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Summer Youth Program To Come to Sonora

By Chris Roque

Have you ever wondered what you can do to support the youth of our community during the summer? Something new is coming to Sonora to do just that! The Good Samaritan Community Service, based out of San Antonio, is offering our community a Summer Youth Program for students entering first grade through students entering eight grade. This program will run from June 11th through July 27th.

On 13 February, the Executive Director Jill Oettinger and The Rev. Andy Lobban, Good Sam Chaplain visited Sonora. They met with our new school Superintendent, Mr. James Hartman, Mrs. Louise Dermondy, Elementary School Principle and Mr. Sean Leamon, Intermediate School Principle. Other individuals were present include local ranchers, retired teachers, members of the law enforcement community, the city manager, a representative of the local Child Welfare Board and most of the town pastors. Jill Oettinger gave us a program on what the Good Samaritan Community Services can offer our community.

The Good Samaritan Community Services has its origins in San Antonio, Texas. In the early 1950s parts of the southwest side of San Antonio had no paved roads and no plumbing or sewer system. Demographically and geographically a three mile triangular area held the nation's highest mortality rate for typhoid. Something had to be done to address the impoverishment and death. In 1951 The Right Reverend Everett Jones, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas initiated a soup kitchen and health dispensary on Saltillo Street.

This center has now grown into a large year round multi-building campus that services

inner city youth and aging adults. It has a nationally accredited child care center. It adds youth and their families enabling them to live full lives through health and education. Some of the many success stories of the Good Sam Center can be seen today. You may have once seen a Labatt Food Service truck delivering food to restaurants. Labatt Food Service also holds the contract to feed the United States Army; their company president is a Good Sam Graduate. In the 1960s his mother worked several jobs and took him there after school. They empowered him to get an education and go on to college. Likewise the recent former Special Agent in charge of the San Antonio FBI office is a Good Sam Graduate.

Since 2005 the Good Samaritan Community Services has developed satellite programs, like the one here in Sonora. It will offer a seven week summer program to local youth in a four-tier youth development curriculum focused on Educational Achievement, Strengthening positive behavior while reducing risky behavior, transitions to college/career opportunities, and local civic engagement through community service. In larger urban environments the summer program focuses on inner city, at risk youth whereas in smaller communities like Sonora the summer program will be open to all students between 1st and 8th grade. It will augment the Sonora ISD summer school program. Mr. Hartman, Superintendent of Schools, offered to host the Good Sam summer program on the school campus. A staff of six local individuals needs to be hired to run the program. The cost of this program is approximately \$74,000 of which \$10,000 has been raised. Pastors Lewis Allen, Leigh Lloyd and Mr.

Brady Johnson are our development and fund raising coordinators.

Our youth are the most valuable blessing God has given us. In doing this we are stating that we care about ALL the children God has blessed us with in Sonora. Some children are members of single parent homes or where both parents work several jobs. When school is not in session they have no healthy safe place to be. This summer program provides that safe and enriching environment. The heart of this mission comes from its name and story, The Good Samaritan. In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10, a man was beaten by thieves and left for dead on a road. Many people passed him by, if fact, the people that should have helped him failed to stop and render aid. A Samaritan, somebody wasn't even a fellow Jew stopped and did the right thing. The Samaritan saw him as a child of God and his neighbor. He reached out to help the beaten man regardless of who he was. God calls us to take care of each other regardless of who we are or our background.

We are called to reach out the same way. We can do this but only as a faithful community. This is a collaboration of our entire Community. This is possible through the cooperation of the School District, town parishes, city and county agencies and committed individuals. Perhaps a future State Senator, High Mount CEO or School Principle could be a child that participates in this program. Ask yourself how is God calling you to be a Good Samaritan? God's Speed, Father Chris Roque.

Man Pleads Guilty to Capital Murder

Submitted

On Monday, March 26, 2012, Robert Ben Rhoades, 66, plead guilty to two counts of Capital Murder in exchange for two consecutive life sentences. Rhoades is currently serving a sentence of life without parole in Illinois for the murder of a Houston, Texas teenager. The life sentences for the Crockett County case will be served consecutively to the life sentence he is serving in Illinois. As part of the plea agreement Rhoades waived his right to credit for time served while awaiting trial, waived his right to parole, and waived his right to all State and Federal Appeals. Rhoades was extradited to Texas on the Crockett County indictment on October 19, 2009. Family members for both victims were present for the guilty pleas and provided passionate victim impact statements to Judge Brock Jones after the guilty pleas.

Rhoades was indicted by a Crockett County Grand Jury in May 2005 for the Capital Murders of Patricia Candace Walsh and Douglas Scott Zyskowski. Walsh and Zyskowski were newlywed missionaries who were hitchhiking their way across Texas. Zyskowski's body was found along Interstate 10 in Crockett County in January 1990. The Crockett County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers began an investigation at that time, but the case grew cold as potential leads were eliminated. In 2003, Texas Ranger Brooks Long reopened the case and completed the investigation. Long's thorough investigation determined that Rhoades committed Douglas Zyskowski's murder. Additionally, Ranger Long searched for, and found, an unsolved murder of an unidentified female in Utah, which proved to be Candace Walsh. Ms. Walsh's body had been discovered in 1990 near Interstate 15, in Millard County, Utah. Ranger Long's assistance enabled the Millard County, Utah law enforcement agencies to solve their cold case. Rhoades was extradited to Utah in 2005, but returned to Illinois after the Utah case was dismissed in favor of consolidated prosecution for both capital murders in the Crockett County case.

