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Continuing the Streak: Sonora Golf Headed to Austin



Submitted

On a bright sun-filled afternoon, Elizabeth Chavarria, along with the boy's golf team qualified to represent Sonora High School at the state golf tournament in Austin. The state tournament is to be held at Roy Kizer golf course on May 9-11.

The boys team of Caleb Gonzales (Sr), Manny Paredes (Sr), Dylan Castillo (Sr), Word Hudson (Soph), and Jansen McBride (Fr) played their best team golf of the year. On Monday, the Bronco golf team blistered the Ratliff Ranch golf course in Odessa with a team score of 295. This gave the team a 15 stroke lead over the team from Wall. On the second day, the Broncos held off the charging Wall Hawk team. Coming down to the last two golfers on the last hole, Caleb Gonzales hit a superb long iron to the green after driving into the water to save par and then Word Hudson made a clinching birdie.

The Bronco team shot 307 to the Hawks 301. Sonora won the regional championship by 9 strokes. Word Hudson (72-70) won a playoff to earn 2nd place medalist honors. Caleb Gonzales (73-75) placed 8th individually. Other scores: Manny Paredes (78-80),

Dylan Castillo (78-82), and Jansen McBride (75-84). Clayton Parks (88-80) participated as a medalist.

In the girls division, Elizabeth Chavarria (Soph) showed off her golfing skills at the Nueva Vista golf course in Midland. Not only did Elizabeth end up leading the golf tournament, she also led all of the golfers onto the course with an Sam tee time both days. On the first day, Elizabeth went out and shot a 77 and at the completion of play and found herself tied for 2nd place one stroke behind the leader.

The second day, Liz played calm and very consistent especially at the end of the round. She hit a laser iron shot close on the par 3 16th hole for a short birdie putt and then finished up with tap in pars on the last two holes to post a 73 for the day. Then the hard part, sitting around for four more hours waiting for all the other scores to come in. Finally, at about the same time as the boys, Sonora had another regional champion! Elizabeth Chavarria (77-73).

Congratulations to all of these young golfers. They represented Sonora well, and we are very proud of them.



Serving Up Success: Sonora Tennis Goes To State

Submitted by Coach Jennings

On April 21 and 22, the mixed doubles team of Alyssa Vela and Cash Jennings and the girls' doubles team of Hillary Borrego and Hunter Jennings competed at the regional tennis tournament in Odessa. Borrego and Jennings were seeded third, but faced a tough San Saba team in the first round. The girls played good, but fell 6-3, 6-4 to the eventual state qualifiers from San Saba. In mixed doubles, Alyssa Vela and Cash Jennings were the number one seed. In the first round they faced a very good team from Bowie. Vela and Jennings won the first set 6-3. However, the team from Bowie came back and took the second set 2-6 and had a 5-0 lead in the third before Vela and Jennings stormed back to win the third and deciding set, 7-6.

They then had to turn around and play a good Wall team an hour later. They started slowly but won the match 3-6, 6-2, and 6-1. In the Semifinals, Vela - Jennings faced off against the number four seeded team from San Saba of Sears and Key. Alyssa and Cash took control of this match and cruised to a 6-4, 6-1 victory to put them in the finals. In the finals they faced a tough number two seeded team with a 19-0 record from Wall, Talley and Pflingston. The Wall duo was extremely tough as they defeated Vela and Jennings 6-2, 6-1. With the second place finish, the team of Alyssa Vela and Cash Jennings earned a trip to state on May 10, 11 for the second consecutive year.

Industrial Technology Regional Contest: Sonora Destroys Competition



By Ben D. Taylor

The success of this program is evident by looking at the quality of the student's projects, but it can only be put into perspective by summarizing its accomplishments. When the dust settled at the Big Lake Regional Contest, it was obvious that Sonora was on top: Grand and Reserve Champion Large Wood Products, Grand Champion Small Wood Project, 28 first place awards, 12 second place, 9 third place, 5 fourth place, and 1 fifth place. Cliff McMullan (instructor) commented that, "Every student that brought a project to regionals advanced to state. On May the 6th we will compete against every highschool in Texas that has a woodshop-and we will come back champions".

for pictures of some of the projects please see page 9 of this issue

Hotel Occupancy Tax

A Quick Discussion on Design and Intent

*editors note-Last weeks edition included a letter to the editor which has brought up a question regarding the Hotel Occupancy Tax (or HOTS). I admit that it was not a subject I knew much about, but have researched it and am printing some of my findings in the hopes that it will resolve some questions regarding this issue.

By Ben D. Taylor

According to the State Comptroller's office, this is a tax paid by "a person who pays for a room or space in a hotel costing \$15 or more each day". The hotel owners are not directly burdened by additional tax liability, but (just as the case with sales tax) they must increase their rates to adjust for that tax-thus increasing the cost of their service. Money collected in each community is then re-distributed back to the communities-by the state-in order to "enhance and promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry". Simply put-the hotels charge extra, send that extra amount to the state, the state then returns what was collected back to the city. The city is then mandated by the state to spend the money only on things that will bring more tourists into that city.

One example of the allocation of those funds in Sonora is seen through the "Daddy Daughter Date Night" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. As the Date Night is an event they expect mostly local participation, they pay for the costs associated with the dance with revenue not generated with the hotel tax. I use this organization as an example because they receive HOTS money. The Letter to the Editor questioned Friends of Historic Main Street, and while it would have been appropriate to use them as an example their board wants to address the letter themselves.

Bronco Varsity Baseball Team Clinches Playoff Berth



By Nancy Glasscock

This past Saturday was Senior Day at the Bronco Baseball Field. Ten senior varsity players were honored along with their parents. After the short ceremony, the Broncos took the field to face the fifth place Ozona Lions.

The Lions struck first and scored three runs off Bronco starting pitcher, Dylan Castillo. The Broncos answered in the bottom half of the first with four hits and five runs off the Lions' starter, A.B. Lara. Seniors, Caleb Gonzales, Tyler Creek, Will Anderson, and Castillo all got hits. The

Broncos tacked another run on in the second, when Castillo hit his second double deep to score Paul Faz. Twelve Broncos came to the plate in the third inning. Creek led off with a triple, Neff had an RBI double and Faz a two RBI single. Lion, Nathan De Hoyos, relieved Lara who had control problems from the game's start. After three, the Broncos led 14-3.

Coach Gallegos made a pitching change to begin the fifth inning. In relief of Castillo, Tyler Creek gave up six hits and two runs. Bronco

fielding and throwing errors cost the Broncos three more runs in the inning. Eleven Lions came to the plate. In the Bronco fifth, a triple by Anderson scored the final two runs of the game. Creek only faced seven Lions in the last two innings. The final score was 16-8. Castillo got the victory.

The Broncos' record stands at 9-2. The last district game is Friday, April 30th in Big Lake. The playoffs begin the week of May 3rd with the Broncos facing District 3-2A Littlefield at a time and place TBD.

Broncos Shine at First Regional Qualifiers Track Meet

By Eddie Favila

The Broncos hosted a Regional Qualifiers meet for the first time. The team did not disappoint the local supporters as they posted personal best in several events. The team was able to come up with five-first place finishes, five-second place finishes, one-third place, three-fourth place, and two-fifth place finishes. They are preparing to make a run at the Regional title on May 3rd and 4th.

Field event finishes include Bailey Joe Pennington, with a 3rd place in the triple jump (40'00") and Manny Paredes placing first in the pole vault, 13'06". They were the two field event members that placed.

