

# The Devil's River News

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## The Mercantile Garden Showcases Sonora's Talent



Mike and Debra Hobbs' vision of a store includes the talent of Texas artists.



Sylvia Garcia displays several of her watercolors at the Garden.

By Ben D. Taylor

When I heard the name of the new store in the mercantile building I asked myself why? Why would a store not selling gardening equipment choose to have the word "garden" in it. My confusion ended the moment I walked into the Grand Opening of the Mercantile Garden. Before that my only perspective of a garden was my father spending hours in the sun working on our vegetable garden. I never really understood why

(I suspected that the man was just too cheap to go to the grocery store). I now know that a garden is any place of beauty where the fruits of hard work are displayed for anyone to see. A garden can be planted in the soil, or (as Debra Hobbs showed me) can be made of brick and glass displaying the hard work of local artists. The Mercantile Garden is aptly named.

Debra had a vision for the building that included more than just office space, "we always saw people in this building. It commanded attention; we just wanted the community to enjoy it as much as we did". The store was initially slated to sell antiques, "I found unique and old pieces that nobody used anymore. I found a 5 piece bedroom set, its a very rare set". Instead of setting a plan for her new store Debra planted a seed of an idea and let it grow on its own. "People started introducing me to artists, and I was blown away by the talent here in Sonora".

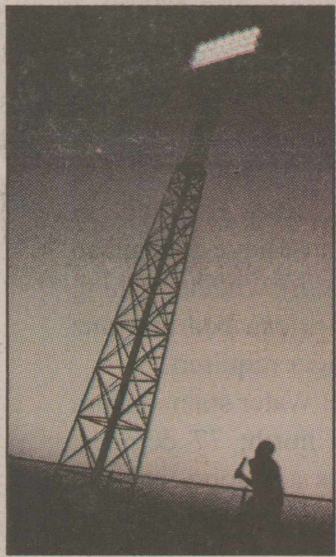
The art on display ranges from watercolors from award winning artist Sylvia Garcia, and photography by Kellie Crain and Shaylane Mayfield, to custom made fishing reels by Mike Hobbs. Debra commented that, "we are not only



Kellie Crain has several of her photography projects on display. Above is a picture taken in Midland, Texas.

supporting artists from Sonora, but from all across Texas". While the location of the artists may vary, their inspiration all comes from Texas. Sylvia Garcia paints the vistas and little known beauties, while Shaylane and Kellie capture a lifetime in the split second of a camera shutter.

While art is a major part of the Mercantile Garden, it also offers merchandise ranging from candles to crosses at affordable prices, "I have worked really hard to find diverse price ranges, Hobbs commented. "I have room to grow; I just need to feel my way through and listen to the community".



Local photographer Shaylane's pictures are inspired by West Texas. She took this picture in Iraan Texas.

## 2008 Relay For Life A Success



By Katie Haby

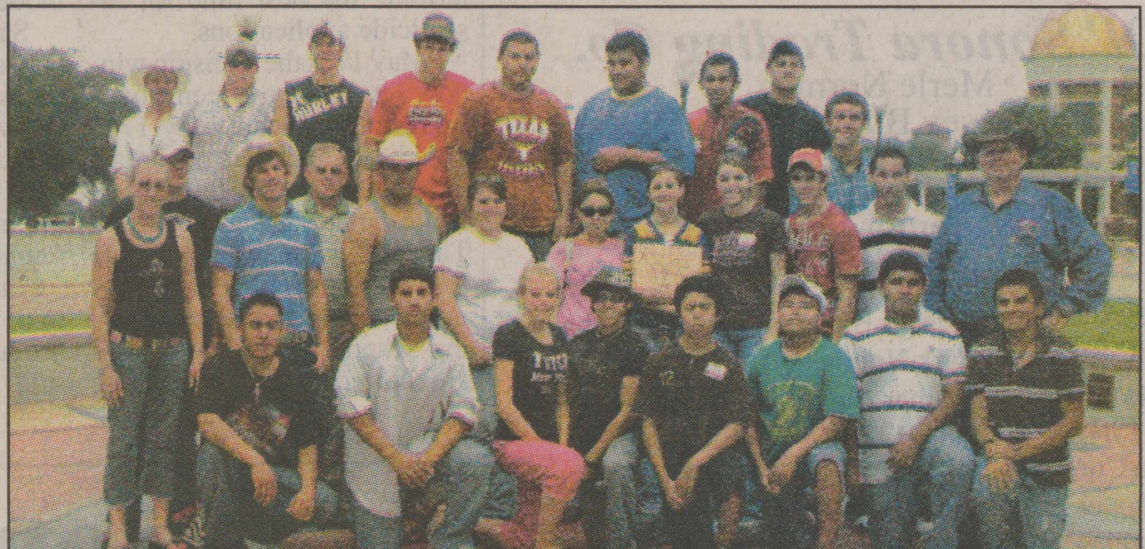
The 2008 Relay For Life event was held at the Bronco Stadium this past weekend and was a great success. The committee would like to thank all the volunteers and community members that came out. Your help with this year's

event and participation in the event was greatly appreciated by the survivors and committee members (this years Relay raised over \$46,000). Also, thank you to all community members and businesses that donated money to this worthy

cause. The following teams received awards at the event:

- Chuckwagon Award**  
Samaniego Family
- Most Spirited**  
Samaniego Family
- Most Money Raised**  
High Mount
- Most Laps Walked**  
Ladonna Alaman & Dorothy Jungk
- Best "Road to Recovery"**  
Church of Good Shephard
- "Road to Recovery" Race**  
Krew of Broncos
- Top Trophy**  
Devils River Divas.

## State Champions!



All winners of "Best of State"- Left to right (back row) Jesus Garcia, Morgan Martinez, Spencer Hall, Jacob Spivey, Rudy Charro, Instructor Cliff McMullan, (front row) Morgan Vyllecka, Jessica Chavez, Kyla Turney, Jose Ibanez, and Teaching Assistant Rose McMullan (floor)

By Cliff McMullan

Sonora Industrial Technology competed in the STATE Industrial Technology competition May8-10, 2008 in Waco, Texas.

The students did an EXCELLENT JOB! 47 projects advanced from the Regional competition, held in Rankin, Texas on April 26, 2008. The

47 projects competed well at the State Level, the earned 39 first, 8 second place finishes as well as 12 Best in the State awards. The Sonora team accumulated 181 points, which was enough for the Sonora Bronco Industrial Technology team to win the 2A state championship!

Special thanks to; Heather Holt for sponsoring the young ladies on the trip, Clyde Dukes for driving our bus, Chris Vyllecka for driving the truck with all of our projects, Billy Martin for hauling our projects to Regional competition, Rusty Baldwin for driving the bus to regionals, Louise Moore and Lynn Wipff for sending drinks and snacks for the bus ride. A very special thanks goes out to Seco Mayfield and the Mayfield Ranch for furnishing the use of their tractor-trailer rig to haul projects to Waco.

"I am extremely proud of these students; they have spent many hours on their projects and paperwork. They stood out as a team at the contest, and their hard work and teamwork paid off in Waco."

"Many advisors and parents commented on their workmanship at the convention center, they could not believe some of the process that were involved in their projects. The students were on their best behavior in Waco, and I appreciated their willingness to help others. Seniors you will be missed next year, underclassmen, get ready to go again!"

## Miss Cinco de Mayo 2008



By Ben D. Taylor

Starting in April of this year the Cinco de Mayo Candidates began selling dance tickets, attending fundraisers, and sitting for interviews for the chance to represent Sonora as Miss Cinco de Mayo. About a month later (May 3rd) Krystianna Mendez was crowned Miss Cinco de Mayo for 2008. All three candidates (Krystianna Mendez, Deyanira Alvizo, and Gina Valdez) were able to raise a total of \$7,655 dollars to go towards next years Cinco de Mayo celebration. Along with her crown Krystianna received a \$1,000 scholarship.

