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Sonora Middle School's 8th graders have returned from another action-packed trip to Washington DC and New York. The group, consisting of 15 students and 4 adult chaperones, left out bright and early May 26th and returned on May 31st. The five day, four night trip started off in Washington DC with the group spending the first few hours touring the Smithsonian Museums. The students and parents were in awe after entering the Air and Space Museum and seeing the large air-

planes suspended from the ceiling directly above their heads! They then crossed the mall area and were able to see the Natural History and American History museums. Inside these, they were able to see all of the mammals of the world and the Hope diamond! Once inside the American History museum, they were able to see the dresses of the First Ladies of the U.S., Dorothy's slippers from the Wizard of OZ, the flag that inspired the writing of our National Anthem, and the early locomotives that

moved Americans west. It was a very busy 3 hours spent looking at marvelous relics from our past! The students then went on to see the Holocaust museum, Arlington National Cemetery witnessing the Changing of the Guard, and the Vietnam, Korean, and World War II memorials. This was all completed on the first day! Days 2 and 3 saw the students being just as busy and visiting other amazing historic areas in and

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Community Prays For Injured Soldier

A group of Sonora citizens gathered together at the community prayer garden Tuesday, June 12 to pray for the swift recovery of Breg Hughes. Hughes (a member of our armed forces) was injured in Afghanistan while on duty; he has been transferred to San Antonio where he is receiving treatment. Last week inboxes and Facebook profiles were inundated with concern, prayers and updates to his condition. Community members decided more was needed to be done to help him and his family. They decided the best way was to join together as a community to lead a prayer service. At the time of the gathering the temperature was pushing well over 100 degrees but that did little to stifle the atmosphere at the prayer garden.

After a few opening comments by Will Allison the group held hands and took turns praying for the health and well being for Breg and his family. The prayers were much more than simple requests for healing, they also spoke of the gratitude Sonora has for the sacrifice that Breg and his brothers and sisters in arms give for us every day. The ceremony concluded with the group singing Amazing Grace.

**editors note*-Breg, the entire town of Sonora is praying for you and your family. We not only pray for a swift recovery but thank you for the great service you have done for all of us. Come home soon.*



Rock & Roll Rodeo & Sutton County Days!

By: Donna Garrett

It's that time again for Sutton County Days and The Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo. I would like to begin by saying thank you to all our wonderful sponsors. We could not put on such a great event without you. Our Gold Sponsors this year are the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo, The First National Bank of Sonora, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., KHOS\ Revolution Broadcast Corp., Anderson Energy, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. and R&D Malone Ranches, LLC.

We are planning to have the best Sutton County Days and Rodeo yet. There will be 4 days of fun beginning with the Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping on Wednesday, June 27th at 5:00 p.m. Then on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. there will be the girl's barrel racing and 3 go rounds of steer roping. Friday, June 29th beginning at 8:00 p.m., there will be a full rodeo performance with the finalist of the Kid's Mutton Bustin' contest and the short go of County Team ropers. You can dance to the Party Doctor from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Slab. Saturday morning will be kicked off with "The Rock & Roll Parade" at 9:00 a.m. The parade will line up in front of the Elementary School and go down Concho St. to 3rd Street and turn left, towards Parker Lumber,

then turn right on Crockett Ave. and will continue down Crockett Ave. to the Sutton County Park. Starting at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Leigh Lloyd will give the invocation at the main stage, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Miss Dawsyn Sharp, daughter of Mickey and Storie Sharp. The Boy Scout Troop 19 will present the colors. Booths will open and we will begin our Little Mr. & Little Miss Sutton County Contest, with Jody Luttrell as the emcee. Following will be the introduction of the 2012 Miss Sutton County Queen Contestants. This year there are two lovely ladies running for 2012 Miss Sutton County, Jacinda Sanchez and Sidney Dermody.

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual washer pitching contest beginning with registration at 10:30 a.m. We have a wonderful line up of entertainment throughout the day! Beginning at 11:15, the Pee-wee Cheerleaders will perform a dance, and then at 11:30 the West Texas Cloggers will take the stage. Blues Boy Willie will start his show at 1:00 p.m., along with our very own Delaney Ramsdell, who will also be performing with him. Mario Flores & The Soda Creek Band will take the stage at 3:00 p.m. and will close out the day at 5:00 p.m. Don't miss all this wonderful free entertainment! I would like to

thank Eddie Arteaga for helping put all the entertainment together for us.

This year we are bringing in "Water Wars" for the kids to have fun and get wet. If you are not sure what Water Wars is, check them out on face book or on you tube. It looks like a lot of fun and a great way to cool off. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KLTB0ke3zk&feature=related>

The Dee Ora Masonic Lodge will have their scholarship catfish dinner at the Sutton County Civic Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. The Eaton Hill Nature Center will have a display of the photos from their contest inside the Civic Center for our viewing. This year we have added a new event to the day, we are having a baking contest and it will be held inside the civic center at 11:00 a.m. and the winners will be announced at 12:30 at the entertainment stage. If you would like more information please call the chamber at 325-387-2880 or stop by the office at 205 Hwy 277 N. to pick up a form. We are located right across from the Sonic Drive-In and next door to the Dairy Queen. If you need any more information please go to our website at Sonoratexas.org or follow us on facebook.

