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Sutton County Hospital District: Board of Directors Regular Meeting Report

Chair Preston Faris called the regular monthly meeting of The Sutton County Hospital District Board of Directors to order the evening of Monday March 10th at 6:00 pm. All members of the Board were in attendance, save Lenora Pool, who was out on a business trip. Also in attendance were Kristy Edwards; LMH Chief of Staff, Michelle Schaefer; CFO, and Robert A. "Bob" Pascasio, FACHE, CEO. Joe David Ross attended as a guest.

Chair Faris began with the routine consent items on the agenda; including minutes from past meetings, financial and statistical reports, and the CEO report, for consideration. Vice-chair Lance Castro inquired about a few items on the CEO report, requesting additional information regarding Administration's efforts on physician credentialing and the Business Office operations, after which the Board unanimously approved the consent items.

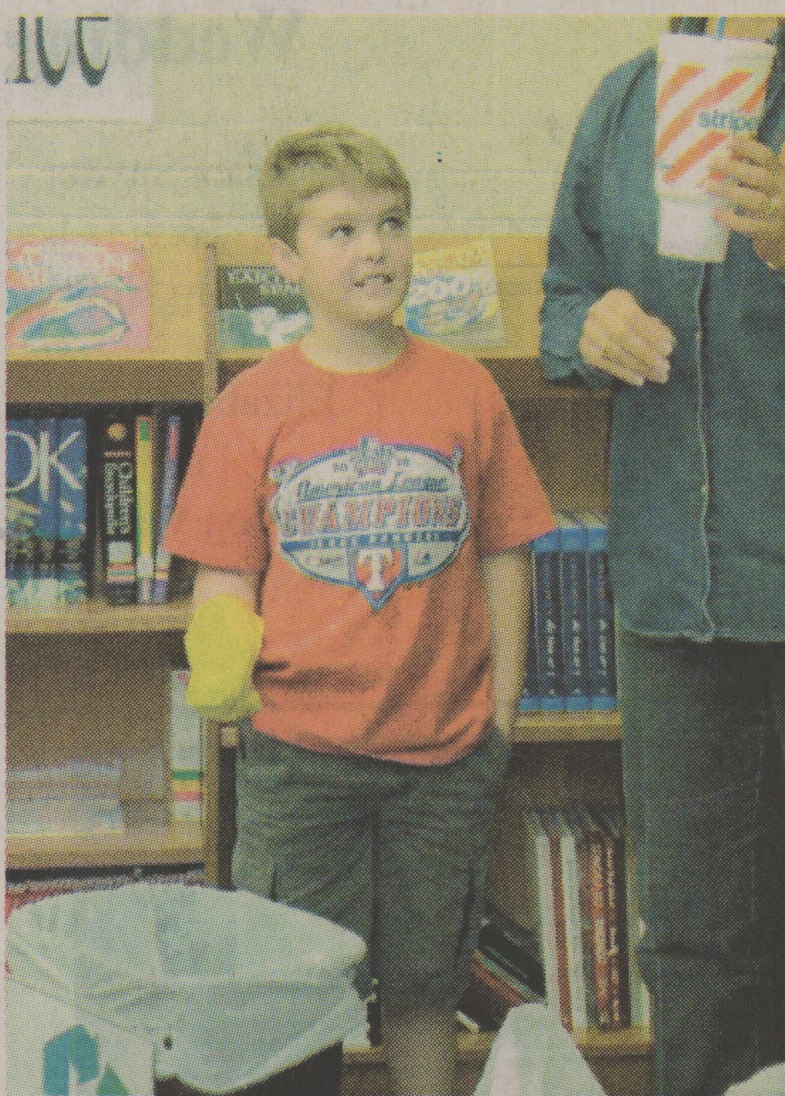
The next item up on the agenda was the adoption and approval of the Strategic Action Plan, recently developed with the assistance of consulting firm TMSI. The Board spent a good deal of time considering the action items, focusing primarily on improving Business Office operations; making that process a bit more user friendly, and, Outreach activities; to insure that the communities the organization serves are fully aware of all the services the organization has to offer. All were in agreement that the organization needs to continue its efforts at collecting reimbursement that it is due, but hoped and directed staff to identify potential opportunities to make the process a more positive experience for our patients and customers. Discussion also included concerns over the organization's pricing strategy, with Pascasio reminding that based on the study done last Fall, the organization's pricing is in the bottom quarter of hospi-

