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A Night to Shine: Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet



Left to Right: Business of The Year, JMC Transport Service (Johnny Creek), Conservation Rancher of the Year, Jerry Don and Mary Adele Balch, Educator of The Year, Carol Leonard, Citizen of the Year, Curry Campbell.

By: Donna Garrett

On Thursday, March the 27th the Sonora Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet. The civic center was beautifully decorated with red, black and roses. Everyone was greeted at the door by our Miss Sutton County Lillian Kent and Miss Cinco de Mayo Veronica Gaytan. Father Chris Roque blessed the fabulous meal that was prepared by Kenny Blane's Village Café & Catering. La Mexicana Restaurant & Cantina was on hand for anyone that wanted an adult beverage. Donna Garrett then thanked the outgoing board of directors, Jody Luttrell, Lisa Price, Casey Fitzgerald and Woody Crow for their service on the board for the past three years. She then introduced the current and new board of directors, Patti Prather, Cody Gann, Rosa Galvan, Cynthia Perez, Rae Ann Bible, Corey Norrell, Aliza Coronado, Sarah Crow, Chris Berry, Espy Whitehead and John-

na Gibson. Then Donna announced Mrs. Wendy Phillips as the emcee for the evening. Wendy introduced the speaker for the evening Tumbleweed Smith. He kept the crowd's attention with all the funny stories from past interviews. I'm sure there wasn't a dry eye in the house from laughing. Wendy then began the awards part of the evening. Conservation Rancher of the Year

This year the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District would like to recognize a husband/wife team that has dedicated themselves to the improvement of the native vegetative resource base. Over the years this couple has carried out an extensive amount of brush control over a large portion of their ranch. They have re-fenced a large portion of the place to help in the grazing and livestock management. Deferred grazing and utilizing flexible stocking rate is also part of their management

scheme. They have developed several irrigated cropland fields over the years to provide supplemental grazing to their livestock. This practice has helped them get through some of the drier weather conditions that we have experienced over the past few years. This couple along with their family operates two ranches in Sutton County as well as one in Nolan County. The directors of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to honor Mary Adele & Jerry Don Balch as the 2014 Conservation Ranchers of the Year. Business of the Year:

In the summer of 2003, a man had an opportunity and an idea. In November of that same year, that idea became a reality and a business began. That business has now celebrated its 10 year anniversary. Before starting this business, teaching and coaching were his passion for 15 years. He was well liked and successful. One of his former students said, "He treats us like real people, not kids". The expectations that he had for his students and players are the same expectations that he has for his business. He believes in:

- Doing things right, to the best of your abilities.
- Not making promises you can't keep.
- ..and if you say you are going to do something, you do it.

These expectations have been far exceeded as the business has grown. The wonderful people that work together in the business are a family that has embraced those same be

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Two Accidents On The Same 10 Mile Stretch of I-10



The Ozona DPS was called out on two separate wrecks on I-10 this past week. The first wreck (pictured top right) was a single car accident on Sunday at mile marker 384. The driver was transported to San Angelo, at time of press the driver was still in recovery. The second wreck (top left) occurred on Tuesday at 10:40 a.m. on mile marker 392. This also was a single car accident, and there was one fatality reported.



Bronco Varsity Pummels Crane

By Nancy Glasscock, Photo By Ray Glasscock

It was a Hit Parade last night in Crane for the Varsity Broncos Baseball team. Sonora had seventeen hits off three different Crane pitchers in the team's 19-1 victory in five innings.

Michael Rollert, playing shortstop, led the way with three singles, a double and two RBI's. We called it in the stands, and Elijah Cross hit a three run homer. He also had two more base hits. Freshman Noah San Miguel, filling in for Ligo Rodriguez at catcher, had two doubles and a single with three RBI's.

Hunter Hughes was the winning pitcher allowing only two hits and three walks. He struck out nine Crane batters. The only Crane run was unearned.

The Junior Varsity team also had a super day in Crane. They won 19-3.

Both teams will play Alpine at home on Tuesday.

Broncos Win District In Track

By Nancy and Ray Glasscock

While the district track meet was held only on this past Saturday, the Broncos experienced three different weather patterns. During the morning and the field events, it was cold and windy with blowing dust. In the afternoon, the weather was beautiful with clear blue skies and light wind. Unfortunately, this great weather was wasted as the Alpine officials spent most of this time trying to setup the electronic timing. When the finals started, the skies turned dark, light cold rain fell, and the wind howled.

The Broncos won the meet going away. They scored 180 points. Kermit was second with 115, Alpine came in third with 85, Crane followed with 84, Tornillo scored 66, and Reagan County was tail-end charley with 56 points.

The Broncos had a great showing in the field events scoring 79 points!

High Jump:

Anastascio Munoz won with a jump of 6 feet. Gabe Rollert was third with a jump of 5'6". Ricky Martinez cleared 5'0" for fourth place.

