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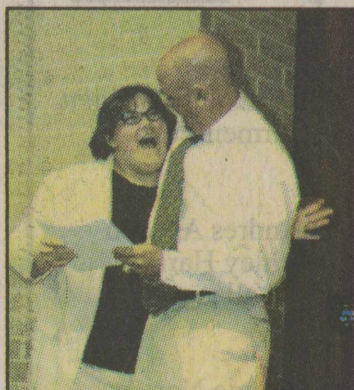
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Sonora Golf Team Brings Home the Silver



Members of the Sonora Golf Team (L to R)- Manny Paredes, Caleb Gonzales, Word Hudson, John Duke Hudson, and Dylan Castillo

Submitted

The Sonora Boy's Golf Team proudly represented our community at the UIL AA State Tournament held on May 11th and 12th at the Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin, Texas.

The team stepped it up a notch from last year's third place win to bring home the silver medals.

Even though golf is more commonly known as an individual sport, there is also a very important team aspect to high school golf. A five-person team competes, with the four best scores being used to compute the team score. With very little communication between players during the round, and absolutely no coaching, each individual score could be the one that decides whether the team is victorious or not.

The elite eight teams in the state of Texas were gathered to decide which three teams would leave with medals around their neck.

Salado was the reigning champion from last year, and they were definitely a con-

tender with 5 returning seniors on their roster and a high school golf program that plays tournaments year-round.

After the first day of competition, Salado's team was leading the tournament by 11 strokes with a total score of 299. Sonora was sitting in second place with a team total of 310, followed by Quitman 317 and Olney 318.

These four teams found themselves with a substantial lead over the other four state-qualifying teams of Franklin 329, Altair Rice 337, Krum 338, and Daingerfield 356.

The second day proved to be a little tougher for the Broncos, probably because they all knew that a win was possible, but everyone had to play their best round.

They struggled with a second day total of 323, however, fought it out until that last putt, to hold on to the second place win over Olney's team by only two strokes.

With Sonora winning the regional tournament over Ol-

ney by only one stroke and the silver medal at state over Olney by merely two strokes, the saying "every stroke counts" has true meaning for the Broncos!

Salado's strong team posted a second day score of 307 for a total of 606 to win the State Championship by 27 strokes over the Bronco's two day total of 633, and Olney finished a close third with a combined score of 635.

Individually, John Duke Hudson and younger brother, Word Hudson, were both awarded All State Honors for finishing in the top ten as individuals. John Duke posted a 75, 78 for a 7th place finish with a total of 153, and Word shot 76, 78 for 9th place with a total score of 154. Caleb Gonzales finished 13th overall with 75,82 for a total of 157, followed by Manny Paredes who posted 84,85 totaling 169 for 32nd and Dylan Castillo 89,85 total of 174 for a 36th place finish.

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Mario Oliden Works His Way to State



Computer Application coach Molly Morriss (left) with her state qualifying student Mario Oliden.

By Ben D. Taylor

Most people see success as the simple act of setting a goal and reaching it, but that is only part of the complete equation. True success resides along the path of achievement. Along that road toward success there are potholes and detours that serve to define the successful. The truly successful do not see those as detriments, but simply as part of the journey. It is those hardships that

separate those that simply win from those that succeed. Those attributes--humility, hard work, and perseverance--that separate those who win from the successful serve to define the core character of Mario Oliden, and his most recent achievement of making it to state in Computer Applications.

His coach, Molly Morriss, commented that "a teacher

can't make this happen, a good coach cant make this happen, it has to be the student. Mario is really self motivated. This competition has gotten so hard over the past few years, in order to be successful you really have to have a passion for this event."

It is that passion that has taken Mario to a district and regional championship. At regional his score was only one point off of perfect, and not only did he finish first in 2A, but he out-scored all competitors from 1A to 5A.

Mario is hesitant to describe what exactly makes him more proficient at winning than his competitors, but Ms. Morriss commented that, "Mario is quick, and his mind is fast. If you show him something one time, he's got it", and Mario added, "I did a lot of it outside of school; Ms. Morriss taught me a lot of stuff."

The computer applications competition can best be described as 8-hour workday condensed into 30 minutes.

In order to win at this competition Mario has had to integrate high level math skills, grammar, computer science, and logic; but success has come to Mario through his ability to be graceful in the light of recognition.

Texas A&M Awards Posthumous Degree to Travis Joiner

Editor's Note-Travis Joiner and his sister Rachel (Eldorado natives) recently lost their lives in a tragic incident while attending Texas A&M University.



Submitted

Wayne Joiner and his son Evan walked across the stage last weekend at Texas A&M where together they accepted a Bachelor Degree in Aerospace Engineering on behalf of Travis Joiner, Wayne and Shirley Joiner's recently deceased son and Evan's older brother. The posthumous diploma was presented by the Dwight Look College of Engineering in recognition of Travis Joiner's accomplishments.

Shirley Joiner was joined in the audience by family and friends as to witness the honor bestowed by Texas A&M University. Travis Joiner and his sister Rachel were killed in their College Station home on March 6th.

Wayne and Shirley Joiner spoke of their son after the ceremony. "This was Travis' passion, and he worked very hard to achieve his goal. We are so sad that he is not here to experience the joy of accomplishment and to fulfill his lifelong dreams. We are so proud of him as was Rachel and she would have loved to see Travis walk across the stage." They noted that only 20 percent of incoming freshmen who enter the aerospace engineering program successfully graduate with this degree.

A few days before his death,

Travis was working at home on his class project...converting wax into rocket fuel. The pan of wax is still on top of the stove in his home at College Station.

His professor said that Travis was always in class and on the front row. Travis loved being there but couldn't wait to start applying everything he learned. Travis recently wrote in a letter to his scholarship trustees,

"After college my primary goal is to work in the up-and-coming private space-flight industry. I want to help make space travel a common occurrence, whether it's by designing suborbital spacecraft for hypersonic travel between the continents or reusable orbital spacecraft that ferry people to a space hotel. For me, bringing space to the masses seems like the next step in human space exploration and I think it will be a very exciting venture."

Wayne and Shirley Joiner thank the Aerospace Department and Texas A&M University for making it possible for Travis to receive his diploma. They also want to thank all his fellow Aggies and everyone for their support in helping Travis achieve his goal.

For those that would like to honor Travis for his accomplishment, a donation can be sent to the Texas A&M University Foundation and list "Travis and Rachel Joiner Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo section. Contributions should be sent to Yolanda Veals, 3141 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-3141. For more information, contact Veals by e-mail: yveals@tamu.edu or by phone: 979-845-1600.

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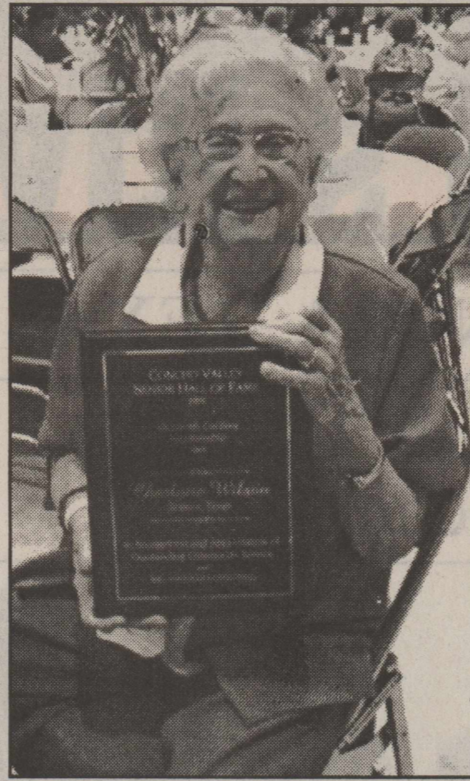
Thur. May 21- New sound hearing test @ 9:00 a.m.
 Fri. May 22- Happy Birthday *Joe Brown*
 Mon. May 25- Happy Birthday *Kelly Thorp*
 Center Closed for Memorial Day.
 Tues. May 26- Exercise w/video
 Wed. May 27- Need volunteers for the summer. Call now.

