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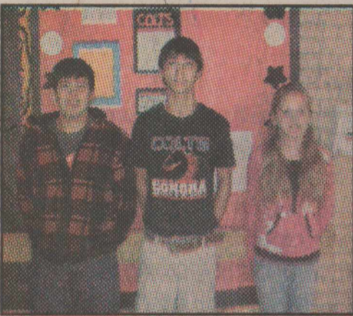
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## Girl Scouts Celebrate 100th Anniversary



Submitted

2012 is the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America, and Sonora's own Central Texas Girl Scouts Troop #5263 enjoyed a few festivities as well. Sonora's Girls kicked off their Spring Break by sharing a few games and cupcakes on March 12, 2012, which is the exact Girl Scout anniversary,

but the real treat came on the following Monday, when the girls were presented with a 100th Anniversary Banner created by Sonora High School Art Classes! There to present the banner was Mrs. Karen Roach, Sonora High School's Art Teacher, as well as Colonel Pete Bradley, who was representing the Sonora Lions Club.

Sonora Girl Scouts would like to thank Mrs. Roach and her students for all their hard work, the Sonora Lions Club for the wonderful support they continuously provide, and the community of Sonora for cheering them on! Go Girl Scouts!

## Sonora's Iron Faced Buildings



Circa 1920 photo of East Main Street in Sonora, TX. At right and center are Mesker Brothers facades that survive to this day. Visible at far right is the edge of the building from the blueprint in the Ruffini Collection. Image courtesy of the Sutton County Historical Society.

By David Smith, Sutton County Historical Society

The Historical Society received an email a few weeks ago that gave us an opportunity to focus on an interesting part of Sonora's History. The email was from Darius Bryjka, an architectural historical consultant from Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Bryjka is doing research about the Mesker Brothers Iron Works of St. Louis, Missouri, which was one of the principal manufacturers of sheet metal and cast iron building facades that was a popular and inexpensive way to give an impressive store front appearance to an otherwise ordinary building in use in the years before and after 1900.

Mr. Bryjka had come across the Oscar Ruffini blueprints for two such buildings in Sonora in the archives of the Texas State Library in Austin. He wanted to know if any of them were still in existence.

Mr Ruffini was the architect for our Courthouse, erecting in 1891-93 and apparently assisted Mr. Ed. Jackson, the first President of The First National Bank, in planning the rebuilding that took place after the devastating downtown fire of September, 1902.

Our work with Mr Bryjka revealed that Sonora had at least 9 Mesker iron front buildings. They included the Fred Koenig or Craddock Building, located about where the Sonora Abstract is now located and a bank building next door that subsequently became, among other things, the Bank Saloon. The Craddock is said to have leaned somewhat in its later years as a result of the explosion that was a part of the 1902 fire. On the other side of the street there were, at one time, seven Mesker fronts beginning with what we now call the Mercantile Building and continuing down the street.

The iron fronts still exist on the Mercantile and on the next two buildings after the newspaper office, 224 and 226 E. Main. The only missing component on the Mercantile is a triangular cornice pediment with the owner's name and year of construction. At 226 E. Main only most of the top half remains and at 224, the former First National Bank, a half-circular pediment is missing from the top center. The slow disappearance of the other iron fronts can be traced through various Historical Society photographs.

For more information and photographs of Sonora's Meskers, go to <http://meskerbrothers.wordpress.com/2012/03/12/ruffini-mesker-pt-1-sonora/> and enjoy Mr. Bryjka's full article and numerous photographs provided by the Historical



Front Row Kneeling Left to Right: Evan Shannon, Dylan Taylor, Daniel Gonzales, and Blayze Sykes. Back Row Standing Left to Right: Jalen Lopez, Slade Dermody, Brian Van Winkle, Wilson Johnson and Brandon Martinez. 2012 Jason Block Memorial Tournament Champions.

## Sonora Broncos 11U Baseball Team Wins

The Jason Block Memorial Tournament ... Again!

By Brady Johnson

The Sonora Bronco 11u baseball team defended its 2011 title from a year ago at the inaugural Jason Block Memorial Tournament by winning all 5 games on Saturday and Sunday to take the 2012 Championship.

This year's play format featured 9 teams from San Angelo, Wall, Greenwood, Midland and Sonora in 3 pools of 3 teams. The pool play results were used to seed a single elimination, 9-team tournament bracket for Sunday. In Saturday's pool play the Broncos defeated the Mud Hens in a tough game 13 - 8. This game featured great play by all including a towering, out-of-the-park homerun by Brandon Martinez. Our second game on Saturday was with the Knights. The Broncos wasted no time jumping on the Knights with plenty of early offense and strong pitching from Jalen Lopez to win the game 11 - 3 and finish undefeated in pool play.

