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Undefeated Lady Broncos Win District Championship



Photo By Bonnie Lou Campbell

Here are the Lady Bronco District Champions 2008-09. (L to R): Morgan Smith, Amy Hernandez, Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Coach Larry Jennings, Azeneth Villanueva, Jessica Snyder, Sara Gillit, Bianca Trevino and Cassie Krieg.

By Nancy Glasscock

The Lady Broncos preserved their undefeated district play when they traveled to Presidio and defeated the Lady Blue Devils 65-31. Without Amy Hernandez and Jessica Snyder in the lineup, Coach Jennings brought sophomore forward Leandra Castaneda up from the JV team. This got Cas-

taneda in the mix with the Varsity players to prepare her for the first playoff game. To get ready for the playoff game, the team travels to Big Spring on Saturday to play the District 4-1A champion Lady Hornets of Sudan. Basketball playoffs begin for the Lady Broncos when they meet the winner of

the District 1-2A runnerup versus the District 2-2A third place team on Friday, February 20th. Congratulations Lady Broncos and good luck in the playoffs.

Stats from Presidio game:

Leonard 27, Smith 14, Castanada 8, Ingham 7, Villanueva 4, Gillit 3, Krieg 2

School Board Insists on Firm Field House Foundation

By Nancy Glasscock

The tentative schedule to firm up engineered plans and go out for bids hit a small snag when the soil tests for the field house site showed "unstable, mucky clay with over one and one-half inch of give." This unstable soil is approximately fifteen feet deep. Project architect, Lenora Clardy, stated, "the foundation (slab) will have to be beefed up." Joe Carlock, of DSA Construction Management, stated that "the soil problem and the change in the type of foundation will cause the cost of the field house project to go up." The DSA Engineers' preliminary thoughts were to, "take out three feet of soil, and fill in the foundation footprint with four feet of a stable soil." This compromise between the originally planned foundation and the most costly solution would provide more stability and result in about an inch of give.

Board President Fields stated with his experience building large buildings here in Sutton County, the only way to ensure a stable building due to the soil would be to drill down to the rock formation beneath the clay and place peers in the holes around the exterior perimeter and the interior of the foundation. Board Member Scott Jacoby asked for a cost on the structural peers with a structural slab. Mr. Carlock stated he could get the figures to Superintendent Gibson the next day. In order not to further delay the project, Mr. Gibson would then meet with

Mr. Fields and Mr. Jacoby to review the costs. They would in turn contact all other board members.

Mr. Gibson reviewed the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report results for the 2007-2008 school year. The school district received an Academically Acceptable rating. Any citizen wishing to receive a copy of the report can pick one up in the District Office on Concho St. The full report is also online at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aecis/2008/index.html> Board President Fields then announced the board training hours as required by Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Education: Jesse Bustamante 8.5, Tammy Favila 13.25, Tryon Fields 12.00, Scott Jacoby 0.0, Barbara Jennings 12.00, Mallory Rousselot 0.0, and Tommy Van Winkle 17.00. According to the Texas Administrative Code, "Following a board member's first year of service, he or she shall receive at least five hours of continuing education annually in fulfillment of assessed needs." Since this board meeting also approved the Order of Election (May 9 from 7 AM to 7 PM) for the three board seats with terms that are expiring, Board President Fields was required to make the hours be reflected in the minutes of the local board "and shall make this information available to the local media."

The following board member positions are up for election: the At-Large seat held

by Tammy Favila, the At-Large seat held by Mallory Rousselot, and the At-Large seat currently held by Scott Jacoby.

Any citizen over the age of 18 years may file to run for a seat from February 9 through March 9, at 5 PM at the School Administrative Office. March 17 is the last day for Write In candidates to file. The drawing for placement on the ballot will be held at 8:30 AM in the Administrative Office. Thursday, April 9 is the last day to register to vote for School Board election. Early voting begins on Monday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 5 from 8 AM to 4 PM at the School Administrative Building.

