

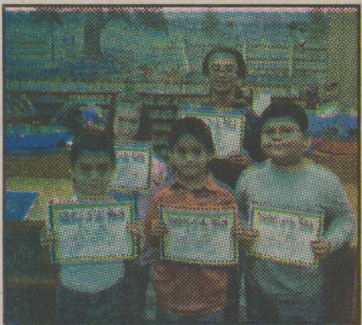
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HighMount Contribution Advances Progress toward Arena Improvements



Representatives of HighMount's Western Business Unit met with officers and members of the Sutton County Days Arena Improvement Committee to present them with a check to continue their renovation plans. Left to right- Luke McCarley-Production Operations Manager for HighMount, Sharon Holman-Vice President of the Arena Improvement Committee, Elizabeth Schenkel-committee Treasurer, Steve Morriss-Vice President of the Rodeo Association, Curry Campbell-Arena Improvement Committee President, Tommy Arnwine-HighMount Environmental Safety Supervisor, and Frank Wamble-committee member.

By Curry Campbell

The Sutton County Arena Improvement Committee would like to thank HighMount E&P for their continued generous support of \$25,000 for the Arena Improvement Project. This completes three-quarters of their commitment to our community. The contributions from HighMount E&P, John and Mildred Cauthorn Trust, Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Entertech Wireline Services, private individuals and Sutton County have been tremendous. Their generosity is a

true testament of the pride and commitment they have for this community. The names of contributors will be forever recognized on a plaque in our planned facility.

The grant search and funding request for this project has been going on for the past three years and we are almost ready to start breaking ground on phase 1. This will be the construction of new restroom and concession facilities. Upon completion of this phase, and as more funding becomes available, we will work to raise and cover the existing stands

and add additional seating to the arena. The Sutton County Arena has tremendous potential for hosting a multitude of events if it was more accommodating. Let's make this a facility we can all be proud of in Sonora.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Arena Improvements through the First National Bank's community trust account. For more information you can contact Curry Campbell or any of the arena improvement committee members.

One Night-Two Games, Two District Championships



By Ray Glasscock

This past Friday night, there were two games that couldn't have been more different. Yet, both the Lady Broncos and the Broncos won basketball district championships.

The Lady Broncos earned a district co-championship with Reagan County by easily beating the Presidio Lady Blue Devils by a score of 65 to 18. Amy Hernandez was high point for the Lady Broncos with 20 points. Ten Lady Broncos scored in this game, and, clearly, there was no suspense or doubt about the final outcome of the game.

The Broncos took the floor knowing that they could earn a district championship by defeating the second place Presidio Blue Cats. When the Broncos played the Blue Devils in Presidio, they won by one point when Word Hudson hit the game winner from the top of the key with less than ten seconds left in the game. This game had just as exciting of a conclusion.

The Broncos started the game aggressively and managed to score the first nine

points of the game. The Blue Devils' shots were not falling, and Tyler Creek, Cash Jennings, and Cadesman Pope grabbed rebound after rebound effectively allowing Presidio only one shot per possession. A three point shot and a regular basket by Presidio made the score at the end of the first quarter 9 to 5.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils' shooting improved and they continuously kept chipping away at the Broncos' lead. Right at the end of the first half, they took the lead from the Broncos. With nine seconds left in the first half, Creek hit a three to even the score. The Blue Devils rebounded and took a three point lead at the end of the first half as a Blue Devil made a miracle, running three point shot from mid-court as the buzzer sounded.

At the beginning of the second half, the Blue Devils extended their lead by hitting three-point shots while the Broncos were hitting two-pointers. The leading scorer for the Blue Devils, Chino Tibayan, got hot hitting

four three-pointers in a row. He finished the game with 19 points and was five of six from three-point range.

Toward the end of the third quarter, the Broncos knew they needed some three pointers to keep up with the visitors. Hudson, Creek, and Ethan Morriss began burning the nets with three pointers.

Morriss made the basketball equivalent of making a bowling six - ten split spare. Two Presidio players had a two on one fast break. Morriss stayed with the player with ball until exactly the right moment. When the player with the ball dished off to his teammate, Morriss switched players just in time to block the shot by the second Blue Devil. An incredible play!

With less than four minutes left in the game, Presidio's Tibayan hit his last three-pointer. The Blue Devils now had a six-point lead of 44 to 38. Hudson responded by hitting his third three-point shot in a row to cut the lead

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2010 UIL Realignment: An In-Depth Look

By Nancy & Ray Glasscock

Well, the UIL fooled us and several other school districts when the 2010 UIL athletic district realignment was released on February 1, 2010. No, we aren't going to be playing Crane, Colorado City or Coahoma as many prognosticated.

Can you say Eastbound and Down? For football, the Broncos will be in Region IV District 13. Sonora will be traveling east to play Harper, San Saba, and Junction. Coleman will be a northeasterly trip, while our only trip to the west is to play longtime rival, Ozona.

Instead of driving 800 miles (it seemed like that on the return trip at night) from Alpine and Kermit, our longest drive to a football district game (one-way) will be the 135 mile trip to San Saba. We haven't mentioned the fact we have a couple of longer drives to two of our non-district opponents: Forsan and BLANCO - yes the Panthers!