Things My Father Taught Me

By Abby Creek

As a kid I spent a lot of time resenting my father for pushing me in all of the different areas that he did: academics, athletics, behaviors I was constantly fighting everything my father wanted out of me. Pushing me to get good grades, and practice shooting free-throws, and making sure after every yes and no a "sir" or "mam" was attached to the end. At the time I couldn't understand why I was doing all of these, so my natural reaction was to simply not do them. As hard as it is for me to admit, as I got older I started to realize that maybe my father was right all along in pushing me to be the best I could possibly be at whatever I was doing.

I remember the time I realized that I was turning into my father. I had just finished playing a basketball game and I was in the car with my parents distraught over how poorly I had played. I was upset with myself, and upset thinking I had let my teammates down, when my father said, "If it makes you so unhappy, why don't you just quit?" At the time I was stunned, I had never heard my father tell me to give up on anything in my life, so I told him, "aren't you the one who told me to never give up no matter what? I've been playing basketball since I was 8, and if I quit now, what would that say about me? If I quit now, what would stop me from quitting everything else?" As I look back on what he said, I realize that my father wasn't really suggesting that I quit, what he really wanted was for me to come to the conclusion myself that quitting wouldn't make me any happier, instead I needed to find a contentment within myself, and stop basing my happiness on trivial things.

Just the same way as my granddad instilled the importance of education in my father; my father did the same with me. Education was less about receiving all A's, but more about not being lazy. If I tried as hard as I could and only received an F my parents would be fine with that, but you better believe I would spend every waking hour of my life studying until that F went back up the alphabet a few letters. With that in mind, for my brother and I the option of going to college was never really an option. My father was the first of his family to graduate college, and he always instilled in us the idea that success and education go hand and hand.

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Senior Center Activities

Thurs. June 14 - Father's Day Celebration
 Fri. June 15 - Run Errands
 Mon. June 18 - Bingo
 Tues. June 19 - Happy Birthday *Elvia Garza*
 Wed. June 20 - Trip to San Angelo - 387-5657

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. June 14 - BBQ beef on a bun, smothered potatoes pinto beans, apricots, milk
 Fri. June 15 - Port roast w/gravy, sweet potatoes, milk turnip greens, wheat roll, chocolate cake
 Mon. June 18 - BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, cornbread carrot raisin salad, baked apples, milk
 Tues. June 19 - Baked ham w/pineapples, lima beans, milk corn, wheat roll, chocolate chip cookies
 Wed. June 20 - King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, milk pinto beans, brownie

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).

Death Notice

Lila Mae St. Clair

Sonora-Lila Mae St. Clair, 81, of Sonora died Sunday June 10, 2012 in Houston. Graveside service was held Tuesday, June 12 in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home. She is survived by her daughter, Jan Markee of Houston and sister-in-law, Charlotte Wilson of Sonora.

Obituary

Kathleen Crosby St. Clair

Eldorado - Long time area rancher, Kathleen Crosby "Kat" St. Clair died Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

She was born October 12, 1923 to John Christie and Lillian Hattie Crosby. Kathleen was raised in Eldorado and on her grandparent's Middle Valley ranch in Schleicher County, Texas. She was a 1945 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and a lifelong Longhorn fan.

She met and married Eugene Christian "Gene" St. Clair in 1948 and they had one child, a daughter, Christie St. Clair.

Kathleen and Gene, a career USAF officer, traveled the world for thirty years until his retirement in 1977 when they returned to Schleicher County to live on the ranch that her grandparents, Gratten Christie and Cordelia Crosby, had homesteaded in 1901.

Kathleen's proudest accomplishment was that she was able to keep the ranch intact and to improve the land. In 2002, the G.C. Crosby Ranch was designated in the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Family Land Heritage Program as a registered Texas Century Ranch, having been a continuous working ranch operated through the same family for at least one hundred years. Additionally, Kathleen continued to run livestock on University of Texas land that her family has leased since the mid-1930s.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Christie, and numerous cousins on both sides of the border, including Eduardo Garza Crosby, Roberto Garza Crosby and Patricio Garza Crosby. Additionally, she is survived by each of her long time ranch managers and trusted friends, Juan Muñoz, of Middle Valley and John Nanny, of Barnhart and their respective extended families.

Kathleen loved her family, loved her friends, loved her land, loved her livestock, loved her life and loved a good laugh. She will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Her funeral service was held Saturday, June 9, 2012 at at St. James Episcopal Church in Fort McKavett. In lieu of flowers her family requests that donations be made to the Volunteer Fire Departments of Fort McKavett, Eldorado, Sonora and/or Barnhart.

Tips For Women To Prevent Common Health Problems

(StatePoint) You may not realize it, but your lifestyle could be putting you at risk for common health problems that afflict women. There's no better time than now to brush up on some facts that can help you stay healthy.

Breast Cancer

The causes of breast cancer are complicated, but some significant risk factors are preventable. Obesity is one such risk, and even moderate weight loss helps protect you. Cutting down on alcohol will also improve your chances of staying breast cancer-free.

It's impossible to eliminate your risk entirely, but early detection will improve your prognosis. Conduct regular self-breast examinations and let your doctor know if you detect anything unusual. Follow the National Cancer Institute guidelines and get a mammogram annually when you turn 40.