Pole Vault:

Tanner Esparza cleared 11'6" for second place, and Dustin Holmes finished third with a vault of 11'0".

Discus:

Michael Solis got the gold with a throw of 131'8", and Lionel DeLeon took the silver with 128'7".

Triple Jump:

Munoz hopped, skipped, and jumped 42'5" for a second place finish.

Long Jump:

Jared Willey leaped 19'1" for fourth place.

Shot Put:

Ethan Patlan threw his season best of 48'7" which was the gold medal throw. Andres Acevedo's put measured 42'2.5" for third place. Seeing his first competition since his knee injury during the first football game, Brett Castillo placed sixth with a throw of 35'11.5".

In the running events, the Broncos continued their success scoring 101 points.

The 4x100 relay team of Will Dutton, Ricky Martinez, Bryan Garcia, and Seth Gunn won with a time of 44.65. Drew Buitron placed second in the 110 hurdles with a time of 17.88 and Carter Zook was third with a time of 19.50. Jose Hernandez came in sixth in the 100-meter dash. The 4x200 relay team of Dutton, Jared Willey, Gunn, and Martinez finished second with a time of 1:33.21. In the 300 hurdles, Munoz won with a

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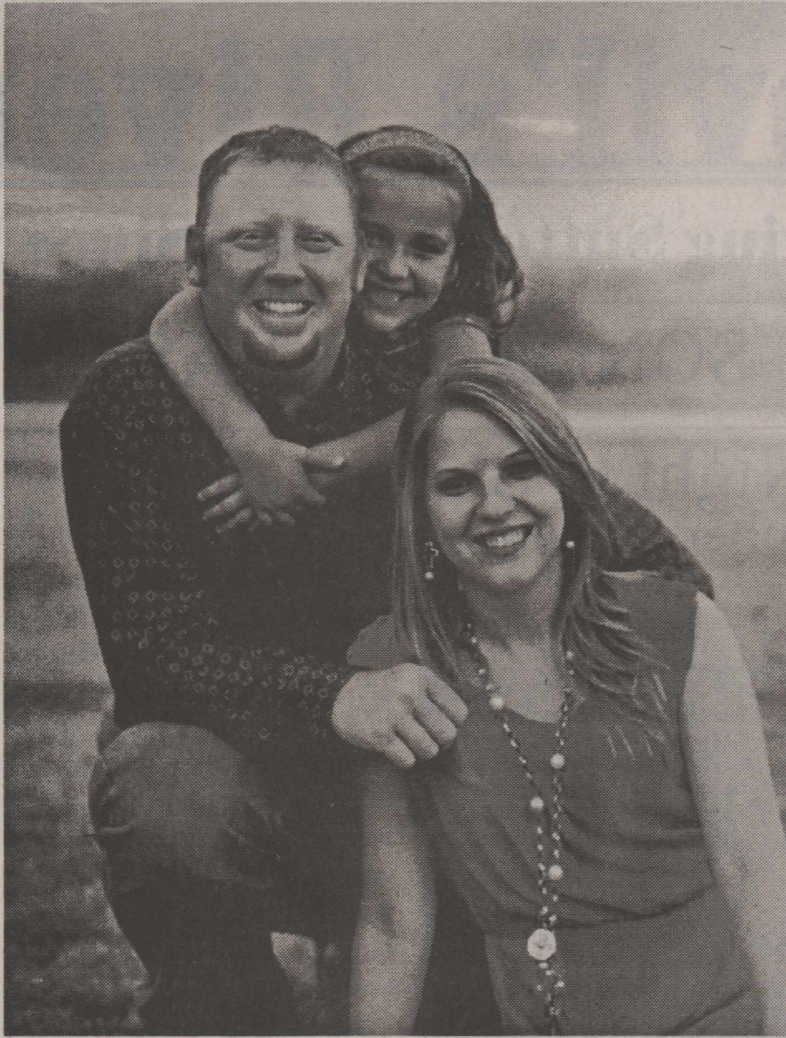
Myth: Whole Grains Are Heart Healthy

We've been led to believe that whole grains are the ticket to good health. The problem is, grains like wheat, corn, rice, beans and oats (among others) turn to blood sugar very quickly in your body. Too many grains in your diet usually end up being converted to blood fat (triglycerides) or body fat, neither of which is heart healthy. Also, most grains have had all of the life (nutrients) processed right out of them. They are not the whole grains of Biblical times. Manufacturers try to add nutrients back in, but the "after-thought" nutrients in a "fortified" product do not assimilate well in the body. Finally, whole grains are often difficult to digest, and digestion is the way our bodies break down food to get the nutrients out of them. We don't need to make this a more difficult process. Vegetables are a MUCH better choice of carbohydrate. And God made a beautiful, colorful variety for us to choose from. For better heart health and weight loss, cut down on the grains.