Coach Sine is happy with the new district alignment as he feels that it will be a very competitive district. Three of next year's district opponents made the 2009 playoffs: Harper, Junction, and San Saba. Harper and San Saba made it to the second round. Junction made it to the Area round in 1A and lost to eventual state champ, Goldthwaite. While at the first district meeting last Thursday, he heard from the Harper coaches that they have the best quarterback in the district. Coach Sine and I find that statement somewhat amusing and hard to believe.

"Next year, we will be facing teams that try to line up and run over you. This year we faced a lot of teams running the spread offense," said Coach Sine. To prepare for these teams, Coach Sine has scheduled four teams during non-district with great football programs that all run the ball. "I think the tough non-district schedule will give us a good chance of bringing another gold trophy to Sonora," said Coach Sine. With this realignment, and the split of 2A football into Division 1 and Division 2, only TWO teams from each district will advance to the playoffs.

Coach Sine knows Region IV very well since Flatonia was in Region IV. There are two teams in Region IV that would probably love to play Sonora again in the playoffs. Sonora won their first two state championships by beating Schulenburg in 1966 and Poth in 1968.

Interestingly, Sonora will be in Region I for basketball next year. Sonora will be in District 7AA playing Grape Creek, Ballinger, Wall, Ozona, and Brady. This is a tough district with the Ballinger and Wall girls being state-ranked. The Wall boys are also state-ranked. The spring sport districts have not been published, but they will most probably be the same as the basketball districts. That list will be released in March.

Here is the varsity football schedule for next year.

- August 27 @ Brady
- September 3 vs Forsan
- September 10 @ Ballinger
- September 17 @ Bracketville
- September 24 vs Blanco
- October 8 vs Junction
- October 15 vs San Saba
- October 22 @ Ozona
- October 29 vs Harper
- November 5 @ Coleman

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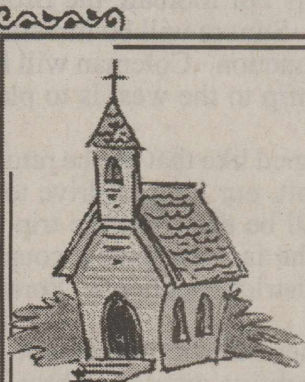
Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Feb 11 - Birthday cake for February babies Valentines party at noon
- Fri. Feb 12 - AAA Annual Recognition Banquet-San Angelo (SCP) Lincoln's birthday
- Mon. Feb 15 - Presidents Day Center Closed
- Tues. Feb 16 - Exercise w/video Mardi Gras
- Wed. Feb 17 - Van to San Angelo Medicals call 387-5657 Ash Wed.

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Feb 11 - Beef noodles w/gravy, sweet peas, green salad, rolls, pudding and milk
- Fri. Feb 12 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, milk carrot-raisin salad, rolls, Jell-O w/fruit
- Mon. Feb 15 - Closed for Presidents Day
- Tues. Feb 16 - Chicken fried steak, baked potato, carrots, rolls, pudding w/fruit and milk
- Wed. Feb 17 - Salmon croquettes, macaroni & cheese, rolls, mustard greens, coleslaw, peaches, 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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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Thank You Note

The junior class of Sonora High School would like to thank Dairy Queen, Sonic, and Circle Bar Restaurant for supporting the Speech Meet concession stand. We would also like to thank ALL of the parents that came and donated time and effort. The concession stand was a great success thanks to your support.

Sincerely, Class of 2011

Winter Fund-Raiser

Submitted

The C3 Youth Ministry from the Lighthouse Community Church will be holding a Winter Fund-Raiser. Our teens will be selling raffle tickets through Wednesday, February 17. The drawing will be held at their bake sale on Saturday, February 20. For tickets or more information contact David Dunlap/Youth Pastor at 325-374-5935/roknrolr@hotmail.com.

"What does love mean?"

When a group of 4 to 8 year-olds were asked the question, "What does love mean?", the answers were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think...

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. Billy - age 4

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. Karl - age 5

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Chrissy - age 6

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri - age 4

Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK. Danny - age 7

Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. Emily - age 8

Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. Elaine - age 5

Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day. Mary Ann - age 4

I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones. Lauren - age 4

When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. Karen - age 7

Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Brad Pitt. Chris - age 7

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. Tommy - age 6

You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. Jessica - age 8

Happy Birthday PaPa!

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Obituary

Veva A. Simpler



SAN ANGELO Veva A. Simpler, 92, of Sonora, transitioned to eternal life, Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in San Angelo. A memorial service was held, Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas.

