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Sonora Broncos 10u Baseball Team Wins Inaugural Jason Block Memorial Tournament



Front Row Kneeling Left to Right: Wilson Johnson, Brian Van Winkle, Walker Sine, Wesley Dutton, Brandon Martinez, Ty Perez and Dylan Taylor. Back Row Standing Left to Right: Brady Johnson, Blayze Sykes, Tommy Van Winkle, Joe Angel Torres, Evan Shannon, Jesse Garza and Slade Dermody. 2011 Jason Block Memorial Tournament Champions.

By Brady Johnson

The Sonora Bronco 10u baseball team had the honor of competing in the inaugural Jason Block Memorial Tournament this past weekend. On Friday night Jason's memory was honored with a special dedication and lighting of the field. The first game under Jason's Lights featured our Sonora Broncos and the Wall Hawks. The Broncos defeated the Hawks 9 - 1 in the first game and then defeated Christoval on Saturday afternoon 11 - 6. On Sunday afternoon at 5:00 the Broncos won the Championship by defeating Greenwood 9 - 2. The boys all played great and as a team. Wesley Dutton was named All-Tournament.

Jason Block died last summer while doing what he liked best: farming, driving a tractor and helping someone take

care of a job. He was killed in a tractor accident Aug. 11 after bees attacked him while he was mowing a field. Jason loved baseball. He would have been in the seventh grade at Wall this year. He would have been playing baseball Friday at the Wall Little League's field. "It was Jason's dream to be able to play baseball on this field at night," Julie Efferson, Wall Little League President, wrote in a short message that was read Friday night at the dedication [copy attached] of Jason's Lights at the field, "but he didn't want to play under the lights at just any field. He wanted to play at his home field. "His" field.

The Sonora Junior High School Student Council and their sponsor, Pam Crenwelge, found out about Jason and his dream to have lights for the field. They were able to raise

several hundred dollars to donate to the cause. This generous donation was one of the first the project received. It was a deeply appreciated and heart-felt connection between two old rival schools and was the right thing to do. The organizers of the event told us over and over how touched they were by Sonora's generosity and also why it was important for them to have Sonora in opening game and ceremonies.

It was an emotional weekend and the Wall community turned out in a big way to make this tournament special and we were glad to have been included. Their plans are to make the tournament an annual event and hopefully Sonora will always have a team and coaches willing to participate. Thank You, Wall America!

Lady Bronco Power Lifting: Inaugural Season Ends on High Note

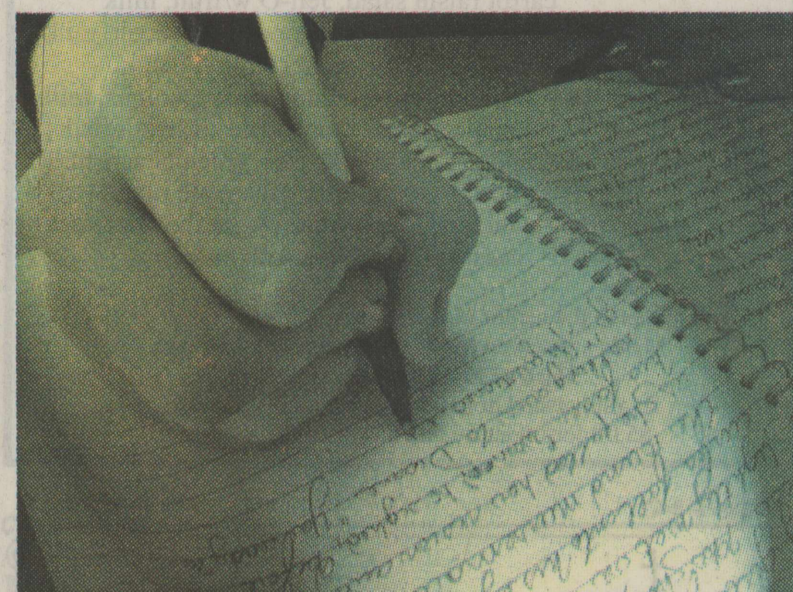


By Chase Moore

This past Saturday the Sonora Lady Broncos traveled to Odessa for the Regional Power lifting Champion-

ships. Seeing how this is the first year to have power lifting in Sonora it was awesome to have six young ladies make

it to the next level. Although the meet didn't go the way we were wanting it to we still had some big improvements



Where Has Tomorrow Gone: Highlighting Young Writers

Forward by Ben D. Taylor

Over the past few editions we have been featuring the efforts of Sonora Middle School Teacher Katy Harrell and her students. Ms. Harrell (a first year 7th grade English teacher) formed a partnership with Eaton Hill and the Sutton County Historical Society in order to expose her students to the history and natural beauty of Sutton County. One of the assignments given to the students required them to write a story about what they learned during their field trip. After reading some of the journals I spoke with Ms. Harrell and she agreed to let me share some of them with you. Over the next few weeks we will be highlighting some of these wonderful literary works.

This first story was written by Ryan Martinez, and is titled "Where Has Tomorrow Gone". I was immediately impressed with Ryan's unique writing style and depth.

Where Has Tomorrow Gone by Ryan Martinez

Have you ever wondered about your towns' history? Have you ever looked at something as simple as a museum, and found something so complex? This will be a lesson I won't soon forget.

Today, I took a field trip to a place I've seen but never really had the interest in. It used to be places I'd pass by in the car. Today, I was visiting that place. I saw things a different way this time.

When I saw Will Carver's picture, I put myself in his place in his time. When I saw the gun that killed him, I put myself in the sheriff's eyes.

I was happy to see the manager of the museum had so much interest in his town's history. Some people don't really care about their past great-great grandparents and other ancestors.

I encourage you the next time you see a sign that says open on a museum window you walk inside.

and three top ten finishes. The six regional qualifiers were Marris Prieto, Kelsey Favila, Zella Powers, Delilah Agüero, Daniela Cano and Adriana Buitron. At regionals Zella Powers and Daniela Cano finished ninth and Adriana Buitron finished tenth.