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food." Genesis 1:29

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Engagement Announcement



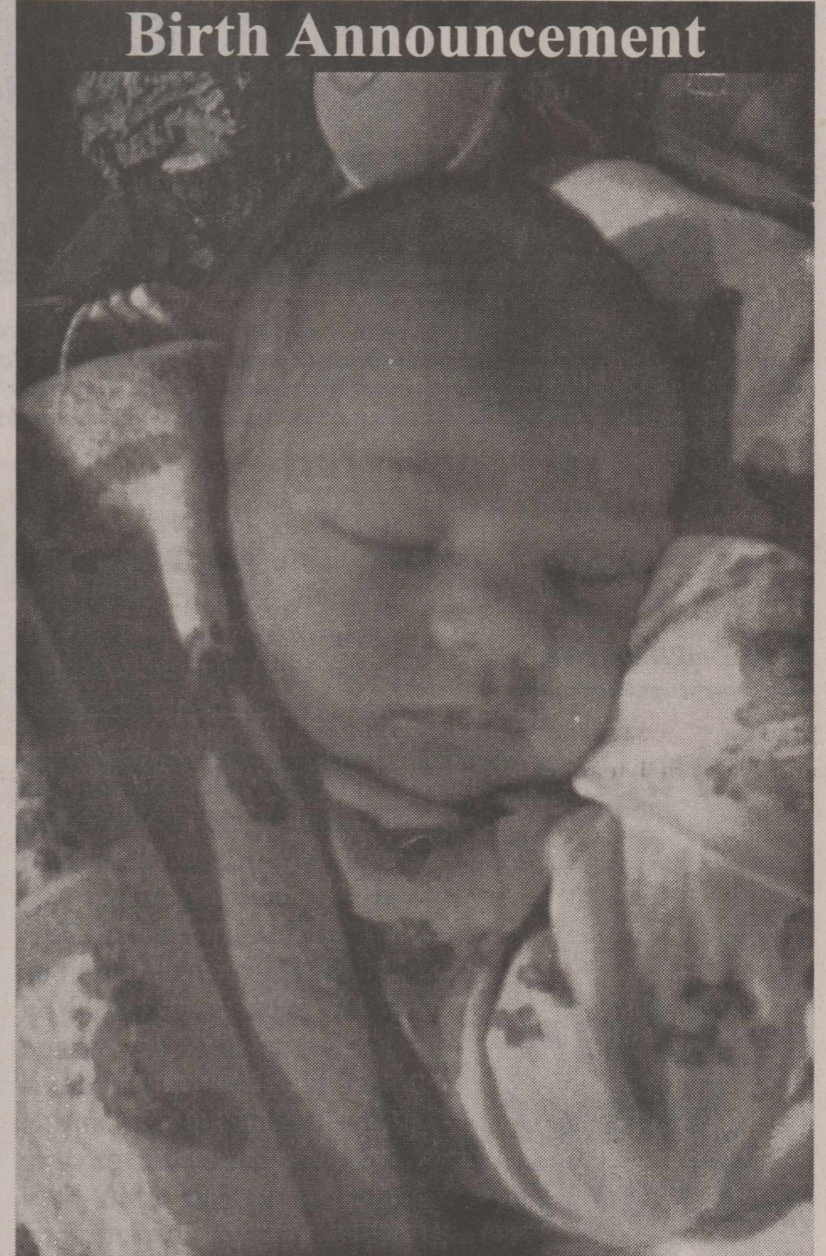
James and Tibba Edmondson are pleased to share the engagement of their daughter, Allyse Edmondson, to Hunter Lawson, son of the late Jane Wallace Rushing and the late Jack Lawson. Allyse is a 2012 graduate of Angelo State University and is currently a 1st grade teacher at Sonora Elementary School. Hunter is a 2008 graduate of Sonora High School and is employed by Claburn Measurement. The couple will unite in marriage on May 17, 2014 at the X-Bar Ranch in Schleicher County and will reside in Sonora, Texas.

Thank You

The family of Wanda Cahill Neville deeply appreciates all the heartfelt expressions of love and concern received during these past few weeks. The beautiful flowers, cards, food, calls, visits and prayers were a great source of comfort and support to Wanda and her family. We will always be grateful for the loyal and selfless care given by her special ladies: Juanita Barrera, Angie Ramirez, Yolanda Duran, Lilia Flores, Alice Modesta and Delia Diaz. Her life time friends and faithful employees were always near assisting the family while continuing to take care of daily business. Jim Garrett, Charline Terry and Becky Covington deserve much gratitude for their loyalty and tireless efforts. A special than you goes to all the nursing staff of Hudspeth Memorial Hospital & to Dr. Edwards and Dr. Pajestka who gave Wanda the highest level of skilled care, kindness, consideration and attention. The family feels extremely blessed to be a part of this community where celebrating the life of our loved one was shared by so many.

