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Accross the Threshold: Caleb Gonzales to Play College Baseball



Photo By Ben D. Taylor

Caleb Gonzales signs his letter of intent to play baseball for McMurry University while his mother Kimberly and father Ronald proudly look on.

By Ben D. Taylor

The journey towards success is not a straight road. It's a narrow winding path branching off into many different directions and each branch is hidden behind a door. A choice stands before the traveler at every obstacle-you either open the door or stand and ponder what's behind it. We all hope to open the doors that take us towards our destination, but you will never know unless you open it. It's that first courageous step through the threshold that defines the key of true success. Those are the moments along the path that define a champion. A true champion realizes that every journey begins with that first step. No matter the door chosen-all paths are what you make of them. All you need to do is keep moving. Caleb Gonzales took his first step across a new threshold on February 10, 2010, when he signed his letter of intent to play baseball for McMurry University.

From the moment Caleb decided to play baseball at the next level, he found more frus-

tration than immediate success. "The colleges I really wanted to go to didn't show much interest in me. That was a momentum killer. I knew I had to keep going though; I knew someone would find me, and McMurry did".

Caleb's tenacity and unwillingness to give up is something he carries with him on and off the baseball field "Baseball is a lot like life. Just like in the game, you have very few free passes (strikes), and if you aren't careful, they will run out. You have to be careful, because when they run out you have to stand up and take responsibility for your mistakes. It's ok though, because I'll always have someone there backing me. My teammates and family will always be there for me on and off the field. I couldn't have done it without the help and support of all my baseball coaches (especially Coach Gallegos), my parents/grandparents, Tyler Creek, Dustin Neff, their families, and the Parks family. There are so many people that have

helped me along the way, so I also want to thank anyone that I may have left out."

It's that fine line between winning and loosing that has kept Caleb involved in his sport. "I like all aspects of the game, but it all comes together for me when one run matters. When one play saves everything or looses it all is when my adrenaline really kicks in." That adrenaline rush should be a constant companion with him at McMurry as he takes the mound as a pitcher for his freshman year. "Every year you get a shot to get better at baseball, and college is going to push me even harder."

Caleb's last words to me served both as a reflection on his journey and advice for those that want to follow. "Never give up on yourself, because your coaches will help you. Even in the darkest moment you have to keep your head up and find the light-because its there. Just keep moving towards it."

Lady Broncos Fall to Spearman: Marks the End of a Great Season

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Spearman	15	12	8	26	61
Sonora Lady Broncos	10	5	12	13	40

	PTS
* #34 Hernandez, A.	21
* #22 Krieg, C.	7
* #4 Smith, M.	6
* #20 Campbell, C.	2
#40 Dunn, M.	2
* #12 Jennings, H.	2
#54 Casteneda, L.	0
#5 Nolen, A.	0
#10 Trevino, K.	0
Totals	40

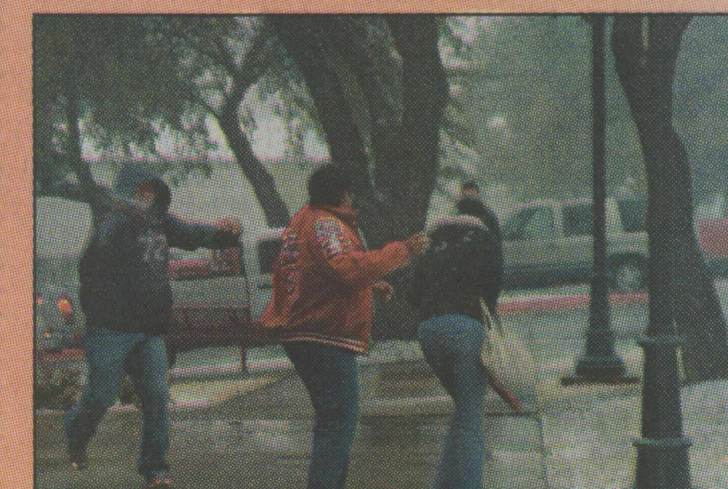
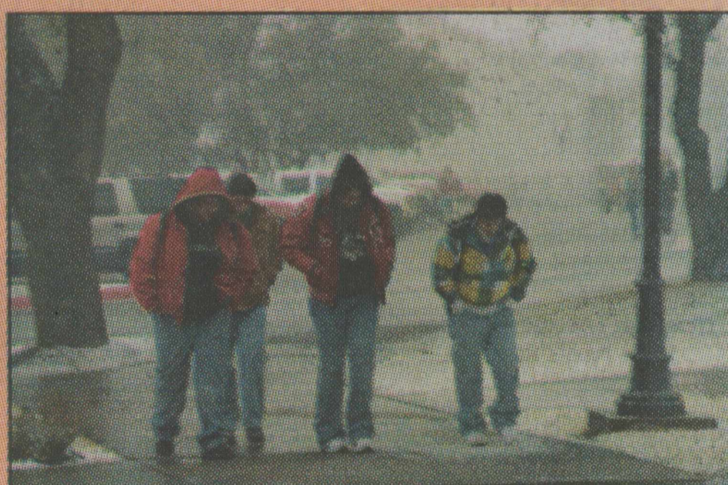
By Coach Jennings

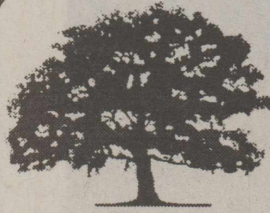
Lady Broncos finish the season with an overall record of 25-6. The girls did a great job all season.

