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City Council Approves Golf Course Contract

By Nancy Glasscock

The Sonora City council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16th. In Mayor Virgil Polocek's absence, Councilmember Thomas Adkins presided as Mayor Pro Tem. The Sonora Golf Course Management contract was on the agenda. Sonora Industrial Development Corporation (SIDC) President Max Howorth explained the changes made between the three participating parties: Two Pro Management, LLC, the City of Sonora and the Sonora Golf Club. The Golf Club board of directors now consists of seven members versus nine. There will be no profit sharing between the three parties. The Golf Club will serve in an advisory position to the manager- Two Pro Management, LLC. Two Pro will have 100% management responsibility and will be required to approach the City of Sonora prior to making any capital improvements. It will also be responsible for all utility bills and receive a \$1500 a month management fee. There is a sixty day cancellation provision. The initial contract is for one year. SIDC will receive a quarterly report. This data will in turn be reported to the city council in the SIDC quarterly reports. Councilmember Dover

moved to approve the contract as presented. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Each year at the Decem-

ber meeting, the city council must set their meeting compensation for the following year. For the past several years, each councilmember received \$60.00 for each regular meeting and \$25.00 for each special meeting. Councilmember Dover moved to keep the compensation the same. The motion died for a lack of a sec-

ond. Councilmember Neal moved to increase the compensation to \$100.00 for each regular meeting and \$50.00 for each special meeting. After mulling her decision, she

will take the place of Sam Dillard who resigned effective December 1. In other business, the city's auditor presented the annual audit findings. The city again received a clean report of no findings. The Sewer and Water utilities have Net Revenues. The Sonora Airport seven member SIDC board. She will take the place of Sam Dillard who resigned effective December 1. In other business, the city's auditor presented the annual audit findings. The city again received a clean report of no findings. The Sewer and Water utilities have Net Revenues. The Sonora Airport

again operated with a Net Loss. The council approved ordinance #603 which will add a new section called the Cross-Connection Control Program. This program will aid in the safety of Sonora's drinking water and help prevent backflow of contaminated water with fertilizers or insecticides (examples). In addition, the council set fees for backflow prevention assembly testing (\$35.00) and customer service inspection (\$25.00). City Manager Dean Carrell discussed the reasons for considering purchase of a crack sealer and pavement roller. He discussed information in the council members' meeting books on both pieces of equipment and the approximate cost for each. There is money in the budget for these items that will allow the city to repair cracks in the city streets and to quickly patch any cuts made in the streets when any sewer tap asphalt cuts or water main repairs are necessary. Councilmember Dover moved to approve the purchase of both pieces of equipment. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion which unanimously passed.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is scheduled for January 20th at 4 PM.



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A Year In Review

By Ben D. Taylor

Editors Note: The mandate of this story requires that I sum up 2008 in as few words as possible, and to reach that goal I have decided to cheat! The opening paragraph of this article was taken from the Graduation Special Edition we published in May of this year.

Time is both relative and static (when you are in love it speeds up, when you are in pain it slows down, and when you are bored it stands still). Time does heal all wounds, but too much time can make them worse. You can take your time, give your time, make time, and cherish time. You can also lose time, gain precious time, and make up for lost time (but most of us can't

even find the time). They say that "Time is money", but you can't buy more of it, and when you need it the most you run out of it. Time is change, and over time, change is the only constant. In my life, I found a little bit of truth about time. It cannot be measured in years, months, weeks, hours, minutes, or seconds; time is measured in moments. A moment can be an instant or it can be a full year in the making. For me 2008 was a moment of change, and it was in that moment that I found my purpose.

In the course of this year I discovered that Sonora is a very giving community. From the Relay for Life to all the soldiers fighting for free-

dom on foreign lands, Sonorans do not hesitate to give where it is needed. This year was a dry one. According to Dr. Butch Taylor, 2008 marks the 3rd driest year since 1919, receiving less than half of the normal rainfall. While the sky has been absent of precipitation, our local school district was awash with new energy and faces as over 18 new teachers and administrators joined the ranks of Sonora educators. As the sun sets on 2008 we are on the verge of great changes in our nation. Matters of economy, politics, and war encroach on us all, but as long as we hold fast to our heritage, faith, and sense of community we will ride the storm of tomorrow.

I woke up in the morning of 2008 with a new job, and quickly found out that as an editor I had a lot to learn. I wanted to continue and expand on the level of quality established by my predecessor Becky McAngus. As such, my first action in this position was to bring in some very talented people to help me. The changes seen in the DRN this year are due to my excellent staff and the community members of this great town. I simply acted as a referee making sure all the players were in the right spots. The credit goes to all of you.

The best is yet to come!



On January 3rd a wildfire consumed over 2,000 acres as it approached Ft. Mckavett Highway about 14 miles east of Sonora.



Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell
The Bronco Spirit burned brightly at the first homecoming bonfire on September 25th.



Gary Harwell salutes the flag for the last time as a Sutton County Deputy as he enlisted to serve in the military full time.

Lighthouse Community Church

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Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Dec. 25-** Happy birthday *Jesus Hernandez*.
*Merry Christmas Felis Navidad
* Center Closed.
- Fri. Dec. 26-** Happy birthday *Linda Cumpian*
*Center Closed.
- Mon. Dec. 29-** Bingo
- Tues. Dec. 30-**
- Wed. Dec 31-** New Years Eve. Let's Party!

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Dec. 25-** Merry Christmas Center Closed
- Fri. Dec. 26-** Felis Navidad! Center Closed
- Mon. Dec. 29-** Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini w/tom rolls, juice, peach cobbler and milk
- Tues. Dec 30-** Beef taco salad, tomato wedges, lettuce, refried beans, pie and milk
- Wed. Dec 31-** Steak fingers w/gravy, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, rolls, Jell-o w/fruit 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).



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387-2616 | First Baptist Church
11 E. 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
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387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
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Obituaries



Virgil Ammon Polocek

Virgil Ammon Polocek, 70, joined our Father in Heaven, Friday, December 19, 2008. His body could no longer fight the aggressive cancer which overtook him the last five months of his life. He was born on December 9, 1938, in Sealy, Texas, to Ammon Nicholas and Margaret Dittert Polocek. He graduated high school from Pearsall High School in Pearsall, Texas. He attended Sul Ross State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. While attending Sul Ross, he met and married his wife of 45 years, Jacqueline Hawes Polocek.

Virgil worked for the Soil Conservation Service for 38 years in Alpine, Alice and finally Sonora before retiring in January 1999. He then began working for the Sutton County Water District for the next 6 years until he decided to "hang it up for good". Although fully retired he never quit working. He continued to do what he loved best, cattle ranching in Sonora and Pearsall. To Virgil it wasn't work, ranching was a hobby.

