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Nothing Left But Cedar Staves



submitted

One of the A&M Experiment Station's most interesting projects concerning brush management is the use of goats as biological brush busters. Development of a "Super Juniper Eating Goat" is underway with the hope of providing an economic and environmentally friendly way to help control cedar.

What kind of problems does cedar, also known as juniper, create? There are the obvious problems to sheep and goat raisers of decreased

grass production, and there is also the problem that affects everybody, the negative impact on water yield. Mechanical treatment and chemical treatment with herbicides are effective but also expensive. There is also more and more concern as to the use of synthetic chemicals in our environment.

Goats can play a key role in helping to solve the cedar problem. Juniper is a normal part of their diet, especially in the winter months where it makes good emergency forage. However, they tend

to self limit at a level somewhere around 30% of their diet.

The "Super Juniper Eating Goat" project is breaking the barrier that limitation imposes by using selective breeding to create a goat that can handle a lot of cedar. Heritability estimates of 42% show that this trait has a good probability to be inherited.

"We're taking selective breeding of domestic livestock in a new direction. We're breeding for a 'service' so to speak and creating

our own biological 'tool' to manage the problem," stated Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor.

The project began in 2001 and got under way with the help of funds from the Texas Food and Fibers commission. There are two locations involved in this project, the Sonora Station, where there have already been three years of selective breeding with Boer x Spanish meat goats, and the Read Ranch located in Crockett County where angora goats are being bred.

City Council

submitted by Storie Sharp

The Sonora City Council met for the March meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. After the usual business of approving minutes from the previous month, the council considered planning and zoning cases 386 and 387. Annette Thornton requested a variance to move in a 14x60 mobile home with two existing structures on her property at Block 23A, Lot E 25' of 4 and all of 5 in the South Heights Addition.

A team of scientists from Sonora and San Angelo are using a technology called fecal near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) to scan fecal pellets and measure how much juniper a goat eats. Using this information they are then able to pick out the most desirable goats for breeding.

A close eye has been kept on animals in the program to ensure that selecting for juniper intake will not hurt traits or reduce meat and fiber production. A promising result so far is that there is possibly a slight benefit with the super juniper eaters. Angoras selected for high juniper intake at the Read Ranch had slightly higher body weights and fleece yields than the low juniper eating group.

In addition to brush control another benefit is the potential to increase carrying capacity and stocking rate, thus increasing economic return per acre, as a previously untapped forage reserve is utilized more. Studies have already shown a 10% increase in juniper consumption between high and low groups of juniper eaters.

Since brush management is such a serious problem, goats alone will not be the only solution. Often a reclamation treatment with fire or with mechanical treatment is required as the first step. A positive aspect of this program is the ability to use these goats in combination with other treatments, controlling resprouting and new seedling establishment.

Making these super juniper eating goats available to producers is the goal of the research program. The team is also working to develop techniques to help ranchers select goats from their own flocks. If you want more information you can contact Erika Campbell at the Sonora Experiment Station @ 325-387-3168, or ejcampbell@ag.tamu.edu.

Council member Smith Neal agreed, that city ordinances must be met before such request could be considered. The council, Smith Neal, Fred Perez, Thomas Adkins and Virgil Poloczek, all agreed. The second case, a request from Raul Baez, Block C, Lot 2 & W 1/2 of 3 of the Pedro Domingo Addition, was for a variance of a setback of 13' from Useues and 12' from Chiquita St. in order to add on to existing structure. Neal questioned the request because there are already so many structures on the property. It was mentioned that a grandfather clause might apply to this location because these lots were originally built smaller and closer together in that portion of the town. After further discussion, a motion was made by Perez, seconded by Neal to grant the variance. Adkins opposed the motion, which was granted with a 3-1 vote.

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**Spring Forward
This Weekend
Don't forget to set
your clocks**

One-Act Play advances to district with "Unexpected Tenderness"

By Storie Sharp

Each year Sonora's stage stars work hard to produce a piece that shows the talent, skills and artistry that is found in the SHS Drama Department. Each season hours are spent memorizing lines, weeks are spent rehearsing and building a set, with hopes of shining for the judges and making it to State competition.

UIL One-Act Play (OAP) competition was founded in 1927, and is the largest high school play production contest or play festival in the world. More than 14,000 Texas high school students, in more than 1000 plays

participate in 300 plus contests each year. These competitions take place from the beginning of March through the three-day, 40-production State Meet One-Act Play contest. One-Act play contest is supported by more than 200 college and university faculty members serving as district judges. The UIL theatre program is considered by historians to be the foundation of educational and community theatre in Texas. It continues to be a major factor motivating increasing numbers of schools to offer theatre arts as an academic subject.

Sonora's district is divided

into two zones that compete against each other. Two shows from each of the zones advance, with none being ranked above the other.

Recently Sonora hosted the contest for Zone 1. Eldorado performed the *Happy Scarecrow*; Mason performed *Scenes and Revelations*; Junction performed *Picnic* and Sonora performed *Unexpected Tenderness* by Israel Horowitz.

Unexpected Tenderness powerfully and poignantly explores the dynamics of an emotionally strained family. Structured as a memory play, Roddy Stern,

played by Nash Traylor (elder) and Nick Favela (the younger), recalls what it was like growing up in a family kept on the edge by a precipice, by his paranoid and pathologically jealous father, Archie Stern (also played by Traylor). Archie is a complex loving man with a demon inside he can not exorcise.

Molly Stern is played by Kayla Fields, Sylvie Stern is Kathy Pacheco, Haddie Stern is Starlyn Chadwick and Jacob Stern is Jose Casillas. Rounding out the cast is Brandon Munn as Willie. The Crew is made up of Stacy San-

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Altizer Inducted into Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame

By Storie Sharp

In a special ceremony at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center in Temple, Texas, on February 11, 2006, Blanche Altizer Smith was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Belton, Texas. The special recognition honored Smith, the mother of Olie Smith of Sonora, and Jim Smith of Del Rio, as one of the most outstanding cowgirls within the State of Texas. Her photograph and biography were placed among the other inductees who came before here and those that will follow.

The special ceremony was a two day event, including media coverage, and autographing party for local schools, silent auctions and receptions, where Olie and his wife, Carla, and five year old twin daughters, Steely and Sterling, accepted the award for Smith. Born into a South Texas ranching family, Blanche was an accomplished cowgirl with a devotion to the sport of rodeo. A champion calf roper, she appeared at all the major rodeos in Texas, frequently competing against the men. Instrumental in the formation of the Girls Rodeo Association (GRA), Blanche worked as association secretary and then as director to ensure the integrity of the sport and the association. Blanche passed her talent and love for the sport of rodeo on to her two sons, who both have

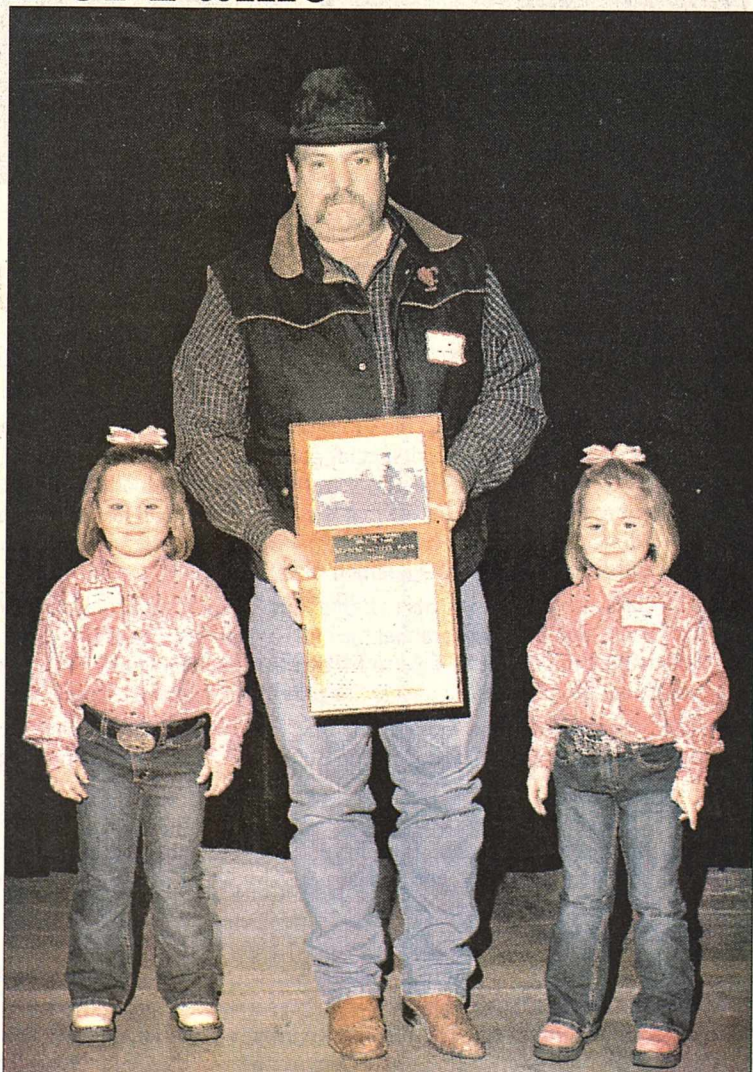
and are active with the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association since very young. Blanche passed away in 1998.

Blanche joined fellow cowboys



2006 Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductees, including Blanche Altizer Smith

and cowgirls honored this year, Don Graham, Dave Hopper, Sandy Kirby, Phil Lyne, Randy Magers, Jack Ward, Donna Fay Hanks, Clyde Martin, Cecil Vick, Burr Andrews, Neal & Kay Gay, J.G. Crouch, Skipper Voss, and the Killeen Rodeo Committee. Blanche's brother, Jim Bob Altizer is memorialized in the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame in Pecos, Texas, as well as the National Hall of Fame.



Accepting the honored Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame for Blanche Altizer Smith, her son, Olie Smith and twin granddaughters, Sterling and Stevie.



Ethan Morriss Vaults for heights over Crossbar, See Sports on page 6

Outstanding Athletes receive Honored Chance Armke Memorial Award

The Chance Armke Memorial Award for Outstanding Track Female and Male athlete was awarded at the Bronco Relays this past weekend. This award is awarded to the most competitive person, not necessarily the fastest or the best individual. These qualities epitomize Chance who was not always the fastest runner but always competed hard and put his heart into every race.

The female recipient was Sydney Smith from Reagan County. Sydney always competed her hardest with a smile on her face. She broke the meet record in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash. Sydney also finished third in the long jump. She also anchored the 400 Meter Relay, bringing her team from third place 10 meters behind

to first, in one of the most exciting races of the day.

The male winner was Anthony Longoria from Sonora. Anthony won the 100 Meter dash with a time of 10.65. He also broke the meet record in the Long Jump with a jump of 22' 08 1/4" and broke his own school record in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 10.57. Anthony ran the third leg on the 400 Meter Relay. He also ran the third leg on the 800 Meter Relay bringing the Broncos from behind to win by twenty meters. Anthony placed third in the triple jump.

Congratulations to both Sydney and Anthony. The Sonora Broncos are very proud to have them as the recipients of the first Chance Armke Memorial Award.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees
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 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
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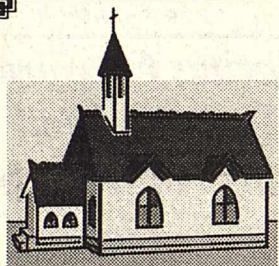
Senior Center Activities

Fri. March 31 - Happy Birthday Weston Fisher and Maida Sutton!
Mon. April 3 - AAA Reports Due, Bingo!
Tues. April 4 - Exercise with new volunteer - Maria Carrasco
Wed. April 5 - TRAX Van to San Angelo - call 387-2509
 Happy Birthday Lilia C. Flores!
Thurs. April 6 - Happy Birthday Charlotte Wilson!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. March 31 - Smothered chicken, baked potato, fried okra, rolls, sliced peaches, milk
Mon. April 3 - Pork chops w/gravy, diced potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, wheat rolls, peach cobbler, milk
Tues. April 4 - Oven fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat rolls, lemon squares, milk
Wed. April 5 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, Jell-O w/fruit, milk
Thurs. April 6 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, potatoes, Spanish green beans, rolls, lime rice swirl, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
 Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190
The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951
Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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Sonora Welcomes New Pastor

Templo Jerusalem welcomes Joe M. Hernandez as the new pastor for Sonora. Joe and his wife, Norma, have been in Sonora for three weeks. The Hernandez family comes to Sonora from Floydada, Texas, approximately 45 miles NE of Lubbock. The new residents agree that it's been a joy.

