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"GOIN' OUT WEST"



By: Donna Garrett

On Thursday, April 16, 2015 the Sonora Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet. The Sutton County Civic Center was transformed into a scene from the west, with an old wagon, saddles, boots, spurs, wildflowers and to top it off tumbleweeds. Before the meal was served by the Sutton County Steakhouse & Catering, Roy Smalling blessed it. The tables were presert with a spring mix with fresh berries and pecans and a raspberry vinaigrette dressing and a choice of Italian Cream Cake or Chocolate Cream Pie. The wait staff then served a plated meal with Black Angus medallion and prosciutto wrapped-gouda stuffed chicken breast with roasted rosemary potatoes and asparagus vegetable mix with yeast rolls. The meal was fabulous! The decorations were perfect for the speaker of the evening, Tumbleweed Smith. Once again he kept the crowd in tears from all the laughter. Donna Garrett thanked the four outgoing board of directors and announced the current and new directors. The new directors are as follows: Corey Norrell, Espy Whitehead, Jackie Olson, Aliza Coronado, Johnna Gibson, Woody and Sarah Crow, Chris Berry, Juanita Gomez, Sandy Glover and Melissa Teaff. We are happy about the directors and ready to begin our new year. Mayor Wanda Shirley emceed the banquet and was honored to announce all the nominees for each category and the winners. The first award was Business of the Year, followed by Educator of the Year and to close the evening Citizen of the Year.

Nominees for Business of the Year were: Bronco Nutrition, Jet Specialty, Leo's Tire, Sew Addicted, Sonora Woolhouse Feed & Supply



This business was founded in 1930 by a group of ranch-

ers to provide a market for the locally produced Wool & Mohair to be sold to end users all over the US and the world. Marketing of Wool & Mohair being the goal. There has always been a retail presence to augment the sale of Wool & Mohair. In 2009 there was a devastating fire that forced the business to be restructured and reorganized, basically starting over. Though under a new name, Sonora Woolhouse, the core responsibility of marketing and selling Wool & Mohair is still the goal with the retail side helping to sustain this. The Wool & Mohair side of the business generates roughly \$2 million a year in sales that is distributed to ranchers throughout the area. We are pleased to announce this year's business of the year Sonora Woolhouse Feed & Supply.

Nominees for Educator of the year: Mrs. Sara Hogan, Mrs. Morgan Mathews, Mrs. Wendy Phillips, Mr. Jay Valdez, Mr. Ken Wimberly



This individual was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She first attended the University of Texas in Austin and then graduated with a major in Dance and a minor in Math from Southwest Texas State University. She has been married to Craten Phillips for 15 years. Together they have three children—Hunter, Ryder, and Harper. She is currently the 6th Grade Math Teacher, UIL Math Coach, TMSCA Coordinator, and Middle School Cheer Sponsor.

She has taught in Austin, Plano, Odessa, Carthage, and Garrison. She loves teaching math, but her passion is in dance. She has coached, choreographed, and directed her cheerleading squads, drill teams, and dance teams to winning National Championship titles. She also helped build the Dance Magnet Pro-

gram in Odessa. Last year she competed in the prestigious Mrs. Texas America Pageant and won 1st Runner-Up representing Sonora as Mrs. Sutton County as well as winning the Contestant's Choice Award. Last week, she took seventeen of our Sonora Middle School students to the TMSCA State Meet and came home with several awards. Wendy and her kids will be leaving us this year to join her husband, Coach Phillips, and start their next chapter and life adventure in Lago Vista. She hopes to be remembered by her favorite quote, "Life is a stage...the audience is waiting." As you may have guessed by now this year's Educator of the year is Mrs. Wendy Phillips.

Nominees for Citizen of the year: Joyce Chalk, Jimalee Dutton, Preston Faris, Roberta James, Carl Teaff.



This year's winner was born in San Antonio and raised in Sonora. He attended the public schools and graduated from Sonora High School in 1966. He was an All-State Football player his senior year. He attended Angelo State University on a football scholarship, but found our real quick he was not big enough. He continued his education in Gainesville, Texas at Cooke County Junior College, he studied there for 1 1/2 years before he joined the Marine reserves. He soon met and married the love of his life Melissa. They have been married for 45 years. They raised their 3 children in Sonora. Son Robert is married to Sarah and they have 2 children, Aiden and Carlynn. Their daughter Traci has 2 daughters Polli and Tori. Their daughter Joana and husband Brad Schaible live in Leader, Texas and have 3 children, Carrie, Emily and Dylan. Carl was a member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years. He served as Fire Chief for over 20 years, and also served as Fire Marshall for over 20 years, and took part in building the present Fire Station. He was chosen as Firemen of the year for the State Fire Convention in Beaumont, Texas in 1984. He served on the State Fire Prevention Poster committee for many years. He has retired from the Fire Department but is always on call if they need an extra hand. He has served on the school board for 3 terms and was serving when the new High School was built. He has been an active member of the Game Dinner Association for more than 40 years, serving as the President for many years. He is currently in charge of the Pavillion committee to obtain funds to cover the slab. He has served on the Sonora