Virgil was a selfless man who spent his life serving others. His greatest passion was Lions Club and the many charities they support. There was never a task too great when it came to serving the organization. He was a Mason and member of the Eastern Star and actively participated in their many charitable events and fundraisers. He served his community with the same dedication. He repaired homes as part of Sonora's Christmas in July program. He volunteered to drive school buses to special events for the Sonora ISD. He helped administer the Lifeline program in Sonora. Most of all, if someone needed help, he was there.

Virgil held many offices that included President of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club, District Governor of District 2-A1, President of the Texas Lions Foundation, PTA President in Alice, President of the Sonora Band Boosters, Sonora City Councilman and he was Mayor of Sonora until his untimely death. He received numerous awards and recognitions for his service to the community. He was also a three time recipient of Sonora's Citizen of the Year.

Virgil enjoyed traveling and being with his children and grandchildren. He spent many hours attending football, basketball, and soccer games, track meets, band events, and piano recitals for them. His favorite type of traveling was for he and his wife to get into their "vehicle", and set off in a direction with no destination other than an area of the US they had never been. He loved playing Santa at Christmastime and baking his "sweet rolls" for anyone and everyone.

Virgil is survived by his daughter Catherine Huber and granddaughter Christine Huber of Allen; son Michael and April Polocek and granddaughter Jordan Polocek of Allen; brother Edward and Elaine Polocek of El Paso; sister-in-law Gayle and Alvin Sechrist of Lubbock; brother-in-law Kent and Carole Hawes of Universal City; nephew Randall Hawes of Universal City; niece Sarah Hawes of Corpus Christi; nephew Kyle and Ruby Sechrist of Frisco; nephew Matt, Katie, Kaylen and Jensen Sechrist of Pearland; nephew Eric Polocek of San Antonio; nephew Eli Polocek of Kent, WA; and many friends. Services were held on December 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Sonora. A graveside service followed. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Methodist Home for Children, Texas Lions Camp, First United Methodist Church of Sonora, or a charitable organization of your choice.

Virgil was truly God's servant and will be greatly missed.

Patsy Ruth Hutcherson

Patsy Ruth Hutcherson passed from this life surrounded by loved ones in the comfort of her home in Taylor, Texas on Tuesday, December 16th, 2008 at the age of 70.

She was born July 30, 1938 to C.A. and Laura (Wahrmund) Johnson in San Antonio, Texas. Patsy was a very loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She was a caring and compassionate nurse for 29 years. She was known for her genuine smile and sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, dear foster parents, 2 brothers, 4 sisters and one grandson, Nicholas Everett Shurley.

She is survived by her sister Lorene Ellis of Nabesna, Alaska, children Jan Kaiser of Taylor, Wanda Shurley and husband Marvin of Sonora, Tommy Paxton and wife Joy of Smithville, Hank Hutcherson and wife Tina of Wimberley, Richard McCluney and wife Silvia of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Tim Hutcherson and wife Jeannette of Taylor, Sandy Hutcherson of Round Rock, and Jeff Hutcherson and wife Allison of Round Rock, 25 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Visitation was on Thursday, December 18 from 6-8 pm at Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado, Texas. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel with burial following service.

Pallbearers are grandsons Bobby Corbell, Cody Gann, Kevin Gann, Matt McCluney, Ray Hutcherson, Keith Adam Paxton, Ethan Paxton and Houston Hutcherson.

Honorary Pallbearers are grandsons Chris Paxton, Holt Hutcherson, Curran Hutcherson, Hunter Hutcherson and Corban Hutcherson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Odyssey Healthcare and Hospice for their loving care of Patsy, especially Cassidy and Chaplain Richard.

Thank You Note

Many thanks go out to all of the Sonora and surrounding area people who generously donated to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team PSD fundraiser. With the funds, the group was able to procure updated scopes, optical devices, weapons, and body armor accessories. They are now in southeastern Baghdad at FOB Loyalty near Sadr City.

Ray and Nancy Glasscock
Matt Glasscock, 3 BCT, PSD, 82 Airborne

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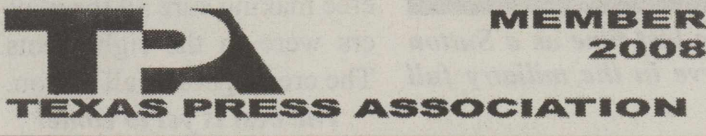
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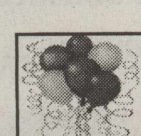
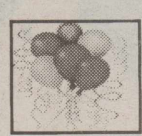
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10:55 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
- Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

December 24, 2008 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

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Happy Birthday!



- December 25**
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- December 26**
Lisa Galindo, Celia Smith, Claire Jones, Rafael Alvizo, Cami Gonzales, Valerie Villanueva, Oscar Perez, Jr., Conny Deel, Larry Luckett, Claire Richards, Scott Gonzales
- December 27**
Melinda Crain, Jerry Don Balch, Danielle Hudson, Charlie Alewine, Al Elliott
- December 28**
Jeff Allen, Chelsea Gutierrez, Amy Gann
- December 29**
Ruth Ramos, Donna Benson, Dean Dermody
- December 30**
Blayze W. Sykes, Justin Northcott, Carol Pope, Rosalie Richardson, Mario Lira, Jr., Katelyn Trevino, Erica Olson, Jeannette Thompson, Jeb Hunt, Mary Jean Sims

Freedom Takes Heart

Published July 3, 2008

By Ben D. Taylor

Where is the heart of a soldier? The heart I am speaking about is not found in the chest, it's that part of their being that drives them to fight for others. Some would say that the true heart of a soldier is found in their country and the things it stands for. Their heart is the organ of liberty, pumping (and spilling) blood for the life of freedom. Others say that it can be found right behind the eyes; the evidence for its existence can be found in the sobering gaze of a person that has witnessed combat. Shakespeare wrote about the soldier's heart in Henry the Fifth, and alludes to a soldier's heart being in those they share the field of battle with: "we few, we happy few, we band of brothers, for he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother." A soldier may keep his heart back home with his family, always replenishing hope with rare phone calls, emails, and letters. At the end of the day I cannot say where a soldier finds the reason to keep fighting. All I can say is

that a soldier's heart has to be big to carry the burden of service and the hope of liberty. Jeff Kimbrel is a soldier, and has one of the biggest hearts I know.

Jeff's military service began in the National Guard's Heavy Equipment Transport Unit (the same unit as that of Sonora resident Scott Garrett) where he assisted in the transport of M-1 Tanks, Bradley troop transport vehicles, and other large equipment for the Army. Jeff decided to sign on with the Army full time and went on active duty in April 2001. "Then 9/11 hit. A week later we went to Egypt; after that I haven't been home for more than 4 to 5 months at a time." Jeff's immediate deployment to Egypt was for training, but after he came home from Egypt he was deployed to Kuwait three months later, "we moved everyone to their positions along the border or Iraq, we were getting prepared for the possibility of war". The army

stayed in Kuwait training, hydrating, and acclimating to the desert climate for 2 years before the first push into Iraq, finally crossing the border in

between Baghdad and Kuwait transporting equipment needed for the war effort. It was on one of those trips that Jeff's unit was caught in a bad sand-

because the mud made them look like just another part of the desert."