"Our greater joy has been meeting the people of this town. We anticipate meeting the needs of the people. In this life, we all need direction and guidance. Life's not always easy, especially when you don't know how to live it. Here at Templo Jerusalem, we learn about the struggles of life we also learn how to overcome them. If you're looking for a place to hear the work of God, come join us!"

Tenemos tres semanas aqui en Sonora y ha sido un placer en conocer a la ciudad. Pero hemos tenido mas satisfaccion en conocer a la gente de este pueblo. Anticipamos ha servir a las necesidades de la gente de aqui. En esta vida todos necesitamos direccion y consejos para poder salir adelante. La vida muchas veces no es facil, especialmente cuando no sabes como vivirla. Aqui en Templo Jerusalem, aprendemos de las luchas que vienen a la humanidad. Juntamente con eso, aprendemos como podemos a vencerlas. Si estas buscando un lugar donde puedes a escuchar la palabra de Dios, acompañaanos!

Templo Jerusalem/Asambleas de Dios 306 NW 4th, Sonora, Texas, 76950 (325)387-5713	Worship Service Servicio Evangelistico 5:30 p.m.
Domingo-Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.	Evening Service Miercoles-Servicio Familiar 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School Servicio de Adoración 11:00 a.m.	Wednesday-Family Night Service

Five Etiquette Tips for Interviews



Ten seconds after you walk into the room, before you even get a chance to sit down, you may have won or lost the job. While you may courteously be given an hour to answer questions and describe your accomplishments, studies indicate the interviewer forms a strong positive or negative impression of you within seconds of greeting you. One university study had job interviewers indicate when they had made a decision by pushing a button on a timer. Every interviewer pushed the timer within 10 seconds. This lets us know it's not the fine print on the fourth page of your resume, but other factors that take precedence in making the hiring decision.

1. Smile! Few things convey pleasantness, enthusiasm and comfort like a smile. Successful people smile a lot. People who frown are not perceived as happy, productive professionals.
2. Dress Appropriately. There is only one way to dress for the interview: clean cut and conservative. You may not see yourself that way and know you're RIGHT to look otherwise. But this is not the time to make a statement about your rights. Your task is to know how others see you. Avoid excessive jewelry, cologne or perfume, makeup, and low cut blouses.
3. Be Punctual; arrive 5-10 minutes early. To arrive too early indicates over anxiousness; to arrive too late is inconsiderate.
4. Practice your Handshake! In our culture a weak handshake indicates a weak personality. Remember, according to research; Body Language is 55% of the communication process; Tone of Voice is 38% and Words make up only 7% of the process.
5. Don't order the spaghetti. More and more interviews are being conducted over a meal and believe me; interviewers are looking for information even there. Table manners seem to be a dying art; brush up on which fork to use and be courteous to the servers!

(From the new "48 Days to The Work You Love" workbook, page 97)
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Prescribing Smiles and Laughter

The HSTE (Nursing) Class at Sonora High School is learning and teaching at the same time. The girls, all seniors this year, visit the Sonora Senior Center every week on Mondays to play bingo with the Senior Citizens, prescribing smiles and laughter as the best medicine for a healthy attitude.

Each month the girls add to the fun by crowning a Queen and Princess, complete with crowns, tiara and special corsages to mark the occasion. A special party is held to honor the new royalty, making each one feel special while showing appreciation for all that the Senior Citizens of our community have done for everyone. This month, Virginia Ramirez was crowned Princess and Julia Reynoso was deemed the Queen!

The class also delivers meals to homebound seniors on Fridays, a much needed service that helps ensure that the elderly patients are receiving nutritious meals they might not be able to fix themselves. The young ladies also practice doing blood pressure checks, as part of the learning experience.

The Senior Center and the citizens that visit would like to thank these young ladies for all that they do to help out at the center and for making a difference.

This year's HSTE Class consists of Nikki Fierro, Julia Lugo, Julie Villanueva, Michelle Hernandez, Lisa Frye, Shea Trevizo, Hillary Lawson, and Yasmin Coronado. The class is instructed by Ada Castilleja, R.N., and assisted by Cheryl Lock.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Obituary

Janie Luevano

Janie Luevano, 24, died Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at her residence. Rosary was at 7 p.m. on March 22, 2006, in Winters Funeral Home chapel. Services were at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at Mount Carmel Catholic Church with burial in Lake View Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Adalaida "Anita" Fernandez of Winters; father, Santo Luevano of Sonora; brothers, Joe Luevano, Jr., and Raul Zermano, Jr., both of Winters; and Martin Luevano of Hamlin; sister, Tina Thormeyer of Abilene; son Adrian Marrero; and daughter Samantha Marrero, both of Winters.

Midge Thomason Shurley

Midge Thomason Shurley of Sonora passed away Thursday, March 23, 2006, in San Angelo. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 2006, in Sonora Cemetery with a memorial service following at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Midge was born on October 30, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama to M.R. and Aimee Thomason. She grew up in Montgomery, Alabama, and always had a love for the "Ol' South". She graduated from Hollins College in Virginia in 1948. Midge married Gene Shurley in 1950, and moved to Sonora, Texas. She was a loving mother to her two children Scott and Suzanne. Midge enjoyed reading, sewing, music, dancing, working, in her flower garden, and being with her family. Midge was a member of the Church of The Good Shepherd.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son Scott Thomason Shurley. She is survived by her daughter Suzanne Shurley Huddleston and husband Doug of Sonora, four granddaughters and their families, Zane Shurley Martin-Jones, husband Rick and son Dawson of Galveston, Texas; Kristen Shurley of Dallas, Texas; Kayla Shurley Davidson, husband Travis, and daughter Mia of Ozone; Whitney Aimee Martin of College Station, Texas; Brothers Phillip Thomason of Bulverde, and Alan Thomason and wife Ginna of Montgomery, Alabama; special nephew Mark Friend Shurley and wife Kathy of Fredericksburg, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lee Bloodworth, Carl Teaff, Drake Shurley, Shea Shurley, Bob Post, and Wayne Sawyer.

The family would like to specially thank the staff of Royal Estates, Dr. Harold Lamm, and Rev. Lewis Allen for their years of love and support to Midge.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Sutton County Health Foundation or your favorite charity.

Linda Ray Behrens Kenagy

Linda Ray Behrens Kenagy of Plano, Texas passed away Sunday March 19, 2006.

She was born June 5th, 1957 in Sonora, Texas. Mother and Father Lois Hill - Armstrong and Donald Behrens both who have preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Don. Two sisters Debra Knox and Larry of Austin, Texas. Shelly Wright and David of Plano, Texas. Stepdaughter Kimberly and Ron Hovanecz of Daytona Beach, Florida, and a devoted group of nephews and nieces. Her beloved pets, Sam, Trina, Tiffany, Stoney & Louie will miss her cheerful voice and loving care. Linda graduated from Sonora High School in 1975. Linda was the successful owner of her own Pet Express Mobile grooming business in the Plano area for the past 14 years. Linda was proud of being a 5th generation Texan. She was an accomplished artist in her own right and enjoyed painting landscapes, portraits and still lifes.

A Memorial Service was held at the Custer Park United Methodist Church Chapel in Plano on Saturday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to SPCA of McKinney, Texas or the National Myeloma Foundation

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank my sponsors for their support throughout the stock shows, JMC Transport, Norm & Doris Rousselot, Location Builders, Luther Creek and S.M.Fence Co.

Thank You,
 Bryan Reyes

I would like to thank the community of Sonora for supporting the lunch benefit that was held for me on February 19, 2006.

Thank you to all the people who made donations, and to those who helped with the fund raiser making it a great success.

I would also like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls and especially your prayers that I received while in the hospital. Thank you to the Noriega and Arrendondo families and to all the people for supporting me and my mom in this time of need. "May God Bless You"

Thank You,
 Jessica Zapata

We want you to know how very much we appreciate all that so many of you have done during the illness and passing of our mom. Angie was encouraged by your visits and other acts of kindness. A special thanks to doctors, Pajestka and Johnson and Diana and staff and the nurses and therapists at Hudspeth Hospital. Girling nurses and therapists and Hospice care (especially Laura, Vereonica F., Mike Andres, Donna and Jim) were invaluable. Thanks to Delma, Evelyn, Laura, Veronica, Yolanda, Angie, and Juanita who were there so many times when we needed you. Jerry, thanks for visits and being there for us and for the encouraging service. So many from our congregation called, visited and sent cards as well as taking care of meals before and after the funeral. May God continue to bless you.

Bobby and Mary Beth Morgan
 Brad and Bruce and families
 Rodney and Jill Morgan
 Rob and family

Dear Friends,
 I would like to thank the community of Sonora for its prayers, best wishes, support, flowers, cards, phone calls, and love during my open heart surgery and during my recovery.

Your concern and love is deeply appreciated. Tears run down my face every time I read a card, especially from our beautiful kids. I always knew there was, and is, no better place than Sonora, Texas. Again, thank you all so much and I will see you soon. God Bless, Always.

Ben Solis,
 Sonora Bronco and Sonora ISD Middle School Counselor

The Family of Rafael Lozano would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Dr. Greg Johnson, nursing and office staff, and to everyone that sent cards, balloons, plants and phone calls during his stay at the Hudspeth Hospital, again a heart felt hug to everyone for the wonderful care given.

Thank You,
 Mrs. Rosaura Lozano
 Adolfo & Adelita Alvarez
 Mr. & Mrs. Leo Lozano

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Memorial Donation - In Memory of Vestal Askew. From Bill and Betty Stewart.

Q. Are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stewart buried in the Sonora Cemetery?

A. No they are buried in Junction. "The Devil's River News" of January 27, 1933 had the following article on the death of Mrs. Stewart: Mrs. J. M. Stewart, mother of Gordon Stewart, Sutton county ranchman, died Tuesday, January 24, at noon at the ranch home of her son, 45 miles east of Sonora. Mrs. Stewart had been in poor health for several months.

As Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Stewart was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kirkpatrick at Fort Mason on Oct. 16, 1858, one of the first American children born in this section. On May 15, 1881 she married John Milton Stewart (9-7-1861-2-7-1957) and continued living in Mason until 1888, when she moved to Flagstaff, AZ. Three years later she returned to Texas, spending the remainder of her life in Mason, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard and Sutton counties. The family bought the Sutton Co. Ranch in 1914 from Carl and Anton Gunzer. She had been living at her sons home for several months.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Methodist Church, having joined it when a girl of 16. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Stewart home, followed by burial services at the Junction cemetery. Two children survive, Mr. Stewart and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Jones of Uvalde.

In the same issue we found another obituary, since so many of you have asked for reprints of these we will run it here: Mrs. Luella Cauthorn, 65, passed away the night of Sunday, January 22, 1933 at 6:30 o'clock following an illness of two months during which she had been confined to her bed at the Cauthorn ranch home, 18 miles southwest of Sonora. Mrs. Cauthorn's condition became steadily more serious, with death attributed to a complication of organic disorders.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large gathering of sorrowing friends formed the funeral procession which accompanied the body to the Sonora Cemetery, where a brief burial service ended the tributes paid a pioneer mother.

Elaborate and extensive floral offerings covered the grave.

Born on January 4, 1868, near Nashville, TN, Mrs. Cauthorn moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scales, to Texas when nine years old, settling near Waco. She came to this area soon after her marriage, and had lived in Sutton county for about 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, A. R. Cauthorn (4-27-1845 - 4-10-1920) a pioneer in the ranching industry in this area.