Sunday's bracket play started with the Broncos taking on the Iron Birds at 11:00 a.m. in the quarter finals. The Broncos were all business with Blayze Sykes on the mound as he and the boys shutout the Birds 10 - 0. Our semifinal opponent at 3:00 p.m. was the Greenwood Rangers. The Rangers knocked off the undefeated San Angelo Rams in their quarter final game and proved to be a well-coached, tough team. The Broncos trailed in the early innings before their bats heated up and ended up with the 9 - 5 win to earn their ticket to the championship game versus a familiar opponent, the Wall Mud Hens. This game showcased outstanding pitching and great defense. The score was 1 - 1 after the first inning and 3 - 1 Broncos after the 2nd inning. The Broncos broke the game open in the 3rd inning with an inside the park homerun by Wilson Johnson along with timely hitting from all. Brian Van Winkle came in and closed the door on Hens, pitching the last two innings as the boys won the Championship 10 - 3. Barbara Block, mother of Jason Block, congratulated each of the boys and awarded the individual medals and Championship trophy. After the awards presentation the Bronco boys and coaches walked to the left field fence and delivered an autographed game ball to Clayton Taylor, father of Dylan, who weathered wind, cold, dust and sun to cheer on the team for all 5 games.

It was an extremely successful weekend and the Wall community turned out in a big way to make this tournament special and we were glad to have been included. Special thanks to coaches Tommy Van Winkle, John Lopez, Blayze Sykes, Dean Dermody, Frankie Gonzales and Brady Johnson for all your efforts. This tournament is now an annual event and hopefully Sonora will always have a team and coaches willing to participate. Thank You, Wall America!

### Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. March 22 - Happy Birthday, *Rita Lopez*
- Fri. March 23 - Birthday Cake for March Birthdays
- Mon. March 26 - Happy Birthday, *Nancy Hill*  
*Elida Castro Maria*
- Tues. March 27 - Happy Birthday, *Julia Reynoso*  
*John Tedford*
- Wed. March 28 - Happy Birthday, *Juan Garza*

### Senior Center Menu

- Thurs. March 22 - Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, milk mixed vegetables, wheat roll, angel food cake
- Fri. March 23 - Fish, steamed rice, buttered carrots, milk broccoli raisin salad, wheat roll, pineapple
- Mon. March 26 - Chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream peas & carrots, strawberries w/topping, milk
- Tues. March 27 - Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, milk breadsticks, mixed vegetables, apple crisp
- Wed. March 28 - Beef paprikash, mashed potatoes, milk seasoned broccoli, cantaloupe, honey bran bars

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

## Mary Culvahouse Lawson



Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend Mary Culvahouse Lawson went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 13, 2012 at the Hospice House of Odessa, Texas. Mary was born June 1, 1939, in Royalty, Texas to James Sewell and Eula Mae Culvahouse. Mary was 7 of 8 children. She was raised in Kermit, Texas. She married the love of her life, Don Lawson on January 30, 1958. She spent the majority of her years supporting, caring for and mothering all of her loved ones. Mary enjoyed nothing more than to take care of everyone around her, especially her grandchildren, who held a very special part of her heart. She worked at Bealls department store for many years where she enjoyed interacting with all the customers. She was remarkably strong in the last few years of her life where she battled a number of health issues.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, James and Eula Culvahouse, her brother and sisters; Dorothy Phillips, Eugene Culvahouse, and Lucille Granbery. She is survived by her husband, Don Lawson, of Odessa, Texas. Her two sons, Jack Lawson of Odessa, Texas, and Dan and wife Susan Lawson of Fulshear, Texas. She also dearly loved and mothered her "chosen" children, Prissy Pollet and sons, Jason and Scott Weaver of Rockford, Alabama and Billy Bob Galberth of San Angelo, Texas. And of course her special babies; her grandchildren, Heather Cearley and husband Cole, Hillary Lawson, and Hunter Lawson, all of Sonora, Texas, and Danali Lawson of Waco, Texas and one great-granddaughter, Lynden Cearley of Sonora, Texas. She is also survived by many brothers and sisters including Bill Culvahouse, and wife Alice, of Brownfield, Texas, Wayne Culvahouse, and wife El Wanda, of Midland, Texas, Florence Norwood, of Odessa, Texas, Beverly St. Germain and husband J.J., of Alamogordo, New Mexico. She also had many other special nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family would also like to express a special thank you to Voila Laura for not only styling her hair but sharing God's Love with her for thirty plus years. The family would also like to express additional thanks to Dr. Alim Ladha, the neurosurgeon and his staff at Odessa Medical Center that took amazing care of Mary and her family.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral service were held Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at [www.sunsetodessa.com](http://www.sunsetodessa.com).