Powerlifting is a very demanding sport and it takes a lot of hard work to compete at the level that our Lady Broncos have competed at all year long. The girls started preparing for there season the week after Thanksgiving and worked countless hours in the weight room leading up to the regional championships. We have had many great experiences and a few tears along the road. These young ladies have grown a lot through this season and deserve a lot of credit for all the accomplishments that they have achieved. We had two seniors that came out for powerlifting Daniela Cano and Marris Prieto. It was very awesome that they would come out and try a new sport their last year in highschool and be very successful at it. We also have four returners coming back next year and are already making new goals for next year. For these girls the "Next Level" is just not getting to regionals but getting to state. Thanks for a great first year and we look forward to the seasons to come.

Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. March 10 - Work on puzzle
- Fri. March 11 - Volunteers needed!
- Mon. March 14 - Bingo
- Tues. March 15 - Happy Birthday *Geneva Parks*
Derry Kay Bosch
- Wed. March 16 - Happy Birthday *Nell Wallace*
Hazel Caldwell

Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. March 10 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, carrot raisin salad, Jell-O w/fruit, milk
- Fri. March 11 - Chicken spaghetti, noodles, broccoli, milk white cake w/caramel icing, juice
- Mon. March 14 - Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, onions, milk tomato, baked French fries, carrot salad
- Tues. March 15 - Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, milk sliced tomato, rolls, pineapple rings
- Wed. March 16 - Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, sugar cookie, roll, 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).

Obituary

John Norman Caspari

John Norman Caspari from Sonora, Texas went to be with his Lord and Savior on March, 1 2011.

John was born to John Othello and Vera Thompson Casparis on Feb. 9, 1926 in Vanderpool, Texas.

John was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Thurman Caspari of Menard, Tx.

He is survived by his sons, John D. Caspari and wife Joyce of Sonora, and Bob N. Caspari and wife Mandy of Vanderpool, Tx. Papa is also survived by his three precious granddaughters, Toby Caspari Redden (Reid) of Fargo, ND, Jody Caspari Hillis (Chad) of Utopia, Tx, and Johnell Lee Caspari of Sonora, Tx. Also, surviving is his great-grandson Ryland R. Redden of Fargo, ND.

Services were March 4, 2011 at the Kerbow Funeral Home chapel in Sonora, Texas with burial in Sonora cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Sonora High School golf scholarship, 807 S. Concho Ave. Sonora, Tx or their favorite charity.

Obituary

Pauline Frances Decker Thompson

Pauline Frances Decker Thompson, 99, died March 7, 2011 in Frisco, Texas.

Pauline was born November 15, 1911 in Menard, Texas to Helen Frances Scholz Decker and John Frederick Decker. She lived in Sonora until 2004, when she moved to Kingsland and Frisco, Texas.

She is survived by her children, Patrick A. Thompson and Anita L. Birdsong; grandchildren, Robin Bruce, Suzanne Parker and husband, Alan, and Clay Thompson Drake; great-grandchildren, William James Parker, Helen Parker, Hannah Bruce, and Charlie Bruce.

She is preceded by her parents, John F. and Helen F. Decker; baby son, James Hugh Thompson; sister, Agnes Willbanks; brothers, Clarence, Melvin, Johnny and Joseph Decker.

Services will be Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Menard, Texas and will be officiated by Father Bhaskar Morugudi.

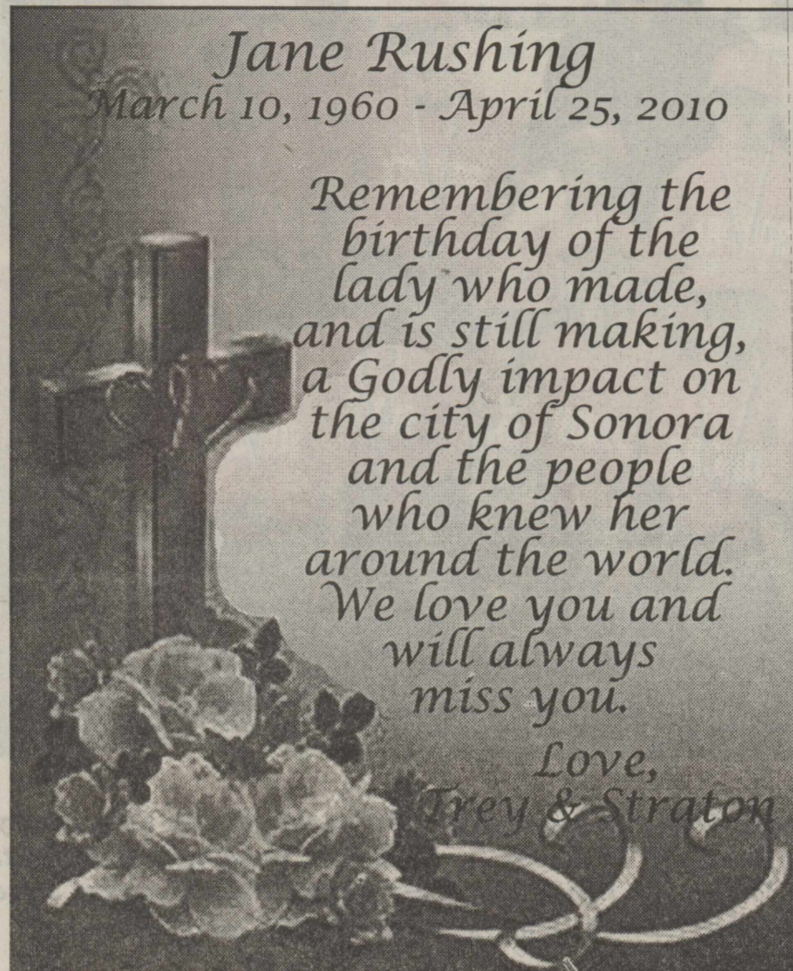
Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Jane Rushing

March 10, 1960 - April 25, 2010

Remembering the birthday of the lady who made, and is still making, a Godly impact on the city of Sonora and the people who knew her around the world. We love you and will always miss you.