The Rev. Z. E. Parker, pastor of the Sonora Baptist Church, conducted the services an paid tribute to Mrs. Cauthorn, as a fine woman and mother, stressing the fact that her thoughts were unselfishly devoted to the welfare of others.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Stella Altizer of Comstock and Miss Ida Cauthorn of Sonora; four sons, Billy, Dan, John and Mack, all of Sonora; and two step-sons, J. A. of Sonora and Bob of Del Rio. All are prominent in the ranching business in West Texas. Dan is a director in the Texas Wool & Mohair Co. Of San Angelo and in the San Angelo National Bank.

Pallbearers were Dr. A. G. Blanton, Fred Earwood, Tom Sandherr, Roy Aldwell, Jap Holman, Paul Turney and Sam Hull of Sonora and George Whitehead of Del Rio.

Also in this issue we found that a combination of mumps and low grades had proved too much for the Sonora High School basketball squad, and the current cage season has come to an enforced close. When grade standings for the first semester became known the first of this week, Coach A. L. Smith lost four men from interscholastic competition. Mumps took out Herbert Fields and V. J. Glasscock. Only Wes Hill, lanky center, and G. W. Archer, crack forward and running guard, remain available for duty, and it takes five men to play.

The following were the latest sufferers with the mumps: Mesdames George B. Hamilton, A. W. Awalt and Tom Murray; and Miss Faye James.

We thought this was an interesting little article: Mrs. Drennan Thought Dead - Later Revives

Mrs. W. T. (Emma Jacks) Drennan, 76, grandmother of a number of Sonora residents, is at the point of death in Ballinger, according to reports received here Thursday morning, but did not die Wednesday morning as was reported here.



The Decker Hotel at the North corner of Main and Concho streets approx 1990

Twice within the last two weeks life has apparently left the aged lady, but each time she has later revived. With her in Ballinger are Mrs. Mont Merriman, Jack Drennan and Violet Drennan of Sonora, grandchildren, and their mother, Mrs. O. E. Merriman. Bill Drennan of Sonora is also a grandson, but was unable to go to Ballinger.

In the same issue: Willie Wilson, San Angelo ranchman who has holdings in this county, is in serious, though not dangerous, condition following an operation undergone in a San Angelo hospital several days ago. Tuesday he suffered a relapse. He was visited Wednesday by two children of Sonora, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood and Duke Wilson. Mrs. Earwood remained with him in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trainer are moving this week to Big Spring where Mr. Trainer will be associated with a brother-in-law, Howard Peters, in the operation of the Economy Laundry. Mr. Trainer has purchased an interest in the business. Mr. Trainer is well-known in Sonora, having been born and reared here. For the last eight years he has been employed and lived on the J. A. Cauthorn ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Richardson announce the birth of a son, Times Lamar Richardson, at their home Friday evening, January 20. The Richardsons have another son and daughter.

Carl Hall, parachute jumper, will jump from an airplane at an elevation of 3,000 feet in a free exhibition planned for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock under sponsorship of Sonora business firms. Hall has been here most of this week with Jack Crawford, pilot of the

plane used in the jump.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratax.net

You may call us at the office at 307 Oak Street or stop by on Tues. from 9-12:30 Thurs from 9-12:30 or Sat. 8-12 also same times to tour the museum. Our number at the office is 325-387-5084. Rentals should be made by calling the same number. In case of emergency, a death in the family etc. when the building would be needed immediately and the office is closed you may try to call me at home at 325-387-2855.

We have plenty of open days in April for rental of the Depot. Anyone wanting the depot and amphitheater in June should book now. That is our busiest month and dates are booked early and usually disappear very quickly. We could use some volunteers to help us at the Old Ice House Museum, without volunteer help we cannot do all the work that must be done to open the building. Some of you healthy, young men are badly needed to do the heavy work that we old timers just can't handle. We need men to cut iron, weld and repair a beam, set telephone pole pieces into the ground to hold long poles in place for filling in low ground areas and some poles need to be moved and stored for later use as a retaining wall at the back of the building. Please help us make a new, larger museum to cover all the history of Sutton County. The Miers Home Museum will remain a period home museum at its current location.

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Pam Jones bride-elect of T.J. Thorp
Mrs. Riley Crain nee Becca Clawson
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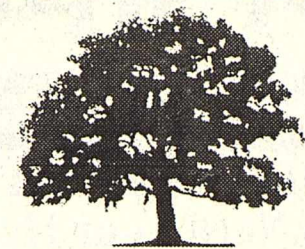
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and the late Oscar Galindo



Unconstitutional Tax System

districts are taxing at the cap rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. Texas' top officeholders are looking toward April 17, opening day for the 79th Legislature's third called session, each with different perspectives on how to proceed. Gov. Rick Perry called the special session with the sole purpose of getting lawmakers to fix the state's broken property tax system. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, wants to expand the call to include school finance reform.

The challengers are banging drums and tooting fifes for reform, and if Perry's leadership fails to produce acceptable results, they likely will win points with voters in the November election.

Strayhorn said an audit by her agency found that payments made to The Federalist Group were to go to a third party, Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide, a firm that does not have a contract with the state of Texas. Earlier, Strayhorn stopped further payments to Cassidy & Associates, another Washington, D.C., lobbying firm that is under contract with the Office of State-Federal Relations. She said an audit shows payments to the firm have already exceeded the contracted limit of \$330,000. Gov. Perry's office brushed off Strayhorn's action, calling it a publicity stunt, and saying the money was used to promote tourism. Strayhorn files suit against state On March 24, Strayhorn sued Secretary of State Roger Williams

for making it unreasonably difficult for independent candidates to get on the ballot for the November statewide election.

The Strayhorn campaign wants the state's chief election officer and an appointee of Gov. Perry, to audit signatures now through the end of the signature-gathering period on May 11.

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Since the late 1980s the Legislature repeatedly has failed to agree on something better than "Robin Hood," the court-ordered wealth-sharing formula that requires rich school districts to contribute a portion of their tax revenue into a pot divided among poor school districts. And, during those 20-odd years, the Legislature forced school districts to pay an ever-increasing share of the cost to fund education. Now hundreds of

Medicare Advantage Not Accepted Locally

submitted by Keith Butler, Lillian Hudspeth Hospital Administrator

Insurance policies being sold locally as a replacement for Medicare are not being accepted by Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, Gregory P. Johnson, M.D. or Charles R. Pajestka, M.D.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the local physicians have received numerous telephone calls from Medicare beneficiaries inquiring if the hospital or physician's offices will accept "Medicare Advantage" health plans or other Medicare replacement policies.

Keith L. Butler, Chief Executive Officer for the Sutton County Hospital District, says the hospital or physicians offices have not agreed to accept these plans.

Butler said "Medicare Advantage" and "other Medicare Replacement" health plans are basically those plans in which a private insurer processes and pays Medicare claims for those who sign-up with their company to replace Medicare benefits. Several such plans are being sold locally, he said.

Butler continued by saying that, patients have told us insurance sales people are using questionable sales tactics to persuade Medicare eligible patients to change to their product. Confusing literature and strong arm tactics should be a "Red Flag" to the consumer.

"These insurers' benefits structures can be significantly different than the traditional Medicare benefits," Butler explained. "Some of

the plans require that the Medicare patient seek prior approval for inpatient hospital services. The change in benefits may be an advantage or a disadvantage to the Medicare beneficiary, depending on the type of health care services rendered."

Medicare patients should also confirm that their physician or physicians will accept these Medicare replacement plans, Butler noted.

Butler said Medicare recipients should also consider whether or not health care facilities outside this area will accept Medicare replacement plans.

Agents representing the "Medicare Advantage" or "other Medicare Replacement" plans may share advantages of their plans, and a Medicare beneficiary may feel the benefits of the plans will meet his or her needs. Butler stressed the need to research the disadvantages before a Medicare beneficiary signs on the dotted line.

If a "Medicare Advantage" or other "Medicare Replacement" plan is selected and later determined to not be the plan that will meet the needs of the patient, the patient has the option to cancel or disenroll the "Medicare Advantage" or "other Medicare Replacement" plan and revert to traditional Medicare, Butler said.

The Medicare beneficiary would notify the "Medicare Advantage" insurer in writing, contact the local Social Security Office, and/or call Medicare toll free at 1-800-633-4227. For the 2006 year, Medicare

will allow disenrollment requests through May 15, Butler said.

"Many insurers are also offering Medicare Part D drug benefits, and each plan should be evaluated thoroughly to ensure premium dollars are being spent wisely," Butler cautioned. "The Part D plans should not be confused with the Medicare replacement plans in that an individual is not giving up his or her traditional Medicare, but actually purchasing an additional benefit to help cover the costs of drugs."

Since the beginning of the Medicare program, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and the local physicians have accepted traditional Medicare as well as most Medicare supplement insurance plans, sometimes called "Medigap" plans. These plans generally pay the deductible and coinsurance not paid by traditional Medicare.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital does not recommend specific insurance payers, however the hospital will assist you in confirming if the facility is participating in the plan. Patients may call Mickey Schaefer or Keith L. Butler at 325-387-2521 for assistance.

"Health insurance is a valued product that everyone should include in the family budget," Butler said. "Just make sure that the value is real and that the company is reputable"

"If the deal sounds too good, it probably is, don't sign until you have done your homework."

Welcome Home.... To First Baptist Church

April Ministries/Reminders

- 2nd Time Change (Spring Forward!)
- 9th Lord's Supper - A.M.
- 12th King's Kids Spring Program
- 16th Resurrection Sunday!
- 20th Home Prayer Times - 6:30 P.M. (Spring Renewal)
(In the homes of Chuck Christian, Preston Love, DeVoe Smith, & Steve Smith)
- 23rd - 24th Spring Spiritual Renewal
Dr. Kyle Reese & Jamall Badry
- 30th Gospel Music Concert - Sam Craig, A.M.

Coming in June... Vacation Bible School, ages 5-9

Regular Weekly Schedule

- Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship
- Wednesdays: 3:15 p.m. King's Kids (After-School Club for K-4th grade)
- 5:45 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA Club (3 yrs. - 5th grade)
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center
Adults - Fellowship Hall

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CHAMBER NEWS



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Sonora Classic Goat Show which will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center this Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd. More information about the sale can be found at the website www.sonoraclassicgoatshow.com, and everyone is welcome to come watch this great goat sale. Sonora welcomes all the participants and visitors who will be in town for the show!

"Star-Spangled Sonora" is the theme for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet which will be held on Thursday, April 20th. Get ready for a celebration full of Americana and patriotism with lots of red, white and blue stars and stripes! Everyone is welcome to join the fun, and all will enjoy the delicious food catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse. The banquet will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center and tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 3rd at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. Tickets will be \$15.00 each and reserved seating of tables for 8 or 12 people may be purchased. Advance tickets may be purchased until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th and we will also sell tickets at the door the night of the banquet. Seating for large groups will sell out quickly, so get your tickets early!

This Friday, March 31st is the deadline for turning in ballots for our annual awards for Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Employee of the Year, Educator of the Year and Organization of the

Year. Write-in candidates are welcome so don't forget to turn in your ballot. You may drop ballots off at the Chamber office at 205 Highway 277 North or mail them to P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, Texas.

NEW MEMBERS

We will host a grand opening celebration for the Chamber's newest member, One Stop Gift Shop on Friday, March 31 at noon. The shop is owned by Mindy Castaneda and Betty Longoria, and is located at 108 South Crockett (just across from the post office). You can find jewelry, purses, belts, flowers, plants and many other things at the shop so come join the fun! Normal operating hours for the store are 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and the phone number is 325/387-9130.