The Lady Broncos and I would like to thank all the parents and fans that supported us all season.

Either Rain, Sleet, or Snow... Bronco Nation Rolls On

Photos By James Ricks





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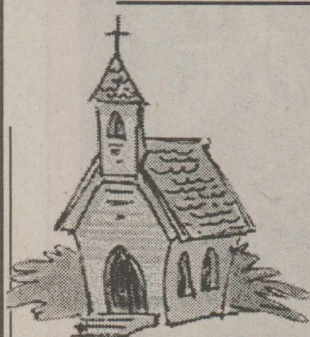
Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Feb 25 - Cooking w/ Kelly Nutritional Ed. at noon
- Fri. Feb 26 - Run errands and pay bills after lunch
- Mon. Mar 1 - Bingo
- Tues. Mar 2 - Exercise w/video
- Wed. Mar 3 - Volunteer to deliver meals. Call 387-5657

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Feb 25 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cobbler and milk
- Fri. Feb 26 - Fried fish, spinach, corn & tomato, milk hushpuppies, bread pudding w/raisins
- Mon. Mar 1 - Meat w/spaghetti sauce/noodles, milk mixed veggies, garlic bread, cake
- Tues. Mar 2 - BBQ chicken, beans, beets, rolls, milk pears w/pineapple, chocolate chip cookies
- Wed. Mar 3 - Beef burrito, pinto beans, coleslaw, tortilla, Jell-O w/fruit and milk

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



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319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
11 E. Oak
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| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
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387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
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| St. Ann's Catholic Church
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387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
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310 St. Ann's St
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
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387-5366 |

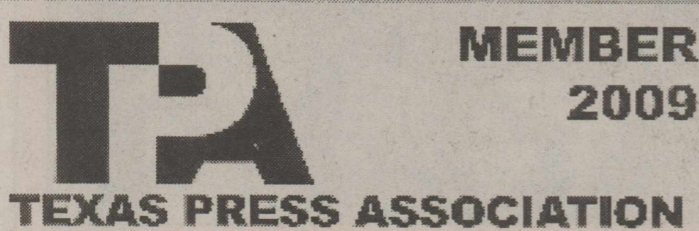
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Engagements

Chandler and Matthies



Candace Chandler and Landry Matthies

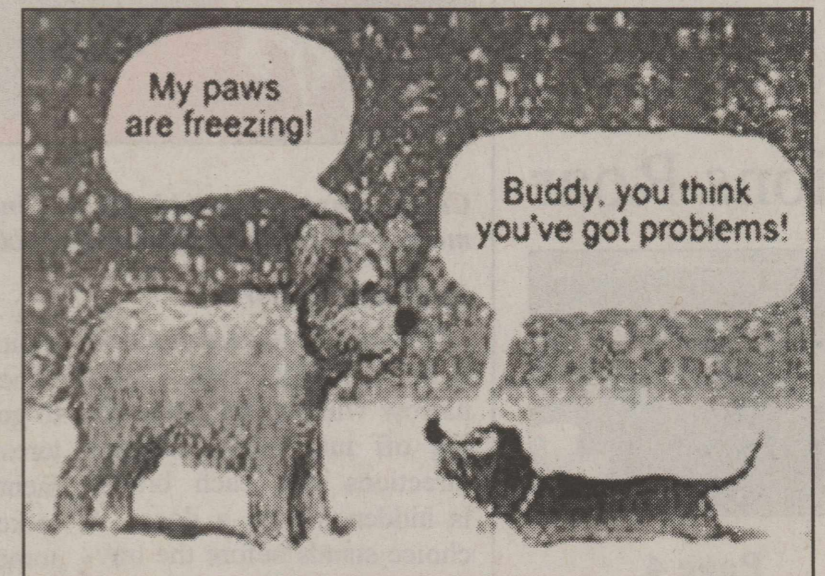
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Chandler are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Candace Danielle Chandler to William Landry Matthies. Landry is the son of Jerry and Temi Webb of Snyder, Texas and Keith Matthies, also of Snyder, Texas. Candy was a 2007 graduate of Sonora High School. She attended Angelo State University and is currently attending attending Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas. Landry was a 2006 graduate of Snyder High School and a 2007 graduate of TSTC in Sweetwater, Texas. He is currently employed by A-1 Heating and Air in Snyder, Texas. The wedding is set for Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cauthorn Memorial Building. The couple plans to reside in Snyder, Texas.