In the 3200 meter run, Robert Chavez ran 10:37.84 to win the event and teammate Jesus Vasquez ran 10:44.02 to place second. The sprint relay team of Ethan Morriss, Jesse Guerrero, Gunter Pennington, and Will Anderson ran a personal best of 43.90 to place second. The half milers

continued to impress as they placed first, second, fourth, and fifth. Robert Chavez paced the group with 2:04.33 to win the event. Cody Pena ran 2:04.84 to place second, Angel Aguayo ran a 2:07.68 to place fourth, and Esteban Garcia ran 2:07.78 to place fifth. Will Dunn improved his time in the 110 High Hurdles with a time of 14.58 to win the event. In the 100 meter dash Gunter Pennington blazed across the finish line with a time of 11.05 to place second and Ethan Morriss ran 11.24 to place fourth. The 800-meter relay team of Gunter Pennington, Bailey Joe Pennington, Ethan Morriss, and Will Anderson ran a 1:38.58 to place fifth.

Angel Aguayo ran 52.96 to place second in the 400 meters, as teammates Cadesman Pope placed fourth with a time of 55.93, and Preston Lopez placed fifth with a time of 55.94. Will Dunn again ran a personal best of 40.08 to place second in the 300 inter-

mediate hurdles. Jesse Guerrero ran the 200 meters for the first time and had a time of 21.90 to win the event. In the 1600 meter run, Jesus Vasquez ran 5:00.96 to win the event.

The Broncos ran two mile relays to get some of our alternates in better shape, and they were pleasantly surprised with both their times. The team of Will Dunn, Robert Chavez, Cody Pena, and Jesse Guerrero ran a time of 3:25.01 to win the event. That time was a team best this year!! The second relay team of Angel Aguayo, Cadesman Pope, Esteban Garcia, and Preston Lopez ran 3:38 to place fifth place.

The meet showed the talent of this group of young men and what they have accomplish. The season is not over and they still have many goals to achieve. They will be running in Odessa on Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4 at Ratliff Stadium. Thank you for supporting them.

Little Mr. & Miss Cinco De Mayo Candidates



Christopher Martinez

Parent's Name:
Christopher & Jennifer Martinez
Birthday:
February 19, 2005
Favorite Food:
Chicken Nuggets
Favorite Toy:
Transformers
Interests:
play outside and break dancing



Montsevrat Citaly De la Fuente

Parent's Name:
Noe Andres & Gladys De la Fuente
Birthday:
July 6, 2004
Favorite Food:
Pizza
Favorite Toy:
Coloring Book
Interests:
to model



Jayla Da'Shae Williams

Parent's Name:
Jarvis Williams & Catherine Herrera
Birthday:
December 3, 2006
Favorite Food:
Corn Pops cereal
Favorite Toy:
Nintendo Wii
Interests:
Gymnastics, listening to music, dancing, and watching Disney Channel



Annika Alissa Galindo

Parent's Name:
Zeke & Stephanie Galindo
Birthday:
October 28, 2004
Favorite Food:
Ribs & Strawberries
Favorite Toy:
Baton & playing with Tinkerbell (her dog)
Interests:
Golf, twirling, & playing with makeup

Up on Eaton Hill Monumental Spring!

For ten years I have wandered the trails of Eaton Hill - often exhilarated by a new discovery or thrilled by a chance observation. But NEVER before have I witnessed such an eruption of spring splendor as is on display right now. The hill is absolutely LUSH with flowering vegetation, new leaves, grasses and all the creatures responding to their good fortune - especially the birds! Making my way between the Eaton House and the birding shelter (a very short hike), I could scarcely take in all the wonders and finally just sat down in hopes of keeping my presence from disrupting the busy morning display. In front of me a pair of hooded orioles were foraging, a first of season ruby-throated hummingbird whizzed back and forth from feeder to limb, and just over my shoulder a black-capped vireo sang loud and clear - giving his all for the ladies to appreciate. On the ground and atop the rock wall, in and out of the fresh-leaved mesquite trees hopped a herd of sparrows, gleaning morsels of who knows what-all. There sat I, surrounded by wildflowers in shades of blue, pink, white, yellow, red, purple and orange; receiving the gift of being present without being noticed. The words of naturalist John Muir, which are found on the Eaton Hill brochure came to me once again: "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."

John Muir is often referred to as the "Father of the National Park System". He was born in Scotland in 1838 and immigrated with his family to the United States as a boy of just eleven years. His passion for preserving and appreciating the intrinsic value of nature came, well, naturally. From a young age, John showed himself to be a rather remarkable individual. He loved to read and learn, but working the family farm in Wisconsin left no time for such pursuits. Having been granted permission to read in the hours before work, young John invented a contraption that would physically dump him out of bed at 1:00 a.m. so he could study. An "early-rising machine" it was called. While attending the University of Wisconsin, Muir distinguished himself by building hand-made clocks with large, carved, wooden gears. One such invention was a combination desk and clock. The machine incorporated a timer that would allow a specific amount of time to study a lesson and then remove it and rotate in the next book, and so on throughout the days study time. Muir's innovative creativity extended to expressions of his personality as well. Being described by a friend as "...bubbling over with fun, and a keen participant in frolics and college pranks..." he built a chair and deemed it "the loafer's chair" - which when sat upon would set off a spring and thus fire an old pistol concealed beneath the seat of the chair!

In 1887, John Muir turned away from an almost certain future of wealth and acquisition, and instead began in earnest to "study the inventions of God." In 1890, the US Congress declared Yosemite a National Park, due in large part to Muir's efforts. In addition, a camping trip with Teddy Roosevelt at Yosemite is said to have sealed President Roosevelt's determination to expand the National Park System of our nation.

Ultimately, John Muir found the heart of God revealed most intimately in the natural world. I wholeheartedly agree.

Hit the trails and bring your camera! Eaton Hill Nature Photo Contest entry deadline is Monday, May 3rd.

Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009



I would just like to say my final goodbyes to the community, my sponsors, and Viva Sonora. I can't thank my family enough for helping me get my year as queen over with. When things got tough, you all were right beside me to help me keep my head held high. To the community: Thank you for all the support I received while I was running for queen. Thank you to my sponsors, Location Builders and La Mexicana, and thank you to Viva Sonora for allowing me to serve as the Cinco de Mayo queen and for the \$1000 scholarship! It will be very helpful towards my college expense. I ran to become a role model for the younger generation and to help around the community. I will miss getting to attend all the events that will go on. I will especially miss wearing my beautiful crown, but the good thing about it is I can still wear it around the house! Once again a big THANK YOU to everyone that supported me.

The Mercantile Garden

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2010 Senior Selections

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| Hillary Borrego | Alicia Lowe |
| Tyler Creek | Liz Newton |
| Edna Dominguez | Cody Pena |
| Brittani Dover | Michael Stephens |
| Maraya Dunn | Keeli Taylor |
| Kasey Gutierrez | RJ Torres |
| Cash Jennings | Amber West |
| Sterling Love | Gina Valdez |

Easter at Senior Center



We had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny at noon! Thanks to "Amis

Gifts" for thinking of us and for door prizes! Thanks to Mrs. Love's Class (Art) for the Easter cards, they were delivered to our homebound seniors to enjoy! Thanks to volunteers who helped with the party, Sierra Gomez, I think the Easter Bunny liked you! Thanks to our staff for candy fill bags (treats)-everyone had a great time! Those who won door prizes were: Jim Stephen, Milton Cavaness, Fred Perez, Victor San Miguel, Elvida Martinez, Carmen Escobar, Katy Jenkins, Charlotte Wilson, Jean Redman & Tina Gallegos

Also Happy 90th. B-day to our Volunteer, Charlotte Wilson. She has been delivering meals to our seniors for 18-20 yrs. on Thursdays with Nell Wallace. Instead of B-Day Cake, the staff at the Center served peach cobbler with ice cream. Everyone agreed, it was better than cake! May you celebrate many more B-Days, Mrs. Wilson. We love you!