Veva was born June 29, 1917, to Lonzo and Lucy Forester Hathaway. Her elementary education was provided by her Dad in a one-room school in rural Oklahoma. She entertained and amazed people all her life with the long poems and speeches she could recite from that education, as she developed a life-long passion for reading and self-study. She went on to get her high school education in Stroud, Okla., which included many years of Latin, Spanish and history. After high school she met a "tall skinny boy" that was the love of her life. She married JT Simpler in 1936 and they shared 57 beautiful years of marriage together and had four children. Their work enabled them to job assignments at many locations in the Southwest. JT and Veva settled in Sonora in 1971. They established a business in 1975, and Veva was the office manager and accountant. She also was an accomplished seamstress, Afghan maker and chef. Her most treasured title in the last 20 years however, was that of "Mee Maw" or "Granny." These were the names by which most people in Sonora knew her. Veva was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, JT; one son, JT Simpler Jr.; and four brothers, Lawrence Hathaway, Elzie Hathaway, Alva Hathaway and Add Hathaway. She is survived by her loving children, D. Michael Simpler and his wife, Babette Hierholzer, of Red Hook, N.Y., Lynn Simpler and his wife, Janice, of Sonora, Terri Simpler of Ben Lomond, Calif.; six grandchildren, Michael Simpler, Michelle Armbruster, Marcus Simpler, Marcellus Simpler, Reece Simpler and Krista Washington and her husband, D'onald; two stepgrandchildren, Jacob Cook and James Cook; six great-grandchildren and one on the way; daughter-in-law Jeri and her husband, Chuck, of Abilene; Veva's beloved sister-in-law, Kathryn Simpler, of Ardmore, Okla.; special nephew Steve Simpler and his wife Kathy, of Ardmore, Okla.; special family friends Stephen and Jennifer Vickers, as well as Faye Weller and Helen Simpler; and numerous other nieces, nephews, family members and friends. Veva was a sweet and joyful light that we are grateful to have had in our lives.

Oscar Lee Carpenter

Sonora- Oscar Lee Carpenter, 74, of Vernon Texas passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010 in Vernon. Graveside services were held Thursday, February 4th at the Sonora Cemetery. Lee was born in San Angelo, Texas on January 9, 1936 to Oscar Lee Carpenter Sr. and Adele Rosenthal Carpenter. He graduated from Texas A & M university in 1957. In 1958 he was married to Carol Rose Holland. She preceded him in death in 1995. Lee was in the United States Army and was stationed at Ft. Bliss. Survivors include his son Kent Carpenter and wife Penny of Silverton, Tx., and daughter Sandra Kieschnick and husband Devin of Vernon, Tx., and six grandchildren, Ryder, Candy, Kate and Cash Lee Carpenter of Silverton, and Dax, Broc and Dane Kieschnick of Vernon.

Happy Birthday!

February 11

Sue Traylor, Kim Lewis, Hoimer Samaniego, Leandra Castaneda, Ty Fincher, Adelaida Castilleja, Maria L. Lopez, Jeannette Turner, Ruben Castilleja

February 12

Miky Solis, Eddie Favila, Jed Davenport, Celie Gentry, Sadie Gentry, Stephen Tidwell, Scott Neff, Petie Lewis, Misael Hernandez

February 13

Josh Smith, Jessica Snyder, Beverly Arnwine, Cathy Garza, Bertha Villanueva, Emily Ellison, Anna Ramos, Craig Hudson, Jose A. Vela, Gabriel Izhar Velez

February 14

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February 15

Katelyn Ronspiez, Kalli Smith, Cody Barber, Carmina P. Trevino

February 16

Jack Turney, Laura MacArthur, Elaine Roberson, Daniel Ward, Megan Barker, Karen Fincher, Juan Jimenez, Genaro Perez, Jerry Wallace, Jacquelynn Castillo, Johnny Arispe, Meghan Baker, Shea Holmes, Michael McReynolds

February 17

Sara Daubney, Linda Patlan, John Clayton Childress, Lisa Seaton, Emily Gonzales, Doug Huddleston, Toni M. Vela, Debbie Buitron, April Castro

JORDAN WORLD CIRCUS 2010



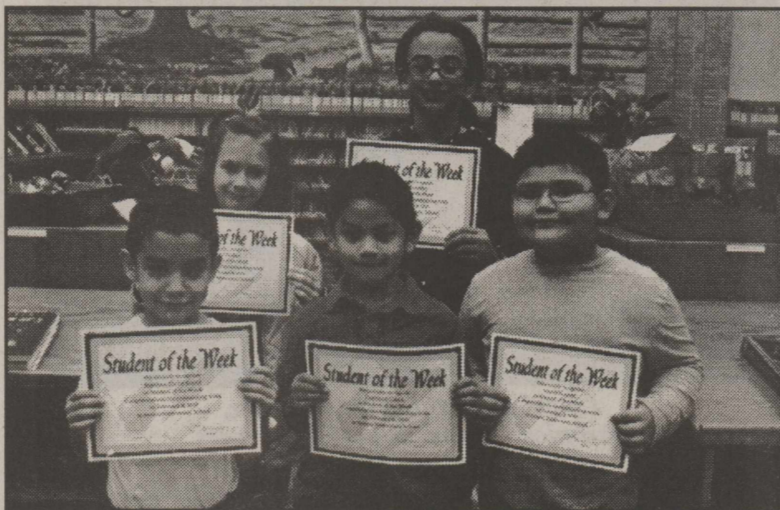
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C3 YOUTH MINISTRY from LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH holding WINTER FUND-RAISER. Teens will be selling raffle tickets through Wed, Feb 17. Winners will be drawn at their bake sale on Sat, Feb 20. For tickets or more information contact David Dunlap/Youth Pastor, 325-374-5935/roknrolr@hotmail.com

C3 YOUTH MINISTRY will be having a bake sale Saturday, February 20 at the Dollar General from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Eaton Hill will be hosting a Birding Workshp, (Focus On Sparrows) Saturday, February 20, 8:00 a.m. till dusk, presented by Byron Stone MD at the Eaton Hill Nature Center, 500 City Hill Road. Limited Space. FMI call Delyse at 325-387-2615

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VIVA SONORA-Registration for Viva Sonora 2010 Miss Cinco de Mayo is underway. A chance to win a \$1000.00 scholarship. Please register with Michelle Faz at The Bank and Trust or call 387-2593.