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Gibson,

My name is Adam Dunlap, and I am from Midland, Texas. I have been officiating 9 years in Basketball for the Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association, and the Permian Basin Football Chapter for 7 years, and have had some great games, and some not so great games. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, I had the honor of having the Crane-Sonora game at Crane. This was the third time having Sonora, as I had the Sonora Crane game last year that went 3 overtimes. The reason of my letter to you, is to inform you of the professionalism, athleticism, and well-being of not only your Coaches and staff, but players and fans. The boys coach greeted me and even remembered me from last years game and we shared a laugh about it. He is an asset, in my opinion, to the boys he not only coaches, but mentors to daily, in and out of the classrooms. But of course you probably already know that or he would not be on your staff. The boys showed, that, no matter the outcome, from captains meeting final horn, top class and respect to officials and opponents and that really spoke highly of their roots. I have known about Sonora High School from back in my high school days at For-san High School, as we played Sonora. And even from back in 1998 and 1999, Sonora was top class. Mr. Gibson, again, my purpose was to brag on the Coaches and players that represent Sonora ISD. And I know that it doesn't go un-noticed by all who come in contact with you guys. Please share my email with your coaches and teachers and let them know that their work is really an asset to these kids, and the way they present themselves outside Sonora ISD. Best of Luck to the Broncos and Lady Broncos in the Playoff's and in the future!!!

Respectively,
Adam R. Dunlap Funeral Director
Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory



It Was So Cold...

It was so cold... hitchhikers were holding up pictures of thumbs!
It was so cold... roosters were rushing into Kentucky Fried Chicken and begging to use the pressure cooker!
It was so cold... the rats were bribing the alley cats for a snuggle.
It was so cold... we had to chop up the piano for firewood - but we only got two chords
It was so cold... the politicians had their hands in their OWN pockets!
It was so cold... the snowman knocked on the door and asked to sleep on the couch!



McCarley and Perez



Amy McCarley and Joshua Isael Perez

Amy McCarley and Joshua Isael Perez of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride elect is a 2002 graduate of Winfree Academy in Lewisville, Texas and is currently attending Midland College. Her parents are Mr. Darrell McCarley of Terrell, Texas and Conise Scott of Seguin, Texas. The groom elect is a 2000 graduate of Lee High School in Midland, Texas. He also attended Colorado State University and is employed with the family business, Sunset Well Service/Dakota Enterprises. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Poly Abalos of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Perez of Ft. Worth, Texas. Joshua's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez, Sr. of Sonora, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Isael Perez of Sonora, Texas. They will be married May 15, 2010 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas.

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Wednesday

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

Happy Birthday!

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| February 25
Abel Longoria, Velma Mata, Ralph Gonzales, Jr., Philip Bedwell, Gene Gibbens, Kari Bowers |
| February 26
Jerry Northcott, Scott Farley, Joe Flores, Rosemary Perez, Justin Sims, Mike Sanchez, Trey Rushing, Emma Luna |
| February 27
Tommy Whitehead, Israel Sanchez, Jack Smith, Jr., Yolanda Campos |
| February 28
Rose Butler, Kayla Fields, Marilyn Holman, Brianah Creek, Samantha Tidwell, Tyler Smith, Monica DuRussel, Jose Buitron, Larry Seymour, Fernando De Luna |
| February 29
Betsy Smith |
| March 1
Dewitt E. Pope, Tot Gonzales, Stephanie Taylor |
| March 2
Richard Espinosa, Sr., Dixon Duke, Courtney Caruthers, Hannah Maddux, Staci Espinosa |
| March 3
Kelsey Velez, Hanna Blessing, Zeke Gamez, Zac Kerbow |

Elementary Students of the Week



K-Montserrat De La Fuente, 1-Aaron Noriega, 2-Joe Angel Torres, 3-Danyse Cantu, 4-Delaney Ramsdell

By Byron Stone

I conducted a sparrow identification workshop for Eaton Hill Preserve in Sonora, TX (Sutton County). We spent a couple of hours looking at slides and several hours in the field seeking live study subjects. The major highlight of the day was observing three different bluebird species on private property west of town. I had seen several Eastern and at least 22 Mountain Bluebirds on this property yesterday, but we watched today as 9 Western Bluebirds came in to water after the Mountain and Eastern Bluebirds had their fill. Photos were obtained and high fives were shared.

