

The Devil's River News

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Thursday, March 18, 2010

Primary Runoff Correction

Tuesday, April 13
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Elementary Students of the Week



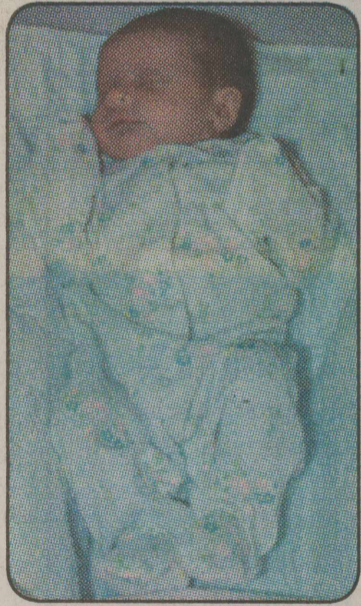
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School Board Splits Up Elementary School Campus: While Mother Nature Slows Completion of Field House



Photo By Ben D. Taylor

Construction on the new field house continues, but poor weather has pushed the completion date back into May.

Adapted from the Meeting Minutes

The Sonora Independent School District called a special meeting on Wednesday March 3, 2010 to discuss any possible action regarding the division of the elementary school campus. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Jimenez to divide the elementary campus into two sections: (1) Pre-kindergarten-2nd grade and (2) 3rd -5th grade. The motion was seconded by Barbara Jennings and carried with a unanimous vote. Louise Dermody will remain principal for the pre-kindergarten-2nd grade, while Sean Leamon will take over principal duties for the 3rd-5th grades. The special meeting adjourned after the executive session with no action taken.

The Board of Trustees met again on March 8 for their regular meeting where the first matter discussed was an update on the new field house project from Superintendent Don Gibson. He stated that the recent bad weather has slowed progress somewhat and that it would probably be May before the project was completed. He later discussed the current state of the football field, specifically the presence of low spots which are causing drainage problems. Athletic Director David Sine presented information regarding the cost of re-crowning the football field but stated that both he and the Superintendent were surprised at the high price for the work. A number of options were discussed for addressing the problem and it was the

consensus of the Board that the Superintendent obtain more information regarding the following areas: re-crowning and re-sodding; drain work; artificial turf; timelines for such work; and looking into the possibility of using some of the funds from the low cost loan from the Bank and Trust to finance the work.

Mr. Gibson also informed the Board that the UIL had placed Sonora in a volleyball district with Grape Creek and Colorado City. He stated that he had received a request from Jim Ned ISD district asking if they could be accepted into the district of their Board, which was meeting that very night, approved volleyball. Mr. Gibson commented that a 4 team district would certainly be a better option than a district of 3 teams and that he would keep the board informed.

Mr. Fields state that he had requested and distributed a spring sports update for each board member. Board members expressed their appreciation for the update, with Jerry Jimenez asking if all the results each week could be turned in to the local newspaper. Coach Sine stated that he had once again reminded his coaches to get their results to the paper, even though the publisher had told him that sometimes space and/or time did not permit all the results being published for that week's issue.

Actions taken after the closed executive session are as follows:

A motion was made by Dawn Cahill, seconded by Jesse Bustamante, to rehire

Diane Jacoby as Business Manager for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously voted to re-employ the Special Education employees as presented after a motion by Carol Pope and a second by Dawn Cahill.

A motion was made by Carol Pope to rehire the term contract teachers at the High School. The motion was seconded by Tommy Van Winkle. Voting aye were Dawn Cahill, Tryon Fields, Barbara Jennings, Jerry Jimenez, Carol Pope, and Tommy Van Winkle. Voting no was Jesse Bustamante. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tommy Van Winkle, seconded by Jerry Jimenez, to employ the teachers at the High School on probationary contracts as presented. Voting aye were Dawn Cahill, Tryon Fields, Jerry Jimenez, Carol Pope, and Tommy Van Winkle. Voting no were Jesse Bustamante and Barbara Jennings. The motion carried.

The Board unanimously approved authorizing as discussed in prior meetings the creation of a 7th grade Language Arts position. Motion was made by Carol Pope, seconded by Tommy Van Winkle, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. after a motion by Dawn Cahill and a second by Carol Pope.