Toxic Shock Syndrome

You may regard Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) as rare, but one in 700 women will experience tampon-related TSS, according to You ARE Loved, a non-profit working to educate girls and women about the disease. TSS is a bacterial infection characterized by sudden high fever, diarrhea, rash, muscle aches and headache. You can significantly reduce your risk of this life-threatening disease with a trip to the drug store.

"Historically, tampon use has been linked to half of all TSS cases, so simply switching to a safer product is a terrific safeguard against this disease," says Dr. Christine Ko, an expert in women's health.

You likely are familiar with pads, but there are alternatives you may find more convenient. For example, Softcup is a flexible cup worn internally around your cervix. It's hypo-allergenic, latex-free and has never been linked to TSS. There's an added benefit too: products like Softcup can be worn for up to 12 hours and don't leave behind the residual fibers and traces of bleach, dioxins and other residues that tampons can. It won't change your body's natural pH or bacteria levels, reducing your risk for infections.

More information on reducing TSS risk can be found at www.softcup.com.

Heart Disease

Many people think heart disease is an exclusively male risk. But women also need to protect their hearts. While severe chest pain is a symptom often associated with heart disease in men, women need to watch for different signs. Talk to your doctor immediately if you experience neck and shoulder pain, dizziness, fatigue and sweating.

You're never too young to take steps to prevent heart disease, particularly if it runs in your family. You can keep your heart healthier by reducing saturated fat, cholesterol and salt in your diet, and getting regular exercise.

While depression and smoking can adversely affect anyone's heart, The Mayo Clinic reports these risk factors are greater in women. So cut out cigarettes and take steps to treat mental stress right away.

Most importantly, learn your risk for common health problems, so you can take steps to improve your chances of staying healthy.

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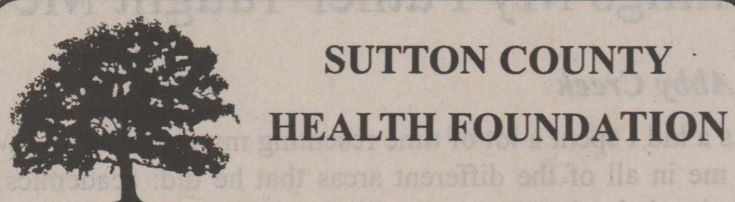
I want to thank all of you for your support for the past 11 1/2 years. To the voters of Prec. #3, I will still be your representative until December 31. I have enjoyed serving you and the county as a whole. I have always been conservative and with the good of the county being my main objective. It has been a great experience to have had this opportunity, and I thank you,

Milton R. Cavaness

Thank you to Sutton County/Sonora residents for your courtesy in letting us put the "Re-elect Joe Fincher for Sheriff" signs in your yards and on your property. I will be asking for the privilege of putting signs up again before the regular election in November.

If anyone still has a sign to be picked up, please call 325-206-0637 or 325-234-5960.

Thank you for your support,
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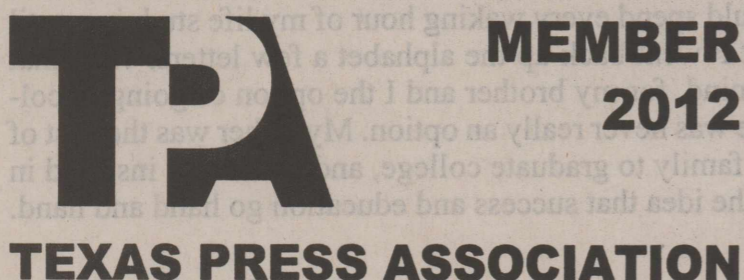
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Remembering D-Day

By Dusty Padilla

It's early morning and all you can hear is the immense chatter of your surrounding brothers. From time to time you hear a squawk over the box to confirm some type of order. As you check and double check yourself and the guy next to you; you start to feel it. As pure adrenaline is pumped into your body something overcomes you. It's a necessary feeling because without it you will not survive the next few hours. Some would label it as FEAR. The ones that know it's true meaning already know that it is this fear that will keep you alert,

focused and ready for what is coming. As you get into the LC (Landing Craft) you start to understand that there is no turning back. You are staying on the course and no matter what you know that you play an important role in the events that are to ensue.

The breeze off the ocean mixed with the splash from the water only makes what you are doing even more real. You have embarked on a journey across the English Channel; along with 160,000 other American and British soldiers. You all are headed towards the beaches of Norman-

dy and you do not know what awaits you. As you get closer to your destination you hear more and more of what is going on. From the Battleships constant bombardment, to the planes buzzing over head. Then you hear it...5 MINUETS. The LC driver's voice echoes in your head. What seemed like a century from when you first started this journey has been cut down to 5 minutes. Anxiety sets in and the adrenaline makes your heart beat as if it is going to come out of your chest. However you know that this is all part of the mechanics that will make you run faster, shoot accurately and stay alive.

Again the LC driver yells out another order...GET READY! This is it. All your training and preparation has led you to this moment in life. Once that platform drops you only have one choice; SUR-

VIVE. Everything goes quiet as you hear the LC hit the beach. You watch as the platform starts to move and the men in front of you get ready. The quietness you once felt is quickly replaced as soon as that platform hits the beach. You watch, horrified, as the person in front of you is struck down; his blood splattering across your face and helmet. There is nowhere to go due to the machine gun bunkers up ahead. Your LT gives the order to jump over the boat; and you do so. You watch as some struggle getting their gear off and ultimately drown. For some that do manage to make it to the top of the water; they are only shot by incoming fire. The few lucky that make it to the beach are faced with obstacles in their path; both mentally and physically.