Photo By Ray Glasscock

Broncos Tackle Coahoma

Broncos jumped out to an early lead on COAHOMA and captured a 15-3 victory on Tuesday at BRONCO BASEBALL FIELD. With 12 runs in the first three innings, Broncos left no doubt about the eventual outcome. Andres Acevedo got the win for Broncos. He allowed three runs over four innings. Acevedo struck out eight, walked two and gave up six hits.

Taylor ended up on the wrong side of the pitching decision, charged with the loss. He allowed nine runs in 1 2/3 innings, walked three and struck out two.

A two-run single by Hunter Hughes, and a two-run single by Louie Castro in the first inning and an RBI single by Isaiah Lira, an error, a two-run single by Elijah Cross, and a two-run single by Castro during the second inning supplied the early offense for Broncos. After a quick strike from COAHOMA, Broncos responded with one run in the third. Broncos scored on an RBI single by Lira.

Lira racked up four RBIs on four hits for Broncos. Castro in closing for the Broncos pitched lights out. Castro held COAHOMA hitless over one inning, allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out three.

"We talked about cutting down on errors in the field and not accepting walks from our pitchers the day before at practice. We accomplished most of it. We know we can hit, we just needed to play our tempo and take advantage of opportunities. Our kids really appreciate the support at last night's game, said coach Valdez."

Next game Friday at 800pm here vs Colorado City District Record- 4-2 tied with Reagan County at this point.

Bronco Golf Goes to State



Pictured left to right: Hunter Hughes, Josh Galindo, Gabe Rollert, Jonathan Martinez, Isaiah Lira, and Coach Adam Dubose

By Adam Dubose

The Bronco golf team had a great 2nd round of regionals to place 3rd and punch their ticket to state. After the 1st round we were only sitting in 3rd by 10 strokes, after the 2nd round it had grown to 40. The Broncos were led once again by Hunter Hughes who shot 74.71. The rest of the team also played very well: Josh Galindo (79.80), Gabe Rollert (86.85) Isaiah Lira (93.85), and Jonathon Martinez (92.90). The state tournament will be held April 27th and 28th at Grey Rock Golf Course.

Broncos Lead Area Track Meet- Day 1 Events



Photo and Story By Ray and Nancy Glasscock

The Area Track and Field Meet was held in Sonora on Friday April 17th. The meet showcased the top four finishers in each event in District 5 and 6 Track and Field Meets. The top four finishers in each Area Meet event advances to the Region 1 Meet to be held in Abilene May 1-2 at Abilene Christian University. After the end of Day 1, the Sonora Broncos led the Area Track Meet standings with 67 points..

Due to Friday's storms, only the running events minus the 3200m Run took place. The Field Events and the 3200m Run takes place on Wednesday April 22nd.

The following Sonora athletes and Relay Teams advanced to compete at the Region 1 Meet :

4X100m Relay Team-4th place(Cruz, Buitron, Garcia& Gunn) Jose Robles- 800m Run, Carter Zook -110m HHurdles & 300 m Hurdles, 4X200m Relay Team-3rd place(Cruz, Buitron, Garcia & Gunn) Raully Ojeda- 1600m Run, and the 4X400m Relay Team(Martinez, Buitron, Cruz, and Zook)- 1st place



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Wellness Ministry

We are surrounded by things that are "lawful" but not "helpful." Lowfat foods that are full of weird ingredients. Genetically modified foods that have pesticides built right into them. Household cleaners that are full of known carcinogens. Over-the-counter drugs that give us relief, but that are hard on the liver. All of these things may be approved by certain diet gurus, the government, or your doctor, but are they approved by your body? Don't assume that because something has an official "stamp of approval" automatically means that it is without consequences. Be your own health advocate. Be choosy about what you put on and inside of your temple. Make choices that build up the body, instead of tearing it down.

"All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up." 1 Corinthians 10:23

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Obituaries

Mallie Gilbert Turner

Mallie Gilbert Turner went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2015, in Eldorado, Texas. There will be visitation from 9AM to 7PM on Wednesday, April 22 at Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora, Texas. Funeral services will be at 11AM on Thursday, April 23, in Sonora at the Church of the Good Shepherd. On April 24, visitation will be in Coleman, Texas at Allcorn Funeral Home from 11AM to 1PM immediately followed by graveside services at Mt. View Cemetery.