itals in the region. "I think the thing we've got to figure out is how to communicate with our community that probably more often than not, what the patient has to pay has less to do with our prices, and more to do with the patient's health insurance plan," shared Pascasio. Several in attendance expressed a desire that doing so would be a priority of the Outreach efforts.

The Board then spent a few moments considering proposals to enclose the specialist clinic space at the Hospital. "At the request of Director Gary Leonard, in an effort to further insure patient privacy, we've finally received some proposals to enclose the space," advised Pascasio. After reviewing the proposals the Board requested that staff modify the planned approach, and request new proposals that the Board may consider at the April regular meeting.

After a short Executive Session, the Board approved the hospital's Medical Staff report, and then heard from Pascasio on a few miscellaneous items including: additional information on an upcoming Board training opportunity; the Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet later this month; and, plans to hold a Health Center (co-applicant) Board meeting in the very near future, concluding the meeting at 7:28 PM.

HEB Helps Keep Sonora Beautiful



A HUGE thank you goes out to HEB Central Market for the generous "Green Bag" grant of \$350.00 to Keep Sonora Beautiful. This grant allowed KSB to purchase recycled newspaper pencils and recycled retread bookmarks to give to the students in Pre-Kindergarten to the Second Grade. The students had the opportunity to spend a morning learning about recycling in our community and its benefits. They all got to really learn what we can recycle and what really is "garbage" in our daily trash. At the end of the session all the students walked away with two items that were made from recycled items. Education begins with the youth. Students are the ones that appreciate the little things. Small trinkets and mementos are big to this group and HEB provided Keep Sonora Beautiful with the money to buy these items for the students. HEB helped us give something to each one of our young students to take home and hopefully also take home what they learned at school. Recycling is a never ending cycle if it is to work. Keep Sonora Beautiful and Sonora Independent School District and the City of Sonora have committed to recycling, and HEB has given us monies to help us support our efforts and we say Thank You!



Lady Broncos Win A 6 to 5 Thriller

By Nancy Glasscock, Photos By Ray Glasscock

For the first three innings, it was a pitcher's duel between Sonora's Kylie Love and Skylar Ortiz of Crane.

The Lady Birds got on the scoreboard first in the top of the fourth with two runs on two Lady Bronco errors. Love walked Ortiz and Carlee Kadena got on base due to a throwing error. Kylee Sena got to first on another Bronco throwing error that also allowed Ortiz and Kadena to score.

Sonora answered in the bottom of the fourth with two runs on two Crane errors and a passed ball. Abby Nolen struck out, but she reached first on a passed ball. Nolen stole second while Crystal Lopez was batting. After Lopez was retired, Love hit a long drive to right field that was dropped allowing Nolen to score. Love made it to third. Alexa Sykes got on base thanks to an error by Crane's shortstop. Love scored on the error, and the game was tied at two runs each.

In the top of the fifth, Selena Beaza got on base due to an infield error. Beaza stole second. She scored on a Victoria Arredondo single making the score three to two.

Sonora quickly answered with a three run fifth inning. Tori Guerrero started off by getting on first and advancing to second on two Crane throwing errors. Skye Jennings walked. Lopez singled to score Guerrero. Love tripled which scored Jennings and Lopez. Sonora was up five to three, but they couldn't hold the lead.

The Lady Birds scored two runs in the top of the sixth on two Lady Bronco errors, a walk, a single, and fielder's choice. It was all tied at five a piece at the end of the sixth. In the Lady Bronco's half of the inning, Ortiz set the Lady Broncos down with a strikeout and two pop-ups.

Neither team scored in the seventh, and game went into extra innings.

