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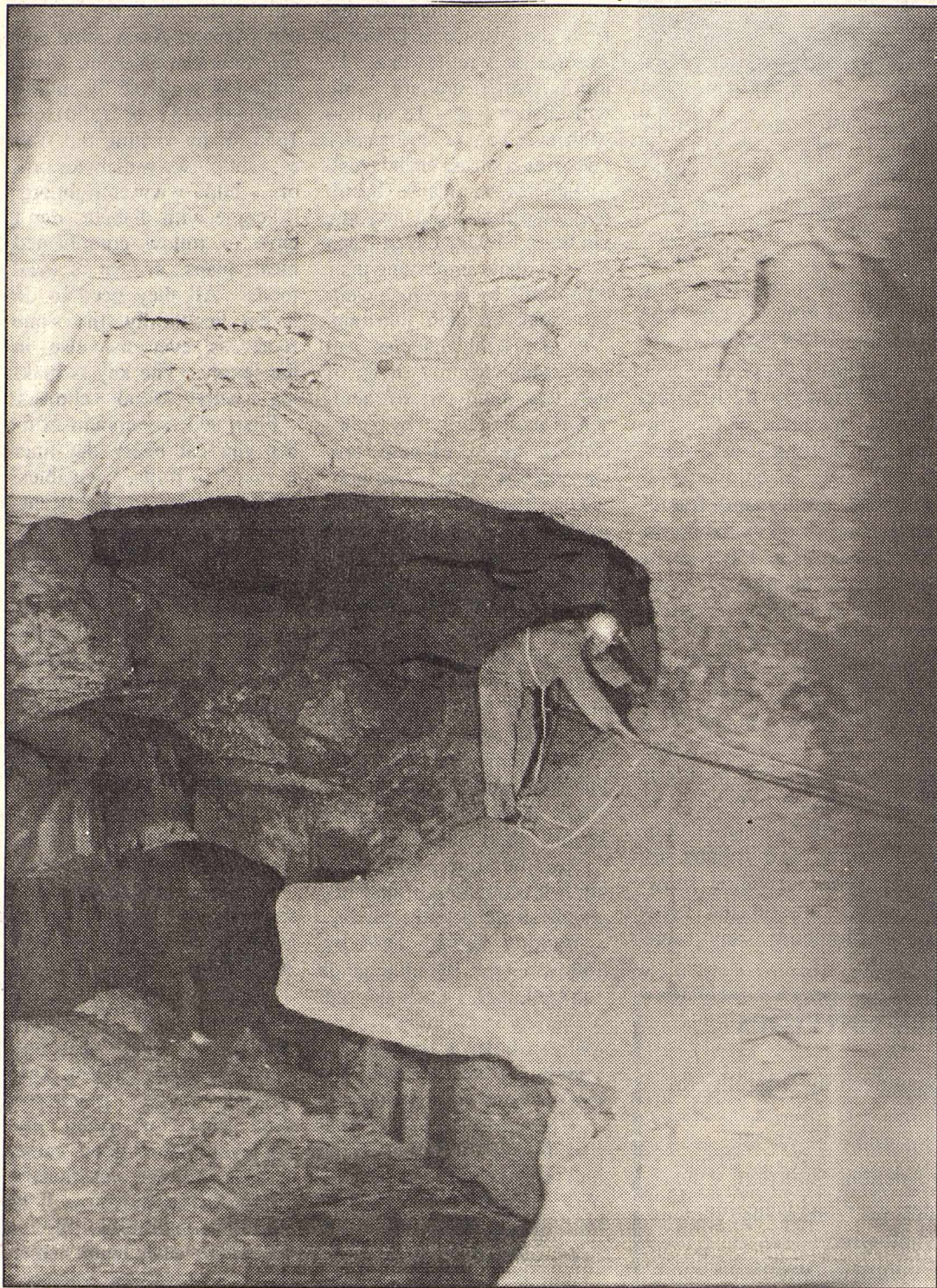
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Original covers explore what is now the Caverns of Sonora.

Caverns of Sonora celebrates 50 years

On September 24, 1955, near the town of Sonora, TX, an amazing discovery took place. One of the most beautiful places in the world was found when five young cave explorers were deep inside what was then called the Mayfield Cave and found their way to a large room with a deep pit blocking any further progress. On the other side of this pit were passages that continued, but pressed for time, the explorers left the cave. The young men shared their story of what they had seen and a few weeks later, Danny Sheffield, Pete Cobb, Jack Allen, Claude Head and Jack Prince crossed the ledge and reached the passages on the other side, with Prince in the lead.

This cave is now known as The Caverns of Sonora.

Prince and the two surviving members of that initial caving crew will return Saturday to the cave they pioneered as the cavern celebrates the 50th anniversary of the discovery of what lies beyond its entrance.

Keep Sonora Beautiful Committee Formed

submitted
On Wednesday September 14, 2005 a meeting was held at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. The purpose of this meeting was to form a "Keep Sonora Beautiful" committee to comply with the Keep Texas Beautiful Program so that Sonora can again become an affiliate of the program. There were 10 people in attendance for the meeting held last Wednesday at noon. Those persons in attendance were: Susan Hall, Sonora Chamber of Commerce; Lance Castro, Sonora Chamber of Commerce; Smith Neal, City Council of Sonora; John Wade, Sutton County Commissioner; Ann Kay, Manager Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program; Malloy Rousselot, volunteer; Max

Howorth, Sonora Industrial Development Corp.; Mike House, Chief of Police; Jimmie Howorth, volunteer; and Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Susan Hall has been very active in making this dream for Sonora a reality. She introduced the attendees to the requirements that must be met to become an affiliate of the Keep Texas Beautiful program. Due to the diligent work of Susan Hall, five of the eight requirements had already been completed. It was decided to make the Keep Sonora Beautiful committee an ad hoc committee of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce as had been approved by the board of directors of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in a previous

The celebration will include barbecue, reduced-rate tours, re-enactments and a reunion of several cavers and photographers who played a role in the cave's discovery and its opening to the public.

Come out to meet and talk to the early cavers. Come listen how Jack Prince inched his way around the ledge that opened up a whole new world of underground beauty, like none seen before or Jack Burch and one other caver would work a bit at a time, spending entire days down in the cave, playing an instrumental part in the mapping and development of the caves. It is a history lesson you will never forget.

The celebration Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tours will be reduced to \$16 per ticket. Children under age 4 will be admitted free.

For more information please call The Caverns of Sonora at (325)387-3105.

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees finalize wording for drug testing policy

Sonora ISD Board of Trustees reviewed the revised student drug testing policy at the September 12, 2005 meeting.

After calling the meeting to order, Board President Tammy Favila announced that she would skip visitor comments until later in the meeting, beginning the discussion of the drug testing policy review.

All board members, Favila, Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Tryon Fields, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings and Tom Payton were present. Also present were John Berry, Raul Chavarria, Louise Dermody, Dora Gonzales, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel, Stefanie Taylor, Dawn Cahill, Sue Moore, Becky and Greg Johnson, and Noemi Samaniego.

Superintendent, Dr. Brant Myers, reported that board member Scott Jacoby had requested that the policy be sent to Walsh-Anderson, the district's lawyers, for their review. Myers said that he had been contacted by Chris Elizondo, a lawyer with Walsh-Anderson, and had comments from him available to review.

Board member Barbara Jennings interrupted Myers, stating that TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) had told the drug policy committee that they would prefer the document not be given to lawyers until they (TASB) had reviewed and re-worked the policy and she expressed concern that Myers had done so already.

Dr. Myers replied that he had done so on the request of a board member, at which

time Jacoby asked what difference it made. Jennings stated that the committee had decided that TASB would formulate the document into the correct wording prior to its being sent to the law firm. President Favila interrupted the conversation, moving forward with the review of the changes to various areas of the document that had been made since previous readings. Included in these changes were the wording regarding parking permits, covered activities (which Junior High Choir was added), orientation meeting, consent, use of results, list of substances, and samples collected. The new revision stated that either a lab employee or a district employee could assist in the collection of samples. Board member Tom Payton was adamant that the lab provide the personnel for collecting the samples since the district would be paying the company to administer the testing and also because he did not feel it was a good idea to involve district personnel in the collection process.

Favila continued the policy review by listing further changes/additions in the areas of positive test results, retesting, consequences, appeals, and drug test authorization. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the decision of the 1st offense consequences which would be a 21 day suspension of privileges. Favila stated that, if the board was satisfied with the wording, the policy would now be sent to TASB and once final-

ized, forwarded on to Walsh-Anderson for review.

Payton stated that he too, like Jacoby, had a concern that Walsh-Anderson should review the document, but was satisfied if it was to go to TASB first and then to Walsh-Anderson. Favila then asked if there was any further discussion, going around the table to each member for their concerns, opinions or requests.

Payton listed two areas of concern, the first of which was the 21 day suspension for a first offense. He stated that he was worried that such a consequence was punitive, rather than preventative and went against the parameters that the board originally set. He commented that he did not have a problem with the 2nd or 3rd, or 4th offenses having a harsher punishment, but he was worried this severe 1st offense consequence might cause a child to completely be lost, no longer wishing to be involved. His second concern was that a 21 day suspension did not allow for any confidentiality and that two administrators, Mr. Chavarria and Dr. Myers, had stated that they felt 21 days for a first offense was too strong. He reiterated his feelings, that the board and the district were there to help these students, not lose them. Payton also referred back to a previous meeting when the board was told that the hospital would withdraw its offer of drug counseling if

See School board page 8

Lampasas ISD names Myers as Superintendent nominee

The Lampasas Dispatch Record reported this week that Sonora ISD Superintendent, Dr. Brant Myers, is the final nominee for the position of the Lampasas Independent School District.

