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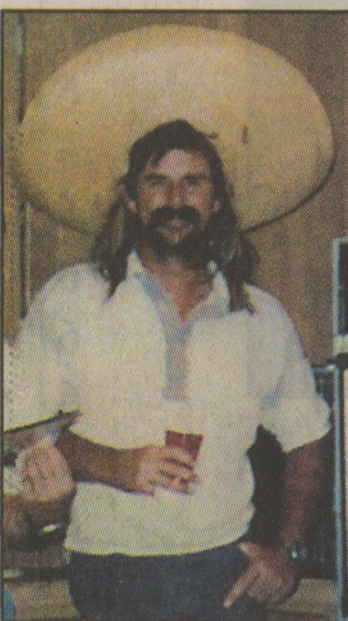
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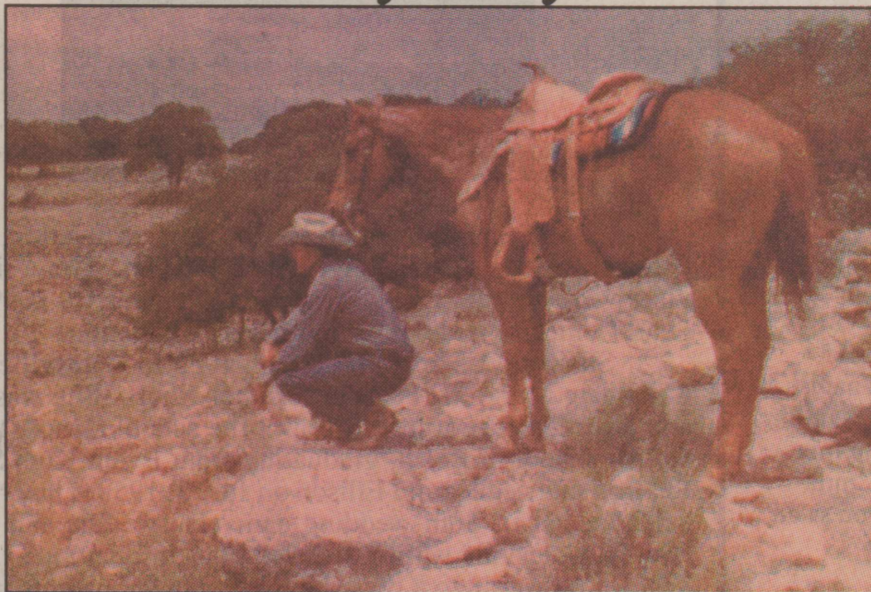
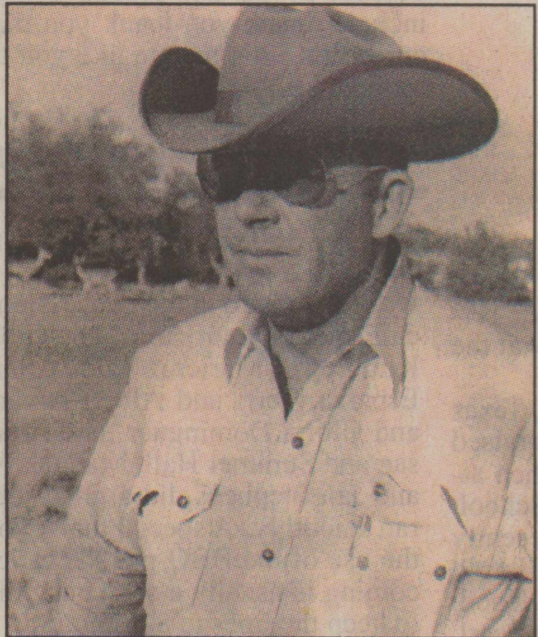
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# A Living Part of Sonora's Legacy

## Stanley Mayfield



By Ben D. Taylor

As we grow into different stages of our lives, the things we value most is change. As a child the things I cherished the most were those that I could hold in my hands, but as an adult my most prized possessions are those that I hold in my heart and mind. The memories we unknowingly make when we are young eventually serve to give real value to our lives. Memories are the dividends from investments made early in life. They never lose value, and serve as a statement to the value of each life lived. In the course of his 90 years Stanley Mayfield has collected a king's ransom of memories, the value of which can never accurately be calculated.

Stanley was born in San Antonio, Texas on June 23, 1919. His parents, Ed and Zena Mayfield, soon moved to the Sonora area and in 1925 bought a ranch in the eastern part of Sutton County. It wouldn't be long before the Mayfield family would meet with hardship, as five years later our nation was in the grips of one of the worst droughts in history. Stanley commented, "Now that was

a drought! There have been droughts since then, but not like that".

In 1933 President Roosevelt formed the Drought Relief Service (DRS). The DRS bought livestock from ranchers in an effort to reduce negative impacts on the land, as well as reducing the supply of beef and wool (in the hopes that a reduced supply would increase the price for producers). "The government helped us by buying sheep for 2 dollars a head and cows for 12 dollars a head. We had to kill and skin the sheep, and when I was 12 or 14 we drove the sheep skins to Rocksprings where a government man would count all the skins and pay us. Every fence for as far as you could see had sheep skins hanging to dry. The government didn't force us to do anything. We were damn glad to get rid of them [livestock]".