At this school board meeting, the board also discussed the contracts of the three principals, the Special Programs director, and the Technology Director. Board Member Bustamante moved to extend the contracts of all individuals in those positions through 2011. Board Member Jacoby seconded the motion with all members voting affirmatively. Board Member Jacoby then moved to authorize Mr. Gibson to advertise to hire a business/payroll assistant. Board Member Van Winkle seconded the motion that was also approved unanimously. The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will be held in the board meeting room in the Vocational Building on Prospect Street, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.



Sonora Sheepman Takes the Helm at ASI

Denver, Colo. – Glen Fisher of Sonora, Texas, was elected president of the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) at the 2009 ASI/National Lamb Feeders Association Convention in San Diego, Calif., on Jan. 24, 2009.

Fisher is the major partner and manager of Askew-Fisher Ranch, located on 18,000 acres of land in Sutton County, Texas. He runs approximately 1,800 head of sheep and 400 cows, as well as offers a hunting enterprise on his ranch.

Before being elected to the office of president, Fisher served as vice president and secretary/treasurer of the organization. He has served on the ASI Executive Board and is a past chairman of the American Wool Council. In addition to ASI, he has served as past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, past director of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center and past director of the Texas Polled Hereford Association. Fisher managed the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. for 16 years and has also been involved in numerous civic and local organizations. Most recently, Fisher served as chair of the ASI Goat Committee.

Fisher is married to wife, Linda, and has two children, daughter Tammy, and son David.

Commenting on his election to the office, Fisher says, "I am proud to represent the sheep industry in this capacity. It became evident during the convention that the industry has an abundance of new legislative and regulatory policy to implement plus the federal administration and the U.S. Congress have many new members to meet. This will be an exciting year."

Other officers elected to the ASI Executive Board at the convention were Margaret Soulen Hinson of Weiser, Idaho, to the office of vice president and Clint Krebs of Ione, Ore., to the office of secretary/treasurer.

ASI is a national trade organization supported by 45 state sheep associations, benefiting the interests of more than 70,500 sheep producers.

Reward Offered for Information on Relay for Life Theft

By Stacy Fisher

On a regular basis I realize why living in Sonora is such a blessing...it's the people that surround me. After the article about the Relay For Life storage shed break in, 2 companies have stepped up to offer a combined reward of \$1200. The reward is offered for information leading to the full recovery of all stolen merchandise and a possible conviction of those who committed the theft. Please call Stacy Fisher at (325) 226-4453 with any leads or information. Thank you to High-Mount, E&P and Ben and Lenora Pool with American Sales & Service for your generous donation.

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Employee of the Month



Troy Morgan and Shanna Petty

United States Postmaster, Troy Morgan is Sonora's Customer Service Champion of the Month for January 2009. Mr. Morgan has been with the U.S. Post Office for eleven years, and here in Sonora for the past 1 1/2 years. Mr. Morgan is being recognized for providing outstanding service and maintaining the highest of professional standards, all with a genuine smile.

Federal employees are prohibited from accepting gifts, and thus the \$100.00 gift certificate was dutifully returned but Mr. Morgan is sincerely appreciative of the recognition and Customer Service Champion certificate. Congratulations Troy Morgan and thank you for your valuable contribution to this community!

Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
- Fri. Feb. 13- Senior Companions to San Angelo, Volunteer Recognition Program
- Mon. Feb. 16- Center closed. President's Day.
- Tues. Feb. 17- CEAP. Energy Asst. Program 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 18- Van to San Angelo Medicals. call 387-3941.

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Feb. 12- Hamburger on a bun, French fries, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, carrot salad and milk
- Fri. Feb. 13- Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, Mexican corn, tossed salad, crackers, lemon pudding and milk
- Mon. Feb. 16- Center closed. President's Day.
- Tues. Feb. 17- BBQ on a bun, pickles, onions, French fries, sliced pears, pudding and milk
- Wed. Feb. 18- Chicken supreme, broccoli, rolls, green salad, cherry cobbler 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).

Happy 10th Birthday Pablo!

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Ronnie

Love,
 Lynn

Happy Valentine's Day

Tom, James, Wesley and Hollie

Love,
 Rhonda

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A mission is a good time to look at your relationship with God, your relationship with your family and yourself. The mission will help you find Jesus Christ in your life and in your family and bring a spiritual boost to our community.