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Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2010 at the Fire Hall. Your donations for clothing, household items and etc. are tax deductible and most welcome. Please contact Sandee Reese at 325-387-5368 or Christy Lippman at 325-206-1342 to arrange a donation drop-off today.

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good Shepherd, 319 N.E. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sonora High School Alumni - Register at www.sonorahighalumni.com. For more information log on to sonoraalum@aol.com.

The First National Bank of Sonora has established a fund through the "Sutton County Community Trust" for Shanna Petty. If you would like to make a donation, you can take it by the bank at 102 E. Main or mail to First National Bank, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950, attention Jo Ann Jones



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One Night Two Championships

half. As the Broncos retreated to the defensive end of the court, they were startled by a whistle. A Blue Devil player had stepped over the line inbounding the ball, giving the Broncos the ball. Morriss inbouded the ball to Creek who buried a three-pointer tying the score at 44.

Presidio responded with a basket and a free throw to get to 47 points. The Broncos responded with a layup by Hudson. With two minutes left in the game, Creek gave the Broncos their first lead in the second half with a put back from an offensive rebound.

After a Blue Devil miss, the Broncos crossed midcourt and started stalling. Since the Blue Devils had committed only two team fouls, they had to foul three times before sending any Bronco to the free throw line. With 20 seconds left in the game, they fouled Cash Jennings with their sixth foul sending him to the line for a one and one. Jennings made both ends of the one and one, giving the Broncos a 50 to 47 lead. On the inbound pass, a Blue Devil tried a 180-degree spin move to get past Dustin Neff, and he dribbled the ball off of Jennings' foot. Creek gained control of the ball. At ten seconds, they fouled Creek sending him to the line for another one and one. Creek missed. The Blue Devils trailed by three with less than ten seconds left by the time they crossed mid court. The Broncos had a foul to give, and they used it. After the foul and the official's whistle, the Presidio player shot anyway and buried a three-pointer that didn't count. They inbouded to their best player who tried an air ball that Creek caught and heaved to the other end of the court as the buzzer sounded, giving the Broncos their first

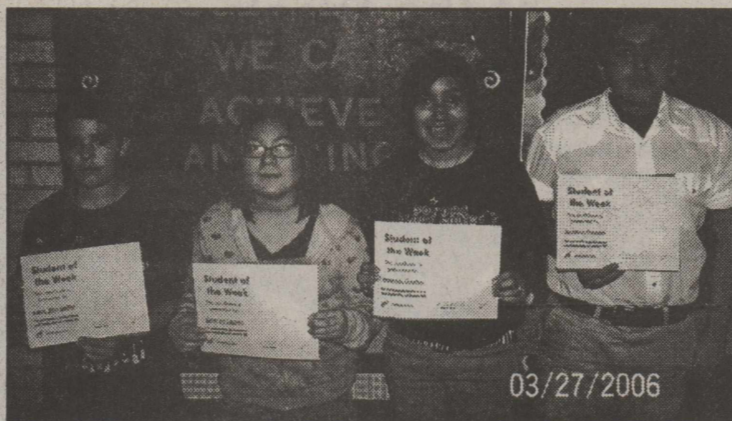
basketball district championship in many, many years!

Creek led the Broncos in scoring with 19 points. He also made three, three-point shots. Hudson scored 13 points hitting three, three-pointers in a row in the third and fourth quarter. Morriss scored nine points including one three-pointer. Jennings scored five points including the two free throws that gave the Broncos their final lead of three points. Pope contributed four points in the first half.

The Broncos shot 44% for the game and 53% in the second half. Presidio scored eight three-point baskets, and the Broncos scored seven threes with six of them coming in the second half.

The Broncos are home Friday night against the Kermit Yellow Jackets for their last home game of the season.

Sonora Middle School
Students of the Week



Liam Yourgalite, Kaitlyn Lopez,
Veronica Gaytan, Jonathan Paredes

Lions Roar



Front Row: 5th grader Michael Solis, 6th Daniel Castro,
7th Abigail Limon, 8th Alec Samaniego
Back Row: Frank Wamble, Keeli Taylor,
Shainah Johnson, and Brandon Duncan

Submitted By Frank Wamble

This week your Lions had a full plate and that includes the chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes. Just ask Michael Solis and Daniel Castro who had seconds and maybe thirds at the buffet. Mr. Duncan brought four of his finest to dine and discourse with the membership. They were Daniel and Michael along with Abigail Limon and Alec Samaniego, all students of the week from our Middle School representing grades 5 thru 8th.

Our extension Agent Pascual Hernandez was our main program and provided interesting insight to our ranching membership. The topic presented was Visual Tools to Determine Supplementation Needs in Livestock. Thanks Pascual, for an informative and timely presentation.

Our Sonora Independent School District Athletic Director, Coach David Sine, provided insight into the complexity of managing Basketball and Football schedules, as well as, the major shift in the redistricting. The remaining sports like Baseball, Track, Powerlifting, Golf and Volleyball and the implications have not yet been determined. Stay tuned to 92.1 with Eddy Smith and read the Devils River News for all the details.