The ranchers were allowed to keep as many or as few livestock as they needed to keep operating, "We kept livestock all throughout the drought of the 30's. We chose how many we wanted to keep. We ruined the country really, because we

ran 300 sheep to the section, that was way too many and we overgrazed it".

To stay in business, many of the working ranches had to become creative in how they fed their livestock, "we got us a pear grinder and went out in the pasture and burned all the spines off of prickly pear. We dug them up and took them to the pear grinder and we would grind it up and sprinkle cottonseed meal on top of it. That's what we fed the sheep, and they seemed to do pretty good on it". The Mayfield ranch survived the worst of the drought and by 1936, things started to improve. The improvements came along with more rainfall and conservation efforts. "The country really came around in the 40's, and thanks to what we learned in the 30's, the drought in the 50's wasn't near as bad as it could have been".

Stanley's ranching education started as soon as he was old enough to ride, "I started riding when I was about five. They put me on a damned old burro! I was just a kid, but I'd fight that idiot all day. I had a problem getting him out

to work, but when we turned around to get back to the pens, boy he would go. We had a lot of horses then, and rode from daylight to dark". He sees the education he got on horseback more valuable than the learning he got in school. "Kids that grow up out in the country may not be as smart as some of these city dudes, but they know a lot more. You can take a country kid and put him in the city and he will get along fine, but a city dude won't last too long out here".

According to Stanley, eradication of the screw worm was the most important change in ranching over the years. "That screw worm program changed things. You can't imagine how much. You had to ride every day from daylight to dark to keep an eye on your livestock. Livestock would get worms every time they got a cut. We had a worm trap where we would put infected sheep until they cured up. You had to put medicine on every sore; it was a pretty hard job".

Screw worms were not the only thing he has had to fight

over the years, as he aggressively continues to control the invasion of cedar on the rangeland. His wife Nelda commented that, "I've been married to Stanley for 45 years and in all that time he has fought cedar. He has done most of it himself on the back of a dozer".

When I asked him if cedar has always been a problem he commented that, "I don't know if it has always been necessary to control cedar, but it definitely has gotten worse over time. I remember when they started drilling gas wells here and some surveyors were down here working. I drove up on them one day and found them walking around looking for a mark cut on a cedar tree. I asked them when it had been cut, and they told me their field notes indicated it had been made in 1879. I went back there later that day and they had found it. There has always been cedar here, even as far back as the 1800's".

**Stanley's Story  
Continues  
Next Week in the  
Devil's River News.**

## Broncos Stomp the Greyhounds



Photo and article by Robert Ray Glasscock.

The Boerne Greyhounds drove west to play the Sonora Broncos. Probably many of the players and fans have never heard of Sonora. While the city population sign at the Boerne city limits may show less than 7,000 residents, it is a bedroom community of San Antonio. Two years ago, they built a new 4A high school and spent last year renovating the old high school. So, the Boerne Greyhounds came

from the old high school and are not officially in any district this year. It is a good thing, as they haven't been able to build a viable football program yet. I really miss our wall on the old field house, especially when a team like Boerne and most of their fans haven't a clue if we are 2A or 3A, and come here for the first time also totally unaware of our football tradition.

Just as in the first two games,

our opponent won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. This decision has turned out to be paramount to conceding any chance of building momentum and as the Broncos have scored easily on each opening drive of the season.

The Broncos first drive started at the 24 yard-line after a 19 yard kickoff return by Zach Badeaux. Ethan Morriss engineered a 15 play drive that featured completed passes to Badeaux, Will Anderson, and Caleb Gonzales. Anderson, Morriss, and Dustin Neff rushed for consistent gains. Neff got the first touchdown on a one-yard run between the center and the left guard. Neff also scored the PAT with another goal post-splitting kick.

The Hounds' first drive lasted six plays and ended when Gonzales got his first interception of the game. The next Bronco drive lasted four plays. Morriss completed

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## Sonoran's Honored By The Texas House Of Representatives

Brigitte Rogers and C. J. Brisbin were recently honored with a resolution by the Texas House of Representatives for their work with the Silver Haired Legislators.

The resolution (formerly known as House Resolution Numbers 1772 and 1773) highlight their many community service achievements.

Brigitte's resolution states, "Brigitte Rogers exemplifies the highest standard of civic engagement, and her staunch advocacy for senior citizens and other worthy causes has touched the lives of countless fellow Texans."

C.J.'s resolution comments that his "wholehearted commitment to representing and safeguarding the interests of senior citizens, Jim Brisbin is contributing to the betterment of the state and to the creation of a brighter future for all Texans".

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### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Sept. 17-** Center needs volunteers to deliver meals. Please call or come by 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Fri. Sept. 18-** Happy Birthday *Bill Gosney, Mary Lou Gilly*
- Mon. Sept. 21-** Happy Birthday *Lorraine Polonis*  
Bingo w/Molly of AAA
- Tues. Sept. 22-** Happy Birthday *Aurora Bernal*
- Wed. Sept. 23-** Birthday cake for September babies @ noon

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Sept. 17-** Chicken fajita salad, lettuce/tomatoes, macaroni salad, crackers, pie and milk
- Fri. Sept. 18-** Roast beef w/gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, cake w/strawberries, and milk
- Mon. Sept. 21-** Turkey, ham sandwich, chips, pea salad lettuce/tomato, sliced bread, peach halves
- Tues. Sept. 22-** Spaghetti w/meatsauce, Italian veggies, milk tossed salad, garlic toast, tropical fruit mix
- Wed. Sept. 23-** Tacos w/beef & cheese, pinto beans, milk corn w/peppers, lettuce/tomato, melon salad