Proposed LCRA Transmission Lines: The Human Equation

By Ben D. Taylor

In the previous week's edition of *The Devil's River News* the feature article discussed the impacts (in relation to property values) of a proposed LCRA transmission line through Sutton County. While this week's continuation of that story will focus on the possible health concerns associated with electromagnetic field radiation (EMF), the concepts of property value and health concerns associated EMF emitted from transmission lines are directly connected with each other. William Kinnard published an article in *The Appraisal Journal* which explains that relationship, "Buyers and sellers base their actions on their expectations and anticipations. If fear is a widespread influence, whether justified or not, it will affect [property] value adversely". In his 1993 article "Properties Near Power Lines and Valuation Issues" David Bolton found that the general public perception was that EMFs were harmful and uniformly drove the values of adjacent property downwards. While most scientific research remains inconclusive when it comes to the relationship between EMF and cancer, it would seem that the simple perception of danger-as EMFs are perceived-is enough to lower property values.

As with most long term scientific debates, there are

large amounts of data that both support and refute the claim that transmission lines are harmful. The evolution of that debate took a significant turn in 1995 when the Council of the American Physical Society (a group of renowned American physicists) made the following statement, "the scientific literature and reports of reviews by other panels show no consistent, significant link between cancer and power line fields". In 1996 the U.S. Academy of Sciences joined the physicists with a similar statement, but in 1994 a group of British epidemiologists (those who study factors affecting the health and illness of populations) publicized concerns over transmission lines and instances of childhood leukemia. The most recent statement made on this issue seems to re-open the debate, further confusing the matter. In 1998 (at the request of the U.S. Congress) an expert panel convened by the National Institute of Environmental Health Services concluded that "low frequency EMFs, like those surrounding transmission lines, should be classified as a Group 2B human carcinogen" (meaning that the agent-EMF-is possibly carcinogenic to humans). That conclusion; however, was only supported by a press release and the congress did not act on the panel's recommendation.

Issues Before the City Council On the March 16 Meeting

- 1.) City council will receive a request from Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo parade
- 2.) Resolution to move City Council Meetings from Tuesday at 4 to Monday at 6 will be voted on
- 3.) Discussion and action amending the agreement to conduct joint elections with the school board and the city of Sonora for all general elections held in May (at the same location)

SHS UIL Teams Prepare for District

By Julie Martin

Sonora High School students have been traveling far and wide to practice and be prepared for their district meet, which is March 25 and March 27. Hours of practice and traveling to meets are involved in making these teams perform at their maximum level. Below are some results from the most recent practice meets the students participated in. Sonora High School is always well represented in these meets and the community of Sonora should be proud of their performance and behavior while on the road. Good Luck to all students participating next week!

Wall UIL Practice Meet results:

- Calculator Applications:
12th grade-
3rd place- Chacho Mesa
10th grade-
4th place-Selena Mesa

- 11th grade-
5th place- Zachary Leonard
12th grade-
6th place- Robert Hernandez
Computer Applications:
1st place Mario Oliden
Number Sense:
12th grade-
1st - Michael Stephens
5th - Mario Oliden
Eldorado Practice Meet Results
Calculator Applications:
1st place- Chacho Mesa
4th place- Selena Mesa
6th place- Robert Hernandez
Current Events:
1st place Paul Faz
Number Sense:
2nd place- Mario Oliden
4th place- Michael Stephens
6th place- Delilah Agüero
Mathematics:
2nd place- Michael Stephens
Science:
4th place -Amy Hernandez
Social Studies:
6th Dustin Covey

Bronco Track Teams Stomp Cactus Relay

By Eddie Favila

The Bronco track team with the majority of its members had an outstanding showing at Iraan in the Cactus Relays. The team scored a total of 206 points to claim the team championship title. The scoring was pretty balanced as they scored point from all phases: field events, sprints, relays, and distance races.

In the field events, Cash Jennings and Daniel Lankford

led the group with first place finishes in their events. Cash, throwing for the first time this year, won the shot put with a throw of 40'09.25". Daniel Lankford cleared 12'00" to win the Pole Vault. Pedro Ramirez jumped a personal best as he jumped 11'06" in the Pole Vault to finish second. In the high jump Cadesman Pope, also competing for the first time this year, jumped

a personal best of 5'08" to place third in the high jump. Cash Jennings, again, medaled in the discus with a throw of 118'10.50" to finish third. Jumping into a stiff wind Bailey Joe Pennington jumped 37'01" to place third in the triple jump. Rounding up the scoring in the Pole

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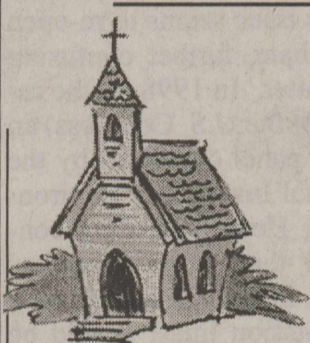
Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Mar 18 - Happy Birthday *Faye Thorp*
- Fri. Mar 19 - Birthday cake for March babies @ noon
- Mon. Mar 22 - Happy Birthday *Rita Lopez* Bingo
- Tues. Mar 23 - Exercise w/video. Sign up now.
- Wed. Mar 24 - Volunteer to deliver meals

