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Sonora High School Academics Sweep District Competition



Not all participants are pictured.

The UIL Academic teams became the District Champions with 17 students advancing and the One Act Play earned the right to advance to Regionals.

The Academic students left Sonora at 3:45 am on Saturday, March 23 traveling to Kermit to compete in the UIL District Academic events. The all-day marathon paid off for the Broncos. The students scored more total points than any other school in the district to bring home the Academic District Champion title. The academic teams also individually claimed 1st in Computer Science, 1st in Calculator Applications, 1st in Journalism, 2nd in Number Sense and 2nd in Social Studies.

The one act play polished off the championship on Tuesday, March 26 by being one of the two plays in district to advance to area competition. They performed "Ruby's Story" and were awarded the following:
Best Actress: Paige Sykes, All Star Cast: Marci Parks, Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Straton Rushing, Michael Bell, Glenna McKenzie, Best Crew: Darby Ramsdell, Taylor Hampton, Danielle Vargo, Kaitlyn Gibbens.

Below are the individual Academic results. GREAT JOB BRONCOS!!!

*Indicates Regional Qualifier
Computer Applications: *1st place: Ryan Contreras. Computer Science: *2nd place: Stella Ingham, 4th place: Abby Creek, *1st place team: Stella Ingham, Abby Creek, Chris Crain, Adriana Faz. Calculator Applications: *2nd place: Cody Barber, 4th place: Avery Nolen,

5th place: Jill Buitron, *1st place team: Cody Barber, Avery Nolen, Jill Buitron, Santiago Garza. Number Sense: *2nd place: Cody Barber, 4th place: JD Garza, 6th place: Cip Tobias, 2nd place team: Cody Barber, JD Garza, Cip Tobias, Darby Ramsdell. Mathematics: 4th place: Cody Barber. Science 5th place: Crystal Lopez. Social Studies: 5th place: Alonzo Hernandez. 2nd place team: Alonzo Hernandez, Jamie Braly, Stephen Dominguez, Damon Evans. Spelling and Vocabulary: 2nd place team: Kassandra Medina, Kim Fraire, Megan Yourgalite, Morgan Badgett. Ready Writing: *1st place: Paige Sykes. Journalism: 1st place team. Editorial Writing: *3rd place: Jeremy Doran, 6th place: JD Garza. Feature Writing: *3rd place: Chanel Martinez, 4th

place: Jeremy Doran. Headline Writing: *2nd place: Katie Hartman, *3rd place: Jeremy Doran. News Writing: *1st place: Chanel Martinez, *2nd place: Jeremy Doran, 4th place: Tyler Gayanich. Speech: 1st place team. CX Debate: 1st place: Glenna McKenzie & Marci Parks (STATE QUALIFIER), 4th place: Kaitlyn Gibbens and Darby Ramsdell. Lincoln Douglas Debate: *2nd place: Danielle Vargo, 4th place: Lisette Ortiz. Informative Speaking: *1st place: Glenna McKenzie, *3rd place: Paige Sykes. Persuasive Speaking: *1st place: Danielle Vargo, 4th place: Darby Ramsdell, Poetry: *2nd place: Kaitlyn Gibbens, 4th place: Marci Parks. Prose: *1st place: Michael Bell, *3rd place: Kaitlyn Lopez, 4th place: Straton Rushing.

Pecos County Child Abuser Sentenced

A Pecos County jury of ten women and two men convicted Jaime Porras, Jr. on three counts of Injury to a Child. For each count, the jury sentenced Porras to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and assessed a \$5,000 fine. When bodily injury is intentionally or knowingly inflicted on a child, 14 years of age or younger, it is a Third Degree Felony. Third degree felonies are punishable by 2-10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a fine may be imposed, not to exceed \$10,000.