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday, March 31: Grand Opening One Stop Gift Shop, noon, 108 South Crockett

Saturday, April 1: Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Library 9:00 am

Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2: Sonora Classic Goat Show, Civic Center

Monday, April 10: Keep Sonora Beautiful Meeting, noon, Chamber office

Thursday, April 13: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

Friday, April 14: Keep Sonora Beautiful Tree Sale Deadline, forms available at Chamber office

Thursday, April 20: Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, 6:30 pm, Civic Center

Engagements

Galindo/Snyder



Makayla and Brian

Makayla Galindo and Brian Snyder are pleased to announce their engagement.

Makayla is the daughter of Lesa Galindo of Sonora and Gary Galindo of Atascosa, Texas. Makayla is the granddaughter of Mrs. Aurora Bernal and the late Felipe Bernal Jr. of Sonora and Mrs. Josephina Galindo and the late Severiano Galindo of Sheffield, Texas.

Brian is the son of Patricia White of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Tom Snyder of Capitan, New Mexico. Brian is the grandson of Ladene Spears of Muleshoe, Texas, the late Bill Torbett of Monahans, Texas, and the late Afton and Thelma Snyder of Monahans, Texas.

Makayla is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and is currently employed at Texas Neuro Rehab Hospital in Austin, Texas.

Brian is a 1991 graduate of Sonora High School, who recently returned to Sonora after serving eight years in the United States Navy, and is now employed by the Sutton County Road and Bridge in Sonora.

The wedding will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada on Saturday, July 1, 2006.

Vibrante Art Exhibit

2006-Centro Cultural de La Raza

Through the winter of war the vibrancy of spring emerges. This is the theme that is being celebrated at the Vibrante Art Exhibit-2006-Centro Cultural de La Raza in San Diego, California, starting Sunday, April 2, 2006.

Elida Silvas Chavez (aka: sister Elie, Tia Elie, Mama Elie, cousin Elie, Elie de Sonora) is from Sonora. This is the first time her work is being exhibited and she will be displaying eight pieces. Chavez joins fellow artists Alicia Tirado, Jose Uscanga, Teresa Oyos at the showing.

The art pieces are identified as follows:

"Southern California Smiling Serpents" A 12X16 Acrylic on Canvas (Only in Southern California sun glasses are worn by serpents too.)

"Universal Dance...In Spirit of Peace" A 24x30 Acrylic on Canvas done in 2004 (Dedicated to all the Life Givers whose children experienced the War in Iraq).

"El Asustado" a 12x16 Acrylic on Canvas done in 2004 (Our Reflection in Action).

"In Spirit we are 1" a 24x30 Acrylic on Canvas (Only Love comes from the Heart).

"La Danza de Juanita y Xalli" A 2001, 11x14 Acrylic on Silk (Mothers and daughters at a midnight ceremonial dance in Belize).

"Lagartija in a wild journey" A 1999 15x30 Acrylic on Canvas (A journey to the rainforest is every lizard's dream).

"LUMINARIA" A 2006 36x48 Acrylic on Canvas (Life Giver, Protector of the Womb, Luminadora of the Universe, A Spiritual presence of NOW and a Higher Dimension in Time and Space).

"Mascara: Our Reflection" Dia De Los Muertos-2005 An Acrylic on Paper Mache

The Centro Cultural de la Raza is a 35-year-old non-profit cultural arts organization, established in 1970 (but housed in its current building since 1971), whose mission is to create, promote, preserve and educate about Mexicana/o, Chicana/o, Latina/o and Indigenous art and culture. Their mission is to create, promote, preserve and educate about Mexicana/o, Chicana/o, Latina/o and Indigenous art and culture.



by Susan Hall

"Together we can make a difference!" We all have gifts to give, talents to share, and resources to offer. We live in a wonderful community that needs us to recapture its beauty.

Keep Sonora Beautiful has committed as an affiliation of the Keep Texas Beautiful Network to participate in the Great American Clean-Up. Sonora has chosen to participate with TxDot on the "Texas Trash-Off", Saturday, April 1st @ 9 a.m. This isn't an April Fools Joke.

Join us at the Library or Methodist parking lot and we will go from there and pick-up litter around Eaton Hill and down the Draw. We will then be treated to a hamburger/hotdog lunch provided by the Downtown Lions Club.

We hope to have various people and community groups turn out for us, i.e. Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Band, Cheerleaders, Churches, 6th graders, 10th graders, Masons, Eastern Star, to name a few... It is Spring and a perfect time to help make Sonora look beautiful.



Sonora Golf Club is currently having a **New Membership Drive for the Month of April**. The normal \$100 initiation fee will be waived during this period. Regular dues are \$40 per month plus \$10 per month with cart shed rental. This is a great time to join us at **Sonora Golf Club**. For more details call 387-3680 or come by the Clubhouse at 108 Golf Course Rd.

Don't Mess with Texas TRASH-OFF

April 1, 2006

SONORA VOLUNTEERS We Need Your Help!

Keep Sonora Beautiful will be "trashing-off" 9:00 a.m. - noon

Volunteers will receive a barbeque lunch courtesy of the Downtown Lions Club.

For more information call: Susan Hall @ 387-5553 or Sam Kent @ 387-5181 (h) or 387-3166 (w)

Trees! Trees! Trees for Sale!

Keep Sonora Beautiful is taking orders for:

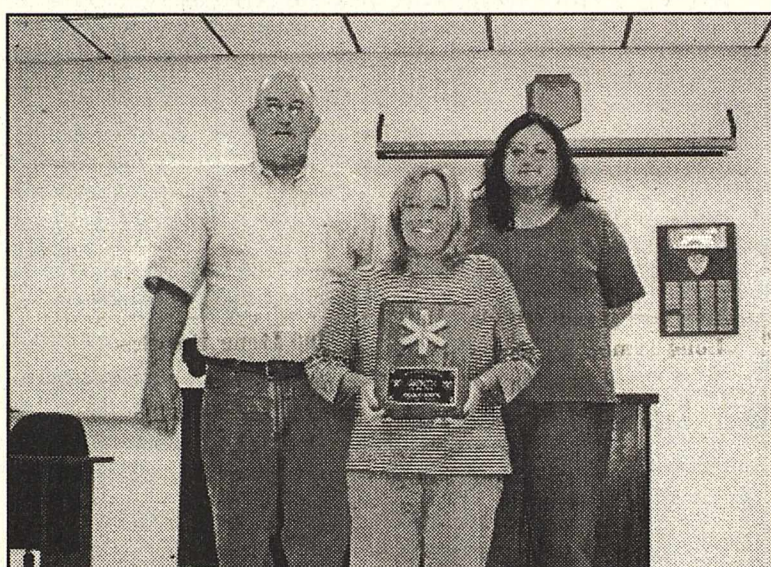
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Chinquapin Oak	Desert Willow

5 gallon - \$35 - \$39 + tax
10/15 gallon - \$85 - \$89 + tax
30 gallon - \$139 - \$155 + tax

Your trees will be available Arbor Day April 28th in Sonora

Pick up your order forms at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, or call Mallory at 387-2950 for more info.

Please support Keep Sonora Beautiful

EMT of the Year award memorializes Gene West

The 2005 Gene West Memorial, EMT of the Year Award, was recently presented to Jackie Smith. The annual award, given in honor of Gene West. A long time active member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and Sutton County EMS. Presenting the award to Ms. Smith was EMS President, Tim Thorp and the 2004 Gene West Memorial recipient, Martha Alvarez.

Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Adelita Smalling Alvarez was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held March 19-22, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is one of six held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Interaction with the Medical Examiner's Office, Landlord-Tenant Issues, Juvenile Issues, CDL/Traffic Law, Contracts, Legal Terminology, Legal Analysis, Inquests, Civil Case Law Scenarios, Juvenile Gangs, Pre-Trial Civil Motions, Duties of a Magistrate, Post Judgment Remedies, Computation of Damages, Rules of Evidence, Civil Mock Trial and Criminal Mock Trial.

Happy Birthday

- March 30**
Tracy Klein, Matthew Perez, Carole Ann Hardee, Roy Luna, Andrew Heap, Lesa Galindo, Lizette Lira, Ramiro Acosta, Jacob Sanchez
- March 31**
Patricia Johnson, Kelsey Favila, Michael Sanchez, Shelly Hughes, Ramiro Acosta, Darian Lopez, Anna Garza, Simon Murillo, Weston Fisher, Ryan Hill, Simon Murillo, Lizette Lira
- April 1**
Menzi Spiller, Daisy Lira, Sheyene Webb, Michael Stephens, John Stergon, Tommy Arnwine, Tracey Hart, Dylan Vaughn, Ronnie Cox
- April 2**
Janalyn Jones, Bianca Aboud, Daniel Galindo, Janell Sparks, Arrin Valadez, Jysela Hernandez
- April 3**
David Fisher, Fabian Guzman, Janie Mabry, Yvette Gamez, Jack David Johnson, Matthew Glasscock, Mauro Santana, Sr., Jenny Espinosa, Sonia Castro, Kimble Luna, Belle Arispe
- April 4**
Isaiah Lira, Brooke Wood, Isidora Ramirez, Sam Mata, Will Dutton, Sherry Taylor, Kenley Young, Rheana Benes, Rodney Knight
- April 5**
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LADY BRONCOS CONTINUE TO ROLL

Submitted by Tryon Fields

The Lady Broncos softball team continued their win streak by winning one on the road and one at home this past week. On Tuesday, Sonora traveled to Wall America to take on their nemesis; the Lady Hawks. Behind the pitching of Meghan Krieg; the Lady Broncos were able to extract some revenge. Krieg going the distance faced 26 Lady Hawks; giving up one hit, striking out 15, issuing 2 walks, and hitting 1 batter in the 8 to 0 victory. Wall was able to put seven balls into play. Not being able to catch up with the heat of Krieg; all seven were hit to the right side of the infield. Three of these were handled by Heather Hughes at first base, two were handled by

the second baseman, Jaimee Duran, and one was handled by Krieg herself. The Lady Broncos committed one error. At the plate; Heather Hughes led the Lady Broncos with a double and her first home run of the 2006 season. Hughes also led in the RBI department with four. Meghan Krieg aided her cause with 2 singles. Azeneth Villanueva and Brandy Neff each added a single apiece.

With Villanueva getting 2 RBI's on her single. Sonora 8 - Wall 0.

With Friday being the Lady Broncos bye game, Sonora played Lake View's Junior Varsity on Saturday. Krieg would once again take the rubber. This time, Krieg would face 25 Maidens; giving up 1 hit,

striking out 14, and walking 4. The Lady Broncos offense would pound out 11 hits in the 8 to 0 victory. Brandy Neff's 4 for 4 outing would lead the Lady Broncos. Neff would have 3 singles and a double. Meghan Krieg would add a double and rocket her second home run of the season over the center field fence.

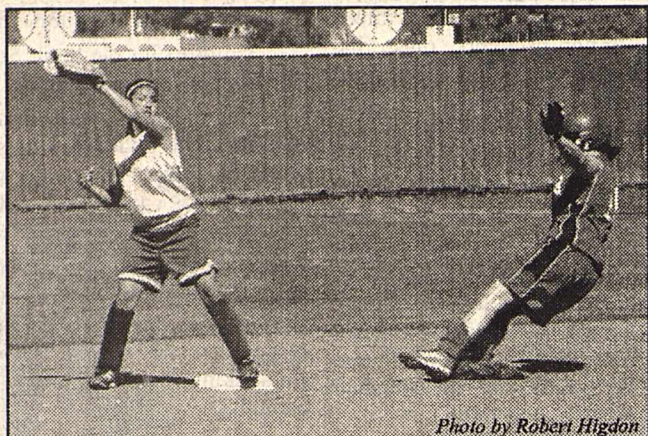
Singles by Kimbel Luna, Azeneth, Villanueva, Jaimee Duran, and Chealsea Martinez would round out the hitting by Sonora. Lake View did not provide the Lady Broncos many opportunities on defense. However; when they did, catcher Kimbel Luna, shortstop Kayla Fields, first baseman Heather Hughes, pitcher Meghan Krieg, and second baseman Jaimee

Duran would make short work of the batted balls.