District Attorney, Laurie English, stated, "Ranger Long's tireless efforts and diligent investigation resolved two unsolved capital murders and allowed these two families to take the remains of their loved ones home for burial. Ranger Long left no stone unturned during his investigation. He tenaciously followed every lead from state and federal law enforcement agencies in multiple states in his quest for answers and evidence."

"Under the laws in effect in 1990, "life without parole" was not available as an option for a jury or for a guilty plea. A person sentenced to "life" was eligible for parole after only fifteen years. I agreed to waive the death penalty in exchange for Rhoades' waivers of parole, credit for time served, and waiver of his right to appeal. Through this plea agreement we effectively plead this defendant to life without parole. On February 20, 2012, the defense attorneys and I reached an agreement to plead this case. The victims' families distance from Ozona and the Court's trial schedule delayed the guilty plea for a few weeks. These sentences provide closure and finality for the victims' families and Crockett County."

Defense counsel: H.W. "Woody" Leverett, Jr., Midland, Texas, Jason Leach, Odessa, Texas

Bronco Track Team 3-Peat at the San Angelo Relays

By Eddie Favila

What a great weekend for the shot put was a personal best Bronco Track team this past and he finished in eighth place. weekend at the San Angelo In the discus Damon Evans, Relays! For the last three years Bryce Smith and Michael Santhe boys have brought home chez competed in this event, the team title from the 52nd Damon Evans threw 126'11" San Angelo Relays. The performance from this group of throw of 109'06" placed him young men was impressive but in 10th place. Long jumper more impressive was the sup- Word Hudson brought home port of the sea of red up in the the bronze medal with a jump stands supporting The Bronco Team. jumped 18'11.50" to place 9th.

The field events had some There was great improvement great performance; Fresh- in the field events and this man Sid Anderson started the young men help pace the Bronscoring with a 10'06" vault. cos on to the running events. Brothers Imoni Cross and Eli- The running started with jah Cross also step up and had a bang with the local team awesome field events, Imoni and Wall going neck to neck leaped 41'01" to place fifth. throughout the race. The sprint Elijah throw of 41'06" in the relay team of Word Hudson,

Darien Lopez, Zach Badeaux, and Gunter Pennington ran a 43.44 to place second behind Wall's time of 43.42. In the 3200 meter run Jesus Vasquez ran a 10:26.74 to bring home the silver medal and Candi Tobias ran a 12:07.71 to place in 8th place. Ricardo Regino ran a personal best of 2:04.12 to place 4th and Marky Quiros time of 2:08.53 placed him in 7th place. In one of the races people went to see, Zach Badeaux out ran a state qualifier from last year in the 110 hurdles. Zach time of 14.83 won him the gold medal. In the 100 meters the team scored 10 point behind Darien Lopez first place finish of 11.44 and Word Hud-

son fifth place finish time of 11.72. The 800 meter team of Gunter Pennington, Zach Badeaux, Will Dutton, and Darien Lopez ran a record setting time of 1:30.14 to win the race. The team also broke the school record held by Justin Northcutt, Anthony Longoria, Cameron Cox and Steven Duhon in 2007 with a time of 1:30.86. One of the best performance by a young man at the Angelo Relays was Imoni Cross who ran four 400 meters this weekend. Imoni was in lane seven in the finals and out ran everyone from the sound of the gun and place first with a time of 51.10. Dallas Payne overcame his fall in the 110 hurdles to

place second in his specialty the 300 meter hurdles by running a 41.39. The 200 meters had all three qualifiers from Sonora. Gunter Pennington ran a 23.46 to place second, Will Dutton ran a 24.32 to place sixth and Brett Castillo ran a 24.33 to place seventh. In the final long distance race Jesus Vasquez ran a 4:51.58 to win the silver and Ricardo Regino ran a personal best time of 5:54.88 to win the bronze medal. Even though the team had already clinched the team title the 1600 Meter Relay team of Jansen McBride, Robert Chavez, Dallas Payne, and Imoni Cross ran


Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 29 - Work on Puzzle
 Fri. March 30 - Run Errands
 Mon. April 2 -
 Tues. April 3 -
 Wed. April 4 -

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 29 - Oven fried chicken, bowtie pasta, milk broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
 Fri. March 30 - Baked fish on a bun, lettuce, tomato, milk pickle, potato wedges, coleslaw, peaches
 Mon. April 2 -
 Tues. April 3 -
 Wed. April 4 -

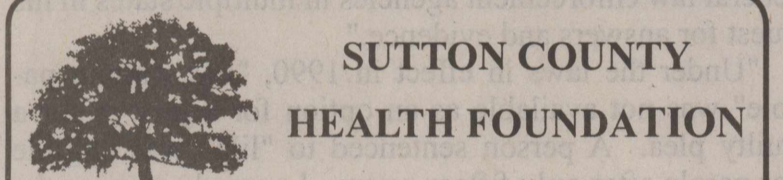
Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00;
 \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



