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George McIntyre Found Guilty, Receives 75 Year Sentences For Aggravated Sexual Assault Of A Child

A Pecos County jury of six men and six women convicted local rancher, George McIntyre, of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child (three counts), Indecency with a Child by Contact (two counts) and Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child (one count). McIntyre elected to have the Judge to assess punishment. Judge Pedro Gomez, Jr. assessed seventy-five (75) years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division and a \$10,000 fine for each count of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child; twenty (20) years each count of Indecency with a Child by Contact; and twenty (20) years for the one count of Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child is a First Degree felony and the punishment range is 5-99 years or Life in the Institutional Division. Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and Indecency with a Child by Contact is a Second Degree Felony and the punishment range is 2-10 years. Each felony offense is subject to a potential fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The victim, now 21 years old, gave graphic details of the sexual abuse she endured from McIntyre between ages four to eight. She testified that McIntyre threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone of the sexual abuse.

Laurie English, 112th District Attorney, stated "A thorough investigation by the Pecos County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Rangers allowed us to successfully prosecute McIntyre on a cold case. This young woman's courageous testimony allowed the jury to hear and understand the trauma and terror she experienced while McIntyre sexually assaulted her."

A Victory For Texas Landowners

By Texas Comptroller Susan Combs

February 24, 2012, was an important day for Texas landowners, and for all Texans who care about property rights. On that day, the Supreme Court of Texas issued its opinion in a case called Edwards Aquifer Authority and the State of Texas v. Burrell Day and Joel McDaniel. The court spoke definitively to an issue of enormous importance to all landowners: their right to use the waters under their properties. As a fourth-generation West Texas rancher myself, I know full well how important that water can be, and what it would feel like if a government agency told you that you couldn't use the water under your own land.

But too often, that's just what happens. Conservation goals that could be accomplished with open communication and negotiation between agricultural producers and Texas' water districts are pursued by administrative edict instead. I've been concerned with this issue for a very long time. As a legislator in 1995, with the late Senator Teel Bivins, I wrote and passed the Texas Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act, a law that has been called "a basic charter for the protection of private real property rights in Texas." The act specifically defined real property as including groundwater rights — rights that shouldn't be taken away without just compensation.

When government regulations limit your ability to use your land as productively as you can, they've cut its value. And when they devalue your land, it's called a "taking." Article I of the Texas Constitution says it clearly:

"No person's property shall be taken, damaged, or destroyed for or applied to public use without adequate compensation being made."

It's a bedrock principle of our state. It was the issue before the Supreme Court in the Day case: "Whether land ownership includes an interest in groundwater in place that cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation" as guaranteed by the Constitution?

The Court looked at how the Edwards Aquifer Authority issues permits based on "the amount of beneficial use" a person's groundwater has been put to in the past. The Authority was using a "use it or lose it" approach to groundwater ownership based on regulations that say, in effect, that landowners can be deprived of nearly all use of their groundwater simply because they hadn't used it before.

That's why I was pleased to file an amicus brief in the case, and even more pleased to learn that the court had supported the landowners involved, concluding "a landowner cannot be deprived of all beneficial use of the groundwater below his property merely because he did not use it during an historical

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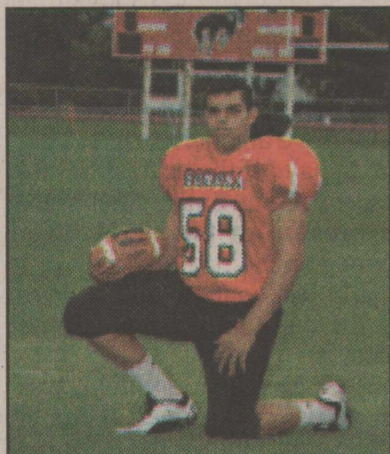
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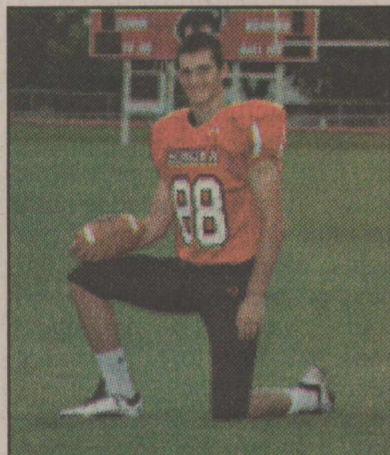


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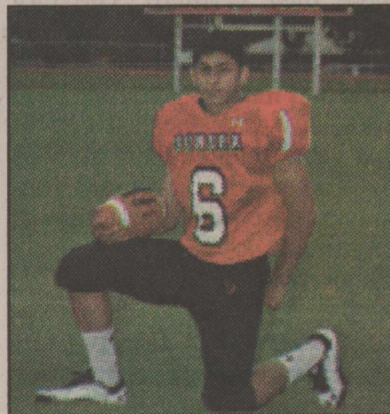
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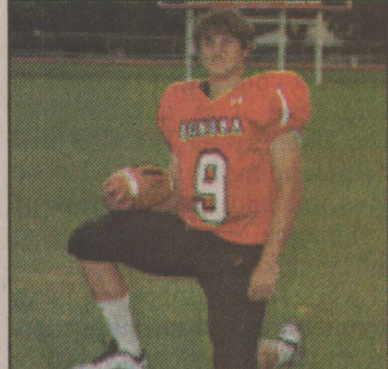
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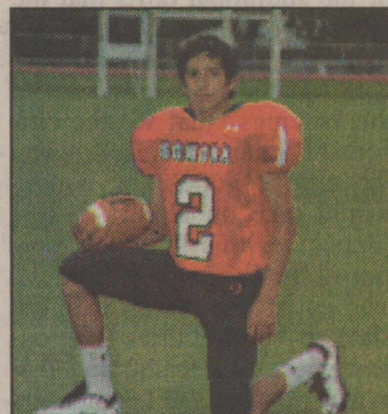
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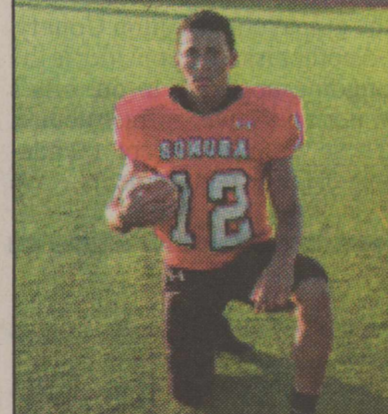
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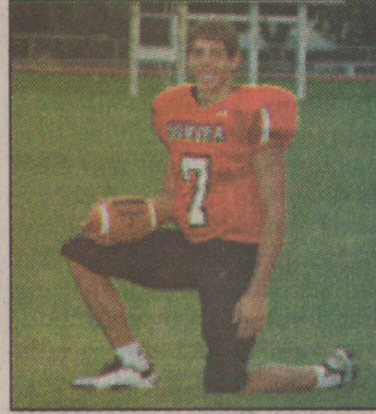
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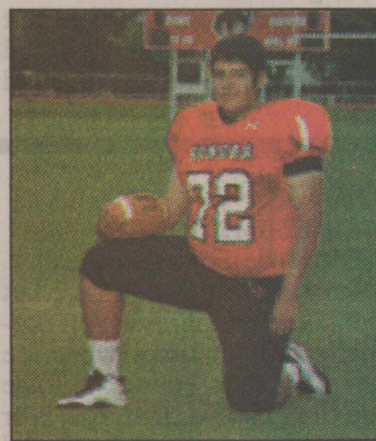
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Jesse Vaquera