Although this bluebird bonanza is on property not accessible to the public, it appears that there are good numbers of Mountain Bluebirds in sev-

eral locations in the area. On a scouting trip yesterday, Delyse Jaeger, Jacqui Thomas and I found 2 female Mountain Bluebirds from the roadside on brushpiles on the north side of the north frontage road of I-10, about 4 miles west of town. The way to access this is to catch the northside frontage road going west from the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 277. We saw the MOBL's a mile or two before you reach the roadside rest area on westbound I-10.

A local property owner told me of two different large flocks of Mountain Bluebirds in Schleicher County about 16 miles north of Sonora. It sounds like additional scouting of the area might turn up even more of these avian jewels of the high country.

Other highlights of my two days birding in the region were Say's Phoebe and Vermilion Flycatcher yesterday, 11 sparrow species for both days, an adult Red-shouldered Hawk hunting from a fencepost north of town today, and a Marsh Wren in a wet area near the water treatment plant to end the day.

Many thanks to Delyse Jaeger, Eaton Hill Preserve Manager, for getting this program together, and to the many delightful people of Sonora who gave us a warm welcome while we were here.

It was a good day to be a Sparrowhawk!

Good birding ya'll.

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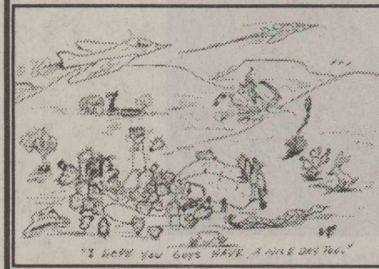
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F.Y.I.

Santa Pictures from The More the Merrier are still being held at the Chamber of Commerce. Please call 387-2880.

Mother & Son Dance photo's are available for pick up at the Chamber of Commerce. Please call 387-2880.

The 2009 Sonora Bronco Football Season Highlight DVD is now available at the high school office! For more information contact Coach Sire at 325-387-6940 x3304. The cost is \$20!!!

Lenten Lunches-Each year, members of the Ministerial Alliance gather together for lunches during Lent. This year's lunches will be each Wednesday, February 24 through March 24. All lunches will take place at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church and will begin at noon. EVERYONE in the community is invited to attend. The lunches last less than an hour, so people with a lunch hour can attend with no problem. Host churches for the lunches are: *February 24-First United Methodist Church and Church of the Good Sheperd, Presbyterian, *March 3-Lighthouse Community Church, *March 10-First Baptist Church, *March 17-St. Ann's Catholic Church, *March 24-St. John's Episcopal Church. There is NO CHARGE for the lunch, however donations to the Ministerial Alliance will be accepted.

LIONS CLUB BROOM AND MOP SALE - Tuesday, March 9th. 8 AM - 5:30 PM at City Hall and 9 AM - 5:30 PM at the Post Office. We have over 60 brooms, mops and cleaning accessories for sale. The blind or multihandicapped make all of the products. Sales benefit their industries and your local Lions Club, helping us fund many programs from the local to the national level. Contact Sam Kent at 387-5181 (h) for more information.

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

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 Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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.com.

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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LCRA Transmission Line Update

Submitted

Open houses continue for new transmission line; public still has time to comment to LCRA TSC in person or by mail. The public has three more opportunities to attend open houses to gather information and give input on a new transmission line project that may affect Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, Kimble, Mason, Kerr, Kendall and Gillespie counties. People also can send their comments by mail before March 10.

LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) will host its final three of nine "come-and-go" style open houses to inform citizens about the McCamey D-to-Kendall-to-Gillespie Project and to gather public input about line routing. The transmission lines will move wind power from northern Schleicher County to substations in Kendall and Gillespie counties.

Open houses will take place at these locations:

Eldorado—Monday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Schleicher

County Civic Center, 427 U.S. Highway 277

Kerrville — Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Cailoux Campus Activity Center, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Schreiner University

Sonora — Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett Avenue

More than 1,250 people attended open houses held by LCRA TSC Feb. 15 through 18 in Junction, Menard, Mason and Fredericksburg.

People who attended those open houses and took questionnaires home to complete them need to mail them by the March 10 deadline. Others who want to comment can find the open house questionnaires online at www.lcra.org/crez. Questionnaires received after the deadline will be considered and evaluated as time permits.

Submit completed McCamey D-to-Kendall-to-Gillespie Project questionnaires by mail to Sara Morgenroth, senior regulatory case manager, LCRA Regulatory Services, Mailstop BTC 151, P.O. Box 220, Austin, Texas 78767-0220, or send them by fax to Morgenroth at (512) 369-4193.

Voting Information for Sutton County

Early Voting Dates:

February 16 - 26th

Location:

The Sutton County Clerk's Office in the Annex Bldg.

