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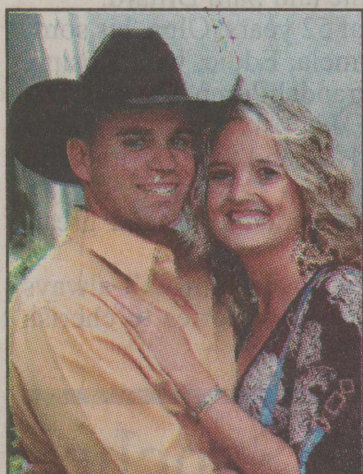
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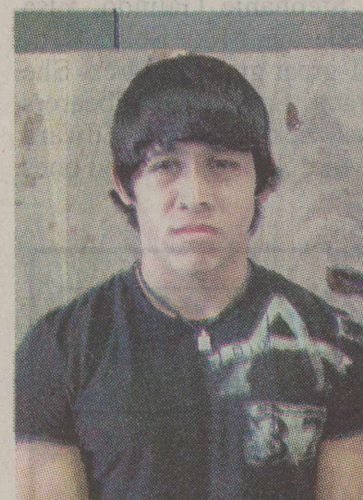
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Cassie Krieg: From Bronco to Bulldog



By Ben D. Taylor

In a lot of ways softball reflects life. The most simplistic description of that relationship can be summed up in one sentence: At the end of the game, whoever hit more things with a stick wins. The more realistic view on softball and how it relates to life is this: softball, just like life, is the subtle compromise between strength and finesse.

The average college level softball pitcher can throw the ball (on the high end) at 65

miles per hour, while the average bat speed for a batter is 69 miles per hour. This means that at the moment of impact (when the ball meets the bat) these two objects collide at a combined speed of over 120 miles per hour. That collision is not the conclusion of a softball play, it is only the beginning. Simply hitting the ball is not enough. The batter must take into account how and where to hit the ball to incur the maximum amount of ad-

vantage for their team. She does this by evaluating the different abilities of every player on the opposing team, and the situation of her own team. Strength and finesse in concert, just as in life.

Cassie Krieg, Sonora High School Senior and future Louisiana Tech Softball Player, loves to hit the ball. "I really like it when there is someone of first and third and you have to fake bunt. That brings the defense in, so the person on first can steal second. On the next pitch, you swing hard and bring in two runs. "I love to hit". Cassie's relationship with softball did not start out as love at first sight, "I used to not like softball, because I got hit in the face and it busted my lip. I got scared after that. When I was a freshman, my sister made me play, and I have been hooked ever since".

Cassie's Softball resume is full of accomplishment: 2007 1st team All District 8-2A Softball, 2007 San Angelo Standard Times All West Texas Softball Team Newcomer of the Year, 2007 1st team Texas Girls Coach's Assoc All State 2A, 2008 1st team Texas Girls Coach's Assoc All State

2A Softball, 2009 1st team All District 4-2A Softball, 2009 San Angelo Standard Times All West Texas 1st Team Outfield, 2009 1st Team Texas Girls Coach's Assoc All State 2A Softball, 2009 1st Team Texas Sportswriters Assoc All State 2A Softball.

Her biggest accomplishment, however, would come a year after what was probably her biggest setback. "I was a Sophomore and we were playing a tournament in San Angelo. I slid into second base and broke my leg. I had to crawl to the base, but I was safe. After the injury I was lost, I didn't know the process to get back to where I was. The doctors told me that most athletes don't come back after this, and if they do it's very hard. I was determined to come back, and that's where my family and coaches came in." Her recovery took a year, but she is back on the softball field. "Whenever I broke my leg Coach Jennings and Coach Hanson kept pushing me. I guess they could see that I had potential and they didn't let me give up. I thank them for that."

Cassie looked at several colleges before deciding to

sign with Louisiana Tech. "I liked the team and the coaches. I felt very comfortable with them". As a student athlete, Cassie plans on majoring in Kinesiology, and her future plans are to be either a nutritionist or personal trainer. She was quick to express her gratitude to those that supported her, "I would like to thank my parents and my grandma. My sister and I have played in over 20 states. Thank you for taking us to all those different places and spending all the money you had. I can't thank you enough for the long practices, road trips, and the sacrifices to watch me play."

Baseball great Babe Ruth once stated, "I hit big or I miss big. I like to live as big as I can. If I'd just tried for them dinky singles, I could've batted around six hundred". There is a little of the Babe in Cassie's personality on the field. She is the kind of player that would rather catch a fly-ball than a groundball, and while she likes to hit the ball, she really loves it when her hit brings runners home. Just as in life, a compromise of strength and finesse. Both will serve her well in college and life.

City Council Moves on Energy Grant

The regular City Council meeting convened at City Hall at 4:00 p.m. November 17, 2009. Councilmember Neal moved to approve the minutes from previous meeting with the condition that the tapes be reviewed concerning the golf cart discussion and airport housing. Councilman Bradley expressed concern that, "the minutes reflected Jerry Marshal as leading the charge to deny the approval of golf cart use [within city limits]. I didn't understand it that way." The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting opened to visitor comments with Patricia

Whitty Executive Director for Junction Economic Development Cooperation. Whitty's comments centered on her proposition of taking over the project manager role for a \$20,000 energy efficiency grant. Mayor Davenport questioned the need to hire somebody for this position as the county was able to perform the job internally, "our county did all of that internally so they were able to write in the fee [the 7% administration fee allowed within the grant] for more purchases and were able to return more dollars into the community". Whitty commented that, "I looked into that yesterday,

because if that is such a good deal for the county I want to see if it would work for Junction or Sonora. I called the vendor, I found out that he agreed to do everything; but he's making money on buying tangible items. He buys them at a wholesale price elsewhere and marks the items up and charges the county the marked up price. I asked him what he was going to do about recording to the federal government, and he wasn't aware of the process."