Senior Center Menu

Thur. May 21- Fried catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, Jell-O w/fruit
 Fri. May 22- Chicken fajatas, onions/peppers, rice, beans, tossed salad, lemon cake, tortillas and milk
 Mon. May 25- Memorial Day. Center Closed.
 Tues. May 26- Hot dog w/chili and cheese, chips, Pineapple Waldorf Salad, brownie w/nuts
 Wed. May 27- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, Spanish green beans, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).

Wilson Inducted Into The Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame



Charlotte Wilson

Mrs. Charlotte Wilson is inducted into the Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame at the 22nd Annual Senior Spring Fling in San Angelo on May 07, 2009!

The staff at Senior Center nominated Mrs. Wilson for her volunteer work at the Center. She has delivered meals on Thursdays with Nell Wallace for more than 16 years, and she is always ready to go and if someone is not home, she will call us so we can check on them and make sure they're okay. She is very caring and always takes time to help with our programs-like Mother's Day or holidays when she plays the piano. All the seniors and even school children have enjoyed her music. Charlotte just celebrated her 89th birthday, and she's still going and going. She is a big part of the community. Everyone knows her & we all respect and love her. The Center is very glad to have her & enriched by her! Thank You Charlotte Wilson from the Staff at the Sutton County Senior Center.

Thank You Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those persons in Ward 2 of the City of Sonora who cast their vote for me on Saturday, May 9th and during the Early Voting period. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to vote and exercising a right that we, as citizens of this great country, have. Special thanks go out to all who allowed me to place signs in their yards. I look forward to serving all the citizens of Sonora as City Councilman.

Quiero tomar esta oportunidad para darle las gracias a todas las personas las cuales me dieron su voto el Sabado 9 de Mayo y durante la vatacion adelantada. Su apoyo es muy agradecido. Gracias por tomar el tiempo para votar, utilizando uno de los derechos que tenemos como ciudadanos de este gran pais. Gracias tambien a todos aquellos que me permitieron poner un letrero en su terreno. Anticipo con placer el poder servirles como su representante en consejo municipal.

Sam David Hernandez

Thanks to my Mom, Dad, Kali, Little Hec, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie and Uncle, for always being there no matter what I was going through. You stood by me and encouraged me to hold my head up. Thanks to Kim, for also being there and listening to me when I needed to talk, to Viva Sonora and Michelle, thank you for allowing me to represent Sonora through your organization. Thanks to my sponsors, Schlumberger Well Services, Elliott Law Office, and Mi Familia Restaurant. Last, but not least, I would like to express my thanks to my extended family, friends, and all the people of Sonora and Sutton County who gave the many kind words of encouragement and support throughout my reign as Miss Cinco De Mayo 2008.

Much Love & Appreciation,
 Krystianna Mendez

We, the family, friends and the Scholarship Committee for the Sentena/Garza Memorial Scholarship Fund, would like to express our most sincere appreciation for all the support that was given to our latest Fundraiser on May 2, 2009 at the County Park-it was a big success! Thanks to all who helped make Hamburgers & to those who helped set up and clean afterwards! It was a lot of work, but it was well worth it! The Scholarship will be used to assist in the education of one or more Sonora High graduates seeking a degree at an accredited University or Trade School. We have given out 34-\$500 Scholarships since we started in 1999-that's over \$17,000 dollars! Without our family & friends in our community & elsewhere, we would not have been able to do this!

Those who donated & helped were:

Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service, Inc.-David Creek, Lee Roy Valiant, Aze w/Syso, Erasmo w/Dakota, Annette w/Sonic, Henry Mata (Grill), Ruben Mesa's crew (cooking parties), Olivia Longoria, Michelle Martinez, Florie Gonzales, Alex & Elizabeth Flores, Modesto & Juanita Mesa, George & Gloria Noriega, Trine & Sandra & Miles Sentena, Kaleena & Adam Mendez, Nathaniel Mata, Joe & Irene Casillas for all your help! I hope we didn't forget anyone, but if we did, it was not on purpose!

Once again-Thanks to each & everyone who helped in one way or another!

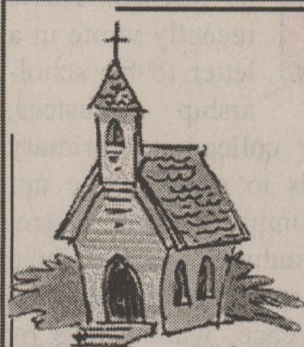
Sincerely,
 Sentena/Garza Memorial Scholarship Committee:
 Florie Gonzales, Juanita Mesa, Irene Casillas,
 Caya Perez, & Gloria Noriega

I would like to take this means to thank all of those who supported and voted for me in the recent city election. I would also like to thank those of you who have taken the time to phone me or stop by and express your appreciation for my service to the city. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Jaye H. "Butch" Campbell

In my quick typing last week I forgot to thank a very important part of our Realy For Life 2009 event. The Lion's Club cooked a wonderful late night breakfast for the committee and participants. We thank you very much for you dedication to our community.

Stacy Fisher



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May 22
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 Annette Estrada, Jason Martin, Ashley Harris,
 Jasmine Talamantez, Brandy Wallace

May 23
 Caleb Gonzales, Rachel Ramirez, Maggie Noriega,
 Scott Badgett, David Reyna, Jesse Paredes

May 24
 Lauran Schaefer, James Barton, Mike Dillard,
 Eugene Reyna, Jim Hampton, Carlos Gamez, Jr.

May 25
 Kelly Thorp, Tiffany Stanton, Alta Alewine,
 Jay Hudson, Skyler Mogford

May 26
 Emily Earwood, Edward Earwood, Susie Moore,
 Juan Castro, Sam Matchus, Christie Ayala

May 27
 Tammy Favila, Leslie Kassahn, Kamri Perez,
 Allie Perez, Sam David Hernandez, Elle Perez

Combs to Visit Sonora

You are cordially invited to join Comptroller Susan Combs for an overview of the Texas economy in Sonora on Friday, May 22, 2009. The program will be followed by a question and answer session with Comptroller Combs.

The program will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sonora - Sutton County Senior Center, 102 Wilson St., Sonora, Texas 76950.

To RSVP for this event or if you have any questions, please contact Russell Gallahan by e-mail at russell.gallahan@cpa.state.tx.us or by telephone at (800) 531-5441, ext. 3-6073.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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The Sutton County Historical Society Ranch Museum is looking for a pair of handmade boots, made by Ramirez Boot Shop in Sonora, Texas to display in the museum.

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 City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veterans name to be engraved on the wall-Include the name of the veteran, branch of service, submitted by, mailing address. 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.

Sutton County Friends of NRA will be holding their 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet event on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Donations and auction items are being sought for this event. If you would like to be an active participant or would like to donate, please contact Tonya Brown @ 325-387-3861 or 325-387-5929. A pre-event raffle will begin April 2009. A gun safe and 5 firearms will be raffled with one winner taking all!

Thursday May 21st 4:00-8:00 pm - Eaton Hill Photography Contest/Show & Open House -Everyone invited. Over 200 outdoor photographs by local photographers on display. Bring a picnic, lawn chairs and enjoy the view and breeze from atop Eaton Hill. Tour the Eaton House - on the way to becoming Sonora's own Nature Center. Refreshments served.

Susan Combs/Texas Comptroller will be at the Senior Center on May 22nd from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. FMI, call 387-5657 or 387-3941!