Following a school board meeting on Monday, September 12, Lampasas school officials released the name of the finalist for the post, with Dr. Myers being the sole candidate for the position. Should Myers accept the position, he would replace Carlton Tucker who resigned from the Lampasas school district in July, after being placed on administrative leave with pay in May.

Plug Those Abandoned Wells

By Cindy Cawley
Sutton County UWCD

One doesn't have to live in the area long to realize that our groundwater is very precious. Contamination to our drinking water of any kind is the last thing we need. An easily overlooked source of potential contamination is abandoned wells since it is a direct conduit to the aquifer without any filtration process.

Whether intentional or by accident, an incidental introduction of anything can prove harmful to human and animals. And let's not forget the Jessica McClure incident where the toddler fell into an

Lampasas ISD has four main campuses and serves approximately 3200 students. Lampasas, Texas is located at the intersection of US Hwy 190, US Hwy 281 and US Hwy 183, approximately 65 miles north of Austin and 35 miles west of Killeen.

A 21-day waiting period is mandatory before any official action can be taken by either side.

Dr. Myers had been in the Sonora ISD since 2000, where he was the Sonora High School Principal for one year. He was then hired to the Superintendent position in 2001.

abandoned well in a Midland, Texas backyard!

An abandoned well is defined as a well that has not been used within six months and is in disrepair. Wells that are capped or are in good condition with a working pump, casing, etc. are not considered abandoned.

The Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District personnel are available to help with determining the amount of bentonite and cement needed, any caves which might be encountered and State required paperwork. If you know of an abandoned well, please contact the District office at 387-2369.

New car seat law clarified DPS urges maximum protection

There has been some confusion about a new state law that requires that all children younger than 5 years of age and less than 36 inches tall to be in a child safety seat system. ("Child safety seat system" includes car seats and booster seats, including high-back and backless boosters.)

"Parents need to remember the law sets forth minimum safety standards. In fact, experts recommend that most children need to continue in booster seats until they reach around 4 feet, 9 inches tall," said Col. Thomas Davis Jr., director of DPS. "We hope parents will not just look at the legal requirements, but also consider what is safest for their children."


Because of the changes in the wording of the law (HB 183), the following legal interpretation should be applied:

• Once the child reaches five years old, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

If they are 36 inches
See car seats page 10

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Obituary
Everett James Hardgrave Jr.

Carmel Valley, California
Everett James 'Jim'
Hardgrave, Jr. died July 21 at
the Carmel Hills Care Cen-
ter, after a long struggle with
Alzheimer's. He is survived
by his wife of 65 years, Mary
Louise; sons Mark of Long-
mont, Colorado, Philip of
Forest Knolls, California and
Joel of Albuquerque, New
Mexico; grandchildren Clark
of Albuquerque, Bernard
of New Market, Maryland,
Sarah of Marina, California,
Amelia of New York City, and
Gregory of Berkeley, Califor-
nia; and great-grandchildren
Kyle and Gabriel of New
Market. He was predeceased in
death by his two eldest sons,
Everett James III, who died in
1991 in a tragic accident, and
his next eldest Ben who died
in 2003 of leukemia.

Jim Hardgrave was born
and raised in San Angelo,
Texas, along with his broth-
ers Bob and Jo. He greatly
enjoyed outdoor activities of
all sorts, and hand-built a sail-
boat with his friends as a teen.
He attended the University of
Austin, Texas, and obtained a
bachelor's and master's deg-
ree in chemical engineering.
It was in Austin that he met
and wed Mary Louise Roberts.
He served in the U.S Army
as a Second Lieutenant, during
WW II, stationed in liberated
Philippines and later in post-
war Japan. As part of his mili-
tary service, he attended the
University of Chicago to re-
ceive training in meteorology.
He and his family resided
in Longview, Texas for sever-


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al years after the war, then he
moved with his wife and chil-
dren to Silver Spring, Mary-
land, to begin his career with
the Johns Hopkins Applied
Physics Laboratory, where
he worked until retirement
in 1983. During his career he
contributed to a number of im-
port defense weapons projects.
Jim Hardgrave's life-long
hobbies included woodwork-
ing and boating. For a num-
ber of years he enjoyed sail-
ing with family and friends
aboard the sloop Naiad on the
Chesapeake Bay. Later in life
he took up an interest in as-
tronomy and was a member of
the Monterey Institute of Re-
search in Astronomy (MIRA).
After retirement from
Johns Hopkins, Jim and Mary
moved to Carmel Valley,
California, in 1986 to live in
Mary's "dream house." They
enjoyed entertaining visitors,
both family and friends, for
many years, relishing show-
ing them around the beau-
tiful Monterey Bay area.

Senior Center Activities

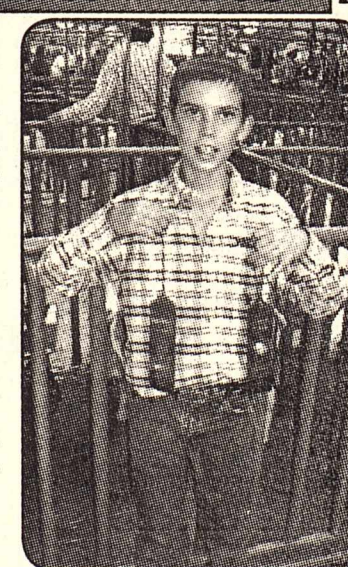
Fri. Sept. 23 - Gus Garcia: Social Security Disability Special-
ists will be at Center.
Mon. Sept. 26 - Bingo - after lunch!
Tues. Sept. 27 - Lion's Club Auction: 6:00 p.m. - meal;
7:00 p.m. - auction; Civic Center; everyone welcome!
Wed. Sept. 28 - Decorate for Halloween
Thurs. Sept. 29 - Mike, Jr. at center to introduce "Medi-
care Advantage" program at noon.

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Sept. 23 - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green
beans, rolls, cake w/strawberries, milk
Mon. Sept. 26 - BBQ beef on bun, baked French fries,
baby carrots, coleslaw, peaches w/topping, milk
Tues. Sept. 27 - Oven baked chicken w/gravy, scalloped
potatoes, sliced beets, roll, bread pudding, milk
Wed. Sept. 28 - Beef tips w/mushroom gravy, rice, mixed
veggies, tossed salad, roll, banana pudding, milk
Thurs. Sept. 29 - Swedish meatballs w/mushroom gravy,
egg noodles, fried okra, bread cake, milk

Thank You Note

Sterling Hall's goats
placed 1st in Class III and
7th in Class VII, Lightweight
Division at the Medina
County Fair on September
17, 2005 in Hondo, Texas.
We would like to thank
Cliff and Danine Brister for
all their help shearing them
and getting them ready to
show. Also a BIG thank-
you to Pascual Hernandez
and Mr. Jim Cusenbary for
all your help and support!
We look forward to the year!


Sterling Hall

**Managing Diabetes
through Nutrition**

**Do Well,
Be Well**
with diabetes.
by Kelly L Thorp
Texas Cooperative
Extension
Sutton County Extension
Agent *FCS

Diabetes is a fact of life for
millions. According to figures
from the American Diabetes
Association, more than 17
million Americans are living
with diabetes, and 16 million
of them have type 2 (formally
known as adult onset diabetes).
Diabetes can cause health
problems throughout the body,
but those who have type 2 can
do a lot about improving their
own health by keeping a care-
ful watch on their nutrition.
People with diabetes can
live long, healthy lives if
they take good care of them-
selves-particularly by con-
trolling blood glucose lev-
els through good nutrition.
The first step in making
good food choices is under-
standing the U.S. Depart-
ment of Agriculture Dietary
Guidelines, which were de-
veloped by nutrition experts.
The goal of establishing these
guidelines is to help people
understand how their eating
habits can affect their health.
The simple "ABC" guide-
lines can help everyone im-
prove their health, whether
or not they have diabetes:
-Aim for fitness by reach-
ing a healthy weight and be-
ing physically active each day.
-Build a healthy base by
following the Pyramid guide
food choices. Each day eat
a variety of grains (espe-
cially whole grains) and a
variety of fruits and veg-
etables, and keep food safe.
-Choose a sensible diet
that is low in saturated fat
and cholesterol and moder-
ate in total fat. Limit in-
take of sugar and salts, and
drink alcohol in moderation.
Within the basic guide-
lines, the keys to control-
ling diabetes are making
wise food choices, exercising
and taking prescribed medi-
cations as recommended
by a health professional.
People with diabetes also
must monitor their blood
glucose levels regularly and
make adjustments when need-
ed. Blood glucose levels can
be controlled by reducing in-
take of starches and sugars,

controlling portion sizes, in-
creasing exercise and moni-
toring blood glucose levels.
Monitoring blood glu-
cose levels can help people
with diabetes reduce their
complications affecting
eyes, nerves, and kidneys.
Planning meals may look
like an impossible task, but
it's really not that difficult.
Information from the Ameri-
can Diabetes Association and
the American Diabetic Asso-
ciation is available by calling
(800)342-2382 or (800)366-
1655, or by visiting the Web
at <http://www.diabetes.org/>
or <http://www.eatright.org/>.