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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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| <b>Pentecostal Calvary Temple United</b><br>509 Amistad<br>387-5266                | <b>First United Methodist Church</b><br>201 N. Water<br>387-2466      |
| <b>St. Ann's Catholic Church</b><br>229 W. Plum<br>387-2278                        | <b>Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios</b><br>306 W. 4th St<br>387-5713 |
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## Obituary

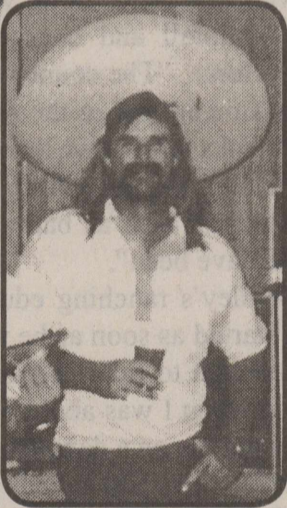
### Sharron Elaine Ellison



Mrs. Sharron Elaine Ellison, 66, of Overton, Texas, passed away on September 7, 2009 in Tyler. Graveside services were at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Pearl Cemetery with Dr. Willie Clarke officiating.

Sharron was born on June 9, 1943 in Gatesville, Texas to the late Mark and Pearl Blackstock Short. She was raised and attended school in Pearl until the school closed, then attended school in Evant, graduating from Evant High School. Sharron married Harold Ellison on July 3, 1959. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She and Harold lived in Gatesville while he served in the military at Ft. Hood. When he was sent to Korea she lived with her parents in Pearl. They moved to Illinois for a few years before moving back to Texas. They operated a full service station together for years on Main Street just off the square. In 1979 they went to work for Halliburton. In 1986 Harold opened a body shop and Sharron opened a custom frame shop. It was during this time that she learned to paint with oils, and loved doing her own oil paintings. In 1990 when the plant closed down, they moved to Kilgore where she became an Asset Coordinator for Halliburton. She continued in this position for 14 1/2 years. Sharron was preceded in death by her parents, and her son Johnny Ellison.

Sharron is survived by her husband, Harold Ellison, of Overton; daughter, Sherry Wipff of Christoval; brothers, Lonnie Short and wife Brenda of Eddy, Gail Short of Eddy, and Jerry Short and wife Nancy of Hamilton; grandson, Brett Wipff and wife Jennifer of Sonora; and one great granddaughter, Madyson Wipff.



**Happy Belated Birthday**

**Mark Wilkinson**

*We love you!*

## Thank You Note

What a wet Homecoming! We definitely needed the rain, and with the rain came another Bronco victory. Even though we didn't get to have a bonfire this year, the SHS Cheerleaders decided to host a "S'more Rally" in the high school parking lot. The rain did let up long enough for us to be able to roast marshmallows on a couple of fire pits. Thank you so much to Scott Neff for hauling pits and getting it all started for us, John Creek for loaning us his fire pit, and the "pit men" for our tailgate party at lunch on Thursday. Lisa Karnes and Circle Bar Truck Stop supplied us with the meat and all the fixings. We couldn't have done it without her help, either. JMC's Pedro Rodriguez and Rosendo Salazar cooked those 275 burgers for us in record time. Sheba Castillo helped out wherever she ended up including Homecoming Olympics. We also need to thank Teaff's for giving us the helium for our balloons and Cindy Paredes for blowing all those balloons up. So, to all of these people and probably many that we have forgotten to include, thank you-thank you-thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It's people like you that keep the Sonora Bronco traditions alive!

Go Broncos,  
SHS Cheerleaders

As 7th grade chairman for the Sonora Band Boosters, I would like to thank all the great parents who showed up and worked so hard at the concession stand Friday night. Veronica Esquivel, Lauri and Gene Gibbens, Dub Latham, Kim Lewis, Maricruz Valdez, Shari Telles, Tressa and Johnny Esparza, Terri and Albert Alvarado, Lillian Ramos, Carlos and Gloria Dominguez, and Ana Dominguez along with Susan and Summer Hall, Manuel, Nelda and Cip Tobias, and Jan Stephens did a great job of making sure everything ran smoothly. A special thank you to KJ's and KIRK JOY for the use of the BBQ pit. It made our job alot easier. Homecoming is usually a very busy night for us and we were able to keep the lines to a minimum.

GO, MIGHTY BRONCO BAND!!!!

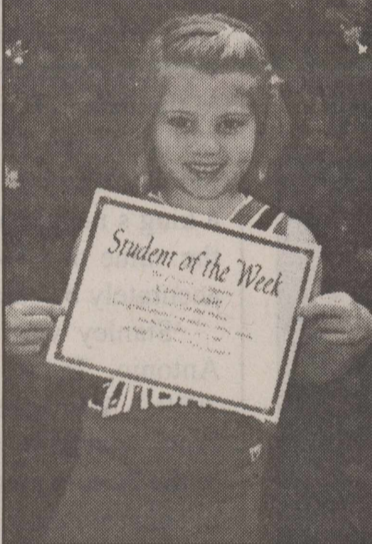
We would like to say thank you to the AC Ranch, Shawn Miller and Barney Rivera for the use of their truck and trailer for the Homecoming Parade.