1st Team All District Offense

Texas is the King of Exports

Submitted

In 2002, America was still waiting to find out if Ross would end up with Rachel at the end of "Friends," the first "Spider-Man" movie hit screens and an overpowering center named Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers to a second straight NBA title.

Here in Texas, the Lone Star State assumed the country's lead in exports; Ten years later, we haven't given it up. Our continued dominance in exporting reflects a part of the state's steady emergence as a national leader in the global

marketplace.

More than \$249.8 billion worth of exports were shipped through Texas in 2011, with a sizeable chunk of those originating right here in the Lone Star State. The year's totals represented a 20.7 percent increase over the \$206.9 billion worth of goods shipped from Texas in 2010, and bested by a wide margin the national increase of 15.8 percent.

Texas' exporting performance was largely powered by, but in no way limited to, industries producing petroleum and coal

products, chemicals, computer and electronic products, non-electrical machinery, and transportation equipment.

On a percentage basis, Texas exported more of its home-produced goods than the United States as a whole. Nearly 19 percent of Texas' economic output was exported in 2011, while the United States exported just 9.8 percent of its total output.

At the rate Texas is going, there's no reason to think the state will be giving up the export crown anytime soon.

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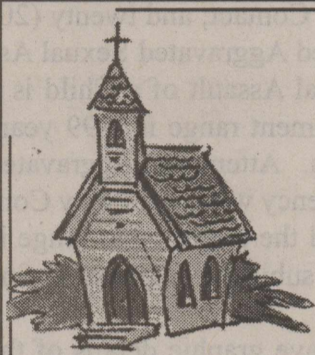
Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 1 - Work on Puzzle
 Fri. March 2 - Run Errands
 Mon. March 5 - Bingo
 Tues. March 6 - Work on Puzzle
 Wed. March 7 - Trax Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 1 - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, milk wheat roll, peas & carrots, strawberries
 Fri. March 2 - Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, milk Mandarin oranges w/topping
 Mon. March 5 - Spaghetti w/meatballs, wheat roll, spinach honey dew melon, milk
 Tues. March 6 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce pickles, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, milk
 Wed. March 7 - Roast pork, sweet potatoes, succotash, milk wheat roll, banana pudding

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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 304 N. Water
 387-3190

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 504 Santa Clara
 387-2035

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 11 E. Oak
 387-2951

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 387-2616

St. John's Episcopal Church
 404 E. Poplar
 387-2955

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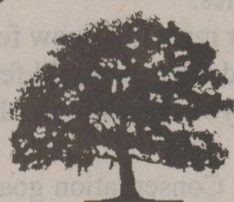
St. Ann's Catholic Church
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 306 W. 4th St
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is:

I have thought about writing this letter for quite a while. In reality, I have thought about this ever since I first heard that two individuals were talking about the disbanding or consolidating of the City of Sonora and its operations with the county. There are three things that bother me, two of them are personal, but need to be brought to the public's attention.

1) At the "Breast Cancer Awareness Fun Run" last year, these two individuals were providing hamburgers for all that participated in the event (I would like to thank them for supporting our community as representatives of the local Downtown Lions Club). After the event, I was asked by these individuals if I want to join a club that was concerned about Sonora. I asked what club that was, *out of respect of the readers of this letter; I will not give the name of the club.* They said it would be for those that want the best for Sonora and they thought I would be a great asset to it. At the time I thought they were joking and laughed it off. Well their current actions tell me they were serious and there is NO way I would join them. I do support Sonora. I do it through my community service and commitment to my home town. I have lived in Sonora since 1976. It is home to me and my family. I am very involved in my community having been a volunteer fireman and EMT for over 15 years, served two terms on the Chamber of Commerce (currently the President and served as president in my first term) and am currently on the planning and zoning committee for the City of Sonora. I do want what is best for my community but this "club" isn't the right thing to do. How long have these individuals been in Sonora and what is their real interest?

2) Let's save money? How? After reading the article in last week's DRN I decided to look into the issue myself. I asked those that would know the truth and have an insight to the politics involved in something like this. I was able to confirm the information presented in last week's article and I would like to expand on a few points mentioned in that article. Let's look at the facts that are not being shared with the petition that is currently going around Sonora. I have spoken with county officials as well as officials in Crockett County (the closest community does not have a city government). Crockett County's Road and Bridge and their General Fund Tax rate is .5298 per \$100 of taxable value and generates over \$10 million to run Ozona and Crockett County. Sutton County's Road and Bridge and General Fund

tax rate is .4295 per \$100 and generates \$3.4 million, while the City of Sonora's tax rate is .5394 per \$100 and generates \$671,000.00 for a total just over \$4 million. Simply put, Crockett County has more than 2.5 times the money to work with than Sonora does (because Crockett County has higher tax values).