Councilmember Bradley voiced his opinion of the importance of performing an energy audit on the city to best determine how the funds are to be spent. Whitty commented that, "I like your thinking. Although it's not a prerequisite it's vital to the planning stages. There are suppliers that supply that audit for free and there are those that charge for it. When we come to that bridge, and if the city decides this is what you want we can look and find the best route". Bradley then asked Fred Hernandez (from AEP) if his company would be willing to perform the audit for Sonora. Hernandez commented that, "We are glad to do all that, but we can't do it all before your December 22 deadline [the energy grant has a deadline for December 22]. I'll get a person to contact you for discussions though".

The December 3rd edition of the Devil's River News will report on the detailed evaluation supplied to City Council by accountants that performed a financial audit of our city.

Narnia Comes to Sonora: Middle School To Perform One Act Play



Submitted

Sonora Middle School will be competing in One Act Play December 4th at the District UIL meet in Big Lake. Under the direction of Ms. Renee Raney, students will perform the C.S. Lewis classic *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*. Ms. Raney is new to Sonora ISD, but has been the High School Drama instructor in Junction for the previous thirteen years. She now teaches 8th grade Language Arts and 7-8th grade Theater, and One Act Play for grades 6th-8th.

A community performance will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30pm in the Elementary/Middle School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend, tickets are \$1.00 and will support Middle School Drama activities.

Sonora Middle School is scheduled to perform in Big Lake at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

Very Special Visitors Up on Eaton Hill



L to R: Dr. John D. (Dan) Eaton, wife Diane of Llano, Texas and daughter Terissa Eaton of San Marcos in the yard of the Eaton House.

It was actually more of a homecoming. Dr. John D. (Dan) Eaton, his wife Diane

and their daughter Terissa Eaton stopped by to see their old home and catch up on our latest developments. Dan and his sister Nancy Eaton Grooms grew up on Eaton Hill, as did their father John D. Eaton who was just nine years old when his family moved to Sonora from Rocksprings, Texas. All three Eatons shared some precious memories and humorous stories from the past, deepening even further my personal appreciation for our namesake. The family is delighted at the use of their home and property as a Nature and Education Center, and believe their parents would be also.

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Senior Center Activities

Thur. Nov. 26- "Happy Thanksgiving" Center Closed
Fri. Nov. 27- Center Closed
Mon. Nov. 30- Bingo



Senior Center Menu

Thur. Nov. 26- "Happy Thanksgiving" Center Closed
Fri. Nov. 27- Center Closed for Holiday
Mon. Nov. 30 - Beef tips w/mushroom gravy, rice, milk green beans, tossed salad, rolls, fruit cup

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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Letter to the Editor

One week ago this past Friday, a friend of mine and myself were driving from Dallas back to Lubbock where we live. My friend, who loves Jack in the Box restaurants, could not wait until we got to Sweetwater where we could find a Jack in the Box. Just before arriving, a bus load of kids pulled up with the same idea of eating at the Jack in the Box. I wanted to go somewhere else, but he insisted on waiting for our turn in line.

We first met Mr. Chance, the band director for the High School in Sonora, Texas. He explained that they had been to a play-off game and were on their way home.

I must say that I have never been so impressed with a group of high school kids. Not only were they quiet, but the most polite bunch of kids I have ever seen. We had a great time just visiting with them. You could tell they had nothing but respect for the other customers, their band director, and the town they were representing.

I hope the faculty and staff of the high school in Sonora and the citizens of Sonora realize they have a great bunch of kids in the high school band representing their town. Each of you should be proud of these young folks in addition to one heck of a band director.

These kids deserve a pat on the back. And to James, please don't hold it against me. I really didn't mean to make fun of your big shoes!

Jim Larner
Lubbock, Texas

We would like to recognize Juanita Gomez, Michelle Faz, and all others involved for their work on bringing recognition to all United States Military Veterans. Their efforts to redevelop "La Plazita" into a veterans memorial is not only a noble cause, but it ensures that future generations will never forget what previous generations of Sonorans have done to help ensure that our way of life continues.

We had the opportunity to meet Juanita and Michelle at the WWII Latino and Latina Oral History Project Dinner and banquet on Friday, October 2nd, which was held at the University of Texas in Austin.

Respectfully,
Juan Carlos Gonzales
United States Army Vietnam Veteran
Juan Carlos Gonzales
United States Army Veteran

Editors Note

On page 8 of this weeks edition of The Devil's River News, you will find a reprint of last weeks Bronco Football article.

Last weeks edition's copy was printed with an incomplete story. I would like to thank the reader that pointed this error out to us.

I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Ben D. Taylor

"Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life."
Sophia Loren

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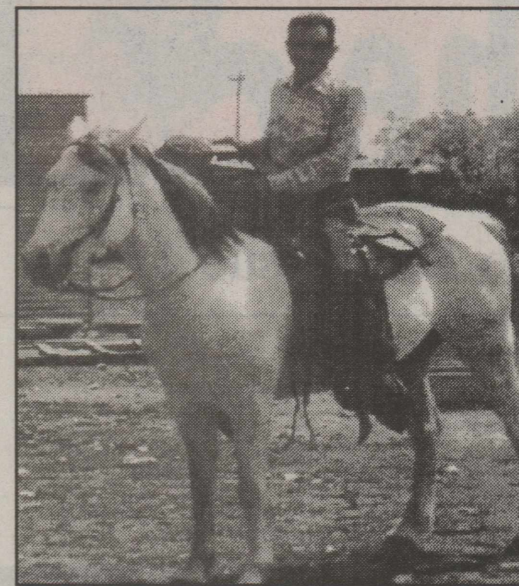
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Ray Wells, Pastor

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| 9:45 Sunday School | |
| 10:55 Worship | Tuesday |
| 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 - St. John's Sunday House | |
| 7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House | |

Obituaries

Luis Vallejo



Luis Vallejo, 85, of Sonora went to be with his Lord in the comfort of his own home, Saturday, November 14, 2009.