First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce the promotion of Jo Ann Jones to Vice President/ Collections

Jo Ann started her career with First National Bank in 1978 in the bookkeeping department. She was a Lending Officer for 25 years before accepting the position of Internal Auditor in 2008. Jo Ann has also held the position of Compliance Officer. Jo Ann's dedication, experience and work ethic will continue to pay dividends for our bank.

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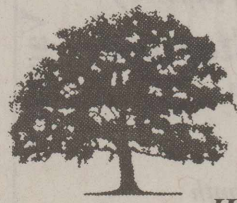
Bridal Selections

Kyla Turney~bride elect~Josh Bannon
Lavenda Bedford~bride elect~David Stuart
Candace Chandler~bride elect~Landry Matthies
Lauren Smith~bride elect~Colby Bates

2010 Senior Selections

Angel Aguayo	Cassie Krieg
William Anderson	Sterling Love
Hillary Borrego	Alicia Lowe
Ashley Brown	Chacho Mesa
Juan Capuchina	Dustin Neff
Hugo Cardona	Elizabeth Newton
Dillan Castillo	Mario Oliden
Victoria Castillo	Cody Pena
Tyler Creek	Sean Pennington
Edna Dominguez	Pedro Ramirez
Brittani Dover	Antonio Rodriguez
Alyssa Favila	Cody Solis
Paul Faz	Monica Sanchez
Manuel Flores	Michael Stephens
Alexis Galindo	Keeli Taylor
Caleb Gonzales	Rodolfo Torres
Amy Hernandez	Bianca Trevino
Brittany Hernandez	Alyssa Vela
Elizabeth Hernandez	Amber West
Cash Jennings	Shane Powers
Shainah Johnson	Meredith Earwood

~ Quinceañera ~
Adriana Faz



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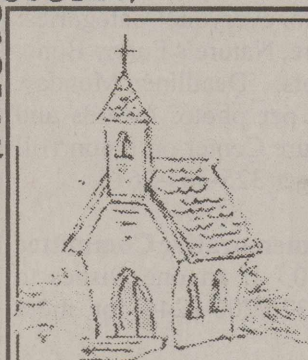
Senior Center Activities

Thur. April 29- Birthday cake at noon
Fri. April 30- Run errands and pay bills
Mon. May 3- Bingo
Tues. May 4- Mother's Day Tea Party at noon
Wed. May 5- Happy Birthday *Bill Basil Cinco de Mayo*

Senior Center Menu

Thur. April 29- Tacos w/cheese, pinto beans, mixed corn, tossed salad, taco shell, mixed fruit, milk
Fri. April 30- BBQ brisket, baked potato, green beans, bread, coleslaw, pie and milk
Mon. May 3- Chicken salad sandwich, tomato soup, carrot/celery sticks, chips, banana, milk
Tues. May 4- BBQ on a bun, baked beans, French fries, coleslaw, peaches w/topping and milk
Wed. May 5- Soft tacos w/cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortillas, cake 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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| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
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387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
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387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
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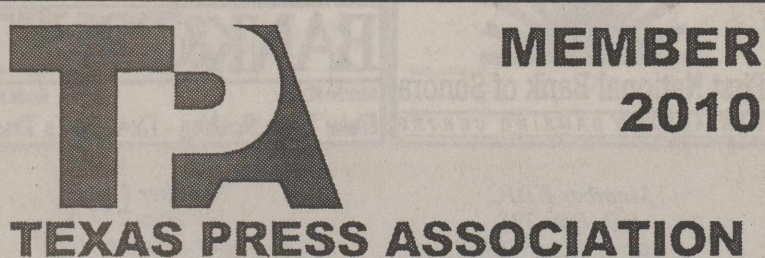
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Obituaries

Hensel Harvey Matthews

Hensel Harvey Matthews, 83, moved on to greener pastures on Sunday, April 18, 2010. He was born to Hensel and Delta Booth Matthews on Feb. 19, 1927. He was a football and track star for the Eldorado Eagles. After graduation he went into the U.S. Army until his dad became ill and he was discharged and sent home from Germany to take over the family ranch, raising Rambouillet sheep and cattle. He was a lifetime member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. He was quite a domino player and he loved the game. He and his 35 yr. longtime companion Kathleen did so much together, ranching, hanging out at the Frontier Saloon owned by Johnny Johnson, and in the 80's they had a home at Lake Amistad where he fished and visited and enjoyed life. Later on Ft. McKavett became their home away from home, where he continued until he became ill in July of 2009. He then moved in with Mitzi Friend and lived with her until December when he became a resident of the Schleicher County Nursing Home where he remained until his passing. He will be missed by many, a man of few words, the greatest sheep man- which led to many wool show awards in San Angelo and the Sonora Wool Show. He is survived by his sister Noewita Briggs, his longtime companion Kathleen Moore, Mitzi Friend Matthews, many cousins, and loads and loads of friends from different phases of his life. Pallbearers were Sean Matthews, Will L. Matthews, Jock Dutton, Joe Sanchez, Daniel Pfister and Charles Frye. Honorary pallbearers were John Mittel, Robert Mittel, John Casparis, Clayton Kennedy, J.W. Johnson, Billy Frank Matthews, Chris McCravey, Dana Ledbetter, and Roy and Ray Jacoby, and all his neighbors. Graveside services were Wednesday, April 21 at the Hensel Matthews Ranch. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a charity of your choice. We want to thank all of the wonderful people at the Schleicher County Nursing Home and to Dr. Jeffreys.

Jane Wallace Rushing



Our beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, Ya-Ya, and friend went home peacefully to be with her Lord at her home in the loving presence of her family on April 25, 2010. She was born March 10, 1960 in Sonora, Texas, to George and Martha Wallace. Jane is the fourth generation to be born, raised, and reside in Sutton County. Jane worked for the family ranch for seventeen years. She became an ordained minister of the gospel of Christ in 2006. Her life's passion and heart's desire was to love people and communicate God's great merciful love. She disciplined countless people from all over; all walks, all ages. Her greatest joy was ministering God's transforming power to other's lives, to see Jesus make all things new. Jane especially lived to serve and be available to others. She was remarkably strong in her two year battle with cancer. She gave of herself even to the very last hour. Everyone who knew Jane was touched by her life and her love. In every way her life embodied the Biblical passage I Corinthians 13, familiarly known as the "love" chapter. Jane was a graduate of Sonora High School. She was a member of Lighthouse Community Church and served there in many capacities. She was very active in the Emmaus community, prison ministry, and taught Bible studies.

Jane was preceded in death by her father and best friend, George Dee Wallace. Jane is loved and survived by her children, daughter and son-in-law Heather and Cole Cearley of Sonora, Texas, daughter Hillary Lawson of Lubbock, Texas, and sons, Hunter Lawson and Straton Rushing of Sonora, Texas, grandchild, Lynden Cearley, mother Martha Wallace, and brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Ginger Wallace of Hereford, Texas, David and Beth Wallace of Sonora, Texas, and Drew and Lisa Wallace of San Angelo, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by Trey Rushing, Ben and Lenora Pool, Jack Lawson, and Don and Mary Lawson. Pallbearers are Jim Gulley, Kyle Dover, Jody Luttrell, Mike Moore, Stanley James, Stanley Adams, Tony Renfro, Sesarlo Lozano, Paul Stephens, Todd Munn, and Sonny Samaniego. The family wishes to thank Trey Rushing, Ben and Lenora Pool, and Jim and Rhonda Gulley for their loving care and devotion. The family would like to extend their appreciation to the health care providers, Dr. Kristi Edwards, Kristen Dunlap, Laura Blaylock, and Veronica Fierro.