Jeff stayed with the same unit for 5 years, making a total of 5 trips to Iraq, "when I left there were still some of the same guys over there. Some of them were on their 7th trip". Jeff left his unit and decided to try for a Special Forces assignment with the Green Berets, "me and two of my friends in the unit were talking a lot about it. The younger of us really wanted to do it, so I told him that if he did it then I would. I got tired of being attacked and not being able to do anything about it and I liked the idea that Special Forces help people that can't otherwise help themselves". All three of them went into Special Forces, and two were selected for service. There were a lot

of aspects to Special Forces Training that Jeff could not tell me about but he did say that, "there was a lot of long distance runs, road marches, survival training, and 7 to 8 days of continuous land navigation (which is pretty hard in the woodlands of North Carolina)". All of the training was difficult, but Jeff attributed his success in the survival training to the time he spent outdoors in Sonora. Jeff completed his training and is now active in the Green Berets, an accomplishment by itself, but even more so once you realize that he was the second oldest person to complete the Special Forces training.

I asked Jeff what he thought about the War on Terror and he gave me a three part answer, part one a warning, part two a plan, and part three was hope. "I feel sorry for anyone that comes over here and tries something. We are keeping them at bay over there, its better we fight them over there than over here. You see a lot of negative things in the media, but we are building stuff all the time for the Iraqis: power, sewage, plumbing systems, schools, hospitals and we are providing the supplies for all the construction projects." In talking to Jeff I found that while winning the war is important for everyone, each soldier needs to discover why fighting is important. They need to find a reason to carry their hearts into battle, "we fight for everyone, from top to bottom, even the old soldiers that have already fought. When I am over there I remember all the hard working ranchers beating themselves in the head with the sunshine and the drought working, to keep America alive. I'm just doing my small part in it, to play my role for America."



2003, "we crossed the border with multiple launch systems on March 19th, 2003. We pushed all the way to Baghdad in 6 days and 6 nights. I think I slept maybe 2 hours in those 6 days. There was some resistance along the way. At one point we got pretty close and had to fire rockets right off the trucks while they were still loaded," Jeff commented. His unit then helped set up a parameter around Baghdad and provided vital equipment needed to secure the Baghdad Airport. They then started making trips back and forth

storm, "we could see a wall of dirt headed right for us from the east. At first we thought it was a line of Iraqi tanks headed for us, but it turned out to be a bad sandstorm. At first everything went red, then it the sky turned as black as night. We shut everything down, set up security, and got into the vehicles. A rainstorm then hit us from the west (the water hit the sand and turned into mud balls) and covered the vehicles with mud. That stuff stuck like cement, but it was probably the best thing to happen to those vehicles

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The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youth between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189.

Depot is now ready for rent!
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The Sutton County Historical Society needs volunteers in assisting the The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum greeting visitors at the gift shop. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call Rex Ann Friess @ 226-2122 if you are interested.

Looking for any information on the history of Liberty Park (La Placita) especially pictures. Please bring or call The City of Sonora 387-2558 ext. 308

Viva Sonora-Cinco de Mayo Parade- If you are interested in participating in the Cinco de Mayo Parade please contact Juanita Gomez at 387-2507 or 206-0830.

Viva Sonora-Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- Parents if your child is between the age of 3 and must not have turned 6 prior to May 2, they may be the next Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo. Please contact JoAnn Hernandez @ 325-387-2593 or 325-206-0366 FMI.

Viva Sonora-Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest- If you are a 10th or 11th grade girl interested in becoming the next Miss Cinco de Mayo please call Michelle Faz at 387-2593 for more information or registration.

Survivors & Caregiver Registration: Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

Los Compadres Club will be having a New Year's Eve Dance December 31, 2008 from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Music by Romaldo y Grupo Fuerzoo.

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Sonora Post Office Announces Special Holiday Hours

Full Postal Service Resumes Friday, December 26.

Postmaster Troy Morgan today announced special holiday hours for the Christmas Holidays. The Sonora Post Office will close at 12:00 noon on December 24th and be closed closed all day on Christmas Day, December 25th.

Regular Post Office retail hours will resume on Friday, December 26th.

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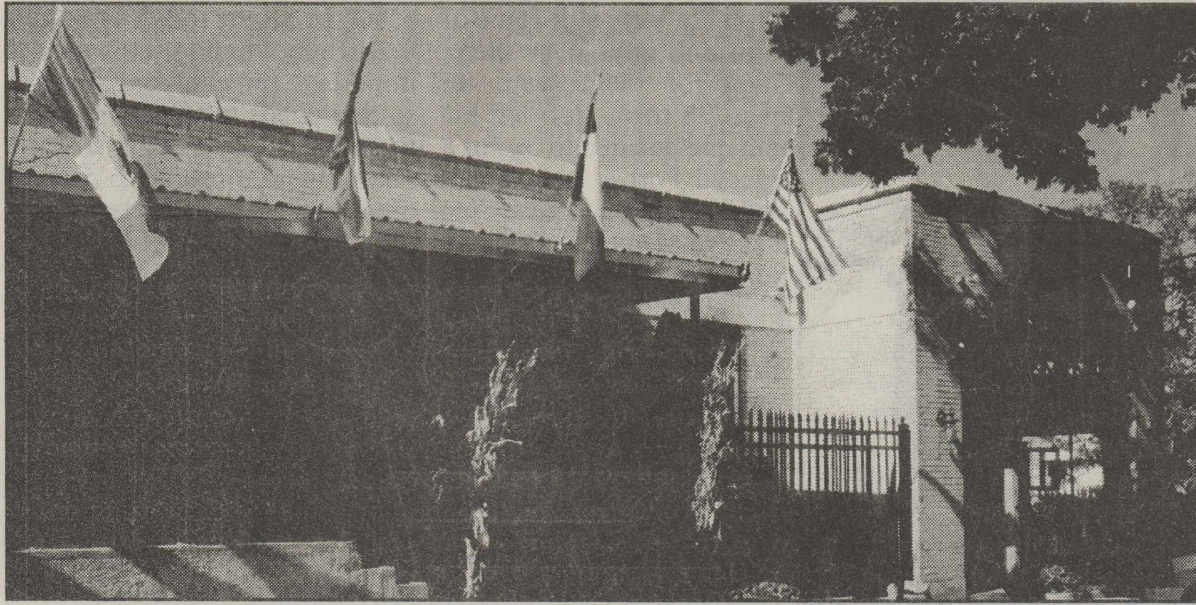
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The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum Grand Opening

Published October 23, 2008



By Ben D. Taylor

History can be measured with time, studied with diligence, created with action, and recorded in memory. They say that it is written by the victorious, and studied by the defeated. It is created in the present, lives in the past, and defines the future. Most often history is about the dead, but it lives in the memories of all those that lived it and is passed on to those that choose to carry the flame of the past. The caretakers of Sonora's history have found a new home in The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum.