Love, Trey & Straton



TCEQ Program Tallies Consumer Participation in Computer Recycling

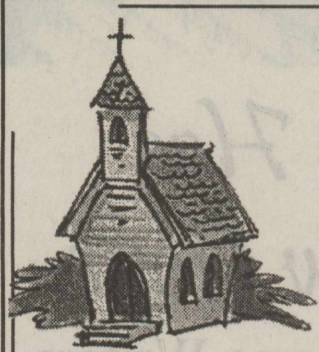
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality today announced second-year results on Texas' computer recycling program, which requires computer manufacturers that sell in Texas to offer consumers convenient, free recycling for their brands of computer equipment. As part of this program, manufacturers collected for reuse or recycling 24,300,000 pounds of computer equipment in Texas from Jan. 1, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2010. This is nearly twice as much as last year.

Currently, 78 manufacturers representing 123 brands are participating in the program. The TCEQ encourages consumers to take advantage of these recycling opportunities in 2011. Recycling used computer equipment helps conserve the reusable materials contained therein, including copper, lead, and steel.

To help cities, counties, community groups, and schools promote computer-equipment recycling in newsletters and websites, the TCEQ is providing free print ads and Web banners available for download at TexasRecyclesComputers.org. In addition, the TCEQ urges cities and counties to encourage residents to take advantage of the free program.

Texas consumers can learn how to recycle their computer equipment by visiting TexasRecyclesComputers.org. The site provides a link to each manufacturer's program as well as additional information for consumers, manufacturers, and retailers. For more information on the program contact the TCEQ's Pollution Prevention and Education section, 512-239-3143.

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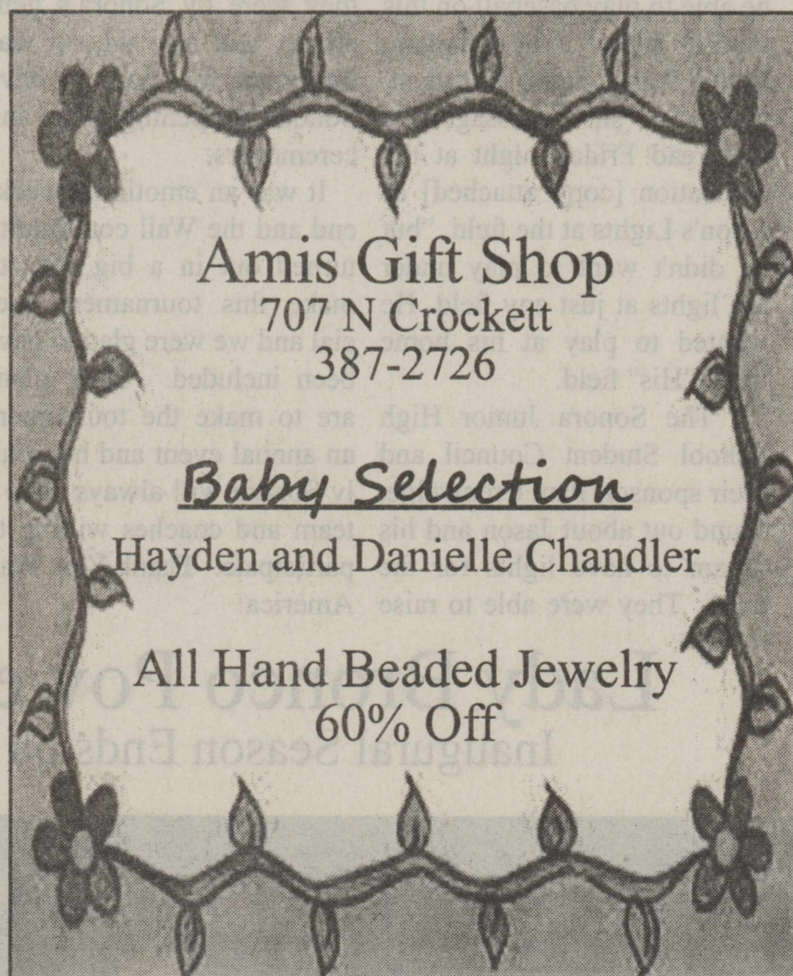
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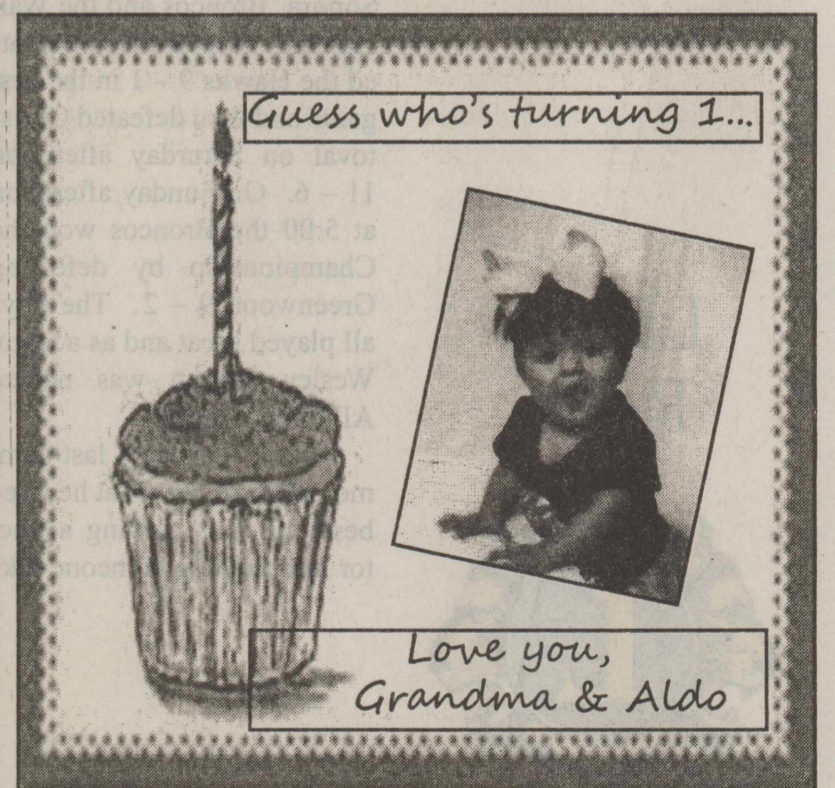
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March Landscape of the Month