Luis Vallejo, was born December 10, 1923 in Muzquiz, Coahuila to Emilio and Sebastiana Vallejo. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Luis Vallejo Jr., grandson, Eric Vallejo, 4 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Prior to coming to the United States, Luis along with his father and brothers, helped established a ranch which is now known as little town Morelos. Luis later parted from his parents and came to the U.S. to work at the Pat Rose Ranch in Del Rio breaking horses for at least four years.

During this time he returned to Muzquiz to marry the love of his life Olga Morin. Later blessed with two sons, he chose to bring his family to Sonora in 1960 to make a better life for them. Luis and Olga then were blessed with two more sons and a daughter. Luis worked at several local ranches and pipeline companies. Over the years, he retired, although, he continued to work devoutly for Monte and Sam Dillard.

Luis is survived by his wife of 52 years, Olga, his sons, Emilio, wife Lidia, Ervey, wife Carmela, Eddie, wife Rosina, and daughter Melva Vallejo, seven grandchildren, Crystal, Lilly, Stetson, Louie, Milo, Erren and Eddie, six great-grandchildren, Alexis, Aiden, Trey, Mariana, Ivan and Skyla. Although, there were many to keep up with, "Apa" always made it a point to check up on his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Everyone who knew him and loved him will always remember Luis; we are left with many memories to cherish and his abundant gestures of love.

Jesusita "Tute" Sanchez Lumbreras



Jesusita "Tute" Sanchez Lumbreras, 75, died Monday Nov. 23, 2009 at her residence. She was born Feb. 5, 1934 in Sonora to Juan and Celia Sanchez. She married Miguel Lumbreras on March 11, 1949 in Del Rio. She was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 25 at St. Ann's with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

She is survived by her children; Mary Lou Solis and husband Blas, Erasmo Lumbreras and wife Maria, Linda Patlan and husband Manuel and Blanca Virgen and husband Alfred, 15 grandchildren; Joe San Miguel, Janna Martinez, Candise Perez, Melinda Patlan, Melissa Acosta, DeAnn Trevino, Edward San Miguel, Vanessa Cano, Stephanie Galindo, Elsa Banda, Rebecca Lumbreras, Farrah Garcia, Miky Solis, Danny Solis and Rick Lumbreras and 31 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Oracio Sanchez. Pallbearers will be Kyle Patlan, Rick Lumbreras, Zeke Galindo, Edward San Miguel, Fernando Ramos, and Mike Solis. Her loved ones will always remember.

Happy Birthday!



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| November 26
Patti Rainer, Julia Pope, Deann Trevino, Rito Renteria, Kayla Webb, Hector Vedoy, Carmen Castillo, Tracy Kyzer |
| November 27
Derek Van Winkle, Jimmy Holman, Kendra Holms, J.T. Herd |
| November 28
Chasady Garcia, Fela Perez, Stevie Pacheco, Stetson Hall, J.R. Howard, Monte Dillard, Cady Taylor, Brandon Wood, Drew Dempsey, Norm Rousselot |
| November 29
Jacklyn DeCordova, Tommy Samaneigo, Jr., Butch Taylor, Richard Palmer, Rachel Lira, Jordan Miller |
| November 30
Benny Frasier, Jr., Justin Cano, Garrett Jaeger, Patsy Bryant, Kristen Shurley |
| December 1
Lelo Morales, Linda Wallace, Sue Moore, Manuel Tobias, Patsy Johnson, John Martin Hidalgo |
| December 2
Cassie Krieg, Olivia Longoria, Bobby Lou Mayer, Glen Richardson, Kali Alyssis Mendez, Sophie Tijerina, Jessica Esquivel, April Flores, Whitney Keller, Elizabeth Elliott, Tanya Luna |

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Landscape of the Month

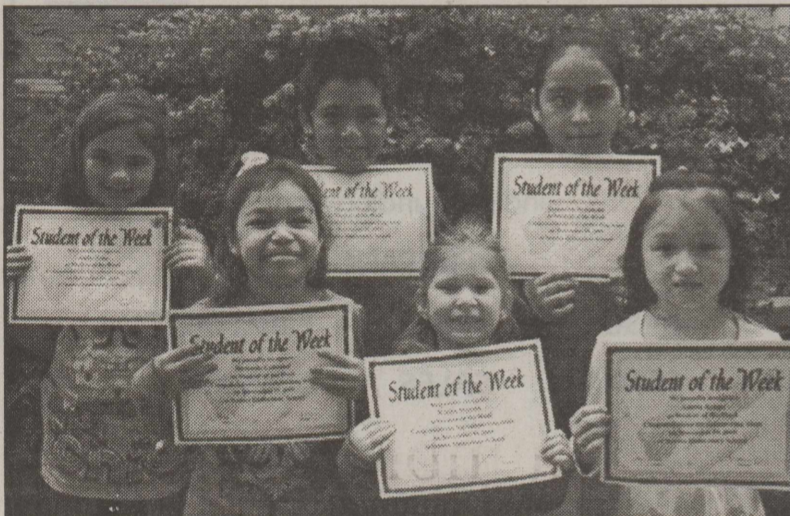


Sonora High School was awarded Landscape of the Month for November 2009. The lawn maintenance crew at the high school has been working on the grounds for several months to enhance the beauty of the landscaping. Pictured above are: Adam Mejia, Araceli Calderon, Ooy Hernandez, Juana Loera and Raul Chavarria. Congratulations Sonora High School!