Mallie was born in Tokeen, Texas on September 7, 1923. He left high school early and entered active duty in the Navy as a SeaBee on October 5, 1942 and was honorably discharged on December 11, 1945. He served from North Africa through the Pacific Theater in WWII and he was proud of his service to his country.

Upon his return from the war he briefly farmed with his father then the oil field became his career. At different times he was also a car salesman, the owner of a service station, the superintendent of mining, and mayor of Van Horn, Texas. He finally returned to the oilfield where he stayed until his retirement late in life. Mallie was a member of the Sonora and Eldorado Masonic Lodge achieving the title of District Deputy Grand Master.

He was also a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd. It was during his work as a car salesman that he met and married Jeanette Bell Morris. They were married on August 4, 1964 in Van Horn, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 13, 2012.

Mallie will be remembered by his many friends and family as a great storyteller and for his sense of humor that he never lost. He was a patriot and he loved his country.

Mallie is preceded in death by his parents, Homer Gilbert Turner and Ollie Lee Ammons, his sister Jewel Lucille Day. He is survived by his daughters, Betty Overall and Debra Pogue, and his son Shannon Turner; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Delia Gandar Duran



Delia Gandar Duran, 72, of Sonora died Sunday, April 19, 2015 in Sonora. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 11:00a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include her husband Flavio Duran, Sr. of Sonora, son Flavio Duran, Jr. of Ft. Worth, brothers Arturo and Frank Gandar of Sonora and Henry Gandar of Arlington, and sisters Beatrice Ramirez and Estella Gandar of Ft. Worth.

A Conversation About God The Freedom of Honesty, and the Honesty of Faith.

This article is dedicated to Flavio and Delia Duran.

By Ben D. Taylor

There is a house close to the corner of a street that most of us will never drive down. Chances are that even if you find yourself down that street you would be too busy to even notice that it was there. Its unassuming size and weathered wooden exterior speak in a voice that makes it easy for all of us to ignore. It is easy because as a rule; we only see what we are looking for. How many of us have tripped, fallen or walked into a sign because we were looking for someone in a crowd? We could not see the sign right in front of us because we were too busy looking for something that we wanted to find. Living in faith poses very similar hazards as most of our time is spent looking for the answers that we want rather than seeing the answers God has already given us. The key to changing that begins with faith. I believe that faith is a tool we all can use to mold our lives into a reflection of God's love. Faith can shape us into a mirror that reflects the light of His love, and it's only by the light of that honest reflection that we are able to see the answers that God's word provide.

There is a house close to the corner of a street that most of us will never drive down. To notice that house would be to see nothing more than a small home whose age is apparent from the weathered wood exterior. If you were to look at that humble house with the same scrutiny you would explore a mansion, then you would start to notice some very important things. At first you would notice that the shingles covering the roof were old, but with time you would see that each and every one of them are in almost perfect condition. While the wood covering the outside of the home shows more "wood" than "paint" it is only with careful notice that you see that while the wood may be old, it is still very strong. There have been some new boards added to the exterior, but each one of them serves a purpose and is perfectly cut to fit the house (not

as it once was but as it now stands). The yard (which at first was seen as simply being small) is perfectly maintained without a single blade of grass out of place. That old house that once fit perfectly into the expectation you had for it becomes something much more. In time you start to see that house for what it is and not what you expect it to be. You start to see it in a very honest way.

Before you look in a mirror your mind shows you an image of what you want to see, but you are usually disappointed with what the mirror shows. You are disappointed because you expect a reflection that is free from the effects of age, scars, sadness or grief only to find that what you see looks more like that old house that nobody takes the time to notice. While it may not seem like it, that mirror has given you a great gift. In a very real way it did not show you a reflection, gave you honesty. It showed you the flaws in your body but it did not judge you for them. It showed you evidence of a life-long lived, but it did not criticize you for your choices. All of the judgment and criticism comes from you.

The scars you carry (both inside and out) are gifts. They were hard won through pain, but like most gifts they are best served when passed onto others. If you have been cut by loss, pain, hardship or disappointment how better equipped are you to help others going through the same thing you had to endure. Your scars prove that the pain can be endured (but never forgotten) while your experience gives wisdom without the oppressiveness of judgment. Just like the new boards on that old house, your scars strengthen you because they perfectly fit your body as it is now (not as it was). You above all others are able to give honest guidance, simply because you have been there before. In time you begin to see that you aren't standing in front of a mirror at all. You are in fact standing inside of that

house looking out the window at someone who looks a lot like yourself; only instead of scars, their cuts are fresh.