### Letter to the Editor

We taxpayers of Sonora appreciate the recent effort to let the citizens decide whether governmental consolidation is in their best interest. I regret the petition failed and pray we continue to pursue letting Sonora citizens decide their future. A word to Sutton County taxing entities....Tighten your belts and refrain from raising taxes.

Cherri Covey

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# Gonzales Earns Degree at ASU



Jennifer Gonzales graduated from Angelo State University on December 10, 2011 where she earned her Bachelors of Business Administration in Management and a minor in Professional Writing. At ASU, Jennifer travelled to Italy and Greece on a month long study abroad program, was a member of the International Co-ed Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, and earned Dean's List honors every year. A native of Sonora, Texas, Jennifer graduated from Sonora High School in 2007. She plans on furthering her education in the future after she has gained work experience. Jennifer has secured a full-time position as an associate buyer with HighMount E&P.

# What You Need To Know About The Future Of Health Care

Submitted

Just like nearly everything else in our daily lives, medical care is going digital. And this change has the potential to improve your family's health care and put you in greater control of it.

In 2011, nearly three-fifths of office-based physicians used electronic medical record or electronic health record (EHR) systems, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And these numbers are on the rise.

Experts believe EHRs will revolutionize the delivery of health care in this country for the better, making it faster, more efficient and more user-friendly.

"Patients are more likely to take an active role in their health and adhere to the care plan if they are more engaged in the process," says Albert Santalo, President and CEO of CareCloud, a provider of web-based software for the medical industry.

Here are some major changes you can expect to see as this trend hits local doctors' offices:

- Fewer mistakes: You may have felt nervous when your doctor handed you a prescrip-

tion that looked like chicken scratch. Electronic records will help reduce mistakes caused by human error.

- Less waiting: With electronic records, you can expect shorter waiting room experiences. And your doctor may have already implemented software that allows you to fill out tedious paperwork online. In the future, you'll need to find another venue for catching up on last year's magazines!

- Faster service: Your health records will "travel" with you, accelerating the speed of care anywhere, and will connect primary physicians, specialists, labs, and other healthcare providers for faster collaboration.

- More access: New software gives patients immediate access to their medical records. For example, CareCloud lets patients view their lab results as they become available and browse their history online. For more information, visit <http://www.carecloud.com/>.

- Savings : Though it may cost a pretty penny for your doctor's office to make the initial switch to an electronic records system, you shouldn't

be expected to eat the cost. Government incentives are helping doctors upgrade their systems, and once those systems are in place they should cut down on costs by eliminating redundant treatments and tests.

You may be feeling apprehensive about your medical data being stored in thin air. But experts say that with the proper security measures in place, there's nothing to fear. "Cloud-based systems store your data in high-secu-

rity servers that operate under the most stringent security standards and comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)," says Santalo.

As more medical practices turn to new technologies for data storage, it's important for consumers to be informed about how it works. So the next time you go in for a checkup, check in with your doctor about how your information is stored.

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**F.Y.I.**

**Sonora Mighty Bronco Band Booster Meeting** on March 26, 2012, Monday at 6:00 pm to be held at Sonora Middle School Band Hall. I would like to meet with all available band parents.

**Art Classes** the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

**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 be 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.

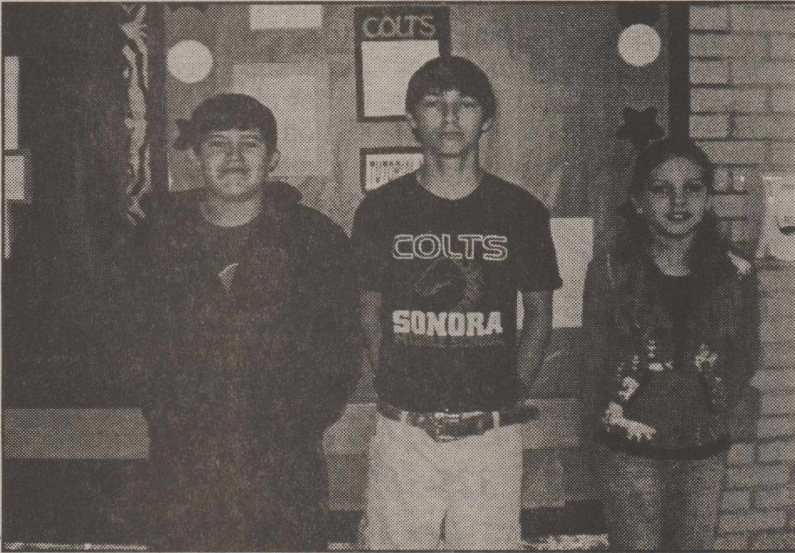
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# Students of the Week

## Middle School



L to R: 8th-Julian Gallardo, 7th-Carter Zook, 6th-Ariel Curtis

# Landscape of the Month



Main Street Salon was name Sonora Chamber of Commerce's Landscape of the Month for March. Ashley Schenkel has done a wonderful job transforming her salon at her new location on Main Street. Pictured with Ashley is Sarah Crow and Ann Morriss.

