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Photos by Becky McAngus

The Historic Mercantile Building at the corner of Main and Water Streets has been reopened after months of restoration. The building has played a significant role in the history of Sonora.

Historic Mercantile Building Complete Restoration

by Becky McAngus

At the head of Main Street – just across from the handsomely restored 1891 Sutton County Courthouse – stands a building that has survived due to the efforts of three influential local businessmen over a one hundred year history.

Sparkling in the early autumn sun, the historic Mercantile Building anchors the block north of Concho with its richly detailed Victorian cast iron and pressed-tin façade. The exterior, painted in black and white, boasts fancy pressed-tin work, iconic pilasters and rosettes. Inside, heavy Tuscan chandeliers cast a warm glow on the freshly painted wood work in hues of teal and plum. The aged wood of the staircase, refinished after decades of being covered in carpet, glows. Antique furnishings, arranged in cozy seating groups throughout the building, provide a sense of timelessness to the setting and the smell of fresh baked goods permeates the air.

This building has played a significant role in the history of Sonora, constructed after a devastating fire leveled the east side of Main Street in 1902. It housed the first telephone exchange, the first lawyers (later Judges Cornell and Wardlaw), and the first “real” doctor, Dr. H. Guernsey Jones. It was also the first restoration project on Main Street, saved in the nick of time and lovingly restored by Walter and Dorothy Pope.

The Mercantile Building has, over the years, reflected the economy of the community and provided a setting for much of the social life of Sonora. The early business district was often plagued by fire. The site was home to two previous buildings, both destroyed before the turn of the century. A boarding house, the Sowell House, was located on the site at the time the courthouse was being constructed. That frame structure burned in 1893 and was replaced by another frame structure, the Hagerlund Brothers Mercantile. Ed R. Jackson, a prominent local rancher and banker, bought the mercantile store in 1900, the same

year he founded the First National Bank of Sonora. On September 12, 1902, the building again caught fire, this time taking the entire block of frame buildings with it. The only building surviving on the east side of Main Street was the masonry First National Bank building.

Jackson hired a builder named C.J. Nichols to replace the three burned buildings with cast iron faced masonry buildings and to repair the stone bank building. He spared no expense in the construction of the Mercantile Building, knowing the importance of this corner lot, and even added a second story gallery with a turned balustrade to its exterior, forming a canopy for the ground floor sidewalk. The ground floor portion of the building was occupied by a mercantile store through the 1920s. The second story gallery was removed in the 1920s, and in 1935 the Mercantile Building housed a car dealership. As the local economy suffered through the Depression and then World War II, the grand two-story building sat vacant for about 20 years, its picture windows covered with brown paper. Various owners had altered the interior of the building, and a leaking roof caused the collapse of the rear wall in the early 1970s.

Just about that time, Sutton County's natural gas reserves were beginning to attract the attention of wildcatters and production companies from throughout the Southwest. A local ranching couple, Walter and Dorothy Pope, purchased the dilapidated building and constructed a temporary concrete wall on the Poplar Street side. They began the exhausting task of restoring the building to its original appearance. Their aim, according to the application they submitted to the Texas Historical Commission, was to rejuvenate the central business district of the county seat. In 1981,



Wrought iron chandeliers cast a warm glow on the interior foyer of the Mercantile Building. In other parts of the building, pressed tin adorns the ceiling of this historic building and Walter Pope's chandelier hangs in an alcove created to highlight its green glow.

TCEQ Fine Reduced City Begins Work on Water & Sewer Infrastructure

by Becky McAngus

The City of Sonora will pay a fine in the amount of \$8,950 to the Texas Department of Environmental Quality (TCEQ), reduced from \$65,300 demanded by the state agency in August. The fine and a special environmental project conducted by the city to benefit the local environment will serve to dispense with an enforcement action brought by the state following the spill of 290,000 gallons of raw and/or partially treated sewage from Sonora's wastewater treatment facility into the Dry Devil's River.

City manager Jim Polonis explained that the agreement with the state calls for the city to make the check for the fine payable to Keep Texas Beautiful. Keep Texas Beautiful will then issue a check in that same amount to Keep Sonora Beautiful, who will use the funds for local environmental projects. “This way, the fine will go to benefit the community,” Polonis explained. He expressed the city's thanks to Congressman Carlos Uresti and his staff for their assistance in negotiation of the settlement agreement.

The city has proceeded with plans for upgrading Sonora's water and sewer infrastructure and preventing future spills at the wastewater treatment plant. Draft plans integrating data compiled from the smoke tests performed on the wastewater collection system is expected to be presented by the engineering firm of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd of Abilene next week. He said the city was expecting to encounter a number of problems due to the age and the various materials that make up the wastewater collection system. “We have found several serious problems,” Polonis confirmed.

Vendors are expected to be in Sonora next week to discuss two different types of collection systems with city council. The city will look at the advantages and disadvantages of a pressure system and/or a vacuum system. Sonora's current septic system is a gravity-fed system with lift stations.

A drawing of the initial sanitary septic system, prior to its implementation in 1927, shows sewer lines running under streets to homes and businesses east of Mulberry Street. As indicated in the drawing, prepared by Municipal Engineering Company of Dallas, no septic lines were planned for the area west of Mulberry. (A copy of the drawing is on page 3). Since that time, numerous additions and repairs have been made to the sewer lines and some of the old, ten, eight and six-inch tile pipe that was installed at that time could still be under Sonora's streets.

The new wastewater collection system will more adequately meet the needs of our community, and the pipes that will be run will not have to be buried as deep or be as

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Photo by Juanita Gomez

The Mighty Bronco Band, under the direction of Mr. Rusty Baldwin, proudly represented Sonora at the Area Marching Contest over the weekend in Belton. Above, drum major Amy Hernandez leads the brass section in their performance piece at the contest. Although performing well at Area, the Bronco Band will not advance to the state contest this year.

Colts Win, Shut out Brady 18-0

by Coach Lamar Evans

Sonora's 7th grade Colts traveled to Brady Thursday night to challenge the 7th grade Bulldogs. It was another defensive battle with both teams throwing a lot of blows. The offense was led by our lineman, and what an outstanding job they did!

The guys up front made it possible for our backs to run. We opened it up a little more and tried to throw the ball. Our running attack once again showed our opponents that if they arm-tackle us, we will achieve our goal and score.

Jansen McBride got us on the board with a nice cut back to the right to score. The Colts' performance was solid. The team knew our opponents were good and played aggressively on defense. Gunter Pennington made some good runs for us around both sides and, with 3rd and goal, punched in another score. The Colts won the game 18-0 and declined to run up the score at the ball game. I told the kids you don't kick a man when he's down; same with the score. The team has a long road trip to Blanco on Thursday night. We hope to see everyone there.



Photo by Ray Glasscock

The Bronco Varsity held tough in its loss to Brady last Friday. Above, Alberto Tovar and the Bronco defensive line stops Brady short of the first-down marker. A complete wrap-up of the game is on page 5.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends!

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Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Nov. 2 - Run errands and pay bills!
- Mon. Nov 5 - Bingo!
- Tues. Nov 6 - Election Day. GO VOTE!
- Wed. Nov. 7-TRAX van to San Angelo, and answers on aging at noon.
- Thur. Nov. -Happy Birthday, Victorino Martinez
Happy Birthday Ofilia Torres!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Nov. 2 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, gree beans, rolls, Cake with Strawberries and milk.
- Mon. Nov. 5 - Hamburger on bun, oven french fries, lettuce and tomato, onions, carrot salad, milk, fruit cocktail.
- Tues. Nov. 6 - Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, italian veggies, roll, cake and milk.
- Wed. Nov. 7 - Baked Ham, carrots/peas, sweet potatoes, rolls, peanut butter cookie, and milk.
- Thurs. Nov. 8 - Turkey w/giblet gravy, combread, dressing, broccoli coleslaw, roll, pumkin pie and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

Dennis and Wilkinson Wed October 20th

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lindsay, TX was the setting October 20, 2007, for the wedding of Michelle Denise Dennis and Bryden Blaine Wilkinson, both of Keller, TX. Father Ken Robinson, of Muenster, TX, officiated at the ceremony. Parents of the bride are Douglas and Virginia Dennis of Lindsay. Her grandparents are Mrs. Helen Dennis of Nocona, TX, the

late Mr. Wayne Dennis and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Pelzel, who lived in Pilot Point, TX. The groom is the son of Mark and JoAnn Wilkinson of Sonora and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Mayfield of Sonora, Ms. G.K. Rutledge of San Angelo, Mrs. Agnes Wilkinson of Austin, TX, the late Mr. Ronnie Wilkinson, formerly of Austin and the late Mr. Bob Rutledge, of San Angelo.

The bride's gown was of satin with a sweetheart bodice accented with beaded metallic embroidery in an A-line silhouette. The skirt, with embroidered flower metallic overlays, had ruche to the side. A Duf Flounce adorned the slender skirt that swept back to fullness, forming the chapel train with a French bustle.