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## Expert Says Pecan Nut Casebearers Need Attention Soon

SAN ANGELO – When it comes to saving pecans from the pecan nut casebearer, time is of the essence, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"In Texas, May can be a make-or-break month for pecan (nut) production," said Dr. Chris Sansone, AgriLife Extension entomologist at San Angelo. "It's also the month pecan nut casebearers

hit the crop, leaving only a very short window when control measures are effective."

The pecan nut casebearer is one of the worst scourges affecting pecans, Sansone said. The adult stage, a moth about 1/3 inch long, flies at night and hides by day. They lay up to 150 eggs on the tips of developing nutlets. The eggs hatch and the larvae tunnel into the nutlets shortly after

pollination, often destroying all the nuts in the cluster.

Sansone said the best control method is a springtime insecticide application, but the timing is all important.

"Fortunately, AgriLife Research and Extension entomologists have developed two helpful tools to assist producers and homeowners with the decision," he said. Two web sites, <http://pecankernel.tamu.edu> and <http://PNCforecast.tamu.edu>, can help them determine the best time for insecticide applications.

"May 17 is the decision window set for Tom Green County. But understand, May 17 is not the actual date to spray, unless eggs are present and some hatching has occurred. The date is the predicted date for the first significant egg lay in the county. Consider spraying when two or more eggs are found while inspecting

10 nut clusters per tree or 310 total clusters if it's a sizeable orchard. The eggs are barely visible to the naked eye and are greenish-white when first laid. Ideally, one should spray when the hatch has started and is increasing."

Temperature fluctuations have a strong bearing on the moths' activity, according to Sansone. He recommends the trees be scouted for eggs and the decision to spray not be made solely on the prediction models.

Sansone said some producers anticipating a "branch-breaking" crop may opt not to spray at all, but instead will let the casebearers thin the nutload to preserve the health of the tree and the quality of the remaining nuts.

Confirm® and Intrepid® are two insecticides commercial producers can use, Sansone said. Homeowners are limited

to products containing spinosad, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (commonly called Bt), carbaryl or malathion.

Sansone warned users to read and follow label directions and make sure the products are specifically labeled for use on pecans.

More information on the pecan nut casebearer can be found in AgriLife Extension publication E-173, available at <http://agrilifebookstore.org>

Other publications on pecan insects accessible through the site include "Managing Insect and Mite Pests of Commercial Pecans in Texas" (E-215) and the "Homeowners' Guide to Pests of Peaches, Plums and Pecans" (E-145).

## TPWD Fishing Report

LBJ: Water stained; 70 degrees; 0.40' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red flukes, JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and green pumpkin tubes along docks and break lines of flats with stumps or lay downs in 4 - 10 feet. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps and Tiny Traps. Crappie are good on minnows and white Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles in 8 - 12 feet. Channel catfish are good on live bait and dip bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 74 degrees; 0.73' high. Black bass are good on crankbaits off points. Striped bass are good on live shad. White bass are good on live shad. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on fresh shad in the lower end of the lake. Yellow catfish are slow

AMISTAD: Water clear; 69 degrees; 14.79' low. Black bass are very good on Yamamoto Senkos, minnows, and topwaters. Striped bass are good on redfins. White bass are fair on minnows and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

FALCON: Water stained from Marker 8 north; 77 degrees. Black bass are good on deep running crankbaits and fair on Carolina rigged soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cut bait and stinkbait in the river. Yellow catfish are slow. Mexican fishing licenses are required to fish Mexican waters. Everyone in the boat must have a Mexican fishing license whether fishing or not. Mexican boat permits are no longer required.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees. Black bass are fair on live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on live and cut baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 0.97' low. Black bass are fair on live baits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on live baits.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 10.24' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits, crankbaits and live baits worked along humps and points and worked along tree lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live baits and poppers. Smallmouth bass are good on live baits and shad-colored crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live and cut baits.

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Casandra Contreras	Michael Jenkins	Kyla Turney
Dalton Dover	Shaylyn Kresta	Victor Vaquera
J. T. Downing	Hunter Lawson	Kelsey Watkins
Emily Earwood	Kimble Luna	Paula Zaragosa
Raquel Escalante	Laura Martin	
Franchesca Gandar	Colton Moore	
Maritza Garcia	Kari Nichols	
Aaron Gaytan	Nick Peña	
Sierra Gomez	Marcus Perez	

#### Bridal Selections

Pam Press  
bride-elect  
Jason Bounds

Daisha Henson  
bride-elect  
Jarrod Morrison

Cindy Jones  
bride-elect  
Brent Engelhardt

Dani Barker  
bride-elect  
Chance Dillard

Allison Benson  
bride-elect  
Richard Ramseyer

Lindsey McShan  
bride-elect  
John Paul Hudman

Mrs. Rocky Riley  
nee  
Callie Moore

Mrs. William Renfro  
nee  
Tara Sterling

## Prom Preview

#### What:

The community of Sonora is invited to a red carpet event. There will be a presentation of Sonora High's students who will be attending prom that night.

#### When:

May 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Where:

Sutton County's Courthouse Lawn

## VIVA SONORA



Krystianna Mendez, Gina Valdez, Deyanira Alvizo

Thank You to all our sponsors and Queen Candidates:

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The Devil's River News, Charles R. Pajestka M.D.,

The Health & Wellness Center and First National Bank.

A special Thanks to Kim Lewis, for helping with the Queen Candidates, Amis Gift Shop & Sandra Luz Gonzales, for their donation of the Tiara.

We had a great turnout for our Cinco de Mayo Celebration. We look forward to next years event.

#### Viva Sonora Board:

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Stirrup Trouble Salon.

She will be missed!



photos by Tamara Wolfe

## “Shattered Dreams”

Submitted

Unique in its design and powerful in its impact, “Shattered Dreams” is an educational experience that reminds us all of the dangers associated with drinking and driving. It reminds us that too many young lives have already been lost and countless others severely impaired because of the tragic consequences of underage drinking and drinking combined with driving. “Shattered Dreams” is about drinking and driving. It’s about living and dying. Can “Shattered Dreams” make a difference in a young person’s life? Families, schools, faith-based and community groups in Texas must join together to teach young people that consuming alcohol while underage is never a good choice. Can our communities afford to ignore the devastating impact that underage drinking is causing?

The “Shattered Dreams” program involves the dramatization of an alcohol-related crash on or near a high school campus, complete with police and EMS response, emergency room treatment, family notifications, and the arrest and booking of the driver. The crash scene drama is played out before the student body during a school day. Throughout the day the other elements of the “docu-drama” unfold. To give students a better understanding of the number of DWI-related deaths, an individual dressed as the “Grim Reaper” appears periodically throughout the school day to select a new victim. In 2000 every 20 minutes someone in Texas was injured or killed as the result of drunk driving. The victims are taken out of class, made-up in white faces and dressed in black t-shirts to symbolize death, and then returned to their classrooms to continue their day. By the end of the day, every student has one or more “dead” classmates present in the classroom with him, and on this note the school day ends.