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Mar 18 - Steak fingers w/gravy, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, rolls, cobbler and milk
- Fri. Mar 19 - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, crackers, fruit salad, and milk
- Mon. Mar 22 - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, onions, milk tomatoes, baked french fries, carrot salad, pie
- Tues. Mar 23 - Smothered chicken, baked potato slices, milk fried okra, rolls, peaches w/topping
- Wed. Mar 24 - Ground beef w/vermicelli, pinto beans, tossed salad, rolls, banana pudding and 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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387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E. Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
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387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
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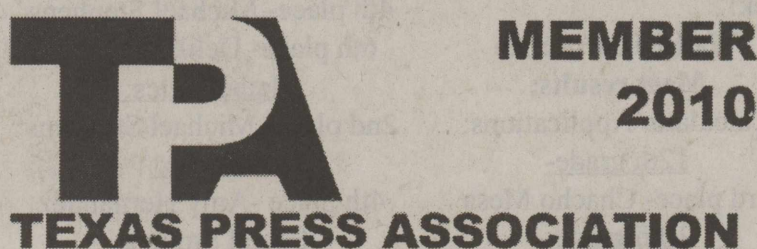
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Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year is Brenda Sanchez. We would like to invite you to the The Roasting of the Outstanding Volunteer for 2010 and share some special moments in her life. We will be recognizing Tony Adkins and Terry Surridge who have served on the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors and they are going off the board. Mark your calendar for March 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3, 2010 and breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be April 3, 2010 starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Apex Automotive & Collision Center (old Ford dealership). The tickets for the breakfast will be sold at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 105 Concho Street.

I have my special cookbook out and I am going to share another great recipe with you this week. I hope you receive a special blessing this week with this recipe. I hope you enjoyed the brother and sister recipe last week.

Happiness Dish

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By Sylvia Wright
Bethel AMEC
San Antonio, Texas

Read the Devil's River News for next weeks Recipe! Smile at someone this week and be kind to someone you know!

The Women of St. John's Plant Sale

Wednesday, March 24

10:00 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

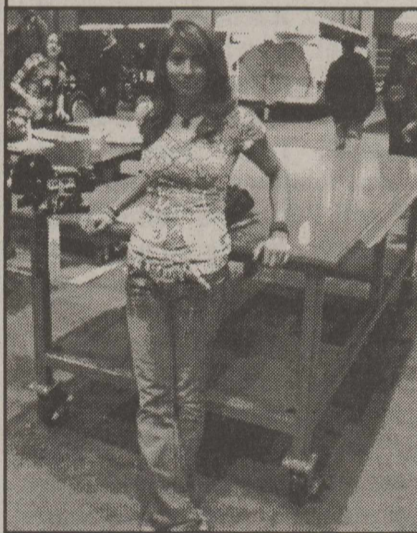
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- Wednesday**
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| 5:00 | Choir Practice |
| 6:00 | Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 | Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House |
| 7:00 | Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House |

Obituary

Shirley Foreman Mahon

Shirley Foreman Mahon, wife, mother, sister, daughter, grandmother and teacher, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 11, 2010. She was born February 11, 1952, in Pasadena, Texas to A.J. and Agnes McGee Foreman. After graduating from Luling High School in 1970, she attended Sam Houston State University. On July 17, 1971, she married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Cliff Mahon, in Luling, Texas. Shortly thereafter, they moved to College Station, Texas. Upon Cliff's graduation from Texas A & M, they moved to Crockett, Texas where Shirley continued her education at Sam Houston State University. She received a bachelor's degree in 1975, in Home Economics Education and was also a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity. After graduation, Shirley and Cliff moved to Bellville where Shirley began a teaching career at St. Mary's Episcopal Day School and Bellville High School until 1980. During that time, she became a mother of two children and returned to teaching in 1985. Shirley had continued to educate the minds of our young children in kindergarten and pre-k at Maggie B. Selman Elementary School in Sealy, Texas for the past 25 years. She has taught grandmothers, mothers, and their children, and enriched the lives and touched the hearts for generations.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband of 38 years: Cliff Mahon; and their children: Blake Mahon and wife, Ella of Houston and Brooke Mahon Longoria and daughter, Sadie McGee Longoria of Bellville. She is also survived by her mother: Agnes McGee Foreman; her two brothers: Ricky and Gary Foreman; all of Luling, sister-in-law: Sarah Wade and husband, John of Sonora, and Nina Koenig and husband, Charles of La Vernia; aces: Johnna Wade of Kerville, Jenna Davis and husband, P.J. of Dallas; nephews: Jarred Koenig of Tyler, Gary Foreman, Jr., Charlie Foreman, Joseph Foreman, Travis Foreman, and Trey Foreman; all of Luling. She was preceded in death by her father, A.J. Foreman, father-in-law, Ernest Clifton Mahon, Jr. and mother-in-law, Dorothy Jane Mahon.