Sonora Church Directory

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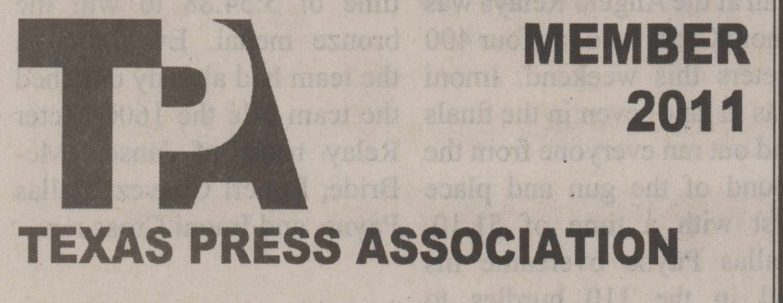
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Obituary

James Charles "JC" Surber

James Charles "JC" Surber, 81, went to be with the Lord, March 25, 2012. JC was born November 12, 1930 in Mason County to Woody and Eva Mae Surber.

On July 23, 1949, JC married Loma Lee Starks. It was clear from the beginning that JC and Loma were destined for a love that knew no boundaries. JC and Loma shared a love that flowed throughout their family.

JC's lifelong love for music began in 1943. JC had a spot on a local radio program in Brady, Texas called "The Singing Cowboy". Nothing pleased JC more than "pickin' and grinnin'" with his friends.

JC began his career in the oilfield with Halliburton in 1951 and remained loyal to the company for 30 years, until his retirement in 1981. Upon retirement, JC and Loma ventured into the fiberglass business starting their own company, Liquid Storage Sales.

After retirement, JC's passion became acquiring and restoring classic cars, including the first two vehicles that he and Loma shared. JC's cars were often seen in the parades throughout Sonora.

JC was a devoted member and active parishioner of the First Baptist Church of Sonora. JC and Loma enjoyed traveling, spending time at their farm in Hext and surrounding themselves with family and friends.

JC never knew a stranger. He was a loving and generous father, neighbor, and friend.

JC was preceded in death by his father, Woody Surber; mother, Eva Mae Surber; sister Maudell Wood; brother, Max Surber; son, Rex Surber; nephews Lee Surber and Richie Wood; brother-in-law, Charlie Starks.

Left to celebrate his life is his wife of 63 years, Mrs. Loma Surber of Sonora; son, Randy Surber and two children, Jennifer and husband John Goins and four children Melissa, Kristina, Ethan, and Tyler of Sonora and Jeffery and Trish Surber of Brenham; and son, Ronnie Surber and wife Suzanne, and their two children, Sawney and Sabrina of Katy and Jeremy Surber of Sonora, and Jason Surber and wife Shelley and three children Hagen, Emma, and Hudson of Sonora; Nancy Surber and son, Mason Surber and wife Mallory and their daughter Marlee of Midland, Loraine Surber of South Padre Island.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday March 28, at First Baptist Church of Sonora with Matt Killough, T-Wayne Price and Jim Stephen officiating.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Surber, Jason Surber, Jeffery Surber, Mason Surber, Wes Surber, Tres Traylor, Stormy Starks, and Mike Green.

In lieu of flowers the Surber Family is requesting memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church of Sonora, 111 East Oak Street, Sonora, TX 76950 or the Hext Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1172, Hext, TX 76848 - attn. Pat.

Thank You Note

The DEHOYOS AND NOEL FAMILY want to send out their thank you to all of the people here in Sonora who showed their kindness, and understanding during the time of our hours of grief for the loss of a Mother and sister, Maria Sorella Noel. We know that some sent flowers and provided food for our family and we do not want to overlook anyone. A special thank you for the ladies at the Church of Christ who provided our meal for the funeral. Another thank you for the staff of the Comfort Inn in Sonora who were very patient with us when we were getting rooms for the family.

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Letter to the Editor

After reading the headlines recently about one of our US soldiers who shot up Afghanistan civilians, I couldn't help noticing an irony. There is all this clamor to try this guy quickly and execute him, never mind his having suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Yet this Major Hasan, who shot up Fort Hood while screaming Allah akbar, still hasn't stood trial, and they are still debating whether he was insane, even with the clear evidence regarding his motive: slay as many infidels as possible. So we have a guy in a war zone who cracks, and he must be executed immediately.

But this Muslim psychiatrist who was stateside in a nice safe office all day murders 13, wounds 29 of our own guys, and they try to argue the poor lad suffered post-traumatic stress syndrome, from listening to real soldiers who had actual battle experience. Two and a half years later, they still haven't tried the murderous bastard.

Cam Campbell

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Worship
 2:00 p.m. Bible Study
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Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)
 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Apr. 5 @ 6:00 pm @ Presbyterian Ch.
 Good Friday Service Apr. 6 @ 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday Apr. 8
 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00
 Worship & Confirmation 10:55
You can hear our worship service each Sunday morning @ 11:00 am on KHOS 92.1FM
 Check us out @ faithbreaksonora.wordpress.com

Women of St. John's Annual Plant Sale

Wednesday, March 28
 St. John's Episcopal Church
 Sonora, Texas

10:00AM until sold out
Geraniums and Hanging Baskets

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Community Bible Study

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 March 28, 2012
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Everyone Is Invited to Attend!

Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven

by
David Jeremiah

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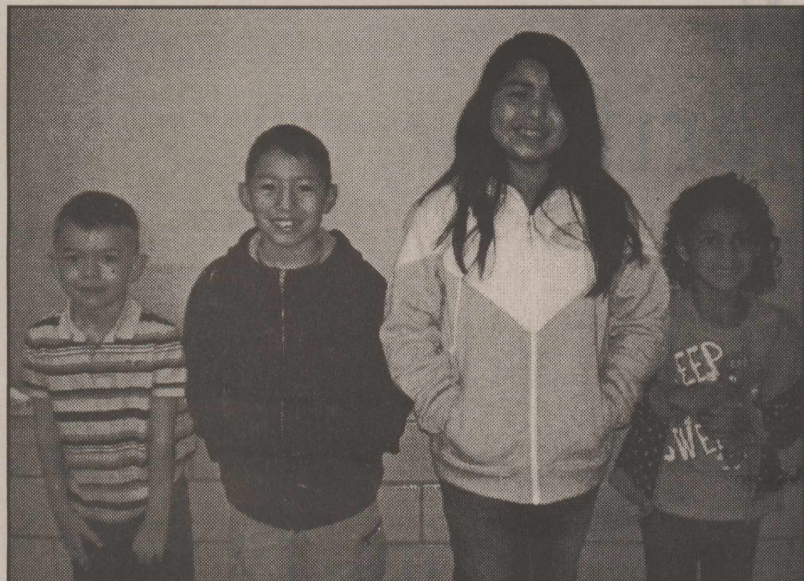
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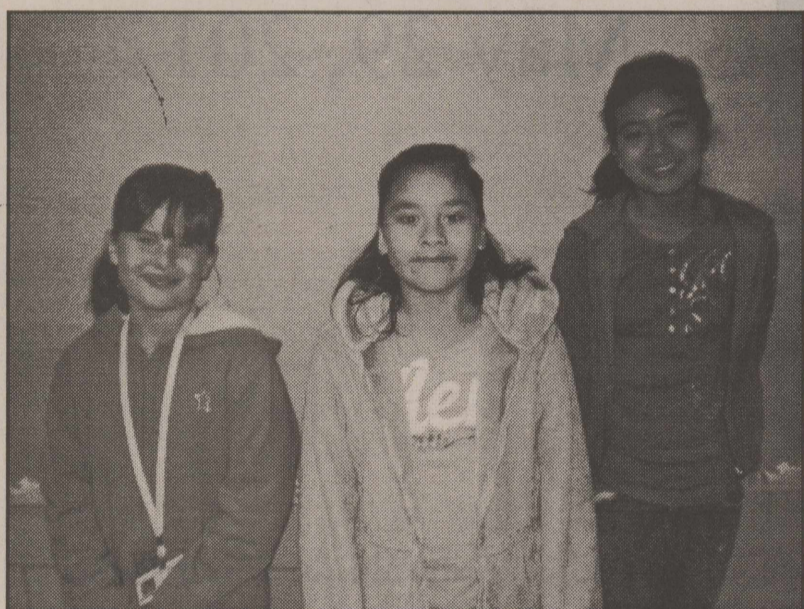
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Elementary School



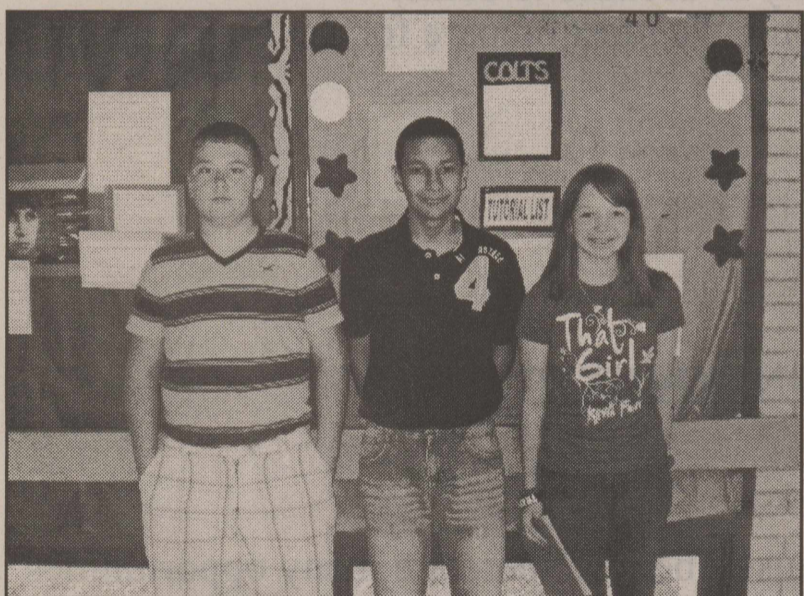
L to R: Weston Fisher, Jerry Centeno, Abigail Hernandez, Zoe Liggett

Intermediate School



L to R: Dekota Morrow, Hannah Covarrubiaz, Emily Nhek

Middle School



L to R: 8th-Quealy Shain, 7th-Joseph Delgado, 6th-Felicia Farley

Gamma Phi Donates Books to Pre-K



Gamma Phi (Sonora and Rocksprings) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has recently donated books to the prekindergarten of Sonora and Rocksprings. This organization is a professional honor society for women educators established in 17 member countries around the world. Gamma Phi's traditional project has been giving each preschool child a gift of a book in Sonora and Rocksprings public schools. The Society defines its mission as promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Gamma Phi is also involved in offering scholarships to local women students in their final years of obtaining a teaching degree.