People with diabetes don't
have to follow complicated
meal plans or eat special
foods. All they need to do
is eat healthfully, the same
foods as everyone else in
the family. The key is mak-
ing better food choices.
First, add the amount of fi-
ber you eat every day-fiber
is found in fruits, vegetables,
whole grains and beans.
Then monitor intake of sug-
ar, fat and salt-eat less each day.
And be sure to choose foods
from a wide selection each day.
Healthy eating is the goal
for everyone in the family.
Here are some tips to make
meal management easier:
-Eat meals and snacks at
about the same time every
day. People with diabetes
especially need to do this,
in order to help their bod-
ies utilize carbohydrates.
-For more interesting and
appetizing meals, experi-
ment with new foods and
be willing to try new ones.
-Don't skip meals.
That can lead to over-
eating at the next one.
-Use portion control; keep
serving sizes monitored.
And plan for eating out.
If you adopt good eating
habits and eat nutritionally
balanced meals, you will be
making a great start. Add to
that all the other health habits-
such as exercising regularly-
and you will be on the road
to staying healthy, whether
you have diabetes or not.
For more information on
living with diabetes, plan to
attend the Do Well, Be Well
with Diabetes program be-
ginning on October 4, 2005
at the Sutton County Civ-
ic Center. To register call
Kelly Thorp at 387-3604.

**Fleet Hometown News: Gonzalez
deployed on USS T. Roosevelt**


September 16, 2005(FHTNC)--Navy Lt. J.G. Jorge V. Gon-
zalez, whose wife, Joey, is the daughter of Shirley Badgett of
Sonora, Texas, departed on a scheduled deployment in support
of the Global War on Terrorism while assigned to the aircraft
carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, homeported in Norfolk, Va.
Prior to deploying, Gonzalez and more than 7, 500 of
his fellow shipmates of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Carrier
Strike Group successfully completed a Composite Training
Unit Exercise and a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). The
JTFEX is the final step in preparing the strike group for de-
ployment, and is designed to test its ability to operate in a com-
plex, hostile environment with other U.S. and coalition forces.
Carriers like Theodore Roosevelt are deployed
throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide
rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly vis-
ible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with
the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.
For more information on the deployment and
high resolution photographs, visit USS The-
odore Roosevelt's Web site at <http://www.navy.mil>.

Community Calendar

September 26 Elementary School Open House 6:30 p.m.	October 1 Shane Folmar Day--Sutton Co. Slab 11:30 a.m.
September 27 Lions Club Auction 6:00-meal, 7:00-auction Civic Center	October 8 Hunter Education Course 9 a.m.- 12 noon Civic Center


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Ask the Historical Society

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

Q. When did Danny Rutherford die?
A. "The Devil's River News," July 28, 1966- Danny Rutherford, a 1963 graduate of Sonora High School, was killed in Vietnam last Wednesday, July 20, when he stepped on a land mine.

The son of Louis Rutherford, a former Sutton County deputy sheriff, of Deming, N.M., and Susie Rutherford of California, he moved to Sonora from Eldorado during his sophomore year in high school.

During his three years at Sonora High School, Rutherford was an outstanding athlete as he played football and ran track. He was a member of the runner-up state mile relay team his junior year, and won honorable mention his junior and senior years in football as a full back. He was in the junior play and was a member of the Speech and Lettermen's club.

Upon graduation, Rutherford enlisted in the Marine Corps and was shipped out in July of 1963. He had received several commendations from his superiors in the Marines and achieved the rank of corporal before his death.

In letters back home, he expressed his appreciation to Sonora, the high school, his teachers, and his coaches for taking an interest in him while he lived here. His friends describe him as a likeable, fun loving, happy-go-lucky person who was always full of life.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell, pastor of the Episcopal church in Eldorado, officiating. Burial was tentatively set to be at the El Paso National Cemetery. Note: Burial was held in the El Paso National Cemetery on August 5, 1966. Rutherford was the first Sonoran to be killed in the Vietnam Conflict.

Q. When did the Holmig family come to this area?

A. In an article in "The Devil's River News on April 21, 1966, Mrs. Quiney (Ella) Holmig Adams of Roosevelt told how she arrived in Menardville in a wagon caravan in 1897. The caravan consisted of five wagons pulled by two teams of oxen and one team of "willow-tail" ponies. Each ox team pulled two wagons, one trailed behind the other.

Mrs. Adams still remembered how uncomfortable she felt when her father pulled the wagons into a half circle to accommodate a photographer. The Alvin Holmig family, including 5 children was seeking a new home



Sonora Aztecas Baseball Team: taken in late 1940's: Front row: Nicanor Bermea, Marcos Gonzales, Cubano Hernandez, Elpidio Torres, Petronilo Cervantes. Back row: Victor Noriega, Jesus Sanchez, Alfredo Bermea, Mike Gonzales, Lazaro Martinez, Pedro Hernandez. Photo identified by: Alfredo Bermea, Antonio Chavez, Eddy Sosa, Miguel Villanueva, Chapo Samaniego, Salome Perez

after leaving Llano County. Holmig, a blacksmith, had made the wagons which contained household goods, feed, seed, poultry, and blacksmith tools. An older boy and a hired hand drove 100 head of cattle around the town while the wagons went through.

The family camped the winter between Brady and Menardville, sleeping in wagons and cooking in tents. In March Holmig bought 11 sections of land in Kimble County and the family settled there.

Ella Holmig married Quiney Adams in 1899. They reared 11 children, all of whom are living. Adams died in the early 1950's.

Q. Wasn't there a military road between Ft. Clark and Fort McKavett?

A. The military road you speak of was usually called McKenzie Trail, as Col. Ranald McKenzie's troops used the road during their raids against hostile Indians. From Fort Terrett this road in 1852 led south to Fort Clark and north to Fort McKavett. The route was selected because of availability of water and served as a freight and mail route when forts were reactivated in 1868.

The forts had been abandoned in 1863 and the ranchers drove cattle to market over parts of the road for many years and referred to it as McKenzie Trail.

Now a reminder to everyone, the grounds of the Miers Home Complex, which include the Museum, the Old Depot, amphitheater and bathrooms will be closed from October 5 until contractors finish installation of lighting on the grounds and repairs to the lawn are completed. We have not booked any events during this time frame and hope to have all the work done by the end of November and be up and running for the Christmas season. I am sure everyone will enjoy the decorative lighting and plugs around the grounds. We had many com-

plaints about there not being outdoor decorative lighting and not enough plugs in remote areas. We will be installing 10 or 11 lights and there will plugs at the base of each one; this should take care of all the requests we have received.

We need volunteers to mow the lawns or to make arrangements to have the lawns mowed at the Miers Complex and the Old Ice House. Our former president used to take care of this expense out of his pocket and we need someone new to step forward and assume some of the load. Even if a different person had it done every month it would help save our money for historical preservation. We have a very tight budget and only about \$10,000 a year to operate all the buildings and do repairs, pay all the insurance and utilities etc. That is not much after we pay all the insurance on all the buildings and we could use your help. We recently paid over \$100 just to mow the Miers Complex grounds and our budget cannot afford to mow it very often.

A special thank you to our new neighbors next door to the office. They have been mowing the office lawn and watering it when they do their own. They saw Rick struggle for months with the walker and they saw him barely walking right after his surgery. They know he can't mow, or do any work himself right now, not until his bone regrows in his spinal fusion, and pitched right in and helped us out without our even asking. We deeply appreciate their help and love to see their children playing under the huge old tree in the front yard. If only that old tree could talk. Just imagine how many different families have had children play under it.

I still need some help in the office filing, volunteers to clean the Miers Home Museum once a month and to sweep out the

Depot. It is amazing the amount of work Rick used to do around here. With no community service workers right now we are buried in work to be done. Barbara still comes in on Saturdays and is a big help with the research and office work but we need some hands to do other work if things are ever going to get caught up and finished around here.

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@sonoratx.net You may call us on Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings at 387-5084 with your questions or to rent the depot.

Now a note to those who have asked: Tina, our daughter is fine, she lives outside Mobile, Alabama on high ground, her station was right on the water and suffered damage but was up and running on emergency power right after the storm passed and they had cleared away all the rubble around their building. Tina had her own generator at home for her family. The USCG has rescued over 23,000 people from Katrina and we are very proud of her unit in Mobile for all the work they did across Alabama, Mississippi and their assistance in Louisiana. The rest of our family in Ocean Springs, Mississippi are all fine, they lost one of five homes there and have water damage but are all well. Thank you for your concern.

FEMA confirms Texas will be paid back for aid rendered

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry told Washington he expected reimbursement after seeing the magnitude of aid needed to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors.

U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn heard Perry's plea and with little delay, the Federal Emergency Management Agency confirmed it would repay Texas and other states for Medicaid and other expenses related to the relief effort. "Localities had been given verbal assurance by the federal government, but now it's official," Cornyn said.

FEMA reported that as of Sept. 15 it had disbursed \$1.1 billion in aid to 509,000 families since relief efforts began.

On Sept. 16, President Bush led a national day of prayer and remembrance for victims of the hurricane.

Williams to oversee relief effort

Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams will lead the state's efforts to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors now in the Lone Star State, Gov. Perry announced.

Williams will help coordinate government and private entities' actions in securing housing, jobs and other forms of assistance for those displaced by the Aug. 29 storm.

Yes, robbed ones still working on it
The Texas Supreme Court

continues to deliberate the constitutionality of the way public education is funded in the Lone Star State. The high court's deliberations began in early July, following testimony from the Texas attorney general, appellant and attorneys for more than 300 school districts whose cases were combined in the initial complaint heard in the court of Travis County State District Judge John Dietz. "The Texas Supreme Court considers this a matter of pressing public concern," said Osler McCarthy, the court's attorney and public information officer.

But McCarthy said there is a legal dispute over whether a deadline exists for the Supreme Court to rule.

The attorney general believes the state's appeal of the trial court's decision supercedes Dietz's Oct. 1 deadline for the state to act, but appellees believe the state Supreme Court must act in accordance with the deadline, McCarthy said.

Regardless of whether a deadline to act exists, the Texas Supreme Court's forthcoming decision is widely considered the key to solving school finance reform and property tax reform.