# Lions Roar

The first item of business was the announcement of the coming Mop and Broom on Tuesday, March 27th. All lions are asked to sign up for work either at the City Hall or Post Office. All these items for sale are made by the blind. Sign up for work assignments and get out and sale the stuff!

Lion Lewis Allen made the announcement of the coming program for this summer concerning At Risk Children. The program will work with the supervision of children, help them academically, and give them encouragement, food, and fun. It is a very energetic program and Lions voted to support the program.

Araceli Perez from the State Health Department was the program. The program was entitled, "Hidden in Plain Sight". Its goal is to have a mock teenager's bedroom and show parents what to look for in hiding places for drugs. This will be on a trailer and will be at the Jr. High Track Meet on April 9th from 2 pm until the track meet is finished. Parents would be well advised to check it out.

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# Get Your Children Volunteering

(SPM Wire) April is National Volunteer Month and there is no better time for you to get involved in the community. Set a great example for your children by volunteering with them when they are young.

- Here are a few great volunteer ideas for parents and kids:
- Visit a nursing home: The simple act of sharing a story or playing a game could brighten an elderly person's day.
- Donate food: Have your children pick out items at the grocery store; then take the food to a pantry together.
- Clean up: Pick up litter in a local park. It could be a fun way to get outdoors and will instill in your children respect for the environment.

# Teach Kids To Be Honest

(StatePoint) In today's fast-paced, wired world, all that separates us from sharing our guiltiest thoughts and darkest secrets with the rest of the planet is a single mouse click or finger stroke across a smartphone screen.

And kids today need to be taught early-on the difference between being honest and sharing too much, say experts.

"Amid the din of oversharing, we mistake spasms of self-revelation for honesty. And in a time of constant confessional disclosures, we are losing our ability to self-reflect and be truly honest," says Paul Wilkes, a filmmaker, religion and spirituality writer, and author of "The Art of Confession," a new book that seeks to redefine confession for a multicultural, contemporary world.

But honesty is still the best policy. And here are some ways to teach this concept to those born after the advent of a social networking culture:

- Foster good communication: Your child is more likely to be truthful with you if you have a great relationship. You can strengthen that relationship by being approachable, not judg-

mental. Talk regularly. Make a family dinner a routine part of your life. Schedule game nights, movie nights and other enjoyable activities do with your children.

- Lead by example: Lying can be convenient, but resorting to dishonesty when talking to your children is always a mistake. You'll risk normalizing deceit for an impressionable young person. Worse yet, your kids will have good reason to distrust you after you promise that the flu shot doesn't hurt a bit.

- Encourage a culture of confession: If your child admits to wrongdoing, first be grateful for the honesty. While you must discipline him or her, the punishment shouldn't be a deterrent for future confession. Hitting, shaming, and generally making your child feel bad will only inspire him to lie in the future. But instead of sending your children to their rooms to play video games, you can help them reflect on how to do better next time.

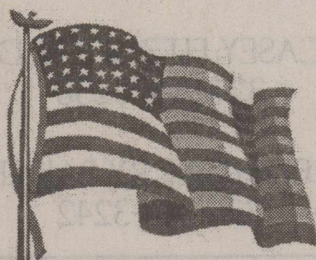
"Confession is not merely a clearing out of that which is wrong in us," says Wilkes. "It is a realignment of what is best in us and an intention to

live a better life."

- Nip it in the bud: Bad habits can start early and are often hard to shake, so it's never too early to correct dishonest behavior in your child. And you can help kids avoid lying by giving them fewer opportunities to do so. For example, if you know who made the mess, don't ask "Did you do this?" Confront him or her directly about it instead.

- Use literature: There are many excellent fiction and non-fiction books that deal with ethical issues and honesty. Your librarian can help you find something age-appropriate to read and discuss with kids.

Though there may be no portion of the school day devoted to it, honesty can be taught. Make sure you don't let your kids skip this lesson.