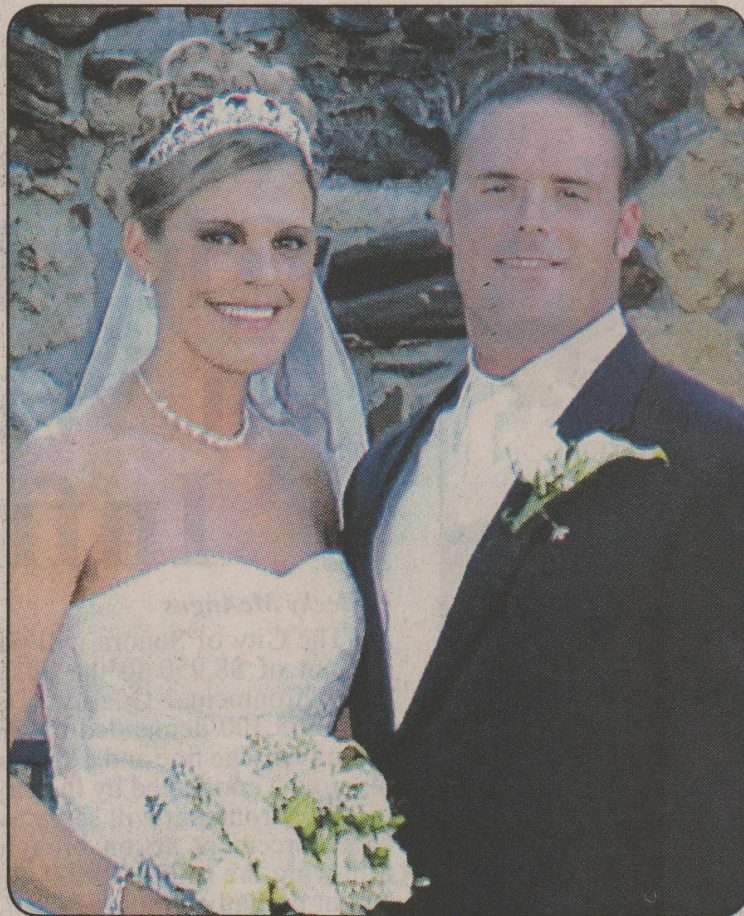
Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Danetta Gumpert of Wichita Falls, TX. Maid of Honor was Gay Lynn Alexander, of Lewisville, TX. Bridesmaids were Heather Nance of Valley View, TX, Zan Marie Wood of Denton, TX, and Kristy Andrews of Keller, TX. Annie Braack of Pilot Point, TX, served as flower girl.

Chris Henderson of Corinth, TX served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were Wade Ashley of Virginia Beach, VA, Matt Seabough of Austin, TX, Marcus Dennis of Stillwater, OK and Bob Carpenter of Keller, TX. The late Chris Stacy was memorialized as the groom's Honorary Groomsman. Zac Adams of Georgetown, TX, Greg Gumpert of Wichita Falls, TX, Joe Hawkins of Arlington, TX and Mike Evans of Bonham, TX were ushers.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 1998 graduate of Midwestern State University with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Radiologic Sciences, a 2000 graduate of HCC, with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology and a 2001 graduate of Midwestern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Radiologic Sciences. She is currently employed as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist with TPS Medical Services in Plano, TX.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2003 graduate of Southwest Texas University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems. He is currently employed as a Project Technical Lead at eStar Technologies in Arlington, TX.

Following a wedding trip to Antigua, St. John's, the couple will reside in Keller, TX.



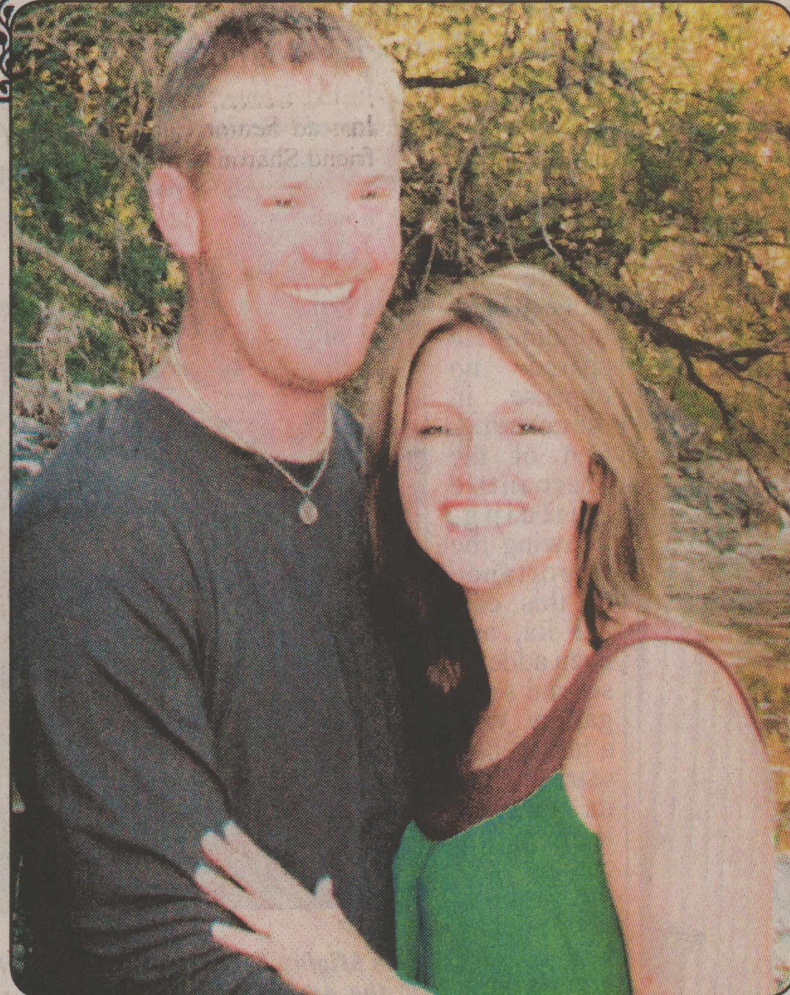
Mr. and Mrs. Bryden Blaine Wilkinson

The Soldier

We were standing in line waiting to get on the airplane. I would guess he was in his early thirties and was dressed in his military uniform. It had the camouflaged colors, so I could not tell which branch of service he was in. I asked him which branch of service and he told me the Army. I noticed that his boots had some wear on them, so I asked him if he had been overseas. He said that he had just completed a tour in Afghanistan and was home on leave. I thanked him for serving our country and I reached out and shook his hand. I also told him that I was proud of him for the sacrifice he was making because I and my family are able to walk safely in the daytime and

sleep peacefully at night. That soldier and his faithful service reminds me of those that serve Christ Sunday after Sunday. They may lead the song service or help with the music. They may even help in the nursery or teach a Sunday school class. We are told to respect, honor and love those that serve, (1 Thessalonians 5:12&13). If it is the pastor or one of the leaders of the local church we are to give them double honor, (1 Timothy 5:17&18). Many times we just take them for granted and do not realize how they have faithfully given of themselves. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Dillard & Barker Announce Engagement



Mike and Janey Dillard of Sonora would like to announce the engagement of their son, Chance Dillard, to Dani Barker, daughter of Darrell and Patti Barker, of Hutto, TX. Chance is a superintendent at Sonora Contractors. Dani is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently working at State Farm in Sonora. The wedding is planned for May 31st in Burnet, TX. More details can be found at www.ChanceandDani.com.

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November 7
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387-2035

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304 N. Water
387-3190

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Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

First Baptist Church
11E. Oak
387-3190

Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955

Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266

First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466

St Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278

Templo Jerusalem
Asamblea De Dios
306 W 4th St
387-5713

Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St
387-5658/387-5518

Hope Lutheran Church
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387-5366

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Obituaries

Halley "Babs" Allison

Halley Allison, known to friends and family as "Babs", passed away quietly in her sleep on October 25, 2007. She was 86. Born in Ballinger, Texas on March 1, 1921 to David and Fannie Epperson Eaton, she later moved to Decatur, Texas. Upon graduation from Decatur High School in 1939, Babs pursued higher learning at Decatur Bap-

tist College prior to graduating from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Babs was a keen observer of the natural beauty found in Nature and used her teaching skills to introduce others to the world of art, which she so dearly loved. For 17 years, she taught art in the Pampa, Texas school system. In

1960, she married Lee F. Allison of Rocksprings and became his ranching partner and helpmate. She was an active member of the Rocksprings United Methodist Church and served for many years as a Cub Scout leader and all-around mom for her son, Will, his many friends, and her eight nephews. Babs later enjoyed the role of being grandmother to her

beloved granddaughters Hanna and Serena Lee Allison.

Even as health problems became more of an issue in later years, Babs continued to teach others lessons by example. Her faithfulness to family and friends, as well as her belief in God never wavered. Others noted her quiet courage and determination and were encouraged.

Babs was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, her two brothers, and three of her sisters. Her surviving sister, Gene Holt, resides in Cody, Wyoming. Babs will be missed by her family and friends and the many people whose lives she touched.

A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora, followed by a graveside service in Rocksprings on Sunday, October 28th. The family greatly appreciates the love shown them during this difficult time and requests that friends wishing to make donations in memory of Babs send them to the Rocksprings Cemetery Association, Box 462, Rocksprings, Texas 78880, or to a worthy charity.



