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Sonora Is Building A Beach

One Grain at a Time

By Ben D. Taylor

will not share that designation 23, 2010. unless they repeat these acts The bake sale will begin 8:00 support its own.

long time Sonora resident, tions from the community. Shanna Petty, was diagnosed

Kindness, as an abstract idea, with Lymphoma the town raldoes not get much attention in lied once again to help one of the contemporary world. We its citizens battle cancer. An tend to focus on grand ges- account was immediatly set up tures and great acts of hero-through the Community Trust ism. Kindness is one of those at the First National Bank of traits that is not defined by a Sonora for Shanna. Her friends single event, but by the ac- and concerned citizens then cumulation of many smaller started planning fund raising acts. Any action can be con- events culminating to a Bake sidered an "act of kindness", Sale, BBQ, and Dance all to but a person (or community) be held this Saturday, January

over time. The very nature of a.m. Saturday morning at three the concept of kindness makes different locations-the Village it hard to see. Imagine ev- Market, Dollar Store, and the ery act of kindness you have First National Bank. BBQ encountered in your life as a will then be served by Totally grain of sand. Then put all Wacked Catering at the Sutton in a pile and step back. What 12:00 p.m. for \$10.00 a plate. By Ben D. Taylor do you have? Is it a beach or a A dance will follow at 8:00 sandbox? Chances are if you P.M. with music provided by live in Sonora you will find the Blind Nello Band. Doug yourself standing on a beach, and Suzanne Huddleston also as the community brings forth donated an Audad hunt which another grain of kindness to will be auctioned off at the dance. All food and entertain-When the word got out that ment were provided by dona-

Sonora Wins Ozona UIL Meet



The Sonora High School Academic and Speech Teams made the first of many contributions to the High School's Trophy case.



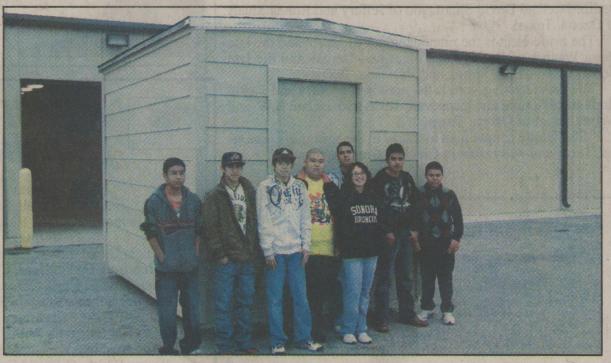
those grains of sand together County Civic Center starting at The SHS Debate team brought home top honors.

The Sonora High School events). academic and speech teams traveled to Ozona this Janu- School won the sweepstakes- bang. ary 8 for the Ozona academic and speech meet, and they returned champions. Over 20 Sonora students brought back 19 medals (they placed 3rd or higher in their respective

meaning that they brought in more points than any other school. The Sonora Speech team also placed first overall, with the SHS debate team bringing in their fair share of points. Cross Ex. Debate teammates, Kash McGee and Alexis Galindo placed first, and Zachary Leonard and Leandra Casteneda placed 3rd. Lincoln Douglas debaters Rebecca Hudson and Ali Castro placed 1st and 2nd respec-

This was the first competition of the academic UIL season, and these students have Overall, Sonora High started this season off with a

Ag Students Class Project To Return Dividends



Proud students stand in front of their construction project.

By Ben D. Taylor

age shed with materials do- remarkable job on this shed." nated by Parker Lumber. This a silent auction to be held at Kissire with this idea, stating projects for both commuthe High School Ag Shop on that he had done simular things nity members and industrial 3:00 p.m. The proceeds of in before. The donation of shed will directly benefit the this auction will go to benthe materials for this project ag program. If you are interestit the Sonora Ag program. is a continuation of the supested in bidding on the project Ag teacher Michael Kissire port Parker Lumber has shown please contact Michael Kisstated, "The freshmen class Sonora students in the past. "I sire for information, details

The Sonora High School Ag portunity with Mike Cox and continued support of our kids. freshmen have completed con- Parker Lumber came up and I also want to thank all the struction of an 8ft x 12ft stor we jumped at it. The kids did a businesses and community

Parker Lumber manager our program." shed will be auctioned off in Mike Cox, first approached February 1 from 1:00 p.m. to with communities he had lived shows, but the sale of this usually spends their first year would like to thank Mike Cox or to view the shed. in the classroom, but this op- and Parker Lumber for their

members for their support of

The ag program constructs

Colts Take District Championship



Back Row: Ethan Patlan, Lionel De Leon, Andres Acevedo, Brett Castillo, Louie Castro, and Sid Anderson. Front Row: Gus Barrera, Isaac Friar, Dub Latham, Hunter Hughes, and Tanner Esparza.