Originally built by West Texas Utilities in 1927, the building's first function was a complete power and ice plant that produced 300 pound blocks of ice using an ammonia system to power the generators used in the process. In 1945 WTU leased the building to Louie Trainer and Earl Lomax who opened the Locker Box and Frozen Food Plant, and ran it for 10 years until they sold the business to Doc Scott who sold cooked meats from his own smokehouse. The last occupant to

lease the building from WTU was Royce Mears. In 2000 WTU merged with American Electric and Power, who in 2003 donated the building to the Sutton County Historical Society.

When the building was donated to the Historical society, Al Elliot approached Historical Society President Rosemary (Rosie) Jones with the idea of renovating the ice house and building as a ranch museum. Shortly after WTU donated the building to the Historical Society the demolition phase of the project began under the supervision of Rick and Jo Ann Palmer, "the demolition phase could not have been done without their supervision and hard work", commented Lesa Whitehead. The goal of the demolition phase of the renovations was to make a more suitable "open floor plan" for the Ranch Museum exhibits. Rosie then appointed a committee to continue with the completion of the museum in August with its grand opening scheduled in the fall of 2008. Whitehead commented that, "Rex

Ann Friess has been the driving force in getting this phase of the museum completed by getting the community involved".

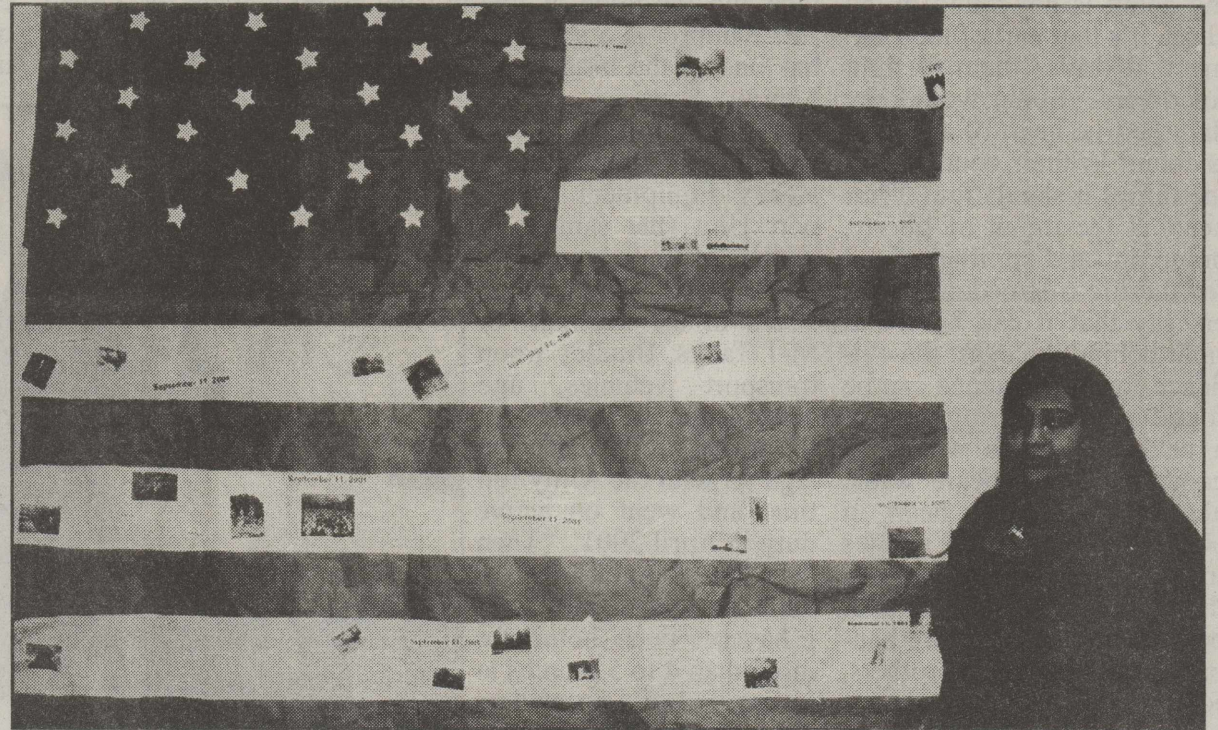
From the iron worked fence in the front to the pleasant lighting and exposed brick walls inside the museum has a welcoming feel to it. Each of the displays are separated into different sections of Sonora history and labeled with hand crafted wooden signs over each section. The areas include: Lawmen and Outlaws, Stockman's Paradise, Livestock and Cowboys, Santa Fe Railroad, Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and a Founding Pioneers exhibit that highlights a different pioneer family to Sutton County. The material for the exhibits was donated by community members, and in the case of the pistol used in gunning Will Carver down a New Mexico family. Lisa Whitehead (presiding co-chair on the Old Ice House Museum committee) commented that, "I didn't want this to be a typical small town museum, I want it to be a gallery, a living museum".

Long term plans include holding living history demonstration on the grounds, as well as instructional programs for people of all ages. Museum Co-chair Rex Ann Friess commented that, "As we get further along we also want to open the building up rentals from receptions to professional meetings. Our long term goal is not to just have a museum, we want to have a functional property."

The members of the Sutton County Historical Society will get one step closer to their long terms goals this Saturday October 25, 2008 when they hold their grand opening. The doors will open at 10:00 a.m. for viewing with the official ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m. There will be live music and light refreshments provided for the occasion.

September 11 Flag Project: A Lesson in Living History

Published in October 25, 2008



Romi Castaneda stands beside the September 11 Flag Project that now hangs on the wall at the Sonora Elementary School as a reminder of those lost.

By Ben D. Taylor

History is a part of us all. If studied, it can tell you where we are all from, and if understood, it can show you where we all are going. A common misconception is that history resides exclusively in the past, but in reality, history lives in the past and present. Fourth Grade Social Studies teacher Romi Castaneda took her students down the path of the most notorious event of current US history and showed them that History lives, and in the specific case of September 11, 2001, she showed them that history

carries the lives of those lost on that day.

The September 11 Flag project began with the students watching and reading news coverage about the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers, Pentagon and of the doomed United Airlines flight 93. Ms. Castaneda had the students cut out pictures and important phrases from that day and glue them to an American flag that will hang in the hall outside her classroom. Ms. Castaneda commented that "9/11 will be with us forever, and because students were so little when

it happened they didn't know about it. Their first reaction was shock; they couldn't believe that people could be so mean. They understand now why we are at war."