Halley "Babs" Allison

Norma Mooring Williams

Norma Mooring Williams, 85, of San Angelo, formerly of Brady, passed away Friday, October 26, 2007, in San Angelo. Norma was born May 31, 1922, in Coleman, Texas, to Norman Edward and Ollie Mae Flowers Weaver. She had five siblings whom she helped to raise, since she was the oldest. She was a big part of their lives, seeing to it that everyone stayed as close as possible. Norma was a waitress most of her adult life. She and her husband, Tom Mooring, owned Tom's Bar-B-Q in Brady where she helped with that business, in addition to working at the Club Cafe. She loved people. She spoke to everyone. It did not matter where she saw you or even if she did not know you, she would always speak. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Brady. Norma was married to the love of her life, Tom Mooring, for 41 years. They married Dec. 8, 1945, in Rochelle. After Tom's death, she married Alvis Williams on Aug. 25, 1990, who also preceded her in death in 1994. Norma loved her family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Christmas was especially important because she spent as much time

with them as she could, and she was able to see most of them during that time of the year. Norma spent the last five and a half years living at the Myrtlewood Estates. Myrtlewood was her home, and the "Special Care Staff" and her caregivers were very important to her, spending countless hours extending their love and comfort to her. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 29th, at Leatherwood Memorial Chapel in Brady. The Rev. Don Ziriach officiated. Interment was in Rochelle Cemetery in Rochelle. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, one brother and two sisters. Survivors include her daughters, Lois Archer and husband James of Sonora and Sharon Lowells of San Angelo; brother Marlin King and wife Barbara of Brownwood; sister Annie Mae Bush and husband Sam of Brownwood; grandchildren Kathy Arista of Christoval, Gary Maricle of Sterling City, James Lowells of Lohn and Brent Archer of Canadian; and great-grandchildren Thomas Maricle, Erika Arista, Chance Lowells and Karri Maricle.

Emelia Virgen Beserra

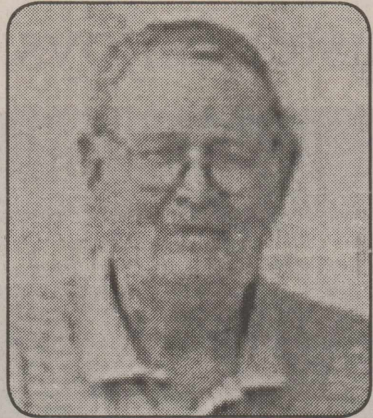
Emelia Virgen Beserra, 79, of Sonora died Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 27th, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery. She was born in Sonora, Texas, March 14, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband, Zaragosa Beserra; parents Felipe and Elvira Virgen; brother Isidro Virgen; and aunt Eufemia Virgen. Survivors include daughters Anna Maria and husband Daniel Martinez of San Angelo, Guadalupe and husband Manuel Garcia of Sonora.

Isabel Guzman of San Angelo, and Emelia and husband Juan Lugo of Snyder; sons Zaragosa Jr. and wife Irma Beserra of Big Spring, and David and wife Teresa Beserra of Sterling City; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" We will miss you Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother.

Charles M. Walsh

Charles M. Walsh, 81, died at an Abilene Hospital on Thursday, October 25, 2007. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 29th, in the Piersall Benton Funeral Directors Chapel with Doug Birky officiating. Burial was in Bradshaw Cemetery with the nephews serving as pallbearers.

the 743 Battery, Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Following his service in the military,



Charles M. Walsh

Charles built power plants in the New England states and in South America. He later settled in the Abilene area and established his own business, Walsh Welding. Charles later sold his shop in Abilene and went to work welding for Wes-Tex Drilling until he retired.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Joe W. and James M. Walsh. He is survived by his loving wife, Clara of Abilene; two sons, John Michael Walsh and David Wayne Walsh; three stepsons, James Minatra and wife Diane, Gary Minatra and wife Loli, and Eddie Minatra and wife Anissa; three grandchildren, Jeff, Bonner and

Corley Walsh; six step-grandchildren, Lindsey, Candice, Landon, Blake, Morgan and Chase; one great-grandchild, Caleb; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Andy White for being such a loyal friend. We would also like to thank the staff of Hendrick Medical Center, Hendrick Rehab Center, the staff of Home Instead Senior Care, and family friend Sharon Armstrong.

Memorials may be made in honor of Mr. Walsh to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., 79605. Condolences can be offered to the family at pbfuneraldirectors.com.

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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
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Historical Society

Q. Vernon Billings was killed by James Callan on November 12, 1919. Do you have an article on the shooting?

A. "The Devil's River News," November 29, 1919-James Callan of Menard, charged with the killing of Vernon R. Billings of Nopal, Texas, in the Julius Rasmussen pasture, near Menard, on the evening of Nov. 12, was granted bail in the sum of \$20,000, at the examining trial before County Judge J. D. Scruggs late Saturday night. The examination was conducted by District Attorney George Christian, recently appointed by Gov. Hobby. The chief counsel for the defendant is Payton Moses, at-

orney for the Cattle Raisers Association, of which organization Callan was president for several years. The examination lasted two days and the details leading to the tragedy as told by Russell Callan, son of the defendant, and Arthur Gibbs, 11 year old Negro boy, the only known eye witnesses who were with Mr. Callan, was that a dispute arose over the leaving open of a gate to the Callan pasture.

When the Court convened, Callan addressed the Court as follows: "Between dusk and dark on the evening of Nov. 12, 1919, I killed deceased. I did not know him. I don't believe I ever saw him before. At the time I fired the shot I believed my own life was in danger. The whole thing was sudden and unexpected. I, of course deeply deplore the affair. I believe that is all.

Dr. Legget, who examined the body testified: "the ball entered the back three inches from the spine, between the ninth and tenth rib, on the left side; it came out half an inch below the left nipple believed it passed through the heart."

James Callan is about 56 years of age. The deceased was about 24, married, and was driving a bunch of horses through the country when he met his death. No witness told of his being armed. The family of the dead man have employed M. E. Blackburn of Junction to assist in the prosecution.

If District Judge Stubbs of Johnson City does not call the Grand Jury in special session, the Callan case will not be considered until next March. It is reported that the family of Billings have employed former Lieutenant Governor A.B. Davidson and State Senator John H. Bailey of Cuero to assist in the prosecution.

We suggest you try to find copies of this court records to see if Mr. Callan was indicted for shooting Mr. Billings in the back. If he was, there should also be a record of the trial on file.

Now for you football fans. Someone wanted to know how far back we have beaten Junction in football. Of course it has been published in the paper about the last 28 year run but in this issue of the "Devil" we found the following article:

The aggressive playing of the Sonora football team proved too much for Junction High and the visitors were forced to carry home the short end of a 6 to 0 score. From the sound of the first whistle to that of the last the Sonora boys put up a fight that kept Junction's goal in danger



Mrs. J.L. (Martha Savannah Houston) Davis
August 19, 1856 - April 12, 1951

but only in the third quarter did they succeed in breaking thru the Junction defense for a touch down. In this quarter, Sonora carried the ball from midfield to Junction's fifteen yard line by a series of sweeping end runs and line plunges. From the fifteen yard line, Adams, Sonora fullback, carried the ball across for the only score of the game on a brilliant end run.

The Junction boys put up a good game but the end runs by Adams and the interference given him by his team mates proved too much for them. At only one time did they threaten Sonora's goal. In the fourth quarter, they cut loose with a number of forward passes that carried the ball to Sonora's goal line, only to lose the ball on a fumble which was recovered by Edens of Sonora. Sonora then punted out of danger and the ball was held in Junction territory when the final whistle sounded.

The line up of Sonora was: W. Hebert left end; J. Grimland, left tackle; C. Baker left guard; J. Estes center; M. Logan right guard; N. Merck right tackle; C. Edens right end; G. Rees quarter back; M. Bryson right half; J. Ross left half; J. Adams full back.

Jewell Mathews was referee; Tom Davis umpire;

Pierce Hoggett and Haynie Davis linemen. Vernon Hamilton, wrote the column on this game for the newspaper.

Another interesting article, Mrs. Noah Smith of Angelo arrived in Sonora Monday evening via the airplane route in the ship piloted by Fred Williams. Mrs. Smith, whose husband is interested in

aviation, made the trip just for the pleasure of the sail and to visit her sister Mrs. J. M. Livingston. The trip was made without incident and Mrs. Smith was met on the landing field to the right of the school building by Mr. and Mrs. Livingston and taken to the Frank Baker ranch for a visit. The ship is no uncommon sight in Sonora these days but it did attract attention when it was seen to have a woman as a passenger on the 70 mile trip.

Historical Society Note: We have heard of planes landing on ranches, but this was the first mention we found that they landed right next to the old Rock School. Remember these were old bi-planes and they didn't need a lot of room to land and take off.

In the same issue we found that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Espy of Eldorado, were in town Wednesday on their way to the V. J. Turney ranch, 30 miles south of town on a visit.

The following notes on locals were found: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stites were in town Wednesday. Ben Cusenbary was in town Wednesday from the ranch 20 miles south of town. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Poetee were in town Wednesday from the Bryson and Lowrey ranch. Gordon F. Stewart returned Sunday from a business visit to Brady. Claude Baker who ranches in the eastern part of the county was in town this week. C.F. Adams and son Ica Adams returned from Menard Sunday where they attended the examining trial of James Callan, who is their cousin and uncle.

Raymond Roueche and Miss Maggie Walraven were

married at Sterling on Nov. 13 by Rev. O.M. Cole. He is the brother of Messrs Neil, Carrell and Louis and Miss Nannie Roueche of Sonora.

Sonora Drug Store was selling Borozone Antiseptic Liquid. Wash out wounds thoroughly with Borozone and it purifies the wound and heals it quickly. Ballards Snow Liniment rubbed on a sore throat would cure it in one or two applications. You could also buy Blue Bug Killer to feed to your chickens to stop all bloodsucking insects from bothering them.