Thank You,  
Sonora Headstart Parent Committee, Pres.  
Alicia Herrera

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**Happy 6th Birthday**

**Carson**



*Happy Birthday Cutie Pie*  
*Love Always MEMA and BPA*  
*GRANDMAMA and PAPA*

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**Happy Birthday!**

**September 17**  
Carson Cahill, Don Grider, Steve Morriss

**September 18**  
Kelsey Watkins, Kelly Duke, Ariana Reyes, Michael Lira, Raul Leal, Cara Mayfield, Wanda Shurley

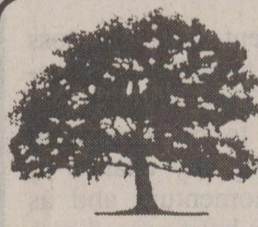
**September 19**  
Rebecca Love, Rascal McKissack, Juanita Estrada, Hilton Bloodworth, Trent Harris, Edwina Gandar, Dariela Lopez, Jack Baker, Ashley Brown

**September 20**  
Andrew Wray, Tyler Seaton, Carlie Tyler, Jose Luis Delgado, Lori Galindo,

**September 21**  
Lea W. Baze, Lyndsey Frasier, Karley Frasier, Molly Friess, Danielle Castro, Zac Badaeux, Jennifer Galindo, Phillip Onofre, Lorraine M. Polonis, Dustin Covey

**September 22**  
Jordan KayLynn Gandar, Frisby Bible, Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Ty Perez, Marsha F. Cardwell, Cody DuPree, Kody Word, Aurora Bernal, Johnathan Paredes, Amanda Garza,

**September 23**  
Hunter Jennings, Zeke Galindo, Charles Childress, Cheyanne Smith, Pete Lopez, Mike Lopez, Taylor Niblett, Jared Parks, Euldgio Vela



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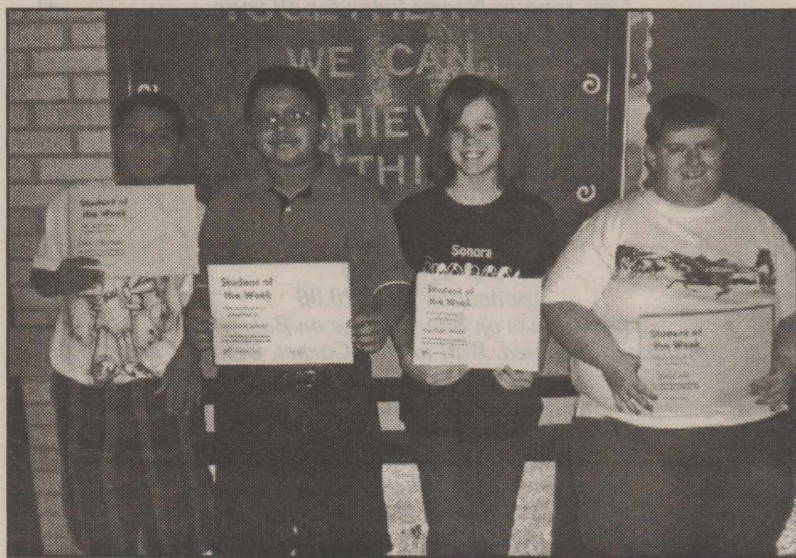
**Sunday** *Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30*

9:45	Sunday School	
10:55	Worship	<b>Tuesday</b>
6:00	Bible Study	12:00 Lion's Club

**Wednesday**

5:00	Choir Practice
6:00	Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall
6:00	Jr. High Youth - <i>St. John's Sunday House</i>
7:00	Sr. High Youth - <i>St. John's Sunday House</i>

## SMS Students of the Week for August 31-September 4, sponsored by Sonic Drive-In



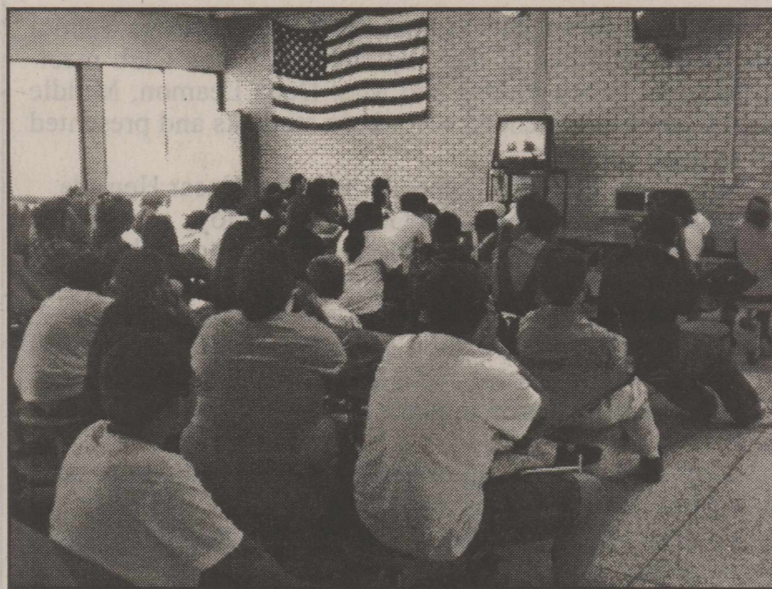
5th Grader: Juan Miguel Jimenez, 6th Grader: Oscar Herada, 7th Grader: Madison Wolfe, 8th Grader: Mace Joy

## Sonora Elementary School Students of the Week



(top row) 2nd grade- Levi Garrett, 3rd grade - A.J. Lopez, 4th grade - Emily Raney, (bottom row) Kindergarten - Cason Cahill, Pre-kindergarten - Aidan Leamon, 1st grade - Alan Hernandez

## SMS Students Tune in to Obama Speech



Last Tuesday, a group of about 60 students at Sonora Middle School tuned in to watch President Obama's "Back to School" speech. The students heard messages of staying in school, working hard and taking responsibility for their education from the President.