As you take a minute to

gather your surroundings; you get a feeling that there is no way up this beach. You know that your only chance for survival is to keep moving. A single shot rings out and you check yourself. You find no wound but that moment of joy is taken away by what you hear next. To your left you hear a hissing sound and shouts. You watch as the man shouting tries to get the huge tank off of his back. He wasn't fast enough and you are knocked to the ground as an explosion rips through his body. However you know it's just one of the risks that he took when he was chosen to carry the flame-thrower. You have no choice but to get up and keep going. There is no time to stop and think about the horrifying thing you just witnessed. You push it to the back of your mind and try to focus

yourself. As you continue towards the rally point all you can hear is bullets zooming past your head and mortars impacting the ground all around you. You finally rally with your platoon or what is left of it. A sense of thankfulness comes to you and you realize that you have just survived the Omaha beach landing. One of the toughest invasion points. You were told it wouldn't be easy and for once they were right. You wait for orders from your LT only to find out that he didn't make it off the beach head. Your Gunny looks at what is left of the platoon now and tries to reassure everyone. Although you have made it to a somewhat safe position on the beach; the hours to come will still be just as treacherous.

HILL COUNTRY EVENTS

June 14-16 - Stonewall, TX: Stonewall Peach JAMBoree
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June 15 - Uvalde, TX: Stargazing Party
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June 15-16 - Brownwood, TX: Juneteenth Celebration
www.brownwoodjuneteenth.com (325)646-8188

June 15-17 - Boerne, TX: Berges Fest
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June 15-17 - Fredericksburg, TX: Trade Days
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F.Y.I.

Farmer's Market will be at the corner of Concho and Main St. every Tuesday from 7:00AM - until sold out.

Sonora High School Class of 1962 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion October 5-7, 2012 at the St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. We will be happy to send information about the reunion to our classmates and teachers. Please contact Sarah and Preston Neely at 210-859-0583, 210-479-1974, email, sarahnneely@sbeglobal.net.

Sonora High School Class of 1962 is looking for the following classmates: Juanita Bautista Sosa, Avelica Castro Fierro, Refugia Cavez, Lucila Favela, Alta Lee McKenzie Stiph. If you have any information regarding any of those listed, please call Prissy Linphicum Paxton at 325-853-2280.

Sonora High School Class of 2002 will be celebrating their 10 year reunion during Sutton County Days, June 29-30, 2012. We are also currently working on raising money to award the Class of 2012 with a scholarship. If you would like to donate towards the scholarship you can go to The Bank and Trust and ask to donate to the SHS Class of 2002 scholarship fund. The last day to donate is May 14, 2012. For more information on the reunion or scholarship please contact Shalayne Mayfield, 325-387-5834 or Heather Cea ley, 325-387-2490.

The Sonora High School class of 1982 will hold their 30th class reunion on June 30, 2012. For more information, call Julie Martin at (325)387-5136.

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!

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.

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May Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen the First United Methodist Church as Landscape of the Month for May 2012. David Fisher, owner of Sierra Verde Horticulture, maintains the property with beautiful landscaping. Pictured above are Linda Fisher and David Fisher. Congratulations to the First United Methodist Church!

Edmondson Receives Bachelor's Degree

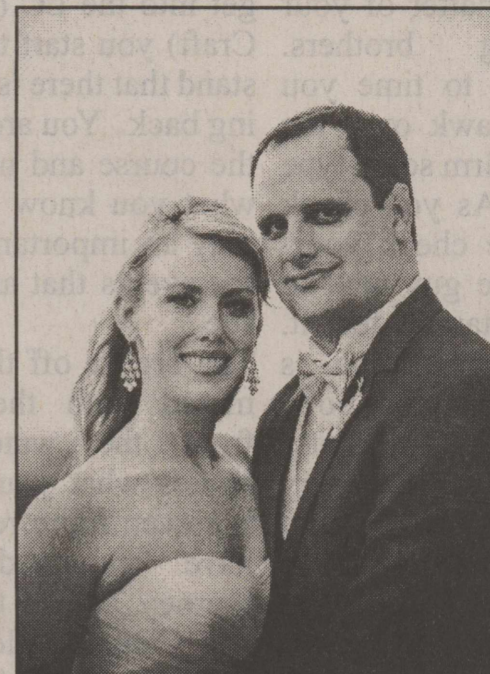


Betsy Allyse Edmondson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education with an endorsement in special education from Angelo State University during commencement ceremonies on May 12, 2012 in the ASU Junell Center. Throughout her college career at Angelo State University, Allyse was on the Dean's List, a member of Kappa Delta Phi (honor society for educators) and a member of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Allyse was a 2007 graduate from Sonora High School and is the daughter of James and Tibba Edmondson.