Lake View JV 0 - Sonora 8

Sonora finished up the first round of district play on Tuesday against the Lady Eagles from Junction. On Friday, Sonora will host the Lady Eagles from Eldorado. Game time is 5:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Softball Complex. If you have not seen the Lady Broncos in action, make plans now to come out and support them in their quest for a District Championship.

GOOD LUCK
LADY BRONCOS!!!!!!
THINK DISTRICT
CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!



Brandi Neff completes a double.

Lady Broncos Track

Field Events

Shot Put

- Chelsea Martinez- 30' 5"

Discus

- Chantel Arispe-95' 9 3/4"
- Chelsea Martinez-76' 1/2"

High Jump

- Savannah Leonard-4' 8"
- Danielle Matthews-4' 8"

Pole Vault

- Kelsey Watkins-8'
- Kaitlyn Henderson-7'
- Mandy Brister-6' 6"

Long Jump

- Amanda Berry-16' 7 3/4"
- Jessica Snyder-14' 9 3/4"

Triple Jump

- Amanda Berry-34' 6 1/2"
- Emily Earwood-32' 3/4"

Running Events

- 3200 Meter Run
Lexie Ortiz-13:09
- 400 Meter Relay
Sonora-51.84

100 Meter Hurdles

- Kaitlyn Henderson-17.53

800 Meter Relay

- Sonora-1:56.04

400 Meter run

- Jessica Chavez-1:09.15
- Savannah Leonard-1:11.98

300 Meter Hurdles

- Kaitlyn Henderson-55.88

200 Meter Dash

- Kelsey Watkins-28.69
- Jessica Snyder-28.78

1600 Meter Run

- Lexie Ortiz-6:05.97
- Candace Chandler-6:17.05

1600 Meter Relay

- Savannah Leonard, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Kayla Turney-4:23.57

The girls won the meet with 154 total points. They were followed by Junction with 136 points and Reagan County with 125 points.

Colt Relays

The Sonora Colt Relays were held Friday March, 24, 2006 at Sonora Bronco Stadium. Participating in the meet were teams from Sonora, Ballinger, Ozona, Eldorado, Irion County, Reagan County, Grape Creek and Junction. Sonora placed first with 137 points followed by the team from Ballinger with 132 points and the team from Ozona with 121 points.

Field Events

Long Jump

- A.K. Williams-16' 1/4"

Triple Jump

- Paul Faz-32' 9 3/4"

High Jump

- A.K. Williams-5' 2"
- Kris Agüero-5' 2"
- Cash Jennings-5'

Pole Vault

- Manny Paredes-9'
- Dustin Neff-9'

Shot Put

- Tyler Creek-39' 2"

Discus

- Tyler Creek-109' 10"

Running Events

400 Meter Relay

- Harvey Santana, A.K. Williams, Will Anderson, Kris Agüero-48.79

800 Meter Run

- A.K. Williams-2:20.76
- Paul Faz-2:32.09

100 Meter Dash

- Kris Agüero-12.48

200 Meter Dash

- Harvey Santana-27.38

2400 Meter Run

- Mario Oliden-9:56.72

110 Meter Hurdles

- Tyler Creek-19.45

800 Meter Relay

- Harvey Santana, Will Anderson, Caleb Gonzales-1:52.08

300 Meter Hurdles

- Tyler Creek-48.16

1600 Meter Relay

- Angel Agüero, Kris Agüero, Caleb Gonzales, A.K. Williams-4:08.95

Lady Colt Relays

The 7th grade girls were the top team at the Colt Relays Friday, March 23, 2006. They totaled 192 points. Ozona was second with 151 points and Grape Creek rounded out the top three with 132 points.

Field Events

Long Jump

- Maci Zuniga-14' 1"
- Morgan Smith-13' 6 1/2"
- Karina Trevino-13' 3 1/2"

Triple Jump

- Morgan Smith-29' 11 1/4"
- Karina Trevino-27' 10"

Discus

- Leandra Castaneda-59' 7 1/2"
- Kash McGee-58'

Shot Put

- Leandra Castaneda-26' 6"
- Kash McGee-23' 3'

High Jump

- Maci Zuniga-4' 6"

Pole Vault

- Chelsey Lou Campbell-6' 6"
- Kallie Humphrey-5' 6"

Running Events

2400 Meter Run

- Daniela Cano-10:15.32
- Maria Lugo-11:06.64
- Marissa Prieto-11:26.66

400 Meter Relay

- Karina Trevino, Maci Zuniga,

Nicole Lipham, Morgan Smith-55.91

800 Meter Run

- Chelby Ramos-2:38.19
- Dulce Acosta-2:51.23
- Rose Karnes-2:55.73

100 Meter Hurdles

- Chelsey Lou Campbell-19.54
- Daniela Cano-20.99

100 Meter Dash

- Morgan Smith-14.5
- Nicole Lipham-14.75

800 Meter Relay

- Kash McGee, Dulce Acosta, Nicole Lipham, Karina Trevino-2:07.56

400 Meter Dash

- Valeria Buitron-1:14.63

300 Meter Hurdles

- Chelsey Lou Campbell-56.21
- Maci Zuniga-30.74
- Karina Trevino-31.19

1600 Meter Run

- Chelby Ramos-6:11.80
- Daniela Cano-6:34.18
- Serena Allison-6:57.97

1600 Meter Relay

- Chelsey Lou Campbell, Morgan Smith, Maci Zuniga, Chelby Ramos-4:50.07

JV Boys Bronco Track

Running Events

100 Meter Dash

- Craig Leonard-11.95

800 Meter Relay

- Sonora-1:42.58

1600 Meter Run

- Zenon Acosta-5:42.80

3200 Meter Run

- Zenon Acosta-12:17.49

Field Events

Shot Put

- Steven Lozano-37' 8 1/2"

- Mason Martinez-35' 6 1/4"
- Mario Lira-34' 6"

Discus

- Alberto Tovar-108' 10 1/4"

High Jump

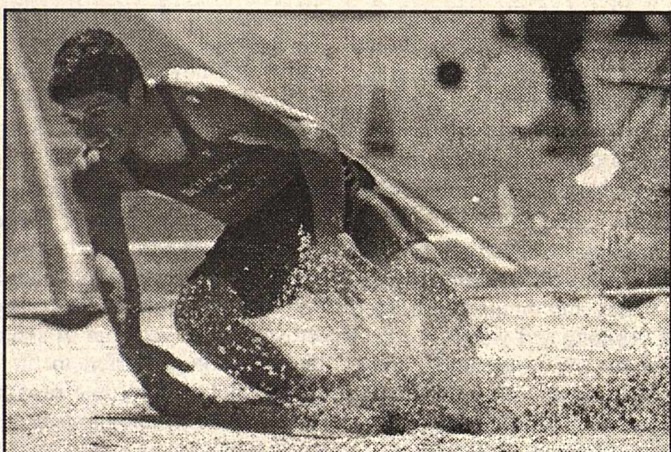
- Tyler Edmonson-5' 4"
- Pecos Roberts-4' 10"

Pole Vault

- Ross Crites-8' 6"

Long Jump

- Craig Leonard-18' 3/4"



Anthony Longoria lands after setting a meet record in the Long Jump with a leap of 22' 8 1/4". Longoria who also pitches for the Broncos has also broken the 100m dash record this year.

Bronco Track

The Sonora Broncos Varsity Boys Track Team hosted the Bronco Relays Saturday, March 25, 2006. Eight teams took part in the meet with the Broncos placing first by a large margin. Sonora totaled 191 points with Irion County coming in second place with 107 points followed by Ozona with 89 points. Congratulations Broncos!

Field Events

Shot Put

- Cameron Cox-41' 1 1/2"

Discus

- Cameron Cox-142'

High Jump

- Cullen Parker-5' 10"
- Nathan Favela-5' 4"

Pole Vault

- Justin Northcott-12' 6"
- Ty Love-11' 6"
- Warren Wallace-10' 6"

Long Jump

- Anthony Longoria-22' 8 1/4" *
*meet record

Triple Jump

- Anthony Longoria-41' 9"

Running Events

3200 Meter Run

- Jacob Ibarra-11:27
- Tony Torres-11:59
- Colton Moore-12:17

400 Meter Relay

- Cameron Cox, Justin Northcott, Anthony Longoria, Steven Duhon-43.72

800 Meter Run

- Nathan Favela-2:07.96
- Ty Love-2:14.99

100 Meter Dash

- Anthony Longoria-10.65

400 Meter Dash

- Angel Silva-54.57
- Ty Love-55.03
- Domingo Reynosa-56.07

800 Meter Relay

- Cameron Cox, Anthony Longoria, Justin Northcott, Steven Duhon-1:32.41

200 Meter Dash

- Cameron Cox-23.03

1600 Meter Run

- Nathan Favela-5:04.53
- Tony Torres-5:22.21

1600 Meter Relay

- Sonora-3:42.88

Bronco/Reagan Co. Tennis Results

Boys singles:

Swade Draper won 3rd place

Girls doubles:

Madeline Higdon and Tissie Wag-
oner lost in the quarterfinals

Mixed doubles:

Chantel Arispe and Steven Barthe-
lemy won 4th place

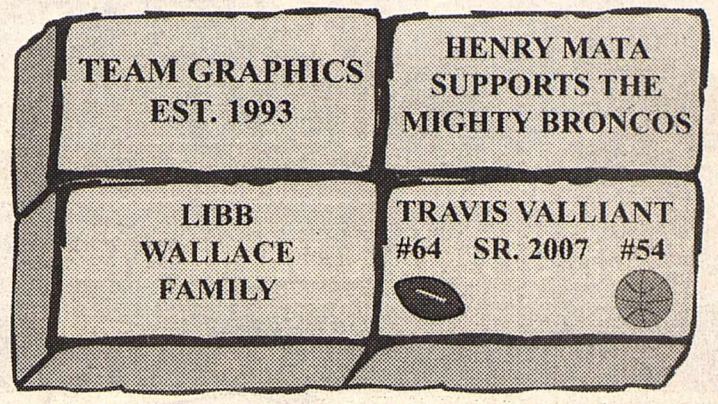
Monica Traylor and Brandon Munn
lost in quarterfinals

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April 7	Wall	Here	5:00 p.m.



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April 7	Wall	Here	5:00 p.m.
April 10	Reagan Co.	There	5:00 p.m.

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Sonora Lady Broncos Softball 2006

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
3/31	*Eldorado	Sonora	4:00 p.m.
4/1	Ft. Stockton	Ft. Stockton	11:30 a.m.
4/4	*Reagan Co.		

Sonora Boys Golf

The Sonora Boys Golf Team traveled to Iraan on Wednesday, March 22, where they competed in the Braves Invitational Tournament. The Bronco golfers once again ruled the course, finishing first overall with 303 points. Iraan finished second with 325 and Rankin was third with 335 points.

Individually, John Duke Hudson was shooting strong yet again, finishing as the first place medalist with a 72. Trent Reiner was right on his heels, shooting a 74 for 3rd, and Embre Smith medaled fifth, shooting a 78. Cullen Parker shot a 79, Mason Martinez an 84 and Morgan Martinez a 90.

Sonora Elementary Shines

Submitted by Delyse Jeager

In addition to the hundreds of young treasures that pass through the doors of the Sonora Elementary School, the school now houses a unique treasure of another sort and an entirely different scale. As part of the recent and ongoing library renovation, school officials were intentional about including a child friendly atmosphere that is most conducive to learning. And they hit their mark! Employing the talents of Roosevelt artist Debbie Tomlinson, the library has been transformed into an inviting haven where children can discover the joy of a good book in a warm and very pleasant atmosphere. The enormous mural pictured above spans the entire length of the wall and depicts a local scene that includes children reading as well as bluebonnets and native wildlife. Another corner of the library beckons young minds to gather round the campfire rug, beneath the old oak tree, and get lost in a great story. The floor to ceiling tree has captivated students with its three dimensional effect, changing visually as the students move about the library. Librarian Annette Estrada said the children are in awe of the new library and their delight can be read in their bright eyes and smiling faces.