Submitted by Shelly Hughes

The Sonora Middle School 7th grade Colts traveled to Crane to play in the District basketball tournament on January 14-16th. They began the tournament with a game against Ozona. These two teams had met three times previously and the Colts were victorius in two of those games. Thursday's game was a tough one with the Lions coming out on top. Brett Castillo was high point with 8, Andres Acevedo had 6, and Louie Castro and Ethan Patlan each

This put the Colts into the Consolation bracket. They went back to Crane on Saturday and came away with two victories and the Consolation trophy. The first game Saturday was against Crane and Louie Castro was high point with 14. Brett Castillo had 8, Andres Acevedo had 7, Hunter Hughes had 3, and Sid Anderson, Lionel De Leon, Isaac Friar, and Gus Barrera had 2 each. The final game of the tournament was against Presidio.

The Colts came out on top and took the trophy with Andres Acevedo as high point with 10. Louie Castro had 8, Hunter Hughes had 7, Brett Castillo had 6, Lionel De Leon had 3, and Ethan Patlan and Gus Barrera had 2 each. The 7th grade Colts played with lots of heart and determination. With only four games left in their season, these boys have learned a lot and are looking forward to being Broncos in a couple of years.



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Senior Center Activities

Thur. Jan. 21 - Crafts anyone?

Fri. Jan. 22 - Happy birthday Vicenta Lopez

Mon. Jan. 25 - Happy birthday Lupe Mendez, Maggie Mesa

Tues. Jan. 26- Happy birthday Arturo Trevino Wed. Jan. 27- Cooking w/Kelly-Nutrition Ed. @ noon

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Jan. 21 - Fried fish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins,

bread pudding w/raisins and milk Fri. Jan. 22 - Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes,

green beans, coleslaw, rolls, carrot cake Mon. Jan. 25 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, noodles, zucchinni, garlic bread, white cake w/carmel icing

Tues. Jan. 26 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding w/fruit and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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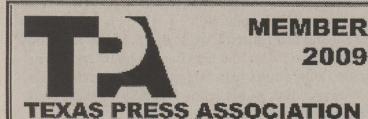
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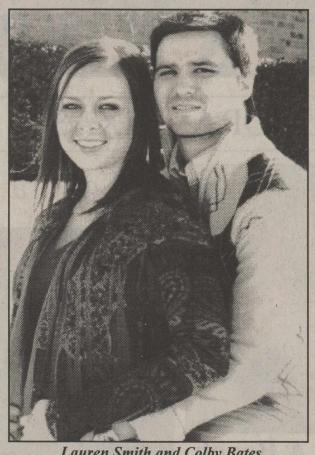
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Engagements

Smith and Bates



Lauren Smith and Colby Bates

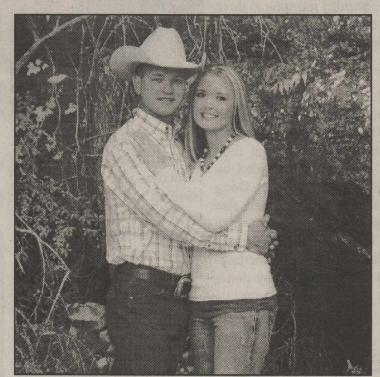
Mr. and Mrs. DeVoe Smith would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Christine Smith to Colby John Bates.

Colby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bates and he is a 2002 graduate of Grape Creek High School. He graduated in 2009 from Angelo State University with a degree in Kineseology. He is currently employed at the Winters Independent School District as a coach and special education teacher.

Lauren is a 2006 graduate of Sonora High School. She is currently attending Dental Hygiene School in Big Spring, Texas and will graduate in May of 2010.

The couple will be married on July 10, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Sonora, Texas.

Stuart and Bedford



Paul Stuartand and Lavenda Bedford

Johnny and Desiree Bedford of Lubbock, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lavenda Lace Bedford to Paul David Stuart, son of Jeffery and Ronda Stuart of Ozona, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Janice and the late Doug Wagner of Big Spring, Texas and Dorcas and the late Bob Bedford of Big Spring and Burleson, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Jerry and Jackie Hopkins of Sonora and Roosevelt, Texas and the late B.W. and Wanda Stuart of Ozona, Texas.

The happy couple plan to marry in the spring in Fort Davis, Texas and will reside in Crockett County, Texas.

> When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible. ~Nora Ephron, When Harry Met Sally

First United Methodist Church



201 NW Water Ave. (325) 387-2466 Ray Wells, Pastor

Sunday Nursery available from 9:30 - 12:30 Sunday School 9:45 10:55 Worship 6:00 Bible Study

Tuesday 12:00 Lion's Club

Wednesday 5:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall Jr. High Youth - St John's Sunday House Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

Republican Primary Election

The 2010 Election is proving to be an exciting year. The Republican Party is pleased to submit this slate of local candidates for the March 2nd Primary. Remember to vote, it's your right and it's your privilege!