The **Sonora Special Programs Office** will be hosting a Title I Parent Meeting on May 26, 2009 in the Elementary Auditorium in the Intermediate Building at 6:00 p.m. It is open for any parents in the district to attend.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009- Baccalaureate-6:00 p.m. HS Auditorium

Friday, May 29, 2009- Graduation-7:30 p.m. HS Gym

Sonora Clean-Up Day- Saturday, June 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm for more information call City Hall!

Vehicle Clean-Up Day- Saturday, June 13, 2009 call 325-387-5746 to make arrangements!

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 Deductable) 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.

Lions Club Youth Camps. The Lions Camp for disabled (July 26-August 1) and children with diabetes (July 19-25) is now taking applications for their summer camp to be held in Kerrville. These camps are free of charge for those that qualify. Anybody interested in these camps can contact Col. Pete Bradley at 325-387-6282.



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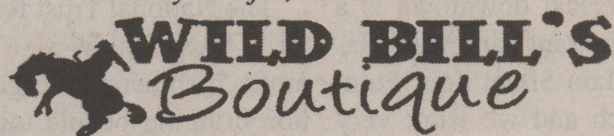


Sutton County Senior Center represented by Juanita Mesa and Victoria Romero received the popcorn donation from Lesa Gamez, sponsored by the First National Bank of Sonora.



2009 Senior Selections

Kimberly Gonzales, Stephani Morriss
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Tyler Edmondson	Shelby Onofre
Liliana Fraire	Steven Pacheco
Andy Galindo	Victoria Robles
Reynaldo Gaytan	Ricardo Rodriguez
Kimberly Gonzales	Yolanda Sanchez
Amilkar Hernandez	Michel Sanchez
Clinton Hudson	Samantha Tidwell
John Duke Hudson	Alberto Tovar
Steely Ingham	Monica Traylor
Savannah Leonard	Derek Van Winkle
Westley Lipham	Kody Word
Michael Luttrell	

"A Little One is on the Way..."

Baby Selections
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2009 Senior Selection

Samantha Adkins	Richard Lozano
Dora Araujo	Michael Luttrell
Sulema Castilleja	Senida Martinez
Rudy Charo	Jordan McGuffin
Jeffrey Crites	Stephani Morriss
Tyler Edmondson	Emily Newton
Liliana Fraire	Shelby Onofre
Andy Galindo	Christela Perez
Reynaldo Gaytan	Uvaldo Ramos
Andrea Guerrero	Victoria Robles
Amilkar Hernandez	Ricardo Rodriguez
Reggie Hernandez	Mikael Samaniego
Clinton Hudson	Yolanda Sanchez
John Duke Hudson	Jessica Snyder
Steely Ingham	Samantha Tidwell
Savannah Leonard	Alberto Tovar
Westley Lipham	Monica Traylor
Mario Lira	Derek Van Winkle
	Kody Word

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2009 Seniors

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2009 Senior Selections

Tyler Edmondson
Amilkar Hernandez
John Duke Hudson
Steely Ingham
Sharee Johnson
Mario Lira
Savannah Leonard
Stephani Morriss
Emily Newton
Shelby Onofre
Michel Sanchez
Jessica Snyder
Samantha Tidwell
Kody Word

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

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Bridal Selections

Logan Grissom~bride elect~Brady Lock
Margie Becknell~bride elect~ Paul Maloney

Baby Selections

TJ & Pam Thorp
Cole & Heather Cearley

Main Street Traffic

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Receives National Accreditation

Submitted

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been designated an accredited National Main Street Program for meeting the commercial district revitalization performance standard set by the National Trust Main Street Center. Each year, the National Trust and its coordinating program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street programs that have built strong revitalization organizations that have demonstrated their ability to follow the Main Street methodology.

"We congratulate this year's nationally accredited Main Street programs for meeting our established performance standards," says Doug Loesch, director of the National Trust Main Street Center. "Rebuilding a district economic health and maintaining that success requires broad-based community involvement and support, in addition to establishing a solid organization with sound management that is committed to long-term success."

The National Trust Main Street Center works in partner-

ship with Coordinating Main Street Programs throughout the nation to identify the local programs that meet the National Trust's 10 basic performance standards. These standards set the benchmarks for measuring an individual Main Street program's application of the Main Street Four-Point Approach to commercial district revitalization.

Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts include standards such as developing a mission, fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking economic progress, and preserving historic buildings. For more information on the National Program accreditation program, visit www.mainstreet.org/nationalprograms.

The organization's performance was evaluated by Texas Main Street Program, which is the coordinating organization for Main Street programs in Texas.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program

has been a recognized program by the Texas Main Street Program and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Center since 1999. Sonora is a small community which recognizes the value of our historical downtown. We recognize historical downtown as an investment to our economic development growth and our future. We are able to complete these 10 requirements, because of the dedication that our community has for restoring and preserving their history and downtown. We would like to say thank you to our community for helping us to succeed and complete our goals to be recognized as an outstanding Main Street program.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Center has developed the Main Street Four-Point Approach to help cities to develop their historical downtowns. The economic development for our historical downtown is a very important part of the National Main Street Four-Point Approach and we work very hard each year to achieve our goals to receive this award.

We would like to thank the directors of the Friends of Historic Main Street Program for helping us to achieve and completing our goals for the National Main Street Four-Point Approach. Our community is very proud to be recognized as an outstanding program by the National Trust

for Historic Preservation Main Street Center and the Texas Main Street Program. Thank you Sonora!

Since 1980, the National Trust Main Street Center has helped hundreds of downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts across the nation reclaim the unique quality of life that only a thriving community center can provide. Through the Main Street Four-Point Approach to commercial district revitalization, which combines historic preservation and economic development, the Center has forged a nationwide movement for the revival of America's historic and traditional commercial districts. The Center provides a nationwide membership network, comprehensive on-site consulting services, in-depth seminars and conferences, technical publications and training materials, and national advocacy for commercial districts.

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headquarters in Washington, DC, nine regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in all 50 states, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities to saving places,

connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America's stories.

For more information visit your Main Street Office at 105 Concho Street in Sonora's historic downtown or visit www.nationaltrust.org.

ESL Summer School

Sonora Elementary is offering an ESL (English as a Second Language) Summer School Program. This program is offered to limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to Kindergarten and First Grade at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

This program will be offered from June 8 - July 17 from 8:00 - 12:00 each day. If you would like for your child to participate, please contact the elementary office by Friday, May 29. In order to provide this program, we must have at least 10 children sign up to attend.

If you have any questions, call the Elementary School office at 387-6951.

Escuela de Verano Para Estudiantes de ESL

La Escuela Primaria de Sonora está ofreciendo un programa ESL (Inglés como Segunda Idioma) de escuela de verano. Este programa se ofrece a estudiantes que están limitados en el idioma de inglés y que son elegibles para entrar a Kinder o Primer Grado al comienzo del año escolar de 2009-2010.

Este programa se ofrecerá del 8 de junio -17 de julio de 8:00 - 12:00 cada día. Si usted desea que su niño/niña participe, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela primaria antes del viernes, 29 de mayo. A manera de poder ofrecer este programa, necesitamos tener por lo menos 10 estudiantes inscritos para asistir.