The Texas Legislature failed to cure the problems in one 140-day regular session and two 30-day special sessions following Dietz's fall 2004 ruling.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick postponed a Sept. 21 meeting of the Legislative Budget Board due to the impact of Hurricane Katrina. The LBB was to review budget execution requests made

by the governor during August. **G.W. Bush library bids submitted**

Austin is one of many cities under consideration as the eventual site for the George W. Bush Presidential Library. Sept. 15 was the deadline for proposals for the next presidential library.

Other cities that are home to institutions of higher learning vying for the honor are Arlington, College Station, Dallas, Lubbock, Midland and Waco. It has been estimated that the cost of the new library may be in excess of \$250 million.

State of Texas executes woman

Frances Newton, 40, was executed Sept. 14 in Huntsville for the murders of her husband and their two children in 1987.

Hers was the 349th execution in Texas since capital punishment was reinstated in 1982, and the third woman.

Dangerous infection confirmed

The state health department has confirmed a case of primary amebic meningoencephalitis in a child who had been playing in Lake Somerville, about 10 miles northwest of Brenham.

The infection, which can be fatal, comes from the common freshwater ameba Naegleria fowleri.

According to the Division for Parasitic Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control, an infection with Naegleria occurs when the ameba enters the body through the nose while the person is swimming underwater or diving. The ameba then travels to the brain and spinal cord.

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Effective October 1, 2005, Volunteer Brigitte Rogers, Sutton County Committee on Aging, will no longer be responsible for maintaining and servicing the Lifeline Home Units.

After October 1, 2005 Lifeline clients will have to contact City Hall to receive service for their Lifeline Home Units.

I enjoyed working for and with my clients and wish them the very best. Please remember that all your personal information and records are confidential and protected by a privacy law (HIPAA).

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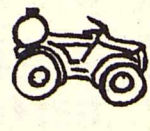


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Chamber Chatter

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There is a lot going on in Sonora the next couple of weeks. One of the things that we are all excited about is a special day that is coming October 1, 2005. The friends and family of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar are inviting the community of Sonora to participate in a celebration of the life and dedication of Shane. They are hosting a community picnic at the Sutton County Slab beginning at 11:30 a.m. The entire community is invited to attend and all you have to do is bring your lawn chairs, and your picnic. Pack a picnic including beverages, food and paper goods for your family and come visit with Shane's friends and family. The Sonora City Council has proclaimed October 1, 2005 as "Shane Folmar Day." This is a family event, and I for one am planning on being there to pay my respects and listen to Shane's family and friends reminisce. Please come join us!

Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be holding a ribbon cutting also on October 1st at the Grand Opening for the American Meat Goat Association (AMGA) located at 109 E. Main in Sonora. The President of the AMGA, Marvin Shurley told us "24.8% of all the goats in the U.S. reside in the counties whose borders fall wholly or partially within a 50 mile radius of Sonora, Texas. What better place for the home office of a national in scope goat type organization?" We agree with Mr. Shurley, there is no better place for the American Meat Goat Association to locate the headquarters for their organization. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome the AMGA to the business community of Sonora. The AMGA has and will be providing training for their members here in Sonora, and is considering Sonora as the location for a future convention and conference. We would like to express our appreciation to Marvin Shurley for helping put Sonora "on the map". The exposure our community has received due to the hard work and promotion by Mr. Shurley is immeasurable. Please come show your support for this wonderful agricultural organization and thank them for choosing Sonora as their national headquarters.

The same weekend of September 30th and October 1st will be the disbursement sale

Friends of Historic Sonora to help Keep Texas Beautiful

The Friends of Historic Downtown Main Street Program is proud to announce that they have joined the Keep Texas Beautiful Program. The Chamber of Commerce recently began working on the project and forming a committee of interested organizations and citizens. FHSMS is looking forward to being a part of this committee.

The St. John's Episcopal Church has already been contributing to helping keep Sonora beautiful with their butterfly haven that is located on the corner of Water and Main Street. Jo Davis from Poplar Street Greenhouse has helped out so much with the miraculous flowers. Jo is the downtown "garden angel." She also helped out with the Bank Vault Park, which has won a TDA Award and we give many thanks to her for helping keep it such a wonderful place. She donates her pots and all her hard work to keep the flowers blooming.

The Welcome to Sonora planter box makes a wonderful entrance into town, which Jo spent her time working on putting together as well.

We can't wait to work with everyone in the community on keeping Sonora a wonderful and beautiful place to live and grow.

for the herd of Boer goats belonging to W.E. & Carolyn Whitehead. We will provide the sale and activity details next week in the Chamber Chatter column. We already know that as many as 100 Boer goat breeders will be visiting Sonora and the Whitehead Ranch for this disbursement sale. The sale will be held at the headquarters of the Whitehead Ranch and we will provide details and directions. Mr. & Mrs. Whitehead have graciously called Sonora home for many years and have listed on their sale list all the motels in Sonora for lodging information for their buyers. Sonora was founded as an agricultural community and we cannot help but be grateful to people like Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Whitehead, and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Shurley for helping to keep Sonora on the agricultural map.

We have been very busy at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center preparing for the initial meetings of the Keep Sonora Beautiful Program and the Texas Pecos Trail Region Kick-Off. You can find more information in this issue of the Devil's River News about the initial meeting of the Keep Sonora Beautiful Program and a press release will be prepared by the Texas Historical Commission and the Board of Directors of the Texas Pecos Trail region, informing all the communities involved in the heritage Trail Region. Please read the September 29th issue of the Devil's River News and listen to KHOS Hill Country Radio for more details.

There are many things that I will be updating ya'll on in my Chamber Chatter column next week. One of those things will be my attendance or nonattendance to the Texas Tourism Industry Assn. Annual Travel Summit in Corpus Christi, September 24th through September 28th. The forecasted track at this time for Tropical Storm Rita is for it to develop into a hurricane once it reaches the Gulf of Mexico and to make landfall in the Corpus Christi area about September 25th. Those of us involved with the Texas Tourism Industry Assn. are now in a wait-and-see mode. We do not know whether to move the Travel Summit to another location, or postpone the dates, or proceed as planned. I'll let ya'll know next week what we all decided and where I will end up.

Letter to the Editor

Living in a small town, where everyone knows everyone else, it is so easy to take for granted and overlook the qualities of the many volunteers who provide services to our community. However, the evening of August 30th, I had the opportunity to observe the men and women of our volunteer fire department in action.

I was returning from an appointment in San Angelo, when I received a call informing me that the home of one of my policyholders was on fire. When I arrived at the scene, I discovered the street blocked off and the men and women of our local volunteer fire department working diligently to contain the fire and prevent it from spreading to the homes on either side. Unless you were there, it would be hard to imagine the intensity of the heat coming from the house, engulfed in flames, combined with the heat from our hot August night. As I watched these men and women working in their heavy gear, trying to protect our community, I was struck by the realization of the danger they were voluntarily facing...and I was amazed and very grateful!

When the fire had been contained, I was allowed to make a visual inspection of the damage. At that time, I felt the house was already a total loss. However, early the next morning, as often happens in these situations, the fire ignited again and the same volunteers from just hours before, had to return once again. This home was already lost, nothing they could have done would have changed the outcome. This was a true tragedy, and my heart goes out to my policyholder who lost her home and all her belongings. However, due to her quick reactions and our fire departments' valiant efforts, no injuries were sustained, no lives were lost, and no other homes were damaged or destroyed from either outbreak. We can now begin the process of helping her rebuild her life. And, since we live in such a wonderful, giving community, many people have already contributed to that process as well.

Speaking as the Agent for the insurance company that is paying this total loss, we are so grateful that only one home was lost. As tragic as this loss was, it could have been so much worse. We find no fault with the skills and efforts of the men and women of our volunteer fire department. I would simply like to extend my sincere thanks and admiration for their efforts, as well as the efforts of the law enforcement officers who were ready and available to assist in any way needed. The citizens of Sonora should be proud of the men and women who work to protect our homes and community. I know I am.

Sincerely,
 Sam Dillard, Agent
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Women's Conference Goes "LIVE"

submitted

The third annual Women's Conference, sponsored by Lighthouse Community Church of Sonora, will be held Saturday October 22nd. In the past, the conference has been held via live telecast, but the 2005 program features a new format. An exciting line up of dynamic speakers and performers are scheduled for this year's "live" conference entitled: Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition. Speakers for the event are: Cynthia Hyatt of Menard, Pearlene Nolan of Snyder, Crystal Lyons of Mason, and Paula McGee of Wichita Falls. Each of these servant-hearted ladies brings their unique gifts, background and ministry experience to offering spiritual insight and encouragement for women today. The delightful talents of Terry Mills and Mary Parmer, both of San Angelo will partner to create a captivating worship team.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the first session will begin at 9:30, followed by lunch at 11:30. Session 2 begins at 1:00 p.m. with the final session starting at 5:00 p.m. One of the highlights of the last two conferences has been the outpouring of chivalry showered on the attendees by the volunteer team. Additionally, drawings are held for numerous prizes, a free book table is available, and San Angelo Bible Book Store will be on hand with a resource table. Tickets for Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition are \$20.00 and may be purchased in advance. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis, so please register as early as possible by calling Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625 or Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-9100. Plan to attend, invite a friend and enjoy a day of fellowship, encouragement, music, laughter, spiritual growth and perhaps even TLC - Total Life Change.