Here are some services that we would lose because the county cannot legally provide them: Zoning - Property owners can put whatever they want on property that sits next to you. (You could have a chemical manufacturing plant right next door to you and there is nothing you can do about it.) Zoning regulates what can and cannot be placed inside city limits and in what parts of the city they can be placed or operated. Ordinances would go away. No animal ordinances, no noise ordinances, leash laws, curfews, etc. SEDC (Sonora Economic Development Corporation) would go away. This is funded by city sales tax, which would be abolished when the county consolidates or assumes the city. Main Street works under a city ordinance (no city, no ordinance) and it gets funding through the Hotel/Motel Taxes, which can be collected through a county, but there are many steps to go through to get it passed and then whether or not it could then be used to help fund it is questionable. The Hotel/Motel Tax also provides funding for the Ice House Museum and the Chamber of Commerce. The Ice House is the caretaker of Sonora's history while the Chamber is vital in maintaining and bringing tourists into our small community.

Without the city the county faces these additional costs (if they can afford to administer them): Additions to the Sheriff's Dept - \$300k, Senior Center - \$100K, Trax Van - \$7K, City Streets - estimated to be \$80K for annual sector maintenance (this is only a portion of the additional costs that the county would have to deal with if the city and county become consolidated). So let's add up the "savings" that we the citizens of Sonora will save when the city is gone. The county would take on almost \$500K (remember this is only a portion of the city responsibilities). The county has to provide the state required entities (law enforcement and roads) and that is nearly \$400K, not to mention the additional costs for the new employee count (in order to manage the now extinct city's resources). Where is the county going to come up with an extra \$400K or \$500K? Simply put, the taxpayers of Sutton County.

Another issue to consider is the ongoing upgrades to our city's water and sewer infrastructure. These upgrades were mandatory TCEQ requirements. We

had no choice but to spend money on these upgrades. In order to pay for the work, the City of Sonora had to take on some long term liability (loans) that we have to pay back. By law, the county cannot accept the city's debt, so what happens to this debt? It must be paid off. How? The citizens of Sonora (those who live in city limits) would be taxed until the debt is paid off. The tax would be set by determined by a person appointed by the District Court and would extend for a number of years until the debt is paid. So are we really saving any money? NO, those that live inside the city limits will have to pay an increased county tax to make up for the added expenses as well as a separate tax to pay off the water and sewer upgrades. The rates (water and sewer) we are currently paying are to pay off that infrastructure improvement, and are not higher because of the city's "mismanagement".

My last concern and honestly the one that bothers me the most is:

3) One of the individuals was an active city council member while distributing the petition. He was going around Sonora pushing this petition to have the city of Sonora disbanded and consolidated into the county to "Save Money". (Would that not be a conflict of interest?) Shouldn't he have been trying to help the City of Sonora instead of shutting it down?

Like I said in the beginning, the City has some problems, but we the citizens need to stick together and stand up for our rights. We need to be heard, instead of speaking behind closed doors. We need to ask questions, we need to be informed about the current status of our community; we need to make sure that our city representatives are looking out for us. It is time for a change, but the disbanding and consolidation with the county is not the answer.

Don't trust everything you hear or read, go find out for yourself. If you are curious, I spoke with the Crockett County Auditor, Crockett County Judge, Crockett County Road and Bridge Department, Sutton County Judges office and looked at public records. All of this information is available for the public to look at and hopefully question.

Sincerely,
Jody Luttrell

Dear Editor;

Good article on the movement to do away with city government. It is a complex issue that requires more study and a dispassionate dialogue.

As for your figures concerning the city's finances, where did the figures come from and were they verified? The city must have an audit, as per Texas Local Government Code Title 4 Finances Chapter 103, 180 days after the last day of last years budget. That audit is public record and should provide a more realistic picture of city finances. Thank you.

Lemuel D. Lopez

Letter to the Editor:

I read Ben Taylor's informative article about the City of Sonora's finances with great interest in last week's issue. I would like to make one minor correction. The Old Ice House Ranch Museum and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce do not receive any money from the city sales tax revenue. The Sutton County Historical Society, which operates the Ranch Museum along with the Mier's Home Museum, The Depot, the Amphitheater and the Archives, receives 20% of the Hotel-Motel tax revenue, which is paid almost exclusively by visitors to our city, with 40% of that revenue going to the Friends of Historic Sonora/Main Street organization and 40% to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Rex Ann Freiss
Sutton County
Historical Society
President

Dear Editor,

I regret to inform you that I tendered my resignation from my position as Sonora City Councilman Ward 1 last Friday, February 24 2012. I sense a tremendous amount of pressure on City leadership due to the loss of experienced professionals and the economic downturn contributing to budget woes. This loss of many well qualified staff coupled with five City managers in five or six years and a few mayors is not the recipe for a successful multi-million dollar enterprise.

For about the past two years, I have tried to reduce cost, slow the growth of government and voted against budgets that relied on savings. Our tax rate this year is the highest allowed by State law and I expect it to be increased next year.

I believe I have been quietly vilified by City leadership for attempting to bring some consolidation between City and County. In my view, this action would streamline our government, cut duplication and save money. Last week Devils River News reported about the consolidation effort. I concur, that the City is not yet in dire financial condition but many of our citizens are suffering. The article reported ".....The City....."currently has \$13 million in revenue \$7 million expenses which means that it has \$6 million dollars after debt is serviced." I pray that these numbers are correct so our water/sewer rates can be lowered. Please follow up with your source and check the accuracy of these figures.

I regret leaving office prematurely but the stress level is more than I wish to bear. I gave it my best and thanks for the confidence and support you gave to me. One last thought...Please consider consolidation with the County for the good of this great community. Go Big Red!

Frank C. Wamble

Dear Editor,

Can the citizens of Sonora continue to financially support a City and County government? Currently, the City and County are within 150 years of each other with many duplications in duties costing the City citizens, both City as well as County Taxes. Duplication exists in law enforcement, administration, maintenance, roads and grounds, energy costs, recreational facilities, telecommunications, facilities, insurance, engineering and vehicle fleet.

Below you will find the 2011 property tax rate for our area as well as our neighbors in Ozona. I have included our rates for 2008 as an illustration of the increased burden in addition to, the existing high water/utility rates on plaguing our citizens.

Sonora resident property tax rate (2011) \$2.26/\$100, (2008) \$180/\$100. Sutton County resident tax rate (2011)\$1.71/\$100, (2008) \$135/\$100. Ozona taxes (2011) \$1.58/100.

Sonora citizens pay property tax to the county but receive no funding from the County thus the difference in tax rates.