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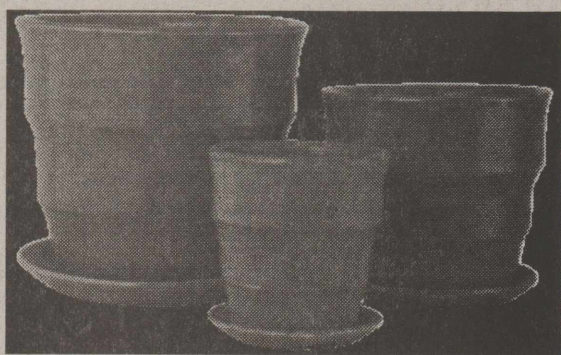
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# Be Cautious of Spring Green-Up After Dry Year

By Pascual Hernandez,  
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We've had good showers throughout the cool season and folks are hopeful that the trend continues this spring. It will be needed for recovery of pastures following last year's drought. With spring green-up, though, it is easy to forget that stressed rangeland needs time to recover.

Livestock benefit nutritionally from the tender green forage regrowth during spring. However, grasses need enough green growth to produce food for a healthy root system. Top growth supplies food for the roots to function and grow, and the roots absorb the water and nutrients needed by the above-ground growth to manufacture food. When overgrazing occurs, root growth stops. When root growth stops, the root system shrinks. Small root systems weaken the plant and make it unable to compete with neighboring weeds and brush for water and nutrients. Grazing needs to be deferred until plants have vigorous regrowth.

For optimum recovery, grasses will need 2-3 years of good rainfall. If we get less than normal rain during the growing season, recovery will be hindered and delayed. In that case, sound grazing management becomes all the more essential.

Livestock need quality forage, but they also need adequate quantities to meet their nutritional requirements. Given time, warm season perennial bunch grasses will re-grow from stolons and underground buds even though the top may have been completely removed. Also, there are places in pastures where the grass has survived. Grasses in these locations can provide nursery areas to help reseed the pasture.

We need to remember that grazing should be gauged according to available regrowth. In addition, no more than 50 to 60 percent of a grass plant's new top-growth should ever be removed.

The bottom line is that short-grass pastures will recover with enough rainfall, time, and proper grazing management.

## Game Warden Field Notes

**Angler catches too many rainbows:** Game Warden Cynde Aguilar received a call on Jan. 19 about a fisherman keeping too many fish. Warden Aguilar made contact with the man and found him with 14 rainbow trout over the daily bag limit of 5. Citations issued for fishing without a license, exceeding the daily bag limit and restitution.

**There's more than one type of lease:** Game Warden Michael Jaramillo received a phone call Jan. 11 from a local rancher who reported he had just witnessed an oilfield hand shoot a deer and that he did not have permission to hunt on his property. Warden Jaramillo arrived on the ranch and obtained a written statement from the rancher. After the rancher decided to sign a non-consent affidavit, a warrant was issued and the warden arrested the oilfield worker for hunting without landowner's consent.

**Game warden helps DPS trooper in struggle:** Palo Pinto County Game Warden Cliff Swofford was flagged down on Jan. 17 by a UPS driver, who said a DPS trooper on a traffic stop on I-20 was wrestling with a man in an attempt to get him handcuffed. Warden Swofford responded and assisted the trooper with detaining and controlling the subject while a search of his vehicle was conducted. A large amount of marijuana was found in the vehicle, and the man was arrested.

**Trespasser attacks game warden:** January 21, Dallas County Game Warden David Bosecker was patrolling for night hunters in Hunt County when he spotted a subject trespassing at a barn and corral area. When Warden Bosecker approached the subject and told him he was under arrest, the man became belligerent and attacked him. Warden Bosecker arrested the subject and several cases are pending.

**Thinking globally, violating the law locally:** Trinity County Game Warden Randy Watts received a call from a landowner on Jan. 22 about hog hunters trespassing on his high fenced ranch. The landowner found a dog with a GPS collar and a few minutes later the hog hunters showed up to get the dog. The landowner asked the hunters how they got in the ranch. They stated the gate was open and they would leave it like they found it. After the hunters left, the landowner checked his gate. His lock was missing and a new lock was on the gate. The landowner knew the identity of one of the hunters. Game Warden Watts called the hunter and met with all the individuals on the neighboring property. Citations were issued to five hunters for trespassing.

**Facebook helps tag illegal hunters:** Newton County wardens Ellis Powell, Brian Srba, Landon Spacek, Bradley Smith and Jasper County warden Morgan Inman executed a search warrant on a Louisiana resident living in Newton County on Jan. 21. The warrant came after a four-month investigation, with warrants also being served on the subject's Facebook account for e-mails and photos. As the interview was taking place, Louisiana game wardens were interviewing other subjects implicated by the man's Facebook account. The subject admitted killing eight deer in the last few months and named several other subjects with numerous deer kills. None of the four main subjects have had a hunting license since 2004, with no deer taken in daylight hours during that time. Numerous charges filed with more interviews of other subjects pending.