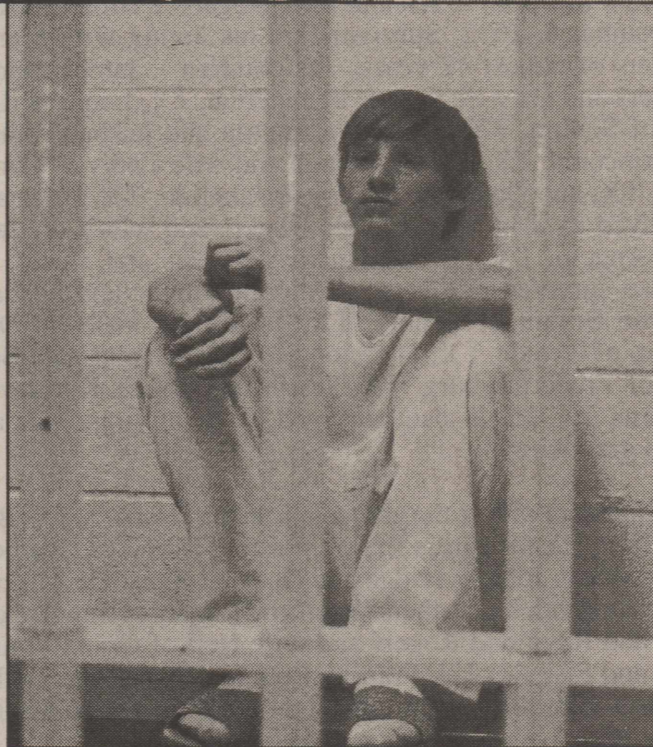
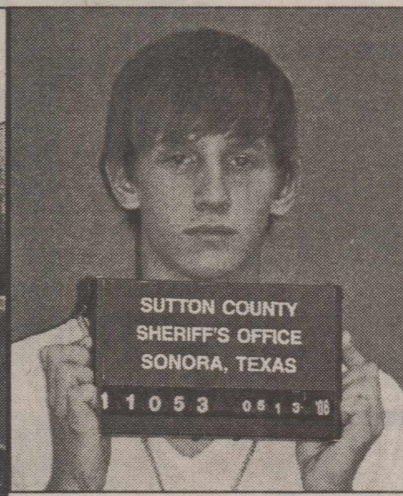
The next morning a wrap-up assembly is held featuring those who played roles in the previous day’s drama, including the “crash” victims, the drunk driver, their parents, and participating law enforcement and medical personnel. Impact statements from community members whose lives have been affected by teenage alcohol use and drunk driving bring closure to the program and reinforce its dual message for the teenage audience -- Don’t drink until you are 21, and never drink and drive.

“The TABC has participated in many ‘Shattered Dreams’ productions across the state. The response of all participants, especially that of

students, educators, and parents, has been tremendous. What we are hearing from participants is that this program is touching kids and changing their behaviors as no other program has done before,” said Enforcement Chief James Smelser. “We are excited by the results,” Smelser continued, “and are looking for opportunities to bring ‘Shattered Dreams’ productions to other communities.”

For additional information on Shattered Dreams, please contact the South Texas Injury Prevention and Research Center’s DEAD web site at [www.stiprc.org/ShatteredDreams/index.htm](http://www.stiprc.org/ShatteredDreams/index.htm).

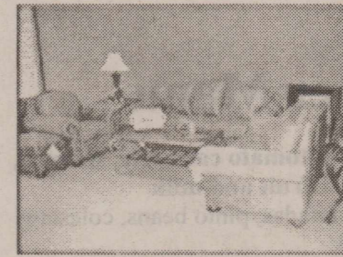
**On Tuesday May 13th the Shattered Dreams Program was conducted at the Sonora High School for all Juniors and Seniors.**



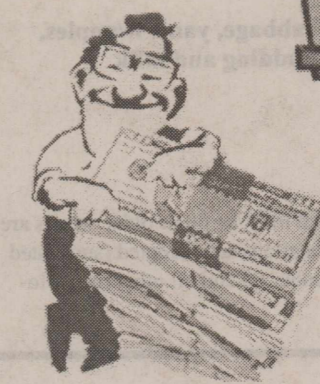
No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.  
-Albert Einstein

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| <b>Danielle Castro</b>    | <b>Laura Martin</b>     |
| <b>Kaci Chavarria</b>     | <b>Colton Moore</b>     |
| <b>Jessica Chavez</b>     | <b>Kari Nicholas</b>    |
| <b>Casandra Contreras</b> | <b>Marcus Perez</b>     |
| <b>Dalton Dover</b>       | <b>Whitney Perez</b>    |
| <b>Emily Earwood</b>      | <b>Amanda Rubalcava</b> |
| <b>Raquel Escalante</b>   | <b>Elbe Samaniego</b>   |
| <b>Kayla Garcia</b>       | <b>Riley Sanchez</b>    |
| <b>Maritza Garcia</b>     | <b>Lauran Schaefer</b>  |
| <b>Heather Hughes</b>     | <b>Kyla Turney</b>      |
| <b>Michael Jenkins</b>    | <b>Victor Vaquera</b>   |
| <b>Shaylynn Kresta</b>    | <b>Kelsey Watkins</b>   |
| <b>Hunter Lawson</b>      | <b>Myra Ybanez</b>      |
|                           | <b>Paula Zaragosa</b>   |

#### Bridal Selections

Dani Barker and Chance Dillard

## SONORA FFA



Invites you to the

2008  
FFA AWARDS  
BANQUET

Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

High School Commons Area & Auditorium

## Drs. Mark & Kristy Edwards to practice at Sonora Clinic

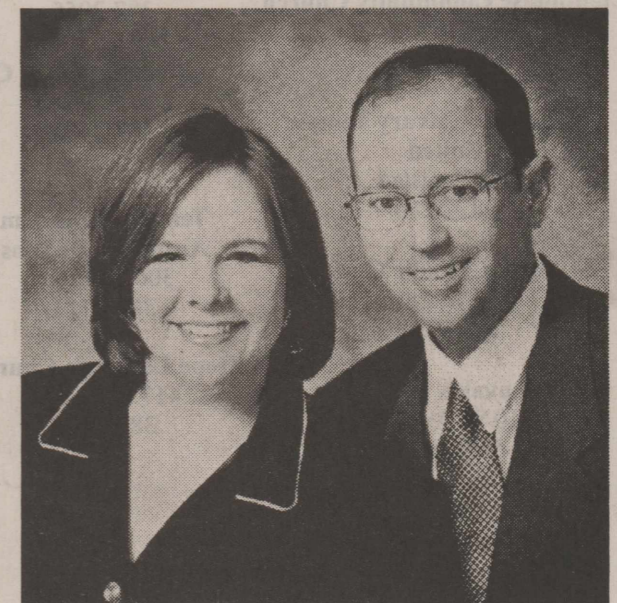
SONORA AND SUTTON COUNTY will enjoy the benefit of two family practice physicians who also happen to be a family when Mark Edwards, MD and Kristy D. Edwards, MD begin a joint practice at Sonora Medical Clinic on Monday, June 2.

Both doctors will have a general family practice, but each also brings specialized skills to Sonora not available before. Dr. Mark Edwards will perform colonoscopy and endoscopy procedures, allowing Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital to open a GI lab for the first time. Dr. Kristy Edwards is a certified wound care specialist and will expand women’s services at Sonora Clinic.

Dr. Mark Edwards has been the assistant dean of admissions and assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

Prior to that, he practiced and taught at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen. He graduated *magna cum laude* with a BA in biology from Texas A&M and earned his medical degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

Dr. Kristy Edwards also has been an assistant professor in family medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine. Prior to that, she was a major in the US Air Force medical corps and assistant professor and obstetrics coordinator at Offutt Air Force Base in Offutt, Nebraska. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a BS in psychology from Angelo State University and earned her medical degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.



Kristy D. Edwards, MD and Mark Edwards, MD begin practice at Sonora Clinic June 2.