Water, sewer, trash is not included in any tax figures and is billed separately. Your utility bill funds can only be used to support water, sewer and trash operations and cannot be commingled with the 2 million dollar General Fund Budget.

Sources of City revenue for General fund use generally fall into three categories: sales tax, property tax, and franchise tax. (No minerals). Water, Sewer and Trash is an Enterprise Fund and used only to fund water, sewer and trash expenditure and infrastructure enhancements.

All Sonora/Sutton County taxes continue to rise and sales tax revenue continue to fall requiring a greater burden on the citizen particularly those in the City. When we look at the taxes we find the 3,000 city citizens pay an inordinate proportion of their income (\$2.5 million in property taxes) to live within in the city. While the 1000 county residents enjoy lower tax rate burden yet enjoy all city amenities without cost. For example the city funds the airport, golf course, parks, pool, Museums, Eaton Hill, Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Economic Development, Street Lights, City streets and alleys and supplies water, sewer, and trash outside the city limits, and fire protection for the entire county.

What can be done to lower our tax burden?

Frank C Wamble

Michael Ramirez

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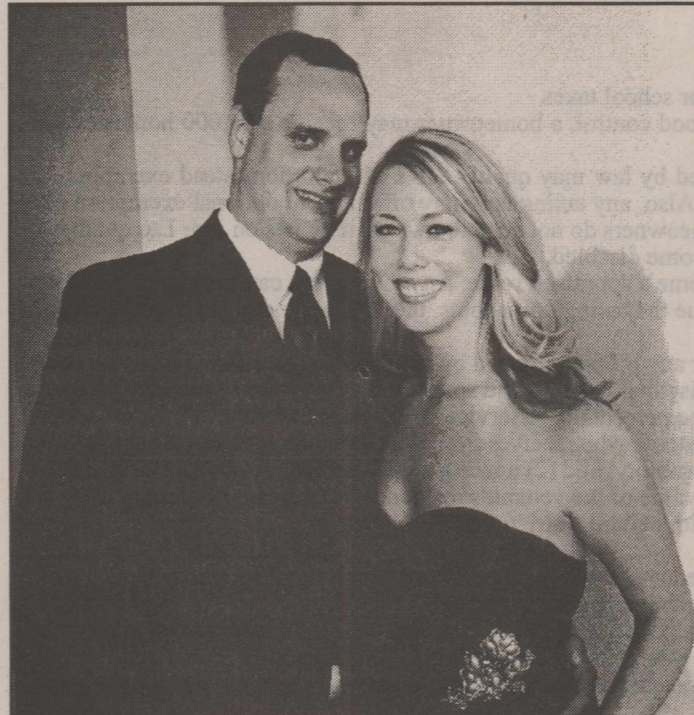
Gulley ~ Kelly Engagement



Mr. Oscar Galindo (Iraan, Tx.) and Ms. Bobbi Williams (Ozona, Tx) are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Ashley Kelly to Caleb Jamen Gulley the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gulley (Sonora, TX).

Brooke and Caleb will marry April 7, 2012 in San Angelo, TX. Brooke graduated from Ozona High School in 2008 and completed her education at Howard College in San Angelo. She is now employed at National-Oilwell Varco in San Angelo, TX. Caleb graduated from Sonora High School in 2003 and graduated from Angelo State University. He is employed by Family Power Sports in San Angelo, Tx.

Dempsey ~ Pierce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Arnold Pierce of Sour Lake, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jessica Pierce, to Curt Dempsey, son of Ms. Claudia Dempsey of Sonora, Texas. Miss Pierce is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Texas State University. Mr. Dempsey is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed at DCS Engineering as a Civil Engineer in Austin, Texas. The happy couple plan to exchange vows this May in Austin at Central Christian Church.

We, the family of Josephina (Jazie) M. Santos, would like to express our heart-felt appreciation to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives for the great amount of love and support shown to us during our sister's illness and at the time of her passing.

A very sincere thank you to all for the home visits, cards, food and the daily and weekly calls. Thank you to the Guadalupeños for all their help and for all of the prayers offered for her and for our family.

Thank you to Father Lionel and to the choir for the beautiful mass. A special thank you to Patsy Samaniego, Beatrice Artiga and Doris Fuentez who san as per my sister's request. Thank you to the ladies who helped with the rosary.

We are extremely grateful and appreciative of each and everyone. We ask for God's blessings and his peace for all.

Sincerely,
Santos Family

I would like to express my appreciation to Oscar Chavez of the Sonora Sheriff's Department and Jackie Thomas and Carl Johnson of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for their rapid response last Wednesday, when unfortunately, the pickup I was in caught fire. It is good to know that we have dedicated people willing to serve others when in need. The second part of this letter is to remind everyone how easy it is for the hot undercarriage on any vehicle to start a fire.

Sincerely,
Gary Hardgrave

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Bridal Selections


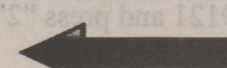

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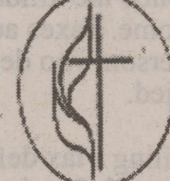
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6:00 p.m. Community Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth (St. John's Sunday House)

Special Events

Potluck Lunch Sun., Feb 12 following worship
Ash Wednesday Service Wed., Feb 22 @ 6:00 pm

*You can hear our worship service each Sunday morning @ 11:00 am on KHOS 92.1FM
Check us out @ faithbreaksonora.wordpress.com*

F.Y.I.

Sutton County Friends of NRA Pre-event raffle is underway! Tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 10 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at Buck N Bass/Sonora Air Cooled Engines, by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 206-0454 or by contacting any committee member. The winning ticket will be drawn during our 5th Annual Auction/Banquet, Saturday, September 15, 2012. Your support is appreciated!

Car Seat Available! Contact Araceli Perez at 325-387-2234 for more information.


Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo registration deadline is April 30, 2012. Contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust for FMI.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.


Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

Sonora Lions are ready to sponsor our youth who are disabled or who have TYPE 1 diabetes to attend a 1 week camp. For more information contact Col. Pete Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Lion. Further information on all Lions Camps is online @ Texas Lions Camp. Camp dates are in June for disabled and July diabetes.

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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Comptroller's Office Encourages Homeowners to Take Advantage of Homestead Exemptions

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2012 may find some relief by filing a homestead exemption. Homestead exemptions are offered by counties, cities, school districts and other local taxing units.