Sonora City League

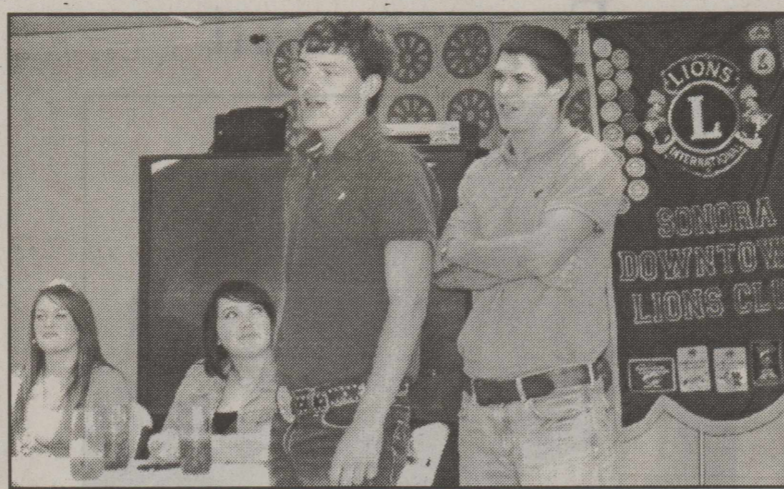
Sonora City League is announcing a meeting to elect new 2009-2010 board members. The SCL Board oversees Little Dribblers, Tee ball, Softball & Baseball for our youth. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend December 3, 2009 @ 5:00 P.M. at Sutton County Steakhouse back room. Any inquires can be made to President Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President Johnny Esparza 325-226-8023.

Elementary Students of the Week



PK - Kaylee Walston, K - Ariana Arispe, 1 - Fernanda Gonzalez, 2 - Kadee Petty, 3 - Manuel Montoya, 4 - Jacqueline Hernandez

LIONS ROAR



Keeli Taylor, Shainah Johnson, Bailey Joe Pennington, and Ethan Morriss

Submitted by Frank Wamble

The drive, energy, and achievement of Sonora's youth never ceases to amaze me. Joining the Lions for our weekly meeting were two of Sonora's finest, Bailey Joe Pennington and Ethan Morriss. Bailey Joe and his cross country teammates just finished qualifying and competing in the Texas High Cross Country competition. Yes, they made it to State! Ethan led the Broncos to the football playoffs and had a personal record setting year. But, that's not all they do. Each boy is involved in other sports, 4H, Student government and National Honor Society. Thanks Mr. Chavarria for sharing your students with the Lions Club. Coach Sine and City Manager Joe Pence broke bread with us, and it was great hearing from them.

Our business discussion included sponsorship of the Boy Scouts where the Lions have paid Sonora Scouts' fees for over 900 consecutive months. The Lions also maintain and own the Boy and Girl Scout buildings.

Lion Tony Lane will be our eyeglass, hearing aide, and cell phone recycling point of contact.

A great turnout was evident at the game dinner by your Lions Club. Special thanks to all Lions who served, but particular thanks are in order for Lion Queen Keeli Taylor, Miss Sutton County Shainah Johnson, Judith Wells, Cindy Allen, Lane Cahill and Carson Cahill for their assistance and hard work.

Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

Texas Main Street Cities Receive National Recognition for Historic Preservation recently recognized Sonora, Texas as one of the 56 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2010 National Main Street Cities, which represent the real places of Texas, include: Amarillo, Bastrop, Bay City, Beaumont, Bridgeport, Canyon, Cartage, Celina, Clifton, Colorado City, Comanche, Cotulla, Del Rio, Denison, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Farmersville, Gainesville, Georgetown, Goliad, Gonzales, Grapevine, Greenville, Harlingen, Henderson, Hillsboro, Kerrville, Kilgore, La Grange, Levelland, Livingston, Llano, Longview, Lufkin, McKinney, Mineola, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Palestine, Plainview, Royce City, San Angelo, San Marcos, Seguin, Taylor, Texarkana, Tyler, and Waxahachie.

"A lot of hard work goes into achieving this recognition. Main Street communities exemplify the Texas mystique, and this recognition honors the many people, including Main Street managers and volunteers, who put in countless hours to make their Main Street programs work. The result is an active and successful downtown revitalization effort that benefits not only the Main Street district, but also the entire community," said Debra Farst, state coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program.

The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/ Texas Main Street Conference in Tyler. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center will honor these cities at the 2010 National Main Conference to be held in Oklahoma City in May.

You are invited to an evening of Christmas Joy and Spirit in historical downtown Sonora on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 6:00pm. We will have an evening of cowboys, singing, Christmas goodies, and Christmas Lighting of the Sutton County Courthouse.

Christmas is on its way to our community and the coming up event for Christmas is "Catch the Spirit of Christmas-- Tour of the Churches". The event is on Thursday night December 17, 2009, at 6:15 p.m., at the Sutton County Courthouse. The Thunderbird Transit buses will be in front of the Sutton County Courthouse waiting on us to load the buses to begin our tour of the churches. We will be able to see the Christmas decorations in our community churches and the design work in each of the churches. What better way to experience the spirit of Christmas than all the places we worship together. A lot of our churches have beautiful unique design work which is a wonderful experience to see first hand. We will also see the wonderful Christmas lights that our neighbors have displayed for all of us to enjoy. To reserve a seat on the bus please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 387-2248. If the Thunderbird Transit bus fills up you may follow us in your cars to take the tour. We would like to express our appreciation to Sutton County, Elizabeth Flores, Veronica Garaca, Concho Valley Council of Governments, the pastors, and all the churches. A special note of appreciation to Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, community youth, cowboys, Sutton County, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, City of Sonora, and Lewis Lira who have decorated the courthouse, entrance to town, and the Bank Vault Park.

Happy Thanksgiving and may God Bless our Community!