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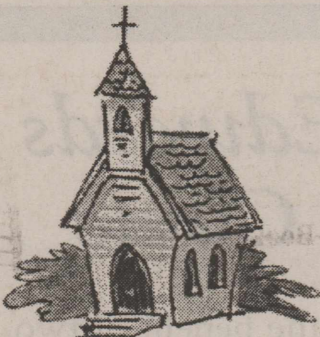
### Senior Center Activities

Thurs. May 15- Crafts... Need ideas and Volunteers  
Fri.- May 16- Happy B-Day Juanita Gandar  
Mon. May 19- Bingo  
Tues. May 20- City Council 4:00 p.m. @ City Hall  
Wed. May 21- Van to San Angelo Medicals.  
Call 387-3941

### Senior Center Menu

Thurs. May 15- Fried catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, jello w/fruit and milk  
Fri. May 16- Beef & chesse enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad and milk  
Mon. May 19- BBQ beef on a bun, french fries, coleslaw, carrots, peaches and milk  
Tues. May 20- Chicken fried steak w/gravy, baked potato, spanish green beans, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl and milk  
Wed. May 21- Glazed ham, cooked cabbage, yams w/apples, wheat rolls, banana pudding and milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



## Sonora Church Directory

**Primera Iglesia Bautista**  
504 Santa Clara  
387-2035

**Church of Christ**  
304 N. Water  
387-3190

**The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian**  
319 E. Mulberry  
387-2616

**First Baptist Church**  
11E. Oak  
387-3190

**Lighthouse Community Church**  
1705 N. Crockett  
387-9100

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

**Pentecostal Calvary Temple United**  
509 Amistad  
387-5266

**First United Methodist Church**  
201 N. Water  
387-2466

**St Ann's Catholic Church**  
229 W. Plum  
387-2278

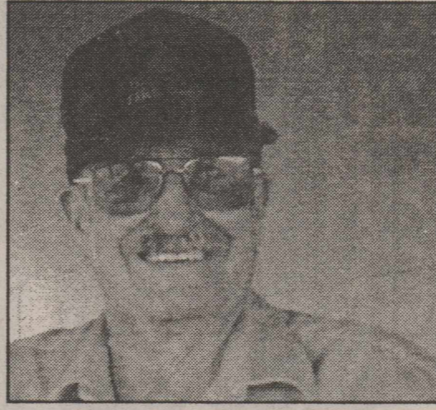
**Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios**  
306 W 4th St  
387-5713

**Jehovah's Witness**  
310 St. Ann's St  
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**Hope Lutheran Church**  
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## Obituaries



James Hollis Rogers

James Hollis Rogers, 75, of Del Rio, TX passed away May 6, 2008 in San Angelo, TX at Shannon Medical Center. Known as Hollis Rogers, he touched the lives of many people and family members in the San Angelo, Sonora, and Del Rio areas. Services will be Saturday May 10, 2008, at 2:00p.m. in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel; burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. He was a proud member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was also a veteran of the Korea War. At the time of his death he was retired. He and his wife owned and operated Rough Canyon Marina for twenty-one years.

Hollis was born to Ida and Kyle Rogers in Bronte, TX on November 8, 1932. Survivors are his loving wife Martha Rogers of almost 42 years, his children, James Marvin Rogers and his wife Sherrie of Junction, TX, Leonard Rogers of Sonora, TX, Linda Warrington and husband James of Princeton, TX, Joe Mc Gough and wife Cathy of Campbell, TX, and Dewayne Rogers of Junction, TX. He is also survived by a brother, Claude Rogers and wife Loretta of San Angelo, TX., and by many nephews and nieces. He is also survived by his step-children Brenda and husband Wayne Bryant of Sonora, TX, Linda and husband Dick Hearn of Uvalde, TX, Thurston Mc Cutchen and wife Bonnie of Fredericksburg, TX, Jessie and Bruce Kerbow of Sonora, TX. He is also, survived by many grandkids and great grandkids.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons Shane Hearn, Travis Bryant, Rick Hearn, Curtis Bryant, Foster Hearn, Zac Kerbow, Chris Berry, John Everidge and Darrel Rogers. He was preceded in death by brothers Woodrow Rogers of San Angelo, TX, and Raymond Rogers and wife Nell of Grand Prairie, TX, and Sister-in-law Frances Rogers of San Angelo, TX. Honorary Pallbearers will be Byerl Dillard, Frank Adkins, Larry Nowlton, Punk Rehm, and Cepri Casillas.

### Henry Chandler

Henry Chandler a former longtime resident of Sonora passed from this life on Sunday, May 11, 2008 with his loving family by his side at the age of 75. He was born February 21, 1933 in Lindsay, OK to Grady and Lela (Graham) Chandler. Henry was a proud U.S. Army veteran having served during the Korean War. He was a hard worker having worked his life in and around the oil field. Henry was very passionate when it came to family. His orneriness will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Henry is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 52 years Reggie; children, Steve Chandler and wife Sherryl of San Angelo, TX, and Stacy Wheeler of Farmington; grandchildren, Brandon, Britney, Blair, Morgan, Tony, and Megann; great-granddaughter Brenna; sister, Emalene Terrell of Mt. Pleasant, AR; brothers, Lewis Chandler and wife Barbara of Artesia, NM and Douglas Chandler and wife Terry of Carlsbad, NM; special son-in-law, Tom Wheeler of Farmington; sister-in-laws, Rowena Anderson and husband Pete of Millsap, TX and Rhonda Aten and husband Tom of El Paso, TX; special friends, Randolph Box, Ralph Crownover, Don Hooper, and Larry Blue; and by numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 19, 2008 at Cope Memorial Chapel with Dr. Dan Mauldin officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Farmington with Military Honors by VFW Post 2182. Honorary Pallbearers will be Henry's nieces and nephews, Ronnie Anderson, Greg Anderson, Richard Aten, Baron Chandler, Darin Chandler, Brandon Chandler, David Terrell, Ronnie Terrell, Danette Jordan, and Sharon Jackson. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. James Spence, Dr. James Neidhart and to the nurses in the chemo office. The family requests those wishing to may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1800 E. 3rd Ave., Durango, CO 81301, in Henry's name. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Cope Memorial Chapel, 404 W. Arrington, (505)327-5142.

## Thank You Notes

The family of Bernardo Mike Solis would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone for the food, flowers & especially all the prayers during our time of loss. Mike loved his community very much & we know why, as everyone has been so supportive during this sad time. We could not have gotten through it without you. Thank You again from the bottom of our hearts & May God Bless You All,

The Mike Solis Family

Relay for Life was a great success this year and the Devil's River Divas were proud to participate in such a touching event. We were able to achieve great success in a short amount of time because of those who helped us. We want to give a special thanks to many businesses that helped us out in the past few weeks; GesTex Well Service, La Mexicana, Sykes Brothers Dozer Service, JayAdd Contracting and Rentals, Express Ice, Farmers Insurance, Rafter W, and Mariposa Homes. Also, big thanks to Jerry Watkins for letting us use his very nice camper to relax in when we needed a moment to rest our feet. We would also like to show our appreciation to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to use the dunking booth. Because of the support we received our team was able to exceed our donation goal to the American Cancer Society of \$5,000.

Sincerely,  
Blair Bryan, Kim Boggs, Jesse West, Erin Burnham, Shalayne Mayfield, Kendra Vvylecka, Stacy Fisher, Jamie Wardlaw, Rachel Johnson, Nubia Gutierrez, Shannon Sadler and Pam Thorp

I would like to thank the community of Sonora for your support during my run for miss Cinco de Mayo. Thank You to my sponsors, Elliott Law Office, Mi Familia Restaurant & Bar, and Schlumberger Well Services. Thanks to the many friends and family who bought dance tickets, made donations, supported and/or helped with my fund raisers, and for the many kind words of encouragement. Last but not least, thank you mom, dad, grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, Uncle, and Ricela for your endless, but tiresome help. I am really looking forward to representing the Hispanic Community during the upcoming year as Miss Cinco de Mayo 2008.

Sincerely,  
Krystianna Mendez

Weatherford CPD would like to extend a hearty thank you to the following people/businesses for their assistance in making our Relay for Life raffle such a success:  
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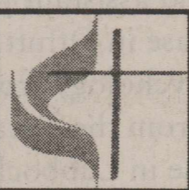
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### School Board Election Results: Precinct 4 (the only contested precinct)

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Jesse Bustamante

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### Engagement



**Kenneth Brandon Arnwine & Aimee Louise Dutch**

Kenneth Brandon Arnwine and Aimee Louise Dutch were married at 1:30 p.m. on April 12, 2008 in a triple ring ceremony in the Mural Room of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Barbara, California. The bride is the daughter of Dorothy Gray of Athens, Georgia and Neil Thormodsgaard of Bowdon, North Dakota. The groom is the son of Tommy and Beverly Arnwine of Sonora.

The bride was given away by her nine year old son, Hayden Davidson.

After the couple exchanged vows and rings, Kenny and Hayden exchanged vows to become father and son. Kenny gave Hayden a ring that matched his wedding ring.