The work on the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building/Old Depot is not finished yet and we will not rent the building until it is completed. The rear trim still has to be put up by the contractor, and we have to paint doors to match, which will take another week or two at least. We are also painting the freight room a deep rusty red and decorating it with mirrors and wall hangings. Please be patient; we want everyone to have a beautiful place for their Christmas parties and are taking our time and doing the work right. The office is closed Saturdays while we work on this building. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON THIS PROJECT, RICK AND I ARE EXHAUSTED!**

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@sonorax.net. You may also call the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with your questions at 325-387-5084.

F.Y.I.

The Old Depot will not be available for rental until further notice.

The Bronco Booster Club will be chartering a bus for the Blanco football game this Friday night. Seats will be \$35 and reservations may be made by contacting Team Graphics.

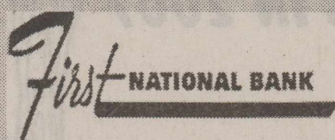
4-H'ers and Parents: There will be an important meeting to attend at the 4-H Center on Monday, Nov. 5th at 6:00 p.m. This will be the night to sign up for Major Stock Shows for the coming stock show season (2008).

Early Voting in the November General Election will continue through Nov. 2nd at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. Texas Residents are being asked to vote on 16 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6th.

The 41st Annual Sutton County Game Dinner has been set for Saturday, Nov. 10th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Admission is \$10. The Game Dinner Association will be drawing names for \$50,000 in quality door prizes. The Master of ceremonies for this year's event is Biscuits O'Bryan.

The Sonora Lady Bronco softball team is selling chances at a \$150.00 Wal Mart gift card. The chances are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 chances for \$10.00. They may be purchased from any Lady Bronco softball team member or during the first half of the Comfort vs. Bronco football game on November 9th. Drawing for the winner will be during halftime of the game. Your support is appreciated.

A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. November 12th at the Sonora Elementary gymnasium. All veterans are invited to participate and are asked to call Amy at 387-6940, extension 3103.



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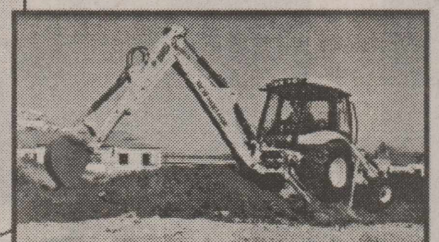
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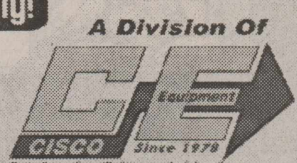


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Bronco Varsity Overpowered by Brady Bulldogs

by Nancy Glasscock

Sonora traveled to Brady on Friday night for a battle between two District 8-2A one and one teams. Brady's first play from scrimmage set the tone for the entire game: we are fast - try to catch us. The Brady quarterback threw a long pass to a receiver breaking away down the middle. The pass was too long, and fell incomplete. Then the Bulldogs used twelve rushing plays to drive the field for their first touchdown with 3:10 left in the first quarter. The PAT kick was also good for a 7 to 0 score.

Brady scored three more touchdowns in the first half - two on long runs and one on a pass completion right before the end of the first half. The score at the end of the first half was 25 to 0 in favor

of the Bulldogs.

Brady's fast, large defense limited the Bronco offense to only one first down in the first half and 29 yards of total offense. The Brady rush also gave little time for freshman Ethan Morriss to find any open receivers.

Despite being almost totally dominated in the first half, the Broncos never gave up. The Bronco defense limited the high powered Bulldogs to only one touchdown in the second half. On the Bronco last drive, the Broncos went to the shotgun. From the shotgun, the Broncos were able to move the ball behind the running and passing of Morriss.

Sonora rushed 31 times for a total of 93 yards and 28 yards passing in this game. Riley Sanchez and Morriss were the leading rushers with 21 yards each.

On defense, the top four leading tacklers were Dustin Neff, Tyler Creek, Sanchez, and Cash Jennings with 9, 8, 7, and 6 tackles respectively. Isaac Quiroz, Aaron Gaytan, and Sanchez each had a sack. Creek had a pass broken up.

This week the Broncos travel to Blanco to face the Panthers. The Panthers are undefeated in District 8-2A and have a 7 and 1 record overall. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Fillies Volleyball Teams End 2007

Improvement Seen in Both Teams

Submitted

The Sonora Fillies finished their 2007 season with home games against the Tree of Life Academy Eagles.

The Fillies JV struggled in their first game not being able to control the ball offensively or defensively. In the second game, the Fillies came out strong exchanging the lead with the Eagles but in the end were not able to pull out the win.

The varsity played some of their best volleyball of the season. They were able to control their serves and played well offensively. Defensively they were able to dig spikes and then set up the offensive play. In the end, the Eagles' experience proved too much for the Fillies, bringing their season to an end.



Photo by Juanita McBride

The 2007 Sonora Fillies Volleyball teams included (left to right, back row) Coach Joleta Traylor, Elizabeth Newton, Amber West, Christy Perez, Amy Hernandez, Tori Castillo, Danielle Rodriguez, Johnell Casparis, and Coach Chap Traylor; (middle row) Heather Smith, Kaci Chavarria, and Emily Newton; (front row) Casey Gutierrez, Alyssa Vela, Monica Traylor, and Paula Zaragosa. Not pictured is Alex Galindo.

Bronco JV Gives Bulldog JV a Tough Game

By Nancy Glasscock

Despite the lopsided 30-8 score of this game played last Thursday night at Bronco Stadium, the Sonora JV team played a good game. This writer is unable to keep game statistics, but it appeared the JV Broncos dominated the time of possession. The difference was the sophomore-laden and experienced Brady JV team scored their 30 points on quick scoring plays and using speed.

The Bulldog JV scored their first touchdown early in the first quarter on the second play from scrimmage. The two point conversion play was also successful.

After Sonora failed to move the ball on their next possession, the visitors moved the ball into the Red Zone and were poised to score again. Shane Patlan tipped the Brady quarterback's pass and recovered the Bulldog receiver's fumble at the Sonora three yard line.

The Broncos moved the ball down the entire length of the field with runs by A.J. Ozuna, Manny Paredes, and quarterback Caleb Gonzales. The Brady defense stiffened and the Broncos failed to score after gaining 96 yards!

The Bulldogs took over and moved the ball down the field. Brady scored the second touchdown with a little over four minutes to play in the second quarter. The Bulldogs almost scored another touchdown right before the half ended. Defensive plays by Pare-

des, Colyer Dermody, and another tipped pass by Patlan applied the brakes to that drive

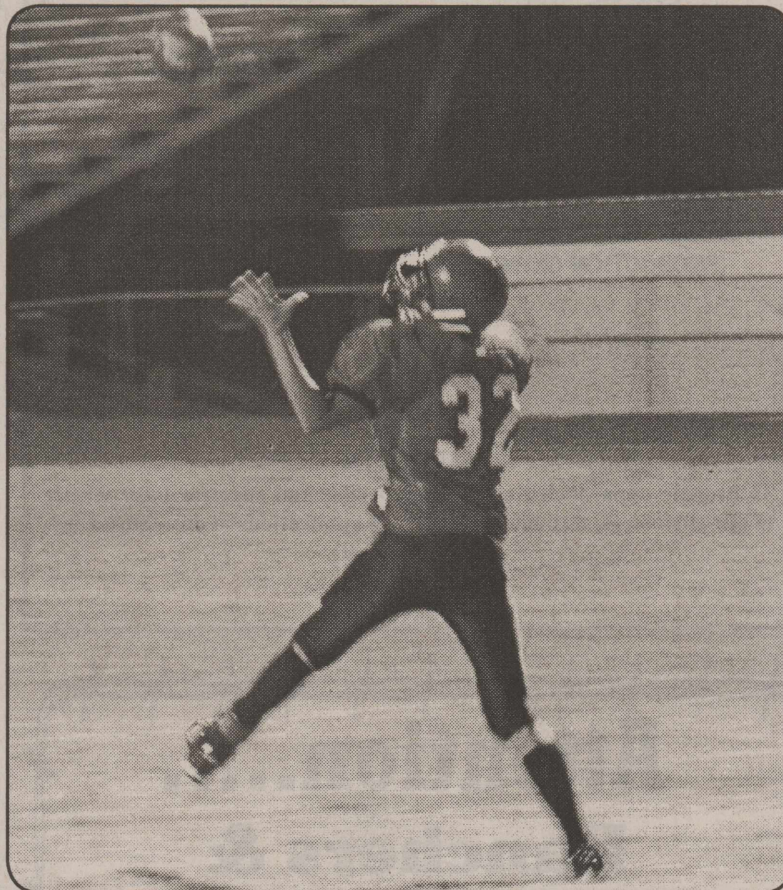
The halftime score was 16-0 in the visitors' favor.

Halfway through the third quarter, Sonora scored their only touchdown on a fourth down pass from Gonzales to Paul Faz in the corner of the endzone. Gonzales called his own number and took the ball into the endzone for the successful two point play. This made the score 16 to 8.

Brady was moving the ball down the field again, when Paredes took the ball away from the Bulldog runningback. Sonora was unable to capitalize on this Bulldog turnover and punted. The Brady punt returner ran the punt back 75 yards for the visitors' third touchdown with six and a half minutes left in the game. The score was now 24 to 8.

With three minutes left in the game, Sonora fumbled and turned the ball over to the Bulldogs. They turned the turnover into six more points. R.J. Torres and Patlan stopped the two point play.

The final score was 30 to 8. The Sonora JV Broncos play their last home game at 6:30 P.M. Thurs. Nov. 1st against the Blanco JV Panthers.