Not nearly as obvious, but equally important, the new library offers state of the art technology and references for research projects, an automated check-out system, online card catalog and all new furnishings. Texas Reading First and local funds combine to bring an ever increasing array of books the children can utilize and choose from. Sonora Elementary School Principal Louise Dermody recapped the overall vision stating, "Reading is the basis for all learning and we strived to create a climate that encourages the development of a life long love for reading in each and every student."

Stargazer

by Paul Derrick

Solving Some Moon Mysteries

When the Moon is up it's usually the most dominant object in the night sky--bigger and brighter than anything else. It is no wonder that it's cited in countless songs and poems, and until the 1960s was the subject of much mystery and speculation.

Many questions about the Moon were answered by space probes and astronaut visits, yet it still holds many mysteries, like how and when did it form? Does it now or has it ever had water? With more study these puzzles will be solved.

There are, however, other questions--mysteries in the minds of many--that we can answer now.

Q: When the Moon is half illuminated, why is it called a quarter Moon rather than a half Moon?

A: The Moon, like Earth, is always half illuminated with the side facing the Sun always lighted (day) and the side away from the Sun is always dark (night). How much of the illuminated side we see depends upon where the Moon is in its monthly journey around Earth. When it's between Earth and Sun, called a new Moon, we can't see it at all because its unilluminated side is facing us. When it is half way around its monthly trip and on the opposite side of Earth from the Sun, we see the entire lighted side which we call a full Moon. It's when the Moon is one-fourth and three-fourths of the way around that we see it half illuminated, thus the terms 1st quarter and 3rd quarter refer to its position in its orbit rather than how it appears to us. (Of course, this being the case, we really should call the full Moon a half Moon since it's half way around in its orbit.)

Q: If the Moon turns on its axis, why does it look like the same side always faces us?

A: Indeed the Moon does turn on its axis, just like Earth, with one rotation making a Moon-day. But while Earth rotates once every 24 hours, the Moon rotates once every 29 1/2 Earth days, the same time it takes it to make one revolution around Earth, so the same side does always face us. Until 1959, when

Russia's Luna 3 first photographed the Moon's far side, no human had ever seen it. (While they have some good guesses, astronomer's can't say for sure why this happens.)

Q: Why is the Moon sometimes white and other times orange?

A: The Moon, making no light of its own, only reflects sunlight off its drab gray surface. The apparent silvery-white comes from the brightness of the reflected sunlight against the background sky. When it looks orange--especially when its near the horizon--the color comes from our own atmosphere filtering out the bluer light, leaving the red/orange colors to pass through, sort of like looking at it through orange cellophane paper.

[bullet] Sky Calendar:

* Mar. 29 Wed.: The Moon is new, producing a total solar eclipse that won't be visible from our hemisphere.

* Apr. 1 Sat. evening: The crescent Moon is very near the Pleiades.

* 3 Mon. evening: The Moon is above Mars.

* 5 Wed.: The 1st quarter Moon is near Gemini's brightest star, Pollux.

* 6 Thu. evening: The Moon is near Saturn.

* 13 Thu.: The full Moon of April, called Grass Moon, Egg Moon, Pink Moon and Milk Moon, near Virgo's brightest star, Spica.

* 14 Fri. late evening: The Moon moves across the sky with Jupiter, in the east in the evening and southwest by morning.

[bullet] Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Mars is mid way up in the west, above the reddish star Aldebaran. Saturn is high in the south, with Jupiter rising 3 hours after sunset. Morning: Mercury is low in the east at dawn, well to the lower left of brilliant Venus, and Jupiter is the brightest object in the southwest.

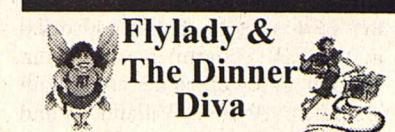
[bullet] Time Change: Before retiring Saturday, Apr. 1, set your clocks one hour ahead ("spring forward") to Daylight Time.

[bullet] Long-range Notice: It's

only 18 years until the Apr. 8, 2024, total eclipse of the Sun over the heart of Texas. Live healthily so you'll be around to see it.

[trailer] Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in

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by Marla Cilley

Treat Yourself to less Clutter by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley

This past Sunday afternoon I treated myself to a manicure. My nails grow fast and need cutting and shaped. While I was there I got talked into a French manicure. I have seen this on a lot of people but had never had one before.

I have seen my sweet niece try to do one in a hurry once. She complained that she could not hold her hand steady enough to make a straight line. We laughed and brainstormed about a paint pen that would make the job much easier. It wasn't until last Sunday that I saw that no one can make that straight line. Getting a French manicure is all about babysteps. Isn't it strange? Everything in the world is a series of babysteps and we just can't see them. We only see the finished product.

The young lady clipped and buffed my nails first. Then she put down a foundation that would hold the white polish in place. The next part astounded me. She didn't carefully paint the white tip; she put it on any old way. It was a mess.

Here goes my perfectionism again. I thought it was awful but I kept my mouth shut and just watched the process. Next she took a flat paint brush and dipped it in nail polish remover and with a stroke of the brush she removed the excess polish and made a nice smooth line of white on the tip of my fingernail. I could not believe it.

This is when I realized the significance of this process. She was decluttering the excess much like we have to do to find peace in our lives; get rid of the part that does not bless us and kept the things that we love.

I try to keep clutter at bay by getting rid of clutter each time I bring something new into our home. When we clear out the clutter we make room for the peace that our routines bring to our lives and our homes. You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it. To find the peace in my life it took me months of 27 Fling Boogies to get rid of enough clutter so I could breathe. My clutter was stifling my creativity. I was hiding behind the wall of stuff I had built up. It wasn't until I had cleared out the living areas of our home that I could see the light.

There was more to me than just a messy chaotic house. I had something to say and things that needed doing. As long as I was being held captive by my household clutter, mental clutter and physical clutter; I did not have a voice. My power had been depleted.

The clutter sucked the life right out of me. I didn't have time. No time for me and no time for the work that needed doing. Please don't wait till you think you have time to start decluttering your life. There will never be enough time if

we allow our perfectionism to set our schedule. Make yourself take 5, 10 or even 15 minutes to eliminate the clutter from your home each day. In the process of getting rid of the clutter; you will be opening up the pathways to your new life. What's next is just around the corner! Are you ready to FLY?

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Comfort for the Soul: Soup by The Dinner Diva, Leanne Ely

One of the most wonderful comfort foods under the sun is soup. Great big soup, not anemic wimpy soup that you can sip with a straw.

I am not one of those that believes soup should be served as a first course. First courses are for people who have butlers. For the rest of us work-a-day stiffs, we need rib-sticking, hale and hearty Soup, capital S.

The problem with these kinds of soups is the unfortunate propensity for a nice, thick soup to feed a nice, thick waistline. What we want is warm, robust, soul satisfying soups without all the fat and calories. The question then is how do we do that?

Here are my Top Ten Ways to Make Great Soup (and without all the extras).

1. Skim the Surface. If you're using a ham bone or a chicken carcass to make soup from, you'll get a lovely broth, but you'll also get a heck of a lot of fat. That's easy to dispense of. Once you've made your homemade broth and removed the solids, chill the broth for a few hours or overnight. The fat will rise to the top, solidify, and make it easy to skim right off.

2. Can It. There are a multitude of wonderful, nearly fat free broths already made and available for purchase at your local grocery store. I find the low-sodium chicken broth to be a close second place to my homemade and definitely a first place in timesaving!

3. Chill Out. If you already made your soup and you didn't first de-grease your broth, you can do it even as it sits on the stovetop. Throw a few ice cubes in your soup and watch how the grease migrates to them. Pull the ice out (with its cling-on greasy friends) and dispose of them before they melt.

4. Decrease the grease. Another way to get rid of the extra fat in soup is to use a lettuce leaf. Weird, I know (talk about your soup and salad!), but if you float a big old lettuce leaf in your pot of soup, it's like screaming, Buffet! to the little grease blobs they come running to the big leaf and cling to it like a life raft.

5. Flavor Saver. If you sauté the onions and other veggies before adding them to the soup pot, you will add extra flavor to your soup. The veggies themselves will retain their flavors rather than giving it all up to the soup and having everything taste the same.

6. The Frozen Chosen. Use frozen veggies, such as corn, petite peas and beans to cut your prep time way down. Just remember they will continue to cook as your soup simmers so you need to be careful when you add them.

7. Scrap Heap. Rather than chuck your leftovers, why not save them and make soup out of them? Leftover veggies, meats and pasta will all add a new dimension to your soup. Simply freeze your little leftovers and on soup day, add it all in to the same pot. True, your soup will never taste the same, but it will be good and definitely unique.

8. Thicker Stock. It's easy to thicken up your frail little soup with a modest amount of instant potato flakes. Just be sure you look for the kind without the trans fats and you're good to go.

9. Lean and Green. Soup is a great place to get your kids (and other picky eaters) to eat their veggies. Some kids and grown ups hate broccoli but adore cream of broccoli soup and it can be made without the cream and still be just as wonderful.

10. A Change of Seasonings. Sometimes your soup loses the oomph it once had and that's because your seasoning needs to be corrected. Don't be afraid to taste and re-taste your soup as necessary

See Fly Lady on Page 10

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Decoying Spring Turkeys

By T.R. Michels, Trinity Mountain Outdoors

Before dawn I'd set up a flock of Feather Flex turkey decoys just off the corner of an old fence line between a field and the woods. Then I'd propped myself up in front of an elm tree and waited. About a half hour before sunrise I tree yelped softly on my Haydel's Split Reed Hen in Heat mouth diaphragm. A tom turkey thundered a gobble in response. The birds were roosting in a group of white oaks on the hill about 75 yards behind me, right where I'd left them. Last night I'd driven to the field and parked the Suburban on the county road a quarter mile from the trees just before sundown. Although I hadn't seen the birds, or heard them fly up, I did get them to "shock gobble" in response to the call of a Barred Owl. Know-

ing where the birds were roosted and where they flew down from watching them for the last two weeks I planned a hunt for the next morning. Now that I knew they were still in the oak trees I let loose with a flying cackle; and used a Lohman's Wing Thing to make the sounds of a bird flying down and waited. Shortly before sunrise I heard the birds fly down, then I saw them land in the field about 50 yards away. I gave them a few minutes to settle down, then I blew a series of soft yelps. Ten minutes later one of the toms saw the hen decoys and the strutting jake decoy and came in to investigate. If I hadn't wanted my son Dallas to get some good pictures the tom probably wouldn't have lived another five minutes.

The idea of attracting animals to you is to give the illusion that there is a real animal

near you. You want the animal you are hunting to react to the stimulus of the Sight, Scent and Sound you create. If you recreate the proper stimulus then you can fool the game into thinking there is another animal in the vicinity. One of the problems hunters have when turkey hunting is that turkeys have a habit of "hanging up" out of range where they can't be shot. The birds hear

the sound of a turkey when the hunter calls but they don't see a turkey. Turkeys rely to a great extent on their sight in surveying their surroundings. Because they are susceptible to predation from predators turkeys are keenly aware of everything on the ground, when a turkey hears another turkey it expects to see another turkey. See Decoy Page 8

Critter Getters Get-em Good

By Storie Sharp

The third and final portion of the Sutton County "Critter Getter" contest was held on Saturday, March 27, 2006. The big winners for the all-night varmint calling and predator control competition were the team of Leland Foster, Gary Foster, Feila Anizola and George Wardlaw. The teams not only cashed in the first place prize money, but were all awarded great certificates for merchandise from event sponsor Bad Company Rodeo.

The second place team for last weekend's leg of the annual events, were Brian Wilson, Nathan Elliott, Justin Burch and Quinten Chamberlain.

Doyle Kitchen and Butch Larson finished in third place.

Together, the teams brought in a total of 13 bobcats, 121 grey fox and 33 raccoons.