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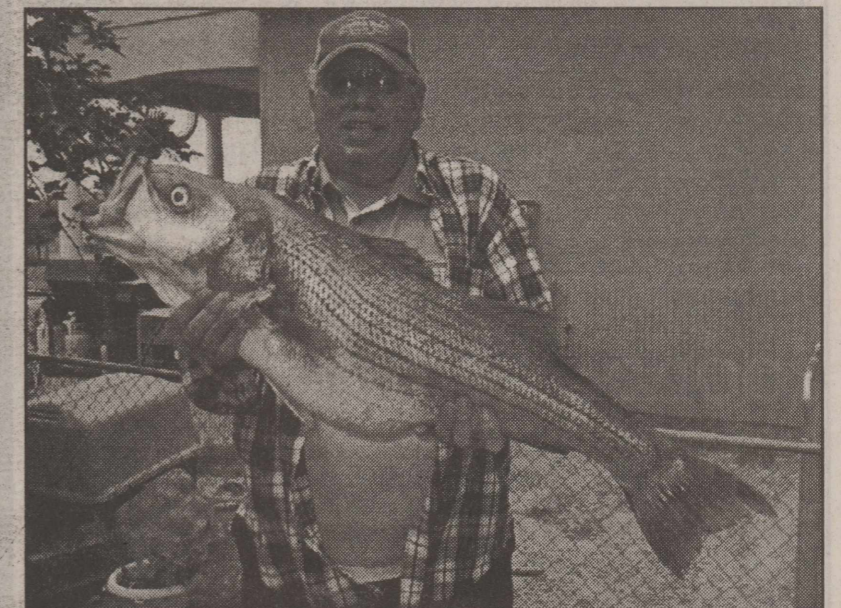
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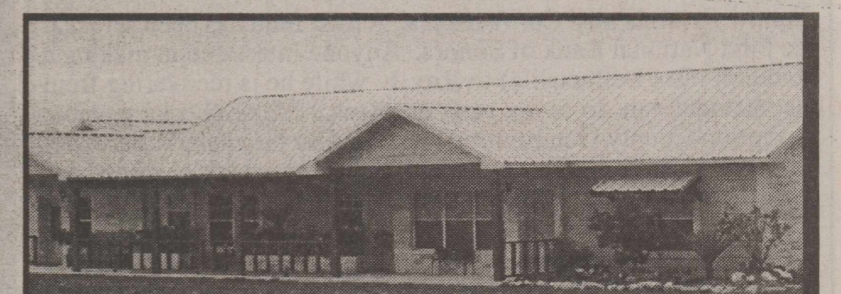
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Johnny Kirby of San Angelo (Johnny is the owner of Publishers Web, the company responsible for printing the Devil's River News) caught this 19.64 lb striper in Twin Buttes Reservoir. He landed this fish using a purple wacky worm, light weight spin cast reel, and 18-lb test line. Johnny fought the fish for 20 minutes before he was able to get it in the boat.

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AgriLife Extension Veterinary Camp Readies for Seventh Year

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Do you have high school youth looking for a fun learning experience this summer? The West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, open to all Texas youth, will be June 21 - June 25 at the Tom Green County 4-H Center in San Angelo.

The event is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton, Schleicher, Irion and Tom Green counties.

The seven year-old event introduces high school students to careers in veterinary science. Instructors will include veterinarians, university and research faculty, AgriLife Extension and Texas Animal Health Commission personnel. Related fields will also be explored.

Course topics will include: zoology, the Beef Quality Assurance Program, toxicology, parasitology, anaesthesiology, anatomy, nutrition, first aid, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, necropsy and horse medicine. The workshop will include classroom study, lab work and field trips.

Enrollment is limited to

30 students, but participants from across Texas are welcome to attend. Participants must be of high school age, have an interest in veterinary science and be willing to work in teams.

Adult project guides are also needed, but must pass a background check before participating.

Applications must be submitted to the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County by May 30. Participants will be informed of their acceptance by June 5. Applications are available from any AgriLife Extension county office or by visiting <http://suttonco.tamu.edu>.

Send applications to: AgriLife Extension Office-Sutton County P.O. Box 1047 Sonora, TX 76950

Individual registration is \$200, due on June 10. In the event of cancellations, refunds will be offered in full until June 15. The fee is non-refundable after June 15.

For more information, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo in Austin Suspended: Economic Downturn Is to Blame

AUSTIN, Texas — Because of a sponsorship revenue decline related to the economic recession, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is cancelling the Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo set for Oct. 3-4 in Austin. The agency will suspend the Austin event for at least this year and 2010 and will instead expand efforts to support similar events around the state.

"This was a difficult and painful decision, but after looking hard at the financial realities and seeking creative ways to keep the event going, we finally concluded that the economic recession is affecting sponsor support to the extent that it is not viable to stage Expo," said Carter Smith, TPWD executive director.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo has remained free to the public since its inception in 1992 thanks to sponsor support, but initial sponsor commitments this year have declined significantly. The Expo operating budget is more than \$400,000 in hard costs per year, money used to rent tents and contract for the many other services needed to stage the festival. That operating budget has been largely underwritten by sponsors, and the declining sponsorship revenue means the resources needed to stage Expo are simply not there.

The annual Expo has been billed as America's largest

free, family-oriented festival of the outdoors, drawing more than 35,000 visitors from across the state to TPWD headquarters in Austin. Held the first weekend of October, the event has allowed visitors of all ages to try activities like fishing, shooting, birding, photography, camping, climbing, mountain biking and more with gear and guidance provided free, plus free entry, parking and shuttle service.

"We will suspend Expo in 2009 and 2010 while we focus on expanding our outreach efforts statewide through partnerships with other organizations and through events held at our own facilities," said Ernie Gammage, TPWD Urban Outdoors Programs leader and Expo director. "Participating in existing events relieves a considerable financial burden while still allowing us to reach our desired audiences."

"Our goal remains the same: to engage underserved audiences and bring more people into the world of the great outdoors," Gammage said. "One of our core beliefs is that recreation leads to conservation. By introducing Texans, especially urban Texans, to outdoor recreation, the outdoors becomes more relevant to them. They come to care about it and finally to care for it."

The department has in recent

years pursued a deliberate strategy to partner with outside groups staging "Expo-like" events in various Texas cities, with goals to select events that reach larger audiences and achieve geographic and audience diversity across the state. Examples include stock shows and rodeos plus events targeted to minority audiences like Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis, and the Toyota Texas Bass Classic in October.

Gammage said TPWD plans to evaluate the situation in August 2010, and at that time determine whether Expo in Austin could be reinstated in

2011, or whether the alternate model of emphasizing statewide events should continue. Meanwhile, TPWD continues to actively seek and accept sponsor support for outreach events and similar efforts.

More information about statewide events and opportunities involving nature, history and the outdoors is on the TPWD Web site events calendar.

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ATHENS, Texas — If shooting fish in a barrel is easy, showing why Texas bass are bigger than ever is even easier.

While not even the editors of the American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms can come up with an explanation of where or how the expression "shooting fish in a barrel" originated, even this humble writer can ascertain why bigger bass are found in Texas today than 40 years ago.

Three words: Florida. Largemouth. Bass.

But you don't have to take my word for it. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) inland fisheries geneticist Dijar Lutz-Carrillo has been using the latest technology to analyze DNA from 147 bass weighing 13 pounds or more that have been entered into TPWD's ShareLunker program since 1995. (Samples were not available from all the entries during that period.)

First, a little background. The largemouth bass native to Texas are commonly called northern largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides salmoides*), and the Texas record for this subspecies was caught in 1945. It weighed 13.5 pounds.

Florida largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides floridanus*) were introduced into Texas public waters in the early 1970s by TPWD. This species is known to attain weights greater than 20 pounds.

Soon the Texas record began to go up, and up and up. The current Texas state largemouth bass record stands at 18.18 pounds and came from Lake Fork in 1992.

In what might qualify as a classic case of "Duh," Lutz-Carrillo found that of the 147 fish mentioned above, 76, or 52 percent, were pure Florida largemouth bass. Another 58, or 39 percent, were crosses between Florida and northern bass in which the Florida influence was stronger. That's a total of 91 percent in which the Florida bass genes dominated.

That comes as no surprise, but it's scientific confirmation of what TPWD inland fisheries biologists have been saying for years: TPWD's fish stocking program works.