This first year teacher takes a hands on approach with her teaching style, and is enjoying her first year teaching full time at SISD. This particular project was important to show the students the importance of history and how it affects everyone. "It was important for me that the students understand that history effects everyone's lives".

Park Becoming Public Dumpsite

Published on July 17, 2008

By Ben D. Taylor

Allison Park (rather the trash being left at the park) has been on the forefront of discussions of county decision makers. "The number one problem out there is trash," commented County Judge Carla Garner, "it takes 2-4 Road and Bridge people half a day to clean it up. You need to factor in the high cost

of diesel, and wages for the crew."

The land for Allison park was donated to Sutton County by George Allison on October 13, 1943. The park encompasses approximately 10 acres of land along the South Llano River, and has served Sutton county residents for over fifty years.

Rumors abound about the future of the park being shut down, but Carla Garner assured the Devil's River News that, the rumor was unfounded, "no we are not discussing closing Allison Park. The most we have talked about is building a pipe fence around the park to keep vehicle traffic out".

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Volunteering Is A Great Gift

By Pascual Hernandez,
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We usually recognize someone when they've excelled at some competitive event or received some kind of award, and we should; those are admirable accomplishments. However, we sometimes overlook those that do something good or have been serviceable.

Every year, it is amazing to see how the various groups in our community organize to do something worthy for others. It may be clothing drives, care packages for our service men and women, food drives, or benefit events for those in need. To attempt to name them would lead to overlooking someone, so let's just say that we are both grateful and proud to have all of you who are involved in such worthwhile efforts.

A good example, however, is the Food Basket Ministry. Organizations such as Cub Scouts, 4-H, Jr. High and High School, as well as church youth groups, initiate food collection drives. Lewis Allen

will then meet at the Methodist Church with members of the various youth groups to coordinate the assembly of these food items into boxes. These boxes are distributed by yet another youth group. It is encouraging to see these young men and women involved in this way. They will reach adulthood with a sense of community service.

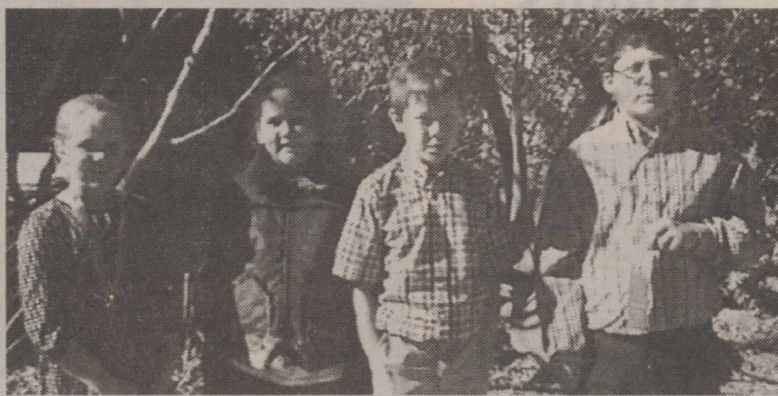
The Christmas season is a time when a lot of people want to do good things for others. It is during Christmas that we are most generous. Volunteering is a great way to help others in their time of need. Just remember, however, that many organizations need volunteers year-round, and it is not always your money that may be needed. It could be your knowledge, skill or ability.

So, again a word of gratitude to all of those who serve the community by volunteering. And "Merry Christmas" from the Sutton County Extension Office.

"Volunteer—not so you can build your resume, but so you can build yourself."

-Unknown

Local Youth Qualify for District at Food Show



Delaney Ramsdell, Mercedes Lee, Tate Shannon, Juan Gamez

After the county food show, Tate Shannon, Delaney Ramsdell, Juan Gamez, and Mercedes Lee qualified for district competition with their food entries. At the district food show, participants presented their entry before a judge and answered questions about the nutritious value and preparation of their dish. Tate, Juan, and Mercedes received honorable mention, while Delaney placed 1st with her entry in the Nutritious Snacks category.

Aggies vs. Lawyers

Three lawyers and three Aggies are traveling by train to a conference. At the station, each of the three lawyers buys a ticket while the three Aggies buy only one ticket.

"How can the three of you travel on one ticket?" asks a lawyer.

"Watch and you'll see," answers an Aggie.

Aboard the train the lawyers take their respective seats while all three Aggies cram into the restroom and squeeze the door closed behind them.

When the conductor comes around collecting tickets, he knocks on the restroom door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The lawyers are impressed with this clever idea. On the way home from the conference, they decide to copy the engineers' technique. At the station, they buy a single ticket for their return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers don't buy a ticket at all!

"How in the hell are you going to pull this off?" asks a lawyer.

"Watch and you'll see," answers an Aggie.

They board the train. The three lawyers cram into one restroom and the three engineers cram into the other restroom.

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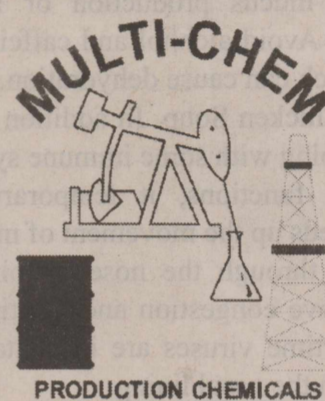
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'Tis the Season for Sniffles and Sneezes



Submitted By:
Kelly L. Thorp, MS
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'Tis the season for more than just holiday cheer. . . it's also the time we need to be on guard about catching a cold. The common cold is a viral infection of your nose and throat. A cold is usually harmless though it may not feel that way. Although more than 200 viruses can cause a common cold, the rhinovirus is the most common culprit and it is highly contagious.

Cold viruses are almost always present in the environment. It enters your body through your mouth, nose, eyes or other mucous membranes. The virus can spread through droplets in the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. But it also spreads by contact with someone who has a cold or by using shared objects.

Because of the sheer number of viruses that may be responsible for the cold, symptoms may vary greatly. Symptoms usually appear about two to three days after. Signs and symptoms may include:

- Mucous buildup in your nose
- Difficulty breathing through your nose
- Swelling of your sinuses
- Sneezing
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Headache

During a cold, you generally will not have a high fever and you are also unlikely to experience significant fatigue. Complications associated with your cold may include ear infection, wheezing, sinusitis and/or other infections, including but not limited to strep throat, pneumonia and bronchitis. These infections need to be treated by your health provider.

There is no cure for the common cold. Antibiotics are of no use against viruses. Over-the-counter cold medicines will not cure a common cold or make it go away any sooner and most have some potential side effects:

Pain relievers. For fever, sore throat and headache, many people turn to acetaminophen (e.g. - Tylenol) or other mild pain relievers. Keep in mind that these may harm you if taken more frequently or in larger doses than recommended. If some is good, more is not always better.