A total of three contests were held over the last three months, with teams traveling to compete from all over west and central Texas. The overall winners of the three competitions were the team of Brian Wilson, Nathan Elliott, Justin Burch and Quinten Chamberlain. Second place overall went to the Kitchen Larson

team and third place honors went to Fred Havlak, Mike Foster, Joe Van Diver, and Zane Cummings. The teams brought in a total of 59 bobcats, 314 grey fox and 122 raccoons during the three events. This is a great accomplishment, providing a necessary service for many local and surrounding county ranchers, as well as providing a good time for those involved. Predator control is an important issue for all land and livestock owners, as these critters often deplete the land of necessary substances, in addition to killing off livestock.

The hunters and hosts of the event would like to extend a special thank you to Mack Altizer and Bad Company Rodeo for adding to the prize pot with great merchandise and cash, and to the Sutton County Predator Association for donating funds for cash prizes. Also, a thank you goes to all the ranchers that allowed the teams to hunt on their property, as well as to the many hunters that competed in the contests. Everyone is encouraged to spread the word and get ready to get 'em again next year!

Bonilla Announces Emergency Conservation Funds



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Henry Bonilla, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate \$3,929,300 in Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding to Texas.

"This funding through the Emergency Conservation Program will help farmers and ranchers to recover from the devastating drought and fires that have plagued Texas," said Conner. "Texas agriculture has been dealt a significant blow by drought this year. This funding is a good first step to regaining our momentum."

ECP gives producers resources to remove debris from farmland, restore fences and conservation structures, provide water for livestock in drought situations and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. Locally-elected FSA county committees implement ECP for all disasters other than drought, which is done by FSA's national office. Eligible producers receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of approved practices, as determined by FSA county committees.

Bowie, Camp, Collin, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Morris, Rains, Red River, Titus, and Wood counties will share \$1,916,800 for drought recovery. Callahan, Donley, Eastland, Erath, Montague, and Sterling counties will share \$2,012,500 to help with recovery efforts to repair damage resulting from wildfires.

Producers can contact their local FSA offices regarding ECP sign-up periods, which are set by the county FSA committees. For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if left untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems that existed before the applicable disasters are not eligible for ECP assistance.

In addition, USDA has several other programs to help farmers and ranchers recover from damages caused by natural disasters. These programs include the Emergency Loan Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Chairman Bonilla was appointed chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in January of 2001. In addition to serving as chairman, Bonilla is also a senior member of the Defense Subcommittee. He has represented the 23rd Congressional District since his first election in 1992.

Vaccinating Lambs and Goats Against "Overeating Disease"



submitted by Pascual Hernandez Sutton County Extension Agent-Agriculture

With the arrival of spring, area ranchers will be busy with the new crop of lambs and goats. We often hear about vaccination programs, but the general public may not be clear as to what diseases animals are vaccinated against. One such disease is Enterotoxemia. It can be a common and costly problem in the sheep and goat industry.

Enterotoxemia, also known as "overeating disease", is caused by the bacterium Clostridium perfringens, Type C and D. This bacterium is a normal inhabitant of the intestinal tract of sheep and goats, and normally, is not a problem. However, there are certain conditions which trigger excessive bacterial growth in which lethal amounts of toxin are produced, resulting in death of the animal.

Enterotoxemia type C, also called hemorrhagic enteritis or "bloody scours," mostly affects lambs and kids during their first few weeks of life, causing a bloody infection of the small intestine. It is often related to indigestion and is predisposed by a change in feed, such as beginning creep feeding or a sudden increase in milk supply. Enterotoxemia type D, also called "pulpy kidney disease," usually affects lambs and kids over one month of age, generally the largest,

fastest growing lambs or kids in the flock. It is brought about by a sudden change in feed that causes the organism, which is already present in the young animal's gut to proliferate, resulting in a toxic reaction. Type D is most commonly observed in animals that are consuming high concentrate diets, but can also occur in lambs and kids nursing heavy-milking mothers.

The disease progresses rapidly. When symptoms are observed, they are often confused with other diseases such as e.coli scours or polio. Affected lambs will appear depressed, may grind their teeth, twitch or convulse. Abdominal pain is common. Treatment of affected animals is usually unrewarding. Antitoxins can be given either orally or by injection and administration of antibiotics, such as penicillin, may help.

As with many things, prevention is the best medicine. Fortunately, there is an effective, inexpensive vaccine to control the disease. The recommended vaccine for sheep and goats is CD-T. CD-T toxoid provides three-way protection against Types C & D and tetanus (lockjaw). The vaccine is given subcutaneously (under the skin).

For additional and related information, visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://suttonco.tamu.edu>. And remember to consult with your veterinarian.

Deer Habitat, Rangeland Workshops Scheduled

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COLLEGE STATION - The Academy for Ranch Management has scheduled three workshops addressing deer habitat and grazing management strategies, and rangeland restoration.

The topics and dates are: Restore and Manage Deer Habitat, May 11-13. Techniques to inventory and manage rangeland for producing quality deer herds will be taught.

•Grazing to Meet Your Objectives, July 13-15. Participants will be instructed on how to develop a pasture management plan to improve rangeland and restore degraded pastures.

•Rangeland Restoration and Management, Aug. 10-12. This course covers rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies, wildlife/livestock interactions and nutrition, and habitat restoration.

All of the workshops will be held at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research Station at Sonora.

Each workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday and conclude with a meal on Saturday.

Instructors will be Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor, Texas A&M University; Ray Hinnant, senior research associate, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Kent Mills, nutritionist, Hi-Pro Feeds.

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 Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies & Muttons -.45-.55
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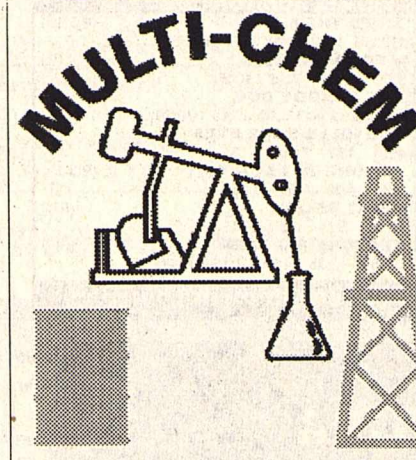
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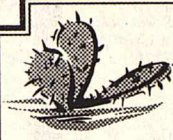
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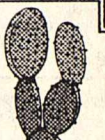
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City Council From Page 1

The first reading of an ordinance to close portions of Concho Street and Orient Avenue was read. All property owners involved have agreed to the ordinance. Both areas have been basically abandoned for years, but were not officially closed.

Max Howorth from the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation reported that the first meeting of the Sutton County Transportation Committee has been set for March 29 at 4:00 p.m. at The Bank and Trust. There are nine positions filled, with representatives still needed from an oil and gas company and one from the City of Sonora. The council unanimously appointed City Manager Jim Polonis as their representative.

Greta Ramsdell, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce, requested temporary closure of a portion of Crockett Street for the Cinco de Mayo Parade on May 6, as well as a temporary closure of the same street for the "Sonic Cruise" Parade that will be held in conjunction with the Sutton County Car Show on that date. Both requests were granted as presented. A budget amendment for the chamber was also approved.

The city manager reported to the council that a proposed \$200 application fee for grease trap installation and annual fee was not being well received by local business

Decoy continued from Page 7

Many hunters don't use a turkey decoy because the old hard-body decoys were just another piece of bulky, unwieldy equipment to haul around. But, with the new collapsible decoys that easily fit into a turkey vest or day pack the problem has been eliminated. I have used hen decoys and brought in birds, I

owners. Research from surrounding community's show that the average fee for such procedures is between \$50 and \$100. It was recommended that a \$75 fee be set. It was agreed that this annual fee will help keep the businesses in compliance with the regulations. It was reported that only one restaurant had completed the application for grant assistance being offered by the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, to assist with the cost of the required changes. Councilman Neal asked if this \$75 fee would offset the cost of paying recently hired inspector, Charles McDonald. Bronco Booster Club representative, Mallory Roussetol asked how these requirements were going to affect the non profit organizations that use the concession stands, but not on a regular basis. The possibility exempting non-profit users was discussed, but a motion was eventually made to set a \$75 annual fee for the grease trap maintenance and regulations, with no exemptions. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

The donation of the vacant lot at 108 Deerwood St., owned by David Walsh, to be made into a park was reviewed once again. It was stated that there is no problem with the insurance, and all equipment, fencing and preparation are to be donated. The city will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance thereafter.

The council again reviewed an inquiry to annex IH-10 into the city limits was denied because of extra

training, personnel, cost, etc., which would be involved. The annexation was unanimously denied.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program manager, Ann Kay reported that Sonora had been awarded the host location for the Regional Office for the Texas Pecos Trail Region.

Polonis and City Employee, Billy Lipmann, reported that a Caterpillar Track Loader was in need of \$2,200 in repairs. He explained that the loader was used for landfill, carrying caliche, etc. The money was not previously budgeted, but if the repairs are not done now, greater expense may be incurred, in the excess of \$100,000 or more. The council unanimously approved the repairs.

The council heard a request to add a safety shoe allowance to the employee handbook. It was reported that this allowance had always been provided, however it was not a part of the handbook. Polonis and Chief House agreed that this was an important item and would assist in helping offset the expense.

Donations of \$500 from Perdermales Electric to the Senior Center and \$200 to the Police Dare Program from Lawrence Finklea were approved as presented.

An annual racial profiling report was reviewed. Neal commented that the report provided good graphs for ease in reading. The reports were approved as presented.

The council heard from Beth Wallace who reported that an amendment would have to be done to the contract with the county for use of the voting machines because a problem had arisen with the purchase of ballots. The company that provides the ballots would not sell to the city because they did not have a contract with them. Therefore, the city will have to purchase a machine that will provide the ADA accessibility, as well as an option for non English speaking voters. A motion was made to appoint judges and alternate judge for the May 13, 2006 General Election, and to amend the contract.

Before adjourning into executive session, Susan Hall reported that the Keep Sonora Beautiful program was preparing for the city-wide Trash Off Day on April 1, from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. She reported that there were 100 gloves and vests and now they just needed the volunteers to fill them. She encouraged everyone to participate in the pick up and anyone with questions can contact her or the Chamber of Commerce. The Lions Club will provide a hamburger and hot dog lunch for volunteers.

Greta Ramsdell reported that the new Prayer Garden located at the end of Concho Ave. will be spotlighted in the Texas State Wildlife Magazine in August.

have used jake decoys and had excellent success "positioning" toms for a shot. I have seen the effectiveness of using a strutting decoy to get a dominant bird to come in and challenge the intruder. There is no question that turkey decoys work, but there is a right time and place for every type of decoy.

Because I thoroughly scout the area I hunt and "pattern" the birds I know where they roost, travel, feed and strut. I try to be in an area that is used regularly by the birds. On my first hunts in an area I am conservative, I use a turkey flock from Feather Flex. I place the two hens where they can be seen by approaching birds and make sure that I have a suitable place for myself and my hunters to sit, preferably brush or large trees to break up our outlines. Any shooting position I choose must have a good view of the area, must be within fifteen yards of the decoys and offer concealment. Next I position the jake decoy in the "shooting lane" so that the hunter has a clear shot. I position the jake so that it is attracting the tom while it is distracting attention from myself and the hunter. This is easily accomplished by placing the jake away from the shooting position, not in a line from the bird to the hunter. Any movement the hunter makes while getting ready or making a shot will go undetected.

Early in the season before the birds have been "educated," or if I am hunting that part of the

season when there are few hens around, a few well-performed calls and the flock of decoys is all that I need. Once the birds get smart, or if I am after a particularly wary, dominant tom I might switch to a semi-strut jake or full strut jake. These decoys should be reserved as a last ditch effort. Like gobbling, strutting can drive away a jake or non-dominant bird. When I have been working a tom that will not come in to my regular setup I use the hens with the semi-strut jake first, if that doesn't work I use the full strut decoy. Because I seldom hunt without a client I use the most conservative methods before trying special techniques.