In the top of eighth, it looked bad for Sonora. After two errors, the Lady Birds had runners on second and third with no outs. Love struck out the next two Crane batters. Second baseman Lopez ended the inning by snagging a hard hit line drive.

The bottom of the eighth didn't last long. After falling behind in the count at 0 and 2, Love hit a triple to right center. Sykes ended the game with a long single over the centerfielder's head that scored Love. The Lady Broncos won their first district game by a score of six to five.

The two pitchers combined for 29 strikeouts with Love having 16 of them. Love was the winning pitcher, and sophomore Ortiz took the loss.

The Lady Broncos are on the road next week. They travel to Alpine and Kermit. Good Luck Lady Broncos.

City Council Approves New Ordinance:

No More Texting And Driving In Sonora

The City Council approved an ordinance that makes it unlawful for a person to use a wireless communication device to view, send or create and electronic message while operating a motor vehicle upon a roadway with the city. The City Council took the ordinance into consideration in response to concerns from city residents. The ordinance sets standards that prohibit texting within city limits.

Bronco Baseball Team Tournament Champions



The Sonora Bronco Baseball team kept the Devil's River All Wood Classic title here in Sonora with their first place finish for the tournament.



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Sutton County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados Condado de Sutton, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 10, 20 14, for voting in a general election to elect Trustees Precinct 1 & 3 full terms and Precinct 4 unexpired term.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de mayo de 20 14 para votar en la Elección General para elegir miembros para la mesa directiva Precincto 1 y 3 términos completos y Precincto 4, Término no Completado.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
 (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
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La Oficina Administración de la Escuela de Sonora ISD	1,3 y 4

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
 (Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles
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Oficina del Salón de la Ciudad	April 28, 2014, (terminando el 6 de mayo, 2014 de las horas 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.)

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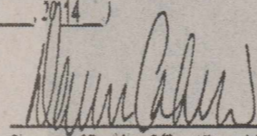
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 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 1, 2014.
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Issued this the 27 day of February, 20 14.
 (Emitted este día 27 de febrero, 20 14.)


 Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Thank You

The family of Oscar C. Galindo would like to express our sincere gratitude to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during our father's illness and at his passing. Thank you for the calls, cards, the food and the flowers. We especially thank you for all the prayers for him and for our family. We would like to thank Father Lionel, Maria Gomez, Juanita Estrada and the choir for the mass and Mrs. Amanda Garza for helping with the rosary. We are very grateful to all for their thoughtfulness and support.

May God Bless you all,
 Neria, Eric & Joe Galindo.

On behalf of the Oscar C. Galindo family, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of those that have provided such kind support during this difficult time for our family. We are "THANKFUL" for all of those who provided drinks, food, flowers, cards, calls, prayers and attend his services.

Sanchez & Galindo Family

The moment that you died my heart was torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with you.

I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon my cheeks. Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, but missing you is heartache that never goes away.

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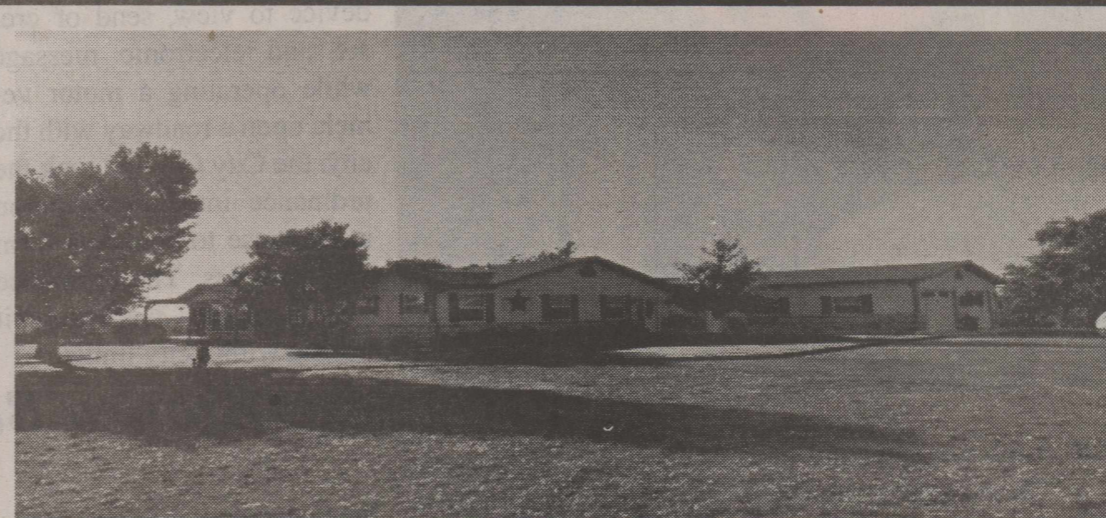
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Rangeland Management Is The Key For Surviving Drought