Incumbent Carla Garner refilled for County Judge. Rachel Chavez Durant, currently Chief Deputy Clerk, filed for District and County Clerk. Janalyn Jones currently serving as County Treasurer filed for County Treasurer. Bill Keel filed for County Commissioner, Precinct 2 Incumbent John K. Wilson refilled for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 and Robert Sol Mayer filed with the state party to run for State Senator District 19. VOTE on March 2nd!



BENEFIT DANCE For Shanna Petty

Blind Nello Band

January 23rd, 2010 **Sutton County Civic Center**

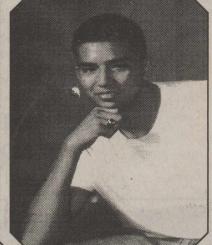
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Happy 18th Birthday





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January 21 Savannah Savell, Sablan Robles, Tanner Cain, Dan Hawkins, Roy Mesa January 22

Alicia Dawn, Lance Castro, Michelle Krieg, Tara Johnson, Carrie Herd, Callie Herd, Doris Hull, Bianca Sepeda, Carla Garner, James Lee Leonard, Chantal Ramirez, Chastain Spiller, Emmitt Wilson January 23

Frank Gabriel Esquivel, Willie B. Munoz, Susan Brown, Straton Rushing, Katherine Sparks, Alonzo Perez, Ronny Smith, Gileardo Favila, Bradyn Lippie,

Amy Tidwell, Jake Ponsetti January 24

Tecka Mobley, Louise Dermody, Edward Mata, Claudia Dempsey, Stevie Hernandez, Travis Traylor, Halle Samaniego, Meghan Hernandez, Joetta Friess, Jonathan Martin January 25

Tori Harris, Diana Green Artiega, Guadalupe Mendez, Amanda Sanchez, Mike Routh, Richard Espinosa, Jr., Jaden Sanchez, Luis Lira, Jr.

January 26 Pat Gillit, Cody Gann, Yvonne Lopez, Rhonda Blackman, Tommy Gomez, Rebecca M. Perez, Ashley Guerra, Arturo Trevino

January 27 Sierra Samaniego, Katrina Šanchez, Hunter Lawson, Timothy Young, Delilah Aguero, Adrianne San Miguel, Robert Zapata III, Shannon Vick

Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

The Sonora Main Street Program receives a lot of information that is emailed to me everyday, and I would like to share another great story with you. Barbara Wold has over 45 years of firsthand retail experience in executive and sales management. Marketing and repositioning have made Ms. Wold one of retail's most sought after speakers and seminar leaders. I would like to invite you to read and enjoy some of these ideas. The downtown is looking for more shoppers and new business owners. Times may be hard in our economic community, but we must work together to be able to survive. If you would like to start a business... then let's visit and see if we can't come up with some ideas that would make your dream a reality.

Killer Marketing With Little or "NO" Money Cost-Effective Ways to Promote Your Business

PR? Advertising? Promotion? Are you overwhelmed by so many ways to market your business that you just don't do anything? Don't let marketing scare you; join us for a crash course in cost-effective ways to promote your business. Is your business getting enough daily traffic? Are you seeing any new faces? If not, it is time to try some traffic builders. This program will arm you with concepts, strategies and tactics to help your business reach the level of success you desire - all within your limited budget.

• Create bullet-proof promotions, public relations and direct mail pieces that always work

• Traffic building events

• Turn your customers into Facebook Fans

• Find out what will pull customers through the door

• Get noticed in an over-retailed marketplace

This program will strip away the hype and hoopla and reveal what you need to do to increase your company's sales and profits with productive, cost-effective ideas.

By: Barbara Wold, Global Retail & Consumer Expert, Professional Speaker, Keynote Presentations, Seminars & Workshops, Merchant Retention & Downtown Revitalization

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street will be having visiting guests on the week of January 20-22, 2010. The Texas Downtown Board of Directors have chosen Sonora as the place for them to have their planning retreat. I am so proud to be able to share our community with these fellow downtown folks. I would like to express my appreciation to the Sutton County Historical Society for allowing us to use the John & Mildred Couthorn Memorial Trust St. Fe Train Depot. A big "thank you" to First National Bank of Sonora and the Bank and Trust of Sonora for helping us entertain and provide great West Texas BBQ catered by Totally Wacked. A special note of appreciation to our motels for the special way they welcome our guests to the community.