Autumn Arrival? Up on Eaton Hill

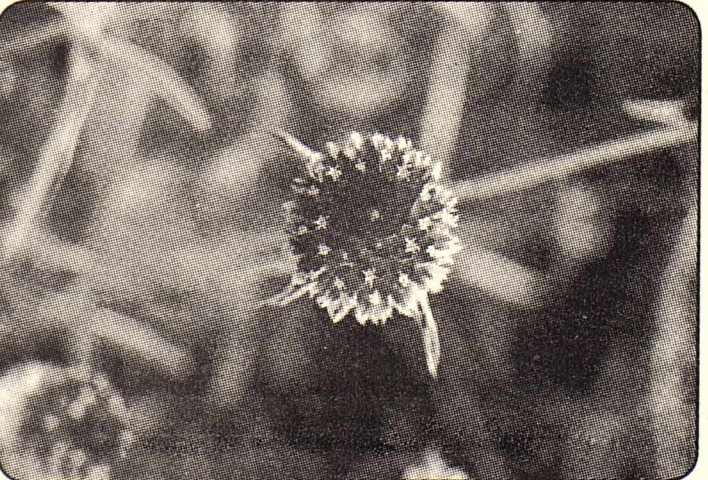
by Delyse Jaeger

Where is the crisp fall breeze that carries a slight melancholy mood mixed with an unnamed anticipation? Thursday, September 22, is the first day of autumn, and though we've had a few cooler bouts, I've yet to detect that near imperceptible change that accompanies the feel and smell of a new season. Soon, perhaps soon.

Recently, I've come across a couple of mysteries and would like the help of anyone who might be able to solve them. First, there are a few patches of unusual wildflowers growing up on Eaton Hill near the Eaton House. The wildflower expert was not familiar with them and thought it was possible they are survivor/escapees of long gone flowerbeds, planted who knows when. Perhaps the plant was once a popular bedding flower. At any rate, the blooms are unique, straw like red spheres with spiraling tiny yellow flowers. Do you recognize this plant?

Next, there's something fishy going on with the birdies. I've been asked by several people about a bird that we cannot identify with certainty. For birders, it is definitely a type of flycatcher and closely resembles a Say's phoebe with a more brilliant coral lower breast and/or sides. It is the vividness of the coral color that is stumping us. The bird is dark on top, with a light upper chest and then the mysterious bright coral sides and lower breast. It is as though a vermilion flycatcher hooked up with a Say's phoebe or other mostly dark flycatcher and (wah-lah!) a new bird appears. Can you shed any light on the mystery? Please call 387-2615 or email to eatonhill@sonoratax.net.

Fall wildflowers may be a tad less conspicuous in general but often prove extravagant in design and texture, so there is no less to explore this season along the trails of Eaton Hill. Currently, the area is teaming with a variety of butterflies, including monarchs, making for a great photo adventure. Hit the trails!



Can you identify Eaton Hill's mystery flower?

7th Grade Colts Clip Eagles' Wings

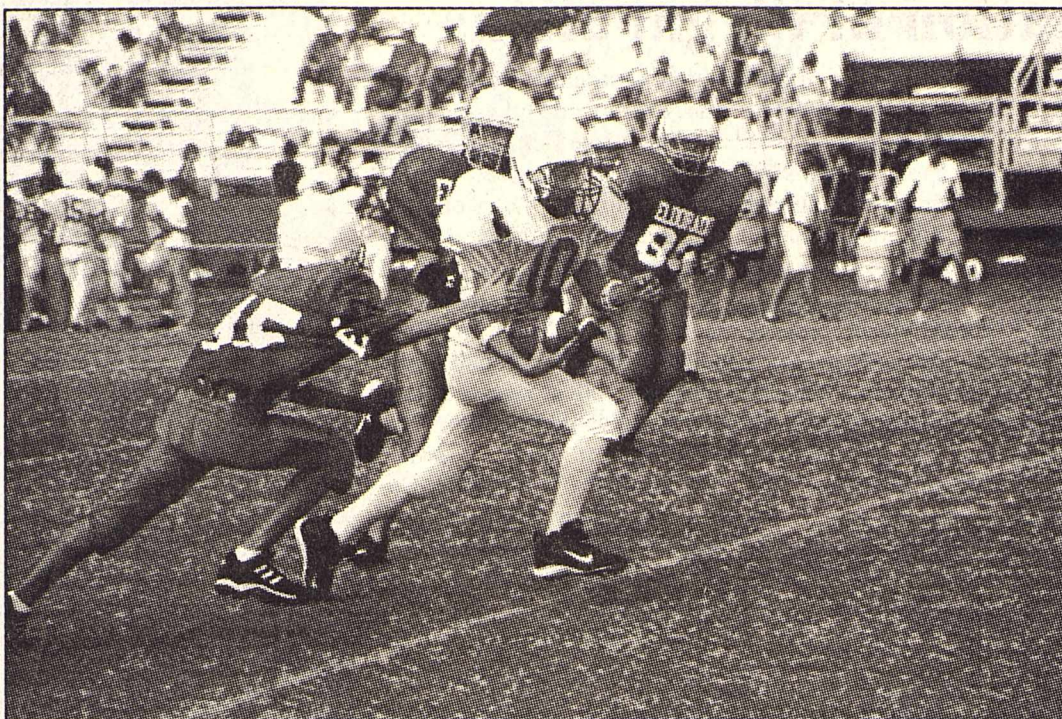
by Nancy Glasscock

During the Bronco Variety bye week, there were two exciting Sonora Middle School Colt games played at Bronco Stadium. The first game pitted the Colts against the 7th Grade Eldorado Eagles.

The Colts opened up on defense. The 7th Grade Colts defense allowed their first opponent this season to score. Eagle Bailey Minor broke through the Colt line and rambled 45 yards into the end zone. Sonora's Ethan Morriss intercepted the two point conversion pass to hold the Eagles to six points.

The Colts started their first offensive drive on the Eagles' 41 yard line. Shane Patlan and Morriss moved the ball to the Eldorado 21, where the Eagles stripped the ball out of Refugio Sanchez's hands.

Two plays later, Colt tackle William Otwell smashed the Eagle running back and caused a fumble. The Colts immediately scored when Morriss faked a handoff to Sanchez and ran around the right side for the first Colt TD. The two point conversion was stopped by the Eagles and the game was



Ethan Morriss scores against the Eldorado Eagles.

At the beginning of the second half, Gaytan and tied at 6. On the Eagles next possession, the Colt defensive line, of Jorge Gaytan, Kevin Barron, and Otwell, swarmed all over the Eagle runners and each play lost yardage. The Colts took over on downs at the Eagle 37 yard line. Morriss scored on a nice, broken field run through the Eagles. He also followed the great blocking of his offensive line in for the two point conversion. The Colts led 14 to 6 at the half.

At the beginning of the second half, Gaytan and

gang once again bottled up the Eagle runners. The next Colt touchdown came after a long pass on third and long from Morriss to Patlan for a first down. Then Morriss escaped around the left end for another long touchdown run. He also ran for the two point conversion to put the game out of reach at 22 to 6.

But there was no "give up" in this bunch of young Eagles. They put on an impressive, multi-play drive of their own. When they reached first and goal, the Colts held them for the

first three plays. On fourth down, the Eagle quarterback lofted a pass to a wide open teammate for a touchdown. Then they ran the sweep to the left for the two point conversion tightening up the score to 22 to 14.

Morriss appeared to really seal the Eagles' fate with another long touchdown run, but it was called back by a penalty. The Colts made enough first downs to run out the clock.

Next week, the Colts travel to Big Lake to face the Owls.

8th grade Colts climb over Wall

by Santiago Faz

On Sept. 15, the 8th grade Colts hosted the Wall Hawks. After an inspiring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by 8th-grader Alyssa Favila, the Colts came out fired up. The Colts started the game by kicking off, but instead of Wall receiving the ball, Paul Faz ran down the field and jumped on the Harvey Santana kick at the Wall 37 yard line. The Colts had no success as they turned the ball over on downs.

Wall took over at their own 34 yard line and made 2 first downs when the Colts defense made some stops led by Diego Dominguez, Chacho Mesa, Hugo Cardona, Cash Jennings and Paul Faz. With the ball at the Colts 44 yard line, the Wall running back was held up when, out of nowhere, Dustin Neff stripped the ball and the Colts took over at the Hawk 49.

The first quarter ended with the Colts 0--Hawks 0.

With some strong running by Chris Aguero and Neff, Gonzales kept the ball and scored from 15 yards out. The 2 point conversion failed. With 7:22 left in the 2nd quarter the score was: Colts 6--Hawks 0.

The Colts held Wall on the next possession led by Tyler Creek. The Colts were held up and came up with a 4th and 17 until Neff caught a screen pass and ran behind his offensive line for 18 yards

and a 1st down. Two plays later, Aguero sprinted into the end zone from 15 yards out. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 12--Hawks 0.

On the Harvey Santana kick, the Hawks returned but got hit hard by a host of Colts and Neff recovered a fumble at the Hawk 48 yard line. The Colts ran out of time in the 2nd quarter with the score 12-0.

In the 3rd quarter, Gonzales connected with A.K. Williams with a 58 yard touchdown pass. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 18--Hawks 0.

After a Will Anderson interception, the Colts turned the ball over on downs to begin the 4th quarter.

After some strong defense by Jennings, Neff intercepted a Hawk pass. Again, after some strong running from Aguero, Anderson, and Santana, Gonzales scored from 1 yard out. The 2 point conversion failed. Colts 24--Hawks 0.

Some strong defense by Anderson gave the ball back to the Colts. Manny Paredes and Neff ran out the final seconds with the final score Colts 24--Hawks 0.

Offense was led by Gonzalez, Neff and Aguero. Defense was led by Anderson and Jennings. Special teams were led by Santana and Faz.