Decongestant nasal sprays. Nasal sprays may give you some relief from cold symptoms. Adults should not use decongestant drops or sprays for more than a few days because prolonged use can cause chronic inflammation of mucous membranes.

Cough suppressants and Non-prescription cough

suppressants may relieve some of your cold symptoms. However, because most of these medicines have some side effects, such as drowsiness, dizziness, insomnia, or upset stomach, you should take them with care. Some contain ingredients that may alleviate coughing; however, coughs associated with a cold usually last less than two to three weeks. If a cough lingers longer than that, see your health provider.

You may not be able to cure your common cold, but you can make yourself as comfortable as possible. These tips may help:

Fluids. Water, juice and warm soup are all good choices. They help replace fluids lost during mucus production or fever. Avoid alcohol and caffeine which can cause dehydration.

Chicken Soup. In addition to helping with some immune system functions, it temporarily speeds up the movement of mucus through the nose, helping relieve congestion and limiting the time viruses are in contact with the nasal lining.

Rest. Stay home if you have a fever or a bad cough, or are drowsy from medications. This will give you a chance to rest as well as reduce the chances that you will infect others.

Soothe your throat. Gargling with warm salt water may help soothe a sore throat.

Saline spray. Use saline nasal drops to help relieve nasal congestion. You can usually buy these drops over-the-counter.

Most people recover from a common cold in about a week or two. If symptoms do not improve, see your health provider. You should also see your health provider if you develop a fever of 102° or higher accompanied by achiness and fatigue, fever accompanied by sweating, chills and a cough with cNo vaccine has been developed for the common cold and results of studies using complementary methods to prevent a cold such as Zinc, Vitamin C and Echinacea are inconclusive. However, you can take some common-sense precautions to slow the spread of cold viruses:

Wash your hands. Clean your hands often with warm water and soap. Carry a bottle of alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60 percent alcohol for times when soap and water are not available - these gels kill most germs.

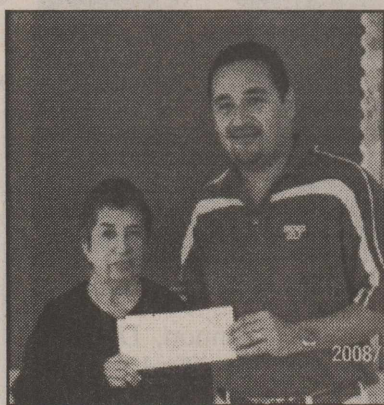
Keep kitchen and bathroom countertops clean, especially when someone in your family has a common cold.

Sneeze or cough into the bend of your elbow, that way you cover your mouth without using your hands.

Do not share drinking glasses or utensils with others. Use your own glass or disposable cups when you or someone else is sick.

Avoid close, prolonged contact with anyone who has a cold.

Sonora Middle School Honors Teacher



Sonora Middle School will have a representative for this year's Humanities Texas recognition of 2008-2009 Humanities Texas Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Delia Samaniego, a 36-year veteran teacher for Sonora Middle School was recognized as this year's Humanities Texas Teacher of the Year by principal Erbey Valdez. "I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition and I will campaign for her recognition as State Humanitarian Texas Teacher of the Year. She has been a cornerstone of this school for so many years and has impacted so many young lives." Ms. Samaniego teaches Spanish and English as a Second Language to middle school students at Sonora. Congratulations!

Happy Holidays!

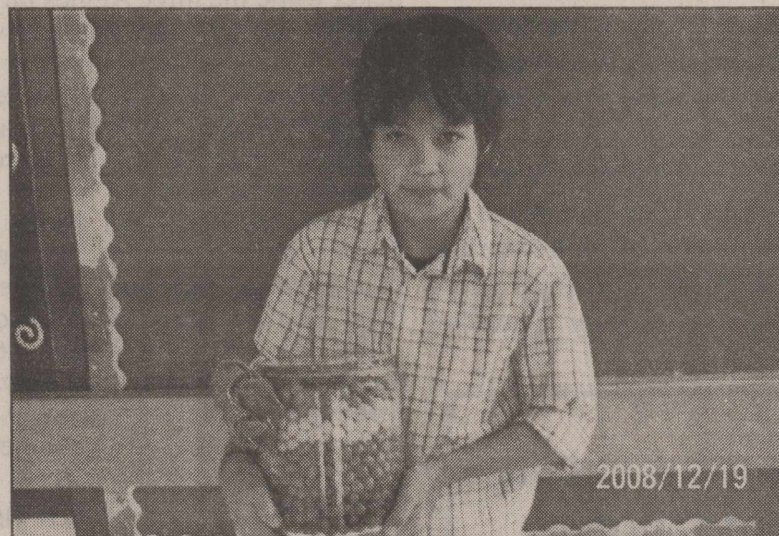
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Middle School Students of the Week



Sonora Middle School Students of the Week sponsored by Sonic Drive-In. 5th Grade: Kaitlyn Lopez, 6th Grade: Halle Samaniego, 7th Grade: James Braly (not pictured), 8th Grade: Marci Parks. Congratulations to these students!

M&M Guessing Jar Winner



On Friday, December 19th, the Student Council announced its winner of the M&M guessing jar contest. The Sonora Middle School Student Council held the contest as a fundraiser for the school and students paid a quarter for a guess at how many M&M's were in the jar. The student with the closest guess won the jar loaded with M&M's! Andrew Curtis, a 6th grader guessed 1348 M&M's and the actual number was 1372! Congratulations to Andrew and happy eating!

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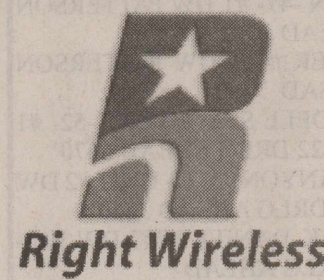
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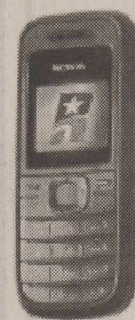
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A Living Part of Sonora's Legacy

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Rosa Galindo



By Ben D. Taylor

The hands of time work on all of us. We all start out as a formless piece of clay without any idea of what we are meant to be. Time molds us with hardship and loss, and builds us up with love and memory. It's important to realize that time is not measured in hours, days, months or years. Time is measured in moments. Moments dance and move, weaving together the tapestry of our lives. The key to understanding what we are meant to be is to look at moments as the true core of any life. This September 4th Rosa Galindo turned 98 years old, and from the opening moments of my conversation with her I could see a lifetime of moments dancing just behind her eyes.

Born in Jimenez Coahuila, Mexico, September 4, 1910, Rosa's family moved to Del Rio shortly after her birth where she attended school until the second grade. Her fam-

ily then made a second and final move to Sonora where her father worked various jobs in Sonora. The journey was made on horse and buggy taking days at a time to cross some of the terrain (Rosa recalled it taking two days to cross one valley). It was sometime after their arrival into Sonora that Rosa would find and marry the one true love of her life.