The Sonora Chamber of Commerce has chosen the Best Western Sonora Inn as Landscape of the Month for March 2011. The Best Western takes pride in beautifying the community with native landscaping year round. Pictured above are Cassandra Mercer, Minnie Silva, Lucy Campa, Cristi Salazar and Martha Fay. Congratulations

March Customer Service Champion



Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Economic Development Corporation are pleased to award March's Customer Service Champion to Becky Covington, Utility Billing and Collection Director for the City of Sonora. Becky began her career in Sonora in 1980 working for the City of Sonora, resigning her City Secretary's position in 2005. She was hired as Executive Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and held that position until the City enticed her back to her present job.

Becky and husband, Jim, raised two daughters and enjoys 4 grandchildren.

City policy dictates that City employees are not able to accept cash awards. Becky was happy to donate her \$100 gift card to Christy Blackman Lippman, who, with her family, lost everything in a tragic house fire just days before.

Becky's name goes in the pot for our Customer Service Champion of the Year, to be awarded at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held in March 10th.

Anyone may nominate their favorite customer service employee. Simply call the Chamber at 325-387-2880 or Sonora Economic Development Corp at 325-387-6280.

Double Celebration



Gretta Smith in companionship of her care giver Olivia Hernandez and her Mary Kay beauty consultant.

Submitted

Gretta, approaching an exciting new century with the newest anti-aging Product, turned 100 years young this past January. She has great grandchildren.

Gretta was a teacher when she first came to Sonora, then she worked beside her husband for many years, first they had a grocery store then a motel.

Beverly Howard (Gretta's daughter) said that what had brought Gretta to be 100 ss that she eat her fruits and vegetables religiously. Gretta has been a loyal Mary Kay customer of over 20 years.

Olivia has been working for Gretta for 3 years and says Gretta's favorite thing to do is going in to the bathroom and clean her face with her MK cleansing cream.

Caroline, mother of Traci Vickers and Stephanie Hulsey has been building her MK business for 8 short years and abide by the golden rule, which Mary kay Inc. is established upon.

She also loves Mary Kay Ash Words of wisdom that says... "the wonderful feeling that comes from helping people gives meaning to your accomplishments"

Olivia & Caroline love to hear great stories full of knowledge and wisdom from Gretta

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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.

Lions Club Broom Sale Mar 29, City Hall & Sonora Post Office, Order early from any Lion. Info call 387.6282



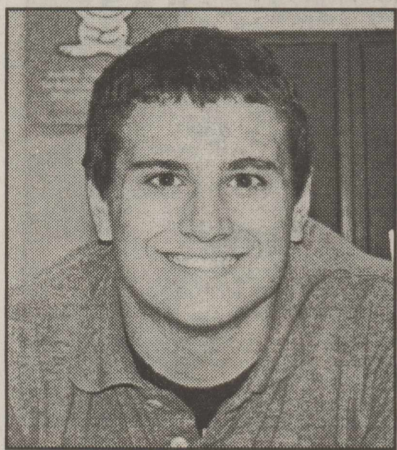
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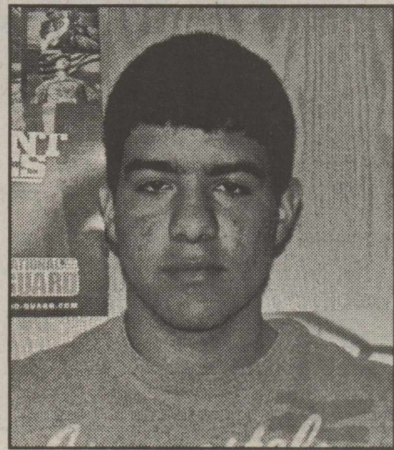
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Students of the Week

High School



Damon Evans



Alec Samaniego

Sophomore Damon Evans and Freshman Alec Samaniego were announced as Sonora High School's Students of the Week for March 7th.

Damon is the son of Lamar and Karen Evans. His favorite teacher is Mr. McMullan and favorite class is woodshop. Damon likes fishing with his family and dislikes high gas prices. He stays active by participating in football, basketball, track, and power lifting. Damon moved to Sonora his seventh grade year from Big Lake. His favorite thing about Sonora High School is all of the nice people. He is currently undecided about what he wants to do after graduation.

Alec is the son of Monica and Ricky Samaniego. His favorite teacher is Coach Favila and favorite class is Art. He likes to play basketball and dislikes homework. Alec is involved in Student Council. He has lived in Sonora all of his life. His favorite thing about SHS is the hour lunch. His plans after high school are to attend college at UTSA for physical education and sports science.

Main Street Traffic

By: Ann Kay

In Sonora we are getting more people who want to live in the downtown historic area. I would like to share with you that studies show even when people begin to move in downtown historic area to live. It will start to increase an interest in a growing downtown, because where there are people there is business growth. I am attaching an interesting news release from Sun Dance Square in Fort Worth, Texas.

BY SANDRA BAKER

Oliver's Fine Foods of Mansfield cleared a hurdle Tuesday to receive a \$450,000 interest-free loan to help it renovate space in the Sanger Building in Sundance Square for a specialty grocery store, the Fort Worth Local Development Corp. decided.