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Sutton County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- **School taxes:** All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes
- **County taxes:** If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax
- **Age and disability exemptions:** Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for these special homestead exemptions. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.
- **Taxing units may offer a local option exemption** based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.
- **Partial disabled veteran exemptions:** The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.
- **100% Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans:** A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions.

Recently passed legislation now requires homeowners to provide proof of residency for a new property tax exemption beginning Sept. 1, 2011. This new requirement does not apply to homeowners who already have homestead exemptions. For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E Oak St., Ste. 2, Sonora, Texas 76950 (325) 387-2809. Or contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and the press "1" to contact the Information Services Team. The homestead exemption application is available online at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf.

Property Taxes Relief is Available to Elderly or Disabled Homeowners

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the Sutton county Appraisal District Office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

Filing a tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homestead because of delinquent property taxes. Filing a tax deferral affidavit will also halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed. No penalties will be assessed on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due amount.

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Disabled Veterans May Qualify to Have Some of Their Property Taxes Waived

Veterans with a service-connected disability are encouraged to file an exemption form to have their 2012 property taxes lowered. Some veterans may qualify for a 100 percent exemption of their taxes under the law.

The law provides **parial exemptions** for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption -- frp, a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption should apply before May 1, 2012. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan. 1, 2012. The applicant must also be a Texas resident to qualify.

A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service - connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

For more information about the property tax exemption for disabled veterans or to file an exemption, contact the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E Oak St., Ste. 2, Sonora, Texas 76950 (325) 387-2809. More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

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Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 16.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 16 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

LOCAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE GOES HERE

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

300 E. OAK ST., SUITE 2
SONORA, TEXAS 76950
(325) 387-2809

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

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Or find us online at: <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax>



A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

Variedad de exenciones contributivas residenciales podrían reducir los impuestos de la propiedad

Una exención contributiva residencial reduce los impuestos de la propiedad al disminuir el valor de la misma. Si su residencia está valorada en \$50,000 y recibe una exención de \$15,000, la residencia pagará los impuestos de una residencia valorada en \$35,000.

¿Quién cumple con los requisitos para las exenciones disponibles?

Cualquier persona que es el dueño de una propiedad el 1ero de enero y la utiliza como residencia principal en esa misma fecha tiene derecho a la exención contributiva residencial de \$15,000 para reducir los impuestos escolares a pagar. No importa si la residencia es una casa, un condominio o una casa móvil. Los condados, ciudades y distritos imponibles especiales también pueden ofrecer exenciones contributivas residenciales.

¿Existe alguna otra exención?

Si usted es discapacitado o tiene 65 o más tiene derecho a una exención contributiva escolar adicional de \$10,000 para la residencia. Y, si cumple con los requisitos para exención por la edad de 65 o más, o es discapacitado tiene derecho a una cifra de impuestos congelada al llegar a cierto punto específico y permanente de impuestos escolares por la propiedad. El condado, la ciudad o universidad comunitaria pueden también congelar el límite de impuestos a pagar para las personas de 65 años o más y los discapacitados. Los límites de los impuestos escolares para las personas de 65 años o más son transferidos al cónyuge sobreviviente si el sobreviviente tiene 55 años o más al momento del deceso, es el propietario y reside en la propiedad. Los propietarios residenciales de 65 o más, o el cónyuge sobreviviente, puede transferir a una nueva residencia el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado y basado en el impuesto congelado.

Si es usted un veterano discapacitado quien recibe de la Administración de Veteranos (VA, por sus siglas en inglés) (1) 100 por ciento del beneficio por discapacidad relacionado al servicio militar o (2) VA determinó que no puede desempeñar ningún oficio, tiene derecho a recibir una exención contributiva para la residencia del valor tasado total.

¿Debo solicitar la exención anualmente?

No. Si usted recibió la exención residencial de la propiedad en 2011 no es necesario solicitar nuevamente a menos que el jefe de tasaciones así exige. Por otro lado, si usted no ha recibido la exención en la residencia actual o se mudó a una nueva residencia en 2011 debe solicitar la exención para 2012. En caso de cumplir 65 durante este año, tiene tiempo para solicitar la exención por edad de 65 o más hasta un año después de la fecha exacta de nacimiento. Y, si sufre de discapacidad puede solicitar la exención para personas con discapacidades.

¿Dónde y cuándo debo solicitar la exención?

Debe solicitar antes del 1ero de mayo en la oficina del distrito de tasaciones. De ser el caso de que necesita tiempo adicional, contáctenos en:

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

300 E. OAK ST., SUITE 2
SONORA, TEXAS 76950
(325) 387-2809

Envíe un e-mail a: ptad.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us

Escriba a:

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Visite: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/



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Oil & Agribusiness

Continued from Front Page: Victory for Landowners

Extension Office To Offer Pesticide Applicator Training Course

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent



With Spring not far away, some of us begin thinking about ways to control unwanted vegetation. However, you should know that some chemicals are designated general-use pesticides and can be purchased "over-the-counter" while others are restricted-use pesticides and require a pesticide applicator license. So, if you've considered acquiring an applicator license, here are some things you should know.

Private applicator license are required in order to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides in the production of agricultural commodities. Applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units (C.E.U.s) every five years, including a minimum of two C.E.U.s in laws and regulations and two in integrated pest management (IPM).

Commercial licenses are required to use or supervise the use of restricted or state-limited pesticides or regulated herbicides, for hire or compensation, on the land of another person. An individual that is not a licensed commercial pesticide applicator, certified private applicator, or structural pest control applicator, but intends to apply restricted use pesticides in the performance of his or her job duties (e.g. government entities such as state, county, or city) must be licensed as a noncommercial pesticide applicator. Both commercial and non-commercial licensees must obtain five C.E.U.s annually, including at least one C.E.U. each in two of these three topics: laws and regulations, integrated pest management, and drift minimization.

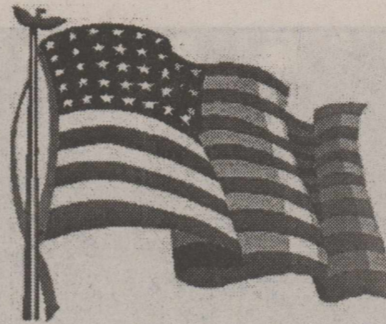
With that in mind, if you are interested in acquiring a license, please contact your local County Extension Office at 387-3101. We will be offering a training course on March 26th at the Sutton County Civic Center. We will also provide take-home study material and have a "refresher" session on April 9th. Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer testing that afternoon. Register by March 20th so that study manuals can be ordered for you. Cost is \$50 and includes manuals and training. Contact us at 387-3101 if you have need for additional details.

period." Now the Supreme Court has set it in stone: you have an ownership interest to the water under your land, just as you do oil or gas. And if state or local authorities want to interfere with your constitutionally protected rights, they have to pay you for it.