A special note to everyone who came to welcome the new City Manager, Judy Miller, to our community and to First National Bank of Sonora and the Bank & Trust of Sonora for all they did to make Judy feel right at home.

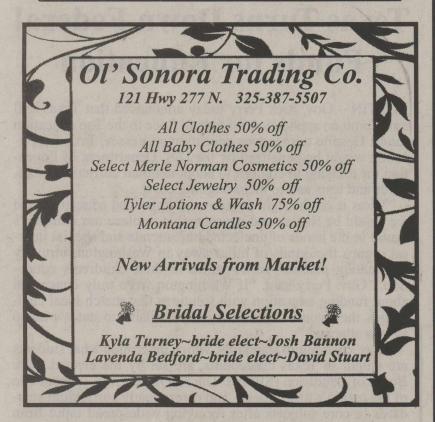
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Sonora Elementary School's Students of the Week



PK-Sebastian Mata, not pictured K-Abigail Fuentes, not pictured 1-Kaylea Liggett, 2-Jayde Bean, 3-Sterling Smith, 4-Janet Baez

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Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser benefitting the 8th grade Washington D.C./New York Trip will take place on January 29, 2010 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm in the high school commons area. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, dessert, and a drink for \$6.00 per ticket for persons age 4 and up. Participating students will have the tremendous opportunity to tour our nation's capitol, as well as visit New York City. If you are interested in supporting this once in a lifetime trip for these students, please contact the Sonora Middle School office at 387-6948 to purchase Spaghetti Supper tickets. Ticket sales will end on January 23rd.

The Voice of the Sonora Broncos

8:30 Morning Show with Eddy and Cindy





Mondays -Agriculture Tuesday -Sonora ISD News & Sonora Bronco Coach's Corner Wednesday Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital News with
Dr. Kristy D. Edwards, M.D.
& Devil's River Newsday. Thursday Veterinary News with Dr. Gene Gibbens, DVM
Friday -

Voice Of The Sonora Bronco's Sports ... GO BRONCOS!!!

Bake Sale for our friend Shanna Petty, Saturday, January 23, 2010 @ Food Center, Dollar General & First National Bank 8:00 am 'til we sell out, lots of fun, food, friendship and fundraising!!! Shanna is traveling back & forth to M.D. Anderson in Houston, TX and could certainly use "travel funds" for her many trips. We would like to alleviate this worry for her and her family. If you want to help, hang-out, or have a question, please call Danni Price at 226-3183; Lynn Wipff at 226-4476; JoAnn Jones at 387-3861 or any of the other "gals". Thank you. :)

Census Jobs Apply Now- 1-866-861-2010. There will be a local application process and testing weekly. Please call for more information.

VIVA SONORA-Registration for Viva Sonora 2010 Miss Cinco de Mayo is underway. A chance to win a \$1000.00 scholorship. Please register with Michelle Faz at The Bank and Trust or call 387-2593.

Classes are beginning for anyone interested in Foster Care or Adoptive Parenting through Child Protective Services of

The meetings will be held at Lighthouse Community Church starting on Jan. 9, 2010, and will continue on every Saturday for six weeks from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Yvonne Martinez at (325) 657-8833.

Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo - May 1, 2010 Featuring: United Freestyle Stunt Team-3 performances, www.unitedfreestyle.com

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 special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalumni.com. For more information log on to sonoraalum@aol.

The First National Bank of Sonora has established a fund through the "Sutton County Community Trust" for Shanna Petty. If you would like to make a donation, you can take it by the bank at 102 E. Main or mail to First National Bank, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950, attention Jo Ann Jones





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Lions Roar



Front Row L to R: District Governor, Roy Landry, Keeli Taylor, Mario Oliden, 6th grader Ryan Martinez, 7th grader Abby Nolan, 5th grader Isela Rivas, 8th grader Tori Harris

Back Row L to R: Bailey Joe Pennington, Frank Wamble, Shainah Johnson, Ami Hernandez, Mrs. Dana Leamon, Middle School Councilor

Submitted by Frank Wamble

I have been around this Lions Club for many years and can't remember more activities packed into one meeting. Last week we had about eleven interesting and distinguished visitors. We had Queens, a Governor, a former Governor, a Tail Twister, Band Majorette, a President, Track Stars, Counselor, and a number of Sonora's students and future leaders. Obviously, I need to explain, so lets go.

Our first distinguished guest was our District Governor(DG) Roy Landry of Lions Clubs International and the west Texas Lions leader. The District Governor expressed his admiration for our Club and the general need to increase membership in all Clubs. He was accompanied by his Tail Twister and Past District Governor (PDG) Marshall Twombly who is the District Chair for youth programs. His mission was to inform us of the Lion youth programs available to Sonora's students. Currently, there are two contests open to our students:

Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest **Outstanding Youth Contest**

Interested students contact the Sonora HS guidance Counselor for rules, applications and deadlines.