Despite a leg injury, Paul Faz catches the JV Broncos' only touchdown against Brady

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Thurs.- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Veg., Peaches
Fri.- Sloppy Joes, Fries, Carrots, Fruit, Granola Bar

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Fall Seminars Offer Agricultural CEUs



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

As we draw close to the end of the year, some pesticide applicators start to think about

meeting continuing education and license recertification requirements. Remember, all Private Applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) every five years in order to renew their certificate or license. These CEUs must include two hours of Laws & Regs and

two of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The remaining hours can be in any other categories. Keep in mind that BOTH certificate and license holders must meet these requirements.

To assist applicators whose license expires at the end of the year, Sutton, Schleicher and surrounding counties will offer a Pesticide Recertification Course at the Schleicher County Civic Center on November 6th. It will offer 6 C.E.U.s for those with a pesticide applicator license. The cost of the program is \$5 to cover the cost of the meal. Registration will begin at

8:30 a.m. The morning session runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon and offers 3 CEUs. Morning topics pertain to row-crop production and farm economics. However, if all you need is the "Laws & Regulations" credit, you may come in at 11:00 a.m. and stay for one hour. The afternoon session begins at 12:30 and also offers 3 CEUs. Afternoon topics relate to predator control, prescribed burns, and rangeland management. If you wish, you can attend both sessions and get 6 CEUs. For registration information or any questions, call Schleicher County Extension Agent, Corey Ste-

vens, at 325-853-2132.

Additionally, a Turf, Pest and Ag Expo will be held November 16th at the Tom Green County 4-H Facility. This annual event is designed to provide the most current information on landscape and turf management and agricultural pest control. Five continuing education units will be provided for both Structural Pest Control and Texas Department of Agriculture licenses. Updates on turfgrass, landscape irrigation requirements, rangeland and right-of-way vegetation management and much more will be presented.

Registration is on-line at <http://www.tpacexpo.com> at the Tom Green County Extension Office located at 113 West Beauregard or at Bes-Tex located at 3808 Devonian in San Angelo. Running concurrently with the presentations on managing plants and pests, there will be an outdoor power equipment maintenance service school. The Tom Green County 4-H Facility is located at 3168 U.S. Highway 67 North near San Angelo. For more information contact the Tom Green County Extension Office at 325-659-6522 or Bes-Tex at 325-653-1300.

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New 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Renfro -45- #1 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 301 11/02/07 Assigned
New 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Gerald Nicks -5- #3 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 302 10/28/07 Rigging Up
New 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8975' Hicks -23- #17 Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 303 10/23/07 4 Drlg Ahead
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New 10 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6950' Canyon Ranch -114- #16s Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 10/22/07 5 Drlg Ahead
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1 Newfield Exploration 10000' Shaw #7503 H Dw Patterson Drilling/A 471 10/18/07 9 Drlg Ahead
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Fever Ticks Crossing US-Mexico Border

Livestock health officials say it could cost upwards of \$13 million and take as long as two years to stop an incursion of fever ticks into the formerly fever tick free areas of five counties along the Texas-Mexico border. The fever tick, less than a 1/8-inch long, is capable of carrying and transmitting 'babesia,' a blood parasite deadly to cattle.

"For most of the country, the fever tick has been pushed out of sight, out of mind, since the 1940s. This tick, however, is capable of transmitting a foreign animal disease and it's sitting in our backyard," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

The TAHC has placed tem-

porary fever tick quarantines on 1116.3 square miles in five Texas border counties, including parts of Starr and Zapata counties, and a contiguous area encompassing parts of Maverick, Dimmit and Webb Counties. In addition, an 852-square mile permanent quarantine zone butts up against the Rio Grande from Del Rio to Brownsville and is under the management of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 60-person Fever Tick Force.

The USDA, which is adding up to 30 temporary tick inspectors, and the TAHC, which has detailed inspectors to south Texas on a rotating basis, are working with ranchers to locate, 'corral' and eradicate the tick. In this area about the size of Delaware, all cattle, horses, penned deer, llamas, camels and any other species that can host the tick

are being manually inspected—or "scratched"—by TAHC or USDA inspectors.

If animals in these quarantined areas are moved from their premises, they'll undergo another "scratch" inspection, then be dipped or sprayed, and permitted for movement. Because horses can give ticks a lift, these animals are put under 14-day inspections and treatment, if they're moved routinely from their home base.

When fever tick-infested livestock are detected, the premises are quarantined for six to nine months. As of early October, this included at least 25 premises in the temporary quarantine areas and about 56 premises in the permanent quarantine zone.

Cattle remaining on tick-infested premises must be inspected and dipped every 14 days or treated with doramectin every 28 days. Alternatively, the animals may be moved to a new site, but only after undergoing two consecutive tick-free inspections and dippings. A movement permit then is issued, and the cattle must be transported immediately.

"The USDA has made \$340,000 available for immediate fever tick needs in south Texas, and the state legislature granted the TAHC an extra \$150,000 to purchase additional Co-Ral, the acaricide used for dipping vats and in spray rigs," Dr. Hillman said. He reported that a USDA assessment concluded that to eliminate fever ticks from the temporary preventive quarantine areas, at least \$13 million was needed to hire additional personnel, repair or replace worn out portable tick dipping equipment, purchase new spray rigs and supplies, and procure other essential equipment.

"To get a handle on potential fever tick spread, the TAHC field staff also is tracing the movement of cattle from infested premises in the temporary quarantine area within the past year," Dr. Hillman noted. So far, this has involved nearly 800 animals, of which about 459 have been located, inspected and found to be fever tick-free. Some were found in Kansas or Texas Panhandle feed yards, and others were scattered across the state and to two other states.

"Many of these animals had been moved as calves without any identification, except the livestock market back tag, or clearly defined destination," he said. "This slows down our work, but we don't give up until all avenues are exhausted."

"The fever tick, by itself, will not cause disease. However, cattle tick fever is imminent if the fever tick is carrying babesia, and transmits it to cattle that are 'naïve,' meaning they have no resistance to the organism that quickly breaks down red blood

cells," said Dr. Hillman. "There are two potential scenarios with fever ticks that keep the TAHC, the Tick Force and border ranchers awake at night."

The first scenario, explained Dr. Hillman, involves Mexico, where fever ticks and babesia have not been eradicated. Young calves there may be exposed to the babesia, survive the disease and develop immunity, but continue to carry the organism.

The second scenario involves wildlife as effective alternative hosts and sources for movement of ticks into Texas from Mexico and from the permanent quarantine zone to the free area of Texas. For once, noted Dr. Hillman, the beleaguered feral (wild) hog is not implicated. Fever ticks have not acclimated to swine, goats, sheep or dogs. On the other hand, elk, white-tailed deer, nilgai and red deer, serve as effective hosts for fever ticks, but are not affected by babesia.

In spring 2007, more than 30 nilgai were depopulated in the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, due to fever tick infestation. Twenty-eight of the 42 free-ranging white-tailed deer that were trapped and

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Thin Ewes - .12-.24
Bucks - .28-.35
Baby Tooth Ewes - .60-.72
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.37-.48
Ewe & Lamb Pairs- no test

Goats:

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Angora Kids Shorn
NA
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Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat)
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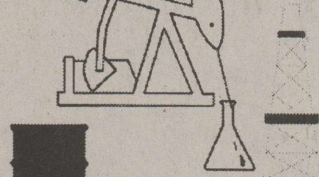
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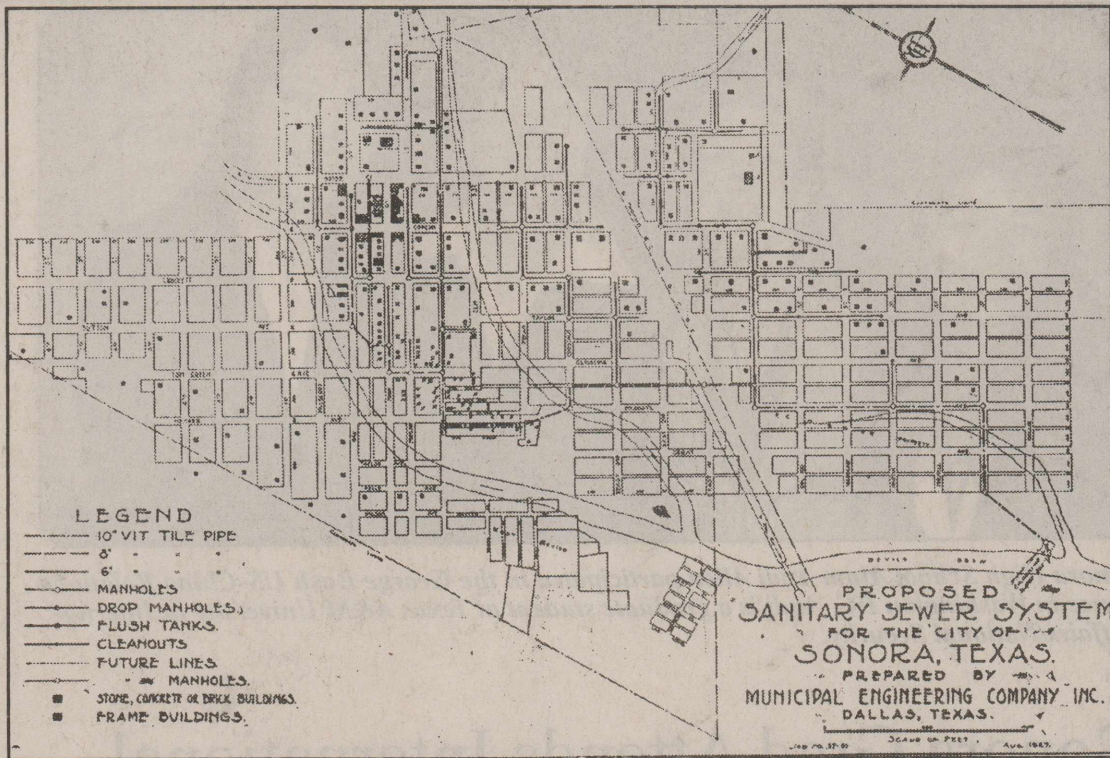
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Sonora's municipal septic system has been expanded numerous times since the initial sanitary system was installed in 1927. The drawing above was published in 1927, prior to the bond election which was approved by Sonora voters.