The next game is at Big Lake on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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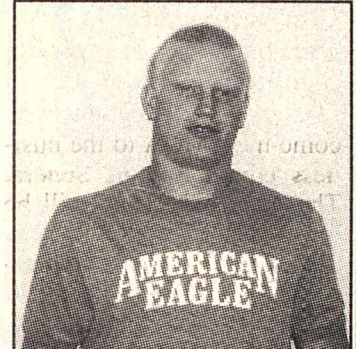
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S.H.S. Students of the Week



Chealsey Daniels is the 11th grade daughter of Anna Daniels. She is proud to call herself a native of Sonora having lived here all of her life. Chealsey is a fantastic student and is a member of the National Honor Society and has been selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also qualified for the National Honor Roll. Her favorite aspect about Sonora is the closeness among the students and how everyone knows everyone and gets along well with each other. After graduation, Chealsey plans to attend Columbia University and major in economics.



Brett McDaniel is the Sonora High School Student of the Week. His parents are Howard and Judy McDaniel. The senior has lived in Sonora since his sophomore year having moved here from Sundown. Brett states that his favorite thing about Sonora is that there is a winning tradition in all sports. Brett has been a major reason that the Broncos have had success the past few years; he is involved in football, basketball, track, and is a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation Brett plans to major in accounting and compete in either football, basketball, or track.

"Together we can Make a Difference," Junction to host "United Against Drugs" rally

The Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley (ADACCV), a 501(c)3 agency is hosting the "United Against Drugs -- Together We Can Make A Difference!" rally on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Coke Stevenson Center in Junction, Texas, for freshmen students in Concho, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard and Sutton Counties.

The "United Against Drugs -- Together We Can Make A Difference!" rally will feature three motivational speakers, free t-shirts, a free lunch and giveaways! This rally aims to educate and equip freshmen students in the Concho Valley with crucial information, skills and encouragement to successfully resist and avoid tobacco, alcohol and other drug use.

Speakers include Aric Bostick, a "pure energy" speaker known as "Mr. Enthusiasm," who uses his Vision, Identity and Purpose message to inspire his audiences to live their dreams and experience fulfilling lives! David Parnell's inspiring and intense re-telling of his successful battle to overcome methamphetamines is highly effective in persuading his audiences to avoid this treacherous drug! ADACCV's David Pinkston and Gabe Garza will convey a hip and dynamic presentation that's designed to activate young minds towards confident, positive and informed thinking that leads to drug-free activities, healthy choices and constructive behavior.

The "United Against Drugs -- Together We Can Make A Difference!" rally promises to be an exciting and dynamic experience for ninth grade students in the Concho Valley and was made possible with the enormous financial and project support from the participating communities and sponsors.

For more information contact: Martha Saucedo, ADACCV Community Education Specialist - 325-456-5559

Sonora Broncos Football 2005

Aug. 26	Sonora 33	Alpine 14
Sept. 2	Sonora 35	Bracketville 19
Sept. 9	Sonora 14	Coleman 6
Sept. 16	Open	
Sept. 23	*Reagan County	There 7:30
Sept. 30	*Eldorado	Home 7:30
Oct. 7	*Ozona	There 7:30
Oct. 14	*Mason	Home 7:30
Oct. 21	*Wall	There 7:30
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Sonora JV Red Broncos

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Sept. 1	Sonora 29	Junction 0
Sept. 8	Sonora 26	Coleman 20
Sept. 22	Reagan County	Home 6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	There 6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 5:00
Oct. 13	Mason	There 6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	Home 5:00
Oct. 27	Grape Creek	There 6:30
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Aug. 25	Sonora 22	Rocksprings 20
Sept. 1	Sonora 8	Wall 22
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Sept. 22	Iraan	Home 5:00
Sept. 29	Wall	There 7:00
Oct. 6	Ozona	Home 7:00
Oct. 13	Ozona	There 5:00
Oct. 20	Wall	Home 7:00
Oct. 27	Rocksprings	There 6:30
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Sept. 8	Sonora (7th) 32	Coleman 6
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Sept. 15	Sonora (7th) 22	Eldorado 14
	(8th) 24	Wall 0
Sept. 22	Reagan Co.	There 5:00/6:30
Sept. 29	Eldorado	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 6	Ozona	There 5:00/6:30
Oct. 13	Mason	Home 5:00/6:30
Oct. 20	Wall	There 5:00/6:30
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Lunch	
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Thurs.	Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, pickle spear, apple
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Department of Homeland Security implements Bonilla directive; expedites deportation of illegal aliens

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Department of Homeland Security is implementing U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla's directive to create an expedited removal program for illegal immigrants. The new program will encompass the entire South West border.

"I'm thrilled that the Department of Homeland Security is finally taking action," said Bonilla. "The Texas/Mexico border is a hot-bed for illegal immigration. Ignoring the problem is like ignoring the war against terrorism."

Expedited removal will re-

sult in the vast majority of illegal immigrants being repatriated to their own country within days, rather than months. By using the Expedited Removal program, Border Patrol agents will issue deportation orders for OTMs that do not have legitimate claims for asylum. Without Expedited Removal, deportation order can only be issued after a trial. The new system will cut removal times in half and greatly reduce judicial back-log.

Expedited Removal was originally implemented in

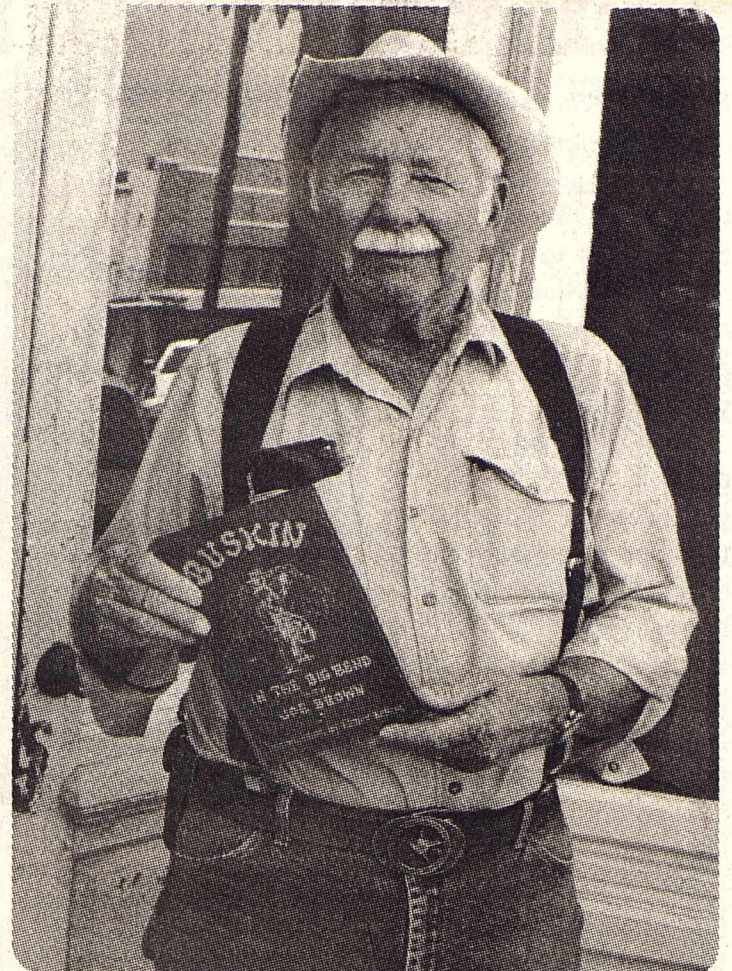
only three Border Patrol Sectors: Tucson, Ariz., McAllen, Texas, and Laredo, Texas. This year's appropriations bill included Bonilla's language requiring implementation of expedited removal. The program will now include the Del Rio, El Paso, Marfa, San Diego, Yuma, AZ and El Centro, CA Border Patrol Sector.

"Border Patrol Agents are doing their job by capturing illegal immigrants. But once captured they are almost immediately set free because of the overflow," said Bonilla. "This new policy will send a

signal: you can no longer use the 'capture and release' loophole as a free ticket to America," said Bonilla.

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla has been striving for several years to end the flow of OTMs (Other Than Mexican) who enter the U.S. illegally, are captured, then released into the general population. Bonilla has sent letters to former Department of Homeland Security Secretary Ridge regarding the OTM problem. Bonilla has also spoken personally with Attorney General Gonzalez and included legislation in the Department of Homeland Security bill, calling for widespread implementation of Expedited Removal.

Bonilla has represented South Texas since his first election in 1992. In addition to serving as Co-Chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla is a Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus. Bonilla currently serves as chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Subcommittees.



Buskin in the Big Bend author rests his saddle in Sonora

Buskin is defined in the dictionary as a small slipper worn by actors when used as a noun. The verb "to Busk" has a whole different meaning. Joe Brown explains that H. Allen Smith says it means to tell risqué stories in roadside taverns. The definition was later given a broader meaning, describing a "Busker" as one who recites in a public house. Brown chooses to refer to his work as that of a "Buskin," "...one who tells stories or recites poetry anytime or anyplace." That's what he does in his latest book, "Buskin in the Big Bend with Joe N. Brown."

Brown was born in Sanderson, Texas on May 22, 1931 to Ben and Bertha Brown. His father died before he was born and his family moved all over West Texas. He has lived in Sanderson, El Paso, Van Horn, Kent, and Sabinal. After graduating from Sanderson High School, he worked for various ranches, drove a truck and did construction work. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the outbreak of the Korean War and reported for duty on January 16, 1951. After serving for 3 years, 10 months and 21 days, he received an honorable discharge and returned home to Texas. He graduated from Sul Ross University with a degree in Agriculture. He and his wife, Goldie, ranched for 30 years in Terrell, Pecos and Brewster counties, and since then have worked on various ranches in West Texas.

"I've cowboied from the Rio Grande to the Concho and from the Pecos to the Davis Mountains," Brown has been known to say.

He started writing in the 1970's, first short sonnets, then short stories, and always about things he knows. His first book, "Reflections from a Rimrock" is now out of print. He has been printed in many newspapers and magazines and for many years read poetry at the West Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, Texas.