Thank You,
The Jimmy Cahill Family
The Diana Condra Family

Birth Announcement



Reverdy Rose Kerbow
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Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg
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Grandparents: Kaye Johnson of Rocksprings, Bruce & Jessie Kerbow of Sonora
Great grandparents: Rex & Cappy Johnson of Rocksprings, Martha Rogers of Sonora & Anne McCutchen of Frisco

Obituary



Ozona- Josephine Kay Curry Emery, 69, granddaughter of deceased longtime Terrell, Val Verde, Presidio, and Crockett County ranchers Cam and Josephine Longley, died Sunday, March 30, 2014 at home with her family in Ozona, Tx. She and her Husband Neil retired in Idalou, Texas and moved to Terrell County, along with daughter Kimberly Kay and son-in-law Eddie Lozano, and operated the original Longley Ranch Headquarters for 11 years. She was a member of the Pumpville Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband Neil, daughter Kim and her husband Eddie Lozano, granddaughter Laurissa Kay and her husband Michael Garza, and great-grandson Drew Ezra, her grandson Alan Emery Lozano and wife Shelby, great-granddaughter Kierlyn Emeris, and granddaughter Kamryn Lee Lozano of Ozona. She was preceded in death by her father Calvert Curry, and mother Josephine Longley Curry, and her only son, Alan Neil Emery, Jr. She is also survived by her sister, Virginia Calvert Curry Epps of Sonora, and nephews Cam Longley Campbell and Calvert Curry Campbell of Sonora, along with Donald Loding Campbell of Sweetwater and their families. She was born in San Angelo, Texas, but moved to Lubbock at age 11. There she met and married her husband. They had been longtime residents of Idalou, Texas, before moving to Terrell County. She loved her ranch and the country life. A graveside gathering will be held in Idalou Cemetery on April 12, 2014. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo and/or American Heart Association.


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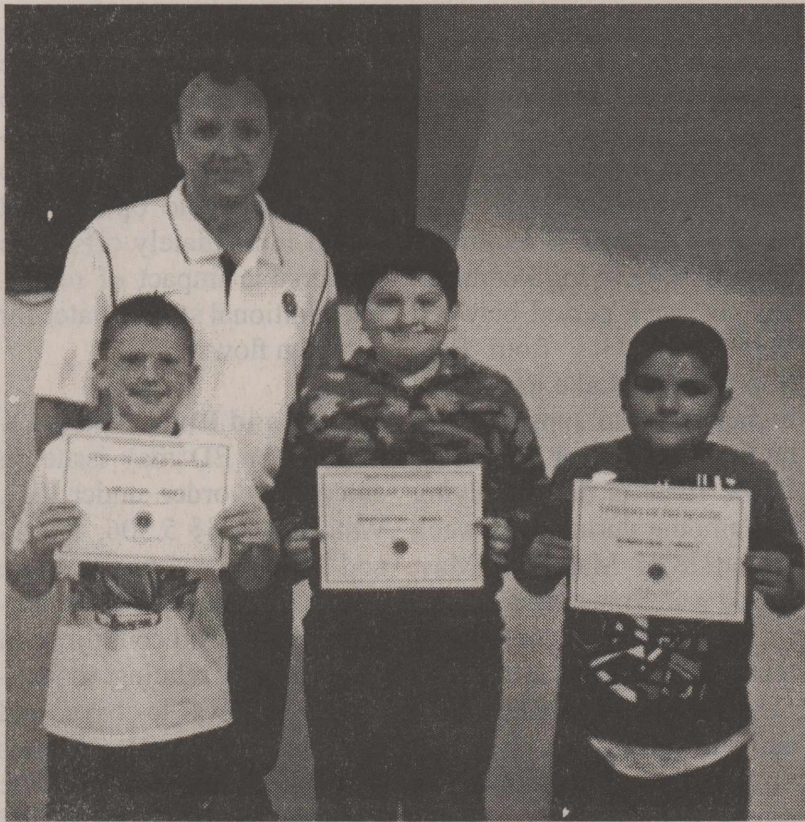
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Lions Roar



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April 8, 2013

The Sonora Lions Club annual broom and mop sale was a big success this year. In fact, we did better this year than we have since 2003. A great big thank you to all the Lions who gave their most valuable gift, their time, for this very worthy cause, and also to the citizens of Sonora who helped by buying a new broom or mop! This was a win-win situation; the blind people who produced the products continue in their jobs and everyone who purchased something received a great product!

We were pleased to welcome as our guests the Intermediate School students of the month. Pictured above is Mr. Leamon with third grader Alfredo Salas, fourth grader Lane Taylor, and fifth grader Adrian Longoria. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

We were also pleased to welcome Mrs. Shannon, the sixth-grade Science teacher, and Mrs. Phillips, the eight-grade Math and Algebra 1 teacher, who brought their eleven TMSA students. The students had recently participated in the categories of number sense, math, calculator and science at UTSA in San Antonio, where two hundred schools were represented. They brought home nine medals and two trophies. This is an outstanding achievement considering there were around five thousand students participating.