A unity candle could not be used in the historic Courthouse so the couple and their son each brought soil from their homeland. Aimee's soil was from North Dakota, Kenny's from Texas, and Hayden's from North Carolina. They simultaneously poured their soils into a keepsake vase mixing them together uniting the family.

A champagne reception was held in the office courtyard of Aimee's sister and brother-in-law, Andri and John Beauchamp in downtown Santa Barbara.

Dinner was hosted by Kenny's parents at the Cafe Buenos Aires in downtown Santa Barbara.

A reception was held May 3, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse of Misty Waters on Lake Wylie in Charlotte, NC for family and friends of the couple.

A honeymoon is planned for Memorial Day weekend in Charleston, South Carolina.

Aimee, a Dental Hygienist, attended the University of Georgia is employed by Dr. Gordon Ritchie in Charlotte.

Kenny, a graduate of Sundown High School, South Plains College and Texas Tech University, is employed with Joe Gibbs Racing in Huntersville, NC and is an Electrical/Interior Mechanic on the #11 Fed Ex Toyota driven by Denny Hamlin.

Kenny, Aimee and Hayden will make their home in Charlotte, NC.

### Letter to the Editor

We ARE GLAD  
TO have a  
GOOD  
NEWS PAPER IN  
SONORA  
TEXAS.  
FROM JUSTINA  
TO BEN

*This past week I received this letter to the editor (above). Usually when I receive letters it is with some level of apprehension as the first thing that runs through my mind is (what did I get wrong now), but this letter was different. I don't know if it was the lady bug and strawberry stickers on the outside of the envelope or the smile of the person handing me the letter, but I had a feeling that this letter was going to be a good one.*

*After I read the letter we invited Justina McGuffin back into the office where I asked her what she thought would make the newspaper better, her answer was quick, "You need comics" (specifically Sponge Bob). While the cost of buying a license agreement to run Sponge Bob cartoons is a bit high for us we did decide that the younger readers do need something in the paper that they can enjoy. With Justina's help we created the Kids Korner (found on Page 9) to give everyone a chance to enjoy the newspaper. Thank you for your compliment and advice Justina, you did help make the newspaper better!*

**Ben D. Taylor**  
Editor

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The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

**Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine?** Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

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The Sonora Woman's Club will be publishing a new address book. If you want your address included or you do not want to be included please send your information to Sonora Woman's Club P.O. Box 1402 Sonora, TX 76950.


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## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary/Archivist

We have had many questions concerning William Richard Carver the outlaw. So many we will address some of them in this column.

Many researchers over the years have had different theories on the robberies at Grants Station, New Mexico in the fall of 1897 and the robbery attempt at the bank in Nogales Arizona in 1896. WOLA and NOLA researchers are strongly leaning towards Will not participating in these robberies after some excellent documentation by John D. Tanner, Jr. John Tanner is married to the closest living relative to Doc Holliday. He wrote to Donna Ernst with the following statement: "I don't know where Bill Carver was on August 6, 1896, but I know that he was not robbing the International Bank in Nogales. The robbers were: The two Christian brothers, Will and Bob (the later having assumed the alias Tom Anderson), George Musgrave (aka Jesse Williams), Jeff Davis, Jess Miller—and seven other aliases of which I am aware, Bob Hayes and Cole Young. The same is true for the hold-up of the train at Grant's Station on November 6, 1887. The fire was not caused by improperly setting explosives. The perpetrators separated the locomotive and cars some two miles away from the passenger cars before they blew the two safes. Following the robbery they placed the locomotive in reverse and it steamed into the passenger cars, causing the explosion and subsequent fire. Fortunately the passengers could well hear its approach and had abandoned their cars. The robbers were George Musgrave (who had assumed leadership of the "High Five" gang), Tom Anderson (Bob Christian), Theodore James and Sid Moore. These two robberies (and a host of others) are well documented and attributed by newspapers, eyewitness accounts, indictments and the very valuable collection of correspondence of the United States Marshal's offices in Arizona and New Mexico territories. They are totally unassociated with Carver and



E.E. Sawyer Ranch Circa 1907-08

the Ketchum group.

Now copies of all this documentation were sent to Donna Ernst and she has gone over it all and thinks our next printing of the Will Carver book should contain a disclaimer page that clearly shows that there is clear evidence to support Mr. Tanners' theories.

This doesn't mean that William Richard Carver wasn't an outlaw. He is clearly still connected to the Folsom, N. M. train robber on Sept 3, 1897, the December 1897 Stein's Pass, N.M. train Robbery in which Ed Bullion was killed. Ed Bartholemew claimed Will was at the 1898 Stanton, TX train robbery and Lozier, TX train robbery. In June of 1899 he was Wilcox, WY train robbery with the Wild Bunch. On July 11, 1899 the second Folsom, N.M. Train robbery and Elzy Lay was captured. In September 19, 1900 they suspect he was at the Winnemucca, NV bank robbery. Documentation clearly shows he was photographed in Fort Worth with the other members of the gang on November 21, 1900 and that he married Callie May Hunt there in December of 1900. Documents also show that in the early spring of 1901 he visited family and gave them money. In March 27, 1901 Thornton was killed at the Kilpatrick Ranch.

The Sonora end has been written about so much but it too has been researched to death by many writers including myself. Here are the facts: The death photo of Will Carver was found by Mrs. Collier (Mary L.) Shurley in the belongings of the late Clara Murphy, wife of editor Mike Murphy of the Devil's River News.

Despite romanticizing that Will would never rob the

Sonora bank by one author, he was indeed casing the place and the rest of the gang was outside town waiting to come back in and rob it. Members of the gang stated they were going to rob the bank and there is a statement of Thomas Green Chaney, born in Hunt County in 1864. In a statement taken from Mr. Chaney he states he knew Sam Ketchum, Tom Ketchum, Will Carver, Kilpatrick and even his own brother W. H. Chaney and his brother-in-law Frank Stedman. His brother W. H. Lived in Schleicher Co., near the county line, between Eldorado and Christoval. His home was a hideout for all the boys. "I lived about a quarter of a mile from him but tried to never get mixed up with the bunch. I had a family and we never suspected the outlaws being harbored so near to us so often.

I knew Will Carver well and he was one of the worst of the bunch; he wasn't scared of the old devil. He was a train robber and killer, one of the most notorious outlaws of that time. Old Will and Kilpatrick took some guy for a spy. They rode into Sonora one evening late, went to a little store and bought some chuck and horse feed, pretending to be new cowhands of that section. Will and Kilpatrick was doing a little spottin' while the other guy kept watch. Bryant was sheriff at that time and was a little quick on the draw. He walked in and recognized them as they were wanted in every section of the west. Bryant killed Will Carver and shot Kilpatrick. (SCHS note: We know that medical examiners proved that the fatal bullet was fired by Davis not Briant and Briant was the first to admit he

couldn't hit the broad side of a barn since he was recovering from a gunshot wound to his own shoulder that he had received earlier in the year.) The guy on watch broke and ran. Those waiting outside town split off in different directions. The guy watching came to get my brother and let him know what happened. My brother was at my place working on a windmill. The guy came up and told the whole story. The boys went to Sonora for the purpose of robbing the bank and bringing the loot to my brother's house. I don't guess anyone ever knew the exact reason they went, but you have my word that they went there for that purpose and I know what I am talking about. There is no harm in telling as they are all now dead.

My brother W. H. Chaney and Frank Stedman were pretty tough guys and they moved to New Mexico from the Christoval section. They were afraid to live here any longer. They had several run-ins and family trouble and decided to have a duel to settle the matter. They went to two points 80 feet apart and the best man was to win out. Brother was shot in the head and Frank in the stomach. They died facing each other after experiencing


so many dangerous battles together".