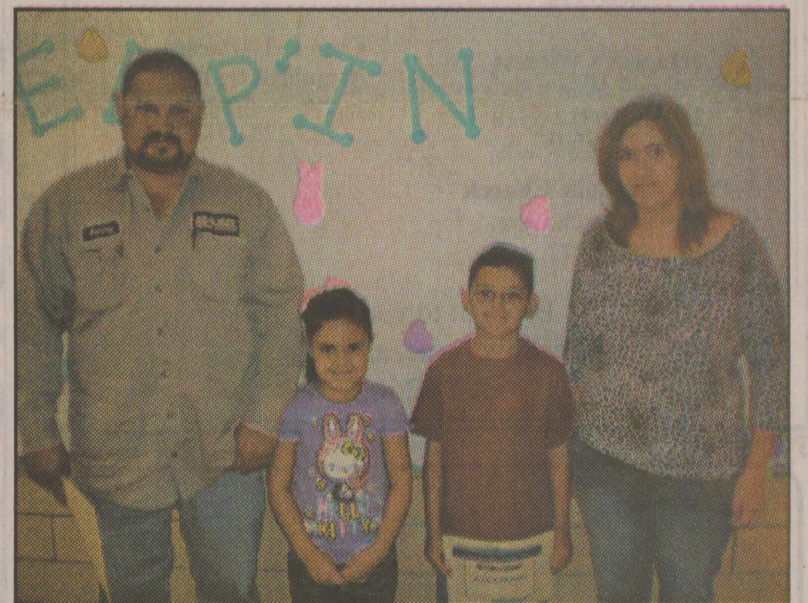
The child injured by Porras was a five month old baby. The evidence showed that Porras bit the baby repeatedly on her face, arm, and legs. "Our children are precious and deserve to be protected. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. As a community, we must work together to protect our children from child abuse. This sentence confirms that our citizens will protect children by punishing those who abuse them," stated 112th District Attorney, Laurie English.

Mr. Porras was represented by Antonio Rodriguez, Presidio, Texas.



Tobacco Free Kids Day

Sonora Elementary students participated in The Texas Safety Center's Texas Tobacco Free Kids Day. Many parents and grandparent pledged to be tobacco free on March 20th at the request of their children. Parents signed their pledges then again signed that they were successful at staying tobacco free. These parents and grandparents received a certificate. Congratulations to all the parents and grandparents that participated. Some grandparents said that have remained tobacco free since March 20th.



(left to right) Sammy Castro, Sabrinah Castro, Jason Alvarado, and Casey J. Alvarado all participated in the Tobacco Free Kids Day.

Stuck For A Buck:

Sonora Elementary Raises Money for Pennies for Patients



Sonora Elementary Students had a rare opportunity to tape their principal up against the wall this week as they participated in Pennies for Patients. The students could buy a strip of tape for one dollar and use it to stick Mrs. Dermody to the wall. This effort raised over \$100 dollars for Pennies for Patients.

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 28- Happy Birthday Juan Garza
 Fri. March 29- CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY
 Mon. April 1-
 Tues. April 2-
 Wed. April 3-

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 14- Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles & mayo potato chips and milk
 Fri. March 15- Cheese enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, pineapple rings with cottage cheese and milk
 Mon. March 18- Ckn fried steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, roll, green salad, strawberries w/peaches and milk
 Tues. March 19- BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, roll, fruit salad and milk -
 Wed. March 20- Swiss steak over rice, veggie blend, roll, pears, pudding and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
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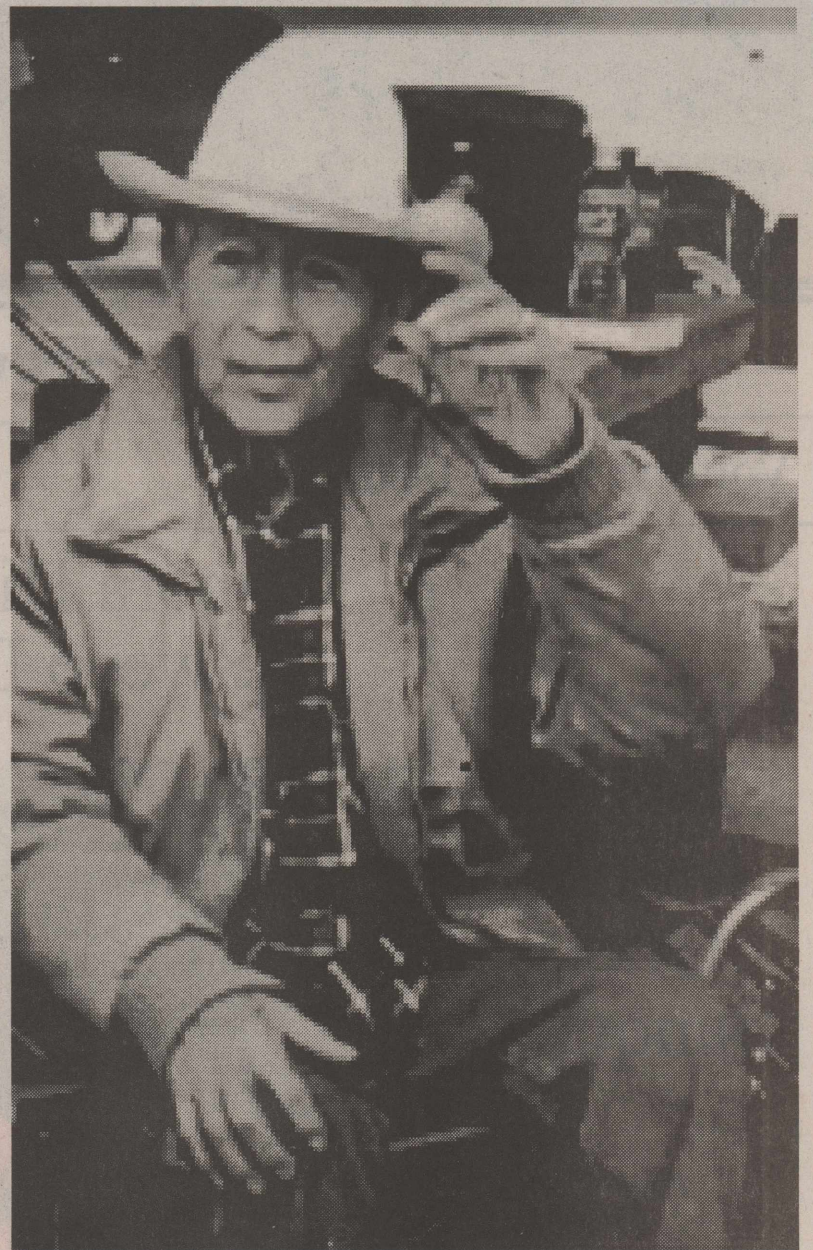