Main Street Traffic

By: Bill Hodges

Good Day from Main Street. Lots of things are going on with Friends of Historic Main Street. I am proud to report a couple of new members. Thanks to these new friends. We have a couple of new items on loan. More details are coming soon on these generous new items.

As you know, the board and friends of the program have been working very hard lately getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 7. The hunt will begin at 10:30AM with everyone gathering on Main Street. Age 0 to Pre-K will be hunting at the fenced in lot next to Sonora Abstract Co. and Kindergarten to 3rd Grade will hunt on the Courthouse lawn. At 11:00AM, your friends of Main Street will be serving burgers, drink and chips for \$5.00. Games will start after the hunt ends. Our Great Sonora Easter Egg hunt raffle is getting better everyday, with more prizes being added. Raffle tickets for the door prizes and tickets for the Easter baskets to be given away will be available at the hunt. Come join in the fun and bring your camera.

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Kayla McBride & Chris Marin
Anna Hickman & Casey Fitzgerald

Baby

Zed & Ashley Snodgrass
Candace & Landry Matthies
Chance & Dani Dillard

A flower for everyday...

F.Y.I.

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo registration deadline is April 30, 2012. Contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust for FMI.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

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.

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Baby Registry
Dani & Chance Dillard

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Earlie Williams IV for Sutton County Sheriff

Early Voting
May 14, 2012
through
May 25, 2012



Primary
Election Day
May 29, 2012

Dear Residents of Sutton County,

Over the next few months, I will be knocking on your doors to meet you face to face, as a candidate should do when seeking public office. More importantly, I will be meeting with you at your home, church, work, and in the community to share my ideas for our bright future in Sutton County.

The key aspects of this bright future are making Sutton County a safer place to live, work and raise a family. That is what my campaign is about, **"THE FUTURE"**. The 2012 election is about the year 2013 and beyond. The decisions we make in the 2012 election will go a long way in determining the **"Safety and Welfare"** of our community in decades to come.

That is why I am asking for your vote in the upcoming primary and general elections. We must prepare for the future by embracing change and innovation, not dwelling on the past.

Thank You,
Earlie Williams, IV

"WHY I WANT TO BE YOUR SHERIFF FOR SUTTON COUNTY"

MISSION

ARE you getting the representation you deserve? I want to be your next Sheriff, because I believe there are many opportunities in Law Enforcement for Sutton County that are being neglected, including **broaden the protection** to all areas of the county and have **sound spending practices**. In these times of economic hardship, it is important for the Chief Administrator in Law Enforcement to make wise **prudent decisions** when it impacts the citizens of Sutton County. When initiating changes, we need to **explore all options** for present needs as well as for our future growth.

There are **positive effects to be gained** for the community by implementing these available law enforcement programs. These programs are currently non-existent in the Sutton County Sheriff's Department. Being Texas born and raised and having **served in Texas as a Texas Peace Officer**, I recognize the "Good Ole Boy" politics and complacency it sometimes brings. The values that I will bring to the Sutton County Sheriff's Department as your Sheriff are: Integrity, Innovation, Partnership, Service, Accountability, and **Vision for the Future**. It is important for the community to share these values and be involved. You and your children are **"The Future"** for Sutton County.

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Lots of Yellow Out There Texas Quilters to Tell the Story of Agriculture

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



With the moisture we've had, the weeds have added some green to the scenery and a lot of yellow. I was asked what the yellow wildflowers were. There are lots of plants it could be, but here are three possibilities:

Scrambled eggs. It is a yellow-flowered member of the poppy family. It is sometimes its stems are pale or whitish and leafy. The leaves have numerous small segments. The yellow flowers, irregularly shaped and spurred at

the base, occur from February to May. They appear in loose clusters at the ends of the branches. The seeds are black and shiny.

Sheep like this plant, and eating as little as 2 percent of their weight can cause clinical signs. Less than 5 percent can be fatal. Although this plant reportedly poisons cattle and horses, they generally are much more resistant than sheep. Goats are least susceptible, cattle intermediate, and sheep are most susceptible.

Gordon bladderpod is a multi-stemmed, annual forb in the mustard family. The leaves are coarse, small, lance-shaped and covered with silvery gray hair. The small, four-petaled flowers are bright yellow and fade to reddish as they mature. The hollow seedpods are spherical, about 1/8 inch in diameter.