Hours:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Election Day:

March 2, 2010

Hours:

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Precinct 101:

The Civic Center

Precinct 201A & 201B:

Wellness Center

Precinct 301A & 301B:

Courthouse

Precinct 401:

Fire Station

LIONS ROAR



Front Row L to R: Shainah Johnson, 7th grader Andres Acevedo, 6th grader Edgar Hernandez, 5th grader Andrea Garcia, 8th grader Macie Friess Back Row: L to R: Keeli Taylor, Mr. Jared Eggemeyer, Mr. Duncan, and Frank Wamble

Submitted by Frank Wamble

With snow in the forecast, Broom Sale looming, and in receipt of a wonderful letter of support and thanks from the Middle School Student Council, it could not get any better. But it did! Last week we had four wonderful Middle School "Students of the Week" at our weekly meeting along with Mr. Brandon Duncan, our Principal. The students were: Andrea Garcia 5th grade, 6th grade Edgar Hernandez (a repeat honoree), Andres Acevedo 7th grade and Macie Friess 8th grade. Our Queen, Keeli Taylor, and Sutton County Queen Shainah Johnson were present and both provide dignity and grace to our functions.

The program featured Mr. Jared Eggemeyer from our District Headquarters who gave us an update on the Texas Lions Camp for Disabled and another Camp for Diabetic children (TYPE 1 only) for Calendar year 2010. We, your Sonora Lions, are able to sponsor children to these camps each summer. To qualify for admission to the physically disabled camp, a child must be physically disabled and between the ages of 7 and 16 years. The ages for the Diabetic Camp are 8 years through 15 years. There is no cost to the camper or the family for either camp. There are five 1 week camp dates beginning in early June for the physically disabled and two 1 week camps for Diabetic children starting in late July and early August. For information and application contact any Lion or Col. Pete Bradley (387-6282). Applications are currently being accepted and admission is on a first come first serve basis. Additional information is available @ Lions Camp.com.

The Broom Sale is March 9 at City Hall and the Post Office from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

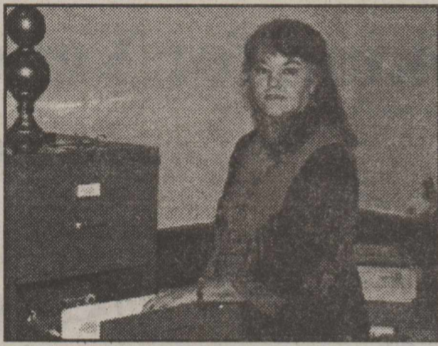
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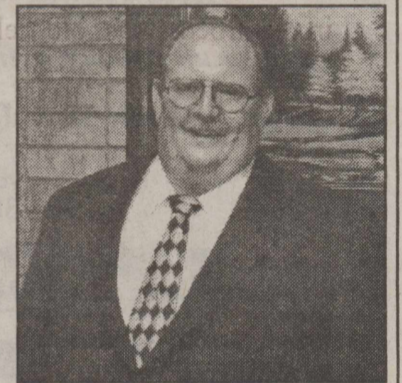
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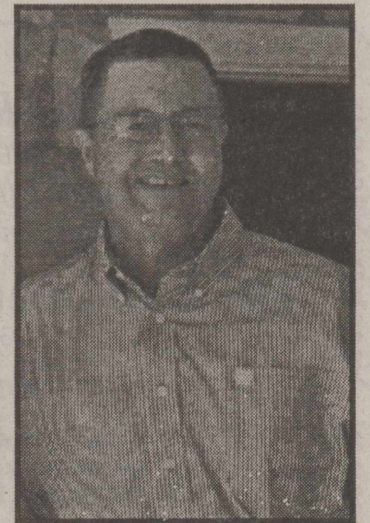
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Tansy Mustard Abundant This Winter



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



With the moisture we've had this cool-season, the weeds have added some green to the scenery. Last week, we talked about the possibility of plentiful weeds this spring. Well, you've probably noticed the tall plant with little yellow flowers and club-shaped fruits. It's everywhere right now. It's called tansy mustard.

Tansy mustard is an annual cool-season native forb found in disturbed areas, old fields, and waste places. It can reach 2 feet in height. It is usually single-stemmed, leafy and covered with fine gray hairs. Leaves are divided into many segments and alternate along wavy stems. As with many other things, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Or...one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Reportedly, tansy mustard seeds were ground by Native Americans to make meal or flour or were roasted and added to foods. The nectar and pollen of the flowers attract some insects. The caterpillars of the certain butterflies feed on the foliage. Quail and other birds eat the seedpods, while deer eat the foliage sparingly.

However, the foliage is somewhat toxic to horses and cattle. It can cause blindness, staggering and paralysis of the tongue if consumed in large quantities over a sufficiently long period of time. Sheep and goats are more immune to the toxic properties of the foliage.

Large quantities of the plant must be consumed before poisoning occurs. Because of that, herbicidal control is not recommended except where very dense stands occur near watering places, holding facilities, or other places of high livestock use.