Planning continues for our BROOM SALE on March 9, 2001 order forms are available from any Lion or Sam Kent our Chairman for this important event.

Hamburger Supper at the Sonora Speech Meet last Friday was a rousing success in a multitude of ways. Sonora High was the Grand Champion for the Meet. (my words for saying we won). One unnamed student said "People think I come here for the competition, but in fact, its for the Lions Hamburgers" The food was a hit, thanks to those large number of volunteers, cooks and servers from the Club. NICHOLSONS Meats continues to provide excellent meat at a reasonable price. Thanks again to all the Lions who made this event a success. GO BRONCOS and SHOP SONORA.

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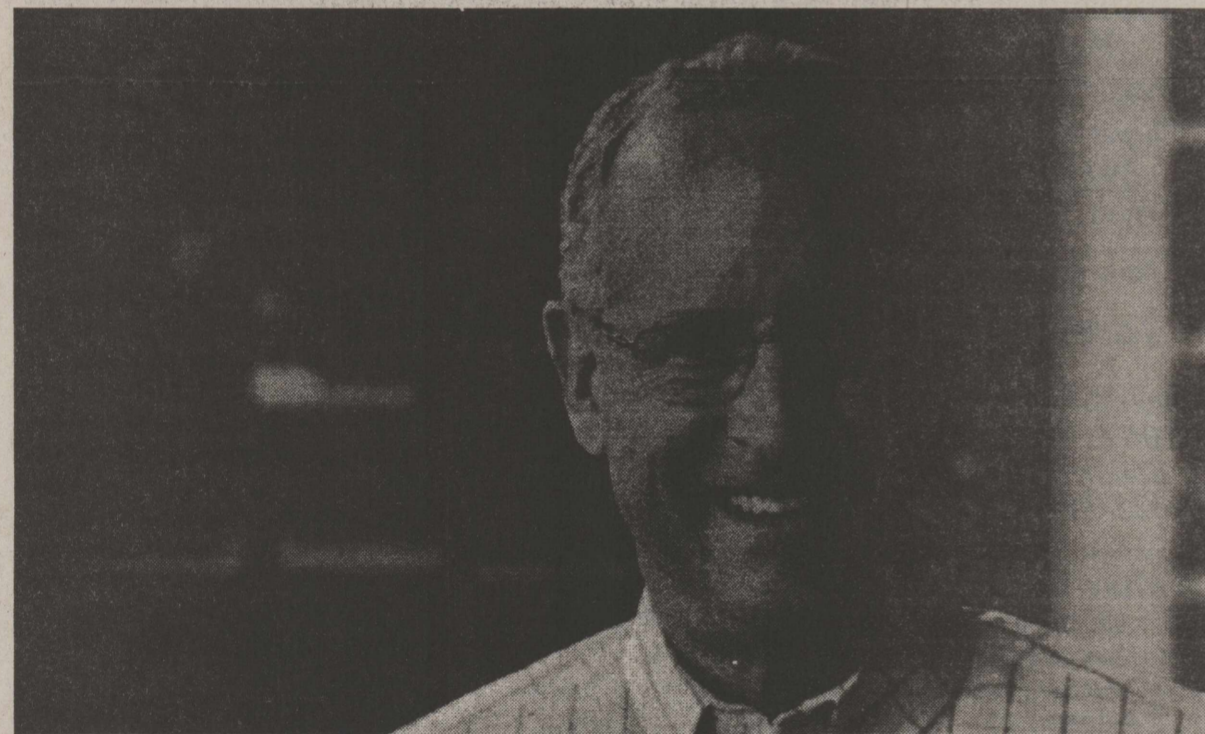
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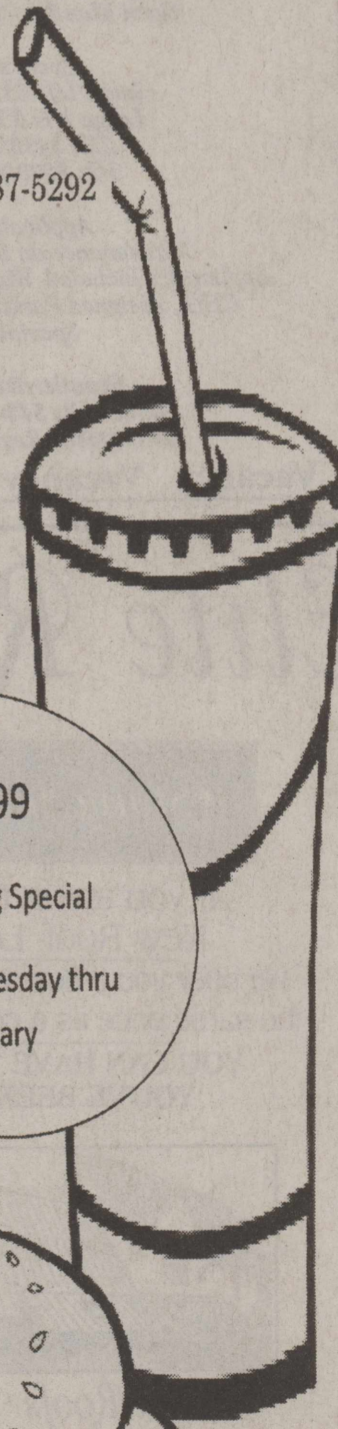
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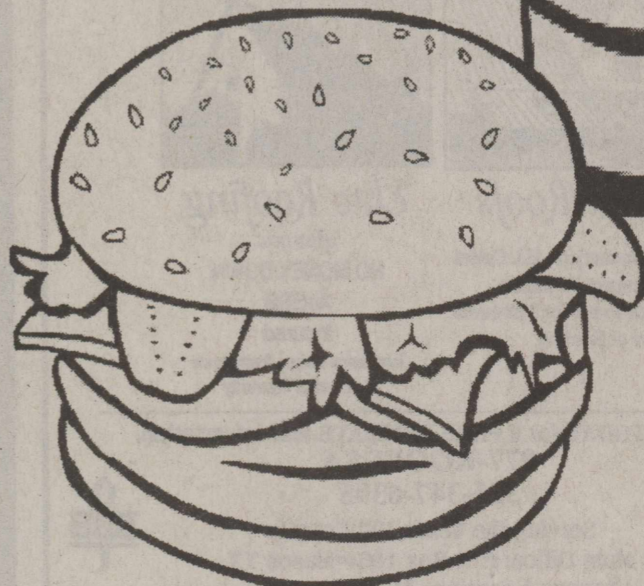
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Month of February Tips