Also, thanks to Sutton County EMS, Kathy Hearn and Imelda Barrera.

Services will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse Community Church.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

KATHLEEN S. MOORE



Kathleen S. Moore, 80, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2010 at Park Plaza Nursing Home of San Angelo.

Born in Sonora, Texas, March 21, 1930, she was the daughter of Alfred George Schwiening Sr. and Callie "Tot" Margaret Allison. As a child, she attended Sonora public schools. She worked as a switchboard operator for General Telephone Company for several years before completing her education to become a LVN with Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital.

On August 25, 1946, Noah Joseph "Hut" Moore III and Kathleen Schwiening were married in Lovington, New Mexico.

For over 40 years, Kathleen was engaged in the ranching industry. She was well-known for raising Rambouillet sheep and Angus cattle on her ranch located on the Ft. McKavett highway. As a rancher, Kathleen was a member of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and Sutton County Predator Management Association.

She also belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church, Sonora-Eldorado Chapter #575 Order of the Eastern Star, Sutton County Historical Society, Fling Ding Club, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the Ft. McKavett Fire Department.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Noah Joseph "Hut" Moore III; her parents, Alfred George Schwiening Sr. and Callie "Tot" Margaret Allison; four brothers, Harold, Curt, Alfred, and George; and two sisters, Mary and Margaret.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Noah Joseph Moore IV and Susie Moore of Sonora; daughter and son-in-law, Darla Sue McKissack and Tommy McKissack of Sonora; grandchildren, Frank Edward McKissack of Lake Jackson, Callie Allison Reily of Austin, and Thia Dawn McKissack of Sonora; great-grandchildren, Frank Edward McKissack II of Lake Jackson, and Brandon McKissack of Deer Park; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora, May 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Chris Roque. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be mailed to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902.

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7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

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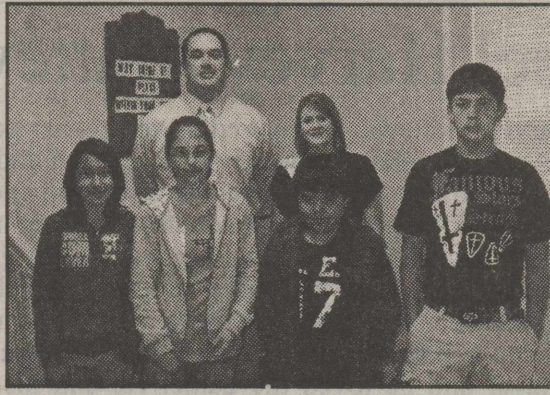
Earth Day at Busy Bee's Daycare



Shay Boggs, Juan Castillo, Michael Angelo Gonzales, Cassia Hernandez, Jayla Hererra, Ava Rodriguez, Elijah Samaniego, Madyson Wipff, Kaytlen Zammaron, Alex Mendez, Naylana Estrada, Raquel Buitron

On Thursday, April 22, 2010, Busy Bee's Daycare had the chance to plant some flowers, work on flower beds, and trim trees, with the help of their teachers, Becky, Belia, Sonia, Magdaline, and Terri, in observance of Earth Day. The kids really enjoyed being outside and playing in the dirt.

Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

It was great having the troops of the week. Actually, the beloved term "troops" means more than just students, they are athletes and concerned citizens and a joy to work along side my fellow Lions. Always ready to assist their community when called upon is Pam Crenwelge, their teacher and mentor. She is always ready to go the extra mile with her troops. This week we had Dakota Castro 5th grade, Marlena Hernandez 6th grade, Sierra Samaniego 7th grade, Jose Longoria 8th grade along with their Principal, Brandon Duncan. Each student had an opportunity to address the Club about their interests.

Your Lions are in receipt of twenty six (26) scholarship applications from Sonora HS. It is anticipated, with budget permitting, that we will award five, one thousand scholarships, to five Seniors. The selection committee is currently working hard to separate these fine applicants in order to select the winners.. A big thanks to Counselor Freiss for her continuing support to the Lions Scholarship Program. A big thanks is in order to Anthony Mungia and his crew for the work on the Girl Scout Hut.

Your Lions answered the call to serve at the Regional Track Qualifier held at the HS on Thursday, by opening the concession stand to serve the athletes and spectators. The Middle School troops also answered the call. Without their help this project could not have been done. Thanks Student Council, Students, Mr. Duncan and Pam Crenwelge.

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Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure Relay for Life Team roping has been rescheduled to May 1st. For more information call 325-387-3244.

Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate Adriana Faz is raffling cowhide belts, purses and all kind of goodies \$5 a ticket Raffle will take place on May 1st @ Cinco de Mayo Event @ Civic Center for more info call 387-3318 leave message if no answer.

Eaton Hill Nature Photo Contest—Fun for everyone! Categories: Patterns, Plants, Wildlife, People in Nature, Nature's Funny Bone, Macro, Landscape, and Eaton Hill Shots. Deadline: Monday, May 3rd by 5:00pm, Entry Fee: \$2.00 per photo. Awards and Open House: Thursday May 13th at Nature Center on Eaton Hill 5:00 – 7:30pm. FMI contact Delyse Jaeger 325-387-2615

Bake Sale for La Elliott Historical Commemorative Committee to take place on Saturday, May 8, 2010. If anyone wishes to donate any baked goods please call 325/206-2244 for more details.

St. Ann's Dance Committee will be serving Turkey & Dressing Plates for Mothers Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010 11:00 a.m. St. Ann's Parish Hall FMI Call Tabitha Abrego 325-226-2272.

Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratx.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest- Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. **Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010.** Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to **Delia Samaniego:** the_twins@verizon.net or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

MICHAEL RAMIREZ, PETER DURAN, ROWDY LEE BUELL HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING ON THE CITY SOFTBALL FIELD by the swimming pool! They are in need of helpers willing to come join them!! They are removing stickers and attempting to reseed the field!! All for the sake of our GIRLS!!! Please lend a hand!! ALL HELP IS MUCH APPRECIATED!! ANY QUESTIONS, please contact Michael Ramirez 325.650.1454 or just stop by the field!!

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

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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.

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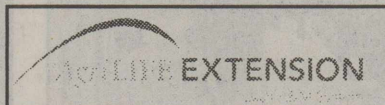
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It's Time To Watch For Snakes

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



This time of year makes the outdoors inviting. However, this is also the time when snakes become active. It is a good idea for children to be wary when playing outside, even around the home.

In general, snakes occur around a home for the specific purposes of seeking food and shelter. Knowing this provides us with ways to help prevent a snakebite around the home. First of all, keep wood piles, brush piles, and trash dumps as far as possible from the residence. When working in these areas, exercise caution. Never put an arm or leg into something if you can not see the bottom. Use a flashlight when moving about at night, even in your yard.

Maintain storage areas and livestock sheds/barns as neat as possible. Snakes will sometimes enter houses, barns and other buildings because they are attracted by the presence of rodents and insects as well as by the cool, damp, dark shelter provided by these buildings. Controlling insect and rodent populations in the area will also help to discourage snakes by eliminating their food supply. You should treat tools and materials stored on the floor as possible snake shelters. Remember snakes are adept at finding their way through small openings. Keep this in mind when entering basements, garages and similar areas.