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On March 21, 2013, Benigno Castilleja Sr, known as "Apa" to his loving family, went to be with our Lord at 100 years old. Ben was born on February 13, 1913 in Kennedy, Texas to Clara Sedillo and Margarito Castilleja. In June 1930 he married his loving wife of 81 years, Genoveva Sanchez in Uvalde, Texas. Together they had seven children. He is preceded in death by his wife Genoveva, along with his daughter Eva Robledo, grandson Eddie Martinez, and brother Modesto Castilleja. He was a pioneer in the sheep shearing industry for about 65 years. He was a devoted Catholic and very well respected in his community. He is survived by his sons Joe Ben Castilleja Jr. and Hector Castilleja, both of Sonora; daughters Ofilia Gomez of Abilene, Enedina Ramirez and Margarita Samaniego both of Sonora, Bertha Rebeck of San Angelo, and Jessica Robledo of Austin Texas. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and many friends. The family had visitation and rosary on Thursday evening, March 21st at Kerbow Funeral Home and funeral services will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday March 23, 2013 at St. Ann's Catholic Church followed by burial at the Sonora Cemetery. Serving as pall bearers are Abriel Martinez, Steven Pacheco, Anthony, Nathan and Michael Mungia, and Kenny Bautista. A very special thank you to Father Lionel Fernando for officiating the service. Thank you to all who assisted in the wonderful music at church and at the cemetery. Thank you to the EMS, Sutton County Sheriff's office. Thank you to the Girling Staff for your devoted attention and loving care. A very special thanks to the community for all the food, flowers, plants, cards, phone calls, and for all your prayers. May God Bless You!

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St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
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Sonora Elementary Pre-Registration

Sonora Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Registration Dates Pre-registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on Monday, April 15th and Tuesday, April 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Pre-Kindergarten must be three or four years old on or before September 1, 2013.

Students who are three or four years of age on or before September 1, 2013 must meet one of the following qualification requirements: 1) be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or 2) be educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program [NSLP]); or 3) be homeless; or 4) be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved

es, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or 5) be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or 6) have ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing.

Students four years of age on or before September 1, 2013 who do not qualify for Pre-Kindergarten may pay tuition. Tuition will be \$300.00 per month due on the first of each month beginning in August and the last payment will be in April. Class size, however, will be limited and classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

You must provide a copy of your child's birth certificate,

social security card, and current immunization record. Your child will not be placed in a class until immunizations are current and proof is provided.

Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2013-2014 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Registration Dates

Kindergarten registration will be Monday, April 15th and Tuesday, April 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Students enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2013. You must provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and current immunization record. Your child will not be placed in a class until immunizations are current and proof is provided. Please make every effort to register on these dates as this will help us plan for the 2013-2014 school year. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

Lions Roar

There was a good turnout of Lions and as always a great meal. Lion's celebrated birthdays with cake and ice cream. There was an announcement for a memorial service for Lion Tony Land which will be on April 14th. Also the Blood Drive for this Friday at the hospital from 11 to 3pm. A big thanks to those who worked the Mop and Broom Sale last week. Lion's are also reminded that the 85th Birthday Celebration for the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club will be on May 9th. Each Lion will be selling tickets to the meal and festivities. Program:

Candy Davis was the program and she talked of the coming Special Olympics which will be on April 17th in Sonora. This is the third year it has been in Sonora and has grown each year. There are 13 schools expected to participate with about 75 students this year. Opening ceremonies will begin about 9:30 with field events coming first. Following lunch the track events will be taking place with dismissal about 2 pm. The Downtown Lions voted to assist with funds this year.