We would like to welcome new member Tamra Burkman. Tamra and her husband, who works for Exterran, recently moved to Sonora.

The Sonora Lions Club meets each Tuesday in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church at noon. If you would like to join us in serving the citizens of Sonora, please come!

Main Street Traffic

Sonora Main Street will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th. The hunt will take place on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. Ages up to 3rd grade are welcome to hunt. Pre-K and younger will begin hunting at promptly 10:30 a.m.; older kids will begin after they finish around 10:45 a.m. We ask that no parent participate in the older kids' hunt.

4th grade through 8th grade are welcome to participate in our Sonora Amazing Race. Race will be held downtown. Sign up will be in front of Sew Addicted. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance and pictures will be available for \$5. All picture proceeds go towards the support of the Rainbow Warriors team for the Relay for Life.

After the hunt, make sure to stay for lunch! Your choice of a BBQ sandwich or hot dog with chips and a drink will be available at 11:00 a.m. for \$5.00. One ticket for children's door prizes will be given with meal. More tickets will be available through Games and Activities.

If there are any questions or you would like to volunteer to help out, please give us a call at the office at (325)387-2248.

-Bill Hodges

Safety on The Highway

AN ANGELO, Texas — Fear of injury or death is an everyday occurrence for road workers with the Texas Department of Transportation. "There's a lot of risk in my job," said David Sanchez, a construction inspector and a 28-year veteran for TxDOT in Sonora.

Sanchez has experienced two close calls where a distracted or careless driver could have cost him his life.

He was flagging traffic on U.S. 277 in Val Verde County when a driver nearly ran into him.

"Years ago when I first started, I was a flagger; I kind of got thrown into it," Sanchez said. "A truck was coming too fast, and he wouldn't move over. I was trying to flag him over, but he wasn't paying attention."

Sanchez said he was able to get out of the way when the truck switched into another lane at the last minute.

The other close call happened on Interstate 10 when Sanchez was working about 4 feet from traffic. A driver came across the centerline, passed through the barrels and plowed into the work zone.

Sanchez said the problem is twofold: Drivers are not paying attention to work signs, and they are driving too fast.

"We're trying to improve the roadway system," Sanchez said. "We all have families, and we want to live to see another day, so be careful going through the work zones."

National Awareness April 7-11 is national Work Zone Awareness Week.

"We have work zones going on in our 15-county area every day," said Karen Threlkeld, public information officer for the San Angelo district. "At any given time we can have several work zones going on, even if they are temporary areas."

There are more than 2,000 active work zones on the 80,000 miles of roads being maintained in Texas, according to a news release from Threlkeld's office.

There were 17,000 crashes in work zones and 115 people were killed in those crashes last year, the release stated. Since 1938, 272 TxDOT employees were killed in work zone-related crashes; 103 were killed by distracted drivers, 28 were killed on the shoulder or right of way, and 19 were killed while flagging traffic, the release stated.

Three TxDOT employees have been killed in work zone areas in the San Angelo district, Threlkeld said.

Charles Cobb died in 1964. Carroll Jones, a 25-year veteran of the department, was killed in 1983. Vicente Morales, a 21-year old veteran of the department, died in 1990. A lack of respect

In addition to near-miss crashes and fatalities in work zone areas, TxDOT workers have to deal with disrespect from passing drivers.

"You just got to let it roll off your shoulders," said Israel Ortegon, maintenance supervisor. "It happens all the time. It seems like we are an obstacle between people and their destinations."

There is a disconnect, Ortegon said, between TxDOT workers and the public. "The public sees us as an inanimate object, like we're a cone, like we're not people."

Ortegon, a 16-year veteran for the Eden and Menard offices, has had two close calls while on the job.

"My first near-death experience we were called out to work on an incident involving a truck that lost a load of material," Ortegon said. "I was in the grassy area, and I heard a screech. I looked up and (a pickup) was rolling toward me. By the grace of God, I was able to see the truck and

get out of its route.

"After a few seconds, I noticed the pickup was a foot or two away from me. I was in between the (TxDOT) dump truck and the pickup."

Ortegon was knocked down by one of the passengers after they were thrown from the pickup.

"We were all fortunate everyone made it out alive," Ortegon said.

His next near death experience came three years later in 2010 when working construction on U.S. 87 about 3 miles from Eden.

Ortegon said he was in a TxDOT truck and two other workers were on foot in front of him.

"Two cars approached from the rear, and one vehicle moved to the left lane, and the other stayed in the right lane where I was," Ortegon said.

"The driver obviously didn't see me."

Ortegon said he pulled the truck's breaks on and honked his horn for the other workers who were nearly 100 feet in front of him.

The vehicle ended up crashing into an attenuator.