Thank You Note

We would like to thank our first rate Volunteer Fire Department for their fast response to the scene of our fire on Thursday night. There were so many that we can not off hand remember all of their names, so a big thank you to our fire department.

We also would like to give a big thank you to Deputy Oscar Chavez who happened to be patrolling in our area at the time he received the report and upon arrival he picked up the water hose and rushed in the back door through the dense smoke to apply water to the source of the fire as the fire department arrived.

The City of Sonora gets a big thank you also for exceeding wonderful water pressure.

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Happy Birthday!

March 18

Heather Hughes, Linda Cervantez, David Cook, Emilio Espinosa, Bianca Trevino, Jamie Favela, Linda Vitela, Mary Lou Hudman, David Izhar Velez

March 19

Jose Gonzalez, Joe Casillas, Kodee Petty, Oscar Perez, Timothy Sanchez, Luis Samaniego, Jr.

March 20

Iris McAfee, Luther Creek, Kasey Miller, Gloria Taulbee, Tamara Farley, Cliff Brister

March 21

Michael Kissire

March 22

Fred Tijerina, Paula Zaragoza, Kendra Jones, Jason Surber, Jarod Franks, Rita Lopez, Evan Collins, Angelica Mesa, Sean Fields

March 23

Wayne Hines, John Duke Hudson, Victor Alvidrez, Mahayla Seguera, Delilah Alvizo, Quade Sutton, Betty Stewart, Daniela Perez, Lexie Martin

March 24

Crystal Martinez, Alexandra Kenney, Madison Myers, Kay Creek, Damien Zaragoza, Erin Hearne

Sonora Elementary Students of the Week



PK – Shakira Villanueva, K – Christina Garcia,
1 – Sydney Flores, 2 – Shyanne Gamez,
3 – Aiden Teaff, 4 – Breeanna Johnson

Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

As we spring forward with our clocks, your Lions Club springs into action with a host of exciting and interesting projects. We are in the after action and lessons learned portion of our Broom and Mop Sale. Let me tell ya'll about the great Broom Sale we had last week. Our sales were fantastic... we grossed about \$6200 and netted about \$1400, so the Caravan for the Blind, as well as your Lions Club, prospered. The Club would like to thank the generous citizens who bought items, our fellow Lion volunteers, Pam Crenwelge and SISD teachers and the Great Middle School students who helped with the early morning unloading and evening load out. A special thanks to Danny Hardin, SISD, for his part in the overall success of this venture. I would like to commend Lion Sam Kent for his leadership in our Broom Sale...well done, Sam!!

The next service agenda item will be the Relay for Life on April 17 where the Lions Club will provide the event insurance for this Downtown Event. We will also cook and host the survivors' dinner at the First Methodist Church. Planning is under way for Project Graduation and our Senior Scholarship Project which completes the school year projects of your Lions Club.

Internally, Reverend Jerry Jackson is heading up our officer nominating committee for the upcoming Lions fiscal year beginning July 1,2010. A slate of nominees will be available for vote on April 15,2010.

As I finish my term as Lions Club President, I am looking forward to serving Sonora in another position of leadership. Shop Sonora...Go Broncos!!!!

The Blonde & the Coke Machine

It was a really hot day and this blonde decided she would go buy a coke. She went to the coke machine and when she put her money in, a coke came out - so she kept putting money in.

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Lauren Smith~bride elect~Colby Bates

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Father & Daughter Dance photo's are available for pick up at the Chamber of Commerce. Please call 387-2880.

MICHAEL RAMIREZ, PETER DURAN, ROWDY LEE BUELL HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING ON THE CITY SOFTBALL FIELD by the swimming pool! They are in need of helpers willing to come join them!! They are removing stickers and attempting to reseed the field!! All for the sake of our GIRLS!!! Please lend a hand!! ALL HELP IS MUCH APPRECIATED!! ANYQUESTIONS, please contact Michael Ramirez 325.650.1454 or just stop by the field!!

The 2009 Sonora Bronco Football Season Highlight DVD is now available at the high school office! For more information contact Coach Sine at 325-387-6940 x3304. The cost is \$20!!!

Relay For Life asks that you e-mail photos of those who have battled cancer to relayforlife@sonoratax.net to be added to our slideshow that is displayed during the Luminaria Ceremony at Relay For Life.