The toxic agent of bladderpod is not known, but this plant has been associated with "stocking up" or swelling of the lower legs in horses. Problems are seen in Texas when a wet winter and spring follow a drought, and horses on pasture are exposed to many of these plants in the flower and seedpod stage. Only horses are affected and they may show the following clinical signs: high temperature, depression, edema of the lower body, swollen legs, or founder.

Engelmann daisy is a perennial cool-season plant grow-

ing 2 ft. tall and are branched above to form a rounded crown. Long-stalked, yellow, eight-petaled flowers open in late afternoon then fold under in intense heat and sunlight the next day. There are few to several flowers in the terminal clusters. It is used by wildlife and livestock.

Spend some time "googling" for these and check if it's the yellow wildflowers you've seen. For more information on weeds or control, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

AUSTIN – Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is asking quilters across the Lone Star State to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2012 quilt block competition. This year's theme, "Agriculture is Your Culture," was chosen to spotlight TDA's educational campaign that demonstrates how agriculture impacts the lives of all Americans.

"There's no doubt farmers and ranchers are the backbone of Texas agriculture, but all of us are impacted by agriculture countless times each day in ways we may not even imagine," Commissioner Staples said. "From the clothes we wear to the food we eat to the construction of the houses we call home, agriculture is vital to our daily lives. I look forward to seeing how our creative quilters weave the 'Agriculture is Your Culture' theme into their quilts."

As in previous years, each contestant will use Texas natural fibers – cotton, wool and leather – to create a quilt block to submit to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in September at TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2012 State Fair of Texas. At the conclusion of the Fair, the quilt will become part of TDA's popular quilt collection.

As the country's leading producer of wool and mohair, Texas has earned a global reputation among international textile buyers for superior quality and durability. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Quiltin' N Texas of Crowley, Tandy Leather Factory of Fort Worth and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The final quilt will be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton, and quilted by Maria Davis of Lewisville.

To help defray the cost of the contest, there is a \$20 fee for each participant packet. The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design, along with tips and techniques for developing the block and additional information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2012 quilt block competition, call (877) 99-GOTEX or download a participant form by visiting the TDA Quilt Collection section of www.gotexan.org.

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Raffle will include a 1/2 day guided fishing trip on Lake Amistad, dinner for 4 at Hookers One Stop, and 1 Night Stay at Ruthie's Rentals. All at Rough Canyon Marina on beautiful Lake Amistad.
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Bring the family out for loads of fun. For more info please come by the Main Street Office or call 325-387-2148.

BRONCO SPORTS

Boys Bronco Golf Bronco Tennis Teams Takes 1st and 2nd at Reagan County



Left to right: Jason Alaman-91, Word Hudson-2nd medalist 75, Jansen McBride-1st medalist 73, Hunter Hughes-5th medalist 77, Kade Wimberley-87

Boys Bronco Golf at the Ingram Tournament held at Schreiner Golf Course in Kerrville on Monday, March 19th.

Team got second by three strokes behind Kerville Tivy on their home course.

High School UIL Results

On Friday the High School UIL academic teams traveled to Wall for a very competitive UIL contest. These students began practicing for their events in October. The hard work paid off and Sonora has 8 students that qualified for the Regional meet.

Results (Regional Qualifiers in Bold)

Accounting:

4th Arlette Ortiz
5th Felipe Calderon
5th Sabrina Blanco
2nd Place Team- Arlette Ortiz, Felipe Calderon, Sabrina Blanco, Elizabeth Chavarria

Computer Applications

1st Ryan Contreras
Computer Science
3rd place team - Christian Kenney, Cande Tobias, Cadesman Pope, Chris Crain

Headline Writing

1st Robert Hernandez
4th Katie Hartman- Regional Alternate
Number Sense

3rd Cody Barber

2nd place team- Delilah Aguero, Cody Barber, Jonathan Salazar, and Santi Campa (This team is in the running for the Wild Card Team Regional Qualifier. We will know when all the districts in the region finish competing next week. This means Sonora is the highest scoring 2nd place team in the Region.)

Ready Writing

2nd Paige Sykes

Social Studies

4th Stephen Dominguez- Regional Alternate
Informative Speaking

1st Zachary Leonard

Persuasive Speaking

3rd Ali Castro
6th Kelsey Velez

LD Debate

2nd Lissette Ortiz

Prose

3rd Marci Parks
5th Clayton Parks

Poetry

1st Zachary Leonard
5th Jasmine Daniels

Sonora Finished the Meet in third behind very strong teams from Wall and Ballinger. The Regional meet is April 21 in Odessa.

On March 23, the Sonora Bronco Tennis Team competed at the Reagan County Invitational. Bringing home the championship on girls' doubles was the team of Brianah Creek and Hunter Jennings. Creek and Jennings easily defeated Velasco and Phillips from Crane in the finals 6-1, 6-2 finishing the match at 11:50 p.m. The girls handled all of their matches easily losing only thirteen games over the entire tournament. In boys' doubles, the team Christian Kenney and Phillip Stephens won second place. They fell in the finals to a team from Water Valley 6-2, 6-3.