This and other statements clearly show that the bank was going to be robbed and that one of the outlaws was Will Carver. Also Mrs. Eleanor Ervin at the age of 96 in a statement stated she knew Will Carver and remembered seeing him and another man when he was killed and was thought to be setting up for a bank robbery. SCHS note: she is one of the listed witnesses that it was Will who was laying in the Courthouse wounded and that she knew him since he was young and he bought candy from her and treats to send to his mother and sister when he worked at the "Sixes." Over a dozen people identified Carver and his best friend in Sonora buried him.

Anyway, the death certificate states Will Carver died in the Old Jail and that his Coroner

Inquest was held there. He was first taken to the Sutton County Courthouse and treated by doctors there in the Sheriff/Tax Collectors office, but was removed to the Old Jail later that night. The fatal shot was to the right lung, passing through the body and lodged under the skin near the spine... this bullet was matched up and found to belong to J. R. Davis. Doctors Midkiff and Taylor and D.B. Woodruff the J.P. of Pct. No. 1 and ex-officio coroner all wrote about this and spoke of it for many years after the shooting. They told how the bullets were matched to the guns by the manufacturer of the bullets. Davis, a former Texas Ranger was a crack shot but never bragged about the killing as he had a family and was smart enough to not provoke the living members of the Wild Bunch.

Pray for Rain we need it badly! Call me at 387-5084 for rentals and with your question on Tues, Thursday and Saturday mornings or stop by the office at 307 Oak Street these same mornings.



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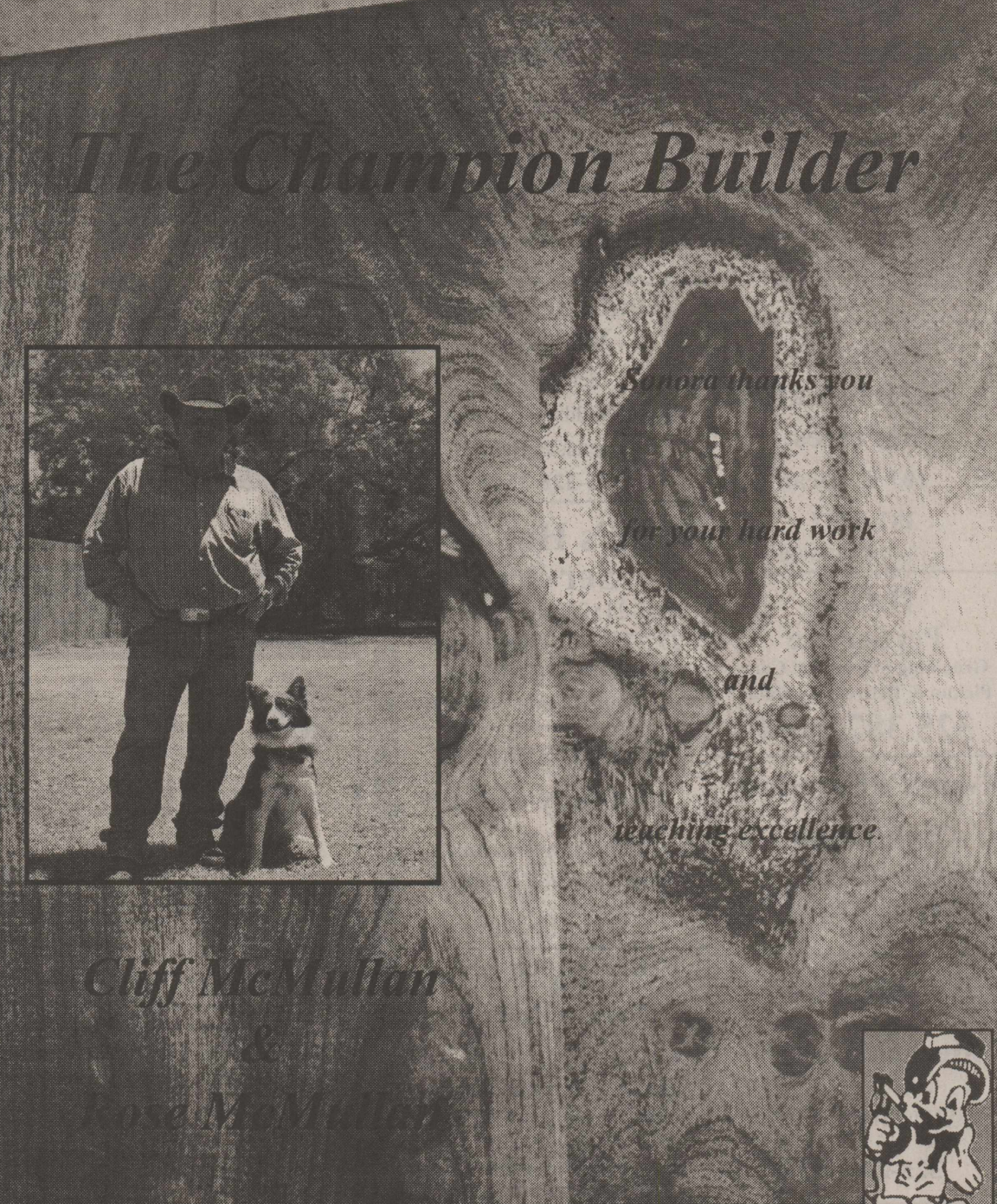
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# Ranchers' RoundUp To Focus on Controlling Ranch Costs

By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



It's not news that ranch operating costs have been getting tough to handle. Fuel costs keep going up and grain prices have been setting record high prices for some time now. Though we don't know when this will cease, there are some things that ranchers can do to optimize their bottom line. So this year, the Ranchers' RoundUp (workshop) will target controlling ranch costs. That is, managing costs in the face of high feed and fuel prices.

The program takes place on May 20th at the Sutton County Civic Center. Extension specialists will team up to address cost management strategies and some ways to help moderate the effects of inflated feed and fuel prices on extensive, range-based, ranching operations. Tighter management, trimming costs, and optimizing your resources is what this program is all about.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00. We will begin the day's

talks with a "Feed and Fuel Price Outlook". Discussion will proceed to discovering approaches to cutting costs with a presentation on "Strategic Ranch Management to Minimize Cost". The morning sessions will conclude with "Brush Control Cost Comparisons" and will attempt to put a dollar figure on the various brush control methods as well as assess the economic impact of no treatment. Following a catered lunch, the afternoon presentations continue with Current Issues In The Livestock Industry and Livestock Assistance Programs/Resources. There is also a talk on Rangeland Pesticide Laws & Regulations.

The cost to attend is \$15 by May 16 (\$25 at the door) and covers a meal, refreshments during breaks and educational resources. **Three (3) C.E.U.s will be awarded to those with a pesticide applicator license.** Call the Sutton County Extension Office at 325-87-3101 for details.

By Jason Brooks

The first weekend of December is always a busy two days in the Panhandle of Texas. The opening weekend of pheasant season brings hunters from all reaches of the state and beyond. The beloved ringneck is a prize trophy but does it really belong in southern High Plains? After all, the pheasant is an introduced game bird from Asia. They are more suited for the intensively farmed plains than the lesser prairie-chicken, which inhabited the land 100 years before the first center pivot irrigation system. As the land was broken-up for farming, the prairie-chicken disappeared. Pheasants fit the new system and provided great recreation for sportsmen. A win for the exotics. A win for sportsmen. A loss for prairie chickens?

Exotic or non-native wildlife is always a sticky issue in

wildlife management. Some exotics like pheasants evoke the recollection of a favorite hunting trip while others bring a rain of expletives as you recall all the fencing and water troughs that had to be repaired because of feral hogs. Consider the well known hill country example, the axis deer. Axis deer were introduced in central Texas, sometimes behind a high fence and sometimes without. Some landowners and hunters praise them for their recreational value and table fare. Others curse the competition with domestic livestock and native wildlife. Arguments can be made to support both sides.

Exotics can be a part of a functioning system provided the proper management which requires game-proof fencing. In the Edward's Plateau region of Texas, axis deer, fallow deer, blackbuck antelope, sika and other exotics have been introduced and managed successfully on both public and private lands. The key is understanding the life history of each animal and how that relates to habitat.