Wedding Announcements

Depmsey ~ Pierce



Curt and Jessica Dempsey were married at 4:30 p.m. on May 5, 2012, at Central Christian Church in Austin. Pastor Mike Valiton of Lake Hills Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Arnold and Marcia Pierce of Sour Lake. Her grandparents are Mike Balcom of Sour Lake and the late Carolyn Balcom; and C.T. and Dorothy Pierce of Beaumont. The groom is the son of Claudia Dempsey of Sonora. His grandparents are Sonny and Bessie Smith of Kerrville.

The bride was escorted by her father. She wore a long gown with a sweetheart A-line silhouette, tulle lace overlay and precious stone jeweled belt, and her mother-in-law's floor length lace veil. The matron of honor was Kim Turner and the maid of honor was Rachel Courts, both of Dallas. The bridesmaids were Shelly Burrell of Beaumont and Emily Evans of New York, New York.

The best man was the groom's brother, Andrew Dempsey of San Antonio. The groomsmen were the groom's brother, Russell Dempsey of Bryan, cousin Kyle Phillips of Midland, and brother-in-law Jacob Pierce of Beaumont.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Chateau Bellevue. The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and reside in Austin.

Lion's Roar

Lion Pete Bradley reported on the recent 7 on 7 football contest held in Sonora. Lion Lewis Allen reported on the Good Samaritan Program which at that point had 100 children enrolled. The teachers are all trained and the program begins on June 11. Pam Crenwelge reported on the school spirit of the baseball team and the community in the recent Regional Game in Abilene. She reported that it was very impressive and she was very proud of the broncos.

Program:

Ladies visiting from the Concho Valley Council of Governments were our program. They wanted to identify people who would be involved in the Foster Grandparent Program and or people willing to serve and help seniors. This is a very worthy project to be involved in.

Update from County Republican Chairman

I'm sure you ALL heard the collective sigh of relief as the polls closed, signs came down and life returned to normal; therefore, promising us a few months of relief before the November elections. Well, bear with me, as Republicans - we're not done yet!

The Runoff Primary election is scheduled for July 31, preceded by early voting at the Sutton County Annex, July 23rd through the 27th. There are four contested races: US Senate - David Dewhurst or Ted Cruz, Railroad Commissioner - Warren Chisum or Christi Craddock, Railroad Commissioner (Unexpired Term) Greg Parker or Barry Smitherman and for Justice, TX Supreme Court PL4 - John Devine or David Medina.

Historically, runoff turnout is embarrassingly low. Please cast your vote! These positions are important and you deserve a say.

Lastly, our local republican results in case you haven't heard. David Warren Wallace, current County Attorney - 215 votes. Incumbent Sheriff, Joe M. Fincher - 227 votes. Newly elected Tax Assessor Collector, Ericka Nicole Berry - 193 votes. Incoming Republican Chair - Brigitte R. Rogers - 141 votes.

As your outgoing Republican County Chairman, I firmly believe we are at a crossroads in our Republic. So, please cast a vote in this upcoming election. Thanks again to all who voted and will vote this November.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Ingram Concrete, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 48569, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 202 E. 1st Street, Sonora, Sutton County, Texas 76950. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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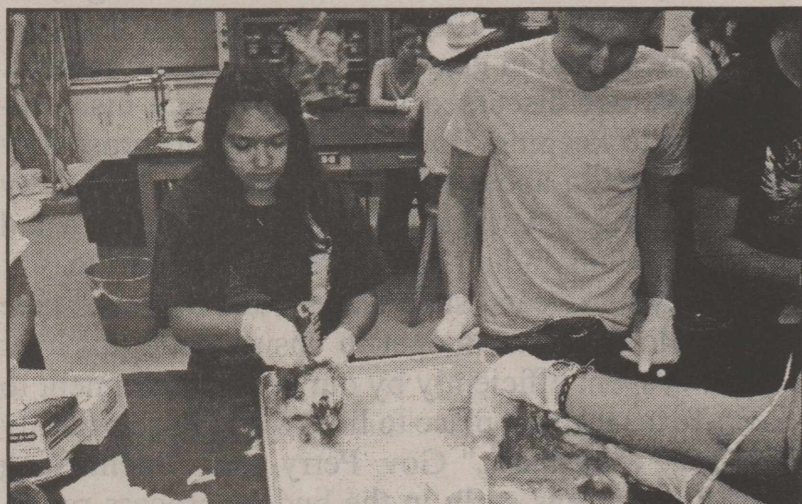
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Local Youth Attends Veterinary Science Workshop

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Kali Mendez and teammates learn tissue sampling techniques in zoology lab.

The annual Youth Veterinary Science Workshop took place June 3-7 in San Angelo. Thirty participants from throughout the state of Texas are accepted annually to this workshop. One of those was Kali Mendez. The fifteen year-old daughter of Hector and Rita Mendez spent the week exploring the many career opportunities within the area of veterinary science.

Kali had been interested in veterinary science since elementary school, so she decided to attend. The workshop offered classroom study, lab work and field instruction. Course topics ranged from zoology, reproductive technology, parasitology, and anatomy to nutrition, beef feedlot health management, large and small animal practice, animal chiropractic care, microbiology, biological/pharmaceutical work and horse medicine.

The annual event is a youth career awareness educational effort by Texas AgriLife Extension agents in Sutton, Tom Green, Irion, and Schleicher counties. Cooperators also include veterinarians who make up the Concho Valley Veterinary Medical Association and Angelo State University as well as livestock feed and animal health industry representatives.