There is a house close to the corner of a street that most of us will never drive down. Most days, one of the two occupants sit on the front porch smiling at the world in a way that makes you think that she knows something that nobody else has taken the time to figure out. When she speaks to neighbors she talks with such volume that even from a distance you can hear exactly what she is saying. Everything she says is meant for anyone that can listen and so there is no need for hushed tones. The other person living there seems to always be in constant motion. If you were to take the time to watch him, you would notice a few things about him. He completes every project he starts, and never seems to be burdened by the effort the task requires. He moves with the kind of purpose that is only seen in people that have completely dedicated themselves to something.

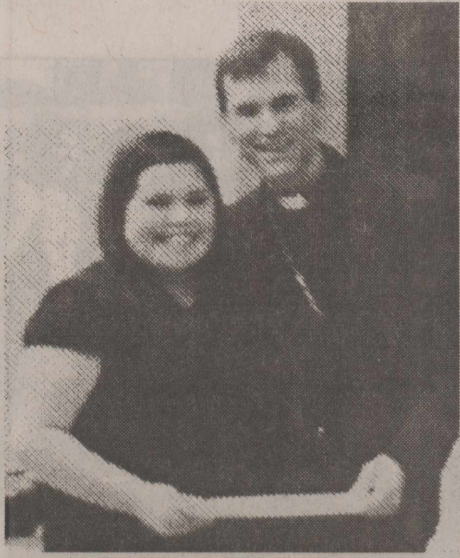
The woman with the secret does not smile because her life was easy, without pain, loss, grief or tragedy; she smiles because she is proud of the house God gave her. She is honest enough to realize that while a storm weakens the shingles, it also helps the grass grow. She does not worry when the hot sun scours the wood and turns paint into dust because she is honest enough to admit that re-painting old wood does not make it stronger-it only hides the flaws. When the wood becomes weak she does not rebuild her house into the form that it once was; she replaces weak wood with new boards that are measured to fit house she has. It is her honesty that lets her see what God wants her to. It is her honesty that lets her see that the flaws and weaknesses in her house are beautiful reminders of the times that it kept her safe from the elements. How can any of us look at our lives and not see that while pain hurts it can

also help us appreciate it even more when we finally find peace. Its embarrassing to look back over all of our mistakes, but its only by looking at them that we learn not to repeat them. The woman that carries a smile took an honest look at the flaws of her house and realized that in doing so she could no longer judge other people for theirs. That set her free, and that freedom made her smile.

When you look at your house what do you see? Do you simply cover the flaws with paint, or are you honest enough to realize that hiding weakness only makes the damage worse in the long run. When boards get weak do you rebuild your entire house, or are you honest enough to accept that your home will never be as it once was. Do you have the bravery to be as honest as that woman with the secret smile? How much better would this world be if we spent less time looking for the answers we want and start seeing the answers God is already showing us? If God is indeed everywhere, it is time that all of us start seeing him. All you have to do is see what is in front of you. Look not at the mansions that catch your eye, but to the houses that capture your heart.

There is a house close to the corner of a street that most of us will never drive down. The woman wearing a smile no longer sits on the front porch; she is sitting in heaven wearing a crown. She is looking down at all of us and is smiling in a way that makes you think she knows a secret that nobody else has taken the time to notice. The man is still in constant motion as he finishes every project he starts. He never seems to be burdened by the effort his tasks require and moves with the kind of purpose that is only seen in people that have completely dedicated themselves to something. His dedication is to living a good life by living honestly in his faith and loving one of the most honest women I have ever known.

Martinez Receives Honor



Kamrie Martinez was recognized as the Youth of St. Ann Church at the San Angelo Diocesan Awards banquet on Friday, April 17 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Gymnasium. Kamrie has shown outstanding qualities in: Leadership – the ability to lead, rally others and build unity. Service – selflessness in meeting the needs of others in the parish, school and community Witness – lives the values and faith of a Catholic in good standing, is a role model to others, and is not hesitant to speak of one's faith. Kamrie is the daughter of Zeke and Janna Martinez and a senior at Sonora High School. Pictured with Most Reverend Michael J. Sis.

Saving the Lives of Tweens Parents, Don't Give Up Until They Buckle Up!

The following article is provided by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Passenger Safety grant in College Station, TX provided by Bev Kellner Program Manager and TXDOT. It is being published in Sonora, TX to ask individuals to buckle up all passengers every time.