Exotic-native competition is evident in a laundry list of other Texas cases: feral hogs - javelinas, Eurasian collared doves - white-winged and mourning doves, aoudad - bighorn sheep. You could even make the case white-tailed deer are "exotic" in areas of far west Texas and competing with native mule deer. In some cases we have a good understanding of how these interactions work. In some cases, it may

# X Bar Ranch Sponsors a Youth Bicycle Event


TMBRA (Texas Mountain Bike Race Association) is proud to announce the complimentary Bike Texas Kid's Kup/Shimano Youth Series Event on Saturday May 17, 2008 at the X Bar Ranch off of FM 2129, between Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona.

Geared to riders aged 6 to 12 year old, the program is an exciting addition to each of the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association (TMBRA) Spring Championship Series Races.

This year will mark the 10th year for the X Bar Shoot Out Mountain Bike Race to be on the TMBRA series. For the past three years, the Shoot Out is the season finale on the Spring Championship Series and is expecting a crowd of around 350 racers.

The Kids Kup and Shimano Youth Series events feature a safety clinic, where kids learn the importance of wearing a helmet and maintaining their bicycles, a skills clinic, where the participants learn new technical bike handling skills such as negotiating rocks, logs, and sharp corners, and a race clinic, where the youngsters will find appropriate age/distance race courses and they get to experience the thrill of competition.

All interested children between the ages of 6 and 12 need to bring your bike, a helmet and mom or dad to sign you up. Registration opens at noon on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Live Oak Lodge on the X Bar Ranch, activities begin at 2:00 p.m. The event is free. For additional information go to [www.tmbra.org](http://www.tmbra.org) or [www.XBarRanch.com](http://www.XBarRanch.com).



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## Edwards Plateau Property Recognized as a Lone Star Land Steward By The Texas Parks And Wildlife Department

AUSTIN, Texas — A legendary South Texas icon, the King Ranch, and a uniquely maintained urban golf course are among the prestigious lineup of recipients of this year's Lone Star Land Steward Award winners. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Sand County Foundation are recognizing these model land stewards and others, who have shown exemplary efforts to manage their property as ambassadors of conservation.

On May 21 at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel in Austin, TPWD will recognize land stewards representing private ranches in various ecological regions, plus three separate categories recognizing

achievements for wildlife management associations, special contributions and corporate efforts. Also, the Leopold Conservation Award for Texas will be presented to the 2008 statewide land steward, still to be announced, by the Sand County Foundation.

The 13th annual Lone Star Land Steward Awards recognize and honor private landowners for their accomplishments in habitat management and wildlife conservation. The program is designed to educate landowners and the public and to encourage participation in habitat conservation. TPWD's primary partner in the awards is the Sand County Foundation, with sponsors that include Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, H. Ytur-

ria Land and Cattle Company, Texas Wildlife Association, Lower Colorado River Authority, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

"Each year we see a diverse group of dedicated landowners managing their wildlife and natural resources in innovative ways," said Linda Campbell, TPWD Private Lands Program director. "They are models for others to emulate in today's changing Texas."

Lone Star Land Steward Awards program objectives are to recognize private landowners for excellence in habitat management and wildlife conservation on their lands, publicize the best examples of sound natural resource management practices, encourage youth education and participation in promoting responsible habitat management and improved ecosystem health, promote long-term conservation of unique natural and cultural resources, promote ecosystem awareness and acknowledge the best conservation practices in the state's 10 ecological regions, enhance relationships between private landowners and Texas natural resource agencies and illustrate the important role of private landowners in the future of Texas natural resources.

For the fourth year, the Lone Star Land Steward Awards are benefiting from an association with Sand County Foundation, an international non-profit organization devoted to private landowner conservation. Each ecoregion award recipient and the wildlife management association recipient will receive \$1,000 from the Foundation, while the Leopold Conservation Award recipient will receive \$10,000 and the Leopold crystal award.

The Leopold Conservation Award honors the legacy of Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), who is considered the father of wildlife ecology. His collection of essays, "A Sand County Almanac," remains

one of the world's best-selling natural history books. Leopold's godson, Reed Coleman, formed Sand County Foundation in 1965 to protect the Leopold farm from encroaching lot development along the Wisconsin River.

For TPWD, the Leopold Conservation Award is the highest honor bestowed for conservation and responsible stewardship as part of the Lone Star Land Steward program. For Sand County Foundation, the Texas award is one of six Leopold Conservation Awards planned for private landowners in various states across the U.S. this year.

This year's recipients characterize the unique cultural and natural heritage of Texas. Landowners restoring degraded habitats while conserving flora and fauna are a common thread. Following are summaries of stewardship highlights for each of the ecoregion and category recipients. Rangeland improvement, spring restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, endangered species management, inventory and monitoring of native plants and animals, the first ever "Chiroptorium", and "people ranching" are just a few of the accomplishments of J. David and Margaret Bamberger.

Since 1969, David Bamberger has worked tirelessly to restore "the worst piece of ranchland in Blanco County" to the model of land stewardship that it is today. For many years, the Bambergers have led by example, while communicating their conservation message to children, teachers, other landowners and policy makers. One cannot help but be inspired when listening to him speak about his land and

the natural resources so dear to him.

Gulf Prairies and Marshes — Pierce Ranch, Armour Trusts, Owner; Laurance H. Armour, III, Operator

Habitat management on the Pierce Ranch is focused primarily on wetland development and native prairie restoration. As a cooperater with Texas (RICE) and their funding partners U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and TPWD, the ranch has constructed numerous wetland enhancement projects designed to benefit migratory waterfowl and shorebirds.

Ranch goals include maintaining quality waterfowl habitat, protecting bottomlands, and increasing native prairie

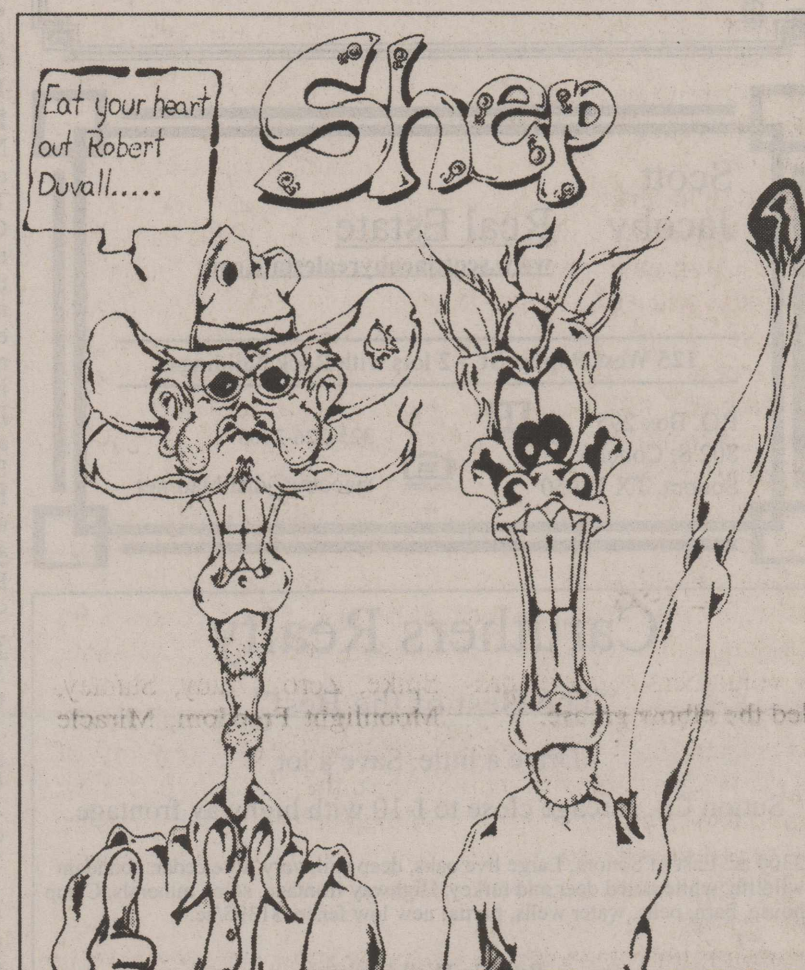
habitat. Recreational opportunity in the form of hunting, birding, and trail riding are offered throughout the year. Innovative methods have been developed to manage and recycle water for rice and crayfish production while enhancing waterfowl habitat.