Lenten Lunches-Each year, members of the Ministerial Alliance gather together for lunches during Lent. This year's lunches will be each Wednesday, February 24 through March 24. All lunches will take place at the Parish Hall of St. John's Episcopal Church and will begin at noon. EVERYONE in the community is invited to attend. The lunches last less than an hour, so people with a lunch hour can attend with no problem. Host churches for the lunches are: *February 24-First United Methodist Church and Church of the Good Sheperd, Presbyterian, *March 3-Lighthouse Community Church, *March 10-First Baptist Church, *March 17-St. Ann's Catholic Church, *March 24-St. John's Episcopal Church. There is NO CHARGE for the lunch, however donations to the Ministerial Alliance will be accepted.

Project Graduation Meeting for all Junior parents? Wednesday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the elementary library.

Book Sale to be held: The Sutton County Library is getting ready for their Book Sale. You may donate your unwanted books, now thru March 17th. The book sale will run March 22 thru April 16.

Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo - May 1, 2010 Featuring: United Freestyle Stunt Team-3 performances, www.unitedfreestyle.com

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 Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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.

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Federal Government Must Take Action To Prevent Spillover Violence from Mexico Predator Drones and National Guard Troops Requested Along Texas Border

From The Office of the Governor

AUSTIN – In light of increasing bloodshed in northern Mexico, including the deaths of individuals with U.S. consulate ties, Gov. Perry today called on the federal government to take immediate action to prevent spillover violence on U.S. soil.

“Over the weekend, more innocent people fell victim to the increasingly ruthless Mexican drug cartels, including the murder of a pregnant American woman and her American husband in Juarez,” Gov. Perry said. “How many Americans will have to die before our federal government takes serious action along the

Texas-Mexico border? For years, they have failed in their vital duty to secure the border, resulting in escalating violence along the Texas-Mexico border. The federal government must immediately take steps to increase resources along the border to protect American lives.

“As we express sympathy for the lives lost, we are also dismayed by the brutal and cowardly tactics of the drug cartels, and we will continue supporting President Calderon’s efforts to defeat them by committing our own resources here in Texas to amplify border security efforts.”

As a result of the increase in violence, the Texas Department of Public Safety has urged all Texas students to avoid traveling to border cities in Mexico during spring break, and extra troopers will be on patrol as a precaution.

Last week, Gov. Perry sent a letter to U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano requesting that the federal government utilize Unmanned Aircraft Systems, also known as predator drones, for missions over the Texas-Mexico border. This would provide an additional surveillance element, supplying valuable information to local, state and federal law enforcement

along the border. Currently the three predator drones assigned to the southwest border are based in and operating exclusively in Arizona.

Since January 2008, a reported 4,700 homicides have been committed across the border from El Paso in Ciudad Juarez, making it one of the most violent cities in the world.

Since January 2009, Gov. Perry has repeatedly urged the federal government, through letters to President Barack Obama, Secretary Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, to approve his request for 1,000 Title 32 National Guardsmen to sup-

port civilian law enforcement efforts to enhance border security in Texas. While Washington continues to review this request, more Americans are at risk of falling victim to the increasing violence.

A porous border places Texas and the nation at risk from international terrorists, organized crime cartels and transnational gangs. Until the federal government fulfills its responsibility of securing our border, Texas will continue filling in the gaps by putting more boots on the ground, providing increased law enforcement resources and leveraging technology along the border.

In the absence of adequate federal resources to secure the state’s southern border, Gov. Perry launched the state’s recent border security enhancement using highly-skilled Ranger Reconnaissance (Ranger Recon) Teams to address the ever evolving threat along the Texas-Mexico border. Additionally, under the governor’s leadership, and thanks to action taken by the Legislature, the state has dedicated more than \$110 million to border security efforts in each of the last two legislative sessions.

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Stomach Worms Likely To Be Problem This Spring

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



With the good rains and warmer temperatures will come the inevitable "stomach worms" for livestock. In warm, moist climates, the internal parasite that causes the most problems to sheep and goats is usually Haemonchus Contortus, better known as the "barber pole" worm. It is a blood-sucking parasite that causes blood plasma and protein loss. It is also the largest and most deadly stomach worm.

The symptom most commonly associated with barber pole worm infection is anemia, characterized by pale mucous membranes, especially in the lower eye lid; and "bottle jaw," swelling of fluid under the jaw. The barber pole worm is difficult to control because it has a short, direct life cycle and is a prolific egg producer.

A female barber pole worm can produce thousands of eggs per day. The barber pole worm is also capable of going into a "hypobiotic" or arrested state when environmental conditions are not conducive to its development and resuming its life cycle once environmental conditions improve.