The loan would be repaid with the 1-cent city sales tax generated by the store, with payments starting at \$15,000 for the first two years, \$20,000 for each of the next three years and \$24,000 for the remainder of the loan. Sundance Square would guarantee the loan on an annual basis and pick up the payments if Oliver's lease ends before the loan is repaid, said Robert Sturns, Fort Worth's economic development manager. If Oliver's moves out, Sundance Square would have one year to find a new grocer or the loan would be due in full, he said. Oliver's plans to spend about \$1.5 million in renovations on the 6,600-square-foot space at 415 Throckmorton St. Oliver's said it plans to hire at least 20 full-time employees by Dec. 31, with at least 50 percent of those being central city residents, according to the terms of the loan.

The City Council will vote on the loan March 8. Later this month, Sundance Square will also ask for \$100,000 from the downtown tax increment financing district board to help pay for public streetscape improvements, which includes work on the sidewalk on Throckmorton Street to accommodate outdoor dining. Oliver's was founded by Todd Bush in a 3,000-square-foot store on East Broad Street in Mansfield in 2008.

The Sundance Square store will have the same deli counter featuring Boar's Head meats; a butcher counter offering hand-cut meats and house-made sausages, fresh fish and seafood; and areas with fresh produce, cheese, wine and beer. It will have shelves for canned and bottled foods along with a section of prepared foods.

Mayor Mike Moncrief said the grocery store is "an amenity we really, really need." Sandra Baker, 817-390-7727

Coming up Events for Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 23, 2011. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Directors would like to invite you to mark your calendar and Grandparents invite your grandchildren to Sonora. More Details Later -Outstanding Volunteer Celebration will be announced next week in the Devil's River News and the KHOS Radio. We are happy to have the Sonora High School Class of 1961 celebrate their anniversary in May 2011.

Lions Roar



L to R: Lion Pete Bradley, Stefanie Taylor, and Candy Davis

As March rolls in some remember the saying, "Beware of the Ides of March" but it is the beginning of the really busy season for the Lions Club. (By the way, "Beware of the Ides of March" was a warning to Julius Caesar of impending personal disaster in 44BC.) This past week we honored three wonderful Students of the Week: 6th grader Carter Zook, 7th grader Alissa Zamora and 8th grader Julissa Esquivel. Each student addressed the club about their family, school and extra-circular activities. Alissa and Julissa joined the Lion Queen Marissa and Miss Sutton County Rose, all cheerleaders, with a Lions Cheer in commemoration of National Cheerleader Week. They all then served the birthday cake and ice cream in celebration of March birthdays and anniversaries.

Our Special Olympics program featured two gifted teachers from our marvelous school system. They were: Ms. Stefanie Taylor Sonora ISD, Director of Special Programs and Ms. Candy Davis. As many Sonorans know, the 1st Annual "Best of the West" Special Olympics Meet will be held in Sonora on April 15, 2011. Funds to support this worthy venture will be raised by donations and not by the SISD. It is fitting that these challenged children have an opportunity to showcase their talents in our "City of Champions". These ladies will lead the way for deserving Special Olympians to fulfill their oath "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Donations can be made at the District Office or call 325-387-6940 ext. 3400 for information.

Lion SISD Superintendent Don Gibson provided an information briefing on the upcoming School Bond election and the Committee findings. From this author's point of view we must invest in the future education of our kids. That means curriculum, physical plant, technology and staff. Our forefathers demanded Sonora children receive the best education money can buy. It's our responsibility to continue that legacy.

- GO BRONCOS, SHOP SONORA**
Coming Events
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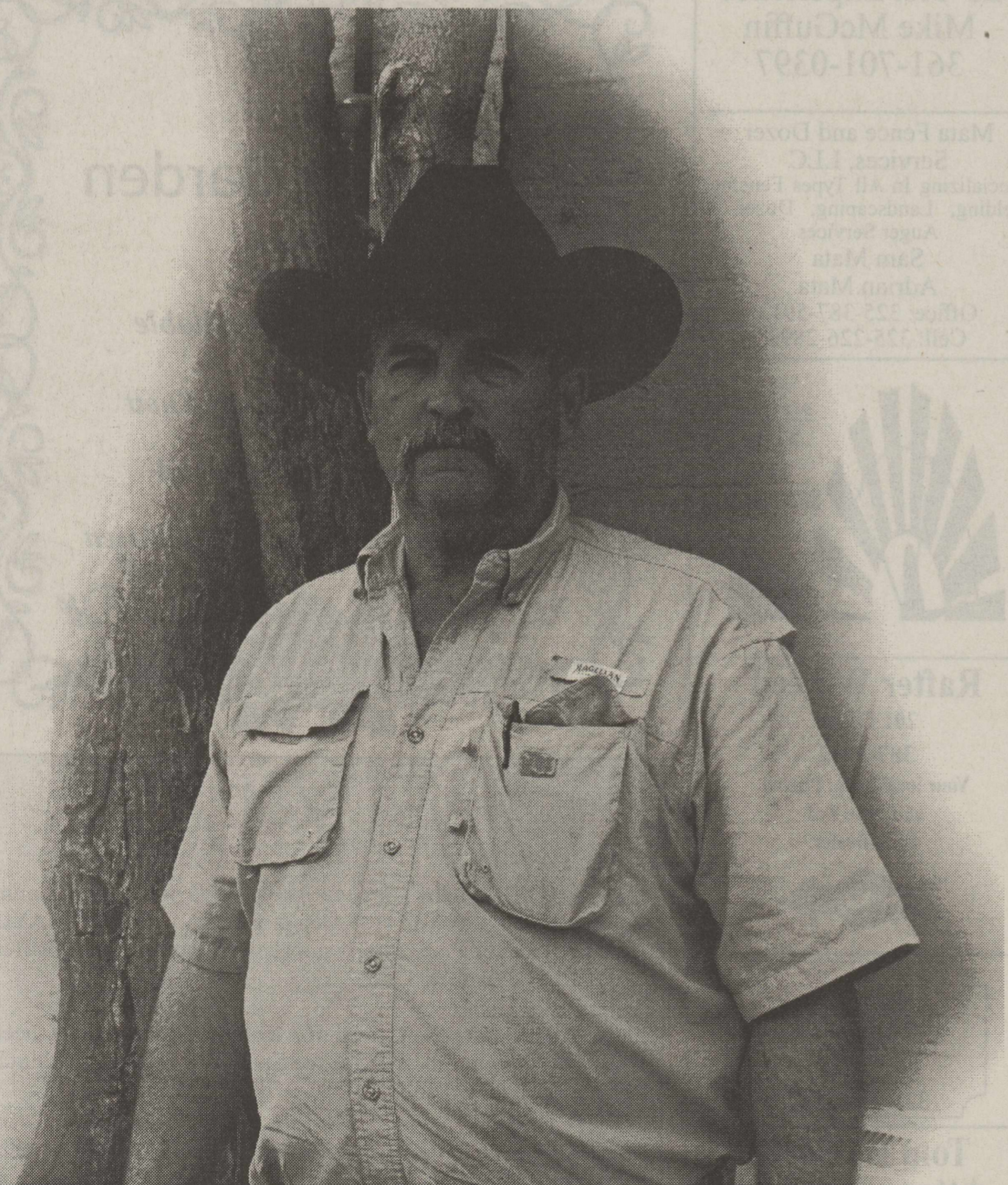
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Sounds Fishy