## Homecoming Week Hits SMS With Spirit Days



The week of September 8-11 was Homecoming Week, and Sonora Middle School students started the week off with a bang! Tuesday was "Nerd Day", where students dressed as nerds for the day. "The students had a blast with the spirit days and it brought a lot of fun, and positive spirit to our campus!" Principal Valdez stated. Homecoming Week closed with a parade and pep rally on Main Street as the Broncos went on to make this a 3-0 season. Go Broncos.

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## F.Y.I.

Sonora ISD has scheduled two early dismissal days for the fall semester. School will dismiss at 1 PM on Friday, October 23 for the football game in Kermit.

The Game Dinner Meetings will be held on Nov. 3, 2009. Anyone interested that would like to participate in the preparations and the event are welcome to attend. All meetings will be held at Fire Dept. meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 19, 2009. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

TO ALL SONORA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS: It's time for our Peppermint Ball Club Meeting to be held at the home of Eddie & Tammy Favila 503 E. 2nd St. on SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!!

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepherd, 319 N.E. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

Rent the Depot!  
For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veteran's Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or at City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veteran's picture with bio's. Include the name of the veteran, branch of service. Veterans must be residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall, or email to [juanita@sonoratax.net](mailto:juanita@sonoratax.net).

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at [www.sonorahighalumni.com](http://www.sonorahighalumni.com). For more information log on to [sonoraalum@aol.com](mailto:sonoraalum@aol.com).

Fellow Friends and Co-Workers. A trust fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora. Anyone interested in making a donation (Tax Deductible) to Roy J. while he is recovering from his accident can do so by cash or check. Make checks payable to Sutton County Community Trust, and on the memo line write: Roy J Eisenbach Jr. Drop payments off at the bank or give them to Pat Day or Randy Sparks. Thank you very much.



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Glassware,  
Clothes,  
Appliances,  
Etc.

## Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Mary Ann Kay

Wow! What a great Homecoming Parade and Homecoming for the Alumni. I would like to express a special note of appreciation to the downtown businesses, Sonora High School Staff, Mrs. Sanchez, the Sonora Middle School Staff, Sonora Elementary Staff, Devil's River News, Sutton County, Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Lewis Lira, Cheerleaders, SHS Band, SHS Football Team, Cheerleader sponsor Mrs. Jennings, all the folks in the parade, Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher, Coach David Sine, Mr. Raul Chavarria, Superintendent Don Gibson, and also to the KHOS Radio.

We had a great turn out for the parade and we must also thank God for the rain our community received. A special thanks to Mike & Debra Hobbs for allowing us to use their building for this event and all they do for our community. We have wonderful downtown businesses that support the youth of our community. We hope you will support our local business by shopping for your special gifts in the future.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program sold hamburgers in the Sonora Abstract Company's yard, and it was a great success. The directors and other special folks helped Saturday, with the Annual Homecoming Alumni Lunch. We appreciate all of the folks who supported the Friends of Main Street Program and the funds will go to support our community.

Thank you to the FH Sonora Main Street directors who helped with the events: Dee Martinez, Charlene Terry, Cecilia Sanchez, and Patti Rainer. I would like to express my special note of appreciation to Mr. Frank Wamble, who is the King of the best tasting Bronco burgers, and to the movers and shakers of our community Jim Kay, Rex Ann Friess, and Mack Mayhew.

Go Broncos.

## LIONS ROAR

Submitted by Frank Wamble

It was wonderful to host the Sonora Middle School Students of the Week at our September 8 Lions Club meeting. Principal Erbey Valdez and Mrs. Dana Leamon, Middle School Counselor, attended with these students and presented them to the Club:

5th Grade: Juan Miguel Jimenez, 6th Grade: Oscar Herrada, 7th Grade: Madison Wolfe, 8th Grade: Mace Joy

The Lions certainly salute these outstanding students and look forward to having them at a future Lion event.

The program covered two important aspects of the Sutton County scene. Mr. Glen Fisher, President of the Sonora Golf Club Advisory Committee and a Director of the Sutton County Health Board, covered important information on both programs.

Golf in Sonora is important for local recreation as well as a tourism attraction. It is also the home of the Bronco Golf Teams and currently a hotbed of junior golf under the direction of Professional Golfer Mr. Jerry Marshall.

The Sutton County Health Board is an important supporter of health care in Sutton County. They raise funds to not only support our wonderful hospital, but also are cognizant of the other health needs in our community. Funds are raised by an annual fish fry and donations/memorials are always welcomed. For information contact Glenn Fisher, Keith Butler or Lolabeth Jones. Thanks, Glenn, for your time and informative presentation.

The Lions Club Auction is October 27 at the Civic Center. Mark your calendars! Go Broncos!!