Our Lions Club Queen Keeli Taylor and Miss Sutton County Shainah Johnson were in attendance. These young women epitomize the term "Community Service" and we are honored to have them as part of this Club. They are GIVERS not TAKERS and represent this community with grace and dignity.

Mrs. Dana Leamon Middle School Counselor brought the "Students of the Week" for lunch and where they had an opportunity to address the Club. They were 5th grader Isela Rivas, 6th grader Ryan Martinez, 7th grader Abby Nolen and 8th grader Tori Harris. Thanks, Mrs. Leamon and Students for gracing us with your presence.

Three exceptional High School leaders and students were presented to the Club...Junior Bailey Joe Pennington, Seniors Amy Hernandez, and Mario Oliden. There is not enough space available in this newspaper to enumerate the accomplishment of these outstanding citizens and students. Lets just say, the Club was honored that they shared their experiences with us. Mrs. Stacy Fisher, President of RELAY for Life briefed the Club, provided and overview and briefed the Lions Club on our responsibilities for the April 17,2010. The Lions will provide Event Insurance for the function as well as cook and serve the survivor dinner. As you know, the Relay for Life will be held in town. Thank you Stacy and your staff for all you do to help put a spotlight on this hideous disease in search of a cure. Citizens please support Stacy and her volunteers

Take time to thank a School Board member for their service to this community. GO BRONCOS!

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January 2010 Is School Board Recognition Month



Standing L to R: Don Gibson, Tommy Van Winkle, Vice-President; Jesse Bustamante, Jerry Jimenez, Tryon Fields, President; Barbara Jennings, Secretary; Dawn Cahill, and Carol Pope

Submitted

tarily tackling the enormous are given every opportunity

neighbors, are elected by the said. Superintendent.

"Our school board members

Governor Rick Perry has are a vital link between the proclaimed January as School community and the classroom. Board Recognition Month to They bear responsibility for an help highlight the contribu- annual budget of \$27,000,000, tions of dedicated men and over 925 students, 175 emwomen who take the time to ployees, and three campuses. care about our local schools. Their job is not an easy one, Sonora ISD will join dis- but they have a commitment tricts across the state to thank to serve their community board members for volun- and ensure that all students job of governing local school to excel through education. Help us show appreciation to "As advocates for our chil- these board members for givdren, school board mem- ing of themselves and caring bers face difficult challeng- so much about every child enes. These local citizens, our rolled in our schools," Gibson

community to make critical The men and women serving decisions that directly affect Sonora ISD as board members the future of our youth. They are: Tryon Fields, President; work tirelessly, devoting Tommy Van Winkle, Vicecountless hours to help ensure President; Barbara Jennings, a quality education that will Secretary; and Jesse Bustalead our students to success, " mante, Dawn Cahill, Jerry Jisaid Don Gibson, Sonora ISD menez, and Carol Pope, members.

Sonora Middle School Students of the Week



Jan. 6 - Jan. 15 Left to Right: Tori Harris, Abby Nolan, Ryan Martinez, Isela Rivas



Jan. 18- Jan. 22. Left to right: Dakota Castro, Cassandra Amaro, Logan Sine, Corley Walsh

Give to Haiti Relief Fund

On January 12, 2010, a Obama has promised the peomassive earthquake struck ple of Haiti that "you will not catastrophic damage inside forgotten." The United States and around the capital city Government has mobilized of Port-au-Prince. President resources and manpower to

1st Alexis Galindo

2nd Kash McGee

4th Ali Castro

Overall Sweepstakes

Champion

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Texas Turns Down Federal Funds for Education

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced that Texas will not submit an application for federal Race to the Top education funds. Despite tremendous education successes, Texas' application would be penalized by the U.S. Department of Education for refusing to commit to adopt national curriculum standards and tests and to incur ongoing costs.

"Texas is on the right path toward improved education, and we would be foolish and irresponsible to place our children's future in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and special interest groups thousands of miles away in Washington, virtually eliminating parents' participation in their children's education," Gov. Perry said. "If Washington were truly concerned about funding education with solutions that match local challenges, they would make the money available to states with no strings attached."

Texas' curriculum standards, which determine what students are taught in Texas classrooms, are set by the elected State Board of Education (SBOE). The SBOE recently adopted one of the nation's first college- and career-ready curriculum standards in core subjects after receiving widespread input from Texas education and business leaders.

"I wholeheartedly support the governor's decision," Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott said. "This one-time grant program would result in mandates for districts that would last for decades."