Alex had a terrible day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home, he stopped at the fishmonger and ordered four rainbow trout. He told the fishmonger, 'Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?'

'Why do you want me to throw them at you?' Asked the salesman?' So that I am able to tell my wife, in all honesty, that I caught them.' said Alex.

'Okay, but I suggest that you take the salmon.' Why's that?' 'Because your wife came in earlier today and said that if you came by, I should tell you to take salmon. That's what she'd like for supper tonight', replied the fishmonger with a grin.

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Oaks Dropping Leaves While Other Trees Are Budding

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



If you've been paying attention, you've noticed that while fruit trees have bloomed and other trees are trying to leaf out, some live oaks are dropping leaves. Not a cause for concern. Leaf drop by live oaks is common this time of year.

Though we refer to them as such, live oaks are not true evergreens. They do drop their old leaves as new leaves emerge in the spring. This is normal and not a disease problem.

These trees may appear sickly when temperatures begin to rise a little, typically in February.

Symptoms that are observed typically include yellowing. In many cases, the leaves may have spots or blotches that are brown or black. These leaves are dying off (senescing). The spots may be due to secondary infections by pathogens. Sometimes, these leaves may even have veins that turn brown while interveinal areas remain green. This particular symptom might be confused with a disease called "oak wilt." Although the oak wilt fungus may attack the tree in the late winter and early spring, oak wilt symptoms are most often observed in the summer.

So what do you look for to

determine if my tree is experiencing normal leaf drop? Look closely at the senescing leaves, particularly for new buds that are found at the base of the leaf petiole. This bud may be very small early on, but they become more prominent as the older leaves begin to die. Shortly after the old leaf drops, you should see new tiny leaves from those new buds. If these buds are present, your tree is most likely experiencing its normal yearly leaf cycle.

Meanwhile, other trees are starting to bud. This process is interesting. Early in spring the days begin to lengthen, the sun rises higher in the sky, and the temperatures begin to rise. These environmental factors trigger a change in the driving mechanism in plants. This driving mechanism consists of the supply of plant growth regulators (mostly hormones). The concentration of each growth regulator changes in response to the favorable growing conditions; as a result, plant growth is stimulated.

On another note, it'll soon be time to start the garden. Watch for news of an upcoming "Home Vegetable Production" Seminar.

Is it Time for the Next Agricultural Revolution?

By Caroline Henshaw of the Wall Street Journal

The term "Green revolution" was first used in 1968 by former director of the U.S. Agency for International Development William Gaud to describe a set of new technologies that had quadrupled yields in the developing world and reaped a record harvest the year before.

"We are on the verge of an agricultural revolution," he told his peers at a meeting in Washington.

"It is not a violet Red Revolution like that of the Soviets, nor is it a White Revolution like that of the Shah of Iran. I call it the Green Revolution. This new revolution can be as significant and as beneficial to mankind as the industrial revolution of a century and a half ago."

Now, as leaders debate how to combat record food prices and producers struggle to meet rapidly-growing demand, the world is looking for a new agricultural revolution. And some are beginning to question whether last century's approach was, in fact, green enough.

Experts agree that the global agricultural system is facing an unprecedented challenge. The United Nations forecasts that food production will need to rise 70% by 2050 to feed an estimated world population of more than 9 billion people.

Dietary habits are also changing, particularly in emerging nations. Meat consumption is predicted to increase from 37.4 kg a person a year in 2000 to over 52 kg/person/year by 2050, so that by mid-century, half of total cereal production may go to increasing meat production.

Yet debate over how to satisfy our growing hunger continues. And while many leaders are committing more and more funds to agriculture, "underinvestment in agriculture is [often] compounded by

extensive misinvestment," the World Bank noted in a recent report.

UN special rapporteur on food Olivier De Schutter argues that the key is to reduce our dependence on traditional farming inputs, like fertilizers and oil, which are set to push up food prices as they become more expensive. Instead of being resource-intensive, farming must now become knowledge-intensive.

In a new study, released Tuesday, he argues that using ecologically sustainable methods, like planting nitrogen-fixing trees in fields, diversifying crops and keeping animals to reduce pests, can double farmers' output the developing world and make production more sustainable in the face of environmental pressures.

"Climate change and the related weather shocks are the single most important threat to food security in the future," he said. The report estimates that by 2080, 600 million additional people could be at risk of hunger as a direct result of climate change, with much of the worst impact concentrated in Africa.

"We set up our farming techniques in the 1920s when we thought there would be a never-ending supply of cheap oil and gas," he said. "In developing countries, we may have to leapfrog this stage of industrial agriculture and find ways to produce that are less addicted to fossil fuels."

Yet whether the solution is more technology or less, one thing is for certain: the only way the world is going to feed an extra three billion people in the coming decades is to empower smallholders and treat them as co-partners in the struggle to improve production, not mere beneficiaries of aid.