But there were some surprises in the data, too.

Fish from Lake Fork, which has been stocked only with Florida bass (no northern bass) since its construction, produced 47 of the fish Lutz-Carrillo analyzed.

Yet only 30 percent of those fish were pure Florida. Another 53 percent had more Florida than northern genes. And four of the fish actually had more northern than Florida genes. Where did the northern bass genes come from? Most likely there were northern bass present in streams feeding the lake, and nature took its course.

Lake Alan Henry, near Lubbock, has also been stocked exclusively with Florida largemouth. Yet not all the 23 big fish analyzed had only Florida bass genes. Either northern largemouth somehow found their way into the lake, or some stocked fish had both northern and Florida genes. Genetic testing of just a few years ago was not as precise as it is today.

Falcon International Reservoir had four fish in the study. None of the fish in the study were pure Florida, but Florida genes dominated in all of them.

One thing does come through loud and clear from the figures: Not one single fish of the 147 was a pure northern largemouth, the native species. The impact of stocking Florida bass on the genetic make-up of the population couldn't be more evident. Florida genes make bigger bass, even in Texas.

Yet even bigger bass may be in Texas anglers' future. TPWD's ShareLunker program uses 13-pound or bigger bass donated by anglers in a selective breeding program, stocking the resulting fingerlings into public waters. Most are stocked as 1.5-inch fingerlings (some 78,000 in 2008), but a portion are designated as Operation World Record (OWR) fish and are reared to six inches before being stocked (more than 59,000 in 2008).

The growth of the OWR fish is being monitored and compared to growth rates of wild fish by TPWD biologists. Now in its fourth year, the program collected fish from Lake Raven, a small lake in Huntsville State Park, that give a hint of what may lie ahead.

While the average four-year-old wild fish from Lake Raven weighed 2.23 pounds, the average OWR fish weighed 2.88 pounds. And one of those OWR fish was 23 inches long and weighed a whopping 7.23 pounds!

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the warm summer months, be sure to handle food safely.

"Engage in regular physical activity"... this is one of the key recommendations from the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Having an active lifestyle can mean outings as a family for hiking, camping, and other recreational activities which often involve food. As we approach

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illness resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths each year. Common symptoms of foodborne illness include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal cramps.

The first step to food safety for outdoor activities is to plan ahead. Take some time to decide what you are going to eat and how you are going to cook it. These steps can help you determine what types of equipment you will need. You should also consider what you will have access to during your stay outdoors. Will you have water that is safe for drinking? Can you build a fire, use a grill, or use some type of portable stove to prepare foods?

Depending on your planned activities and access to equipment, you might consider

packing foods that do not require refrigeration such as peanut butter, crackers, juice boxes, canned meats, dried noodles and soups, beef jerky, dried fruits, nuts, or other dehydrated foods.

However, if you do plan to take along perishable foods, follow these suggestions to keep foods safe:

- Place perishable foods in a cooler with plenty of ice. You may even consider placing a refrigerator thermometer in a plastic bag in the cooler. Make sure the cooler temperature remains at 40 degrees or less.

- Try packing meat and poultry while it is still frozen to maintain the temperature. Also, full coolers will stay colder longer than one that is partially full.

- When packing raw meats, keep these items separate from other ready to eat foods such as fruits and vegetables in the cooler.

- Consider taking along two coolers - one for perishable foods which should only be opened when foods need to be prepared, and another for drinks which will be opened more frequently.

In hot summer weather, it's also important to remember that foods should not sit out for long periods of time. Generally speaking, you should discard any food left out more than two hours. However, if temperatures are greater than 90 degrees, food should not sit out any longer than one hour.

Finally, the most important food safety tip for outdoor fun is to wash your hands. Hand-washing is crucial to the prevention of foodborne illness. It's best to wash your hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds. If running water is not available, use a disposable towelette to wipe hands clean. You may also consider a hand sanitizing solution which can reduce germs but will not eliminate any dirt or grime present.

For more information about food safety, contact your local Texas AgriLife Extension Service office at 387-3604 or visit the following link:

United States Department of Agriculture - Food Safety and Inspection Service
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- Q: How will I know if my vomiting is morning sickness or the flu? **A: If it's the flu, you'll get better.**
- Q: What is the most common pregnancy craving? **A: For men to be the ones who get pregnant.**
- Q: What is the most reliable method to determine a baby's sex? **A: Childbirth.**
- Q: The more pregnant I get, the more often strangers smile at me. Why?
A: Cause you're fatter than they are.
- Q: My wife is five months pregnant and so moody that sometimes she's borderline irrational. **A: So what's your question?**
- Q: What's the difference between a nine-month pregnant woman and a model?
A: Nothing (if the pregnant woman's husband knows what's good for him).
- Q: How long is the average woman in labor? **A: Whatever she says divided by two.**
- Q: My childbirth instructor says it's not pain I'll feel during labor, but pressure. Is she right? **A: Yes, in the same way that a tornado might be called an air current.**

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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- the market or appraisal value of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the local government's use of your property
- the local government's which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person responsible should contact.)

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to support their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance

of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at:

(Insert address.)
300 EAST OAK STREET, SUITE 2
SONORA TX 76950

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13328, Austin, Texas 78711-3328.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraisal value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For a change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

EATON HILL PHOTO CONTEST – Results and Second Open House

By Delyse Jaeger

The First Annual Eaton Hill Outdoor Photo Contest turned out to be an overwhelming success! A total of 217 photographs were entered in the contest, representing exceptional local interest and talent. The photos are currently on display at the Eaton House Nature Center located at the top of City Hill Road. On Tuesday May 12th, the placings were revealed and contestants gathered with friends and family members to view the results and enjoy the impressive number, quality and variety of entries.

Due to the encouraging response, a second Open House is scheduled for this Thursday evening, May 21st, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the photographs atop Eaton Hill, as well as the beautiful view and typically cool breeze. Have a picnic, bring a lawn chair and stay a while!

The top three "Best of Show" photographs will be awarded and contestants can pick up their prizes at that time or anytime thereafter. Visitors are stopping by daily to see the pictures, and we'd like to keep the photos on display for another two to three weeks. All photos taken on Eaton Hill are eligible to be included in an upcoming Sonora's Eaton Hill calendar.

Contest placings are as follows:

Animals and Wildlife:

Adult/Group 1 – 1st Sheyla Harkey, 2nd Kathleen Freeman, 3rd Sheyla Harkey

Adult/Group 2 – 1st Dorothy Jungk, 2nd Karen Wilson, 3rd Tammie Tidwell

14 to 18 – 1st Marci Parks, 2nd Marci Parks, 3rd Jordan McGuffin

8 to 13 – 1st Juan Miguel Jimenez, 2nd Delaney Ramsdell, 3rd Lane Cahill

Scenic or Landscape

Adult/Non pro – 1st Nick Garza, 2nd Christopher Roque, 3rd Sam Kent

14 to 18 – 1st Tyler Edmondson, 2nd Corie Williams, 3rd Monica Sanchez

8 to 13 – 1st Darby Ramsdell

Plants & Flowers

Adult/Non pro – 1st Cathy Parks, 2nd Kathleen Freeman, 3rd Thia McKissack

8 to 13 – 1st Darby Ramsdell/Delaney Ramsdell, 2nd Lane Cahill, 3rd Hazel Kent

7 & Under – 1st Levi Garrett

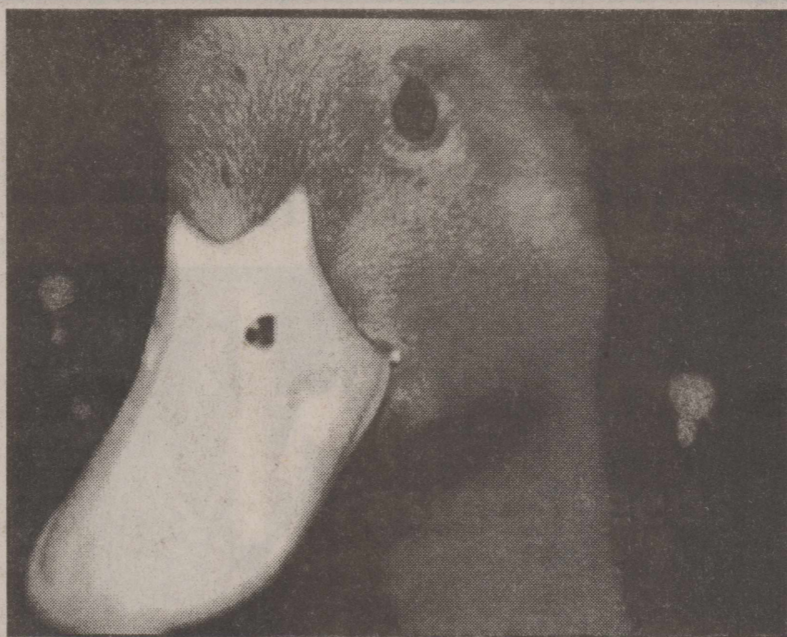
People/Portraits

Adult/Non pro – 1st Jalys Mabry, 2nd Sheyla Harkey, 3rd Kathleen Freeman

Eaton Hill Shots

– 1st Darby Ramsdell, 2nd Delaney Ramsdell, 3rd Kristin Garrett

Judging was incredibly difficult, and numerous Honorable Mention ribbons were also awarded. We appreciate the wonderful participation and hope everyone will come out and enjoy the show! As several parents commented, looking for photo opportunities is a fun and educational activity to do as a family, and the kids really begin to notice the beauty, wildlife and interest our region possesses. For more information please contact Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary at 387-2615.



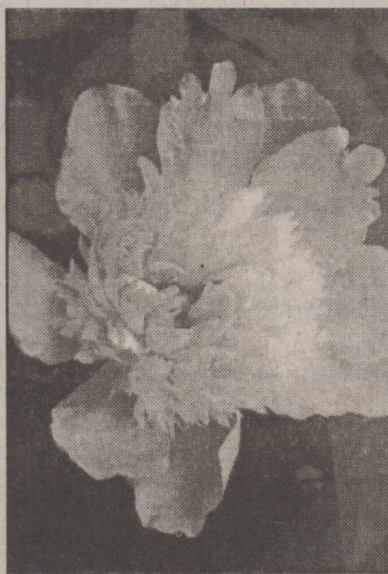
Marci Parks-Animals and Wildlife



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Darby Ramsdell-Eaton Hill Shots



Delaney Ramsdell-Plants and Flowers



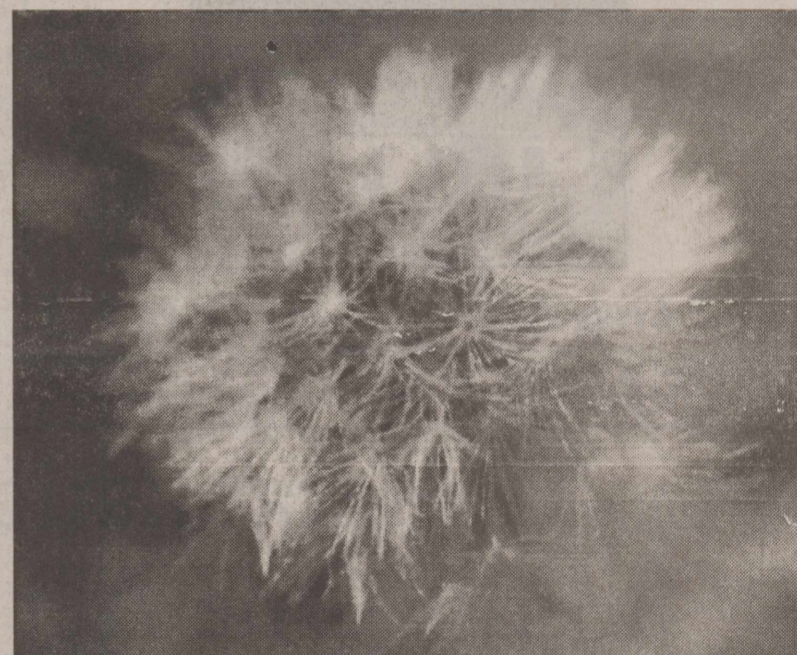
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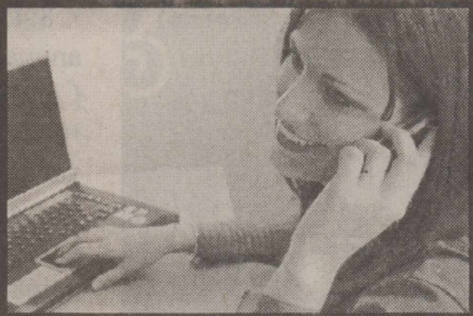


Cathy Parks -Plants and Flowers



Nick Garza - Scenic

ONE-STOP shop

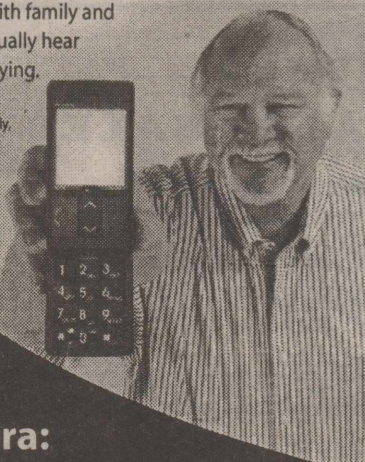


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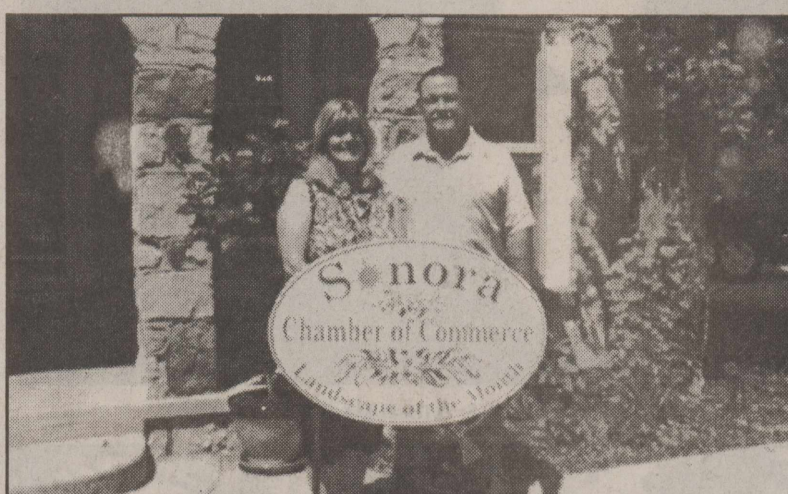
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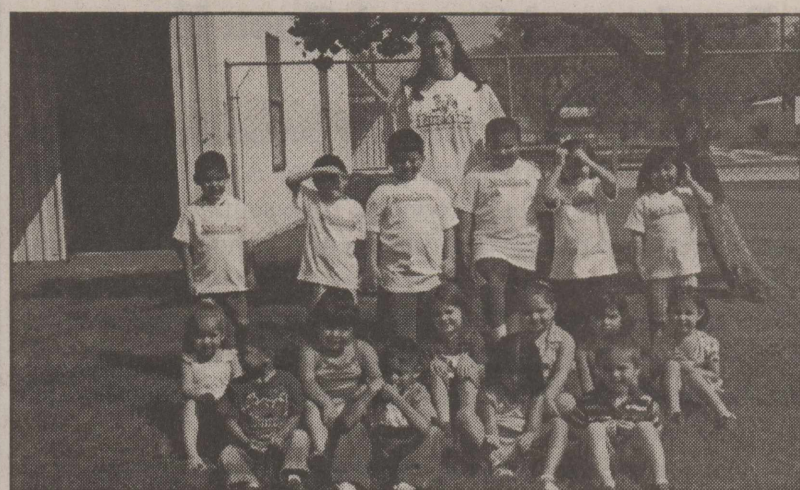
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Landscape of the Month



Rock House Boutique - Team Graphics, owned by Tryon and Cindy Fields, was chosen Landscape of the Month for May 2009 by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Head Start Trike-A-Thon



Sonora Headstart has participated in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon yearly. The Trike-A-Thon raises fund to continue the hospital's program of research, patient care, and education of childhood cancers and other diseases.