Water and Sewer System continued from Page 1

as the gravity system. "We have problems in the hilly portions of the city," Polonis explained. The current sewer system often leaves the solids behind, creating clogs in the mains. Additionally, Polonis said, some of the city's more healthy trees are benefiting from the antiquated system.

As work has progressed on the sewer system, the city has also been addressing problems with its water distribution system. Polonis told the Devil's River News in July that the city had a water loss rate of 22%, a figure that is "unacceptable." TCEQ has identified unreliable water pressure and deteriorating pipes in the water system. City workers have been busy tracing old pipelines coming off the city waterworks hill. The original water works was constructed on top of

the hill behind the courthouse square and according to Polonis, "We've had some surprises." City workers got into a "nest of old, deteriorated pipes" thought to be uncharged. One such set of pipes was dug up and removed from the yard at the Sutton County Jail last week. Documentation regarding location of the water mains in Sonora is sketchy - and old abandoned lines are usually discovered when they erupt underground.

The city borrowed \$9 million from the Texas Water Development Board last February. Three million dollars is budgeted for upgrading the water delivery system. The other \$6 million is to be spent to address the wastewater collection system and to upgrade the facilities at the municipal waste water treatment plant.

Historic Mercantile Building continued from Page 1

their work was rewarded when the building was designated a recorded Texas Historic Landmark.

The building, during the past 35 years, has housed professional offices, oilfield production and service companies, clothing stores and a tourist information center. Upon their deaths, Walter and Dorothy Pope left the Mercantile Building to St. John's Episcopal Church.

The building was sold to Mike and Debra Hobbs in December of 2006. Hobbs was the founder of E.M. Hobbs. He built his company from the ground up into the largest independent wireline business in West Texas in the 1990s. Now known as Enertech, the wireline business was, according to his wife, Debra, Mike's first baby.

That same dogged determination drove the latest restoration of the grand building on the corner. Hobbs was looking for office space on Main Street when he walked into the Mercantile Building last autumn. "He saw it before I did," Debra Hobbs said. "I wasn't sure about it, but once Mike got going, I got on board," she added. The first step was to make the building energy efficient. Rotted window casings were replaced and the leaking balcony was repaired. Hot water actually ran in the building again.

The heating and air conditioning system and wiring was upgraded to meet current technical requirements. The restrooms were completely renovated (the toilets actually began flushing) and soon, crews of painters were climbing scaffolds in the foyer.

Randy Mabry and his crew of local artisans took out walls, installed pressed-tin ceilings, created hallways and constructed new restroom facilities downstairs. During the renovation, two of the building's original

doors were discovered as part of a storage unit and are incorporated, as swinging doors, in the restaurant. The front doors of the building were also reused in the downstairs restaurant.

Less than a year after its purchase, the Mercantile Building is completely restored and, once again, the building is full of life and light. Future plans for this historic structure include the addition of an "antiques and uniques" shop in the remaining retail space downstairs.

Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

Happy Halloween from Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program! We would like to express our appreciation to the participating businesses who give out treats to our visiting children. We always enjoy seeing all the smiling faces downtown. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to: Devil's River News, Mercantile on Main, Everett's Furniture & Emporium, City of Sonora, Sutton County,

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The Texas Pecos Trails will be meeting at the Whitehead Museum in Del Rio on November 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and invites everyone to be part of the Texas Pecos Trail Program. The Texas Heritage Program photographer will be visiting Sonora in November to begin taking photos for the Texas Pecos Trails Brochure.

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General	\$ 3,895,907.92	\$ 564,172.19	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 997,485.59	\$ 6,015.00	\$ 3,469,079.52
FMFC	\$ 317,461.14	\$ 143,313.86		\$ 282,946.21		\$ 177,828.79
Flood Control	\$ 12,043.69		\$ 6,000.00			\$ 18,043.69
Law Library	\$ (188.82)	\$ 770.00				\$ 581.18
Lateral Road	\$ -					\$ -
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 97.84					\$ 97.84
State Bond Fees	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,005.00		\$ 525.00		\$ 1,005.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 168,990.64			\$ 24,083.55		\$ 144,907.09
Sutton County 911	\$ 6,479.57	\$ 165.04		\$ 192.85		\$ 6,451.76
Appellate Fund	\$ 121.27	\$ 159.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 295.27
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 488,054.60	\$ 23,740.14		\$ 14,846.93		\$ 496,947.81
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 192,025.06	\$ 12,864.57		\$ 56,442.24	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 135,947.39
						TOTAL \$ 4,451,183.24
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 135,947.39	FMFC	\$ 63,507.52	General	\$ 91,412.94	
Appellate Fund	\$ 295.27	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,451.76	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 87,048.23	\$ 399,726.95
112th D A Hot Check Fund	\$ 97.84			Bank & Trust-Gen	\$ 5,966.00	\$ -
Money Market Accounts	(General)	\$ 121,083.50	FMFC Fund	\$ 114,321.27		\$ 235,404.77
CD Accounts	(General)	\$ 3,415,151.94	Seizure	\$ 409,899.58		\$ 3,005,252.36
			FMFC FUND	\$ -		\$ -
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Submitted By:
Kelly L Thorp,
MS
County Extension Agent-FCS



Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County
Breast cancer occurs primarily in women, but men can also develop breast cancer. Although men have less breast tissue than women, they do have breast cells that can undergo cancerous changes. Male breast cancer makes up less than 1 percent of all cases of breast cancer, and is usually detected in men between 60 and 70 years of age.

Symptoms
It is important to see a doctor if any of the following changes to the breasts is noticed:

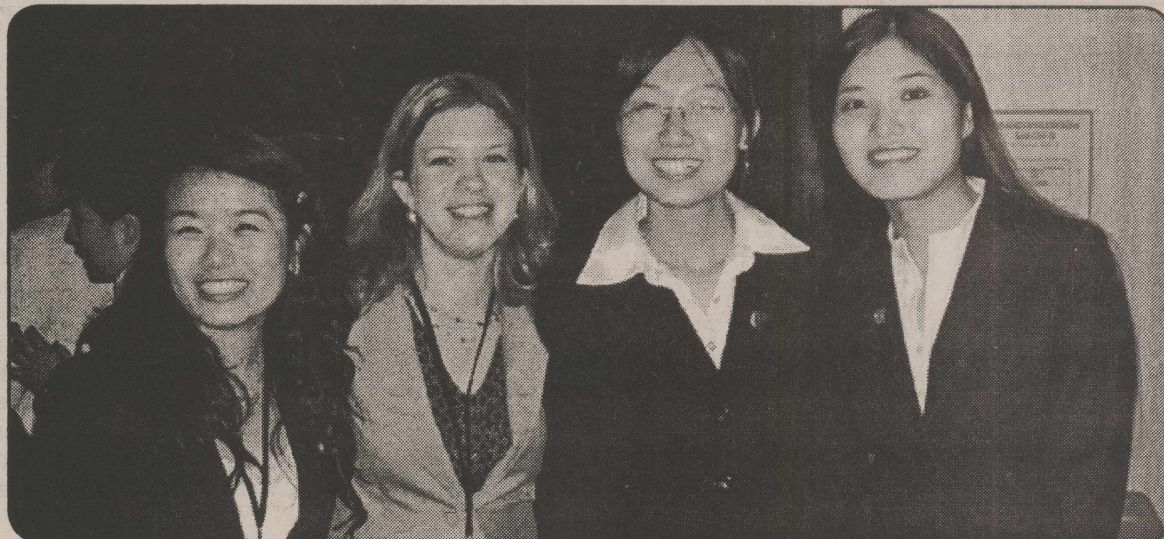
- A lump or swelling in the chest area
- Dimpled or puckered skin
- A nipple that is inverted (facing inward)
- Redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin
- Discharge from the nipple

Most breast lumps in men are due to gynecomastia and not cancer. Gynecomastia, the most common male breast disorder, is an increase in the amount of a man's breast tissue. However, it is still important to see a medical professional about any of the symptoms, including a lump, to rule out male breast cancer.

Diagnosis
The following types of breast cancer are found in men:

- Infiltrating ductal carcinoma: Cancer that has spread beyond the cells lining ducts in the breast. As with women, most men with breast cancer have this type of cancer.
- Ductal carcinoma in situ: Abnormal cells that are found in the lining of a duct; also called intraductal carcinoma.
- Inflammatory breast cancer: A type of cancer in which the breast looks red and swollen and feels warm.
- Paget's disease of the nipple: A tumor that has grown from ducts beneath the nipple onto the surface of the nipple.