I pattern the bird and set up in an area he frequents. I put out as many as four hens and one semi-strut jake to get the tom to think that an impertinent jake is with a flock of hens. Most toms won't allow a jake to get near any hen in their area. They usually attack and drive off the jake before attempting to mate with the hens. Once I'm setup I start with conservative yelps, clucks, purrs, whines and the soft sounds of a feeding flock. If I don't get a response I try louder calls; fast cutting, maybe a fighting purr, and as a last ditch a gobble if I am sure no other hunters are going to sneak up on my position.

The "fast cut" is the sound of one turkey telling another if they are going to get together the other bird will have to do the walking, it works well

to bring in reluctant toms. Fighting purrs often bring in any bird in the area because they are curious. They want to see which birds are fighting and if there will be a change in dominance in the flock. A gobble works to get the attention of any dominant tom in the area. It tells him another bird is in "his" area and he may come in to investigate.

The easiest way to get a turkey to come to you is by being in a spot the turkey is used to, comfortable with, and is going to anyway. If you create the illusion of other birds in the area, and appeal to a tom's breeding instinct, or its impulse to exert dominance, there is a good chance that it will come in. But, if you don't put in some time and effort and use the right decoys and calls you may go home empty handed.

If you are interested in more turkey hunting tips, or more turkey biology and behavior, click on Trinity Mountain Outdoor News and T.R.'s Hunting Tips at www.TRMichels.com. If you have questions about turkeys and turkey hunting log on to the T.R.'s Tips message board. To find out when the rut starts, peaks and ends in your area click on Whitetail Rut Dates Chart.

This article is an excerpt from the Turkey Addict's Manual (\$14.95 + \$5.00 S&H), by T.R. Michels, available in the Trinity Mountain Outdoor Products catalog.

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Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The **City of Sonora, Texas** will receive bids for 2005 TCDP - Sewer System Improvements until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at City Hall, Sonora, Texas. The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, Sonora, Texas.

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City of Sonora

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Local area Ag Operation is seeking an experienced **ranch hand** with extensive agricultural knowledge and experience. Must have reliable transportation. Salary negotiable. Fax resume to: 325-387-3682.

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at **Mr. D's**, 216 Hwy 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Caverns of Sonora hiring weekday and weekend guides. Please apply in person. 325-387-3105

Local area business needs **receptionist/secretary.** Computer background with internet, word processing, and bookkeeping experience necessary. College degree desirable but not necessary. Must have reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to attn: employment 325-387-3682.

CNAs NEEDED

Crockett County Care Center is presently looking for CNAs to work in our long term care facility. Great staffing-to-resident ratio with great pay. We are a "no lift" facility with CPR certifications offered. Mileage and employee insurance are added benefits. "Personnel Time Off" begins accruing upon day of hire. Top dollar for top quality. Call Vicki, Valerie or Donna for application/interview - 325-392-2671. CCCC is an EOE.

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Position Available Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District for GENERAL MANAGER

Send resume to: Sutton County UWCD, 301 S. Crockett Ave., Sonora, TX 76950, by May 1, 2006. For job specifications call 387-2369 or come by 301 S. Crockett Ave.

Days Inn Devil's River is now accepting applications for **housekeeping and front desk clerk.** Apply in person at 1312 N. Service Road, Sonora. For more information call 387-3516.

Wanted: Dispatcher- experience not necessary. Individual applying must be dependable, trustworthy, with strong work ethics. Send resume to Human Relations, PO Box 835, Sonora, TX 76950.

Sonic is now hiring all positions: **car hops, fountain servers and cooks.** Please contact Robert Estrada @ Sonic Drive In 387-5292.

Best Western Inn is accepting applications for 2 openings: **house-keeping and front desk sales.**

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for **Lifeguards for the summer season.** Contingent on employment, Life Guard Training, First Aid Certification, and C.P.R. Certification is required. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas, and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office. Applications will be received until the positions are filled. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

Pizza Hut is now hiring waitstaff and cooks for all shifts. Apply in person at 401 Hwy 277 North.

Sonora Sonic Drive-In is looking for an **Assistant Manager.** Excellent benefits. Contact Robert Estrada @ 387-5292.

Employment

Attention Drivers - we are looking for you! We require current Class A CDL with Hazmat & Transportation endorsement. A DOT physical, drug screen, driving record and background check are all required. Prefer Crude Oil Hauling Experience. Excellent company with room to grow, good pay depending on experience. Call (866) 208-4661 for more information.

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The Devil's River News is now taking applications for **reporter/assistant editor.** Please pick up application at 228 E. Main St.

Childress Contracting in Ozona is now accepting applications for a **CDL driver & equipment operator.** Apply in person at 258 Highway 163 South in Ozona.

For Sale

For Sale: **401 Park Lane, Eldorado** - Very nice 1,955 sq. ft. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Brick home on corner lot located 2 blocks from school. Beautiful stone fireplace, central air and heat, all electric, ceramic tile flooring throughout home with carpeted bedrooms. 2 storage buildings (8' x 10' and 12' x 20'), garage with covered porch (20' x 30'), covered carport (20' x 23'), and large covered patio. Privacy fenced backyard. If interested, call 853-3377 after 7 p.m. or 853-2833 ext. 72 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Motorcycle for sale: 2000 Valkyrie V-6, 33,000 miles. Can see at <http://web.scen2.net/bike>. Asking \$7,500.00. Call 650-9553.

House for Sale on Plum St., in Sonora next to Rosie's Cafe. 2 Bdr, 1 bath, approx. 1100 sq. ft. Call Javier @ 325-226-1264 or 226-1265.

For Sale: one (1) office trailer, 32x8, with two offices (32x8) bathroom and air conditioner, one (1) construction trailer with 1/3 office, 2/3 tool storage. Call 210-344-6694.

House for sale: 607 Hall St. in Eldorado. Solitare Home, 3 BR, 2 BA, carport, patio storage, privacy fence on 2 city lots. Call 853 -2074 or 450-7614.

Nice Family Home for sale. 3 BR, 1 BA, dining room, office, and garage/carport. Nice shady trees with fenced back yard. Central gas heat. Only 25 minutes west from Sonora on I-10. \$52,000. Daytime 512-716-0910 or 325-392-2585 after 6:00 p.m.

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For Sale

Rock home on large tree shaded lot. Open space with AC/CH, tiled floors, tiled bath, equipped kitchen, double carport and large storage bldg. Home has vaulted ceilings and is easy care. Ideal for single person at affordable price.

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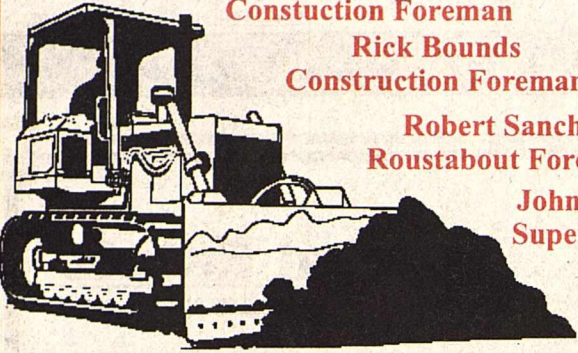
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(just go easy you don't want to have a full soup meal before you sit down to the table!) and add a little more seasoning if it needs it.

Next week, I'll give you a few recipes to go with these tips. Stay tuned!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out her website www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine.

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Lady Bronco Golf

The Lady Bronco Golf Team traveled to San Saba March 14, 2006. The team took third place shooting a score of 407. Kayla McBride was the second place individual medalist. The individual scores were: Kayla McBride-82, Candice Martin-108, Allye Edmondson-101, Kaci Chavarria-116, Karley Frasier-132.

The Lady Broncos also braved the bad weather in the Iraan Tournament on March 20, 2006. With wind gusts of 40-50 mph they were able to tough out a second place

for the team. Kayla McBride was the third place individual medalist. The individual scores were: Kayla McBride-84, Candice Martin-101, Allye Edmondson-103, Kaija Valonen-116, Karley Frasier-133.

F.Y.I.

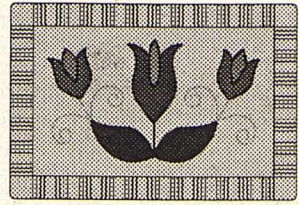
Los Compadres Club Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser, Friday, March 31, 2006, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., 708 Tayloe Ave. (Sam David and Betty Hernandez's House); menu includes fish, fries, beans, coleslaw, tartar sauce & dessert; \$6 per plate (pick up - take out orders only); Contact any member for tickets or call 387-3902.

April Fools Day Parade, Saturday, April 1, 2:00 p.m. Eldorado, Texas (during Elgoatrod Festival), No entry fee, \$555 prizes, \$100 for Best Entry to Theme, \$75 for Most Humorous, \$75 for Most Creative, \$75 for Largest Themed group, \$50 for Best Individual Entry, \$25 for Best Children's Entry, FMI contact Jim Runge at eboc@hotmail.com

St. John's Episcopal Church

Relay for Life ~ Plant Sale

Saturday
April 1



10:00 a.m.

Poplar Street Green House,
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Hanging baskets, lantana, geraniums and much more!!!

Sonora High School's Drama Department will present: "Unexpected Tenderness" Sunday afternoon, April 2, 4:00 p.m., High School Auditorium. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Sonora Head Start 2006-2007 Registration - April 10 & 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Parents bring the following documents to register your child: proof of income (TANF, SSI, Paycheck stubs for prior 12 months, IRS Form 1040/W-2, child support); proof of Insurance, Medicaid or Chips; Child's Birth Certificate; Child's Social Security Card; Child's Shot Record; Copy of child's last IEP or IFSP (if applicable); Food Stamp Case Number (if applicable). For more information call Sonora Head Start @ 387-6132 or by 511 Cornell.

Levis & Lace Square Dance Club 20th Annual Anniversary Dance Festival, April 7 & 8, 2006, Ozona Civic Center, 1st St. & Ave. H, Ozona; Friday - Dance 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., soup & crackers after dance; Saturday - 2:30 p.m. workshop Bar-B-Que 5:30 p.m. Dance 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. \$30 per couple, \$15 per single for both days, Callers Roy Lomard - Del Rio and Bill Prichard - Eagle Pass; line dancing between tips. For more information Carol Adcock 325-392-2912, Tina Jarvis 325-392-9547

Sonora City League will be having a Mandatory Coach & Assistant Coach meeting on April 3, 2006. The meeting will be held at Devon Energy's Office at 6:00 p.m. for anyone interested in Coaching tee-ball, baseball, or softball. If you should have any questions, please contact Tommy Van Winkle, President 387-5267 or Marty Parks, Vice-President 387-3255.

Sonora City League is interested in contracting Umpire services for the 2006 Baseball/Softball Major League Season. Anyone interested in submitting an application please contact Lynn Hinsley at 325-650-2223 or email: Lynn.Hinsley@dvn.com

Angora Goat Display by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at the Bank and Trust you can find the exhibit of the real west Texas living. There are pictures and wool blankets and yarn. This will be displayed for the month of March.

First National Bank is still collecting cell phones and ink jet cartridges as a Relay For Life fundraiser. Collection boxes are located at the First National Bank, Devil's River News, Stirrup Trouble Salon and the Chamber of Commerce.

If you would like to sign a petition in support of Kinky Friedman for Governor, call 325-277-9880 or 325-387-5031.

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

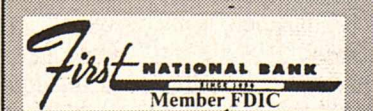
J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial 2-man Select Shot - April 1st & 2nd - Sonora Golf Course - \$200.00 per team - pre-flighted - 64 team limit - 2 day payout- Tee times 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31- Shootout 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Golf Club 3-person 27 hole Select Shot - April 8th - Must have at least one woman - Tee time: 10:00 a.m. First 22 paid teams - \$135.00 per team/mulligans included

9th Annual College Scholarship Tournament - April 29th - Sonora Golf Course - 3 person team- \$100.00; 4 person team - \$150.00; 5 person team - \$200.00 - Tee time: 1:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.



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