"I just like to promote awareness of our work zones and that we have family," Ortegon said. "People depend on us." Loss of life

For Jerry Stone, a nine-year veteran for Tom Green County, a close call happened last summer.

A tractor-trailer entered his work zone about 50 feet from where he was, narrowly avoiding crashing into him and other workers before swerving back into an open lane.

"He was close enough to us that it made us very uncomfortable to work the rest of the day," Stone said.

Nine out of 10 times, drivers keep speeding past work zones honking their horns and making obscene gestures, Stone said.

"Our only safeguard is the orange cones," Stone said. "It's the only thing that separates our crews from the traveling public."

It's not uncommon for drivers to run over cones for fun

and to show hostility toward workers, Stone said.

"When drivers run through traffic setups, that puts us in danger as well as endangering themselves," Stone said. "We are out there trying to do our jobs and maintain roadways for the public, and we catch a lot of flak about it. They get mad because they have to drive a little farther, and they don't appreciate it."

The orange cones did little to protect Larry McCampbell, 30, a resident of Stanton, after a pickup crashed through his work zone and killed him, Stone said.

McCampbell worked for a TxDOT subcontractor on U.S. Highway 87 near Farm to Market Road 2105.

"It's kind of a tough thing to talk about. He was a friend, a colleague," Stone said. "When he was struck, I was 25 to 30 feet away from where he was."

"Larry was rolled up onto the hood of the pickup when he struck the windshield with his head. The force pulled him over the cab of the pickup. He was face down in the bed of the pickup."

He was knocked out of his shoes, Stone said; they landed about 40 to 50 feet from where McCampbell was hit.

Move Over AND Slow Down TxDOT workers have to be on the lookout for each other while in work zones, and law

enforcement agencies lend a hand, depending on their availability, Threlkeld said.

It is up to the public to be aware when TxDOT crews are on the roads, she said.

The Texas Legislature extended the Move Over or Slow Down law to include protection for TxDOT workers and vehicles in September.

The law requires Texas drivers to yield to law enforcement, fire and emergency vehicles on roads.

Drivers are now required to move out of the lane closest to a TxDOT vehicle when possible or to reduce speed to 20 mph below the posted limit.

For single lanes, drivers must slow down; and for roads with speed limits of 25 mph or less, speeds must scale down to 5 mph.

Drivers who do not obey the law can be fined up to \$2,000.

"My main point to the general public is we have wives, we have kids, we have families we want to make it home to at the end of the day; so please give us that opportunity," Stone said.

"If you're talking on the phone, texting, reading the paper, reading a book, playing with the radio, you take that opportunity away from us."

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time of 40.35, Zook took third with a 43.07, and Buitron was fourth with a 44.36. Gunn placed second in the 200m-dash with a 23 flat and Garcia came in fifth with a 23.41.

Usually the 4x400 relay determines the district champion. While the Broncos were already the district champion, the 4x400 still was the most exciting race of the day. Austin Sandoval anchors the Crane relay, and he had already won the 400-meter dash and 200-meter dash. The Broncos knew they would need a give Munoz a sizeable lead in order to win the race. Zook lead off for the Broncos and (unofficially and rounded off) ran a 50 second leg to start the relay passing the baton to Dutton with a lead. Dutton and Martinez both ran 52's which gave Munoz about a ten meter lead. Munoz ran a great time of 49 seconds and lost by half a step to Sandoval at the finish line. The Broncos ran their best time of the season with a time of 3:25.34.

The Area Track Meet is on Saturday, April 12th at Jim Ned High School.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of an Application from the Lower Colorado River Authority For an Emergency Order Reducing Instream Flow Requirements for the Blue Sucker under its Water Management Plan

Permit No. 5838

On March 21, 2014, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) filed an application for an emergency order under Texas Water Code §§ 5.506, 11.139, and 11.148, and Tex. Admin. Code §§ 35.24, 35.101, and 295.91, to amend its Water Management Plan (WMP) to reduce the requirement to maintain a minimum streamflow of 500 cfs for six consecutive weeks between March and May from Bastrop to Eagle Lake for the Blue Sucker. LCRA's requested relief would reduce the requirement from 500 cfs to 300 cfs.

The Executive Director will

consider whether to grant this request on April 15, 2014. If the Executive Director issues an order, the Commission will hold a hearing to affirm, modify or set aside the order on April 30, 2014. See more information below.

Summary of LCRA's application:

LCRA has the right to divert and use up to 1.5 million acre feet (MAF) from Lakes Buchanan and Travis under Certificates of Adjudication Nos. 14-5478 and 14-5482. By court order, LCRA has developed a Water Management Plan (WMP), currently dated 2010, which is part of these certificates and has its own number, Permit No. 5838.