## Fish Tales: Mason Lands The Motherload



By Ben D. Taylor

On his first fishing trip Mason Keller (grandson of Mike and Diane Keller from Sonora) caught five fish. Mason holds his first catch of the day with a little help from his Grandad Mike Keller. Mason cleaned up on this cool spring day at a stock tank close to the Llano river. Mason is the son of Todd and Amy Keller of New Braunfels, Texas.



Introducing an original comic strip by Casey Harper. Shep's creation was inspired by many Sonora locals. Read next weeks paper as Shep tries to fix our rain problem.

### Kids Korner

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### Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
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The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your

hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at  
(Insert address.)

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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

**Tax Payment**  
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.)

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

#### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of

your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



## Tumbleweed Smith You Have To Be Careful When Milking a Porcupine

When Dan Klepper of Marathon was a part-time Park Ranger at Kickapoo Caverns State Park, he helped visiting biologists. One of them was Dr. Linda Elzey, a specialist in feral hogs and javelinas. She was doing her doctoral thesis on porcupines and was conducting a three-year study on the creatures. The stand of Pinon Pines at the state park was diminishing and she wanted to find out if the porcupines were the cause. Dan's job was to catch the porcupines used in the study. "We would go out and locate a porcupine," says Dan. "It was fairly easy because they don't move too fast. They like to sit in trees.

Tall trees. She would arm me with a poker stick, a long aluminum rod about four feet long that had a syringe at the end of it. She would load up the syringe with a cocktail of some kind that would paralyze the porcupine temporarily, but wouldn't put him to sleep. In my other hand I

had a six-foot noose. I had to climb up the tree, inject the porcupine with the stick, then put a noose around him and slowly lower him before the narcotic would take effect. If it did kick in, the animal might get paralyzed and fall out of the tree."

Dan says Dr. Elzey was below with a net just in case something went wrong up in the tree. "But I was about 99 percent effective in getting them down in time."

Once the animal was controllable, they took a blood sample, looked for parasites, put a radio collar on it, then checked to see if it was male or female. Dan says he won't go into how they did that.

"If it was a female, we'd determine if it was lactating or not. It's like milking a cow except the cow was on its back and the utter was really, really tiny. But you could, through various massage techniques, get some lactation going and that would determine whether

the porcupine was pregnant. If she was, then we watched when the porcupat (that's what they call baby porcupines) was born, then we got it and ran the same tests on it."

They were grateful that the belly portion of a porcupine is smooth and has no quills. Dan says they had to work fast because the narcotic wouldn't last very long.

"As soon as it wore off, that tail would go up. Porcupines can't throw their quills, but they can slap their tail and administer a lot of painful quills. So as soon as the narcotic wore off, they were hacked off, ready to express some anger and do some tail-flapping. We worked very quickly and very cautiously."

Dr. Elzey insisted on putting a bandana over the eyes of the porcupine while con-

ducting their tests. "I asked her why she did that and she told me if I had been roused from a rest, noosed and narcotized, turned upside down and had strange creatures looking at me and squeezing my nipples, I'd want something over my eyes, too."

"The porcupine, whom one must handle gloved, may be respected, but never loved"  
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**Softball  
Lady Broncos Receive All-District Honors**



**Leandra Castaneda**  
2nd Team Infield



**Stephani Morriss**  
2nd Team Outfield



**Heather Hughes**  
MVP



**Raevon Johnson**  
Newcomer of the Year



**Laura Martin**  
Honorable Mention



**Azeneth Villanueva**  
1st Team Infield



**Kimble Luna**  
1st Team Catcher



**Jessica Snyder**  
1st Team Outfield



**Steely Ingham**  
1st Team Outfield

**Baseball:  
Broncos Fall To Hawley In  
2 Game Heartbreaker**



Pitcher Caleb Gonzales closed both playoff games against Hawley.



Dustin Neff makes it to first after a good base hit.



Third baseman Zac Rodriguez after making a leaping catch for an out in game 2.



First baseman J.T. Downing attempts to tag out a runner.



Aaron Gaytan making it safely to second base.

**Softball  
Former Bronco Wins Big**



**Meghan Krieg**

Submitted

The Lady Techsters of Louisiana Tech won the WAC Conference title in Honolulu, Hawaii this weekend giving them an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Their first tournament appearance since 1995 and first title win. They have been chosen to play in the Texas A&M region in College Station, Texas, May 16-18.

The road to the title was a tough one having to win against 3 nationally ranked teams. They defeated No. 22 ranked Hawaii 2-1 the first day of tournament. It took extra innings the following day to take a 3-2 win over 10th ranked Fresno State. On Friday, facing the top seed and

No. 17 Nevada State, former Sonora High School pitcher, Meghan Krieg (7-3) earned the victory. She took over in the top of 3rd inning down 1-0. She pitched 5 innings keeping the Nevada power hitters off balance. Meghan gave up 2 hits while striking out 8 to go on to win 4-3. In Saturday's title game Tech had two chances to win the title but only needed one game to beat No. 17 Nevada 2-1 for the second time in two days.

Tech is scheduled to play Auburn in College Station during the 1st round of NCAA Tournament, Friday @ 3:30. The games can be followed via Gametracker @ latechsports.com.

**Golf:  
Boys Place 3rd At State**



Submitted

On May 5th and 6th, the Sonora Bronco Boy's Golf Team competed as one of the top eight 2A Golf teams in the state of Texas at the State Golf Tournament hosted by the Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin, Texas. The team finished their two day tournament tied for third place with Muleshoe, who beat Sonora at the Regional tournament in Baird. Sonora came out on top at State beating Muleshoe in a one hole playoff and winning the Bronze medal.

John Duke Hudson also brought home an individual medal winning third place behind Salado's Ryan O'Rear

and Jade Scott of Daingerfield. There were a total of 48 individual golfers competing at the State Tournament. This was the exact same individual placing from the State Golf Tournament last year, with all three young men being classified as juniors and setting the stage for another tough year of competition in 2009.

The Bronco golf team consists of senior Morgan Martinez, junior John Duke Hudson, and sophomores Dylan Castillo, Manny Paredes and Caleb Gonzales. Congratulations boys on another very successful golf season!

Team totals were as follows:

- 1st Salado-318-301--619
- 2nd Edgewood - 316-305--621
- 3rd Sonora - 326-329--655
- 4th Muleshoe - 336-319--655
- 5th Nocona - 346-337--683
- 6th Franklin - 343-343--686
- 7th Troup - 344-362--706
- 8th Lone Oak - 357-358--715

Individual Results were as follows:

- 3rd John Duke Hudson 70-77--147
- 23rd Morgan Martinez 84-83--167
- Tied 28th Dylan Castillo 88-83--171
- Tied 30th Caleb Gonzales 86-86--172
- Tied 32nd Manny Paredes 86-88--174

**Junior High Tennis  
District Results**

**7th Grade Girls Doubles:**

3rd - Paige Sykes & Abby Creek

**7th Grade Boys Singles:**

1st - Darian Lopez

**7th Grade Mixed Doubles:**

1st - Blake Esparza & Micaela Moore

2nd - Adriana Faz & Michael Sanchez

**8th Grade Girls Doubles:**

3rd - Evelyn Solis & Delilah Aguero

Consolation - Jasmine Daniels & Ali Castro

**8th Grade Girls Singles:**

1st - Hunter Jennings

**8th Grade Boys Doubles:**

3rd - Davis Jimenez & Phillip Stephens

**8th Grade Boys Singles:**

2nd - Matthew Young

**8th Grade Mixed Doubles:**

1st - Edward Garza & Sara Carillo

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