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## Wild Tales



Garrett Jaeger, an 11 year old 6th grader from Sonora, Texas got his first dove of his hunting career Saturday, Sept. 5 on a recent hunt near Hext, Texas. Garrett was hunting with his mom and dad, Delyse and James Jaeger along with Randy Surber. Way to go Garrett.

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# Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Sonora conducted public hearings on September 10, 2009 and September 15, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Sonora from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.988391 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.446700 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$576,693.58.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.470000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$619,508.23.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.470000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$629,086.93.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2009 at City Hall, 201 E Main, Sonora, TX 76950 at 5:00 PM

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# Texas Has Five State Flowers!

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



As our state flower, bluebonnets have an interesting history. Texas actually has five state flowers. Here is how it happened.

In the spring of 1901, the Texas Legislature had the business of selecting a state flower. Though one legislator spoke emotionally in favor of the cotton boll and another man from Uvalde, proclaimed the virtues of the cactus, their choice was Lupinus subcarneus (generally known as bluebonnet or buffalo clover). Lupinus subcarneus is a delicate plant which paints the sandy, rolling hills of coastal and southern Texas in the early spring. But some thought it was the least attractive of the Texas bluebonnets. They wanted Lupinus texensis, the showier beauty which covers most of Texas.

So, off and on for 70 years, the Legislature was encouraged to correct its oversight. In 1971, the Legislature handled the quandary by accepting the two species, plus "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded". They did not know that the big state of Texas is home to three other species of Lupines and the umbrella clause makes all five of them the state flower. So, if any new species are discovered, they automatically will assume the title of state flower as well.

The five state flowers of Texas are: Lupinus subcarneus, the original champion, grows naturally from Texas' coastal region down to the northern part of the Valley. It is often referred to as the sandy land bluebonnet. Lupinus texensis, the favorite of tourists, provides the blue spring car-

pet of Central Texas. It hits peak bloom in late March and early April. Lupinus Havardii, also known as the Big Bend or Chisos Bluebonnet, with flowering spikes up to three feet, is difficult to cultivate outside its natural habitat. Lupinus concinnus commonly known as the annual lupine, it is found sparingly in the Trans-Pecos region, blooming in early spring. Lupinus plattensis sneaks down from the north into the Texas Panhandle's sandy dunes. It is the only perennial species in the state.

September and October are the months for planting cold hardy fall annuals which bloom the following spring. You see, a number of spring-blooming wildflowers germinate in the fall, their tops remaining small and inconspicuous while developing a massive root system throughout the winter, then provide us with color during April and May. The bluebonnet is one of these. Although heat is required to germinate the seed, cool weather is needed to develop the bluebonnet's root structure.

If bluebonnet seed is used which has not been chemically treated (scarified), one doesn't have much chance for success. The germination of non-scarified seed is sometimes less than 20 percent. Also, you can't expect all of those seeds to sprout simultaneously as sprouting may occur over a 30 day period. The availability of chemically scarified seed solves this problem.

For information on how to scarify seed or other related information, contact the AgriLife Extension Service Office in Sutton County.

# 4-H Meeting Huge Success



By Susan Hall

On September 8th the Sutton County 4-H club had their first official meeting with over 51 students attending, not including parents. It was a great opening meeting with a luau as the theme. The club participated in a game of "limbo", and pizza was had

by all. Thanks to the Masonic Lodge for the delicious Blue Bell ice cream. This meeting could not have happened without the support of this town, and Sutton County 4-H recognizes this. We look forward to this new year.

# The Road to Ruin Is Built on the Best of Intentions

A man came to work on Monday morning with two black eyes. His boss asked what happened.

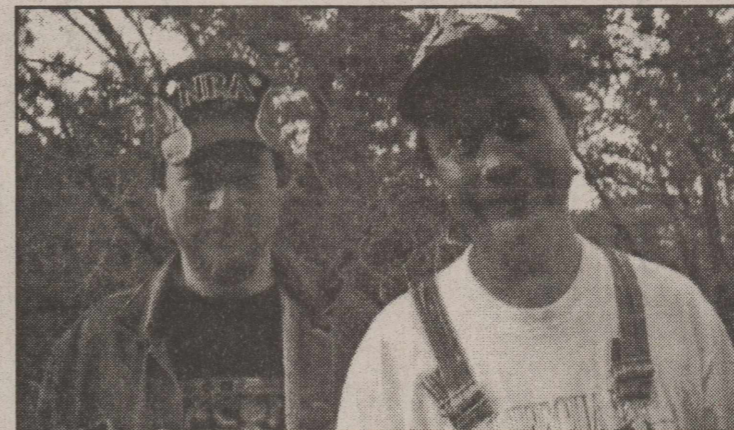
The man replied, "On Sunday, I was sitting behind a woman at church. When we stood up to sing hymns, I noticed that she had a wedgie, so I was trying to be nice and I pulled it out for her. Then, she turned around and punched me in the eye."

The boss asked, "Okay, so where did you get the other shiner?"

"Well," the man said, "I figured she didn't want it out, so I pushed it back in."