This opinion was critical to ensuring the stability of land titles and market value of lands and to the continued sustainability of investments made by communities across the state in acquiring groundwater rights from landowners to support the water supply needs of their growing economies.

As Texas' population

growth continues its break-neck pace, greater demands inevitably will be placed on our precious water resources. These will have to be managed wisely and well through a shared responsibility. But if we ignore private property rights, we've lost a fundamental part of what makes Texas what it is.



Main Street Traffic

By: Bill Hodges

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to invite everyone to bring their children to the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 7, 2012. The hunt will be held at 10:30 am on Main Street.

Games and activities for the children will also be provided. There will be lunch served starting at 11:30 including hamburgers, hotdogs, etc., and also a raffle will be held. Tickets for the raffle are to be sold at \$5.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets.

Grand prize will be a dinner for four at Lake Amistad's Hookers One Stop, a half day guided fishing tour on Lake Amistad for two courtesy of Jensen's Guide Service, and a one night stay at Ruthie's Rentals on Lake Amistad.

Other prizes will be offered as well.

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BRONCO SPORTS

Lady Bronco Golf Places In Ft. Stockton



On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, the Sonora High School Girls golf team traveled to Ft. Stockton to compete in their invitational golf tournament. Play started bright and early on a cool morning, with the girls playing on some of the fastest greens around. At the completion of day one, the Lady Broncos had thrown a scare into the defending State 3A Champion Andrews by trailing them by only 5 strokes. Saturday the round was welcomed by some very heavy wind gusts, thus the scores were not as good as they were on Friday. Never the less, the Lady Bronco golf team (334-352-687) could not overcome the experience of the Lady Mustangs from Andrews (334-330-659) and brought home the 2nd place trophy. Placing third was Monahans (345-357-702). Other teams playing were Pecos (707), Midland Christian (713), Alpine (945), el Paso Riverside (962), Midland Lee (803), Monahans B (845), Ft. Stockton (872), Odessa Permian A (773), El Paso Ysleta (976), Permian B (821), and Sierra Blanca (1030). Out of the 75 golfers, Sonora's Elizabeth Chavarria (79-82-161) placed as second medalist and Madison Myers (81-83-164) tied for 4th medalist. Other Lady Broncos to compete were Sidney Dermody (85-89-174), Logan Smith (89-99-188), and Ali Castro (99-ns). The first place medalist was Christian Curnutte (74-77-151) from Midland Christian. A job very well done by the Lady Bronco Golf team. Next action for the Sonora Golf teams will be on Thursday, March 1, when the boys travel to San Saba and the girls will play at the Fredericksburg Invitational in Kerrville at the Schreiner golf course.



Lady Bronco Junction Relays



Photo By Nancy Glasscock

Finals Results:
 4X100 Relay:
 3rd Place- 52.81
 Macie Friess, Abby Nolen, Gracie Dozier, Avery Nolen.
 4X200 Relay:
 3Rd Place- 1:55.1
 Macie Friess, Abby Nolen, Melissa Freeman, Gracie Dozier.
 4X400 Relay:
 4Th Place- 4:35
 Abby Nolen, Melissa Freeman, Kelsey Favila, Avery Nolen.
 Jv 5Th Place- 5:07
 Valeria Ramirez, Abigail Garcia, Naomie Dozier, Jesi Telles.
 100 M Hurdles:
 2Nd Place- Kelsey Favila- 17.6.
 100 M Dash:
 Jv- 4Th Place- Selena Trevino- 14.4.
 200 M Dash:
 1St Place- Avery Nolen- 27.5
 Jv 6Th Place- Selena Trevino- 32.2.
 300 M Hurdles:
 7Th Place- Kelsey Favila- 54.0.
 400M Dash:
 2Nd Place- Jomayra Gutierrez- 1:06.2
 Jv 4Th Place- Valeria Ramirez- 1:12.5.
 1600 M Run:
 7Th Place- Clarissa Hernandez- 6:17
 Jv 7Th Place- Jesi Telles- 7:05.
 3200 M Run:
 7Th Place- Clarissa Hernandez-
 8Th Place- Kory Humphrey
 10Th Place- Megan Yourgalite.
 Pole Vault:
 1St Place- Kelsey Favila- 9'6"
 7Th Place- Logan Sine- 6'6".
 Triple Jump:
 Jv 3Rd Place- Selena Trevino- 28'1".
 Shot Put:
 Jv 2Nd Place- Brandi Wright- 26'7".

Lady Broncos Placed 5Th As A Team!!!!

Lady Broncos Basketball Excel in Classroom

The Sonora Lady Broncos had a great season by reaching the 20 win plateau and even achieved greater success in the classroom. Nine (9) Sonora Lady Broncos played at least 25 games this year and nine (9) Lady Broncos made district 7 – 2A ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT team. (District 7 – 2A athletic all district teams will be announced when all 7-2A district teams are finished participating in UIL state tournament.)

2011-2012 Sonora Lady Bronco Basketball Academic All District Team

- #1 - Sophomore Kylie Love
- #2 - Sophomore Macie Friess
- #3 - Junior Paige Sykes
- #4 - Freshman Gracie Dozier
- #5 - Junior Avery Nolen
- #10 - Junior Jaye Sanchez
- #11 - Sophomore Logan Smith
- #22 - Senior Brianah Creek
- #23 - Junior Abby Creek

Senior Brianah Creek was also named to Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Academic All State Honorable Mention Team.