For more information on weeds or control, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

Texas Groundwater- "Your Future" Conference April 17

Submitted

Sonora, TX - Groundwater Management Area 7 will conduct The Texas Groundwater-Your Future Conference beginning at 8:45 a.m., April 17 in the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center auditorium at San Angelo.

The center is located at the outskirts of San Angelo, TX on U.S. Highway 87 at 7887 U.S. Hwy 87 North (at the north end of the O.C. Fisher dam). The meeting is free and open to the public. A noon meal will be served.

The one issue that will be addressed that will have an effect on all the people within the area beginning Sept. 1 is the legislative mandate requiring every state groundwater management area to establish goals for the pumping of groundwater.

By law, the groundwater conservation districts within Area 7 are required to establish the desired future conditions of the aquifers within the area by the Sept. 1 deadline. Currently, that means that the district must set goals for the condition of each aquifer at the end of a 50 year period.

The law requires the groundwater districts to establish desired future conditions for all aquifers within their management area, including those areas not located within a groundwater district. Once the recommended conditions are approved, they are submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. The board then notifies each district concerning the amount of groundwater that can be permitted for pumping to meet the 50-year goal. The implemented plans must then be reviewed and updated every five years.

Groundwater Management Area 7 covers 32 West Texas counties and includes 20 groundwater conservation districts. Program speakers will include: Dr. Bill Hutchinson, director of groundwater resources for the Texas Water Development Board, Greg Ellis, attorney and executive director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, Dr. Archie Ruiz, West Texas Weather Modification Assoc. consultant, and former State Representative Bob Turner.

Presentations will include talks on water issues, policy, law, legislation, geology, water quality, weather, riparian areas and brush control.

By hosting the conference, the groundwater districts hope to give the general public the opportunity to better understand the water issues we're facing now and in the future.

For more information contact Jim Polonis at 325-387-2369 or e-mail him at: sutuwd@sonoratx.net.

HighMount Exploration & Production Names Jason Garner Chief Operating Officer



HOUSTON, TX (February 16, 2010) - HighMount Exploration & Production today announced that Jason A. Garner has been named Chief Operating Officer, effective March 1, 2010. Jason is currently HighMount's Vice President, Western Division.

"Jason has been instrumental in establishing HighMount as a first-class natural gas producer in the Sonora field since the company formed in 2007," said Tim Parker, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This promotion reflects his many contributions to the success of HighMount. I am confident that Jason will continue to deliver positive results for our stakeholders, focusing on maximizing the value of our assets and strengthening the communities in which we do business."

Jason holds B.S. and M.S.

degrees from West Virginia University in Petroleum Engineering. Prior to becoming HighMount's Western Division Vice President, Jason worked in various engineering, planning, and management positions for Dominion E&P in Richmond, Houston, and Oklahoma City.

Garner will assume the responsibilities of current COO, James D. Abercrombie. Jim will remain with the company through the end of March to ensure a smooth transition.

"On behalf of the management team at HighMount, I want to acknowledge Jim's many contributions to HighMount's success," stated Parker. "We are grateful for his strong leadership and wish him well in his retirement."

HighMount E&P LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Loews Corporation (NYSE: L), is an energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of long-life natural gas reserves in the United States. Our portfolio of unconventional natural gas resources is located in the Permian Basin, Texas; Michigan Basin, Michigan; and Black Warrior Basin, Alabama. To learn more about HighMount, visit us at www.highmountep.com.

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Ballot Propositions to Appear on Republican Primary Ballot

March 2, 2010

#1 Photo ID

The Texas Legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

#2 Gov't. Growth

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.

#3 Cutting Income Taxes

In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus".

#4 God in public

The use of the word "God", prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.

#5 Sonograms

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.

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Sonora Downtown Lions Club

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Yours for the blind,
Downtown Lions Club

Frank Wamble, President; Pete Bradley, First Vice President; Sam Kent, Second Vice President; and Ray Wells, Third Vice President.

New Feral Hog Publications to Help landowners With Growing Menace

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has developed five new feral hog control publications to help landowners corral this growing menace, according to an AgriLife Extension specialist.

These publications were funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through a Clean Water Act § 319(h) nonpoint source grant. Publications are available online at: <http://plumcreek.tamu.edu/feralhogs/>.

These publications specifically target the Plum Creek Watershed in Hays and Caldwell counties, an area especially hard hit by the marauders, but are applicable wherever feral hogs are a problem, said Dr. Jim Cathey, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at College Station.

Chancey Lewis, AgriLife Extension wildlife assistant at Lockhart and his colleagues developed the new publications. Lewis works closely with landowners in Hays and Caldwell counties, giving instruction and technical guidance on hog trapping, as part of the implementation of the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan.