These larvae do not feed or lay eggs and do no damage to their hosts while in this state. However, in spring they resume development and large numbers of eggs are shed into the pastures. When the weather warms up, larvae will be waiting to be ingested. They are less of a problem in arid regions, because parasites require moisture for their devel-

opment

Sheep are more susceptible to internal parasites than most other types of livestock. Their small fecal pellets disintegrate very easily thus releasing the worm larvae onto pastures. They graze close to the soil surface and to their feces. They are slow to acquire immunity. Sheep also suffer a loss of immunity at the time of lambing, which does not restore itself until approximately one month after lambing.

In the past, producers relied heavily on anti-parasitic drugs, called "anthelmintics" to control internal parasites. But the long-time use and in some cases misuse of these drugs has resulted in parasites that have become increasingly resistant to anthelmintics. That makes it important to use fecal counts to determine if treatment is necessary. You should also treat before parturition to destroy dormant larvae. (Read the label as using some dewormers during pregnancy may cause abortions). And remember to dose correctly and rotate dewormers. The dosage selected for all animals should be appropriate for the heaviest animal in that group (grouped by weight).

In the U.S., few anthelmintics are FDA-approved for use in sheep and lambs, and no new drugs are likely to be developed. As a result, producers must develop more integrated programs for controlling parasites, which do not rely exclusively on drug therapy.

Sun Safety in the Texas Heat



Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp, MS County Extension Agent-FCS Texas AgriLife Extension

It's that time again when spring break begins for many Texas schools and colleges. Many of us head to the Texas coast or the hill country where both of these regions offer a host of activities, with most of the fun being focused in or around the water and the outdoors. Whatever your spring break plans may be remember to practice smart sun safety.

With spring break again in Texas when the temperatures start to rise, but it isn't just the heat that is getting to you. The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin. The sun also emits UV rays which can be harmful to the skin. Did you know that excessive exposure to the ultraviolet radiation of the sun is the most important preventable cause of all skin cancers? Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer and according to the National Cancer Institute it is estimated that there will be 62,480 new cases in the United States as well as 8,420 deaths in 2008. Don't let yourself or your family members be a part of these numbers. Learning a few things about skin safety can help you prevent it.

There are different types of UV rays that come from the sun. Some sunscreens only protect from one type. Be sure to get a sunscreen that protects from both UVA and UVB rays. Just because it is cloudy outside doesn't mean that the UV rays are blocked from reaching your skin. Like light UVA rays can go through glass, so before taking off for a car ride don't forget to put some sunscreen on. UV rays can also do damaged to your

eyes so find a wide (3") brim hat and some sunglasses to protect your face as well.

Some tips on keeping the UV rays from harming you:

1. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun - it needs to soak in before being effective. Make it a morning routine and then you'll never forget!
2. Apply sunscreen every two hours when in the sun - SPF 30 or higher and one that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. Remember the hat and sunglasses too!
3. Fill a basket by the front door with sunglasses, hats and sunscreen- so as you rush out the door you remember take a bottle with you to reapply later as needed.
4. Make playing in the shade fun - During the peak hours of the day when the sun's rays are at their highest point find some fun games at <http://gameskidsplay.net>.
5. Use extra caution around water and sand - these surfaces reflect the UV rays which can increase your chances of getting a sun burn.

Want to learn more, check out <http://coolshade.tamu.edu/index.asp>. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you and your family to practice sun-safe habits this summer and throughout the year.

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist - Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Jessica Rodgers. June 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>.

AgriLife Scientists to Turn Algae Into Fuel

COLLEGE STATION - Using green algae to produce hydrocarbon oil for biofuel production is nothing new; nature has been doing so for hundreds of millions of years, according to a Texas AgriLife Research scientist.

"Oils from the green algae Botryococcus braunii can be readily detected in petroleum deposits and coal deposits suggesting that B. braunii has been a contributor to developing these deposits and may be the major contributor," said Dr. Timothy Devarenne, AgriLife Research scientist with the Texas A&M University department of biochemistry and biophysics. "This means that we are already using these oils to produce gasoline from petroleum."

It's not just a gee-whiz sci-

ence trivia, Devarenne said. B. braunii is a prime candidate for biofuel production because some races of the green algae typically "accumulate hydrocarbons from 30 percent to 40 percent of their dry weight, and are capable of obtaining hydrocarbon contents up to 86 percent of their dry weight."

"As a group, algae may be the only photosynthetic organism capable of producing enough biofuel to meet transportation fuel demands."

Devarenne is part of a team comprised of other scientists with AgriLife Research, the University of Kentucky and the University of Tokyo trying to understand more about B. braunii, including its genetic sequence and its family history.