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Lady Bronco Golfers Wrap Up Pre-district Play

Before the beginning of spring break, the Lady Broncos hosted their invitational golf tournament on March 8. The Lady Broncos captured the gold with a fine team total of 339. Leading the Lady Broncos were Elizabeth Chavarria (78 - 1st place), Madison Myers (81 - 2nd place), and Sidney Dermody (83 - 3rd place). Other team members were: Logan Smith (97), Ali Castro (101) and Kali Mendez (122). Teams participating were: Brady (405), Iraan (463), McCamey (484), Eldorado, Reagan County, and Rankin.

On Tuesday, March 20, the Lady Broncos traveled to Kerrville to participate in the Ingram Invitational. Greeted by water standing all over the golf course and the creeks running over all the bridges, play was delayed for a little over an hour. Once play began, the Lady Broncos came out and took control of the tournament early and the conditions did not slow them down. The Lady Bronco team placed first with a score of 328, outpacing the second place team of Ingram (383) by 55 strokes. Individually, the Lady Broncos took the first three places: 1st place - Elizabeth Chavarria (74), 2nd place - Madison Myers (77), and 3rd place - Sidney Dermody (82). Other team members were: Logan Smith (95) and Ali Castro (97). Other teams in the tournament were: Kerrville Tivy (405), Utopia (408), Comfort (427), Leakey (483), Hondo (470), and Harper (530). Next action for the Lady Broncos will be Monday, April 2, when the first round of district is played at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

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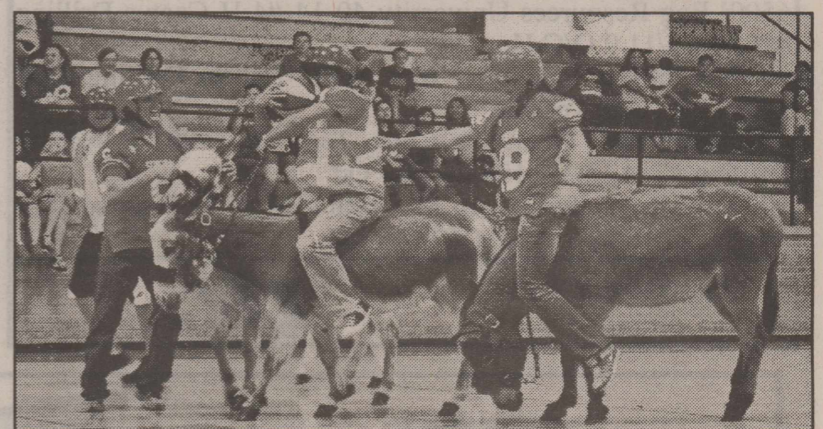
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Photo By Ray Glasscock

a team best of 3:26.42 to win the gold medal. This weekend was a team effort by both the young men performing but also by the fan that supported them this past weekend. The team ran well but has bigger goals to accomplish but it has been a great start. Team Totals: 1. Sonora 140.50 2. Munday 94 3. Crane 84 4. Idalou 76 5. Wall 74 6. Panhandle 48 7. Colorado City 26 8. Coahoma 20 8. Marfa 20 9. Lakeview JV 13 10. Bovina 13 11. Christroal 8.50 12. Midland Christian 3


Jesters on the Court



In a stunning display of athleticism and courage, Sonora ISD Coaches and Administrators faced Sonora Volunteer Firefighters on the Middle School basketball court last Saturday evening. The game would test the endurance, sportsmanship and funny bone of the participants, and in the end, prove them all worthy of our appreciation, admiration and a full sauna/spa treatment. For this was no ordinary game of hoops; nay (bray) it was much, much more. Dubbed "Donkey Ball", the name hardly captures the spectacle which begs the addition of "FULL CONTACT" in its description. Players and their hooved partners raced(?) up and down the court. Those with thumbs attempted to make baskets while those without attempted to either stand still, sprint, or dump their partner to the wooden floor...all to the delight of spectators both young and less young.

The event was held as a fundraiser for the annual eighth grade trip to Washington DC and New York City and included a silent auction. Half-time featured donkey rides for children and pictures are available by contacting Sean Leamon at Sonora Intermediate School or Delyse Jaeger at deljaegson@gmail.com / 226-2416. All proceeds help to offset travel expenses. Students and their parents are working hard throughout the year towards this exceptional trip which includes among other points of interest - a visit to the newly opened Ground Zero Memorial, the Smithsonian Museum and the U.S. Capital.

Ultimately, the Coaches/Admin. team was victorious on the scoreboard, however no one left anything on the court, with the exception of a furry athlete, but that was quickly removed by the vigilant court-keepers (poop-scoopers).