Lobular carcinoma in situ (abnormal cells found in one of the lobes or sections of the breast), which sometimes occurs in women, has not been seen in men. The stages of male breast cancer, and the prognosis at each stage, are the same as for female breast cancer. Men often do not even know it is possible for them to get breast cancer, and therefore may ignore the symptoms.



2001 Sonora High School Alum Andi Allen participated in the George Bush US-China Relations Conference in Washington DC. Andi is a graduate student at Texas A&M University in International Affairs/National Security.

Sonora Grad Attends International Conference on US-China Relationships

Written by Andi Allen, daughter of Lewis & Cyndy Allen

Last week, from October 21-27, I attended the George Bush US-China Relations Conference in Washington, DC. The conference brought together major leaders in business, government and academia from the US and China to discuss the subjects of energy, development, and security. Twenty students from Texas A&M University were chosen to attend the conference, and as a Master's student of International Affairs/National Security at the Bush School in College Station, I was one of the selected participants. Twenty students from top universities in China also attended, and part of our responsibility was to act as their ambassadors in welcoming them to the US and showing them around Washington, DC.

The conference consisted of concurrent forums in which world-renowned experts gave panel discussions on various topics. I attended the security forums, and listened to such keynote speakers as Admiral Timothy Keating, Commander of the US Pacific Command and Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Advisor to Former President Bush. The forums discussed the US and China's military to military relations, uses of near-earth space for military purposes, and relations with North Korea. One of the most exciting parts of getting to participate in this forum was meeting high-level government officials.

One day, my responsibility was to greet the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, and, much to my delight, I got to talk to her for a good portion of the day.

Participating in the conference was an all-day affair, and wonderful multi-course meals were served for lunch and dinner. The VIPs sat at round tables close to the front of the banquet halls, and after they were seated, the students were allowed to fill in any empty seats at their tables. Over the course of three days, I sat next to the senior advisor of China's National Nuclear Corporation, a CEO of Westinghouse who sells nuclear reactors to China, a professor at the Army War College, and the Secretary of Commerce's security detail. During lunch, cabinet-level secretaries gave keynote addresses.

On the first night of the conference, the students were treated to a cocktail party at the Capitol building, and guests of honor included Congressman Chet Edwards, Ed Davis, president of Texas A&M, and the former CEO of Motorola Japan. Congressman Edwards gave us a private tour of the Capitol. Former President Bush was the keynote speaker on the last day of the conference, and before he gave his speech, he met with the A&M and Chinese students. I found him to be a thoughtful man with a quick sense of humor.

On the last day of the conference, the students toured the Pentagon. I was amazed at its size, touched by the 9/11 memorial inside, and impressed with all of the uniformed military officials hurrying from office to office on what looked like important business.

Overall, attending the conference was an amazing experience. I was honored to get to meet many high level US and Chinese officials, and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my Chinese counter-

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Up On Eaton Hill

"Spiderville" is Spinning a Web of Enchantment

by Delyse Jaeger

Has anyone noticed the unusual profusion of eight-legged web-spinning creepy-crawlers? Spiders are everywhere! Perhaps the additional rainfall gave a boost to populations of area arachnids. At home, our back porch has been zoned residential by a number of carnivorous web-dwellers, and Eaton Hill is a showcase of spider web ingenuity and design. Seasonally appropriate and fun to observe, we have opted to cohabitate with our neighbors - with the exception of a very pregnant black widow discovered snuggled up on the side of the house.

The colorful yellow garden spider exhibits lively patterns of dark and light over its large body and long legs. Combined with the shimmering symmetry of her orb shaped web, the yellow garden spider is a work of art displayed amidst her own production of web art. Sometimes known as a banana spider or zipper (referring to the web design), a number of people have commented on the proliferation of this imposing yet beautiful and harmless web master.

A spherical web is the shape most commonly associated with spiders, but is actually the least common. More prevalent web shapes include the funnel, plane and cob web. Web construction is a fascinating and complex achievement, and yellow garden spiders often add a zigzag adornment near the hub of the web. Scientists originally thought this structure functioned to stabilize the web; however other possible functions are being studied such as attracting insects or deterring birds from flying through the spider's woven handiwork. Two types of silk compose the delicate web. The structural scaffolding or radiating strands are slick and the circular spokes or catch strands are sticky. When an insect becomes caught in the silken trap, the garden spider will move quickly to immobilize it with a venomous bite and then encase the bug in webbing. Spiders do not suck the juices from their prey as some believe, but often regurgitate digestive juices into the prey before ingesting their meal.

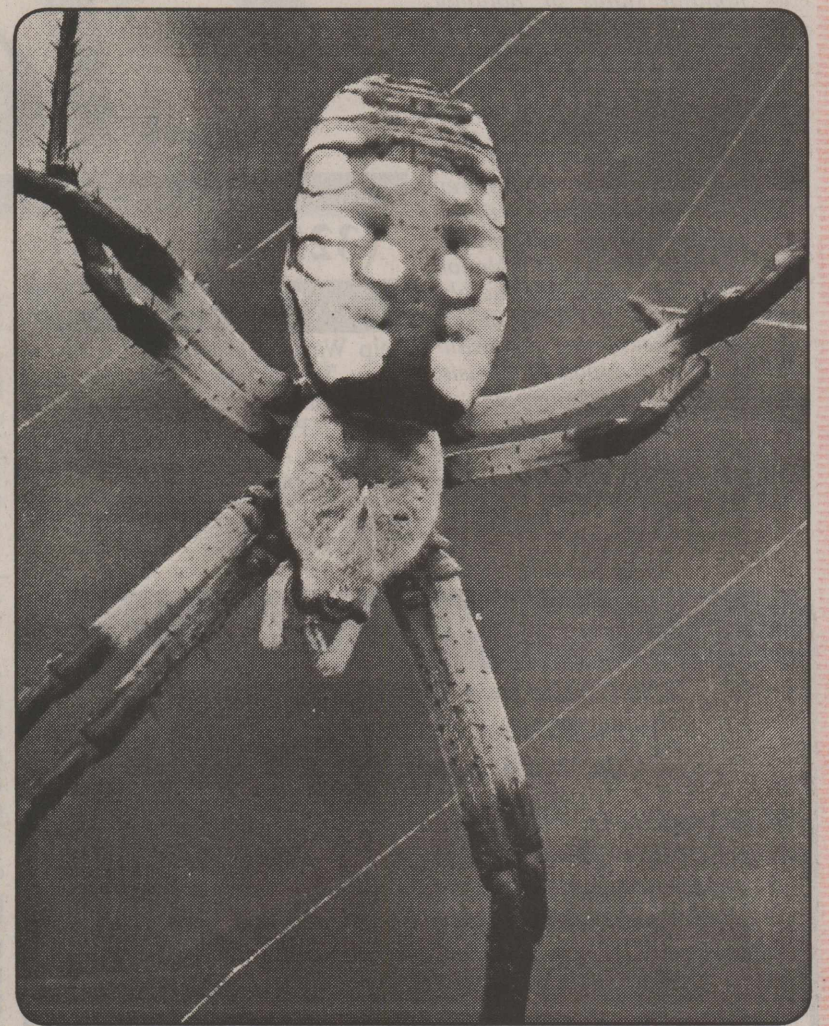
I came across numerous spider myths, but perhaps the most important is related to the poisonous brown recluse spider. According to one expert on the web (pun), the male brown recluse can not be identified with certainty unless examined under a microscope and the female requires examination of her abdominal cavity. The brown recluse does bear the telltale fiddle-shaped pattern, but many other species do also. The website referred to all the public misinformation on the brown recluse as "the most

widely disseminated bits of spider misinformation..." For a moment I thought spider biology had merged with the presidential campaign!

The flashy yellow garden spider always takes me back to the wooded areas around Sugarland, where we rode horse back through the trees, sticks held out before us so as not to catch a large web with our faces. Imagining a three inch black and yellow spider entangling itself in my hair as I dug spider web from my eyelashes and mouth struck nearly as much panic in my chest

as a Houston cockroach at any distance. That pretty much covers my irrational fears as they relate to insects. Oops, spiders are not insects (and cockroaches are demons).

Remember, the vast majority of spiders are harmless to people, so don't let a touch of arachnophobia rob you of appreciating the unique beauty of these creatures and their remarkable silk arrangements! Spider webs are especially beautiful as they shimmer in the dew-covered morning light. Hit the trails!

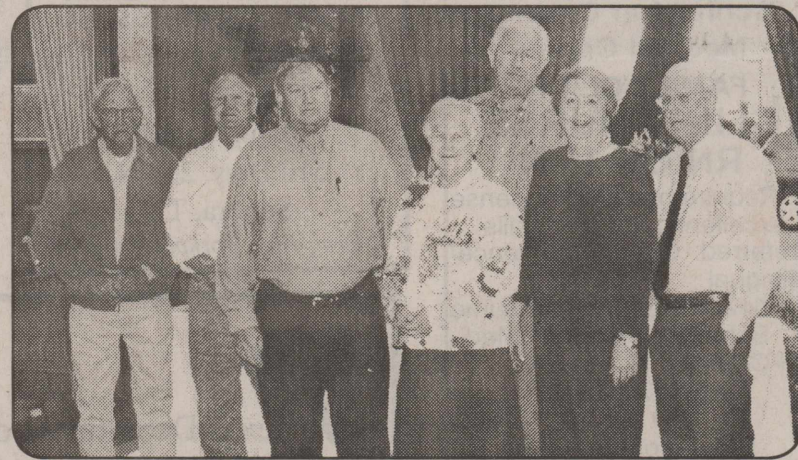


The Common Garden Spider is a work of art and has the talent of a webmaster.