F.Y.I

2013-14 Pre-Registration Sutton Co. Head Start will be April 12th from 9am to 5pm FMI on what documents to bring contact Ed Carrasco at 325-387-6132

Sonora Elementary Registration Dates for Pre-K and Kinder Pre-registration for the 2013-2014 school year will be held on Monday, April 15th and Tuesday, April 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Elementary School office. Please provide a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card and current immunization record. Call 387-6951 if you have any questions.

The Old Ice House Ranch Museum needs an old oak ice box to display in the Museum! Can you help?

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.

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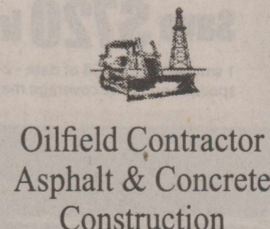
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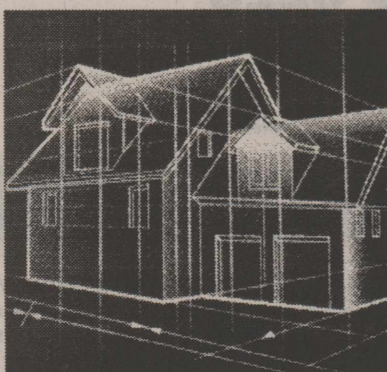
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Test Your Texas Knowledge



By Pascual Hernandez,
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Just for fun, see if you can answer the following questions as either true or an "April Fool" tale:

1) If you see tarantulas out, it is going to rain within 2 weeks. There are over 50 species of tarantulas native to the southwestern and central portions of the United States. People often encounter wandering tarantulas at different times of the year. Depending on the species, many have a more or less set mating season which may occur in the spring (e.g., much of central and South Texas). In desert areas, the mating season is not as clear, and it may depend entirely on rainfall; large numbers are often found wandering immediately after the heavy rains. The tarantulas observed are usually mature males wandering about in search of the burrows of mature females.

2) Texas has had more than 1 state flower. In the spring of 1901, the Texas Legislature selected a state floral emblem. Their choice was *Lupinus subcarneus* (Texas Bluebonnet). But some folks thought it was the least attractive of the Texas bluebonnets. They wanted *Lupinus texensis*. It was brought up to the legislature on and off for 70 years. In 1971, the Legislature handled the dilemma by adding the two species together, plus "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded", and lumped them all into one state flower.

Among the many things the Legislature did not know then was that the big state of Texas is home to three other species of *Lupinus* and the umbrella clause makes all five of them the state flower. And, if any new species are discovered, they automatically will assume the mantle of state flower as well.

3). In Texas, it's "finders keepers" when it comes to stray livestock.

Though we have open range designation in some counties, there is no such thing as finders keepers regarding stray livestock in Texas. The finder of a stray may be charged with "Theft of Livestock" if he or she disposed of the stray. Call the Sheriff's department and contact the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Association Special Ranger.

By the way, in open range counties, property owners are required to build and maintain a fence that is sufficient to keep livestock off their property. Closed range means the owner would be responsible for fencing in his or her livestock.

Ranchers' Workshop On May 17 At Bronte To Target Small Acreage Landowners

BRONTE – The fourth annual Ranchers' Workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is set for May 17 in the Bronte Community Center.

The program will begin with registration at 8 a.m. followed by opening remarks at 8:45 a.m. Adjournment is set for 3:15 p.m.

"This workshop is a collaborative effort between AgriLife Extension and the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District," said James Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent in Coke County. "The program content is designed specifically to help small acreage landowners with the problems and opportunities that growing segment of Texas agriculture often must deal with."

The morning program will include talks on dryland termites, MAT 28 herbicide and the history and future of prescribed burning for long-term range improvement. There will also be demonstrations featuring heavy brush removal equipment and efficient livestock handling facilities.

The afternoon session, following a catered noon lunch, will include topics on the supplemental feeding of livestock, Texas Department of Public Safety on transit regulations for agricultural use and a look at seasonal stocker operations for today's small acreage landowner.

Four Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, three general and one laws and regulations, will be available to holders of private pesticide applicator licenses.