When working outdoors, there are some precautions to take. Wear protective clothing in areas where you suspect snakes may be. Heavy footwear, snake proof trou-

sers and/or leggings will help reduce your risk of snakebite. Also, never step over a log without first seeing what is on the other side. If you must move a log - use a long stick or garden tool first, to ensure snakes are neither under, on or around these favored habitats. Children should know that animal burrows make excellent habitat for snakes - don't reach in.

As it is, there are probably only two types of snakes in our area which are venomous. The first is the rattlesnake (there are several species) and can be recognized by its rattles. The other is the coral snake. Coral snakes are most notable for their red, yellow/white, and black colored banding. Several nonvenomous species have similar coloration, so to help you in identification remember the following folk rhyme. "Red on yellow, kill a fellow; red on black, venom lack". This refers to the band of color which border each other. Most species of coral snakes are small in size and average around 3 feet.

Being able to identify or describe a snake is useful if snake-bitten so that the correct antivenom is administered. Lastly, arm yourself with a little first aid knowledge (just in case). Though avoiding a snake bite seems like common sense, children need to be reminded. That way, we can all enjoy the outdoors this spring and summer.

GMA-7 Water Conference "Texas Groundwater – Your Future"

The West Texas Regional Groundwater Alliance (WRTGA) hosted its first annual GMA-7 water conference at the Texas AgriLife Extension & Research Center auditorium in San Angelo, Texas on April 17, 2010. An audience of 175 people attended the conference and heard opening remarks from Texas State Representative Drew Darby, who spoke about the importance of groundwater to the economic well being of the state of Texas and the hard work the Groundwater Districts perform to protect it. The conference MC, Mr. Kirby Brown, Vice-President for Public Policy, Texas Wildlife Association, kept the program moving while summarizing the key comments of each speaker. Mr. George Ozuna, Deputy Director, USGS, Dr. Bill Hutchison, Director of Groundwater Resources, Texas Water Development Board and Dr. Ron Green, hydrogeologist, Southwest Research Institute presented information about the geology, modeling – groundwater availability and desired future conditions and hydrogeology of the Edwards-Trinity aquifer. Mr. Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Services, emphasized the importance of improving and maintaining good riparian waterways for the benefit of human and wildlife habitation. Mr. Greg Ellis, Executive Director, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD), rounded out the morning session with a discussion on the legal aspects of Texas groundwater from 1904 to the present.

During the breaks attendees gathered for refreshments donated by many businesses

throughout the area. Attendees were also treated to a lunch of delicious hamburgers and trimmings also provided by these businesses.

The afternoon session began with sobering comments from former state representative, Mr. Bob Turner, informing the gathering about how new generations of Texans will strain groundwater resources near and far. With the eventual loss of legislative representatives of rural West Texas to the more populous metropolitan areas, Mr. Turner continued, it will become essential to form liaisons with these metropolitan legislators in order to maintain the rural way of life. Dr. Archie Ruiz, Professor Texas Tech University, spoke about the physics and practical application of weather modification in West Texas. Mr. Scott McWilliams, Upper Colorado River Authority, spoke about the importance of brush control as a means of increasing water recharge of streams and aquifers. Next, Mr. Mike Bira, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), made a presentation on the role the EPA has working with the Texas Environmental Quality Commission improving and maintaining the quality of water within the state of Texas. The last speaker, Mr. Jay Johnson-Castro, Sr., Rio Grande International Study Center, Executive Director, spoke about the importance of the Rio Grande River from Colorado to the tip of Texas at Brownsville.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Kirby Brown put into perspective the main points developed during the conference by the diversity of speakers on the many facets of future of groundwater

in Texas and the importance of being informed and active in groundwater matters. The conference concluded with a door prize drawing for several electronic weather stations.

The WRTGA expresses its sincere gratitude to all the businesses that helped support this conference through their generous donations and we thank all the people who attended the conference for their many favorable comments about the conference and the issues presented.

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Earwood Makes High Honors List at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School



Meredith Earwood of Sonora was recently named to the High Honors List at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

Meredith Earwood of Sonora, Texas has been named to the High Honors List at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (SAS) for the most recent grading period. Meredith, daughter of Edward Earwood, is a senior boarding student at the Episcopal boarding and day school in Sewanee, TN.

In addition to being an outstanding student, Meredith is a member of the school's cross-country and basketball teams. In addition to taking a rigorous traditional college preparatory course load, Meredith is taking courses in Environmental History, Geology, Environmental Studies, and Theatre Arts.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is a boarding and day school serving students in grades 6-12 with boarding enrollment beginning in ninth grade. The school's talented and dedicated faculty, innovative curriculum, and stunning mountaintop campus in Sewanee, TN., attracts students from 15 states and 11 countries. Qualified students are able to take college courses for free and for credit at the nearby University of the South. More information about St. Andrew's-Sewanee School is available at www.sasweb.org.

Meet Your Candidates!!!

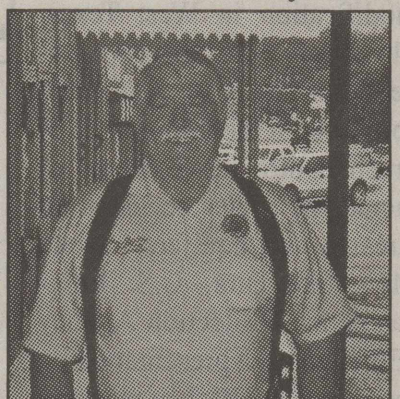
Jana Dover
City Council Ward 2



My name is Jana Dover, and I am 38 years young. I married my high school sweetheart, Kyle Dover, over 20 years ago. We have 2 children, Dalton, who is married with a baby on the way, and Brittani, who is a senior this year and will be attending UTSA in the fall. I have been in the property managing business for over 16 years. Ten of those years have been here in Sonora. I am studying to receive my A.S. degree to be a Veterinarian Technician and hope to be finished in 3 years. Some of you may have seen me at The Sonora Animal

Hospital filling in when needed. Dr. Gibbons has allowed me to experience this field and mentor me as I go through my studies. In May 2006, I was appointed to City Council Ward 2 to fill the vacancy. I did not know that I would still be here after almost 4 years. In May of 2009, I was appointed to be Mayor Pro-Tem. As I have been on the City Council, I have grown to "listen", experience city government and how it works, the hiring of 2 city managers, and now the past 3 years dealing with the major infrastructure to our sewer and water lines. I am the type of person that if I have a job to do, then I am going to get that job done. I know our city streets are in terrible condition and that is one thing we are trying to get fixed through the "Street Maintenance Tax" that is proposed on Election Day. I am not happy with how slow the "infrastructure" is going. That is why I am always asking and pushing for our city manager to "bug" the Texas Water Board (who controls the whole project) to get started. I don't want to see our "tax" money or "city" money go to waste. As they say: "I want more bang for the buck." Come April 26th-May 4th and you will be able to vote early @ City Hall, and May 8th is Election Day @ your assigned precinct area.