Rosa had a friend that was in love with a man named Pedro. Being a good friend, Rosa agreed to write love letters for her friend to give to Pedro. It wasn't long before Pedro found himself at the altar waiting for his bride, but it was Rosa (and not her friend) that he was waiting for. On July 14, 1929 Rosa and Pedro Galindo began their lives as husband and wife, a journey that lasted until Pedro's death on July 11, 1989 (three days short of their 60th anniversary). In that time they raised

4 children, Braulio, Pedro Jr., Nilda, and Sam. The Galindo family now includes 14 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

Pedro started working for Sonora Rancher Brian Hunt as a ranch hand at 15 years old, but ended up as a foreman at the end of his 54 year career. In that time he worked at the Lost Lake Ranch, Velma Hunt Ranch, Lower Ranch, Caralita Ranch and the Beam Ranch. Hard times hit the ranch shortly after Pedro and Rosa married with the arrival of the Great Depression. I asked Rosa how the Depression affected their family and she quickly replied, "What depression? We didn't have anything before the depression, so we didn't really notice that much of a change." The ranch's operating budget did feel the constraints of The Depression and Brian Hunt could

not afford to keep Pedro on the payroll, but Pedro agreed to stay on with the ranch without pay for the duration of the depression. When the economy recovered, Mr. Hunt bought the family a house as back payment for Pedro's work. The depression was not the last hurdle the family would have to leap as Rosa recalled the 7 years it didn't rain. "The government would buy the cattle and kill them. They would dig a big hole, count the cattle out, kill them and then burn the bodies. Pedro was very upset because he had worked with them for so long".

Rosa has seen a great deal of changes in the world during her lifetime, but she sites improvements of civil rights as one of the greatest changes in Sonora over the years. "When I came to Sonora there were two schools, one for Mexicans and the other for white people. I remember when they

combined the two schools all the boys I knew would come home from school with bruises and scrapes from all the fights. Now I see all the kids together no matter the color. That has been a good change. It shouldn't matter what color our skin is; we are all the same under God".

In my short time with Rosa I could tell many different things about her, but the greatest testament to the life she led was the love she has for her family (and just as important the love her family has for her). Her grandson

told me a story about when she was younger, "when she was a child she would climb trees for the sole purpose to see what was in them. If she saw a nest she would have to climb higher to see what was in it, if there were birds in it she had to climb higher still to count them. She has always dreamed, and has always been curious". How much fuller would our lives be if we had the curiosity to climb trees and the strength to reach for our dreams if only to capture a moment of time.

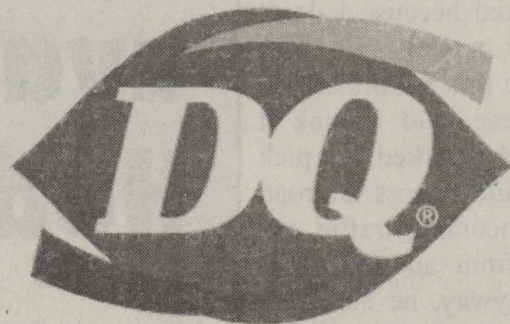
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Rebeckah Owen is 2008 Miracle Kid

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By Ben D. Taylor

The word miracle is one of those terms that escape any adequate description or definition. Webster's New World Dictionary defines a miracle as "an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws". That definition does not cut it for me. When I think of the word miracle I think of salvation in the face of the impossible, it's a concept of hope, and it's something that is bigger than any one person. A miracle can be as simple as a sunrise, or as complex as life itself, in a word, a miracle is unexplainable.

By its very nature a miracle is bitter sweet, just as there is no salvation without loss there is no miracle without tragedy. Last year in February husband Terry, wife Kelly, and their children Rebeckah, Reagan, and Gage Owen met with such a tragedy on highway 277 north of Eldorado. They were on their way to the airport in San Angelo when a Ford Ranger crossed over into their lane forever changing their lives. Rebeckah and Kelly were air lifted to Shannon emergency room as a level 2 trauma, and both underwent surgery in San Angelo. Kelly was transferred to San Antonio for treatment during the most tenuous time of Rebeckah's treatment. Kelly's right arm was almost severed, and Rebeckah suffered from a skull fracture, scalp laceration, and facial fractures; Terry, Gage, and Reagan suffered only scrapes and bruises. Right before leaving for San Antonio Kelly told her husband, "Do not leave Rebeckah's side, do not come to see me until we know she is going to be ok. Worst case

I loose my arm, that is nothing compared to Rebeckah." Last week Rebeckah and Kelly came into the office to share their story so I could better understand Rebeckah's most recent triumph of being named a Shannon Hospital 2008 Miracle Kid by the Children's Miracle Network. I had written down a list of questions I wanted to ask them about the accident but in the time it took me to see Rebeckah smile I knew I had wanted to know all the wrong things. The real story is not the accident, or what caused it. Kelly and Rebeckah showed me that this story was about what happened after the accident. It is not only a story of recovery; it's a story of strength, hope, and the kindness of strangers and friends.

Kelly accounted to me the power prayer had on their family during the whole process.

"Right after the wreck Terry asked if everyone was OK. Everyone answered except Rebeckah. My arm was hurt pretty bad and I didn't want the kids to see the extent of the damage, so when I turned around to check on them I blocked their vision of my arm. When I saw Rebeckah slumped over in her car seat with her eyes rolled up in her head I knew that she was either with God or with me. I immediately started praying. I knew if she was with God then I was thankful for the 6 years I had with her. I was OK with her being happy with God. When I found that peace I started praying for her happiness. Right after I started praying she opened her eyes and started crying. She is a miracle in every sense of the word."

Kelly started telling me the stories of the help she and her family received from strangers and friends. She was overwhelmed that she knew some of the first responders from Sonora, and

the help she received from the EMT from Eldorado. Seeing friendly faces from people she knew, and those she didn't strengthened her resolve in this crisis.

"There was one particular man that I have never properly thanked because I don't know his name. He was one of the first people on the wreck scene, and I think it was he who parked his pick up and trailer across the road to stop oncoming traffic and save us from another collision. Anyway, he stood by me and Rebeckah, ready to help if we needed anything. At first I refused his offer, but when Terry told me we had to get out of the car, I asked this man for help. I asked him to try to be gentle with my arm in case there was anything that might still be connected and might be able to be saved. I never really saw the extent of the damage to my arm because I was afraid to look, but he did and I saw in his eyes what a horrific and terrifying request that was. But he gathered himself and said, "Yes, ma'am," and very gently handed me my arm so I could climb out of the car. I don't know how or if I could ever thank him for that valiant act, it certainly wasn't what he signed up to do that day when he got out of bed."