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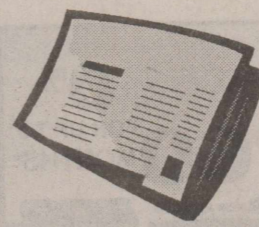
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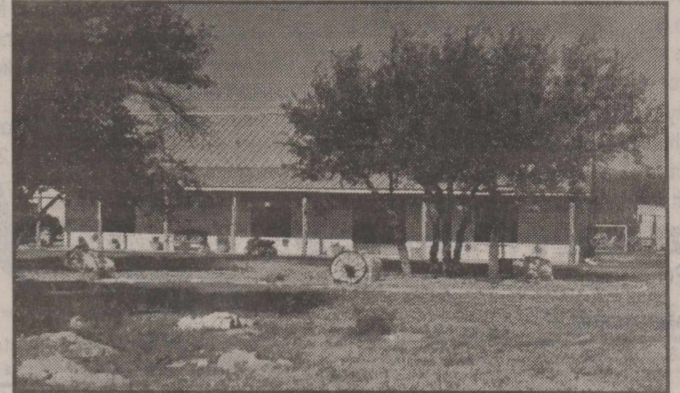
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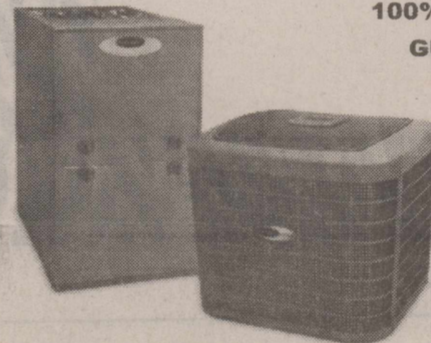
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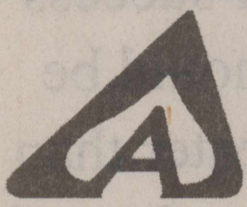
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Chamber Chatter: Mardi Gras Banquet

By Donna Garrett

This year will bring some excitement as the chamber gets ready for its annual banquet. The board of directors will bring a Mardi Gras banquet for everyone this year. The banquet is set for Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. La Mexicana will be there with a cash bar for your enjoyment. Kenny Blanek with Village Café & Catering will have a delicious menu starting with a shrimp boil, with corn and potatoes, sausage jambalaya, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips and salsa, homemade rolls and

don't miss the King Cake for dessert. Tickets are on sale now at the chamber office for \$15 per person or reserve a table of 8 for \$120. Come help honor our great list of nominees and announce the winners from each category. Ballots were mailed out to all members of the chamber to vote on their nominee of choice. As always it is very difficult to vote for just one of the nominees when the list contains many well deserving individuals and organizations. If you are not a member you are still welcome to come to the banquet and enjoy great food and fellowship and help congratulate all the nominees and winners. If you would like to become a member of the chamber, call Tibba Edmondson at the office at 325-387-2880 or go to the website at www.sonoratexas.org and print out the membership application and drop it by our office at 205 Hwy 277 N. or mail it to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950. I have attached a sample ballot for you to review.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce 2013 Award Ballot
Citizen of the Year:
Keith Butler – Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial

Hospital
Jody Luttrell – High-Mount Exploration & Production
Eddy Smith – KHOS Radio
Carl & Melissa Teaff – Former Owners of Teaff Oil Company
Mike Villanueva – Grandpa Mike Business Person of the Year:
Gerry Ingham – Caverns of Sonora
Mary Ann Pajestka – Hodgepodgees, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Rosey Bud Florist
Marty Parks – Devil's River Auto Parts
Brenda Sanchez – La Mexicana Restaurant & Cantina
Paul Stephens – Southwest Treating Products Educator of the Year (church, school, day care, etc.):
Anita Spiller & Jacque Baker – Adult Education Classes
Clyde Dukes - Technology Technician – High School
Thomas Hanson - Advanced Math – Boys Athletics – Sonora High School
Kate Jennings - Family & Consumer Science – Sonora High School
Tamie Love - Tech Apps – Sonora Middle School
Employee of the Year:

Iris Garza – Sutton County Underground Water District
JoAnn Hernandez – The Bank & Trust
Pascual Hernandez – Sutton County Extension Agent & Sutton County 4H Leader
Troy Morgan - USPS Postmaster
Bryan Rhodes – Sonora Golf Club
Organization of the Year:
Band Booster Club
Bronco Booster Club
First Baptist Church Youth Ministries (Scott Gaskill & Matt Killough)
Sutton County Friends of NRA
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