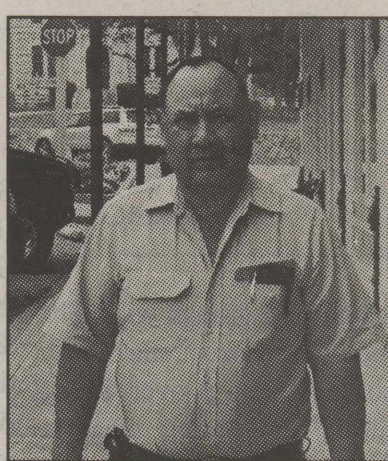
Frank Wamble
City Council Ward 1



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a few of the abilities and achievements I will bring to the City Council when elected. I have been in Sonora for 15 years. I have served on the Chamber of Commerce as a director (1 term of 4 years). I am

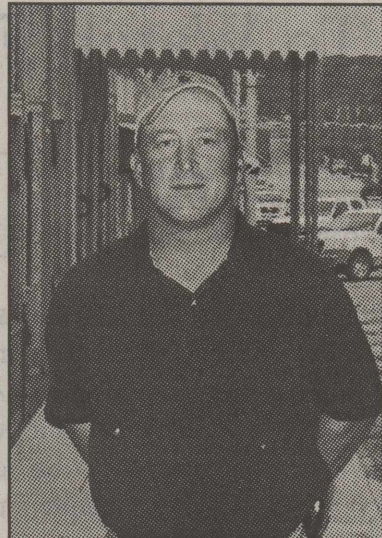
also a member of the Masonic Lodge (worshipful master for the second term), Worthy patron of the eastern star (4 terms). I attended Texas A&M University (Class of 1962) where my major was in both civil engineering and math. I have 35 years work experience with a heavy construction and refinery company (Westheimer) where the last position I held was CEO. Currently I serve as president (and past president) of the Downtown Sonora Lions Club, and I am a member of the First Methodist Church of Sonora. When elected I plan on working for my constituents and providing information and knowledge back to them. I will attempt to raise the status, reputation, efficiency, and customer service of the city to the level expected by the citizens of Sonora.

Harold Martinez
City Council Ward 2



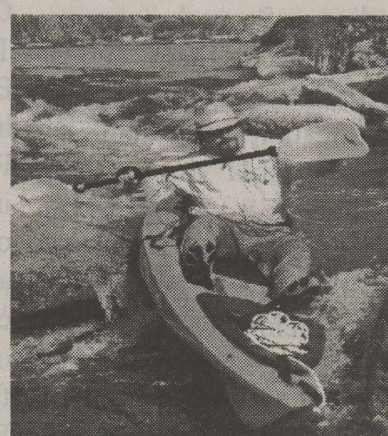
I am a lifetime Sonora resident that brings a combination of real world work experience (33 years with the Texas Department of Transportation, and a local business owner) as well as a long history of community service (25 years with the volunteer fire department, and EMS). I am also an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Sutton County Health Foundation. If elected, I plan to work with the city to manage its accounts based on an overall plan for our city. "I want to work with my co-workers to see if we can create a better future for the city of Sonora, and the community."

DeVoe Smith
School Board



I graduated from Sonora High School in 1983, and received a BBA in Finance from Angelo State University in 1987. I have no specific agenda. My first and foremost interest is for everyone's children at SISD. I think we have great administrators in place and if elected as a board member, I will assist them in every way possible. I will let them do their job and not interfere unless it has to do with policy. Our school offers so much now, but anything in technology would help our kids with career choices to prepare them for college and/or the workforce.

Jed Davenport
Mayor



Citizens of Sonora, it has been a pleasure to serve you as the Mayor of Sonora for the last year and few months. As candidate for re-election to the position of Mayor I am asking for your vote once again. During my term as Mayor, I have upheld my commitment to the citizens of Sonora by ensuring that the Sonora City

Council and the Sonora City Government conduct its business in a trustworthy manner and in compliance with the open meetings act. We (meaning citizens, council, and city government) are entering an era of local government requiring a high level of commitment and accountability. It is my goal as Mayor to encourage, motivate, and push City Council, City Government and even the Citizens of Sonora to respond to the call of service. Sonora can only be as good as its citizens, and those elected by the citizenry to office. So please vote Jed Davenport for City Mayor and consider how you can serve to make Sonora's future even brighter. "Being Mayor is a lot like paddling down the devil's river, a lot of pretty scenery but if you don't keep your hands on the oar and an eye on the business at hand you might find yourself in a boat wreck, fast!"

****Editors Note-The bio's published above were submitted voluntarily. Any candidates that have not submitted biographical information can still do so prior to the May 8th election. You can either drop off your bio at the news office, or email them to editor@sonorax.net BY 12:00 p.m. MONDAY MAY 3, 2010.**

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McBride Graduates



Mike and Juanita McBride are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Kayla Nicole McBride from The University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Marketing on May 8, 2010.

Kayla was a member of the UTSA Lady Roadrunner Golf Team for 4 years and was able to travel to several beautiful destinations playing a sport she loves.

Kayla, a 2006 Graduate of Sonora High School, will continue to live in San Antonio and would like to thank Sonora for their support and generosity over the years.

Broncos

At the Next Level

Submitted

John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, Fr., golf - In the final round of the 2010 Southern Conference Men's Golf Championship, John Duke finished in 16th place with a 3 day total of 220, 4 over par, 2nd best on the C of C golf team. The team placed 6th. NCAA golf regional's begins May 20th.

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Jr., softball-This past weekend the Lady Techsters hosted Boise State in a 3 game conference series. The Techsters continued their scoring slump as they lost the series 2 games to 1. Meghan Krieg was the hard luck loser in games 1 and 2 giving up only 3 hits in each game and striking out 10. In game 1 the Techsters out hit Boise with 8 hits but left 9 stranded on base. Again in game 2, the Techsters could not get a timely hit as they left 8 stranded. The Nevada Wolf Pack is up next for the Techsters in Ruston, La. Meghan is 29 strikeouts away from breaking the program record of 254 strikeouts in a season. Also, May 7th @ 10:00 PM CDT, The Techsters will play conference rivals Fresno State on ESPNU.

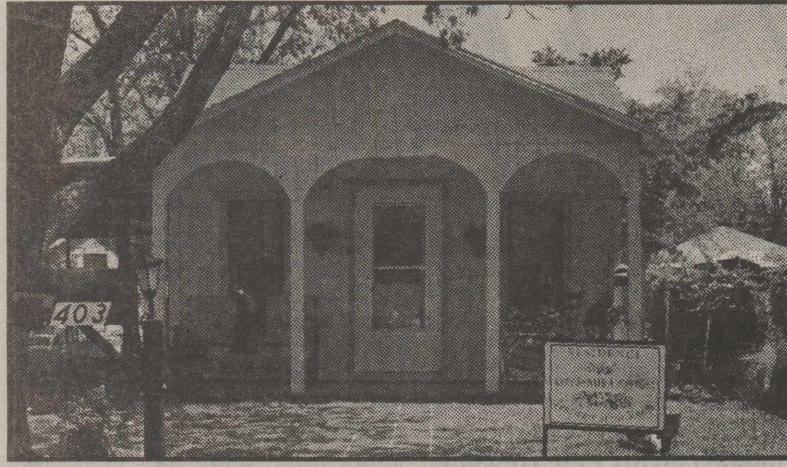
Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, So., softball-Kimble and the Lady Jackets hosted Schreiner University in a double header April 21st. Schreiner won both games 5-2, 3-1. Kimble was 3/6 on the day with an RBI and a stolen base, also reaching base once on an error. April 24th the Yellow Jackets ended their season splitting games with University of Dallas 1-3, 6-4. Kimble was 1/5 on the day reaching base in game 2 with a single, fielder's choice and on error by UD scoring twice for the Yellow Jackets. The Yellow Jackets in a rebuilding year with many young players finished the season 10-25, 6-18 in conference play. Kimble finished with an impressive .327 batting average, 2nd best on the roster.ackets will play next weekend back at home in a four-game series against Hardin-Simmons. Lady Jackets will play next weekend back at home in a four-game series against Hardin-Simmons.

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Landscape of the Month



Keep Sonora Beautiful's April 2010 Landscape of the Month is 403 Santa Clara St. Congratulations!