The five publications are: – "Recognizing Feral Hog Sign," deals with the evidence or sign the hogs leave in passing. By being able to read sign, Cathey said landowners can learn where the animals are traveling and apply the appropriate management technique to reduce their numbers.

– "Corral Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs," discusses large traps that Cathey said have proven useful in reducing hog numbers quickly. According to Lewis, feral hogs typically travel in large family groups called "sounders," and

a corral trap can often be used to capture the entire group.

– "Box Traps for Capturing Feral Hogs," deals with a second option that should be considered after corral traps, Cathey said. While they are not the best choice for removing large hog numbers, box traps, because they are readily movable, can be used to quickly remove small numbers from trouble spots.

– "Snaring Feral Hogs," offers instructions on placement and handling of snares. Snares are ideal for situations where feral hogs have become wary of box or corral traps. Snares are also much cheaper than traps, according to Lewis.

– "Building a Feral Hog Snare," provides step-by-step instructions for producing snares used for catching feral hogs.

Main Street Traffic

Submitted by: Ann Kay

We will be having a "roasting" of the outstanding volunteer this year in March.

I am proud to share with you that this person is always a strong supporter of Sonora and the folks who live in Sonora and the surrounding area. This person always has a smile on their face and has a strong faith in God and their church. This person is a business owner and they work very hard to make sure their business is successful. They are the first person to make the problem into to lemonade and the lemonade as sweet as they are. I am not going to announce the name yet. We would like to invite you to come and share in the evening of fun at the "First Outstanding Volunteer Roasting". I will be giving more hints in next weeks edition of The Devil's River News. Keep reading The Devil's River News to see who receives our 'Outstanding Volunteer of 2010'

It is time to get ready for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2010. This year we are going to add a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" before we hunt Easter eggs. We will have some fun games and prizes that will be given out only at the breakfast. We will have the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn after the breakfast. We have some wonderful prizes and golden eggs with money. They will be hidden in the downtown area and also on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. You may also have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

During the Easter Season, I would love to share some recipes with you. We hope you will read the Main Street Traffic for some really great recipes. We also have new cookbooks on sale. We have the Texas Downtown Cookbook and these recipes are collected by all the Texas downtowns and of course there is a recipe by our First Lady of Texas Anita Perry. Texas Downtown Cookbooks are collector items and you may purchase one for only \$20.00. We have a few cookbooks on sale at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office, 105 Concho St. We have some other state cookbooks including Georgia, Tennessee, and West Texas Cook- Off Cookbooks, and Quick & Easy Recipe Cookbooks. Buy that a cookbook and help support the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

Easter Season Recipe- Week 1:

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. – John 6:35

Scripture Cake

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| ½ c. Butter; Judg. 5:25 | ½ tsp. ginger |
| 2 c. sugar; Jer. 6:20 | 1 tsp. nutmeg |
| 2 c. honey; 1st Sam. 14:25 | ¼ tsp. cloves |
| 6 eggs, separated; Jer. 17:17 | Pinch of salt; Lev. 2:13 |
| 1 ½ c. all-purpose flour; 1st Kings 4:22 | |
| ½ c. milk, last clause; Judg. 4:19 | |
| 2 c. figs, chopped; Nahum 3:12 | |
| 2 tsp. baking powder; Amos 4:5 | |
| 2 c. raisins' Num. 17:8 | |
| Spices to taste; 2 Chron. 9:9 - 2 tsp. cinnamon | |
| 2 c. water, last clause; 1st Sam. 30:12 | |
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Broncos At the Next Level



Submitted

John Duke Hudson, a freshman golfer for the College of Charleston, was a member of the Cougar Men's Golf Team that recently won the Pat Hicks Thunderbird Invite held February 8-9 in St. George, Utah. The Cougars finished with a 586, eight strokes ahead of UMKC (University of Missouri Kansas City). The Cougar team consisted of Senior Harrison Moore, Orangeburg, S.C. who led the Cougar team with a 70-68 and earned individual medalist honors at the tournament. Cabe Prieskorn, a sophomore from Texarkana, TX, tied for 6th with a 73-71, followed by freshman Tim Mitchell of Austin, TX who shot 75-71 for an 8th place finish. John Duke shot 77-73 for a 24th place and Coy Breen of San Antonio, TX, tied for 45th with two day scores of 75-79.

John Duke's grandparents, Mary Adele and Jerry Don Balch, traveled to Utah and survived the extremely cold golfing weather to witness

the Cougars first Tournament win since 2002. The College of Charleston Golf Team is a Division 1 Golf school that is coached by Head Coach Mark McEntire of Austin, Texas and former University of Texas golfer and Assistant Coach David Kite of Austin, Texas and former University of South Carolina golfer and son a PGA golfer Tom Kite. The Cougars are next in action March 1-2 as they host the Charleston Shootout on their home course The Links at Stono Ferry in Hollywood, SC.