As was the case with most participants, Kali enjoyed the hands-on activities, but the lectures ...not as much. However, those are necessary components of any education. There were also labs, tours and some research work. Quite a way to start summer vacation!

We hope that the workshop helps clarify career interests for those youth are intrigued by the sciences. If you know of a high school-aged youth with similar interests, contact the Sutton County Extension Office for details to next year's workshop.

Multi State Resource for Feral Hog Concerns

COLLEGE STATION - from across the nation will produce and convey critical information to the public about feral hogs through web-based resources," said university Extension entities and agencies in a multi-state Feral Hog Community of Practice, have launched an important new resource, said a top project participant. "Through this community of practice, experts

ers objective, well-researched knowledge from some of the best minds within the nation's land-grant university system."

The Feral Hog Community of Practice within eXtension.org is ready for viewing, Cathey said. To see the site, go to http://www.extension.org/feral_hogs.

Cathey said a "community of practice" is typically a group of professional educators with expertise in a topic or subject matter area who join together to address that area of mutual interest. It is usually a multi-institutional, multi-state and multi-disciplinary educational and informational effort to bring the best and most timely educational resources to the public.

"For the past year, our group has been developing educational resources for feral hog management and now those resources can be viewed by the general public," Cathey said. "And while some of these resources are targeted toward the feral hog situation in Texas, other resources are specific to feral hog management in partnering states."

Cathey said the website includes many creative resources aimed at the public and natural resource professionals. Through eXtension.org there are already 35 communities of practice related to other important public resource areas that can be viewed at <http://www.extension.org>.

"eXtension.org provides credible expertise, reliable answers based upon sound research, creative solutions to today's complex chal-

enges, and answers addressing users' specific needs by means of trustworthy, field-tested data," Cathey said.

"This new resource area on eXtension.org will concentrate on the control, adaptive management, biology, economics, disease risks and human interface relating to feral hogs across the U.S.," Cathey said. "The goal of this community of practice is to provide critical information, resources and expert application of knowledge to meet the demand for timely and accurate information, as well as provide a venue to bring experts together to deliver new ideas and strategies to reduce feral hog numbers."

Leaders of this community of practice represent a mix of researchers, managers and Extension specialists, bridging the gap between research, management and outreach, he explained. Researchers and educators within universities and state and federal natural resource agencies also make up the community.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, as well as the national Cooperative Extension system, provided tools and resources to allow for creative collaboration among scientists and stakeholders to address important public issues like feral hogs," he said.

National Survey to Explore Dove Hunter Opinions

An upcoming survey will ask dove hunters from across the U.S. to share their experiences and opinions about dove hunting. Topics will include time spent hunting, demographics, constraints to hunting, and thoughts about potential effects of spent lead from hunting ammunition on mourning doves and other wildlife. The survey is a cooperative effort by the state fish and wildlife agencies, all four flyway councils, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

"We are conducting this survey because hunter opinions and preferences are important and should be taken into account whenever possible," says Dr. Ken Richkus of the Service's Population and Habitat Assessment Branch. "The Service and the states want to make sure we use the best science-based information for the management and conservation of our migratory bird resources."

There are more than 1 million dove hunters nationally, with seasons in 40 states. "We're surveying dove hunters in every state that has a dove season so they can give us their opinions on a variety of topics," Richkus says. "This approach will give us an excellent picture of mourning dove hunter thoughts and needs by state, region, and nationwide."

The National Dove Hunter Survey is scheduled to begin in late June 2012, and will be completed by the end of the year. "We really hope each dove hunter who receives a survey takes the time to complete and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided," Richkus added. "Their answers are very important, and we appreciate their efforts to tell us what they think."

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TxDOT Prepares for 2012 Storm Season: Agency begins early review of emergency response efforts

AUSTIN -- Hurricane season has arrived along with a flurry of activity around the state-government agencies, volunteer groups and private sector partners, all getting ready for the upcoming storm season. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plays a critical role in hurricane education, evacuation and recovery. So each year, along with its hundreds of partners, the department begins, months ahead of time, preparing for the possibility of seasonal storms. "Each year, TxDOT begins a comprehensive review months in advance of hurricane season to make sure emergency response processes are in place and that the agency has allocated enough equipment, materials and employees to do the job if called upon," explained John Barton, TxDOT's deputy executive director. TxDOT plays a key role during and after a storm, Barton added. The agency is committed to three guiding goals—getting people out of harm's way, getting them home safely and providing assistance with cleanup and recovery. "Safety is our top priority at TxDOT and the basis for all the agency's transportation decisions, particularly so during emergencies," he noted. Steps the agency takes each

year to prepare for the storm season include: Reviewing emergency management plans and training personnel on emergency traffic control measures, debris removal and other recovery procedures. Participating in regional and statewide emergency drills with other agencies and local jurisdictions. Identifying and preparing facilities and equipment needed for quick mobilization. Reviewing evacuation plans -- making sure contra-flow routes are open (no lane closures). Testing all Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) Last year, TxDOT expanded its social media reach to communicate hurricane information faster and more efficiently. This year, the agency will continue using social media -- Twitter and Facebook specifically -- to reach an increasingly more technologically-savvy population. Traditional media -- newspapers and television -- also play an important role in getting out the message. This season, each tweet will carry a specific storm-related hashtag to provide an easy way to catalog all the tweets and allow all Twitter users to quickly find hurricane information. TxDOT has 11,115 Twitter followers and more than 6,015 Facebook fans. The numbers grow hourly. Locate all TxDOT Twitter feeds at http://www.txdot.gov/news/twitter_feeds.htm and TxDOT's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TxDOT. A comprehensive hurricane preparedness section on the agency's website includes information on road conditions and evacuation procedures, in addition to links to other agencies with information on local conditions including the www.texasonline.com, a state website. Regional maps online show evacuation routes, all accessible on the Web at TxDOT's site, www.txdot.gov.