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed  
Constitutional Amendments  
Special Election November 3, 2009

### PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

### PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

### PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

### PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

### PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

### PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitution

to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

### PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

### PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state."

### PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

### PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

### PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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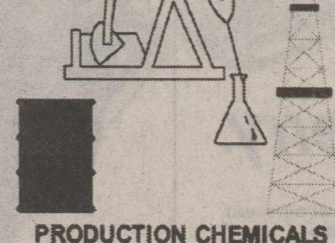
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passes to Word Hudson, Kris Agüero, and Cadesman Pope. Then he did the rest himself, rushing 46 yards for his first touchdown. Neff kicked the PAT and the Broncos were comfortably ahead by a score of 14 to 0 with 1:40 left in the first quarter.

The Bronco defense led by Chacho Mesa, RJ Torres, Jorge Gaytan, Cash Jennings, Dylan Castillo, Agüero, Anderson, Gonzales, and Neff held the Hounds to four plays and a negative seven yards. They punted.

A pass to Agüero, runs by Neff and Anderson quickly covered the 31 yards needed for the next Bronco score. Anderson got the score on a one yard run. Neff's kick was good and the score stood 21 to 0 with 9:51 left in the second quarter.

The next Bronco score occurred three drives later. This drive lasted seven plays and

covered 66 yards and ended on a one-yard touchdown run by Morriss. Somehow, the Hounds were able to block Neff's PAT kick and the score was 27 to 0 in favor of Sonora.

We all expected that the scoring was over for the half. However, the Hounds tried to pass only to have sophomore cornerback Hudson intercept Wil Amick's pass at the Bronco 49 yard line and return it for a 51 yard touchdown with four seconds left in the half. Morriss made up for the blocked kick with a two point pass completion to Tyler Creek. The score at the half was 35 to 0.

The Broncos scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter. Morriss scored on a 79-yard touchdown run with 10:15 left in the quarter. The last score came on a 27-yard touchdown pass from Morriss to Gonzales who made an out-

standing diving catch. Neff's kick was good. This score came at 4:55 left in the third quarter.

This week with a tough game upcoming against the Wall Hawks, Coach Sine played his starters through the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the second string offense made some good plays including a 32 yard run by senior Manny Parades.

This week the Broncos travel to Wall to play the District 7-2A Hawks. The Broncos have not beaten the Hawks since 2000. While the Hawks do not appear to be as strong as in earlier years, they always play with skill and determined drive. Be sure and come support the Broncos in Wall.

**Freshman Team Outdistanced By Greyhounds**

By Coach Evans

The sails went up at 1:20 as the freshmen loaded and departed for Boerne, on a rainy Thursday afternoon.

Expectations were high; the Coaches had spent several days preparing for the Greyhounds and their high explosive offense.

The Greyhounds won the toss and elected to receive the 2nd half. Upon the opening Kick-off, Gunter Pennington was set up beautifully, by the blocking of Nathan Jarrett, Mario Bonilla and host of others.

This was a game of power, strength and speed and the Greyhounds had all three, but that first series of downs we totally dominated the line of scrimmage. Sam Powers, Alex Mejia, Blake Esparza, Lino Villanueva, and Big Mike Sanchez did everything in their power to open holes, and Damon Evans picked his way through, gaining 7 yds at a time. Alfred Rodriguez tried the outside on occasions but was denied. The horse-men up front are the ones that open the door, and we continually moved the ball all the way into scoring position, with 6:34 left in the 1st quarter and burst up the field. From Evans, the ball rested on the 8 yd line. Quarterback sneak was the call and Pennington crawled in, and just like that we were up 7-0.

When the Defense trotted on the field, we saw something we had not experienced before. The splits from their line were huge. Coach Mejia made his adjustments, and we managed to hold them to a third down situation. They threw a bomb w and they found the end zone and tied it up 7-7.

We had another good return by Darrin Lopez and drove the ball again, but a fumble gave them good field position, and a long pass gave them a 14-7 lead.

This was a very well coached team. They executed and scored. The final score 41-7. The boys have another tough one to play when the Wall Hawks come to town. Game time is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. I want to thank all the parents who support us on these long road trips; it's nice to see Bronco fans in the stands.

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- 8th Grade Girls 5th Place

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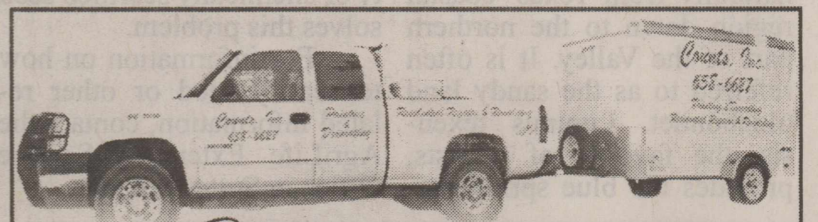
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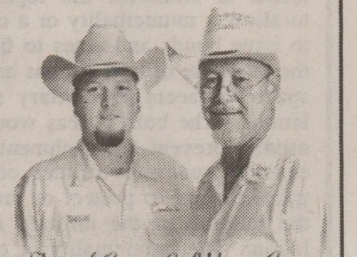


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**Sonora Bronco Tackle Chart**