DeVoe Smith

For
School Board (Pct. 2)



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Anybody that knows me knows I care about our schools, both academic and athletic

Early voting starts April 26 at SISD Administration Office Election is May 8

Any questions call my cell 325-206-1605

I would really appreciate your vote
*political ad paid for by DeVoe Smith

Letter to the Editor

When you vote for City Councilman starting this week, there will be a proposition asking you to vote for continuing 1/4% Street maintenance sales tax, Please Vote, YES!

Revenue for this City is down. Sales Tax is down 51% from this time last year. Please! Vote Yes, to continue a 1/4 percent sales tax for Street Manintenance. This means Street maintenance can continue.

Councilman Col.(ret) Pete Bradley

Don't know who Mr. Williams is and don't think he was with us while we put out the EGGs for the children. I would like to let you know that I appreciate the work done by Mrs. Kay in support of increasing interest in my town. Keep up the good work, Ann. Correct me if I am wrong but the Board of Directors in conjunction with Mrs. Kay discovered the loss and reported it to the Law. The law took the final action on the reported offense.

Gail Cade Sonora, TX

Dear Editor:

I would like to address the letter from 'Paul Williams' regarding "his" thoughts on Ann Kay, the Manager of FHS, FHS Main Street Board of Directors, and the City Council. These are but a few of our accomplishments and awards on completed projects.

I personally, take exception to the statement made regarding the "advertised 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt." There was an 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. The children who came at 8:30 a.m. to have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, had their pictures made, bunny games, and act.... the children were ready to hunt eggs before 11:00 a.m. 'kind of like putting race horses in the gate and making them wait 2 hours to start the race'....

A volunteer made this statement at the Sutton County Courthouse lawn.

We advertised for sponsors to help pay for good gifts and I don't recall seeing a donation by Paul Williams from all the money that was collected, the gifts were all bought IN LOCAL SONORA STORES.

I HOPE Sonora can move past this and be the caring, supporting town it has always been known for and will continue to be. Don't do negative criticism - do positive creation when we are trying to keep Sonora alive!
- See you next Easter, Paul!

Yours most sincerely,

Jimmy Cahill

(just a volunteer at the Annual FHS Easter Egg Hunt and

Thank You Note

A big Sonora Thank You to everyone who voted for me for Employee of the Year at the wonderful Chamber of Commerce 2010 banquet Thursday evening.

I am so blessed to be back in Sonora working for Revolution Broadcasting Company - KHOS radio.

My job would be impossible without the help of our wonderful sponsors, guests, listeners and co-host Linda Love.

I thought there was no way I would ever win, being in the company of my friends, Michelle Faz, Diane Jacoby, Juan Pantino and Tom Payton!

Lenora Pool, Albert Ward and Ruthie Wallace did an awesome job on my biography!

Thank You to Lenora Pool and Linda Love who escorted me on stage.

I MUST get my old Investigative Journalism books out and study them again. I asked my cousin, Lenora, on the way to the event, if she had heard who might win Employee of the Year. "I haven't heard a thing", she said. I will put more thought into my question next time! Haha

I did not see Linda Love walking to our table or I would have figured out who was about to be named Employee of the Year! Haha.

God bless each of you and ... GO BRONCOS!!!

Eddy Smith

KHOS Radio

**Editors Note*-Eddy, I have found that there are no tricks to finding the truth of a story, and text books have always been of little use to me (I need to show you my college transcript sometime as evidence). So don't feel bad you didn't spot the ruse from Lenora-to be honest you never had a chance against her. The only truth of the entire event is found through your hard work for our town, your dedication to our kids, and your love of your job. Good Job and Well Done to ALL the award recipients and nominees!!*

I would like to say thank you to all my friends for all the help that I received while holding my raffle for The Relay For Life. Without your help it would not have been successful; Bo and Cheri Covey for the donation of the raffle tickets, John Kay and Charlotte Wilson for the use of the quilt stand and their donation as well, Blaze and Amy Sykes for allowing me to display the Afaghans at the Sutton County Steakhouse, and my fellow co-workers that helped sell the raffle tickets, KHOS Radio for announcing the raffle on the air, and to everyone that purchased a ticket to help fight this disease. Thank you to Sam Beetera with Decoty for the donation of coffee creamers and sugars for our coffee bar at The Relay for Life Event.

Thank you very much,
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Nicholson's Meat Company

We would like to thank each and every person who walked in and traded at our retail store.

We will be closing our retail store on May 1st.

Our retail store and custom slaughter & processing will still continue in Mertzon.

With the economy like it is we don't have a choice.

Again, thank you for all your support

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- Parade 9:00 AM
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- Little Mr. and Miss Cinco de Mayo
- Food & Arts/Crafts Booths
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- Mariachi Angeles Dorados
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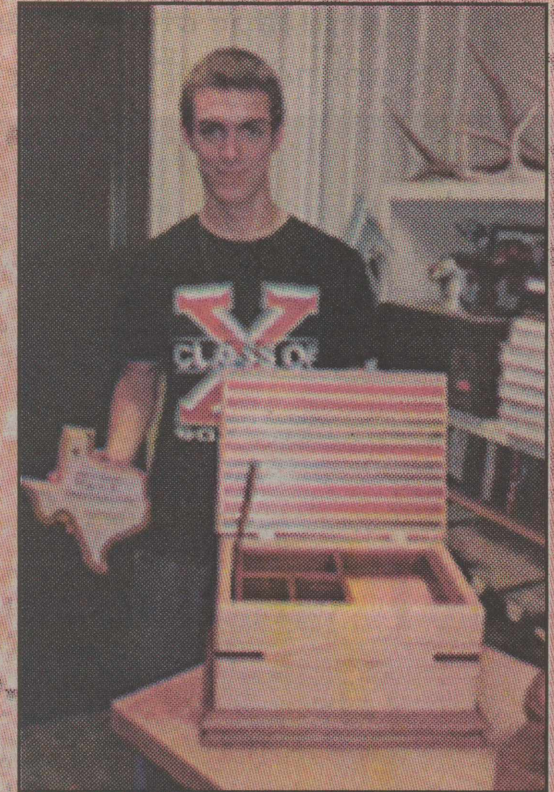
Juan Capuchina
Grand Champion
Large Wood Project



Kris Agüero and Josh Salazar
Reserve Champion
Large Wood Project



Sean Pennington
Grand Champion
Small Wood Project



Chamber Chatter

Chamber Banquet Fiesta!!

Submitted by By: Donna Garrett

The annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held Thursday, April 22nd at the Sutton County Civic Center. The theme for the evening was Celebrating Small Business – Fiesta Style! I would like to thank the decorating committee, Carla Smith, Kendra Vyvlecka and Mary Ann Pajestka, for a wonderful job. The Sutton County Steakhouse served fajitas with all the trimmings, and I have to say they were spectacular! Great job once again. La Mexicana set up a cash bar with adult beverages. This was the Chambers first time to have adult beverages and I believe it was enjoyed by many! Thank you La Mexicana for offering your services. The Blind Nello band entertained the crowd and was great as usual.

I would like to thank Lewis Allen for the wonderful invocation and Ben Taylor with the Devil's River News for photographing the award recipients.

The evening began with the introduction of the outgoing board of directors; Ryon West, Mary Ann Pajestka, Gerry Ingham and Eddie Arteaga. We want to thank you for giving your time for the last three years. The new board of directors were announced and welcomed: Jody Luttrell, Juanita Gomez, Vice President Ed Mayfield and Dani Dillard. The current board is as follows; President Jimmy Sims, President Elect Cindy Colbath, Treasurer Pam Payton, Carla Smith, Kendra Vyvlecka, Bill Hodges, Mariah Castro and Katy Harrell. Donna Garrett, Executive Director, presented outgoing president, Carla Smith with a beautiful arrangement of flowers along with a gift certificate and thanked her for her term

as president. Board members are selected by a committee of the current board of directors and chamber members in good standing. The notice is mailed out to all members allowing a time to voice an opinion or concern. Jimmy Cahill was the guest speaker with the topic, Small Business and gave an amazing speech to give hope to the future of Sonora.