Through Race to the Top funding, the U.S. Department of Education seems to be coercing states like Texas to suddenly abandon their own locally established curriculum standards in favor of adopting national standards spearheaded by organizations in Washington, D.C. While Texas could be eligible for up to \$750 million in Race to the Top funding, it would cost Texas taxpayers upwards of \$3 billion to realign our education system to conform to the U.S. Department of Education's uniform vision for public education.

"Texas has been working to implement research-based education reforms for years, culminating with great solutions for Texas children, and we should qualify for Race to the Top funding based on what we have already accomplished," Rep. Rob Eissler, Public Education Committee chairman, said. "Instead, Texas will be penalized in its Race to the Top application for not complying with the federal government's concepts about what is best for the children of Texas. In short, the two things I worry about in education are fads and feds, and this combines both."



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Pesticide License Expiration Reminders for Applicators

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural **Extension Agent**



At this time of year, many of you call us about renewal on pesticide applicator licenses. Remember that for many pesticide applicators, licenses come due February 28th. Private applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM). Commercial and noncommercial applicators must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, IPM and drift minimization.

Here are some reminders on recent changes:

1) Certificate holders (individuals who received their Private Applicators license before September 10, 1989) must now renew by February 28th every five years, rather than the original Dec. 31 expiration date. 2) Another change is for recent licensees. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) implemented a new licensing system and changed the expiration date to make the licensing process more efficient. New pesticide applicator licenses will expire five years from the anniversary date they were issued.

All TDA license holders should receive a renewal notice about a month before the license expires. You simply return your renewal notice with an indication of having satisfied the 15 CEU renewal requirement. Applicators should report any mailing address changes to be sure to receive the renewal notice. And remember that it is up to individuals to keep track of C.E.U.s and certificates of completion.

Be aware that TDA will not allow applicators who have accumulated the required CEUs before December 31st to roll forward CEUs accumulated between January and February of the year in which their license expires. What this means to you is, no CEUs can be carried forward at any time. If an applicator receives more than the number of CEUs they need in any recertification period, the extra CEUs are just good information!

For clarification or additional information, contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

Technology Terms for Country Folk

- 1. LOG ON: Makin a wood stove hotter.
- 2. LOG OFF: Don't add no more wood.
- 3. MONITOR: Keepin an eye on the wood stove.
- 4. DOWNLOAD: Gettin the farwood off the truk.
- 6. MODEM: Whut cha did to the hay fields.
- 7. RAM: That thar thing whut splits the farwood.
- 8. HARD DRIVE: Gettin home in the winter time. 9. PROMPT: Whut the mail ain't in the winter time.
- 10. WINDOWS: Whut to shut wen it's cold outside.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at The USDA Service Center in Sonora. This meeting will be on January 27, 2010 at 9:00 am.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Sutton County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Sonora at 325/387-2730. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

O.H. Ivie Back in Toyota ShareLunker Fold

ATHENS, Texas — O.H. Ivie Reservoir and other West Texas lakes suffered from drought from the late 1990s until 2004, when rains came again.

The drought took two forms: low water and few big bass caught.

The fish drought ended January 16, when Ben Blaine of Merkel landed a 14.02-pound largemouth bass from O.H. Ivie. It became Toyota ShareLunker No. 475.

"We've been expecting it," said Bobby Farquhar, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) inland fisheries regional director from San Angelo. "About six to seven years after the end of a drought you usually see the big fish start to come out."

Blaine caught his fish at 5:00 p.m. in 12 to 15 feet of 48degree water on a DD-22. The fish was 25.5 inches long and 21.25 inches in girth.

Five ShareLunkers have come from the lake previously: three in 2000 and two in 2002. "All those fish were from the original 5. MEGA HERTZ: When yer not kerful gettin the far- stockings in 1990 and 1991," Farquhar said. "When the lake went down, we had too many bass, and they didn't grow. We changed the regulation to let anglers keep two fish under 18 inches, and that plus the rise provided better conditions. There were lots of adult fish in the lake, and they produced strong year classes in 2004 and 2005. I would not be surprised to see more ShareLunkers. We've had several reports of 12-pounders being caught in the last year."

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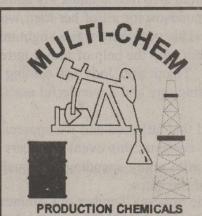


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Chamber Chatter



Submitted by: Donna Garrett

Commerce sponsored the Mother- Son Date Nite at the Sutton Michael rehearsed with the Symphonic Band (the best players County Civic Center. The event has been sponsored by the Chamber for the past three years and has been a great success. What a wonderful time for moms and sons to have a night of dancing and a chance to spend some quality time together! The Chamber would like to thank the board of directors for four selections, ending with Rifle Regiment, a very difficult helping with this event. I would also like to thank my admin- march written by John Philip Sousa. istrative assistant Tibba Edmondson for all of her hard work in organizing this fun night. This year there was a slight misunderstanding with our DJ, but with the help of Jody Luttrell, the dance went on as usual. Thank you Jody for coming to our rescue! You are an amazing guy and a wonderful asset to Sonora.

your patience. We hope to continue this event for years to come. The boys really seem to enjoy spending this quality Simmons University in Abilene. time with their moms and special dates.