Gov. Perry Calls on Agencies to Identify 10 Percent Budget Savings

Gov. Rick Perry announced the Governor's Office and Legislative Budget Board (LBB) have directed state agencies to develop their legislative appropriations requests for the 2014-2015 biennial budget, including identifying 10 percent savings (in five percent increments) in general revenue-related funding. The governor discussed the directive and his commitment to keeping Texas on the path to prosperity at a discussion about the Texas economy hosted by the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and emceed by talk radio host Joe "Pags" Pagliarulo. "Every two years, state leaders and agencies take a fresh look at our budget to ensure each taxpayer dollar is spent efficiently by our state government to keep Texas the best place to live, work, raise a family and start a business," Gov. Perry said. "Identifying potential savings early in the budget process reiterates our ongoing commitment to the responsible fiscal policies that have made Texas the epicenter of job creation in the U.S., including keeping our taxes low, spending in check and government running efficiently." The Governor's Office and LBB letter provides a starting point for state agencies as they prepare their budget requests for the 83rd Legislative Session, and is similar in scope to directives provided by leadership in previous years to begin the budget writing process. Requests must be submitted to the Governor's Office and LBB by the end of August. The directions in this letter support the priorities Gov. Perry has outlined in the Texas Budget Compact to ensure the state remains committed to fiscally responsible governing:

- 1) Practice truth in budgeting
 - 2) Support a Constitutional limit of spending to the growth of population and inflation
 - 3) Oppose any new taxes or tax increases, and make the small business tax exemption permanent
 - 4) Preserve a strong Rainy Day Fund
 - 5) Cut unnecessary/duplicative government programs and agencies
- To view the letter to state agencies, please visit <http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/LAR/LAR%20Policy%20Letter.pdf>.

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Contest Rules

1. Contest is open to public. All entries must be registered by June 22, 2012 to Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 205 Hwy. 277 N., Sonora, Texas
2. All pies, cakes, cupcakes become property of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce when entered into the contest and remaining baked pieces will be given to the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge.
3. Cupcake entries must supply 12 cupcakes.
4. No store bought pastries, mixes, fillings, icings/frostings/decorations. All decoration must be edible.
5. All entries must be in disposable pans/dishes or they will remain property of the sponsor.
6. Recipes must be submitted on a typed 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (please bring 2 copies-one with your name, one without your name for judges). If the recipe is not your own, please reference your source. Recipes may be used for future publication unless otherwise noted on your submitted sheet. If you are a winner, by entering, you give permission to have your photo taken and published in the Devil's River News and used for future promotional materials for Sutton County Days and its Annual Baking Contest.
7. All entries must be checked in by 11:00 a.m. on June 30th at the Sutton County Civic Center. Please have pies/cakes/cupcakes in bakery box or appropriate box to keep closed while waiting to be judged. Winners will be announced at approximately 12:30 p.m. on the main stage. Winners need to be present for photos and to receive their prizes. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

Judging Criteria

Pies will be judged on:

1. Overall appearance before slicing
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4. Originality
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Cakes and cupcakes will be judged on:

1. Overall appearance before cutting
2. Creativity
3. Texture of inside of cake (moist, airy)
4. Taste of cake, frosting and decorative pieces
5. Judges discretion

Continued from Front Page: 8th Grader Trip to NYC

around DC. Mt. Vernon was beautiful and the students were able to visit and tour the inside of the US Capitol Building before loading up and heading north to New York. Once in New York, the group was treated to viewing the hustle and bustle of one the busiest cities in the world. We took a walking tour of China Town and Central Park where the group saw Yoko Ono walking through Strawberry Fields. They then went to watch The Lion King on Broadway. On days 4 and 5, the group visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and The Empire State Building. My favorite site to visit during this time was the World Trade Center Memorial. It was very humbling to actually be standing at the site where the once magnificent buildings stood before the horrible tragedy of 9/11! As you have read, the trip was never dull. Students and adults alike were able to see and experience our country in person rather

than from the television or internet. Many photos were taken and numerous souvenirs purchased. So, if you see an 8th grader, don't forget to ask to view their photographs and see souvenirs purchased from our nation's capital. (... while on this unforgettable trip.)

The group would like to thank Mr. David Creek for providing the bus that shuttled us to and from the airport. Also, many thanks to The Bank and Trust for their generous donation, and last but definitely not least, the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and Sonora ISD coaching staff and superintendent for riding the donkeys to help us raise money, as well as all that bought the many goods that the parents worked so hard to peddle at games. Without you, the students would not have been able to take this once in a lifetime trip!