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

According to the ground hog, we still have a few weeks left of winter. Our average last freeze date is March 27th. But, with February well underway, some folks may be taking a peek toward spring and the upcoming growing season. So, for you gardeners in the bunch, here are a few thoughts.

Planting:

You can plant cool season vegetables, in relation to average last freeze date: onions (6-8 weeks prior), broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels spouts (4 weeks prior) spinach, lettuce, radishes, turnips, chard (2-4 weeks prior). That means you can start warming up to the idea of preparing a garden bed.

You still have time to finish planting pecan and fruit trees. Just don't fertilize newly transplanted trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very



lightly the first year.

If you're thinking about transplanting established landscape shrubs and trees, that should be done while they are still dormant.

Pruning:

You can prune trees and evergreen shrubs before new growth begins. Remember: DO NOT TOP shade trees.

Fruit trees should be pruned. Peach, apricot, and plum trees should be pruned to a bowl shape. Pears and figs should be pruned a little also. It may reduce the number of fruits, but should improve the quality.

Miscellaneous Chores:

Apply pre-emergent weed-killer granules late in the month to prevent germination of warm season weeds later this spring. Read the label about repeat applications.

For additional information contact the Sutton County Extension Office.

Study Shows Viagra Enhances Fetal Growth in Female Sheep

COLLEGE STATION — A joke among two Texas AgriLife Research scientists later turned into a fully-funded study found Viagra can aid fetal development in female sheep. Female sheep (ewes) are an agriculturally important species, which can serve as an excellent animal model for studying the physiology of human pregnancy, the researchers said.

Viagra (sildenafil citrate), which is used to treat male erectile dysfunction, enhanced blood flow in pregnant female sheep, helping send vital amino acids and other nutrients needed in fetal development. The study's results not only will assist with solving fetal development problems in other livestock, but possibly in humans, said Dr. Guoyao Wu, AgriLife Research animal nutritionist and Senior Faculty Fellow in the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University.

"Because 5 percent to 10 percent of infants are born as low birth-weight babies worldwide, and because fetal-growth retardation is also a significant problem in livestock species, our findings have important implications for both human health and animal agriculture," Wu said.

The findings appear in a recent edition of The Journal of Nutrition (<http://www.nutrition.org/>).

The study originated in 2003 after a chat between Wu and fellow AgriLife Research scientist Dr. Tom Spencer when they were working with pregnant ewes.

"We made a joke that many men are now using Viagra and that women may also have a need for it," Wu said. "Interestingly, one week later, we saw that Pfizer Inc. announced an international request for research proposals on Viagra."

The team submitted a proposal to Pfizer, using pregnant sheep as an animal model for evaluating Viagra's potential role in enhancing fetal growth. The research team would also evaluate both adequate or inadequate maternal intakes of nutrients from the diet, Wu said.

Pfizer selected the proposal and work began.

"Viagra acts like nitric oxide to relax smooth muscle cells of blood vessels and, in turn, allow for increased uterine blood flow," Wu said.

The drug is a synthetic medicine that can be used to stimulate blood flow in humans and animals.

"For pregnant mammals, Viagra can enhance the supply of nutrients from the mother to the fetus via utero-placental blood flow," he said.

The study revealed Viagra increased the blood supply to the fetus in female sheep, supplying amino acids — a major fuel for fetal growth. Approximately 60 ewes were mated to rams at the Texas A&M University Sheep Center. Pregnant females were randomly selected and treated with or without sildenafil citrate.

Results of the study indicated long-term use of Viagra enhanced fetal weight in both "adequately fed and nutrient-restricted female sheep."

Greater concentrations of amino acids and polyamines in fetal blood and placental fluids were found, leading the researchers to suggest that Viagra alters the trafficking of nutrients from the female sheep to the fetus.

It was also observed that Viagra did not affect changes in maternal weight, body condition score, maternal liver mass or muscle weight, Wu said.

"We were surprised that Viagra enhanced ovine fetal growth under the conditions of either adequate or inadequate maternal intakes of nutrients from the diet. The results of our study indicate that augmenting systemic blood flow may be a novel and effective strategy to prevent fetal growth retardation in humans and livestock species without affecting maternal health."