On February 5, 2010 the Sonora Chamber of Commerce students in the band. will host the Daddy-Daughter Date Nite at the Sutton County Civic Center from 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Forms will be ready soon. So look forward to an exciting night with your dad or your date of choice! Mark your calendars!

All Region Bands



Kali Mendez, Eddie Chance, Band Director, Kaitlyn Gibbens

Sonora High was represented in the Region 7 All Region Bands this year by three students. By going through tryouts these students earned spots in these Bands.

High School student Michael Stevens participated in the Region 7 All Region Band Saturday, January 16, 2010, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Michael earned his spot in this band in tryouts for All – State that were held at Cisco was the 4th chair selected from 25 tubas trying out, and not only earned a spot in the Symphonic Band, but also earned the privilege of advancing to the Area level of All – State tryouts. These tryouts were held Saturday, January 9th, 2010, at Robinson High School in Waco. At those tryouts, he came in 11th of On Friday, January 15, 2010 the Sonora Chamber of 18 tubas, and the top four advanced to the All – State Bands. on each instrument at the tryouts) on Friday evening for two hours, again Saturday morning for two hours, and Saturday afternoon for two hours. The Concert Band played first, followed by the Symphonic Band, directed by Chris Anderson, director of the Goin' Band From Raiderland. The band played

Middle School students Congratulations to Kali Mendez on clarinet and Kaitlyn Gibbens on French horn for making the Region 7 All Region Band in tryouts on Friday, December 11, 2009, in Early (near Brownwood).

These girls returned to Ballinger Saturday morning, December 12, 2009, where they rehearsed with 78 other musi-A special thanks to all that attended and we appreciate cians and played a concert Saturday evening in Ballinger's High School Auditorium.

The band was directed by Dr. Wayne Dorothy of Hardin-

Sonora was one of 16 bands in the West Zone that placed

Twelve other students also tried out in a good effort to make saxophone), Josh Acosta, Aishah Castruita, Isaac Fraire, Michael Gonzalez and Dub Latham on trumpet, Chasady Braly and Hunter Hughes on trombone, and Gumaro Castruita on



A Hermit Thrush finds water at Inspiration Point during the recent freeze. The lower tank held a thick coating of ice, however the solar panel kept the tiered babbling brook in motion, much to the delight of birds and wildlife. Photo by Jacqui Bills

Glancing Back

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary has enjoyed quite a growth Junior College in Cisco on Saturday, December 6, 2009. He spurt this past year, mostly due to the opportunities created through the use of the Eaton house. Basing operations on site has increased our intimacy with the"nature" of the hill, provided more interaction with visitors, and launched the beginnings of an outdoor education center that can one day serve the entire region. Following several visits to established Nature Centers, Eaton Hill underwent an assessment/teaching/planning session with Burr Williams, Naturalist and Outdoor Educator from the Sibley Center in Midland. Next, Richard Galle, also of the Sibley Center, conducted a workshop on managing a non-profit organization which resulted in a Five Year Strategic Plan for the sanctuary. Work was completed to bring the Eaton House to a usable condition through a local grant and numerous donations from the community. Individuals, business owners, organizations, clubs and corpoations have all generously given time, talent and money to the project, for which we are ever grateful.

With the Eaton House in use, we began compiling display materials which include a locally discovered mastadon tusk, Native American artifacts, local geology and human history. In addition, the library of nature, history and western books is available to the public. Perhaps most importantly, Eaton Hill was able to sponsor an outdoor photography contest, summer camp session, and several collaborations with the school. On behalf of everyone who has expressed their enjoyment of Eathe band. Those students were Halle Samaniego (flute), Tanner ton Hill as well as future friends, thank you Sonora for your Esparza and Julissa Esquival (clarinets), Lionel DeLeon (alto incredible support of, and enthusiastic participation in this project!

Looking Forward

The new year brings even more opportunity for growth on the hill. We were fortunate to secure a Recreational Trails grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife and will be developing a hadicapped accessible, multi-use trail in the near future. Plans for further development of the Eaton House as a Nature Center and gift shop are moving forward as well as continued Program Development. Currently, we are compiling a "Home School Week" cirriculum to offer area home schoolers.

As Eaton Hill evolves, we are limited only by time, money and salesman approached them the boundaries of our imagination, and so we invite and request participation from anyone who would like to be involved After an impassioned sales in this rewarding project.

