. Lopez, Mayor.

Attest: Patti Prather, City Secretary

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**October 8**

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**October 9**

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**October 10**

Holly Sparks, Duray Smith, Wilson Johnson, Glenna Alvites, Adrian Gomez, Rae Ann Bible, Jena Teasley, Stacey Reiner, Marissa Faz

**October 11**

Garrett Sharp, Charlotte Higdon, Taylor Hill, Sharon Creek, Bubba Ramoz,

**October 12**

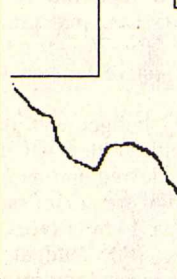
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DRAFT PERMIT NO. 0125 APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, a Natural Gas Liquids facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as a Permit) No. 0125 to authorize operation of the Sonora Gas Plant. The site addressed by the application is located at 5.5 miles southwest of Sonora on Highway 1691 and 13701 east County Road 230, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on August 22, 2003.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the area must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ San Angelo Regional Office, 622 S. Oakes, Suite K, San Angelo, Texas and the Sutton County Public Library, 306 E. Mulberry Street, Sonora, Texas. At the central and regional office, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512) 239-1540.

**MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.** You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit actions may cause a change to be made to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the area may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date time and location for the hearing.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with its applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

**Written public comments and requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our Web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., at the address in the first paragraph or by calling Mr. Rick Matar at (303) 605-1984.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To: All property owners in Sutton County. From: The Authorized Agent Program for on-site wastewater systems (septic systems) for Sutton County, TX.

1. By Sutton County Order, all septic systems being installed in Sutton County must be permitted regardless of acreage as of 01-01-04. This includes hunting camps, oilfield field offices, new home construction and new commercial building construction.
2. By state law, all septic systems must be installed by a licensed Installer/Site Evaluator.
3. Applications for septic systems may be picked up at the County Judge's office.

**ORDINANCE NO. 548** ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Sonora for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005 and adopting the annual budget of the City of Sonora for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Passed and approved this the 21st day of September, 2004. Approved: Gloria G. Lopez Mayor Attest: Patti Prather City Secretary

**ORDINANCE NO. 550** AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 538 dated 9-16-03 to amend the budget for the City of Sonora, Texas for the fiscal year 2003-2004 to increase expenditure appropriations for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004 in the sum of Three Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$349,350.00) and regulating the payment of money from the city treasury, publication, conflict, validity, and declaring an emergency. Approved: Gloria G. Lopez Mayor Attest: Patti Prather City Secretary Approved as to form and legality by: Elizabeth Wallace City Attorney

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Fort McKavett State Historic Site and Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society invite you to attend a Public Star Party, Saturday, October 9, 2004. Educational talks for the event will begin at 4:00 p.m. with an introduction to the telescope equipment and an overview of the West Texas sky this time of year. Viewing will begin at dusk. Park fees are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. This event is subject to cancellation due to weather conditions, including cloudiness. Please call to check status of weather or for more information: 325-396-2358

**SOFTBALL MEETING** - Sonora City League will have a meeting on October 11, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be at the Sonora City Swimming Pool T-ball field. This meeting is for anyone interested in our SOFTBALL FIELD SITUATION! Coaches along with all softball parents are urged to attend. Anyone needing further information may contact Patsy Samaniego at 325-387-5332, or Julie Martin at 325-387-5136 or Tommie Van Winkle at 325-387-5267.

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

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

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

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

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**Hospital Board sets tax rate**

The board then moved to increase the TCDRS retirement deposit rate to 7% for all employees effective January 01, 2005.

The 2005 budget was presented by Keith Butler. All line items were reviewed and capital expenditures were discussed. Everyone voted in favor of approving the 2005 budget. A motion was then made to set the 2005 Hospital District Tax Rate at 1.03%, with an effective tax rate of .1211 per \$100. The motion carried unanimously.

Butler was pleased to report to the board that monthly revenue was holding very steady and A/R totals were down. He also gave an update on the Hospital construction and the Wellness Center. Concrete was poured on Wednesday, September 15th for the new addition to the acute care portion of the hospital. Steel arrived last week for the project and steel contractors will be here Monday, September 20. Some minor changes were noted on the patient rooms to accommodate for electrical power in pre-existing construction. Some new equipment and supplies are being purchased in the next few months for the new facility. Keith reported Suite B of the Sonora Medical Clinic was already completely framed, plumbing began Tuesday and drywall should begin by next week.

The financial report for July was presented by Michelle Schaefer. Changes to the balance sheet included moving a matured CD to a Money Market account and increasing in cash on hand for the purpose of a retail pharmacy. The maintenance expense included the price to trim trees around the hospital. A new account was marked for benefits to all employees.

August payables were approved and the meeting was adjourned.

There was no report from the Sutton County Appraisal District. Bobby Zesch presented three different proposals for employee medical insurance including a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Discussion was held before Sherrill Dannheim moved to accept the BCBS 747 plan with a \$1000.00 HRA, to be paid by the Hospital District. Preston Faris seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Richter presented the QA policies & procedures manual, which was approved as presented. Lenora Pool and Maria Carrasco were nominated to represent the Board of Directors at quarterly QA meetings.

The policies and procedures manuals for Rehabilitation Services, Pharmacy and Infection Control was approved.

Hospital vendors, professional and non-professional contracts were approved. The board moved into executive session at 6:45 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. No action was taken and the meeting was reopened to the public at 7:23 p.m.

**The Diabetes diet and sugar**



By Kelly L Thorp  
Sutton County Extension  
Agent-FCS  
Texas Cooperative Extension

For people with diabetes, the prevailing wisdom has been to avoid sugar-but not any more. Research has shown that people with diabetes can include sugar and other nutritive sweeteners in their menus, within the context of a healthful diet. However, sugars do need to be eaten in moderation. Sugars are quickly absorbed into the blood stream and increase blood sugar levels.

Read labels. Food manufacturers list ingredients from greatest to least, by weight. If sugar is listed in the first four ingredients eat this item in moderation. Ingredients are listed in descending order by weight, greatest to least, on labels, so if sugar is listed at the top of the list, the food probably contains too much sugar.

Calorie count is also an important aspect of label reading. Look for these tips:  
- Calorie-free: contains less than 5 calories per serving;  
- Low calorie: contains 40 calories or less per serving;  
- Sugar-free: Contains less than 1 gram of sugar per serving;  
- Reduced sugar: contains at least 25% less sugar;  
- Artificially sweetened: contains artificial sweetener;  
- Juice packed: packed in natural juices (not in heavy syrup)  
- Water packed: packed in water  
If a label claims a food is "lite" or "light" use caution. No federal regulations define these terms so read the label carefully. Because more and more people, those with diabetes and many without, are interested in eating healthier, many food manufacturers are producing more and more healthful foods. Knowing how to interpret food labels can help with meal planning and food enjoyment. For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Texas Cooperative Extension at 387-3604.

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