Images from the Prayer Garden




Continued From Front Page: Things My Father Taught Me

I guess you could call it "Southern Charm," or maybe just manners but whichever way you put it the number one thing that my father was bound and determined for me to have were manners. It didn't matter if I was talking to a criminal or Mother Teresa herself; it was never an option to treat one person any better than the next. You held the door open for others, and let elderly people have your seat on the bus, and didn't talk back. Because you knew the second you did or didn't do something you knew you were supposed to, your rear end was going to be red before you could even say "I didn't mean it, I swear." And believe me, that is something you will never forget no matter how old you are.

Despite everything my father has ever done for me, the most important is the one that couldn't be bought, simply the fact that he was there. He was there as a parent, but also and a source of guidance, and someone whom I could come to with anything that was on my mind, and I knew I would get an honest opinion out of him. The fact that he did everything in his power to give me the life that he always wished for when he was a kid, says enough about what kind of father he really is. I've spent 17 years on this earth and even though I know I still have quite a bit more growing up to do I feel pretty proud of the person I have turned out to be, but I know my father played a big part in that. His involvement over so many different parts of my life (my education, my ethics, and my goals) are all directly influenced by him. Without his unconditional love and support-and sometimes his prodding and nagging-I most definitely wouldn't be who I am today.

So here's to all the fathers out there, the ones who love and support us, the ones who are counting down the days until we move out, and the ones who are somewhere in the middle. Happy Father's Day Dads, we don't and can't ever say enough how much the role you play in our lives means to us.



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Pre-Sale tickets available for
Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Dance
June 29-30

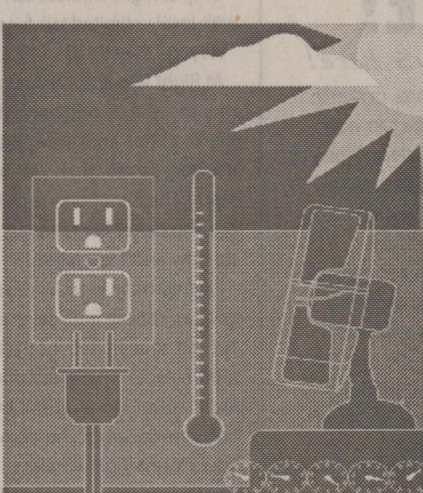
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Connect to Energy Savings

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for nearly 100 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we don't sell electricity or send out monthly bills, we recognize what hot weather does to electricity usage and the resulting bills.

Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips on how to keep cooler this summer, while saving valuable energy and money.

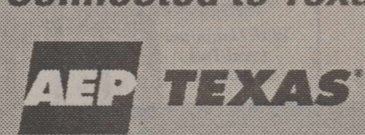
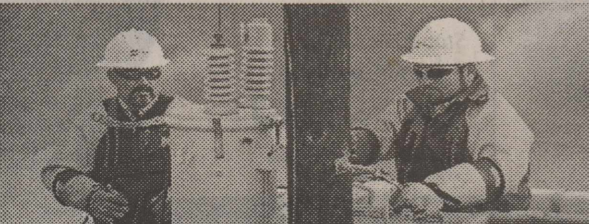
- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater during the summer, take shorter showers and wash only full loads in the laundry and dishwasher.

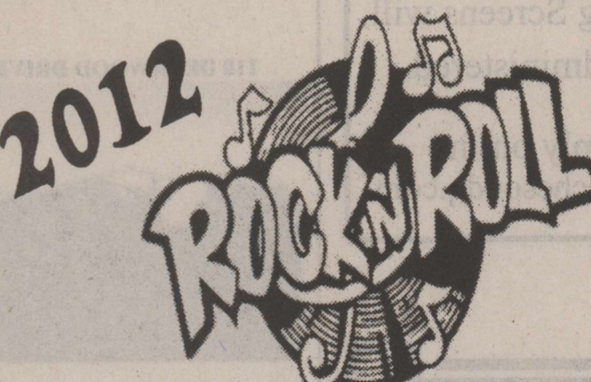


It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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SUTTON COUNTY DAYS PARADE

Dear Parade Participant,

Please join us for this year's Sutton County Days Parade! It will be held Saturday, June 30th at 9:00 a.m. Line up will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Sonora Elementary School on Concho Ave. The awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. at the Entertainment Tent. Three awards will be given, the "Best Theme Entry", "Best Local Entry" and "Best Out-of-Town Entry". Sonora will host the Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo beginning on Thursday night, June 28th and running through Saturday night, with dances being held both Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday will be a fun filled day with arts & craft booths, children's games, live entertainment and lots of delicious food at the Sutton County Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and complete the entry form below. Entry deadline is Friday, June 22, 2012.

Name/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

In Town Float Bicycle
 Out of town float 4 Wheeler
 Vehicle Go Cart
 Vehicle Group # _____ Golf Cart
 walker Horse
 Walking Group# _____ Horseback group# _____
***NO DIRT BIKES ALLOWED** Other _____

Script for parade announcer: _____

Names of those participating in parade: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return signed entry to:
 Sonora Chamber of Commerce ~ PO Box 1172 ~ Sonora, Texas 76950 ~ Phone: 325-387-2880 ~ Fax: 325-387-5357
 Website www.sonoratexas.org E-mail: chamber@sonoratexas.org

Sonora Chamber of Commerce and/or the City of Sonora cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of property, injury or death of the participants or any of their animals.