Wu said the team would like to extend its research into future studies involving other mammalian species, including pigs, cows and humans.

The research team includes Fuller Bazer, Carey Satterfield, Spencer and Wu — all AgriLife Research scientists and faculty members with the animal science department at Texas A&M in College Station.

AT A GLANCE:
- Texas AgriLife Research scientists have found that Viagra can be beneficial in promoting fetal growth in pregnant sheep.

- The findings could lead to future studies involving human pregnancies, leading to potential discoveries reducing the number of infants born as low birth-weight babies with reduced chances of survival and increased risks for adult onset of disease.

- Fetal development has been a focus of study in livestock species because small offspring do not do well after birth.

- Viagra (sildenafil citrate) was found by researchers to increase blood flow to the uterus and fetus in female sheep, supplying amino acids (a major fuel for fetal growth), as well as other essential nutrients.

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

-Oscar Wilde

Texas Men Sentenced to Federal Prison for Deer Trafficking

AUSTIN — A four-year, multi-agency investigation that began when two Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens received information about possible stolen property on two Northeast Texas ranches has ended with federal prison sentences for a father and son who pled guilty to transporting stolen property and wildlife trafficking.

Forty-nine-year-old James Dwayne Anderton and his 26-year-old son Jimmie Wallace Anderton, both of Quinlan in Hunt County, Texas were sentenced Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Sherman by Judge Marcia Crone.

"This case is an excellent example of a joint effort on the part of local, state and federal law enforcement," said Col. Pete Flores, TPWD's law enforcement director. "We're proud of the work our Game Wardens put in on this case, but everyone involved did a great job in pursuing a complicated investigation that not only resulted in the recovery of thousands of dollars worth of stolen property, it will help keep our Texas deer herd safe

from disease by ending an illegal importation operation."

The elder Anderton drew 30 months in federal prison for interstate transportation of stolen property and was ordered to pay \$180,952 restitution. His son will serve 27 months in federal prison for interstate transportation and will be jointly responsible for making restitution. In addition, both men got 12 months federal confinement for violations of the Federal Lacey Act involving the illegal transportation of deer across state lines. These sentences will be served concurrently with their other sentence, but they also face 36 months of supervised release following their discharge from prison.

Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, agrees with Col. Flores, adding, "We appreciate these kinds of collaborative efforts. It is all about wildlife conservation and to be successful we need to work together. All of the law enforcement agents working on this case are to be commended for their dedication and hard work."

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Open Houses

You are invited to learn about a new transmission project. LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) will construct new electric transmission line facilities in Schleicher, Sutton, Menard, Kimble, Mason, Kerr, Kendall and Gillespie counties. This project is one of several projects intended to allow for reliable and cost-effective delivery of power produced from wind generators located in areas of West Texas and the Panhandle called Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) to homes and businesses throughout the state.

LCRA TSC will host seven open houses to share information and answer questions about the project. The open houses will have exhibits explaining the need for the project,

showing alternative routes, and illustrating transmission structures. These are come and go and will not have a designated speaker so the attendees may come by anytime during the posted hours

LCRA TSC hosted several open houses for this project in May 2009. Since that time, the original study area has been expanded and several new route segments have been added. Therefore, these open houses are intended to inform and gather input from the potentially affected landowners located along the new route segments added since May 2009.

The open houses are on these dates and at these locations:

- Monday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Coke R. Stevenson Memorial Center, 440 N. U.S. Highway 83, Junction
- Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Menard Community Center, 301 W. Travis, Menard
- Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mason Community Building, Fort Mason City Park, 1051 San Antonio Street, Mason
- Thursday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Pioneer Pavillion, 432 Lady Bird Drive, Fredericksburg

- Monday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Schleicher County Civic Center, 427 S. U.S. Highway 277, Eldorado
- Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Cailoux Campus Activity Center, 2100 Memorial Blvd., Schreiner University, Kerrville
- Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett, Sonora

For a map to each open house location, see www.lcra.org/crez.

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Chamber Chatter



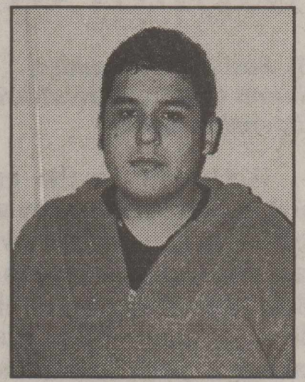
Submitted By: Donna Garrett

The Sutton County Civic Center was hopping as the Sonora Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Daddy Daughter Date Nite on Friday, February 5th. The theme for the evening was conversation hearts, and music was provided by Eclipse DJ. Some dads began their evening by taking their daughters to a nice dinner, others made the evening special by bringing their daughters to the dance in a limo. All dads and daughters had a great time, visiting, dancing and having refreshments and just enjoying their time with their special girls. Sparkle Images by Janell Sparks was busy taking photos. It seemed to be the largest crowd ever! Girls of all ages came with their dads or special dates and especially enjoyed the last song of the evening, "Butterfly Kisses". Some had tears of joy in their eyes as they danced to this special song. I would like to thank the board of directors, Tibba Edmondson, Bailey Jo Pennington, and Morgan Vyvlecka for helping make the event a huge success. I would also like to thank the parents for attending this special event with your child.