We all know everything is bigger in Texas! However, one number that we do not want to see bigger is the number of children ages 8-14 who are fatally injured in motor vehicle crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), from 2009-2012, a total of 188 children ages 8-14 were killed in motor vehicle crashes. Nationally, among children fatally injured in this age group, an average of 49% were unrestrained; in Texas, however, the rate of unrestrained fatalities was 58%. Parents and caregivers need to work to change this statistic! Seat belts save lives, but NHTSA data show that as children get older, they are less likely to buckle up. The percentage of child passengers who die while riding unrestrained generally increases with age and is most pronounced among 13- and 14-year-olds, regardless of seating position.

NHTSA just announced its first-ever national advertising campaign aimed at parents of children ages 8-14 to make sure their kids are consistently and properly wearing their seat belt every time the car is moving.

"Buckling up is an important habit to instill in children at a young age. As parents, we need to lead by example and reinforce the message to make sure it sticks," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "This campaign urges parents to never give up

until their kids buckle up." A recent series of NHTSA focus groups found seat belt use can fall by the wayside when shuttling kids to and from school and activities, when running short errands, or when parents are a bit worn down by the daily grind, which makes this campaign urgently important.

"Kids will always test the limits with their parents or caregivers, but there is no room for compromise when it comes to wearing a seat belt," said NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind. "Sounding like a broken record can save your child's life. Kids need constant reminders, and this is one that can't be skipped." Tweens test the limits, because it's how they learn and grow. The focus groups confirmed that it's critical that they absorb the message that the car doesn't move until ev-

eryone in the vehicle is buckled up. After a while, it won't be a fight; it will be second nature. And it is a lifesaving lesson that they'll carry with them always.

Watch for the campaign, which has been developed in both English and Spanish and includes television, radio, outdoor, print and digital ads. The ads take a direct approach to parents. One radio spot says, "You're the driver. The one in control. Stand firm. Just wait. And, move only when you hear the click that says they're buckled in for the drive." Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent Jessica Stapper reminds parents that most children are killed in crashes close to home. Keep children buckled up on every trip!

Hodgepodgees Senior Selection List

Andres Acevedo	James H. Hughes
Sid Anderson	H.L. James III
Michael V. Bell-Rivera	Lillian Kent
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Andrea Y. De La Fuente	Jacqueline Limon
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Jeremy L. Doran	Kali A. Mendez
Gracie Dozier	Abby R. Nolan
Austin T. Esparza	Lisette L Ortiz
Julissa M. Equivel	Eathan B. Patlan
Abigail Garcia	Annalisa M. Perez
Jose Juan Garza	Gabe B Rollert
Santiago Garza IV	Jonathan A. Salazar
Veronica Gaytan	Halle Samaniego
Kaitlyn A Gibbens	Rikki E. Sterling
Meeko Gonzalez	Alexa L. Sykes
Mckaula L. Herrada	Selena M. Trevino

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Economic Development help us throughout the evening. 2014 Miss Sutton County Abby Nolen she is a senior at Sonora High School and the daughter of Craig & Kathleen Nolen and 2013-2014 Miss Cinco de Mayo Veronica Gaytan she is a senior at Sonora High School and the daughter of Reynaldo & Martha Gaytan. We want to thank them for all their service to Sonora and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and we wish them well in all their future endeavors. I would also like to thank my administrative assistant Angie Bryant for all her help putting together the banquet, it was her first banquet and she did an amazing job. A special thanks to Olic & Carla Smith for bringing the wagon and saddles to town. I would also like to thank my family, Scott, Kristin and Levi for putting up with me the week of the banquet that is not an easy task. And a very special thanks to everyone that came out and supported the nominees and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

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We were delighted to have two beautiful young ladies





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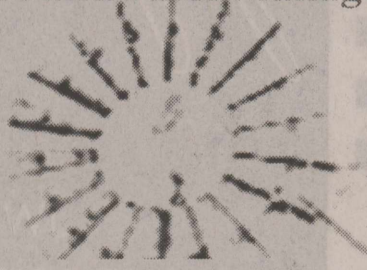
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Sutton 4-H In Spring Clean-Up Mode



By Pascual Hernandez

They do talk about spring cleaning, and Sutton County 4-H members did just that. Their community service project was one of two annual litter cleanup events that the local club conducts in cooperation with Keep Sonora Beautiful. This one is known as the Texas Trash-Off.

The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off is part of the partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The Texas Trash-Off serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, held annually from March 1 through May 31.

So why does 4-H take on the clean up?

A 2003 study conducted by the state of Texas found that 40% of Texans assume that prisoners are picking up litter. A similar percentage of Texans assume that volunteers and the Department of Transportation are most responsible for roadside cleanup. Only six percent correctly identify paid contractors as the prime stakeholders in highway clean-up.