AMARILLO — Improved management adapted to changing rangeland conditions will be a key to surviving three back-to-back years of drought, according to Tim Steffens, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service rangeland management specialist in Canyon.

“We have just had three of the driest growing seasons in recorded history in a row,” said Steffens, who is also a West Texas A&M University assistant professor, spoke at the recent Panhandle Ranch Management event. “We’ve had one of the driest falls. We’ve had one of the driest winters.”

“So this coming year, don’t be in any hurry to increase numbers until we find out for sure how much rain we’ve got, and how much grass we’re going to have that can respond to further rain showers later in the year.”

Steffens warned that if grass starts in bad shape from last year, it probably will remain in trouble this year, even if it rains normally.

“If we don’t get rain in the spring to get things started and have some grass growing by mid-June, it’s probably not going to be a good year. So by early July, you need to assess the conditions and make decisions then. Then look again in the fall and determine if you have enough grass and if

you have had enough rain to take care of the grass.” Steffens said keys to management include providing adequate recovery for grass before grazing, which means letting the plants get a full complement of leaves before cattle regrow a plant. A grazing “system” that does not provide adequate recovery following grazing won’t do much good, he said. Whatever management strategy a rancher chooses, adequate recovery for severely defoliated plants and leaving enough residue after a grazing period “is what is going to get you where you want to go.” Steffens said grazing decisions can prepare resources to respond favorably in the good times or not go down so far when things are not good.

“Right now, I am not worried about weeds,” he said. “If it will grow, I’m tickled to death. Get something to cover up that ground, provide some shade, protect it from the wind, keep it from eroding and provide some cover so that something can grow later.”

A few other items on his management list include:

- Provide adequate regrowth for heavily defoliated plants, and do that every year, if possible.
- Improve distribution – get the animals away from the places they are overusing and get them to places they

are underusing.

- Provide every opportunity for recruitment of new plants. Most plants in pastures reproduce vegetatively; they don’t have to come up from seed. But some areas may need more seed. “If you have to have the seed, try to get some. But I wouldn’t advise going out there and wasting money now trying to plant.”

- Maintain stocking rate within carrying capacity. “If you are overstocked, I don’t care what you do, you are a numerical failure going in.”

- Maintain or improve resilience of the plant community. A variety of plants in unstable conditions is a positive thing; there’s always something there to respond to rain.

Steffens said feeding hay on rangeland does not stop overgrazing, because if any grass does grow, the cattle will go to it before eating the hay.

“Get cattle out of abused areas and to areas that still have feed,” he said. “If you have to continue to feed cattle, I suggest getting them into a pen and feeding them there, where they won’t be overgrazing plants.”

He said “planting fence posts and pipe” or dividing up pastures and allowing periods of rest for the grass may be more cost effective than planting or buying hay.

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Governor Extends Drought Proclamation

Consider 4-H Judging Teams

Today's article is for kids interested in the outdoors, livestock, or wildlife. Sutton County 4-H is looking for youth (grades 3-12) to form judging teams. These will be wool, mohair, range science, or plant id. teams. Participants will get an understanding in the areas of livestock, range, and wildlife needs as well as resource management skills. Hands-on activities provide visual examples and opportunities to learn subject matter, but also decision-making skills. It is also fun.