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Brushy Top Cowboy Church will be having a Double Mugging on Saturday, December 5, 2009 on Hwy 277- between Eldorado and Sonora, County Line. Cash entry fee of \$100 per team. Books open at 10:00 a.m. Starts at 12:00 p.m. Negative Coggins Required. 4 or 5 hole 75% Cash Payback, Buckles/Prizes. Call Craig Nolen 325-650-0219 or James Babb 325-650-3504.
Sonora Middle School Play Community Performance of "The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe." Thursday, December 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School/Elementary Auditorium. Admission \$1.00
Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2010 at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 325-387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 325-206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.
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 or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your Holiday parties. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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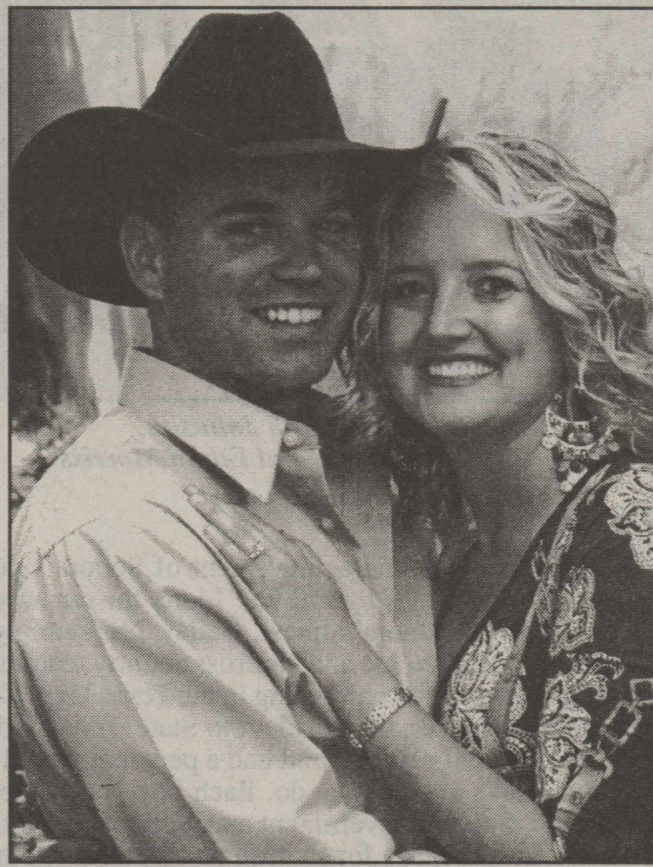
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Brooklyn is a 2001 graduate of Wall High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M with an Animal Science degree. She is currently attending the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for Dental Hygiene.

Thomas is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2007 graduate of Angelo State University. He graduated with a degree in Animal Science. He is currently employed with Devon Energy in Odessa, TX.

The wedding will be held in Wall, TX on August 7, 2010.

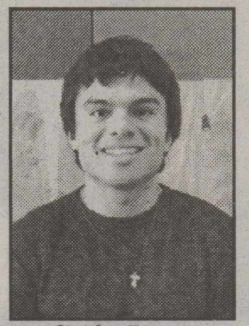
Sonora High School Students of the Week



James Bean
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Pedro Ramirez



Cody Pena

Junior James Bean and Seniors Pedro Ramirez and Cody Pena were selected as Sonora High School's Students of the Week for November 16th.

Cody is the son of Chela and Alonzo Pena. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Morriss and his favorite class is Mrs. Holt's PFD class. He likes to be interviewed by Emilce Hernandez and dislikes being asked hard questions. He is in Student Council, Spanish Club, is a Class officer and involved in Computer App Science UIL. He is also involved in Youth Group. Cody moved to Sonora in third grade from Dallas. He enjoys hanging out with friends, and he plans to run for the University of North Texas.

Pedro Ramirez is the son of Rosalinda and Pedro Ramirez. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Martha Martin and he is class president. Pedro loves Jesus, and he is Woodshop. His favorite things are waking up every morning to the smell of fresh Columbian Coffee and hanging with his bros. Pedro is in track, pole-vault and tennis. He has lived in Sonora all his life, and he plans to attend Texas Tech after graduation.

James Bean is the son of Debra and Donald Bean. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Martin and his favorite class is Speech. James likes food but dislikes vegetables. He is in Youth Group and has lived in Sonora all his life. James's favorite thing about high school is the off-campus lunch. His plans are to possibly go to an Aeronautical College after graduation.

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Sonora Fourth-Graders Take Part In Water Fair

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

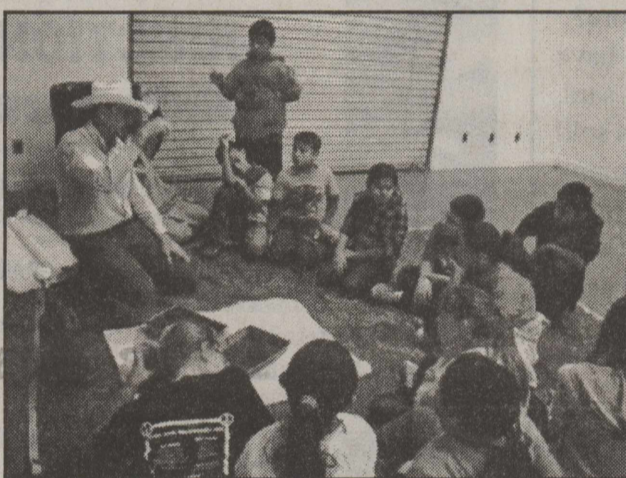


Sonora Elementary 4th graders attended the annual "Water Fair". This curriculum enrichment effort is intended to heighten awareness of the need for water conservation. The students enhanced their knowledge of hydrology, conservation methods, and much more.