**Spotlighting arrest "illuminates" outstanding warrants:** While conducting a nighttime patrol Jan. 22, Game Warden Harry Rakosky observed a vehicle intermittently shining a spotlight into area farm fields. A citation was subsequently issued. The next day the court called the game warden to report that the subject had outstanding warrants. In response, the game warden went to the offender's residence, arresting him for 3rd degree felony intoxication assault and 1st degree felony intoxication manslaughter.

# Tips To Get Your Kids Gardening This Spring

(StatePoint) Spring is here and it's time to think about your garden again. This year, as you cultivate your thriving plot, think about ways to get your whole family involved in gardening -- which makes for a great fresh air activity.

Not only is gardening a terrific way to spend time with your kids, but it also regularly gets them outside and away from their TVs and computers. Here are some tips to get your little couch potatoes growing potatoes instead:

### Teach

Kids are never too young to learn how plants grow and where their food comes from. In fact, growing a garden is an ideal hands-on lesson in life science, ecology and nutrition, and is a lot more fun than simply hitting the books. However, some of the concepts of gardening may be difficult for younger kids to grasp. Fun age-appropriate learning activities and ideas can be found online, at such websites as [MiracleGro.com/kids](http://MiracleGro.com/kids).

### Grow

Giving your kids their very own gardening projects will help motivate them to cultivate their green thumbs.

A gardening set designed with kids in mind is a great way to get them started. For example, Miracle-Gro Kids offers a variety of flower and vegetable gardening sets that provide an optimal environment for

growth, and an opportunity to watch plants progress both indoors and outdoors. Be sure to invest in age-appropriate tools for your children to use, so they can dig in the soil and water the plants right alongside you.

### Harvest

Now it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labor, literally. Once your plants are ready for harvest, work with your kids to find great-tasting recipes they will love, incorporating the foods grown by you. From vegetable pizza to salad to fruit smoothies, the nutritious meals you plan and make together will be extra satisfying when you know the ingredients came from your own backyard.

### Enjoy

You've worked hard pruning, weeding and watering your plants, and now, you have a blooming garden to show for it. Don't forget to teach your children the importance of appreciating the beauty of nature. Take a break to sit back, relax and enjoy your garden, as you contemplate what crops and flowers to include the following year.

Cultivating your garden and watching it grow need not be a solitary activity this spring. By getting your children involved in the process, you will teach them valuable skills they can use for the rest of their lives.