Susan Hall, Chairperson for Keep Sonora Beautiful, announced Landscape of the Month winners for the year and presented each winner with a plaque, and then announced the Landscape of the Year winner. The Rockhouse Gift Boutique/Team Graphics was awarded this honor. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for helping to keep Sonora beautiful! Max Howorth, Board President of the Sonora Economic Development Corporation, acknowledged all Customer Service Champions for the year, and presented the Customer Service Champion of Year award to Tina Watkins, along with a \$250 gift card. Congratulations Tina and keep up the good work.

Ruthie Wallace, local Farm Bureau Insurance agent, presented the Educator of the Year award to Claudia Dempsey, the Employee of the Year award to Eddy Smith, Business Person of the Year award to Jimmy Cahill, and the Organization of the Year award went to Sutton County 4-H. The final award of the night, Citizen of the Year presented was a tie, which is not surprising with all the wonderful nominees. The awards went to Joe David Ross and Rex Ann Friess. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for all you do for Sonora!

I would like to thank Ruthie

for the wonderful way she announced the winners, which was pretty easy for her since she has known the winners all of her life. If you are wondering how the nominees end up on the ballot, there is a committee comprised of at least 2 board of directors and 3 chamber members in good standing. This committee comes up with a slate of 5 names per category, which is difficult to actually narrow the names down to 5, but as always the committee manages to come up with a deserving selection of nominees. The ballots are then mailed to all chamber members in good standing with a deadline to return ballots. The committee will meet again to count the ballots and determine the winners. This year we received more ballots than in the past, so we want to thank you for taking the time to cast your vote!

If you have any questions or would like to join the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, please call the office at 325-387-2880. I would like to thank 2009 Miss Sutton County Shaniah Johnson, our Downtown Lions Club Queen, Keeli Taylor, 2009 Miss Cinco De Mayo Crystal Hidalgo, 2010 Miss Cinco De Mayo Candidate Marissa Faz for greeting everyone at the door and assisting with the program by delivering the certificates to all the nominees. I want to thank my wonderful husband Scott Garrett for helping decorate and cleaning up, etc. He is always there to help at any and all events!!

Last but not least, I would like to thank my Administrative Assistant, Tibba Edmondson for a wonderful job. Without her to keep me straight and on track, things would not have come together so beautifully. THANKS TIBBA for

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Sonora Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

April 22, 2010

Landscape of the Year
Rockhouse Boutique



Employee of the Year
Eddy Smith



The recipient of the employee of the year has known from a very young age what his vocation would be. One of his previous employer's has written "You have no idea how proud it makes me feel to learn that he has been selected as the Employee of the Year. In addition to being a good friend - he has sort of been an unofficial son to me. He honors me by publicly referring to me as his mentor. That is certainly pleasing". This same former employer even wrote a paper about Eddy while attending a graduate class at Texas A&M University.

After graduating from Sonora High School he went on to Angelo State University and majored in communications. After his graduation from ASU he worked at more than one of the San Angelo radio stations and at KLST television.

He is currently the station manager for KHOS radio a part of Revolution Broadcasting Co. of Kerrville, hosting the morning show, doing the news and weather, local announcements, selling air time for advertising, monitoring and caring for all the equipment, and just about anything and everything else that needs to be done at the station.

Customer Service Champion
Tina Watkins



Business Person of the Year
Jimmy Cahill



This year's Business Person of the Year takes the responsibility of being an employer very seriously. While most companies immediately start laying people off of work when the economic times get tough undercutting the humanly possible of their business-Jimmy Cahill has done everything humbly possible to keep from having to lay off employees. He has come up with other enterprises, other promotions and very inventive and sometimes pretty entertaining ways to keep people working and drawing a pay check.

A 1961 graduate of SHS, and 1966 graduate of Texas Tech-Jimmy married Ruthie Schafer in 1967 and they returned to Sonora in 1968 so Jimmy could work for Carl J. Cahill, Inc. He took on the sole responsibility of running the company in 1971. He took over a company with 12 employees and grew it to as many as 75 employees. He has kept about 50 people working for many years through good times and bad.

Educator of the Year
Claudia Dempsey



Born the oldest of four girls, she was the one always in charge. Teaching came naturally for her at an early age because she practiced on her younger sisters, making lists, creating schedules, and teaching "abc's".

Graduating from Texas A&M University, magna cum laude, in 1975, Claudia then taught school for one year at Bryan College Station, moving to League City, Texas where she taught for three years in Texas City. Her triple teaching fields of mathematics, English, and physics make her a much sought after teacher.

Moving with her family to Sonora in 1979, she taught junior high English first, and then later, high school mathematics captured her teaching heart, as she in turn captured the hearts of many, many Sonora high school students for the next twenty one years. From Scout Leader to Summer Swimming Pool Director to church deacon, our Claudia brings to teaching what every parent wishes for his/her own child - a teacher who gives 100% in all that she does for 100% of the school day and even beyond until many times the wee hours of the morning.

Organization of the Year
Sutton County 4-H



Through 4-H, countless numbers of young people have been given life lessons that they will carry with them throughout their lifetime. This organization helps to instill a sense of responsibility both civic and personal to each of its members as well as educating them in many different fields of study and development -learning by doing. Here in our county chapter of this club many agricultural endeavors are the primary focus along with family life skills. Throughout the history of the Sutton County 4-H Club we have seen thousands of young people participate in and learn from programs like range judging, grass judging, wool & mohair judging, livestock judging, method demonstrations, record books, foods & nutrition, sewing, shooting sports, horticulture, family living, citizenship programs, and all the animal projects.

Citizens of the Year

Joe David Ross



Joe David Ross has served on nearly every board in this community, this county and many state boards. He was instrumental in getting the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District organized and is still serving on that board of directors. He has been the Sutton County delegate to Region F Water Planning Commission since 1998, and was the organizer and first president of the Sonora Community Park and Rodeo Facility.

A few other organizations that he has served ; there are Texas Veterinary Medical Assn. Board, Mohair Council of America, Angora Goat Breeder's Assn., Cashmere Goat Assn., Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers', and many more. - while representing Sonora and Sutton County's interest in all these organizations through the years he still was able to serve on Sutton County Tax Appraisal Review Board, the First United Methodist Church finance committee, and USDA ASCS Board as well as the Natural Resource and Conservation Service Board and the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board. Graduating from Sonora High School in 1953 and then attending Texas A & M University, getting his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree during the drought of the 1950's, he is a third generation Rancher in Sutton County and is widely recognized as an expert in many agricultural fields

Rex Ann Friess



"A ball of energy that takes on the toughest of jobs and gets them done" says a friend. "A pit bull that takes on a project and won't let go until it is done right" another might say. Rex Ann Friess has spent many hours driving kids to and from judging contests, countless hours helping with projects, working in concession stands for the 4-H club, while working a full time job but never using the hours she worked as an excuse to shirk her civic responsibilities. Not only did she have a full time job, but she retired from the most unpopular position in any community - the tax assessor, collector.

She just doesn't quit - Immediately after retiring she took on the monumental task to co-chair the Old Ice House Museum project through the Sutton County Historical Society. The word "can't" is not in her vocabulary - her attitude is that it can be done and she will see that it is done and done correctly. She is another graduate of Sonora High and she attended Texas Tech University.