Wool and mohair judging are two separate contests in which teams evaluate wool and mohair on grade, texture, crimp, etc. Judging contests include the classification of 20 fleeces according to fineness, length and yield. Judges also evaluate two classes of four fleeces each.

Range Science itself has two contests: Range Evaluation and Pasture Grass Identification. Contestants identify 20 to 40 range plants; determine use, condition, site and management practices for a range

area; they also evaluate and place four range plots.

Participants compete in 4-H teams of 3 or 4 members, according to age divisions. Contests are held throughout the Spring. We will attend several contests in our area: Ozona, Eldorado, Kerville, Boerne, Fredericksburg, and Del Rio. There is also a district contest. The top 3 senior (high school-age) teams at district competition advance to Texas 4-H RoundUp (state competition) held at Texas A&M each June. While there, participants will get to take part in contests, assemblies, dances, as well as meet youth from across the state and tour the campus. Senior 4-H age consists of ages 14 and up.

All these activities teach evaluation technique and decision-making, both necessary skills for youth. If you'd like to have your kids explore these activities with such a rich tradition in our area, please call Extension Agent, Pascual Hernandez, at 387-3101.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME: I, RICK PERRY, Governor of the State of Texas, issued an Emergency Disaster Proclamation on July 5, 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

WHEREAS, significantly low rainfall has resulted in declining reservoir and aquifer levels, threatening water supplies and delivery systems in many parts of the state; and WHEREAS, prolonged dry conditions continue to increase the threat of wildfire across many portions of the state; and

WHEREAS, these drought conditions have reached historic levels and continue to pose an imminent threat to public health, property and the economy;

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I

do hereby renew the disaster proclamation and direct that all necessary measures, both public and private as authorized under Section 418.017 of the code, be implemented to meet that threat.

As provided in Section 418.016 of the code, all rules and regulations that may in-

hibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster.

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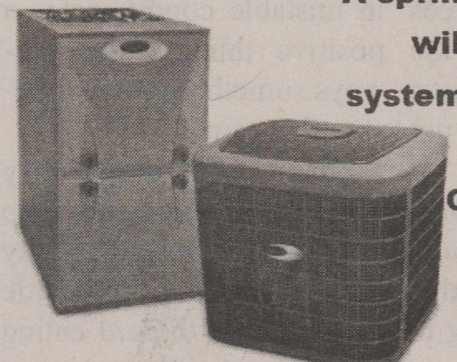
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RICK PERRY Governor of Texas