Tennis Team Competes at Fort Stockton

The Sonora High School Tennis Team competed in Fort Stockton on February 24 and 25. This was the first tournament of the year due to rain in Reagan County the week before. The Fort Stockton tournament is a flighted team tournament in which athletes play singles on Friday and then play doubles on Saturday. The tournament included teams from Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Hereford, Pecos, Ozona, and Reagan County. In flight number one of the girls doubles the Sonora doubles team of Brianah Creek and Hunter Jennings rebounded from a loss in the semifinals to defeat a tough team from Hereford 6-4, 6-1 to win the third place medals. Jennings playing in flight two on Friday also brought home a third place medal in singles. In boys' singles, Marcos Quiroz won consolation in flight two. Also competing were Davis Jimenez, Phillip Stephens, Christian Kenney, Lionel DeLeon, Luis Hernandez, Alex Solis, Tanner Esparza, Micaela Moore, Adrianna Faz, Gracie Dozier, Halle Samaniego, and Julissa Esquivel. The tennis team will next compete at regional team tennis in San Angelo on March 2nd and 3rd.



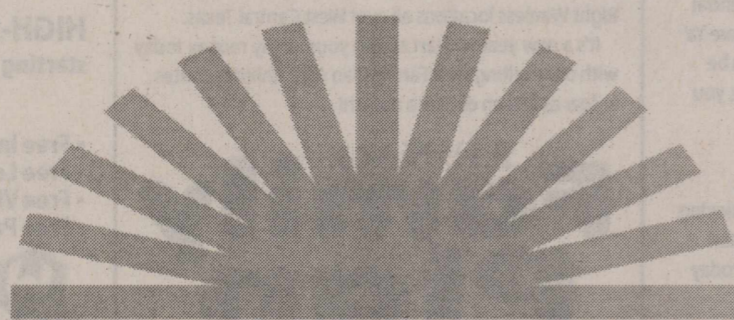
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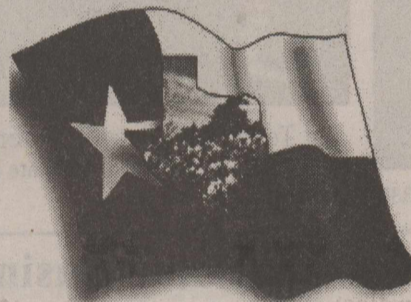
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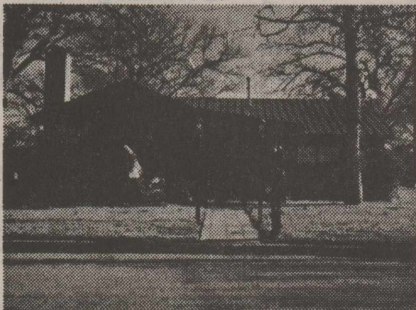
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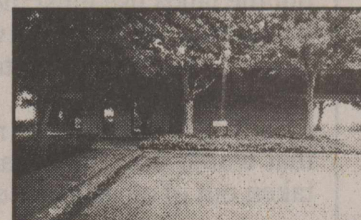
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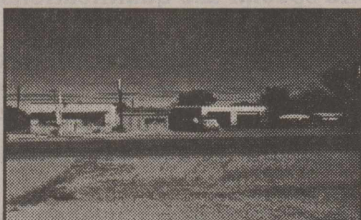
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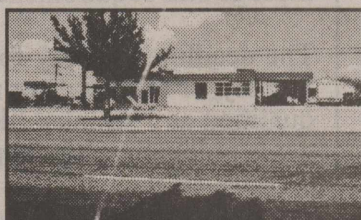
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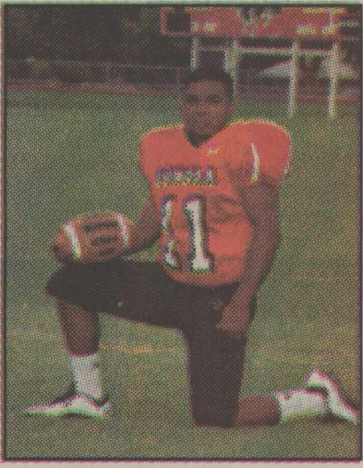
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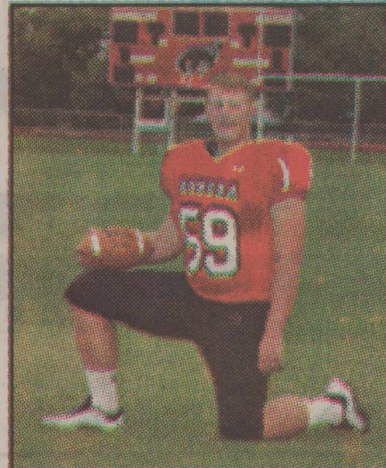
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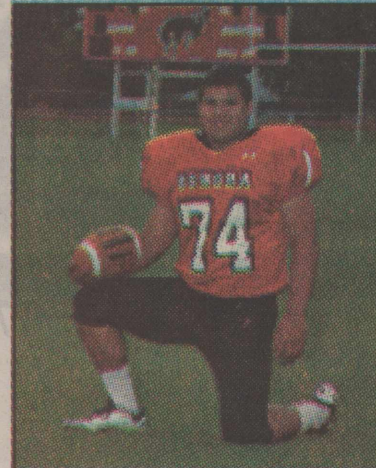
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BASE/SOFT/T-BALL SIGN UP!

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its BASE/SOFT/T-BALL League program for 2012. Any students interested in playing please fill out an enrollment form at the Sonora Middle School Big Gym on March 2 or March 5; 6:00—7:30 pm. BRING A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

The cost will be Tee ball, Minors, Majors=\$45 per player. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child may participate. The following deadlines will be final for enrollment! LATE SIGN UP \$25.00 fee plus Player \$45 fee!!
March 8, 2012

Minor Baseball Try Outs at 6:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park Center Field.
Major Baseball Try Outs at 7:00 P.M. – Sutton County Park Center Field.

Minor Softball at the Sutton County Park Slab at 6:00 P.M.
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T-Ball registrations at the Sutton County Park Slab at 6:30 P.M.

Any questions please contact President, Jesse Garza at (325)226-3898 or Vice-President, Michael Ramirez at (325)650-1454

Baseball-Softball Age Groups
T-ball & Baseball Age of player on April 30, 2012, MUST BE 4 years old by 04/30/2012

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

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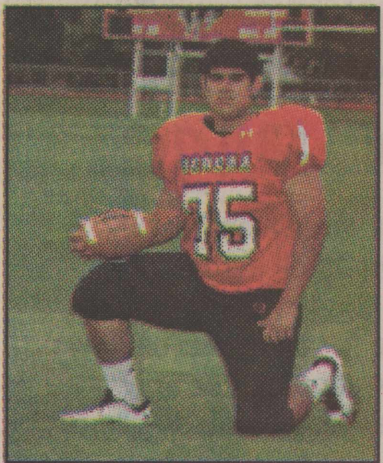
Major Division Baseball is for boys ages 10-12.