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Bronco Track Team Stomp Cactus Relay

Vault was Eric Santana with a jump of 11'00" to finish in fifth place.

In the distance race, the team was led by Jesus Vasquez in the 3200-meters, he ran a personal best of 10:44.22 to place second. Finishing in second place in the 800 meter run, Cody Pena ran a 2:06.60. Jesus Vasquez ran a 4:51 in the 1600 meter run to also finish second in the race. Running also in the 800 meter run, Esteban Garcia placed third

in his event with a time of 2:12.43. Angel Aguayo ran a 11:42.53 to place fifth in the 3200 meter run. Cody Pena and Esteban also ran the 1600 meter run and placed fourth and sixth.

The relays scored equally as well as the sprint relay team of Ethan Morriss, Jessie Guerrero, Zac Badeaux, and Will Anderson ran a time of 44.57 to win their event. The 800 meter relay team of Gunter Pennington, Eric San-

tana, Ryan Garmon, and Tyler Creek ran a personal best for the year with a time of 1:36.33 to place third. The 1600 meter relay team of Will Dunn, Angel Aguayo, Ryan Garmon, and Jessie Guerrero ran a personal best 3:30.80 to win their event.

In the hurdle events Zac Badeaux and Will Dunn battled each other to split their events. Zac Badeaux ran a career best of 15.1 to win the 110-meter High hurdles. Will Dunn was right behind him with a time of 15.51 to place second. In the 300 meter intermediate hurdles Will Dunn even up the competition with a time of 41.15 to win the race. Zac Badeaux was just trailing with a time of 41.71 to place second.

Jessie Guerrero led the team

in the sprints with a first place in the 400 meters. He ran a 50.62 to win his event. Will Anderson placed third in the 100 meters with a time of 11.62. Cadesman Pope ran a 54.35 in the 400 meter to place fourth. Running the 100 meters and also placing fourth was Ethan Morriss with a time of 11.78. Angel Aguayo also ran the 400 meters and placed fifth with a time of 54.94. Gunter Pennington running the 100 meters ran an 11.80 to place in fifth place.

The team still continues to compete and stay hungry as they scored above the 200 mark in points, for the second straight week. They will be competing at our local relays this weekend. Please come out and support these great young men.

8th Grade
Boys Track

1T-Sonora 129, 1T-Ozona 129, 3-Wall 114, 4-Crane 94, 5-Grape Creek 68, 6-Ballinger 52, 7-Reagan County 34.

Long Jump-3rd place-S.Gonzales, 17'2.75", 4th place-W.Dutton, 16'10"; **Triple Jump**-5th place-Munoz, 32'9"; **Discus**-4th place-Rendon, 94'10"; **2400 M Run**-1st place-Braly, 8:58:9, 4th place-Garcia,10:14:5, 6th place- Esquivel, 10:21:43; **800 M Run**-2nd place- Salazar, 2:25:78; **100 M Dash**-4th place-Gonzalez, 13:51, 5th place-Chavez, 13:52; **400 M Dash**-4th place-Gonzales, 1:00:65, 6th place-Braly, 1:02:72; **200 M Dash**-3rd place-Dutton, 27:32, 5th place-Chavez, 27:66; **1600 M Relay**-4th place team-Gonzales, Barber, Salazar, Munoz, 4:13:68; **High Jump**-4th place-Gonzales, 5'1"; **Shot Put**-3rd place-Castruita, 35'0", 5th place-Gomez, 33'5.5"; **Pole Vault**-3rd place, Munoz, 8'0", 5th place-Rodriguez,7'0"; **400 M Relay**-4th place team- Dutton, Gonzales, Gonzales, Campbell, 51:88; **110 M Hurdles**-1st place- Munoz, 19:21; **800 M Relay**-4th place team-Campbell, Gonzales, Salazar, Duran, 1:48:62; **300 M Hurdles**-1st place, Munoz, 46:88, 5th place, Barber, 50:18; **1600 M Run**-2nd place, Braly, 5:48:40.