> We will begin posting a "Wish List" in the newspaper and on the Eaton Hill blog (eatonhill.blogspot.com). The blog is also an excellent way to keep up with the goings-on "up on the hill", and we invite your participation there also. Share your comments, photos and experiences on the blog and help us keep a fresh and interesting presence.

In February, the Eaton Hill Steering Committee will be resurrected so watch for the announcement if you would like to attend the meeting. Also in February, Eaton Hill will be hosting a birding workshop focused on sparrows. Dr. Byron Stone, an accomplished birder with a special passion for spar-Turning to the husband, he rows will lead the workshop scheduled for Saturday, February 20th from 8:00 a.m. till the birds stop flying. There are limited spaces available, so if you are interested in learning about the abundant but difficult to idenify sparrow family, contact Eaton Hill at 325-387-2615, or email eatonhill@sonoratx.net. There is no charge for the program.

Eaton Hill Wish List:

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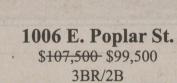
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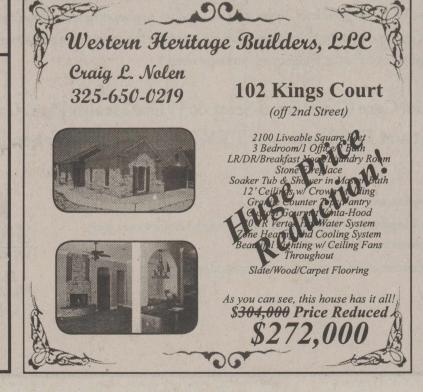
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Polar Bear Classic: Golfers Brave the Weather for A Good Cause



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This is the annual high school golf team fund raiser. A total of 43 golfers attended and braved cool weather this year in the par 3 event. Prizes that had been donated by local businesses and some also from San Angelo were handed out to the top three teams. Each hole was also worth a prize for either closest to the pin or longest putt made. Because of the generosity of donated prizes, some of the golfers won door prize drawings.

Winning team this year included Albert Torrez, Daniel Robeldo, Oscar Martinez, Oscar Escalante, and Don Spiller. Second place team included Jessie Paredes, Arnold Benavidez, Pete Guerrero, Sean Leamon, Leonard Castillo, and Danny Mejia. Third place team was made up of Chris Nunez, Willie Gutierrez, Steve Thorp, Dickie Wood, and Frannie Tackel.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donation of prizes or money to the event: JMC, Ol' Sonora, Sonic, Dairy Queen, Rush-In-Oil and Lube, Jet Specialty, Taco Grill, Memories by McBride, Deel family, Days Inn, The Video store, Holt Caterpillar, Bank and Trust of Sonora, American Tire Distributors, Hudson family, Car Quest, NAPA, Team Graphics, Everett's Pharmacy, Betty's Gift Shop, IPS, Nicholsons Market, Balch family, Silk and Sweet Florals, El's Light Service, and KJ Barbeque. A special thanks to Gas Masters out of San Angelo for coming down and cooking for our tournament and for their donation of prizes. For those who missed out this year, plan on attending next year.

Varsity Girls Continue District Dominance Against Ozona



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r	Sonora Lady Broncos	REB	AST	BLK	ТО		PTS
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e	12 Jennings, H.	13	1	1	1	3	7
r	34 Hernandez, A.	11	0	1	3	2	6
-	5 Nolen, A.	2	1	0	4	3	6
e	4 Smith, M.	3	3	0	2	4	5
	22 Krieg, C.	2 .	2	1	5	5	0
-	10 Trevino, K.	0	0	0	0	0	0



JV Girls Fight to Victory

By Wendy Robertson

The JV girls had a rough but victorious game last night against the Ozona Lady Lions with a final score of 40-21 to make us 5-0 in District. They played very well but it was a very physical game. The Lady Lions had beat us previously this year in a tournament so the Lady Broncos were determined not to let that happen again. I am very proud of all their hard work and determination they have, and we are looking forward to the second half of District play. Thank you for all your support and please come out to watch all the Bronco teams. GO BIG RED



I celebrate a victory when I start walking off the field. By the time I get to the locker room, I'm done.

-- Tom Osborne

	Sonora Basketbal 2009	Schedule	
Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV Varsity
Jan. 22	*Kermit	Away	5:00 8:00
Jan. 26	*Reagan Co	Away	5:00 8:00
Jan. 29	*Alpine	Home	5:00 8:00
Feb. 2	*Ozona	Away	5:00 8:00
Feb. 5	*Presidio	Home	5:00 8:00
Feb. 9	Open		
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0400	Sonora Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010				
Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV White	JV Red	Varsi
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
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