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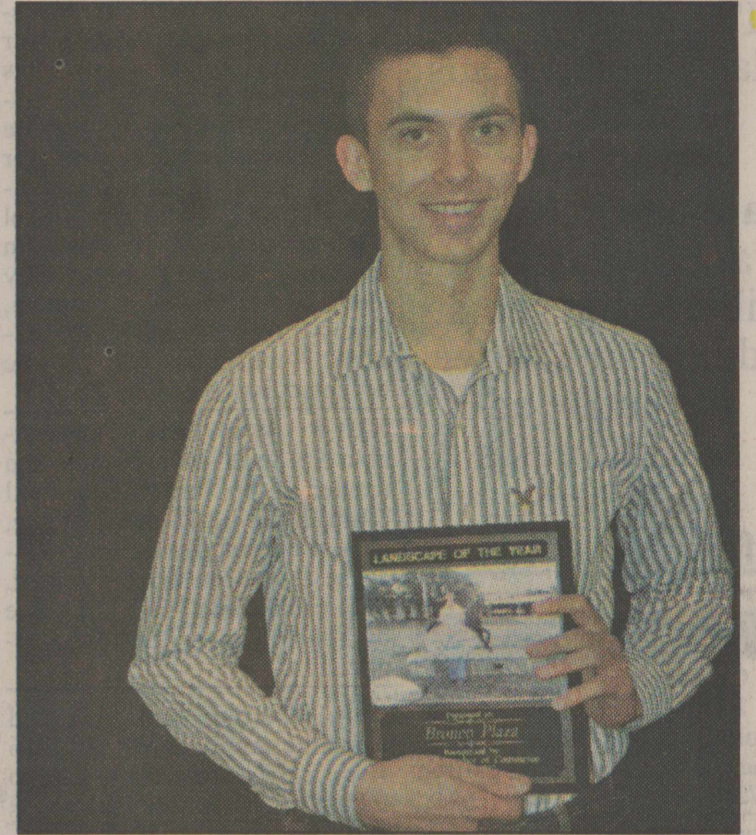
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Sonora Volunteer Fire Department



L to R: Clarissa Hernandez, 2012 Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate Marcie Parks, 2012 Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate Kali Mendez, 2011 Lions Club Queen, Adriana Faz, Miss Sutton County 2011 Hunter Jennings

Chamber Banquet: A Tribute To Firemen



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet on Thursday, March 22, 2012. The chamber held the banquet as a tribute to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. The tables were decorated with black table linens with bronze and red organza sashes with tea lights to give a fiery glow. The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department allowed us to use trophies, pictures and equipment for the decorations. There were more than enough trophies to allow one for each of the 34 tables. We would like to thank Ray and Nancy Glasscock for taking all the photos for the evening. Each recipient will receive a printed copy. I would like to thank Lisa Price for taking charge of all the decorations, they were absolutely beautiful. The Sutton

County Steakhouse catered a beef and chicken fajita meal and La Mexicana Restaurante and Cantina provided the cash bar. Matt Killough, pastor of the First Baptist Church, blessed the meal, and then Donna Garrett thanked all the outgoing board of directors for their dedication to the chamber for the past three years. Outgoing directors are; Mariah Berger, Pam Payton and Katy Crain. Donna then introduced the current board of directors along with the new directors. The current board is as follows; Ed May-Ray, Jody Luttrell, Dani Dillard, Juanita Gomez, Cynthia Perez, Casey Fitzgerald, Woody Crow, Lisa Price, Tabitha Sanchez-Abrego. The new directors are Rae Ann Bible, Patti Prather and Rosa Hernandez.

Guest speaker, Carl Teaff, then introduced all the firefighters and spoke of all the fires they have assisted with and recognized each individual firefighter. Jody Luttrell, Sonora Chamber of Commerce President, stated that the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo committee held a benefit roping for the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and asked that all the firefighters come up on the stage. 2011 Miss Sutton County, Hunter Jennings, Steve Morriss and Ann Morriss, with the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, presented the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department with a check in the amount of \$2,000. Jody presented a plaque to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department from the Sonora Chamber Of Commerce in appreciation for all they do for Sonora and

Sutton County. On behalf of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, he then presented the Conservation Rancher of the Year Award to Bud and Tommy Whitehead. Mrs. Susan Hall introduced the Landscape of the Month winners from April 2011 – March 2012 and announced the Landscape of the Year for 2011-2012 as the Bronco Plaza. A bronze bronco statue was put up by her son Sterling Hall as his Eagle Scout project. Congratulations to Sterling! Our queens and candidates helped throughout the evening by delivering plaques and certificate to all the nominees. Miss Sutton County 2011, Hunter Jennings, is an 18 year old senior and daughter of Larry & Kate Jennings. Miss Cinco

de Mayo 2011, Clarissa Hernandez is a 17 year old junior and daughter of Sam David & Betty Hernandez. 2011 Lions Club Queen, Adriana Faz is a 16 year old junior and daughter of Santiago and Marissa Faz. 2012 Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate, Marcie Parks is a 17 year old junior and daughter of Marty & Cathy Parks. 2012 Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate, Kali Mendez is a 15 year old freshman and daughter of Hector & Rita Mendez. Jody Luttrell then announced the nominees and winners of the following categories; Educator of the year - Wheless Miller, Employee of the Year - Diana Arteaga, Business Person of the Year - Bob Malone, Organization of the Year - Sonora ISD Ag Science/Industrial Arts Depart-

ment, under the direction of Cliff McMullan and Michael Kissire. The Citizen of the Year was Max Howorth. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the banquet and the community that came out to support our wonderful nominees. Please let us know if you have someone that needs to be considered for next year by contacting one of the current board members or call the office at 325-387-2880 or email to chamber@sonora-texas.org. Congratulations to all the winners! I would like to thank the current and outgoing board of directors for all their time and hard work. The banquet could not be successful without them, as well as Community Activities Director, Tibba Edmondson.

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