Brothers in Arms



The Cardona Brothers of Sonora (left to right) Cecilio Sr., Enrique Sr., Pablo Sr., Angel (Fidy) and Salvador Sr., all served either in WWII and/or the Korean War, and left home at a very early age. The brothers all returned safely and, with assistance from the GI Bill, managed to finish their education in Houston, TX. In the late 1940's the entire Cardona family moved to Houston, Texas, and the Cardona brothers raised their own families there. All five brothers are still living and reside in Texas. The photo of the brothers in their uniforms was taken October 8, 2007, where they are standing in birth order from right to left. These soldiers were born to Cecilio and Maria Torres Cardona. They had two sisters, Clemencia Cardona Flores and Edwina Cardona Carruthers, now deceased. Cecilio Sr., age 86 (in Nov. 2007) served in WWII and was released with a medical discharge; Enrique Sr., age 84 (on Oct. 16, 2007) served in WWII, and remained in the regular Army reserves. He retired as a Lt Colonel in the Army; Pablo Sr., age 82 (on Sept. 2, 2007) served in the field artillery in both WWII and the Korean War; Angel (Fidy), age 77, served in the Korean War; Salvador Sr., age 75 served in the Korean War.



Retirement Ceremonies At First National Bank

The Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Sonora presented Roy Jean Johnson with an engraved watch to commemorate her 30 years of service. Pictured (left to right) are Glen Richardson, Eddie Sawyer, Mike Hale, Roy Jean Johnson, Al Elliott, Claire Jones, and Ronnie Cox.

Ground Broken for Veterans Cemetery

Hundreds of Texas veterans witnessed the long-awaited groundbreaking of the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene this week. By early 2009, the ceremony site - currently a rolling field by Lake Fort Phantom Hill - will be transformed into a magnificent burial ground for modern-day Texas heroes.

"This will be a dignified place of rest for Texas veterans and their spouses," said Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board. "They have earned it through their service to our nation. They deserve nothing less."

Today's groundbreaking was a much-anticipated event for residents in and around Abilene, home to approximately 31,000 veterans. The ceremony featured a number of dignitaries who've been actively involved in the cemetery project. Before the groundbreaking, Patterson quoted from a March 21, 1945 invocation by U.S. Navy Lt. Roland B. Gittelsohn, a rabbi, at the Fifth Marine Division Cemetery at Iwo Jima:

"Here lie officers and men, blacks and whites, rich men and poor - together," Patterson said. "Here are Protestants, Catholics and Jews - together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed. Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy."

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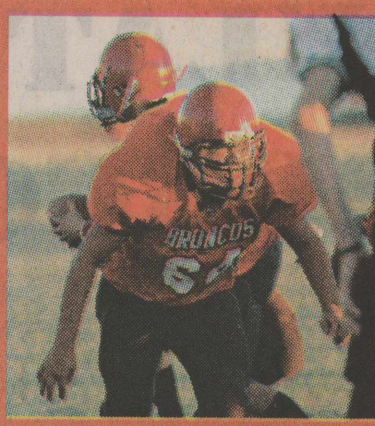
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Second Phase of Development Initiative Gets Underway

by Delyse Jaeger

Twenty of the twenty-two SEDI Advisory Committee members were able to attend the meeting held Thursday, October 25th at the Health & Wellness Center, marking the beginning of Phase II of the Sonora Economic Development Initiative.

While recognizing the achievements of previous initiatives, facilitator and Sonora IDC president Max Howorth opened the meeting with a pointed reading of the minutes of a prior strategic planning workshop held five years ago, that closed with the resounding words, "NO ACTION WAS TAKEN." Encouraging the group not to repeat the past and to move forward and maintain the current energy focused on the health and well being of Sonora's economic future, Howorth offered four target objectives for the group to accomplish before adjourning that afternoon.

Beginning with the first order of business, the committee agreed to adopt the prioritized objectives identified from the research and recommendations provided by AdventGX as presented at the October 11th meeting. The number one priority is the enhancement and further development of Sonora's heritage and nature tourism assets. In an overview of the work ahead, it was noted that the extensive plan could be broken down with committees to head each area of consideration. Following AdventGX's recommendations, Howorth sought input on the formation of a Tourism Task Force comprised of the administrative heads of all public organizations currently budgeting funds for managing tourism assets and/or advertising and promoting Sonora. The Tourism Task Force will be responsible for determining the tourism strategy and method of implementation. In addition, the group will steer efforts to develop and utilize a Sonora brand, a process that involves the identification and proper marketing of the "Sonora Experience" and underpins the tourism strategy.

In addressing the question of human resources required to do the actual work, a discussion ensued concerning the merits of hiring consultants versus drawing on resources currently available. The committee recognized the wealth of capable and enthusiastic local employees and volunteers, but felt those resources would still fall short of the time investment required to accomplish the stated goals and also were lacking in some of the key areas of specialized expertise. Howorth presented two in-depth proposals received from AdventGX covering the research, development and implementation of a tourism strategy as well as a comprehensive Sonora branding strategy. While there were concerns over the financial outlay (which could amount to approximately \$140,000.00), it was recognized that an effort over and above that which volunteers can provide will be required to accomplish our objectives. It was further recognized that the research and marketing tools and impressive resources available through a partnership with an experienced firm such as AdventGX were important and may prove invaluable in the long term. Concern was expressed over the possibility of losing the time and relationships established through the past several months work with AdventGX and recognition was given to their extensive connections throughout the state, with Texas A&M and even internationally. A noted bonus of the proposal was the make-up of the tourism team that would work for Sonora which in part includes Russell Dempsey of Sonora as a project manager as well as Stan Meador of the XBar Ranch in Eldorado.

Ultimately it was decided that: 1) The Tourism Task Force will determine the extent necessary to engage consulting firms to complete each project in a timely and professional manner. 2) Further vetting is necessary to establish a working knowledge of typical costs for the proposed consulting services. 3) Some of the proposed work may exist or is already in progress and cost

negotiations should be pursued.

Next, in a round table fashion, the administrative head of each organization reviewed their financial resources relating to funding tourism strategy development and Sonora branding research and implementation plan. Not surprisingly, with budgets already in place, the only funding currently available is through the SIDC 4B sales tax and Hotel/Motel tax revenues. However, the exercise highlighted possible overlapping areas for future exploration and possible streamlining.

The committee then addressed Sonora's infrastructure and how to best expedite improvements and resolve challenges facing our major service provisions. City Manager Jim Polonis agreed to organize a committee with participation from the city, county, local contractors, critical services (Hudspeth Hospital) and others to focus on the infrastructure challenges of the community. It was determined that this committee will also steer efforts to improve housing availability in Sonora.

As for the final priority addressed at this meeting: Attracting New Business to Sonora, the committee agreed that action was not necessary at this point, recognizing the SIDC's ongoing role and anticipating innovative possibilities to surface as a result of the other work undertaken in the areas of brand development and nature and heritage tourism. Returning to the issue of a Tourism Task Force, the committee appointed the following community representatives: Sutton County - Judge Carla Garner; City of Sonora - Mayor Gloria Lopez; Sonora Chamber of Commerce - Becky Covington; Sonora Main Street - Ann Kay; Sutton County Historical Society - Marvin Shurley; Keep Sonora Beautiful - Susan Hall; and Sonora Industrial Development Corp. - Max Howorth. Local business owners Paul Ramsdell and John Jones were enthusiastically added to the task force, representing private business with major tourism interests. This committee, as well

as the committee on infrastructure, has the freedom to add to its base as well as draw from the countless assets available in the community.

In conclusion, Max Howorth

expressed appreciation for everyone's involvement as well as the intention for a meeting of the Tourism Task Force to take place within the very near future. Any questions or comments may be

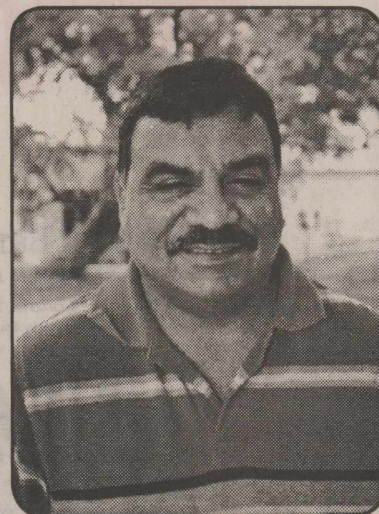
directed to any of the committee members or contact the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation at 387-6280.

30 Years of Banking Service



Roy Jean Johnson was honored on her retirement by the board of directors and her co-workers at First National Bank of Sonora, Friday, for 30 years of service to the bank and to the Sonora community. She is pictured above, fourth from left, with (L to R) Bank president Mike Hale, Elaine Donaldson, Joy Kemp, Roberta James, Jeannie Lawson, Linda King and Harold McEwen.

Armando Dominguez Recognized for 30-Year Safety Record



Armando Dominguez

Armando Dominguez of the Sonora Area office of the Texas Department of Transportation received special recognition recently at TxDOT district's annual Safety Awards Banquet in Junction. Armando has been an employee of TxDOT since 1977 and was recognized for achieving 30 years with "No Injury"- meaning that he has not had any accidents in his career with the department that resulted in an injury. This is such a remarkable accomplishment, and we are so proud of him, that we wanted to let your readers share in our joy," the department said.

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