	#	Solo	Assist	TFL	Sack	INT	FC	Hurry	TOT.
Manny Paredes	2		2					1	2
Will Anderson	5	1	2	2					5
Kris Agüero	6		2		1				3
Preston Lopez	7								0
Ethan Morriss	10								0
Zac Rodriguez	11							1	0
Caleb Gonzales	12		1			2			1
Shane Patlan	14	2	3						5
Word Hudson	15	2	1			1			3
Tyler Creek	18	3	1	1					5
Jesse Guerrero	20		1						1
Austin Hampton	21		1						1
Zach Badeaux	24		2						2
Paul Faz	32		3						3
Dustin Neff	34	3	3	1			2		7
Jorge Pena	40		1						1
Chacho Mesa	50		2	1					3
Colyer Dermody	51								0
Ryan Garmon	54		5						5
Dylan Castillo	55		3	1					4
Osbauldo Castaneda	58	1	2						3
Josh Salazar	66								0
Jorge Gaytan	70	1	3		1			1	5
Martin Campa	72		2	1					3
Kyle Patlan	74	1	2				1		3
Hugo Cardona	77		2					1	2
Cash Jennings	78		3	3					6
RJ Torres	79								0
Cadesman Pope	88		3				2		3

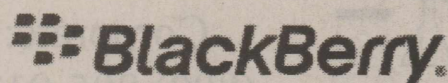
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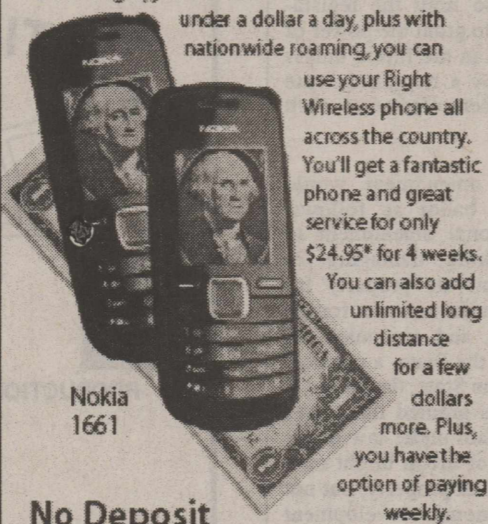


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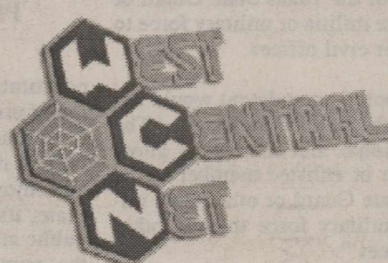
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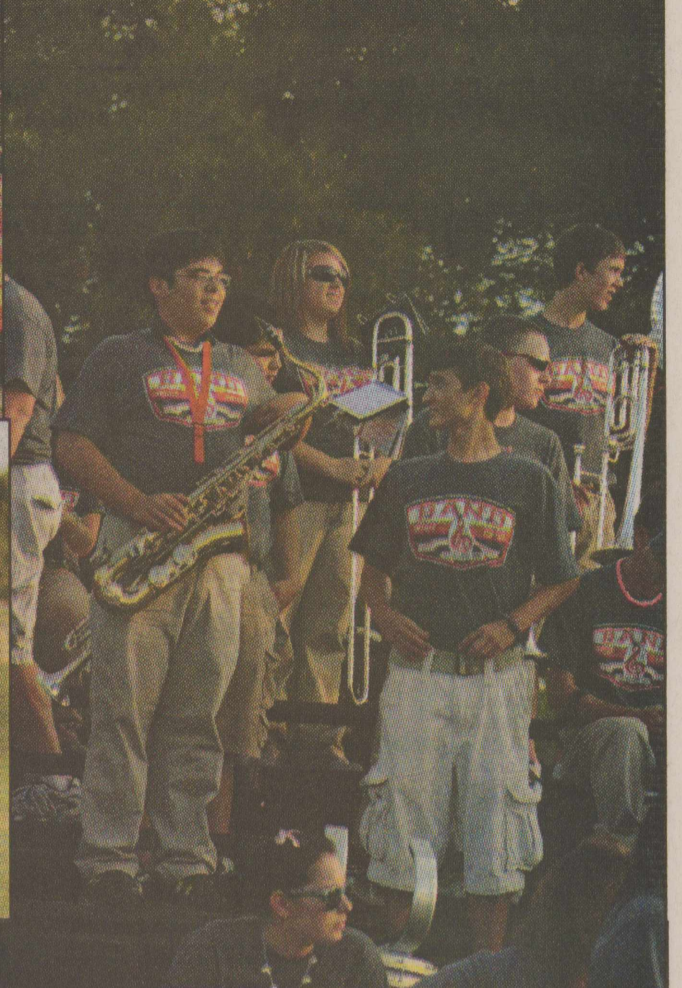
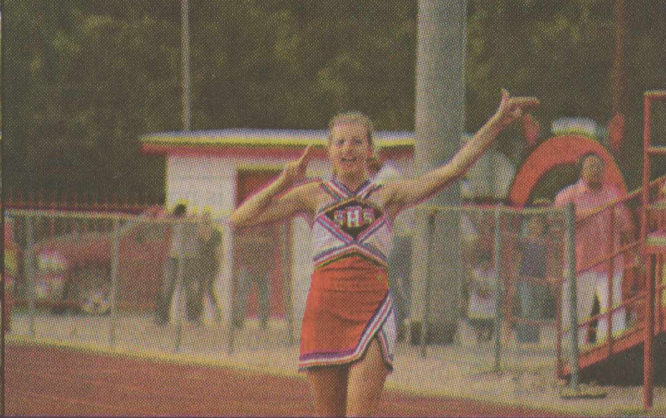
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