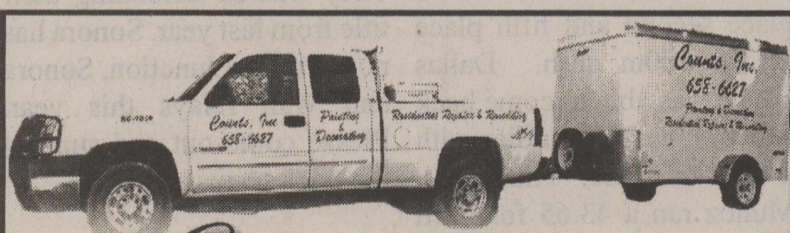
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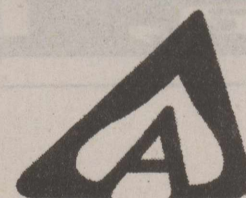
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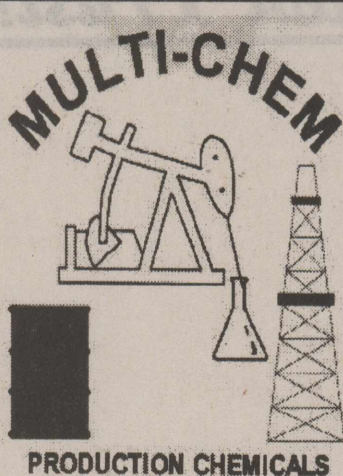
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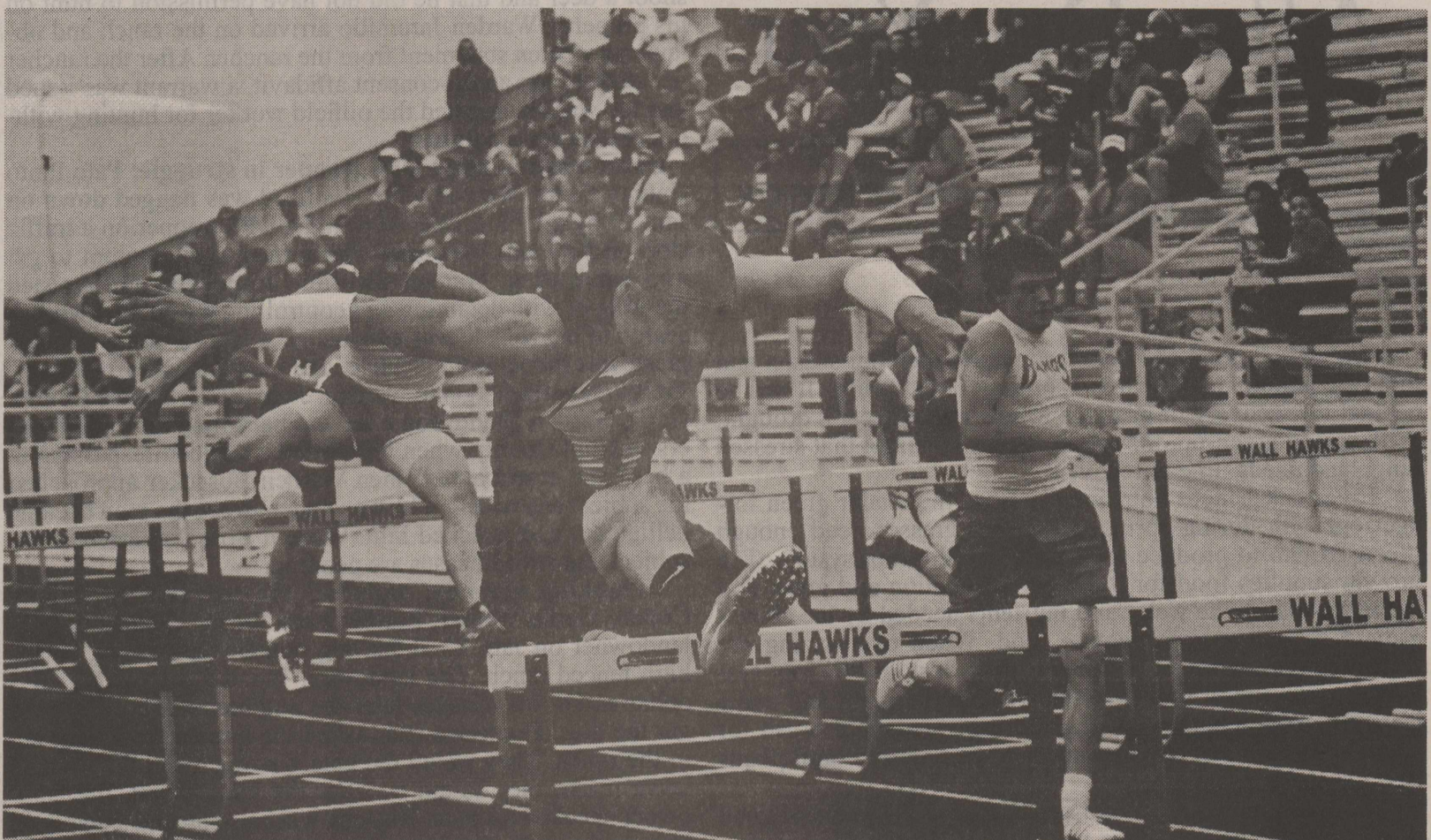
## Broncos Win Cotton Patch Relays

### Donkey Basketball FUNdraiser Saturday



Sonora Middle School students going to Washington DC and New York in May are having a benefit basketball game on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 PM. The game will be "Heroes" vs. "Jocks". Our "heroes" are none other than our Sonora Volunteer Fire Department and the "jocks" are our Sonora ISD coaching staff members (we also have some special dignitaries that will be on pooper scooper duty). Yes, there are actually donkeys with names such as World's

Buckinest Donkey, Rigor Mortis, Super Stupid, and Thunderball in the gym and our riders will be on their backs (hopefully). During halftime, we will have FREE donkey rides for all students that are present with a paying adult and a picture of your child on the donkeys will be available for purchase. There will be a concession stand and a silent auction with some fantastic items offered to bid on as well. It promises to be a great time for the entire family and there will be lots of laughs. Buck-off, I mean tip-off, will be at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$6 in advance (by Friday, 3/23 at noon), \$8 at the door and children 6 and under are FREE. If you cannot find a student to purchase a ticket from, please call the Middle School office at 387-6948 to arrange your purchase for a family night of fun!



Zach Badeaux ran a Cotton Patch Relay record 14.1 in the 110 hurdles at the Wall Track meet. Last year, 14.6 won the class 2a 110 hurdles at the state meet.

Photo By Ray Glasscock

By Eddie Favila

The Bronco team traveled to Wall during spring break and won the Cotton Patch Relays by thirty points. The team again was behind after field events, but was able to make up the margin in the running events without four of their regular team members.