The 69 fourth-graders attended the Water Fair on November 23rd at the Sutton County Civic Center. Instruction topics included The Water cycle, Properties of Water, Water Quality Testing, How Wet Is Our Planet, Home Water Conservation, and Water & Soil.

The day-long workshop has a fair-type atmosphere in which groups attend demonstration sessions at one station then rotate to a new station. Instructors are agricultural professionals who work in the area of water conservation and natural resources. This year,

instructors included Jim Polonis and Gary Hargrave (Sutton Underground Water District),



Tom Payton and Donnie Lunsford, with Natural Resource Conservation Service, as well as Kelly Thorp and Pascual Hernandez (Texas AgriLife Extension Service).

Lunch was provided courtesy of the Sutton County Underground Water District. Following the meal, the students completed their day by taking part in interactive computer sessions to assess their new knowledge. The school day wouldn't be complete without taking a test.

This water education event is sponsored annually by personnel from Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Sutton Underground Water Conservation District, Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

A word of thanks to the Instructors, Underground Water District, and Sonora Elementary for providing this learning opportunity for the students.

Game Warden Field Notes

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Throwing the book at them: On Oct. 10, a Jack County game warden and a Wise County game warden apprehended three subjects at a deer camp for possession of marijuana, hunting deer by illegal means and methods (rifle during archery-only season), failure to tag, two counts of failing to maintain in edible condition, no archery stamp, no hunter education, hunting in closed season and possession of a stolen ATV. The ATV had been stolen in Wise County in 2001. The ATV was returned to Wise County sheriff's office. Cases pending.

Caught in the act: During the week of Oct. 19-22, a Grayson County game warden spent several days investigating what began as an individual leaving one of the local marinas without paying. The investigation soon became a collaboration with the Rockwall County sheriff's office, a TPWD investigator and the Grayson County sheriff's office. The investigation caught the same individual stealing a \$200,000 36 foot Carver boat. Charges pending for theft of more than \$100,000, unauthorized use of a motor boat and theft of services.

Should have let him pass: On the night of Oct. 18, a Jasper County game warden stopped a subject who failed to yield right of way to a DPS trooper as he attempted to stop another vehicle. Upon making contact with the driver, the warden noticed several beer cans in the back seat and a .22-caliber magnum rifle in the front. A search of the vehicle's trunk produced a doe head, guts, and a cooler containing numerous quarters. The case may be linked to other cases involving the illegal sale of deer meat. Case pending.

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Health Food Lessons

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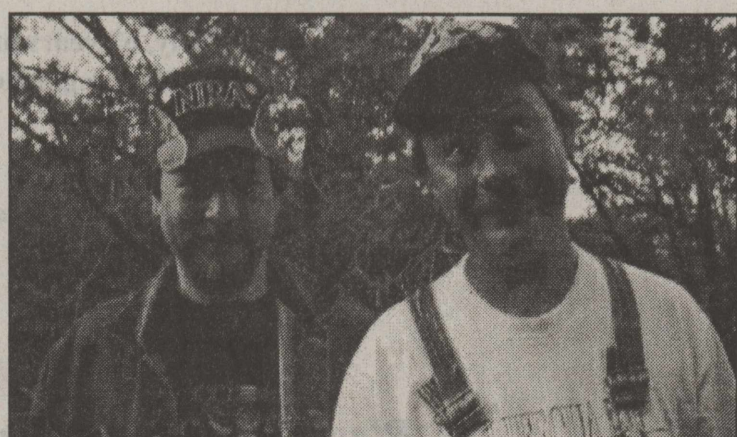
"The rubbish we put into our stomachs and consume should have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is terrible. Fizzy drinks attack your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with msg. Vegetables can be disastrous because of fertilizers and pesticides and none of us realizes the long-term damage being done by the rotten bacteria in our drinking water. However, there is one food that is incredibly dangerous and we all have, or will, eat it at some time in our lives. Now, is anyone here able to tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

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Mixed Bag Comes With Black Friday Deals for Recession-Era Shoppers

By: Kathleen Phillips

COLLEGE STATION – Predictions for Black Friday 2009 aren't golden, but various surveys indicate that a lot of greenbacks will go from consumer to retailer the day after Thanksgiving, up some from last year's levels.

"Many retailers see this if not as a defining moment, certainly extremely important for the economy," said Nancy Granovsky, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family economics specialist. "This has typically been the most active shopping day in the country."

The term Black Friday traces its origins to the late 1960s, according to the American

Dialect Society, and originally referred to what law enforcement officers and taxi drivers labeled the day after Thanksgiving for the unremitting crowds of people pouring into the stores and congesting traffic.

Some in recent years have considered the color reference to have more economic meaning as for the time when retailers accounting books go from being in the red (negative) to the black (positive) figures. But Granovsky advises consumers to remember their own

balance sheets when making purchase decisions at after-Thanksgiving sales.



"Certainly people armed with a shopping list and how and what they are going to buy can save money," Granovsky said. "But people should step back in planning prior to going to the stores and not get caught up in all the hype."

Predictions about this year's massive post-Thanksgiving sales have been circulating since late-August. More recently, some of the potential deals offered by large retailers have been "leaked" in hopes of enticing consumers to shop at the sales which begin early in the morning Friday and offer various incentives.

"It goes back to shopping basics. Who is on your list? How much are you able to spend? How will you shop – in stores, online or on your gift shelf at home?" she said. "Or will you be looking for other ways to provide gifts to people that may not require

spending money at all?"

Granovsky also suggested people ask themselves how expenditures might differ if they could use only cash as opposed to using credit.

"If you opt to use credit, will you pay more than you can comfortably afford?" she asked.

She noted that gift-giving can be an issue in a family, especially if there is less disposable income this year than in the past, adding that consumers can read some of the advice offered in magazines, newspapers and online to find ways to spend less.