The Trike-A-Thon was held on March 27. This year we raised \$479.

Members of the Sonora Head Start Trike-A-Thon are as follows:

- Caleb Sanchez
- Erika Acevedo
- Cristian Capuchina
- Brianna Covey
- Christian De Luna
- Joshua Esquivel (absent)
- Hannah Galindo
- Jacky Galindo
- Guillermo Garcia
- Christian Guerrero
- Alma Hernandez
- Valerie Jimenez
- Logan Mayfield
- Madison Mayfield
- Jacob Ortiz
- Luis Rivas (absent)
- Chyenne Rivera
- Alyna Saenz

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Arrest(s):

April 28, 2009

• Esmerelda Ortiz Borrego, 39, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Probation Violation.

May 1, 2009

• Magda Blanco Molina, 35, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault.

Incidents:

April 27, 2009

• 10:05 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 5:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
• 6:15 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

April 28, 2009

• 8:53 AM: Caller reported a

disturbance. Officer responded.

• 9:46 AM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.

• 1:47 PM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

April 29, 2009

• 8:19 AM: Caller reported dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 8:21 AM: Caller reported dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 1:33 PM: Caller reported livestock on roadway. Deputy notified.

• 10:55 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

April 30, 2009

• 11:40 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 7:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

May 1, 2009

• 8:16 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

• 8:41 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 8:43 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 2:05 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.

• 2:11 PM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 6:06 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

May 2, 2009

• 8:40 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

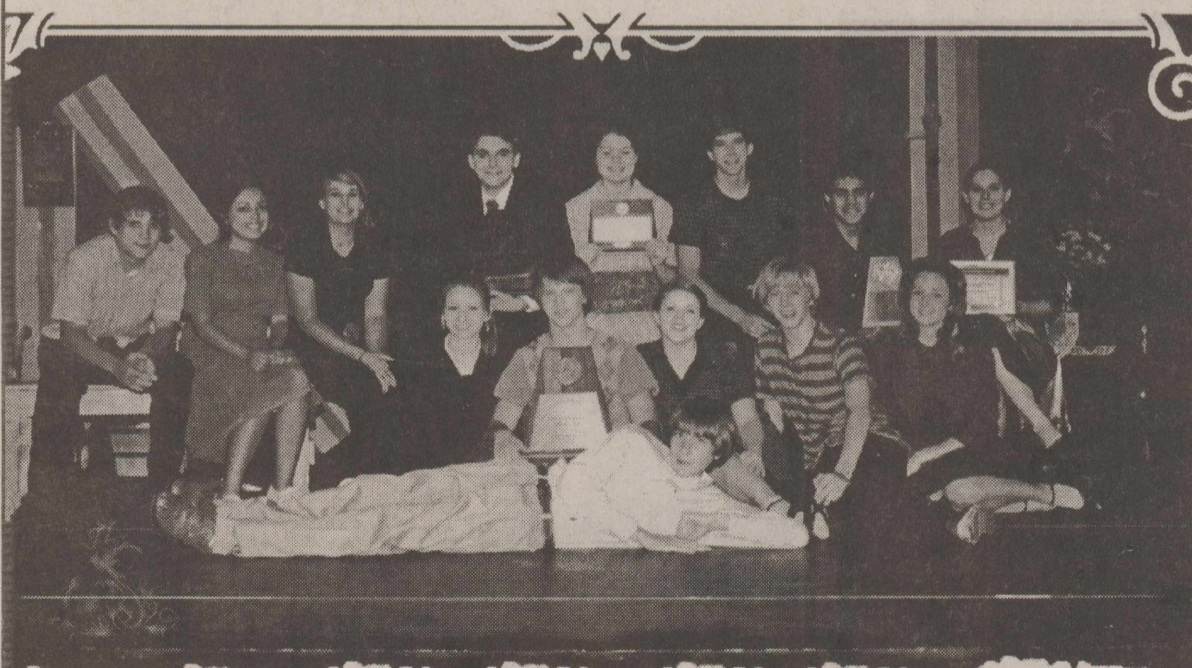
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Steven Pacheco
Best Over All Tech Crew
Honorable Mention
All Star Cast:
Mo'nica Traylor
Rose Karnes
All Star Cast:
Emily Newton
Zachary Leonard
Best Actor:
Colyer Dermody

Area:

Best Overall Tech Crew
All Star Cast:
Emily Newton
Rose Karnes
Colyer Dermody

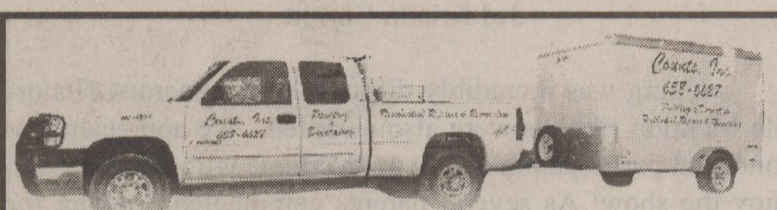
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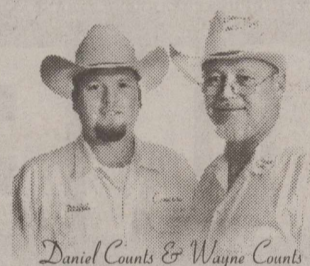
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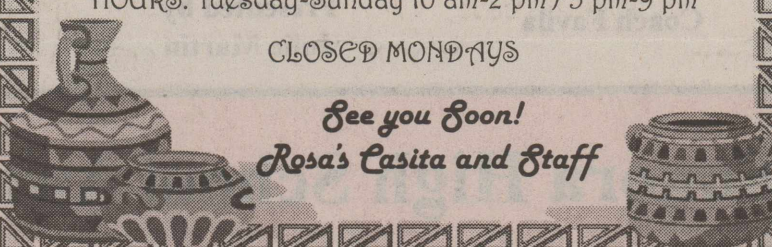
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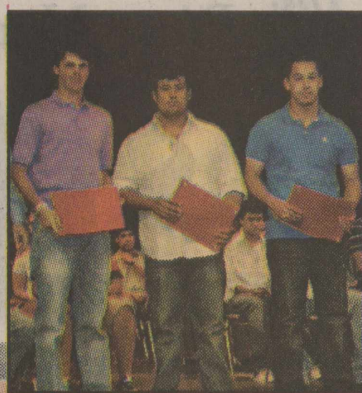
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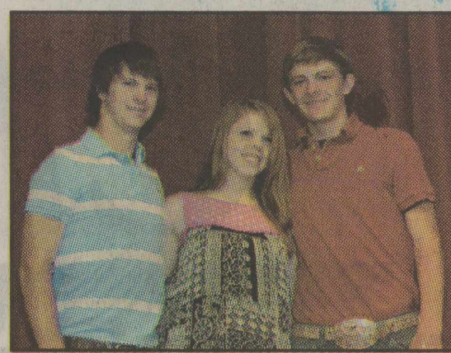
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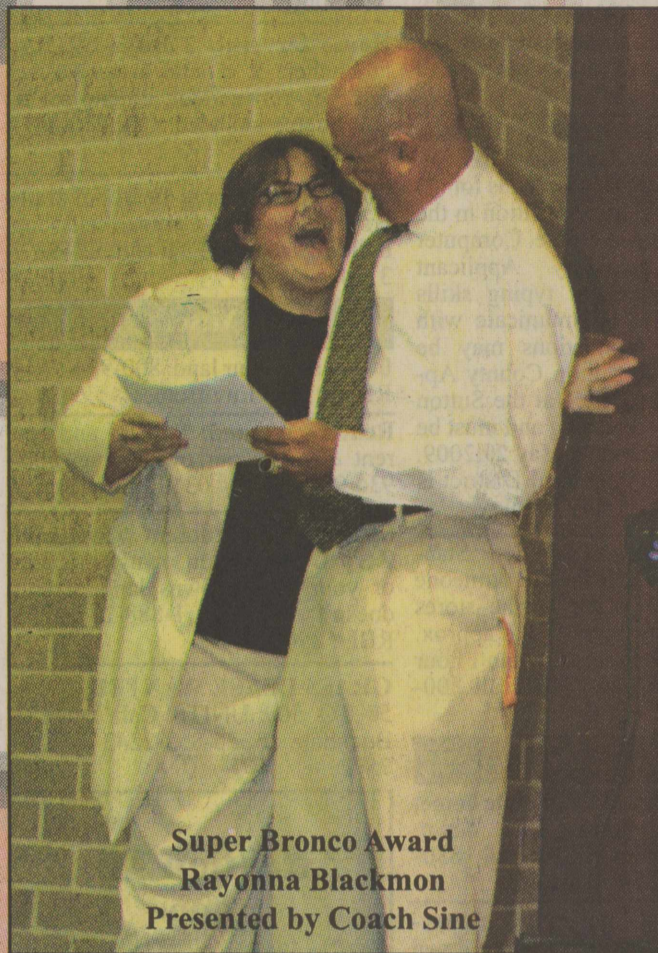
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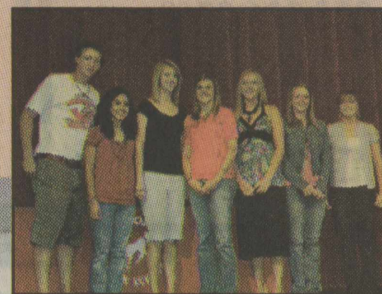
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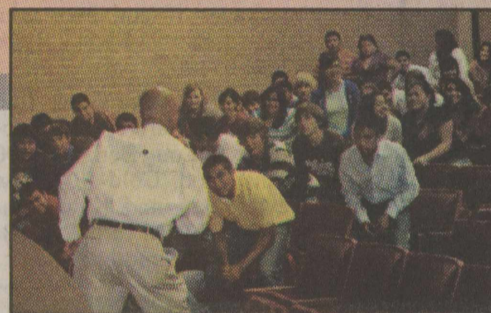
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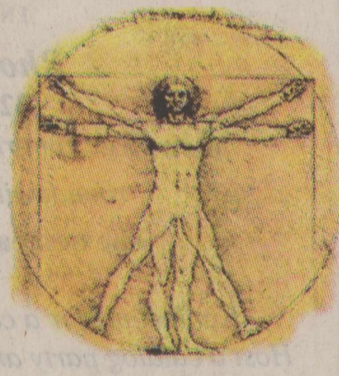


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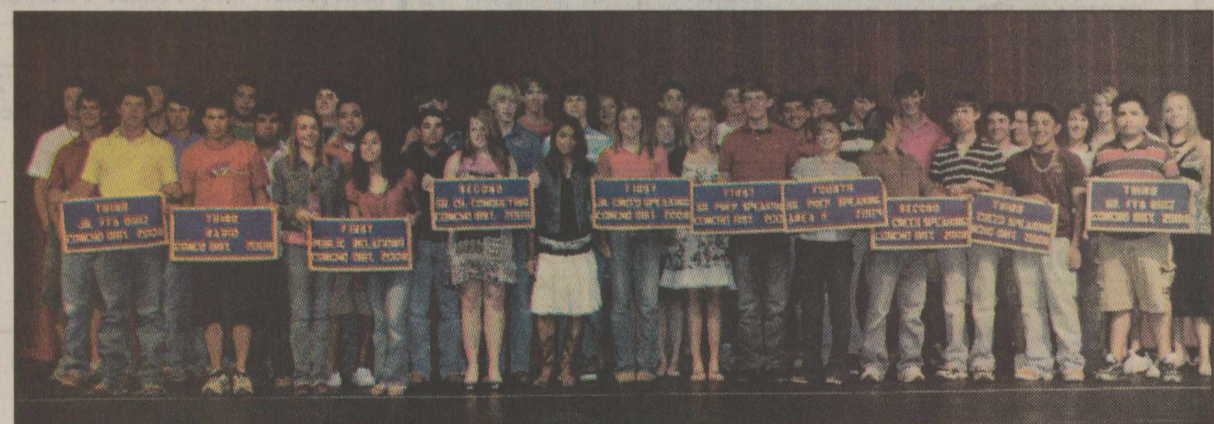
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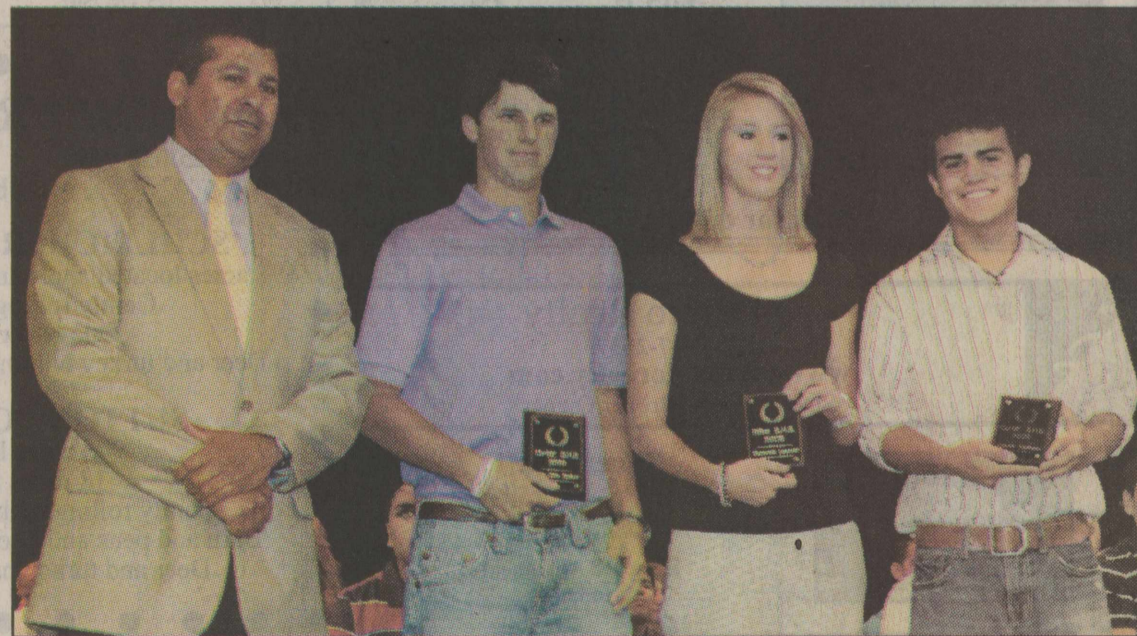
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