LCRA's WMP describes how LCRA will manage and curtail supplies from the lakes during times of drought including through a repeat of the Drought of Record. The Certificates of Adjudication and the 2010 WMP govern LCRA's operation of lakes Buchanan and Travis and dictate how LCRA makes water available from these lakes to help meet "firm" water cus-

tomers needs, downstream interruptible irrigation demands, and environmental flow needs of the lower Colorado River and Matagorda Bay. Environmental flow needs include instream flows for the river, and bay and estuary freshwater inflows.

LCRA states in its application that:

The inflow conditions experienced in the last several years present an extreme drought situation that was not contemplated when the special conditions related to instream flows were incorporated into the 2010 WMP. LCRA may be required to make a declaration of a Drought Worse than the Drought of Record (DWDR) as soon as June 2014. Two of the three criteria for a DWDR have been met, leaving only a lake storage level of 600,000 acre-feet as the remaining criteria to be met. When LCRA makes a DWDR declaration, firm water customers are curtailed and firm water for environmental requirements is subject to a pro rata reduction.

This year, under the 2010 WMP, LCRA has been re-

quired to maintain critical instream flows, including maintaining a minimum continuous instream flow of 120 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Bastrop to Eagle Lake at all times, and a minimum flow of 500 cfs for a continuous six week period between March and May from Bastrop to Eagle Lake to provide higher flows to support habitat for Blue Sucker spawning. If the river is not supplying this amount during a six week period from March to May, stored water must be released. In 2012, this instream flow requirement resulted in releases of about 22,991 acre feet (AF) and in 2013, this instream flow requirement resulted in releases of about 15,678 acre-feet from the lakes.

Without emergency relief on or before April 15, 2014, LCRA could be required to release as much as 21,000 acre feet of water in storage in Lakes Buchanan and Travis to meet the Blue Sucker instream flow requirement in the 2010 WMP, further lowering lake levels.

LCRA monitoring has shown that water quality standards are maintained in the river segments between Bastrop and Eagle Lake if the flow levels have been near or lower than 300 cfs with few exceptions. The Blue Sucker is a State-Threatened Species. Without any dedicated releases so far in 2014, streamflows in February and March of 2014 are already providing significant spawning habitat. Based on instream flow studies evaluating the habitat of the Blue Sucker, LCRA states that at 500 cfs, the flow provides for 93 to 100% of the maximum available spawning habitat for the Blue Sucker, while at 300 cfs, at least 86 % of the habitat will be supported.

There are no reasonably available and feasible practicable alternative water supplies or water management or conservation strategies that could be obtained or implemented at this time that would replace the volume of water that LCRA might otherwise have to release from the lakes if the requested relief is not granted that LCRA is not already pursuing. It takes many years to develop new water supplies and transport them to the areas where they are needed. LCRA and its customers over the past two years have implemented the requirements in their water conservation plans and drought contingency plans to reduce demands. However, for the most part, LCRA's firm customers have also not been able to secure any readily available alternative sources of water supply that could substitute for their reliance on the Colorado River.

LCRA has obtained emergency relief from its Water Management Plan to curtail releases of interruptible stored water for most irrigated agriculture this year and has obtained authorizations for the temporary use of its downstream water rights to help meet firm customer demands in the lower basin. Those actions have delayed the timeframe for reaching a DWDR declaration. As the lake lev-

els drop, it becomes more difficult and expensive for the retail water suppliers to pump water from lakes Buchanan and Travis. There is no readily available option that would immediately offset the irreversible impact of releasing additional stored water for instream flows.

Statute and Rule: The Commission or ED may issue an emergency order under Tex. Water Code §§ 5.506, 11.148 and 30 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) Section 35.101 to temporarily suspend conditions in water rights relating to beneficial inflows to bays and estuaries and instream uses during an emergency. The Commission or ED must find that: a) emergency conditions exist that present an imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare, and that: 1) override the necessity to comply with general procedures and criteria for changing the conditions in a water right; or 2) override the need to maintain the balance between protecting environmental flow need and other public interests and relevant factors; and, b) there are no feasible, practicable alternatives to the emergency order.

Under 30 Tex. Admin. Code Section 35.25(c), an affected person may request an evidentiary hearing on issuance of the emergency order. Pursuant to 30 Tex. Admin. Code Section 35.101(g), the Commission may refer the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for an expedited hearing.

Executive Director and Commission Action: The Executive Director will consider LCRA's application on April 15, 2014. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code §§ 5.506 and 11.148, and 30 Tex. Admin. Code Section 35.101(i), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission or TCEQ) is providing notice to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the water right holders from the Highland Lakes downstream to Matagorda Bay, that if the Executive Director issues an emergency order, the Commission will consider whether to affirm, modify, or set aside the order at a hearing on April 30, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle
Building E, Room 201-S
Austin Texas

Information: Persons may attend the Commission hearing and request to make oral comment. Persons may also file written comment at any time before the April 30, 2014 hearing by filing it with the Office of Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P. O. Box 13087, Austin Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html>. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-687-4040 o por el internet al www.tceq.texas.gov.