"Maybe this (onslaught of articles about cost-savings this holiday) reflects a mind shift that less is more," she said. "Maybe people are redefining a 'new normal' for their holiday celebrations.

Does the 'new normal' mean living within your means, taking a new look at what the holidays mean to you and whether lots of money has to be spent? Or does the 'new normal' for those who now have money available after having lived a year of deprivation mean they now can spend a little more?"

"The main thing is to have a list and follow it," she said. "If an item on your list is sold out, maybe consider changing that selection to something of comparable price rather than spending a lot to find the original item."

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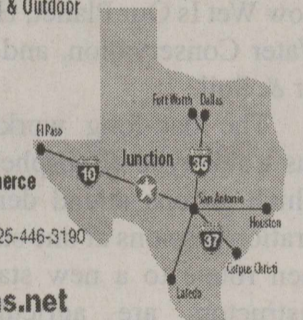
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Sealed proposals, addressed to Don Gibson, Superintendent, Sonora Independent School District, 807 South Concho Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950 are being received for **Laundry Equipment and Icemaker** (*listed below). Proposals will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2009** Proposals will be received in the office of Sonora ISD until **1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009** at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Project Construction Office. The awarding of proposals will not be made at this time. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager.
***Laundry Equipment/Icemaker**
2-Dexter Laundry Washers Model T-600 - WCVD40HCS-12
2- Dexter Laundry Dryers Model DTCH 55
1 Ice Machine Manitowoc Ice Model S-322 On, B-420
1 Ice Machine Water Filtration Manitowoc Ice Model AR-10000
The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all proposals.
Sealed Proposals: Sonora Independent School District Don Gibson, Superintendent c/o D.S.A., Inc. (Construction Manager) 207 N. Ridgeway, P.O. Box 698, Cleburne, TX 76033

Notice of Explanation
The City of Sonora intends to undertake sewer system improvements for residents in the northwestern portion of the city for the 2009 TxCDBG Contract #729769 under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for non-entitlement cities. This project will provide improvements for low and moderate income families. This project is located in the 100 year flood plain. Proposed improvements cannot be undertaken in any other location as relocation costs would exceed available program resources. Failure to provide assistance would result in the continued unsafe and unhealthy living conditions for these families. It is the City's judgment that the improvements outweigh consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. Please send written comments to Ms. Patti Prather, City Secretary, City of Sonora, 201 East Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950. Comments will be received until December 4, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. A more detailed description of the project and the FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the City Hall, at the address shown above.
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A Great Season Ends

By Ray Glasscock

The Broncos traveled to Sweetwater to play their first playoff game since 2006. Just as 62 other 2A Division II teams will do, they finished their season with a tough loss. The Broncos sure seem to enjoy playing this season, and we fans certainly enjoyed watching our Broncos! The Post Antelopes won by a score of 35 to 28.

The Broncos won the toss and elected to receive. The Broncos wanted to come out strong and that is exactly what they did. Zach Badeaux returned the opening kickoff to the 23-yard line. Ethan Morriss came out taking the snap directly from under center surprising the Antelopes who were expecting the spread. He gained 13 yards on his first carry and 17 on his second carry. After a 13-yard run by Badeaux and a four-yard run by Dustin Neff, Morriss ripped off a 21-yard gain to Post's eight yard line. After two runs gained little, Morriss completed a pass to Cadesman Pope who was stopped at the two yard line bringing up a fourth down play. Once again, Morriss threw to Pope. The Post defender was flagged for pass interference giving the Broncos a first down. After an illegal motion penalty, Morriss scored on a seven yard run. Neff kicked the PAT, and the Broncos led the stunned Antelopes 7 to 0 with 6:58 to go in the first quarter.

It quickly became apparent that this game was not going to be a boring series of three and outs. The Antelopes only used five plays to tie the score. Quarterback Windom got the touchdown on a 20-yard run. Their kicker added the PAT, and the score was tied at sev-

en with 4:55 left in the first quarter.

After a Bronco three and out, Dylan Castillo punted from deep in Bronco territory, and the ball rolled dead at the 50-yard line. The Broncos allowed one first down before Jorge Gaytan stopped Giles Dalby on first down, and Word Hudson stopped a trap play. Shane Patlan stopped a Post runner for a three-yard loss forcing a third and 15 on the Bronco 41-yard line. After an incomplete screen pass, their punt went out of bounds at the Bronco 12-yard line with only four seconds left in the first quarter.

Morriss ran the midline straight up the middle for an 88-yard touchdown. Neff's kick gave the Broncos the lead at 14 to 7 with no time left in the first quarter.

It took the Antelopes nine plays to answer the Broncos. They scored on a play action pass for a touchdown. After their PAT, the score was tied at 14 with 5:28 left in the second quarter.

Zac Rodriguez returned the Post kickoff to their ten-yard line. Morriss scored on a sneak on fourth down to regain the lead for the Broncos. Neff continued his perfect night on PAT kicks. The Broncos led 21 to 14 with 3:12 left in the first half.

Post responded with a good kickoff return, but the Broncos gave them an additional 30 yards on a facemask and taunting penalty. Two plays later, they scored on their second pass completion of the game. The score at the end of the first half was 21 to 21.

Post opened the second half with a scoring drive that consumed 4:23 worth of game

time. After the PAT, Post had the lead at 28 to 21 with 7:37 left in the third period.

Morriss returned the kickoff to the Post 43 yard line. After two complete passes netted two first downs, incomplete passes and penalties forced a fourth and nine play from the Post 30 yard line. Morriss was intercepted by an Antelope and was tackled at their own ten-yard line.

The Bronco nation held their breath fearing another Post touchdown. The Antelopes made it close to midfield before they had to punt. Luckily for the Broncos, the punt rolled into the end zone for a touchback.