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February 13
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February 15
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February 17
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February 18
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Sterling Hall Attends the National Youth Leadership Forum



Submitted

Exploring American Diplomacy, Intelligence and Defense introduced Sterling Hall to the challenging careers in national security, intelligence,

the diplomatic corps and more this past week in Washington D.C.

Through specialized simulations, the National Youth

Leadership Forum on National Security strives to put students in the driver's seat of building a strategy that will uphold our national security," said Marguerite Regan, Dean of Academic Affairs for NYLF. "The combination of interacting with professionals and with other students in this setting ensures that leaders are being developed so the future of our country will remain very bright."

The curriculum for the Forum on National Security is based on actual world events. Throughout the program, students use critical thinking, leadership and public speaking skills to tackle the complexity of national decision-making as they examine how the U.S. plans for peace and prepares for crisis. They employ a crisis decision-making process similar to that employed by the nation's top policy makers. In the "mock" crisis sim-

ulation, Sterling was placed in the role of our President's Press Secretary. A position he will never forget being in for the rest of his life.

Students also participate in thought-provoking question and answer sessions with highly respected, internationally recognized civilian policy makers and senior military. In addition, leading institutions open their doors to Forum on National Security students, where they are educated in diplomacy, international affairs and military strategy.

Sterling had the opportunity to visit the Pentagon, National Spy Museum and two of the Smithsonian Museums to name a few. It was an action packed week full of many memorable opportunities.

Around the World Valentines Dance at Middle School



Avery Nolen and Darien Lopez were this years Sweetest Hearts at the Middle School's Valentines Day Dance

By: Shelly Shannon

The Sonora Middle School Student Council sponsored an "Around the World" Valentine dance on February 5th. All the students were dressed in their finest and danced the night away. This year's Sweetest Hearts winners were Avery Nolen, daughter of Kathleen and Craig Nolen and Darien Lopez, son of Martin & Maria Lopez. Congratulations to them both. Student council members and their parents provided delicious food and a tasty punch that was enjoyed by all. The decorations included murals of famous landmarks all around the snack bar (done by Mrs. Carol Love's art classes). Special thanks goes out to a wonderful team of parents and student council members that decorated and cleaned up the middle school snack bar. The Student Council would like to express their thanks to the many parents and teachers who helped make the dance possible through donations and time. We also thank Sonora Animal Hospital for providing the DJ, Eddie Arteaga. Special thanks also go out to Sharon Creek, Kathleen Nolen, Carol Love, and Sheba Castillo for all their help in making the dance an exciting night for all!

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Fundraiser for Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Buy a permanently engraved brick for the new sidewalks at Liberty Park. We are raising money for the engraving of the names to go on the Memorial Wall. 4x8 brick \$35.00, 8x8 brick \$60.00, 12x12 \$150.00-with logos. Pick up forms at The Bank & Trust or City Hall.

Liberty Park Veterans Memorial Wall-Submit a veterans name to be engraved on the wall-Include the name of the veteran, branch of service, submitted by, mailing address. Veterans must be a residents or former residents of Sonora or Sutton County. Mail to: Liberty Park Veterans Wall, PO Box 824, Sonora, TX 76950. You can also pick up a form at The Bank & Trust or City Hall.

2009 Sutton County Relay for Life - If you are interested in having a team or would like to walk at the Relay for Life, Please contact Mariah at mariah.castro@fmbsonora.com or 325-226-0680.

PTO Meeting Thursday, February 19, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The Daddy Daughter Date Nite will be held on February 20, 2009 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 7-9 pm. Tickets will be \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. The theme for this event will be "Rock Star Diva". FMI contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325-387-2880.

If anyone has any information about the break-in of the Relay For Life storage shed at the Frontier Mini Storage please contact Stacy Fisher (325) 226-4453. Many items that we need to put on a successful event this year were taken and we would love to have them back.

Fellow Friends and Co-Workers. A trust fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Sonora. Anyone Interested in making a donation (Tax Deductable) to Roy J. while he is recovering from his accident can do so by Cash or Check. Make checks payable to: Sutton County Community Trust, and on the memo line write: Roy J Eisenbach Jr. Drop payments off at the bank or give them to Pat Day or Randy Sparks. Thank you Very Much.