John Duke had a very successful fall semester, qualifying to play in all 5 tournaments and finishing the first semester with the lowest scoring average of 74.54 and the highest GPA 3.721 for the Cougar Golf Team. Sonora is proud of John Duke Hudson and his accomplishments of "Taking it to the Next Level"!



Meghan Krieg, 2007 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Jr., Pitcher, ERA .99, 2-2 Louisiana Tech softball opened its season with a double header against Southeastern Louisiana at home on February 16, 2010. The Lady Techsters won both games 5-1 and 6-2. Meghan Krieg pitched game one of the double header allowing 1 unearned run on 4 hits, 5 walks and 6 strike outs. Saturday, February 20, the Techsters traveled to Hattiesburg, Ms. for the Mizuno Classic @ the University of Southern Mississippi. Michelle Jones picked up the 7-6 loss to Stephen F Austin the first game of the day. The Techsters found themselves down 7-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth. After scoring 5 more runs the Techsters still fell short of the win. Meghan Krieg pitched game 2 against Notre Dame later in the day. The Techsters once again fell short 1-0 in what was a great pitcher's duel. Meghan pitched a complete game al-

lowing 2 hits, 1 walk, 10 strike outs and 1 unearned run in the 0-1 loss to Notre Dame. Sunday, Meghan pitched 2 complete games back to back. In the 1st game against Alcorn State, Meghan didn't allow a hit until the 7th inning with 2 outs away from a no hitter. She had 1 walk and 10 strike outs in the La Tech 3-0 victory. After a 20 minute break the Techsters then faced the host team, Southern Miss Lady Eagles. The Techsters saw their 4-1 lead fade in the bottom of the 6th after a Southern Miss 2 run homerun. In the 7th a missed ball in right field and a walk allowed an RBI sacrifice fly to tie the game. In extra innings, by International Tie Breaker rules, the last out of the last inning is placed on 2nd base to start the at bat. The Techsters got the runner to 3rd but couldn't score. A bloop single over the short stop scored the Lady Eagle on 2nd to end the game with a 5-4 loss to Southern Miss. The Techsters stranded 13 batters and left bases loaded in 2 innings going 1 for 14 with runners in scoring position. Meghan gave up 5 runs, 4 earned, on 8 hits, 4 walks, 9 strike outs in the 4-5 (8) loss. The Techsters will compete next weekend in the McNeese State Tournament in Lake Charles, La. All La Tech games can be seen online @latechsports.com either by live stream or live stats on Gametracker.



Photo by HPU Sports Information

Kimble Luna, 2008 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, So., Catcher and Outfield, .429 BA Saturday, February 13 Howard Payne welcomed Austin College for a double header in Brownwood, Tx. The Lady Jackets lost 1st game 4-1 while coming back with a 7-1 win in game 2. Saturday, February 20th, the Lady Jackets of Howard Payne traveled to Sherman, Texas for a double header against Austin College. The two split with Howard Payne

taking game one 9-6 in extra innings and Austin College winning game 2 8-6. Kimble Luna was 3 for 4 in game one. She recorded 2 doubles, a single and walk while helping the Lady Jackets in their victory. In the 2nd game loss to Austin College, Kimble once again was 3-4 with 3 singles. Kimble leads the team in several batting categories. Being the leader in total plate appearances (16), runs scored (5), double (2) and walks (2). While in the top 5 in batting average (.429), slugging percent (.571), on base percentage, hits (6 at 14 at bats). Next up on Howard Payne's schedule is the Lear Park Tournament @ Letourneau University in Longview, Texas on February, 26. Other collegiate athletes waiting to begin their season: Chelsea Martinez and Kayla McBride. Please, if you know of a Sonora graduate competing at The Next Level contact the Devil's River News.

Immels JV Basketball Team Finishes Strong

Submitted

Coach Immel's JV Basketball team finish the season in style by defeating the Crane Golden Crane's 31-30. Cande Tobias hit the game winning basket with .3 seconds left. Phillip Onofre led all scorers with 12 points. Nathan Villa had 7, Tobias and Miles Sentena had 4, and Darian Lopez and Blake Esparza chipped in with 2. They finished strong in district winning 4 of their last 5 games.

Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.

Mike Singletary

"I rotate my pastures, I don't rotate banks"

Joe David Ross
Sutton County Rancher

I've seen many things come and go over the years, and you could say we all learn from experience. Lesson one: having the ability to adapt to constant change not only increases your chances for survival, it allows one's business to keep going and maintain needed infrastructure.

Innovation combined with proven techniques and hard work are keys to success. These same principles hold true with the folks at First National Bank of Sonora. We know that we can count on them to provide the latest in banking services and products. Truth is, four generations of Rosses wouldn't still be on our ranch if it weren't for their expertise and support.

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