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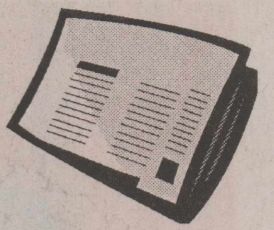
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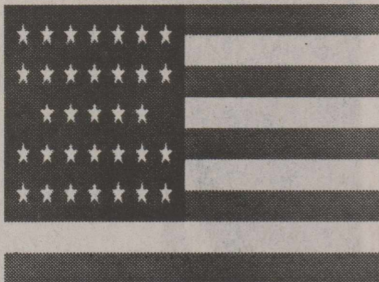
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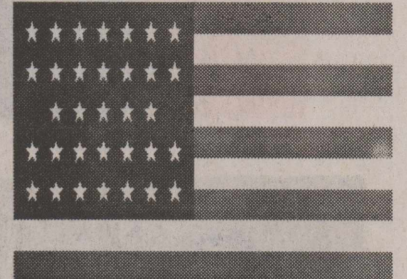
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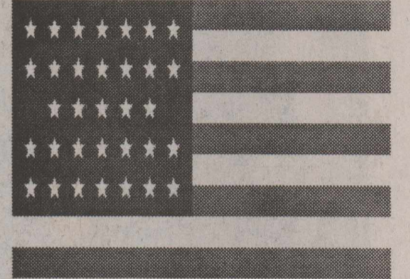
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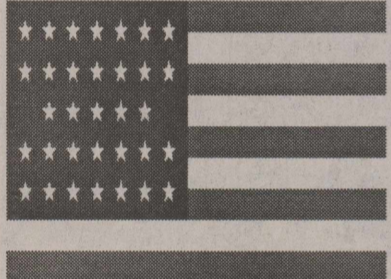
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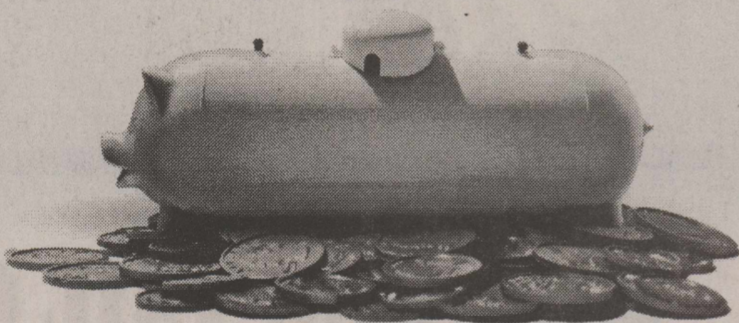
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This year's educator of the year grew up in Houston, Texas, but she always knew she loved the small-town life as she spent summers in Lockney with her grandparents. Drawn to West Texas, she attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a degree in special education in 1981. She taught in Midland for a couple years before marrying her husband, Gary, in 1984 and moving to Mail Trail Ranch in Val Verde County. She continued to teach and has been employed by Sonora ISD since 2008. Since her three children have graduated and moved on, she enjoys spending her time attending her students' activities. She has also selflessly volunteered in a number of ways including 4-H advisor and AWANA leader. She has a passion for teaching and a way with students that is unparalleled. She has even been known to stay after school and provide additional tutoring or support for her former and current students. She deeply cares for each of her students and will do whatever it takes to provide the best education possible.

Citizen of the Year
Born in San Angelo, Texas, this young man lived in a small farming community until his mother married a Sonora rancher. He graduated from Sonora High School in 1981 and went on to complete his formal education from Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. In 1987, he married the love of his life and together they spent a three-year "honeymoon" in Germany while he served our country in the United States Army. They enjoyed the opportunity to travel and see some of Europe before they returned to their true passion, ranching and agriculture. In 1990, he became partner and manager of the Liveoak Ranch in Edwards County, raising cattle, sheep and goats, and operating a wildlife enterprise. Once they started their family, they raised both of their children in the country. Their daughter, Chelsey Lou is now a senior at Texas Tech University. Their son Chance is a senior here at Sonora High. Curry stays very involved in our community. He is a member of the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge, and Saint John's Episcopal Church. He is a member and served as President of Sutton County Days Association, now serving as Chairman of the Sutton County Arena Improvement Committee. He holds memberships in the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, Sonora Lion's Club, and Sutton County Game Dinner Association. He has served as President and Director of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association. He is also a proud

alumnus of the TALL program (Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership). Curry's love for our youth has prompted his involvement in our 4-H Club where he has been a volunteer and Chairman of the Livestock Show committee for many years. His natural leadership and passion for helping others is truly what makes him an individual that so many people admire. The Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors would like to congratulate all the nominees and the winners. The chamber is now gearing up for the following events:
April 11-12 - The West Texas Championship Cook-Off
May 3rd- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
June 27-28 - Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo & Sutton County Days
October 4th- Dry Devil's river Music Flood
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