8th Grade
Girls Track

1st -Sonora 227, 2nd-Reagan County 111, 3rd-Wall 110, 4th-Ballinger 71, 5th-Ozona 52, 6th Crane 42

400 m Relay-1st place team-Friess, Love, Lopez, Smith, 55.21; **800 m Relay**- 1st place team-Friess, Love, Gutierrez, Dermody, 1.57; **1600 m Relay**-1st place team-Gutierrez, Lopez, Yourgalite, Abbey, 4.51.03; **2400 m Run**-4th place- Kim Fraire, 11:33.28, 5th place-Glenna Mackenzie, 11.41, and 6th place-Kassandra Medina 11:44; **800 m Run**-1st place-Jaclyn Abbey, 2.39, 2nd place-Megan Yourgalite, 2:49.65; **100 m Dash**-1st place-Jomayra Gutierrez, 14.06; **100 m Hurdles**-4th place-Logan Smith, 19.66, 5th place-Zella Powers, 20.42; **400 m Dash**-1st place- Jaclyn Abbey 66.79, 4th place- Crystal Lopez, 69.66, 6th place-Sidney Dermody, 73.71; **300 m Hurdles**-1st place, Logan Smith, 56.38; **200 m Dash**-1st place- Macie Friess, 29.37; **1600 m Run**-4th place-Megan Yourgalite, 6.44.46, 6th place-Sidney Dermody 7.12.62; **Long Jump**-1st place-Macie Friess, 14'11.75, 3rd place-Logan Smith, 13'10.75, 5th place-Crystal Lopez, 13'4; **Triple Jump** 1st place-Macie Friess, 30'6, 2nd place-Logan Smith, 29'10.5", 3rd place-Crystal Lopez, 28'7; **Discus**-5th place- Shea Holmes 55'9; **High Jump**-1st place-Kylie Love 4'8", 3rd place-Jaclyn Abbey, 4'2"; **Pole Vault**- 1st place-Kylie Love, 6'0.

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Broncos at the Next Level

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Jr., softball-Louisiana Tech softball played in the Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. over the weekend. The Techsters lost 2 games on Saturday to SIU Edwardsville 7-5 and Arkansas 5-2. Meghan pitched both these games back to back giving up 5 runs on 8 hits, walking 5 and striking out 5 in game 1 and 5 runs on 2 hits, walking 7 and striking out 10 in game 2. Sunday the Techsters defeated Southeast Missouri 5-3 and lost in Championship game to Arkansas 5-3 in the bottom of the 9th. Meghan took the loss to Arkansas despite giving up 1 earned run through the 7th. The two teams traded runs from the 5th to 9th innings when Arkansas ended the game with a 2 run shot to right center. The Techsters return home where they will host Mississippi Valley State on Wednesday.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne,

So., softball-Howard Payne was unable to get a win against Mary Hardin Baylor in a two day, 4 game contest between the two teams this past weekend. In game one on Friday, Kimble was 1 for 2 with a single, 2 walks, 2 runs and 2 put outs for the Lady Jackets and in game 2, 1 for 2 with a triple, a run with 4 put outs. On Saturday for Game 3, Kimble was 2 for 4 with 2 singles and 4 put outs and in game 4 had a double, a walk, a run and a stolen base. The Lady Jackets will travel to Kerrville to take on Schreiner University in a double header starting at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15

John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, Fr., golf-John Duke shot a 77-75-81-233 in the Palmetto Intercollegiate last week as the Cougars finished 17th just 4 strokes out of the top 15. Charleston next competes at the Rio Pinar Invitational Mar. 16-17 in Orlando, Fla.

West Texas Heritage Day At Fort McKavett State Historic Site



Submitted
Fort McKavett State Historic Site will come to life on March 27th, 2010, as Living Historians from around the state gather to portray life as it would have been at the fort in the 1800s. Gates will open at 8:00 a.m. followed by a 10:00

a.m. flag raising ceremony. Throughout the day, activities will include cavalry, artillery and infantry drills, Native Indian demonstrations, Buffalo Soldiers, Buffalo Hunters, Chuck Wagon demonstrations, the Texas

Camel Corps, the Texas Longhorn herd, a one-room school, frontier wood working, soap making and lots more. The Ice House Brass Band will perform during a barbeque lunch offered to the public by the Friends of Fort McKavett. Donations to help defray the cost of the food will be appreciated. The Sahawe Indian Dancers will perform at 2:00 p.m. The members of Boy Scout Troop and Venture 181 from Uvalde will present a colorful and fast moving variety of Native American dances.

The day will conclude with the lowering of the flag scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Fort McKavett State Histor-

ic Site consists of 17 restored buildings and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital, Post Headquarters, Barracks and several Officers' Quarters. There is a historic trail that winds down to a lime kiln exhibit, rock quarry and the Government springs.

Fort McKavett SHS is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 15 miles west, then 26 miles north of Junction. For further information, please call us at (325) 396-2358 or via e-mail at ft-mckavett@thc.state.tx.us.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Respectfully submitted by the
Sutton County Child Welfare Board

WHEREAS, Nearly 200,000 children in Texas are reported as abused every year; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families;

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environ-

ment;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jed Davenport, Mayor of Sonora, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sonora, Texas and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.

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