However, TXDOT statistics reveal that although nearly 90 percent of litter on Texas highways is removed by paid contractors, volunteer clean-ups do make a difference.

Volunteer efforts significantly reduce litter cleanup costs

and save taxpayers money. Besides it's a free, easy way for groups to help beautify their communities. Also, it seems that motorists respond. Research indicates that seeing volunteers at work resonates with would-be offenders, and that motorists are less likely to litter.

In 2014 there were 2735 Texas cleanup events that in total collected over 6 million pounds of litter. Though Sutton County 4-H's Trash Off was just one day's event, it is part of a larger effort. And that effort makes a difference- they collected over 350 pounds of trash. We applaud these young people for their contribution to keeping Texas clean!

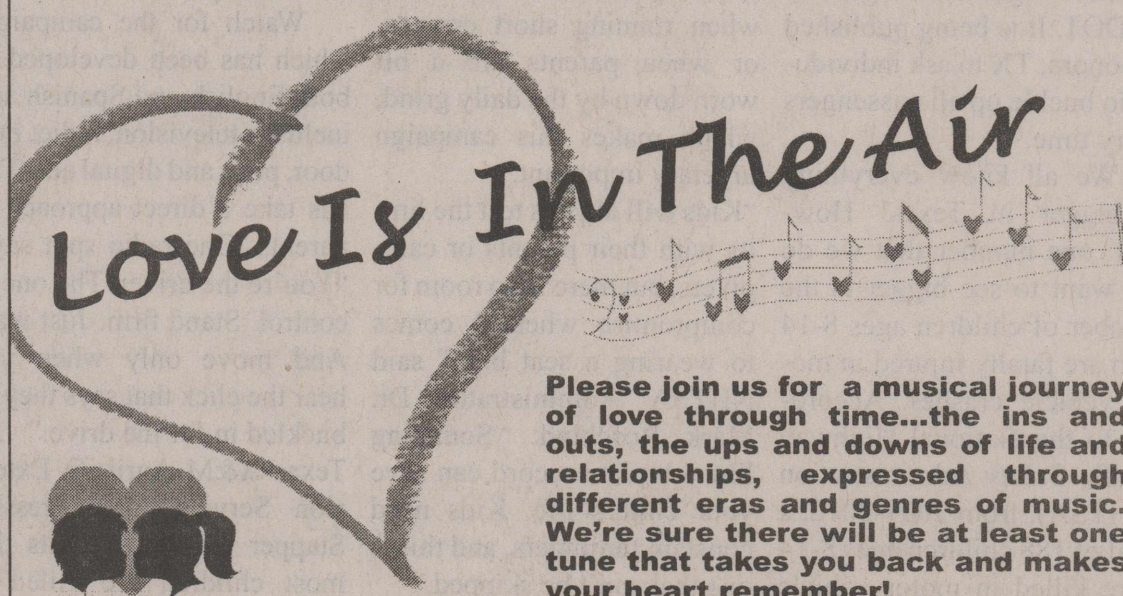
Sonora Colt Track: District Champs!



The Sonora Colts 7th and 8th Grade Boys are the New District 5-AAA Track and Field Champions! Both team dominated the district by scoring over 200 points. It has been an unusual track season but these group of young men have made the best of it and have been undefeated on the Track meets they have attended. The future looks bright for Track and Field in Sonora. Great job Colts!!

The Way Off Broadway Players

present a *Top of the Divide Band* performance!



Please join us for a musical journey of love through time...the ins and outs, the ups and downs of life and relationships, expressed through different eras and genres of music. We're sure there will be at least one tune that takes you back and makes your heart remember!

PERFORMANCES:

Friday, April 24 @ 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 25 @ 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 26 @ 3:00 p.m.
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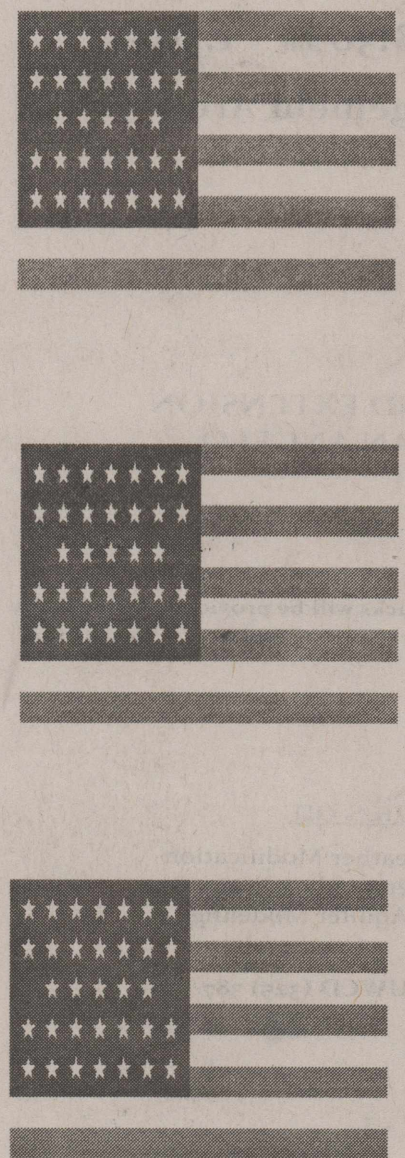
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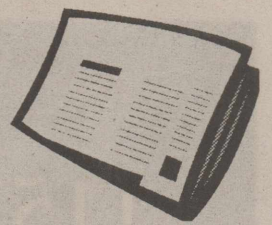
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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now being accepted in the office of the Sutton County & District Clerk, for the position of deputy clerk, until 4:30 PM, April 2nd, 2015. Starting salary is based on experience level and negotiable.

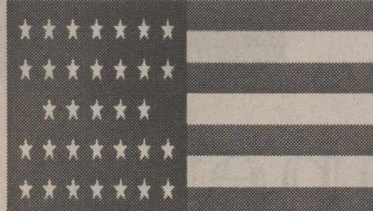
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Application forms may be picked up at the Sutton County & District Clerk's Office, located in the Sutton County Annex, 300 E. Oak, Ste 3, Sonora Texas or request via email clerk@suttoncounty.org

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Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is now accepting applications for a part time position in the Road & Bridge Department. Experience in Road & Bridge maintenance and equipment operation is preferred. Applicant must have a valid Texas CDL license. Duties include labor connected with general maintenance including paving of roads.

Each applicant is required to submit an application for employment with pertinent information regarding training and experience. Sutton County EEO.

Applications can be obtained at auditor's office. Completed application must be returned to Auditor's office by April 10, 2015.

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County Road & Bridge Department is now accepting applications for two (2) fill time positions. Experience in Road & Bridge maintenance and equipment operation is preferred. Applicants must have a valid Texas CDL license. Duties include labor connected with general maintenance including paving of roads.

Each applicant is required to submit an application for employment with pertinent information regarding training and experience. Full time positions includes insurance, vacation and sick leave benefits. Sutton County is EEO.

Applications can be obtained at Auditor's Office. All completed applications must be returned to Auditor's office at the Courthouse Building by May 7, 2015.

Employment

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sonora is now accepting applications for the position of Field Laborer. Applicants should have a valid Texas Driver's License, a high school diploma or GED. Applicants must be able to maintain and repair property of the municipality, be self-motivated and responsible. Applicants will also be required to obtain a water and wastewater license. All applicants are subject to a criminal background check. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950 and should be returned to City Hall. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information, applicants can call City Hall at (325)387-2558. The City of Sonora is an equal opportunity employer.

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R&B MATERIALS:

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Materials to be delivered to Sutton County Road & Bridge yard at 410 East Pecan in Sonora, Texas.

Sealed bids will be opened on April 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the special meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Steve Smith, 300 E. Oak, Suite 4, Sonora, Texas 76950. For specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Standley Clay Anderson, (325) 226-3388 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, (325) 387-5380.