The stories in "Buskin..." are the end result of many happenings across West Texas in Brown's lifetime and are all true. A special introduction from Elmer Kelton opens Brown's latest collection, in which Kelton refers to Joe Brown as a cowboy and adds special comments.

Brown and his wife of 51 years, Goldie, now call Sonora home.

"Buskin in the Big Bend with Joe Brown" is available to purchase at Gifts Galore and More and The Devil's River News if you would like to add these tales from the wild west to your collection.

Weekly Migratory Bird Report

Panhandle: Reports from the High Plains indicate adequate water on playas that should bode well for teal hunters. As much as 20 inches of rain has fallen in the last 30 days, providing ample habitat for blue-winged teal to make a brief stop before continuing southward. Dove hunting has been fair to good in milo and corn near Spearman and Dumas. Fields north of Abilene have enjoyed steady shoots as well. Teal season began Sept. 17, and the North Zone dove season runs through Oct. 30. Prospects are good.

Central Zone Dove Hunting: Overall shooting has been fair to good throughout the region. Recent rainfall has slowed bird flight during the day. Whitewings are fair to good near Castroville, Hondo, Uvalde and agricultural fields outside of San Antonio. Mourning doves are fair to good near Brownwood, Stephenville, Waco and just north of Austin. Expect new doves to move into the area on the next cool front. Prospects are fair to good.

Teal Hunting: The season gets underway Sept. 17 and reports along the coast are promising. Most rice fields with standing water for a second crop have birds. Since the region is relatively dry, those who have pumped water in leveed ponds should see plenty of action this weekend. Good concentrations of birds have been spotted in Brazoria, Chambers, Jefferson, Jackson, Colorado, Wharton, Lavaca and Matagorda Counties. Since the full moon coincides with the Sept. 17 opener, expect to see an influx of birds coming and going. Some bluewings may arrive overnight; however, birds that have been on the coast for a while might decide to move southward with favorable migrating conditions. Those with water should see plenty of action when the shooting begins. Biologist Todd Merendino said Mad Island WMA near Bay City, Peach Point WMA near Freeport and Guadalupe Delta WMA near Port Lavaca will be open to weekend-only hunting. Merendino said habitat conditions look good on marsh ponds; a high tide has pushed plenty of water in ponds. He expects hunting to be good. North Texas teal reports are scattered on area lakes and reservoirs. Prospects are good.

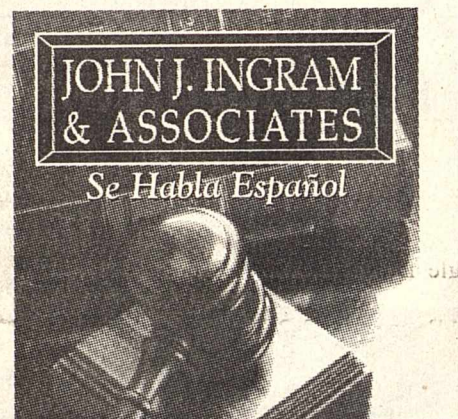
South Zone Dove Hunting: Hunting was fair to good during the last weekend of the Special Whitewing Hunting Zone season, partly due to scattered showers in South Texas which hampered bird flight. The South Zone dove season runs Sept. 23-Nov. 10. New birds should continue to move into the region with forecasted cool fronts and the upcoming full moon. Prospects are good.

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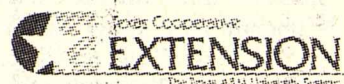
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Gunter Pennington wins big in Junction Youth Rodeo



Gunter Pennington, son of Stacey and Fran Pennington, won his first All-Around Saddle at the Junction Youth Rodeo over the Labor Day weekend. Gunter won some great other prizes for his accomplishments in roping and riding at the annual event. Congrats Gunter!

Hunter Education Course to be offered in October



Deer season is just around the corner. Soon some 700,000 hunters will be afield in pursuit of the popular white-tailed deer. Some will take their son or daughter along to continue a legacy of companionship their father or grandfather initiated. Many will bring home a trophy, or at least a trophy-sized tale. But, before going to deer camp, there are two things to keep in mind- safety and the law.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is 12 years and the cost is \$10. Hunter education not only teaches hunting safety, skills and responsibility, but is also the first step in a lifelong commitment to conservation and sportsmanship.

To that effect, Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Parks & Wildlife will offer a Hunter Education course. It will be held at the Sonora High School on October 8th from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and continues on the 9th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Topics covered will include Hunter Safety & Responsibility, Primitive &

Modern Firearms, Our Hunting Heritage, Hunting As a Wildlife Management Tool, Survival & Wilderness First Aid, Wildlife Identification, and Basic Hunting Techniques. Upon satisfactory completion, those 12 years old and older will receive their hunter certification.

If you want to learn about firearm & hunter safety, need to take a hunter certification course, or have a youth ready for his/her first hunting experience: **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY.** Coop instructor for this course is Jim Phillips, Texas Parks & Wildlife and Texas Cooperative Extension. Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101 for details or to register. Hunters' responsible efforts will safeguard hunting opportunities and adventures in the great outdoors.

Along related lines, a reminder that we will host a Wildlife Health Seminar on September 22 at 9 a.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Topics pertain to the potential for disease associated with interactions among wildlife, livestock, and people. Two C.E.U.s will be awarded to those with a pesticide applicator license.

Texas Cooperative Extension to hold three October Range Monitoring Workshops

by Steve Byrns

Contact: Dr. Allan McGinty, (325) 653-4576, a-mcginty@tamu.edu

SAN ANGELO - Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled three Fall Range Monitoring Workshops during October.

They are:

-Oct. 12, Fredericksburg, Extension office, 95 Frederick Rd. (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 7), call (830) 997-3452;

-Oct. 25, Odessa, Kellus Turner Community Center, 2261 W. Sycamore Drive, (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 21); call (432) 498-4071, and

-Oct. 27, Sonora, Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett, (Pre-registration deadline is Oct. 21), call (325) 387-3101.

Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist here, said the goal of the workshops is to train landowners to monitor rangeland health.

"Land managers who monitor their range are

better able to set correct stocking rates and protect or improve their forage production," he said.

Extension range specialists from across the state will teach the workshops. The curriculum centers around a practical, yet simple, monitoring system that works well for landowners, managers and private consultants.

"The system helps producers improve their range and identify problems before damage is done," McGinty said.

Participants will learn monitoring skills during the morning sessions and apply them in the field during the afternoon sessions. Each site will offer the same instruction.

Individual pre-registration is \$15. Individual registration after the designated dates is \$25. For more information on the workshops, contact McGinty at (325) 653-4576.

Rig Locations as of September 16, 2005



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New Anadarko E&P; 8000' S Millspaugh - 14 - #9, Patterson Drilling.
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New Chevron; 6800' AR Kincaid Trust - C - #19, Nabors Drilling.
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Combs cautions producers about pesticide phone sales

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today advised farmers and ranchers to be cautious when dealing with solicitors peddling pesticide products over the phone. The Texas Department of Agriculture has recently heard from several producers who have been contacted at their homes by telephone marketers offering products.

"Legitimate pesticide dealers usually don't initiate sales through telemarketing," Combs said. "Products that are pushed over the phone are usually touted as more concentrated, more effective or just cheaper. In many cases, producers who take up the offer end up very disappointed."

Combs noted that TDA frequently gets calls from pesticide applicators who are unhappy after purchasing products over the phone. In some instances, the product is not registered for use in Texas. Taking extra time to know what you are buying can prevent headaches and possible violations of state pesticide laws.

"The best advice is to buy pesticide products from your local licensed dealer," Combs said. "These are folks who can answer all your questions regarding a product's safe use, its effectiveness and its success in your particular area."

Combs advised applicators

to follow some precautionary steps if they choose to deal with telephone marketers:

- Ask if the product is registered with TDA.
- Ask if the product label requires the applicator to be licensed before purchasing or using the product.
- Remember that all products must be used according to label. The seller may claim the product can be used on a particular pest or crop, but unless the label permits it, the applicator can be held liable for misapplication.
- Ask for details in writing (such as the label and Material Data Safety Sheet).
- Ask for references.
- Ask for the price, ingredients and concentration so you know what you are getting and can compare prices. Some products have been diluted, so it is crucial to get all the facts.
- Get the person's name, company name and phone number.
- Hang up if a telephone marketer won't answer all your questions. Any legitimate dealer will provide all the information you request.
- Combs also reminded producers that if they want to know if a pesticide product lives up to the claims from a phone salesman, they can always call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA.

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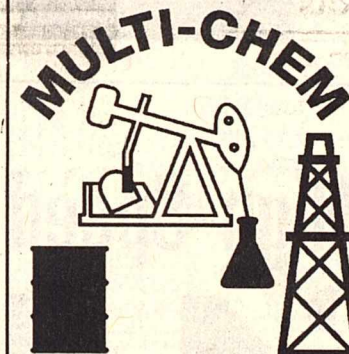


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School Board from page 1

less than the 21 day suspension was approved. He commented that the board did not decide to have a drug policy because the hospital would offer free counseling and they did not develop a drug policy because of this offer. He also said that at a previous meeting, Mrs. Favila had said that a policy could always be changed. He pointed out that it was never a good idea to soften a policy that was implemented because it would appear to be giving in. He said that whatever policy was chosen should stay, therefore the requirements could not be lowered.

Favila thanked Payton for his comments, saying that she would not argue with him, but stated that a student will either learn a lesson or not and if he or she can't learn it in 21 days, then they aren't going to learn it. Payton commented that he had heard from the community and that all he talked with were glad that the board was developing a policy, but no one had said that they wanted the district to hammer the student the first time.