Softball - Age of girl on January 1, 2012

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

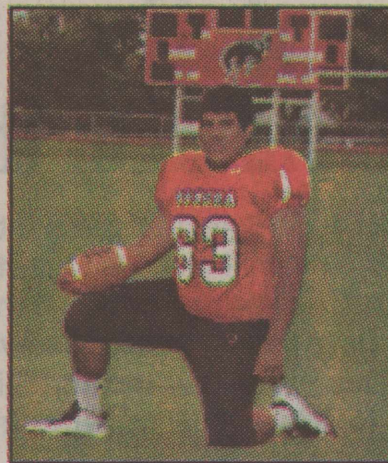
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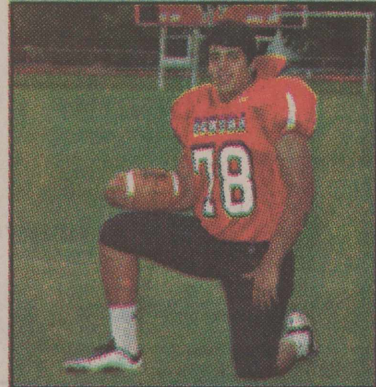
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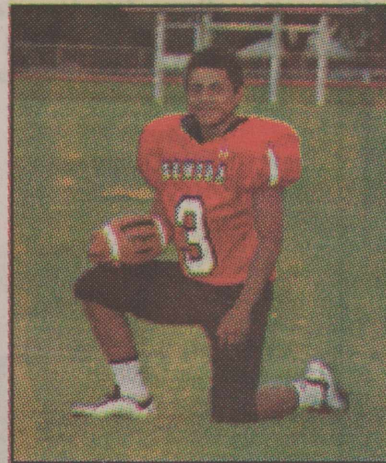
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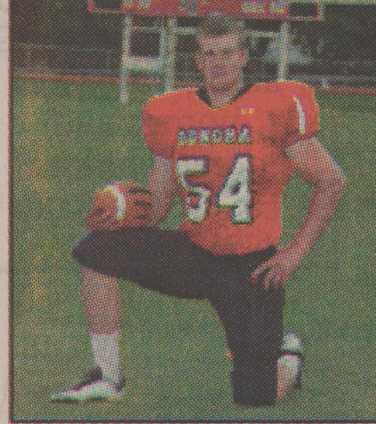
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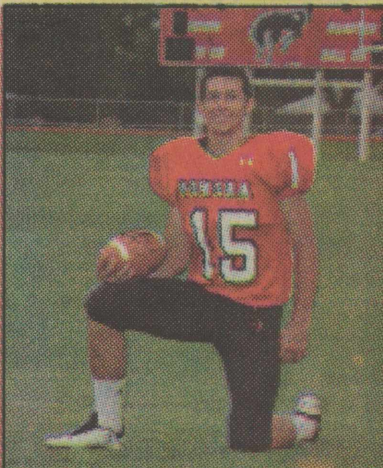
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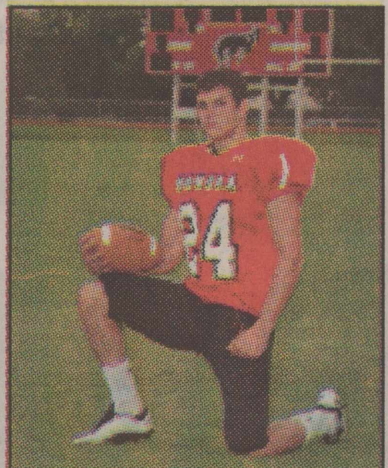
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Non-Profits and Some Businesses Face April 30 Deadline to File for Property Tax Exemptions

For non-profit organizations to receive property tax exemptions, they must apply to the Sutton County Appraisal District no later than April 30.

The April 30 deadline also applies to businesses receiving tax abatements granted by taxing units, to firms shipping inventory out of Texas and may be eligible for the "freeport" exemption on certain goods in transit for certain property stored in warehouses having moved within 175 days, and to businesses acquiring pollution control property. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day.

The non-profit organizations that are eligible for property tax exemptions include but are not limited to: certain charitable organizations, youth development organizations, religious organizations, non-profit private schools, cemeteries and veterans' organizations. If a non-profit organization meets property tax exemption qualifications, the exemption can be approved immediately after the organization buys or acquires new property during the year.

Non-profit organizations must reapply if the property changes owners, if their qualifications for exemption change or if they acquire new property. In most cases, after non-profit organizations are granted a property tax exemption they do not have to reapply annually unless the chief appraiser asks them to file again.

Property owners with mineral property or business person property worth less than \$500 are exempt from property taxes. No exemption application is required.

For more information about property tax exemptions that are available to businesses and non-profit organizations contact SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 300 E. OAK ST., STE 2, SONORA, TEXAS 76950 (325)387-2809 before April 30. Details are also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division. Visit the Property Tax website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/protax/ or call (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

Productivity Appraisal Reduces Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the Sutton County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most land owners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal.

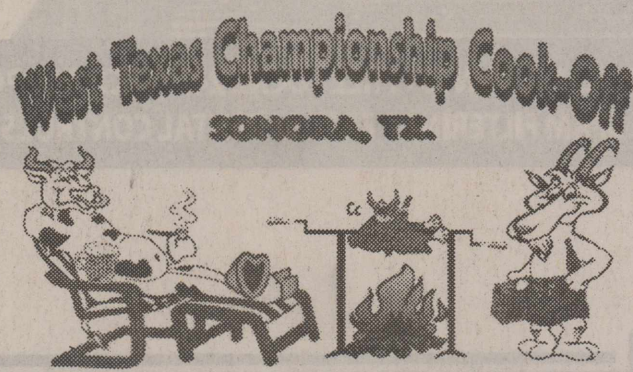
Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a land owner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1 are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change.

Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use qualifications.

The deadline to apply for productivity appraisal is April 30. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Sutton County Appraisal District at 300 E. Oak St., Ste 2, Sonora, Texas 76950 (325)387-2809. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/protax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.



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