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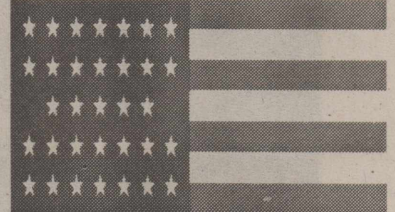
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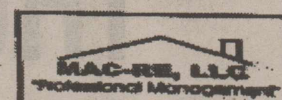
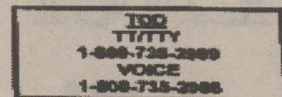
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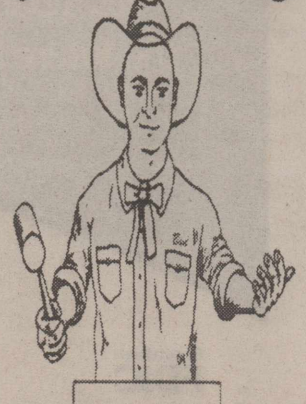
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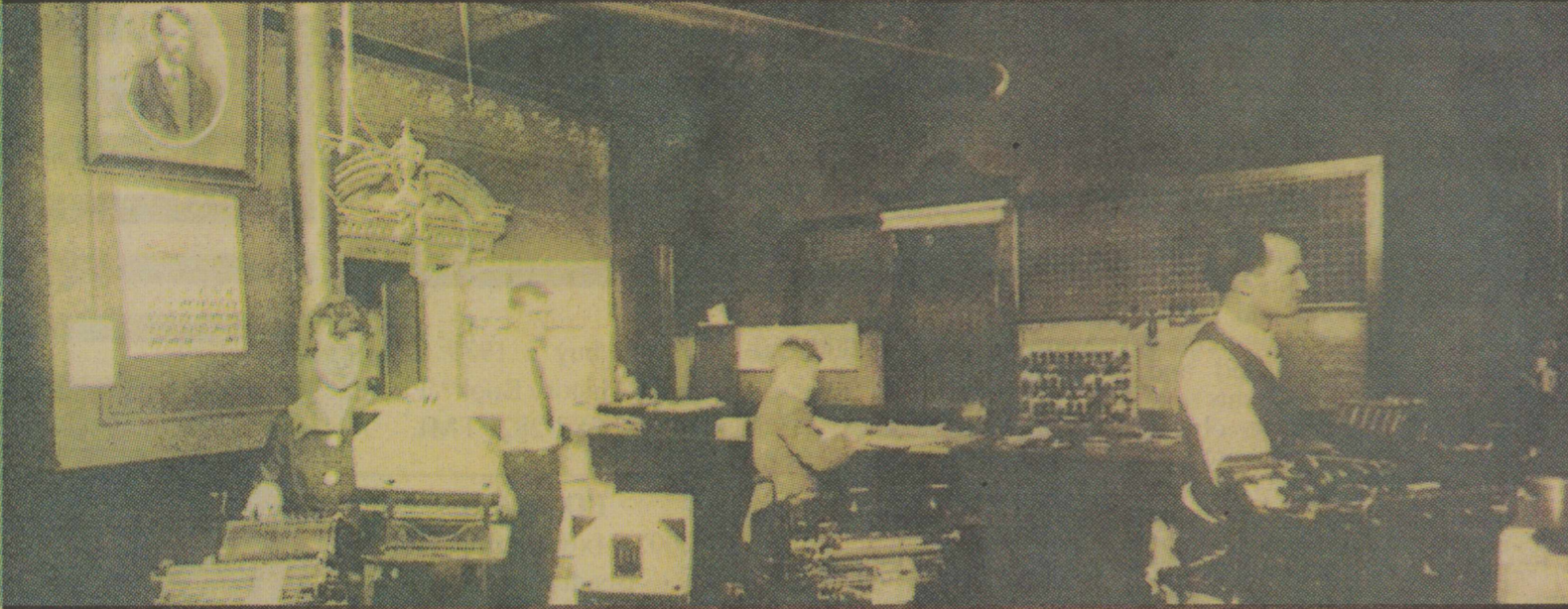
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Level Since July 2007**

AUSTIN - Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in March, down from 4.3 percent in February. The state has not seen a rate this low since July 2007 and Texas continues to trend below the national average of 5.5 percent.

Texas' total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 25,400 jobs in March's preliminary estimate. This comes on the heels of an impressive string of 53 straight months of job growth for the state. Over the year, the state has added 327,500 jobs for an overall growth rate of 2.9 percent, outpacing the national growth rate of 2.3 percent.

"Maintaining a diversity of employment opportunities has kept Texas strong for the past four years," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "We must continue to build and support partnerships that will help connect employers to a quality supply of skilled workers and equip job seekers with training that will help them succeed."

The Mining and Logging industry, which includes oil and gas employment, saw a decline in March with the loss of an estimated 2,800 jobs statewide.

"While some workers may be temporarily impacted by state-wide reductions in the oil and gas industry, our 28 local workforce boards stand ready to help these and all job seekers identify transferrable skills for other employment opportunities or obtain training that will help them quickly transition to new jobs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

The Education and Health Services industry added 3,400 jobs in March, followed in job gains by the Financial Activities industry which increased by 2,400 positions. Job gains were also experienced in the Leisure and Hospitality and Other Services.

"Connecting employers with the workers they need is critical to our state's success," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "Employers and job seekers can access the largest job-matching network in the state through WorkInTexas.com. Today, the site offers more than 250,000 available positions for those seeking work, and a tremendous pool of outstanding job seekers for employers to choose from for their workforce needs."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest March unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA with a 3.0 percent rate and the Lubbock, College Station-Bryan and Austin-Round Rock MSAs at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Chairman Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit www.tracer2.com.



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