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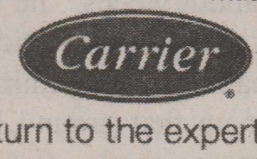
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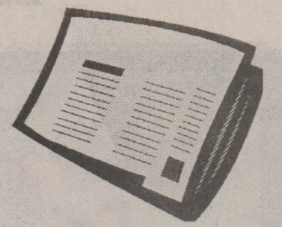
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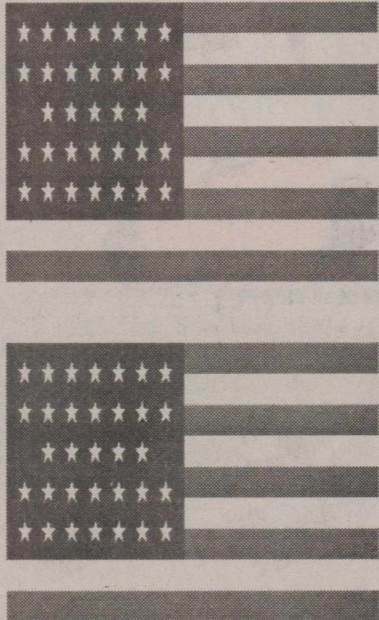
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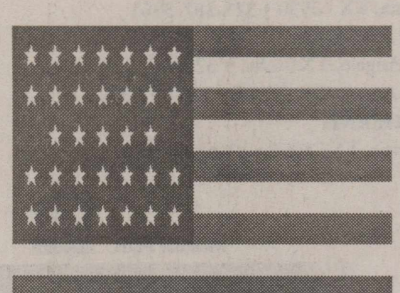
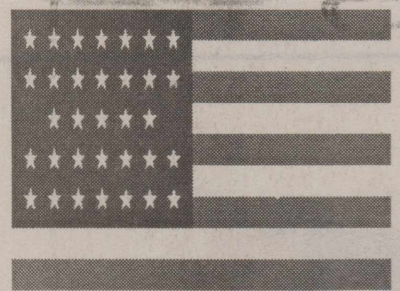
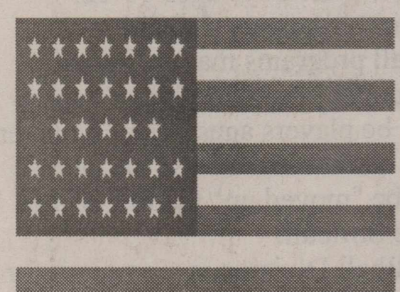
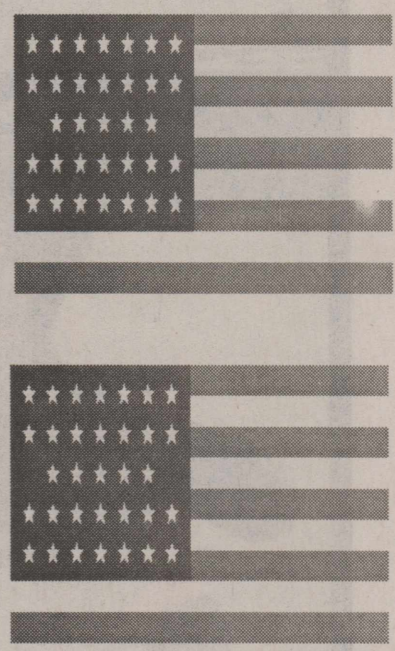
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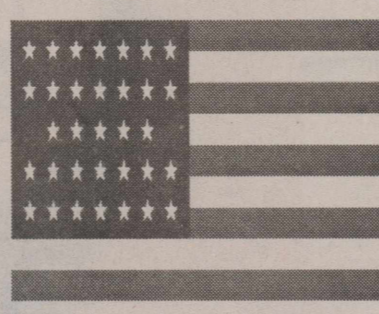
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Lady Bronco Softball: Images from First District Victory.

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BASE/SOFT/T-BALL SIGN UP!

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its BASE/SOFT/T-BALL League program for 2014. Any students interested in playing please fill out an enrollment form at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce on March 17 through March 20 & BRING A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

The cost will be Tee ball, Minors, Majors=\$45 per player. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child may participate. The following deadlines will be final for enrollment! LATE SIGN UP \$25.00 fee plus Player \$45 fee!!

March 23, 2014 SUNDAY

Minor Baseball Try Outs at 2:00 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Major Baseball Try Outs at 3:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor Softball Try Outs at 2:00 P.M. - Sutton County Park SOFTBALL Field.

Major Softball Try Outs at 3:30 P.M. - Sutton County Park SOFTBALL Field.

T-Ball registrations at the Sutton County Park Concession Stand at 3:00 P.M.

Any questions please contact Vice President, Scott Garrett at 3252060537 or President, Javier Gaytan at 3252063771.

Baseball-Softball Age Groups

T-ball & Baseball Age of player on April 30, 2014, MUST BE 4 years old by 04/30/2014

Tee Ball Baseball is for boys and girls 4-6 years old who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. In Tee Ball, players hit a ball off a batting tee. Rules of the game may be varied to accommodate the need for teaching. The primary goals of Tee Ball are to instruct children in the fundamentals of baseball and to allow them to experience the value of teamwork. Rosters may be composed of between 10 and 12 players.

Minor League Baseball programs for boys-players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-9. By local option, a player who is league age 6 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to minor division.

Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2014

Girls Minor League Softball programs may be operated within each division for younger players with less experience. The minor league may be players ages 7-10. A player who is league age 7 for the current season and has played two years in Tee Ball may be "moved up" to Girls Minor League Softball.

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