Commissioner Staples, Agriculture Industry Unveil Statewide Campaign To Tell The Truth About Agriculture

HOUSTON —Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today was joined by many representatives of the agriculture industry at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to unveil the new educational campaign Agriculture is Your Culture. The initiative is designed to dispel myths about the agriculture industry, while educating consumers about the countless ways in which farmers and ranchers play a vital role in the everyday lives of American families.

"It's no accident that Americans enjoy the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply in the world," Commissioner Staples said. "Our hardworking farmers and ranchers make it possible to feed our growing population through meticulous care and efficient use of our land and resources. They also contribute to amazing strides in life-saving medicine, research, education and other agriculture-dependent technologies. Criticism aimed at agriculture is based largely on sensationalism, and this campaign sets the record straight with the facts."

Agriculture in the Lone Star State is a \$100 billion industry that employs one in seven working Texans. Through the Agriculture is Your Culture website and outreach materials, the true story of Texas agriculture is told in ways that relate to everyday life.

"The public is concerned and they want to know that the food they eat isn't harming them or the environment," said Dave Scott, rancher and president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. "So far the public has received bad information from groups that have no personal involvement in the beef industry. The truth is Texas cattle raisers care about the safety of beef, your health, our animals and the environment. Agriculture is Your Culture allows ranchers like me to tell the true story of the beef industry and combat the many myths circulated by these radical groups."

Through Agriculture is Your Culture, consumers will learn how animal care and environmental conservation translate to safe food and sustainable natural resources. They also will learn how agriculture extends beyond the grocery store to contribute to the clothes in their closets, the aspirin in their medicine cabinets and the construction of their homes, among myriad other things.

"No one has a greater stake in caring for our environment and animals than the people who rely on them for their livelihood - namely our farmers and ranchers," Commissioner Staples said. "Not only are farmers and ranchers in the business of feeding and clothing our population, they also are in the business of providing for their own families and preserving our resources for future generations. The work of farmers and ranchers may not be in the spotlight, but I assure you it would be missed by every family in the nation if it ceased to exist."

With myths about agriculture threatening to steer federal regulatory programs down a path of uncontrolled growth at the expense of domestic food and fiber production, Agriculture Is Your Culture is more important than ever as the unified voice of this vital industry.

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Broncos at the Next Level

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Sr., softball

The Lady Techsters competed in the Courtyard Classic @ the University of North Texas this past weekend. The Tech-

sters finished 1-4 for the tournament. Meghan was 0-2 with a save against UTA in which she came in the bottom of the 6th to pick up the last out and then struck out the side in the seventh for the only win for

the Techsters. In the loss to North Texas later in the day Meghan dominated on the mound striking out 12 batters. This is the 3rd time this year Meghan has lost a game while striking out 12 batters. The Techsters couldn't get any offense going as they lost 3-2. Errors contributed to the loss to Ole Miss on Saturday. The Techsters beat Ole Miss last weekend in their own tournament. Meghan struck out 6 and gave up 4 earned runs in the Ole Miss shut out of the Techsters. Techster's loss to UTA on Sunday finished up the tournament. The first sign of a bad day was when the bus wouldn't start that morning leaving the hotel to get to the field. Nothing went right in this game for the Techsters. Next on the schedule for the La Tech softball team is the Texas A&M Invitational March 10-13.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, Jr., softball

The Lady Jackets of Howard Payne traveled to Plano, Texas to compete in the ASC 1st Pitch Tournament. The young team of HPU was unable to pick up a win this weekend. Kimble was 2 for 8 with a walk and an RBI. HPU travels to Belton for their last 2 day series March 11-12 to take on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor softball team before beginning conference play on March 14.

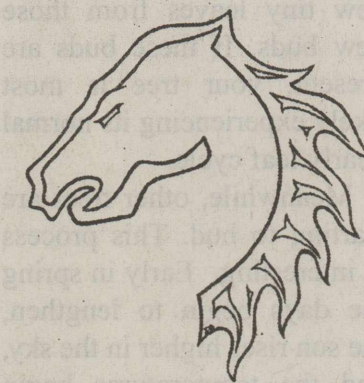
John Duke Hudson-'09 Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, So., golf

The College of Charleston men's golf team placed 2nd in a field of 15 teams in their own Charleston Shootout @ The Links at Stono Ferry in Hollywood, S.C. February 28th-March 1st. John Duke led the team shooting even par on the tournament. John Duke holed out a 70 yd shot for eagle on #17 to finish -2 on the last day. John Duke was chosen the SoCon Golfer of the Week for competition from February 23-March 1. See article @ cofcsports.com. John Duke and the C of C golf team next play in the Palmetto Intercollegiate tournament in Aiken, S.C. March 7-8.

Cassie Krieg-'10 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Fr., softball

The Techsters traveled to Denton, Texas to compete in the Courtyard Classis @ University of N. Texas. La Tech finished the tournament with a poor showing of 1-4. In the game 1 win vs. UTA, Cassie went 3 for 3 with a 2 run sin-

gle that took the lead for the Techsters in the 3rd. In game 2 vs. N. Texas after recording a fielder's choice in the 1st inning, Cassie was at the plate with 2 outs and a pinch runner on 2nd to tie the game. The Pinch Runner decided to steal 3rd to end the game 3-2. Cassie was 1 for 3 with 2 walks and a run in game 3 against UTEP and 1 for 2 with a walk and run in the Ole Miss shutout of game 4. Cassie started the game on Sunday but after 1/2 of the 1st inning came out due to injury. The Techsters will next travel to College Station for the A&M Invitational March 10-13.



8th Grade Boys Track

This past Thursday the 8th grade Colt track team competed in our own track meet. The athletes had a great meet and at the end finished as the 1st place team. The closest team to the Colts was Wall who finished 21 points behind. The Colts results alone can show you how dominating they were.