The support continued as the family made it to the hospital and I could not keep track of all the names Kelly mentioned as I took notes. Many of the names I knew, but just as many were strangers to me (and the Owen Family), "We will never know all the people that helped us." While they were at the hospital Scott Jacoby (Sonora resident) showed up to take care of Gage and Reagan while Terry, Kelly, and Rebeckah were being treated.

Family and friends took shifts to watch over Rebeckah at night so her father Terry could get some rest. For an excruciating length of time they did not know the extent of Rebeckah's injuries, whether she would suffer brain damage or even survive the ordeal. I talked with her family to ask if there was any one moment that they knew she was going to be OK, her aunt Dawn Cahill of Sonora told me that, "I think there was something that happened, because I remember one day just knowing she was going to be ok, but all of us were so exhausted it all seems like a haze."

In early December Rebeckah was named a 2008 Miracle Kid by the Shannon Hospital and the Miracle Kids Network. Rebeckah is one of the first accident victims nominated for this honor (most of the children named Miracle Kids are diagnosed with terminal or chronic illnesses). Rebeckah will join other Miracle Kids in fundraising events to raise awareness and money for the Shannon medical Clinic. Kelly expressed gratitude to the children's miracle network in allowing Rebeckah to give a little back to something that gave them so much, "Being involved with the Children's Miracle Network is a little way we can give back to those that gave us so much." Shannon Medical Hospital recently partnered with the Children's Miracle Network joining over 170 hospitals across the U.S.

and Canada. The Children's Miracle Network raises money to enhance the care of local hospitals to treat their patients. Since 1983 the Children's Miracle Network has raised over \$2 billion dollars for partnered hospitals. 100% of the donations made to the Children's Miracle Network at Shannon hospital stay there to help treat children throughout the 11 counties Shannon Hospital serves. Kelly Owen attributes much of Rebeckah's recovery to the hospital staff and facilities, "She had the doctors she needed right there. It was in place and it happened."

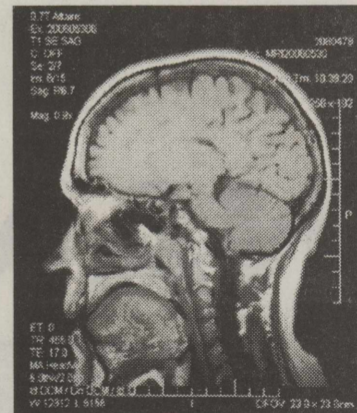
In the course of my conversation with Kelly and Rebeckah I found out that my perception of miracles was all wrong. I thought a miracle

was something that just happened. It was an event that occurred in the face of impossibility, it was an instant and unexplainable salvation. Looking into the bright eyes of Rebeckah and seeing the gratitude and sense of purpose in Kelly I knew that miracles don't just happen. Miracles take work. This weekend my brothers and I took my nephew to watch his first aggie game at the Alamo bowl (not the best of choices for a game, but if he's gonna be an aggie he better get used to the losses). The whole weekend something Rebeckah told me kept resurfacing. That one phrase embodied hope, and explained to me the true miracle of the Owen's family ordeal. Rebeckah looked at me and with clear resolve simply said, "We made it!"

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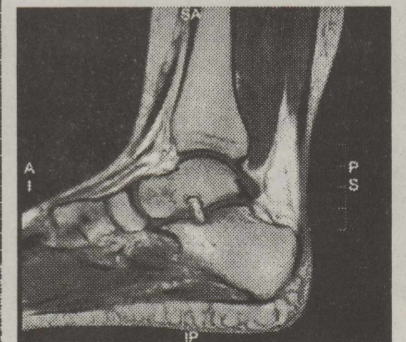
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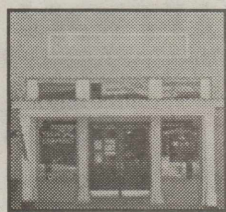
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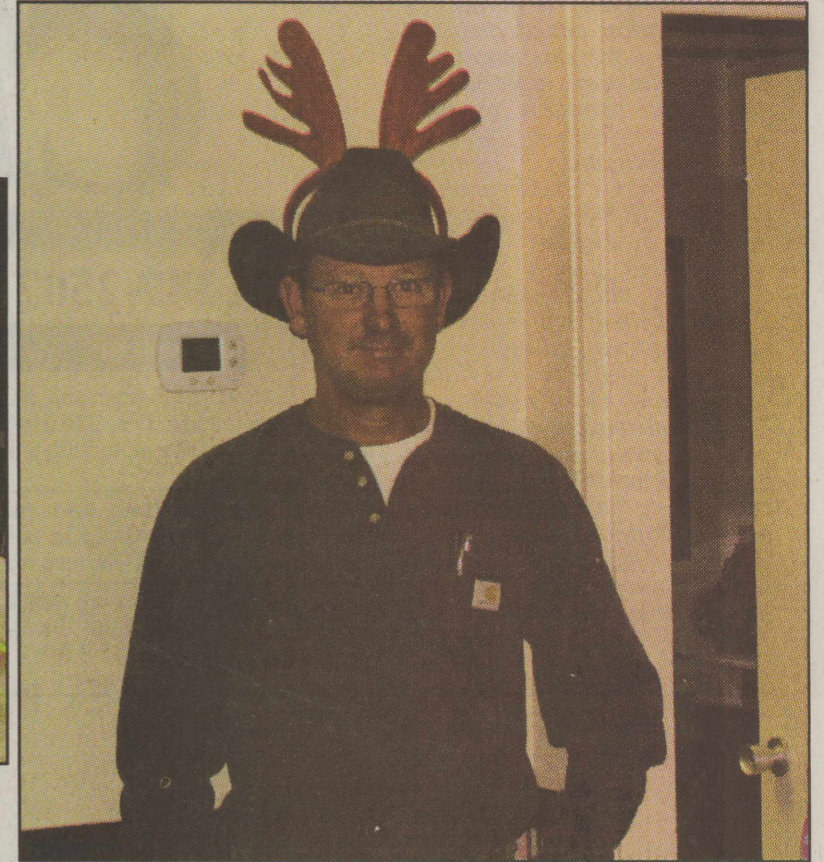


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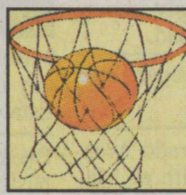
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12/29-31	Eula Tourn	Eula	TBA	
1/2	*Alpine	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/6	*Reagan County	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/9	*Presidio	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/13	*Ozona	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
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1/20	*Crane	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/23	*Kermit	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/27	*Reagan County	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
1/30	*Alpine	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

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12/29-31	Eula Tourn	Eula	TBA	
1/2	*Alpine	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/6	*Reagan County	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/9	*Presidio	Home	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
1/13	*Ozona	Away	5:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
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