In the field events, Damon Evans placed fourth in Discus with a throw of 127'01". Brett Castillo jumped 19'09" in the Long Jump to claim the

bronze medal and Word Hudson leaped 19'08 3/4" to place fourth. In the pole vault Anastasio Munoz cleared 10'00" to place second and Sid Anderson also cleared 10'00" and placed third. Finishing up the scoring in the field events, Imoni Cross jumped 39'11" to place third and Anastasio Munoz jumped 38'01" to place fifth. After the field events, the boys' Varsity team had 36 points.

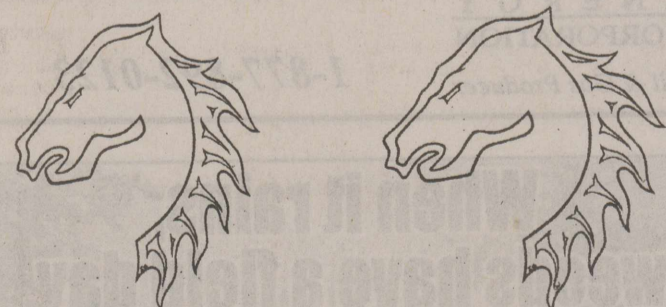
The running events were where the team did most of the scoring. Candie Tobias placed fourth with a time of 12:47.91 in the 3200 meter run. The sprint relay team of Castillo, Lopez, Badeaux and Hudson ran a 44.41 to claim the silver medal. Running in the tough 800 meter race Ricardo Regino ran a 2:08.83 to also place second. In the 110m Hurdles, the Broncos swept the top three spots. Zach Badeaux ran a 14.31

to claim the gold and breaking the meet record. Dallas Payne, running the 110m hurdles for the first time in a year, ran a great time of 15.34 to place second. Hagan Kennedy ran a 15.62 to place third for the bronze. In the fastest race of the day, Darien Lopez was edged out at the finish line by a Wall runner and a Grape Creek runner. Darien's fast time of 10.76 was good to give him the bronze medal in the 100m dash. The 800 meter relay team of Word Hudson, Zach Badeaux, Will Dutton, and Darien Lopez ran a personal best time of 1:32.60 to claim the gold. Imoni Cross and Jansen McBride ran a time of 53.49 and 55.00 to place second and fifth place in the 400m dash. Dallas Payne was able to come back and win the 300 Hurdles with a time of 41.28. Anastasio Munoz ran a 43.65 for third place and Hagan Kennedy ran

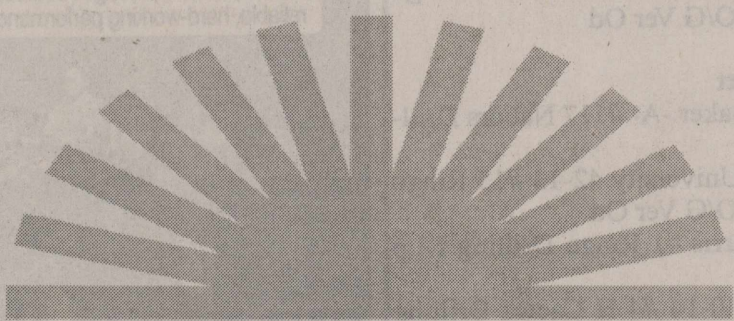
a 43.99 for sixth place. Freshman Brett Castillo ran a time of 23.73 to place fifth place and Will Dutton ran a 23.91 to tie for sixth place in the 200m race. In the 1600 meter run, Ricardo Regino ran a personal best this year with a time of 5:01.43 to bring home the bronze medal. The 1600 Meter relay team of Castillo, McBride, Cross and Payne ran a time of 3:34.40 to win the relay giving the Broncos the meet win with 169.5 points.

The team was able to score 133.5 points in the running events. The Bronco Boys Track Team will travel to San Angelo this Friday and Saturday for the Angelo Relays. They will be defending their title from last year. Sonora has now won the Junction, Sonora and Wall relays this year. Please come out and support the track teams.

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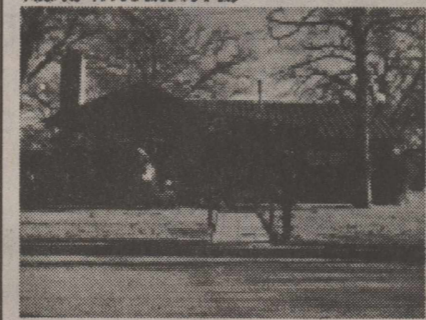
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The faces of victorious Broncos at the Cotton Patch Relays.

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Sara Carillo Chases a foul ball behind home plate.



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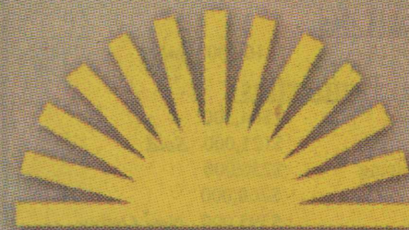
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