400 meter relay: 1st, Latham, Anderson-47.08, Acevedo, Castillo. 110 meter Hurdles: 2nd Brian Garcia-17.43, 5th Elijah Cross- 18.71. 100 meter dash: 3rd Andres Acevedo-12.54, 6th Ethan Patlan-13.37. 800 meter relay: 2nd Latham, Cross-1.42.43, Barrera, Anderson. 400 meter dash: 1st Brett Castillo- 58.43, 6th Pedro Campa-62.90. 300 meter dash: 1st Brian Garcia- 46.11, 4th Elijah Cross- 49.23. 200 meter dash: 3rd Andres Acevedo- 26.05, 6th Gus Barrera- 26.87. 1600 meter relay: 1st Campa, Anderson-3.57.99, Barrera, Castillo. Discus:

1st Hector Ortiz-109'9 1/2", 5th Pedro Campa-98'5 1/2". High Jump: 3rd Andres Acevedo-5', 6th Sid Anderson-4'10". Pole Vault: 1st Sid Anderson-9'6". Triple Jump: 1st Brett Castillo-36'6 1/4", 5th Andres Acevedo, 31'9". Long Jump: 1st Brett Castillo- 19'10 1/2", 5th Brian Garcia- 16'5". Shot Put: 1st Elijah Cross-44'1 1/2", 2nd Ethan Patlan-39'8 1/2".

7th Grade Boys Track

Last Thursday the 7th grade Colts competed in the first Colt Relays of their careers. The Colts competed with a lot of heart and finished 4th as a team behind Lincoln, Wall, and Ozona. The Colts made a huge improvement on their times and distances in their different events and we all look forward to seeing what they can do in Fort Stockton on the 10th.

Discus: 6th-Sergio Solis. High Jump: 5th-Jake Swindall. Pole Vault: 3rd-Garrett Jeager. 4th- Trent Harris. Shot Put: 2nd- Juan Gamez, 4th Garrett Jeager. 400m Relay: 4th- Trent Harris, Jonathan Martinez, Oscar Herrada, Felix Guerra. 800m Dash: 1st- Garrett Jeager. 110m Hurdles: 5th- Dustin Holmes. 800m Relay: 3rd-Felix Guerra, Jonathan Martinez, Sergio Solis, Garrett Jeager. 300m Hurdles: 5th- Michael Campos, 6th- Dustin Holmes. 200m Dash: 5th- Sergio Solis. 1600m Relay: 3rd- Jake Swindall, Arturo Lopez, Michael Campos, Garrett Jeager.

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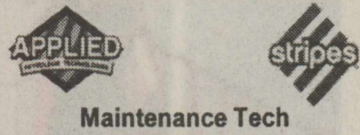
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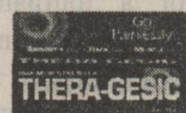
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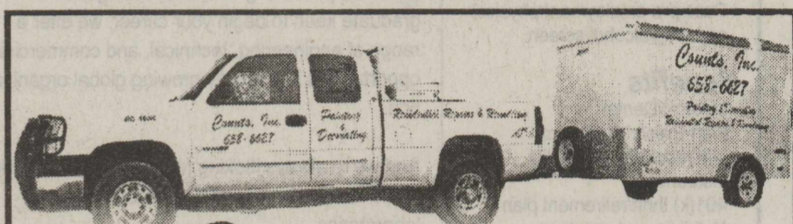
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Bronco Relays



330m Hurdles- we finished 1,2,3 Will Dunn, Zach Badeaux, and Dallas Payne.

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A solid handoff by our 8th grade relay team.

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Next Week's Edition to Feature Full List of Results!!!

In the prestigious mile relay, our Sonora Lady Broncos improved their time by 11 seconds, (in only the 2nd meet of this season) running their best time (4:09) at the Bronco Relays last Saturday. The Lady Bronco relay team consists of Morgan Smith, Sr. - Nicole Lipham, Sr. - Jacinda Sanchez, Soph. and Chelsey Lou Campbell, Sr.

Bronco Softball

This weekend the Lady Broncos traveled to San Angelo for a tournament. The ladies went 2-2 on the weekend which pushed their record to 10-4. The first day of the tournament was the best day for the ladies. We open the tournament up with district 3 3A Pecos. The Lady Broncos came out with an early lead behind the bats of Hunter Jennings, Morgan Smith, Kylie Love, LeAndra Castaneda, Sarah Carrillo, Evelyn Solis, Abby Creek, Paige Sykes, Micaela Moore and Adriana Faz. The lady broncos beat Pecos 9-2 behind the great pitching of Le-Andra Castaneda. After the win the Lady Broncos played San Angelo Central JV every-one on the Lady Bronco team reached first successfully which includes all the names above and Taylor Hampton, Shea Holmes and Marilee Reyna. The Lady broncos won 16-0. Friday for the Lady Broncos was a complete 180. The Ladies came out a little flat and looked a little tired but is understandable considering everything these girls have on their plates during the spring. The first game Friday morning we started with just 9 girls there against the Eldorado Eagles. Eldorado jumped out to an early lead and kept that lead until the bottom of the 7th when the lady broncos got it going with 2 outs. We were down 8-4 with 2 outs in the 7th. When the girls got the bats going. Morgan Smith, Sarah Carrillo, and Kylie Love all got on base when Freshmen Shea Holmes hit a 2 RBI single to left to make the score 8-7 which ended up being the final. The girls fought hard to over-come 11 errors in the game and in the end just came up a little short. The next game the girls played the Junction Eagles. It was a lot cleaner games for the girls as we only committed 1 error. The Lady Broncos were up the whole game 3-2. In the 7th with 2 outs the Lady Eagles happen to get runners on because of 2 Texas Leaguers that just fell over the infield and then a base hit put junction up 4-3 and that was the final. The Lady Broncos will be at home this whole week. Tuesday the Lady Broncos are hosting Harper and then starting Thursday the Lady Broncos will be hosting their first annual Softball Tournament. The girls will play 5 games this week, all which will be at home. Next week kicks off district play against Ballinger.

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