Good Post-defense forced the Broncos into punt formation. A short snap to Preston Lopez resulted in a Bronco first down. (For the season, the Broncos converted on all but two fourth down plays.) Morriss ran for one more first down. The drive finally ended on seven-yard loss on the option play and then an illegal procedure penalty. Castillo hit a 59-yard punt, and it was downed at the Post six yard line.

Just when it appeared that the Broncos were going to get the Antelopes to punt, big man Dalby ran wide and showed us his speed, as he ran 73 yards for a touchdown. After their successful kick, they led 35 to 21 with 4:50 left in the game.

Kris Agüero returned their kickoff to the Bronco 42 yard line. Morriss threw to Creek for a first down at the Post 44 yard line. He followed that a run for a first down and with another pass to Creek setting up a second and three from the Post 27 yard line. Once more, Morriss found Creek

open, and the Broncos had a first down on their 10 yard line with 2:59 to go. Agüero ended this football career by catching a touchdown pass from Morriss. After Neff's kick, the Broncos trailed by seven with 2:43 left in the game.

The Broncos tried an on-sides kick, but it failed to go the needed ten yards. The amazing Bronco defense, and the coaches using their three remaining timeouts, forced the Antelopes to punt giving the Broncos one more chance.

Unfortunately, the Broncos were not able to complete the storybook ending that we all hoped for. The Antelopes advance in the playoffs for one more week, and the Broncos' season will be permanently recorded in the memories of the 2009 Sonora Broncos and their fans. The next time you get a chance to talk to Coach Sine and his coaching staff, be sure and let them know that they did a great job with our Broncos!

Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.
- Duffy Daugherty

THE IDLE AMERICAN The Right Thing...

by Dr. Don Newbury

This arena is yet another one where I claim strictest amateur standing among millions of Americans who absorb full measure of "talk radio" daily.

My listening is typically limited to brief snippets abandoned every few seconds while scanning my car radio dial. Most of the hosts seem "all knowing."

I like the way one closes out conversations with her callers, though. Her name is Dr. Laura Schlessinger. She admonishes them to "go do the right thing," stopping short of adding, "and sin no more."... *****

How noble! On this "right thing" business, some of us are almost persuaded to join up, not now, probably, but later, in the sweet by and by--not the nasty here and now.

Still, on the cusp of this festive season, we sense inward warmth akin to the ingestion of hot chocolate on the hearing of selfless acts of others to "give back."

Folks who "lock in" are spark-setters. Their humanitarian acts fan fires that make us want to help with worthwhile causes that capture spirit, energy, enthusiasm and determination. Choruses of "Yes We Can" swell up when we tackle projects bigger than ourselves. As we consider the growing ranks of others in need, a sobering thought should occur: "There but by the grace of God go I."...

One such spark-setter is Jim Davidson of Conway, AR. He's an author/speaker/columnist whose passion is to tackle illiteracy. Grim facts gnaw at him, and they won't turn loose. He grimaces at the thought that four of every 10 students in American schools today will not graduate, and that 32 million adults cannot read a simple sentence.

He's committed to throwing literacy lifelines to underprivileged children ages 3-5. He and his army of volunteers are providing each of them with personalized oak book-cases, as well as starter sets of books. Individuals, schools, clubs and agencies have come alongside of a program that is conducted entirely--and funded totally--by volunteers.... *****

More than this, a website offers a "cookbook approach" that provides a working model for other communities. Check out: bookcaseforeverychild.com.

The program has garnered statewide media attention, and the Arkansas General Assembly has extended a resolution of commendation calling for adoption of this initiative state-wide.

The project includes many logical spin-offs, all of which underscore the blessings of giving back.... *****

Sonora Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule 2009 - 2010

Date	Opponent	Site	JV White	JV Red Varsity
Nov. 3	Christoval (scrimmage)	Home		5:00 6:30
Nov. 7	Ballinger (scrimmage)	Away	4:00	4:00 5:30
Nov. 10	Rocksprings	Away	5:00	6:30
Nov. 14	Clyde	Lake View	10:00	11:30 1:00
Nov. 17	Ingram	Home	5:00	6:30
Nov. 19, 21	Lake View JV Tournament	Away		TBA
Nov. 20	Lake View	Home		5:00
Nov. 24	Grape Creek	Home		5:00 6:30
Dec. 1	Christoval	Away		5:00 6:30
Dec. 3-5	Ballinger Tournament			TBA
Dec. 8	Mason	Away	TBA	5:00 6:30
Dec. 10-12	Iran JV Tournament		TBA	
Dec. 10-12	Water Valley Tournament			TBA
Dec. 15	Crane*	Away	8:00	5:00 6:30
Dec. 18	Kermit*	Home	8:00	5:00 6:30
Dec. 28-30	Eula Tournament			TBA
Jan. 2	Alpine*	Away		11:00 12:30
Jan. 5	Reagan Co*	Home	8:00	5:00 6:30
Jan. 8	Presidio*	Away		5:00 6:30
Jan. 12	Ozona*	Home		5:00 6:30
Jan. 15	OPEN			
Jan. 19	Crane*	Home	8:00	5:00 6:30
Jan. 22	Kermit*	Away	8:00	5:00 6:30
Jan. 26	Reagan Co*	Away	8:00	5:00 6:30
Jan. 29	Alpine*	Home		5:00 6:30
Feb. 2	Ozona*	Away		5:00 6:30
Feb. 5	Presidio*	Home		5:00 6:30
Feb. 9	OPEN			
Feb. 15-16	BI District Area			
Feb. 18-20	Regional Quarterfinals			
Feb. 22-23	Regional Tournament			
Feb. 26-27	STATE			
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After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania, Dr. D'Agostino received his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed his Residency in Neurological Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Neurological Surgery in Charleston.

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