Sonora High School Students of the Week



Arlette Ortiz



Toby Garza

Submitted

Sophomores Arlette Ortiz and Toby Garza were selected as Sonora High's Students of the week for the week of February 8th.

Arlette is the daughter of Juanita and Hector Ortiz. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cummings, and her favorite class is art. For fun, she likes spending time with friends, but she does not like to do homework. To give back to the school, Arlette competes in UIL Mathematics. She has lived in Sonora all of her life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is open campus lunch.

Toby is the son of Chris and Betty Garza. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Gallegos, and his favorite class is biology. For fun, he likes to listen to Spanish music but does not like country music. Toby gives back to his community by playing football and playing in the band. Toby has lived in Sonora all of his life. His favorite thing about Sonora is that everybody knows everybody. Toby plans to attend Texas Tech when he graduates.

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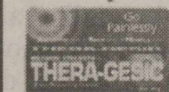
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Middle School Girls Basketball:

By Coach Abby

Sonora Lady Colt 8th A Team 35
Reagan County 8th A 22

Logan Smith
 Sydney Dermody
 Jaclyn Abbey 10
 Macie Friess 8
 Shea Holmes
 Kylie Love 16
 Crystal Lopez
 Jomayra Gutierrez
 Megan Yourgalite
 Zella Powers

The Lady Colts ended their season with a bang. The girls went on the road to play their toughest district foe Big Lake. Their team defense was great and everyone contributed on offense to match Big Lake's best effort. Assists, steals, and rebounds were turned in by all.

After a grinding 1st half that ended with an 11-8 lead, a 15 point 3rd quarter put them ahead for good. Macie Friess and Jaclyn Abbey led the way with 14 of the 15 points in the quarter. In a conservative 4th quarter, Kylie Love put up 6 of the Lady Colts 8 points to finish off the Lady Owls.

As an A team, the group completed an undefeated season. 13 wins 0 losses

They responded well to the pressure to stay perfect. Now it is going to cost me my hair!- and it's cold out there! I am proud of you Lady Colts!

Sonora Lady Colt 8th B Team 14
Reagan County B Team 6

Kassandra Medina
 Odette Barrientos 2
 Kim Fraire 4
 Brianna Reyna 2
 Yesenia Renteria
 Maria Mata
 Jalesa Coronado
 Paola Solis
 Karina Serrano
 Ysena Arredondo 2
 Glenna Mckenzie 4
 Chanel Martinez

Led by a stingy defense that only gave up 2 points until the 4th quarter, the Lady Colts prevailed for their 2nd straight win. The Lady Colts played well and finished on top. Glenna Mckenzie and Kim Fraire led the way offensively and defensively. Kassandra Medina led the way with steals and defense.

The Lady Colts finished by winning 3 of their last 4 versus teams that had beaten them earlier in the year. I do not know if I have seen a group of kids improve so vastly. It makes me feel great to see their success through hard work and dedication.

The last win capped off a Great night for the Junior High Lady Colts that saw them travel to Big Lake and win all 4 of their games. We are proud of you Lady Colts!

Varsity Girls Basketball

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Sonora Lady Broncos	15	19	15	16	65
Presidio	5	7	4	2	18

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Ozona	5	9	14	14	42
Sonora Lady Broncos	14	12	14	15	55

Individual Scores Sonora vs Presidio

#34 Hernandez, A.	20
#20 Campbell, C.	11
#40 Dunn, M.	8
*#4 Smith, M.	7
#54 Casteneda, L.	5
#3 Sanchez, J.	5
#12 Jennings, H.	3
#22 Krieg, C.	2
#32 Hernandez, S.	2
#10 Trevino, K.	2

Individual Scores Sonora vs Ozona

*#34 Hernandez, A.	22
*#4 Smith, M.	13
*#20 Campbell, C.	12
*#22 Krieg, C.	8
*#12 Jennings, H.	0
#10 Trevino, K.	0
#32 Hernandez, S.	0

Coach JV Boys Basketball:

By Coach Immel

Coach Immel's JV White basketball team has gone on a late surge in district, winning three district games in a row. The first came when they defeated the owls of Reagan County 37-20. Darian Lopez was high scorer with 15 points. Also chipping in was Nathan Villa with 8, Phillip Onofre with 6, Miles Sentena with 4, and Alonzo Hernandez and Cande Tobias with 2. The next district game was a home game against Alpine, where the Broncos dominated from start to finish. The final score was 40-22 and the top scorer

was Lopez with 17, Villa with 11, Onofre with 6, Tobias with 4, and Sentena with 2. The third win came in Ozona, where Ozona missed a last second shot in a big district game. The final score was 21-19 with Lopez scoring 9, Villa scoring 8, and Onofre and Hernandez scoring 2. Alex Solis, Blake Esparza, and Stephen Dominguez played great defense in this game. The JV White will not have a game this Friday against Kermit, there last game will be in Crane next Tuesday.

Congratulations To The Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams On dual District Championships!!

From The Devil's River News

"Basketball is like war in that offensive weapons are developed first, and it always takes a while for the defense to catch up."

--Red Auerbach

Sonora Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

At time of press the playoff schedule was still being determined.

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Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	JV	Varsity
Feb. 12	*Kermit	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb. 16	*Crane	Away	5:00	8:00

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Joe David Ross
Sutton County Rancher

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