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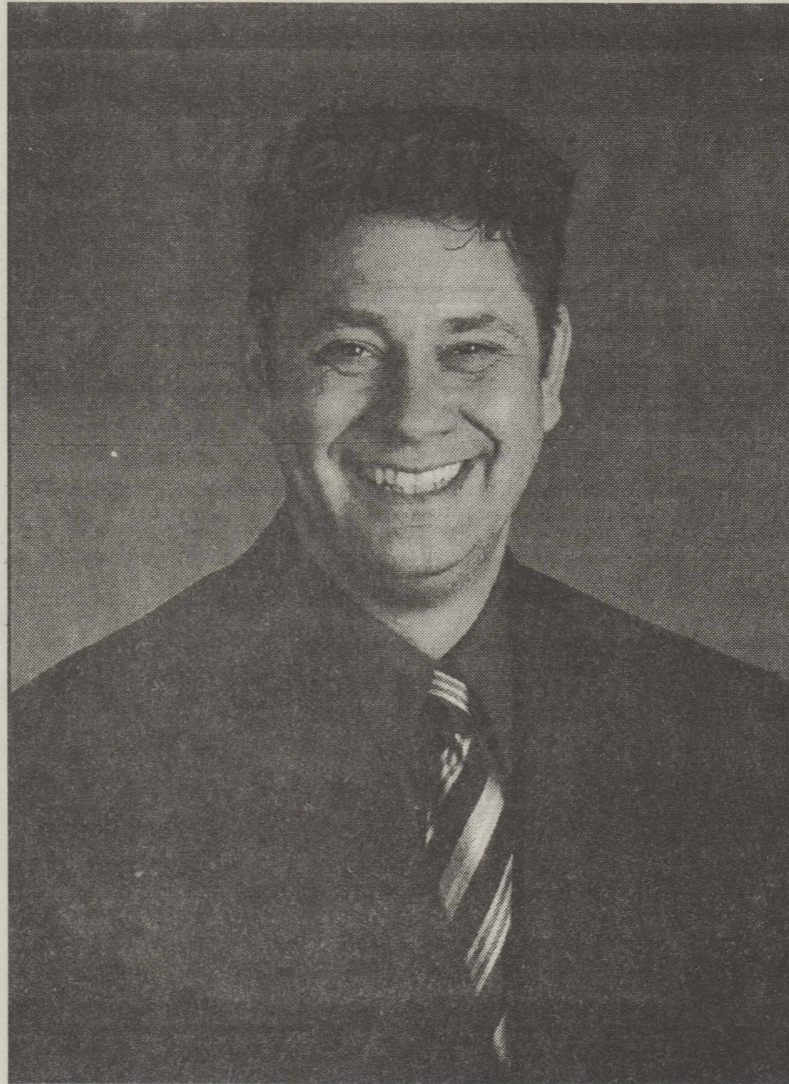
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Sonora Alumni To Head Texas Theatre Association



Submitted

Kelly Russell, a 1987 graduate of Sonora High School and currently an assistant professor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been named president of the Texas Theatre Association (TETA). He will hold the position for two years, and then serve as the organization's past-president for an additional two years.

TETA's membership of more than 2,200 teachers and students includes individuals from all levels of theatre education--elementary through college/university. TETA provides a wide range of essential support for its members. TETA's yearly Theatre Fest conference allows members the chance to exchange valuable ideas and attend workshops, presentations, and performances.

Sonora High School placed third at the State One-Act Play Contest in 1987 with "The Rope Dancers" under the direction of Terry Marrs and Kelly was named to the All-Star cast.



Sonora Graduate Makes Texas A&M Deans List

McKenzie Lea Watkins of Sonora, daughter of Mrs. Cindy Gilcrease and Mr. Bo Watkins, made the Dean's List at Texas A&M University for exceptional scholarship during Fall 2008.

Students are required to have above a 3.75 GPR to qualify for the Dean's List.