Favila then moved on to other board members' comments.

Board member Tryon Fields stated that after the last board meeting he had done a lot of soul searching and had talked to members of the community and to some in other communities and felt, in his opinion, that if the board was to go with less than 21 days, they would be laughed at and that 21 days could be considered punitive, but could also be considered preventative. Fields remarked that by sending the message of 21 days suspension, the district is also offering help to the students. He also said that had also had many people thank

him for what the board is working to do with the drug policy, and not one had said anything against the 21 day suspension, but all had said the policy would give the opportunity for a student to say no and maybe stop them from ever doing it.

Board member Dean Dermody stated that he understood both sides presented by Payton and Fields. He said that he too, had talked to a lot of people and it depends on whose glasses you're looking through as to whether 21 days for a first offense is punitive or preventative. Dermody concluded that the drug of main concern is meth and if a student does it one time they may be lost forever, therefore they are lost anyway, so he wants to see a policy that is strong enough to encourage students not to do drugs at all.

Board member Barbara Jennings commented that she was not going to add anything and that she felt even more strongly since the last meeting that 21 days be implemented for a first offense because it gave students a reason to say no and was sending the message that drug use is serious.

Board member Jesse Bustamante said that he agreed with having a student drug testing policy was long overdue; but he did feel that 21 days for a first offense was too harsh. Other than that he was happy with the policy.

Member Scott Jacoby said that he was against a 21 day punishment of the first offense, although he was in favor of harsh punishment for the second and succeeding offenses. He asked about the kids that tried it once and would never do so again, but would be labeled a drug addict. He stated that he thought a punishment of 14 days was enough for a first offense, and that the alcohol policy should be strengthened to 14 days also. Jacoby commented that he also shared Payton's concern about losing a student who was a first time offender and that it was the board and the district's duty to teach and to guide the students. He compared the training to that of a horse, where the trainer must be firm but gentle to obtain the intended results. He stated that the board should be there for the students, respect them and gain their respect, and that success and failure was all in the way one treats the students.

Favila commented that her

opinion had not changed. She said that the mission statement for the board of trustees is to make students responsible and productive citizens, that students can not be responsible and productive if they are on drugs, and the board has the ability to help students learn right from wrong. She commented that 21 days is harsh, but so is 21 days in jail. She continued that the parent has allowed the school to become the parent in this situation and thus, the school was going to send a message to them that tough love is harsh. Favila said that she had not been contacted by anyone who felt that 21 days was too harsh and she felt this policy was the right decision and she would not back down.

Favila concluded the discussion by offering her appreciation to the Student Drug Testing committee for the long hours they spent developing a policy and stated that they would all be rewarded when no students tried to test the policy.

Favila then announced that the policy would be sent to TASB for finalization and then on to Walsh-Anderson, after which it would return to the board for final approval.

In other business, visitor Susan Hall gave the board more information regarding the Chamber of Commerce's "Keep Sonora Beautiful" program and requested that one or more board members join the committee in its efforts to implement the program in Sonora. She stated that there was a meeting scheduled for the following day and she asked for the board's support and representation.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, Superintendent Myers reviewed the monthly tax collection report and reported expenditures, revenues, cash position by bank account and the current bills in the amount of \$1,247,324.18.

Cafeteria Supervisor Dora Gonzales presented the Quarterly Cafeteria Report stated that there was profit of over \$2,000 at the present time and that when all the end of year documentation was completed, she hoped the Food Service would break even. She explained that most expenses were due to repairs.

Dr. Myers reported that the construction was still on schedule, and was still looking for a January 1 completion date.

Due to the increase in fuel

prices, the Board unanimously voted to raise the fee for driver's education from \$175 to \$200 per student.

Dr. Myers stated that opening enrollment was 1009 and now stood at 1006, up 14 from the same time in 2004 and up 100 from 4 years ago. He said that the attendance percentage was 98.56, higher than the same time in 2004.

Dr. Myers reviewed maintenance in the following areas:

1. Campus--roof repairs at the Field House are completed; are waiting on controls for the High School air conditioning; Middle School air conditioner unit needs replacing; new televisions have been installed at the Primary School; and the roof at the Vocational Building is going to have to be addressed. Additionally, the summer waxing projects are all completed and a check has finally been received for the damage on the High School north wall.

2. Extra-Curricular-- The Auditorium roof leak is a mystery because sometimes it leaks and sometimes it doesn't; the Softball Field sprinkler system will soon be completed; prep work on the Baseball and Softball Fields is upcoming; a water leak at the Football Field has been repaired; and the fence at the Tennis Court has also been repaired.

3. Housing-- roof repairs have been completed on one house and the plumbing at an apartment is being repaired.

Member Tryon Fields asked about the Vocational Building lights and was informed by the Superintendent that the hoods had arrived and would be installed by an electrician in the near future.

Member Dean Dermody inquired about a pipe painted red in the middle tunnel at the Football Field and stated that someone had tripped over it and he asked that it be painted white in order to avoid future injuries.

The Superintendent presented information about board training scheduled for October 15 at the Region Center. He stated that the portion which is Level II training is from 1-4 p.m. that day and that the team has not participated in this required training for 2 years. Members had conflicts with the October date and requested that the Superintendent contact the Region Center and get them to come up with some dates for team building that would be done in Sonora.

Member Barbara Jennings thanked the Superintendent for announcing at the Middle School football games.

President Favila thanked the Lions Club for hosting their annual hamburger supper for school district personnel and stated that SISD staff members were most appreciative. She also thanked the Sonora Police Department for their work at the school crosswalks and with traffic safety. Mrs. Favila read thank you notes from Clay and Gaile Cade for the activity passes and from Jackie Poloccek for the get well flowers. She concluded her remarks by encouraging all board members to attend the Middle School dinner and Meet the Teacher program scheduled for the following evening from 6-8 P.M.

President Favila announced that the Board would take a short recess and then would enter closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel). She further stated that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:36 P.M. with no action necessary.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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or taller, again, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system. However, if the child is both less than five years old and less than 36 inches in height, they are legally required to be in a car seat or booster seat.

The law also requires that safety seats be used according to the manufacturer's instructions, including height and weight guidelines.

A child in a poorly-fitting seat belt usually slumps down, allowing the seat belt to ride up into their abdomen or neck, which can cause severe injuries to the child's neck and internal organs during a car crash.

To know when a child can wear a seat belt properly without a booster seat, use this simple test:

Have your child sit on the vehicle seat, sitting all the way back, with their back straight against the back of the seat, and buckle the lap/shoulder belt over them.

1. Do their legs bend naturally at the knees over the edge of the seat?

2. Does the lap portion of the belt fit over the top of their thighs?

3. Does the shoulder portion of the belt fit across the center of their chest?

If the answer to any of these three questions is no, the child may be better protected in a booster seat.

Although there is no law that prevents youngsters from sitting in the front seat of a vehicle, the safest place for a child in a car is in a rear seat, properly buckled into a child safety seat or a booster seat.

Air bags don't replace child safety seats and may increase the risk of serious injury to children. Children younger than 13 should never ride in the front seats of vehicles with active passenger air bags.

For more information on proper child seat installation and use, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/csr2001/csrhtml/>.

Keep Texas Beautiful from page 1

Affiliation with the Keep Texas Beautiful Program provides opportunities for training and education on controlling waste and pollution, and programs for beautification. The affiliation also makes available grant monies for beautification and education on waste management. The Keep Sonora Beautiful committee is completely committed to providing not just a short term, but also a long term plan for Sonora and its wonderful people to benefit from a litter free environment, and enhance the beauty of our community. The education of our youth is a very important part of this program and the committee looks forward to working with educators in the future. If you have any questions about this program, please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880.

Thank you for reading the Devil's River News.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
 SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)
 HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)
 HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)
 HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)
 SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)
 SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)
 HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)
 SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)
 SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)
 HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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F.Y.I.

PTO Open House 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 26, "Big Gym"

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Sutton County Health Foundation Annual Fund Raiser "Fish Fry"; Sunday, October 23, 2005, after church on the Courthouse Square. A full meal, with dessert for a minimum donation of \$6! All proceeds will go to the Health Foundation account for the future of our hospital.

Shane Folmar Day - October 1, 2005; Community Picnic at the Sutton County Slab, Sonora, Texas - 11:30 a.m. - Celebration of Life & Dedication of Pfc. Timothy Shane Folmar, Killed in Iraq September 24, 2004 - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

Grand Opening of American Meat Goat Association Office - 109 W. Main, Sonora, Texas; October 1, 2005; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Welcome 11:00 a.m. - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

Annual Sonora Fall Festival 2005; Saturday, October 29, 2005; 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bronco Seniors Hamburgers, Prizes, games, music, giant slide and more; crowning of Mr. & Miss Fall Festival - 10:00 a.m.; Storybook character parade, starting in front of the courthouse - line-up 10:30 a.m. judging 11:00 a.m., prizes in every category.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program "Trick or Treating", Monday, October 31, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Downtown Sonora. Dress up and get goodies at local businesses. If you need more information please call the friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or come by 232 Main Street, suite 101.

September 30th & October 1st - W. E. Whitehead Boer Goat Disbursement Sale - W. E. Whitehead Ranch, Sonora, Texas - FMI Whitehead Ranch 325/387-3003

November 12th - 39th Annual Sutton County Game Dinner - Sutton County Civic Center, Sonora, Texas - 6:00 p.m. - FMI - Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

November 18th - The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar - Sutton County Civic Center, Sonora, Texas - 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. - FMI and booth availability call Sonora Chamber of Commerce 325/387-2880

Women's Bible Study @ Lighthouse Community Church; Studying "The Patriarch" by Beth Moore; starting Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please call the church at 387-9100 to enroll.

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