Miss Watkins is a junior studying Agricultural Communications and Journalism and plans to graduate in May 2011.

Miss Watkins is a 2007 honors graduate of Sonora High School where she was active in FFA, 4-H, the Mighty Bronco Band, and manager of the Varsity baseball team.

February is Cancer Prevention Month

By Stacy Fisher

The face of cancer can be young or old. It does not discriminate against race, religion, or sex, and it can happen to anyone. If it is not a battle that you have personally faced, then it is possible that you know someone who has or will fight the disease. The American Cancer Society has designated February cancer prevention and early detection month. Those who have fought cancer know that the best way to beat the disease is early detection, but not all are educated on what this means to themselves. The following cancer screening guidelines are recommended for those people at average risk for cancer and without specific symptoms. Breast Cancer: In their 20's, women should do breast self-exams regularly and any abnormalities should be reported to your physician immediately. Clinical breast exams should

be done every 3 years while in your 20's and 30's, and yearly beginning at 40, and starting at the age of 40 a yearly mammogram is recommended. Colon and Rectal Cancer: Beginning at the age 50, both men and women at average risk should use one of these screening tests for polyps and cancer; flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years, colonoscopy every 10 years, double contrast barium enema every 5 years or CT colonography every 5 years. Cervical Cancer: Starting no later than 21, a regular Pap test screening should be completed; if you have had 3 normal Pap test results in a row, by 30, your doctor can reduce screening to 2 to 3 years instead of annually. Endometrial (uterine) Cancer: At the time of menopause, all women should be informed about the risks and symptoms of endometrial cancer, and strongly encouraged to report any unexpected bleeding or spotting to their doctors. Prostate Cancer: Both the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE) should be offered annually, beginning at 50; men at high risk should begin testing at 45. Those who are at an increased risk for certain cancers may need to follow a different screening schedule, such as starting at an earlier age or being screened more often. Those with symptoms that could be related to cancer should see their doctor right away. Don't be afraid to address any issues or concerns with your physician. For more information about cancer prevention or early detection please visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org.

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Does Cold Impact Fruit Trees Blooming?

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Though we're still in early February, it's not too early to be thinking about our fruit trees. Some of our fruit trees will soon be blooming. So, does cold weather have any effect on this process?

Well, most hardy fruit trees need a certain amount of cold winter weather to end their dormancy and to promote spring growth. When winters are too mild, spring growth is delayed, irregular and slow, the period of blooming is extended, and the possibility of frost injury increased.

Extreme cold during winter dormancy, however, may kill the fruit buds. Winter weather rarely threatens apple, pear, and plum varieties. Peach trees are very vulnerable to cold weather. The stone fruits--cherry, peach, plum and nectarine--can lose cold hardiness due to extended midwinter warm periods. Damage to the flower buds can be extensive, especially if the warm period is followed by a very cold period.

As the fruit buds grow and open, they become more susceptible to frost injury. The exposed buds can usually

withstand temperatures near 24 degrees F, but blossoms of practically all fruit trees will be killed if the temperature drops below 24 degrees F. When a heavy frost is expected, covering the trees will sometimes prevent bud or blossom injury, provided temperatures do not fall too low and the cold weather is of short duration.

Since it's still several weeks before we hit our last average frost date, it's a good idea to be prepared to protect the flowers that will provide this summer's fruit. The main thing we can do is to cover the whole tree (if it's not too large) with a tarp or even a big piece of plastic. Normally we don't put plastic on plants because it can burn the edges. But in this case, that may be necessary in order to save our fruit crop. Polyethylene sheets or plastic bags that reach to the ground are usually effective, but cheesecloth and even old bed sheets may be used.

After a severe frost, injured blossoms may appear normal, but if the pistils (center part of the blossoms) are killed, the tree will not bear fruit.

Do Nothing Dad Killed On Ranch Road 1312

By Ray Glasscock

The holidays were over and he decided to go for a walk. It was a cool, but not cold, January night. As he walked down the road, he wondered if he should try to follow his last year's resolution. With more than a little disappointment in his recent actions, he remembered that he had pledged to help with the raising of his many children. But just like last year, he got the urge to wonder just after Thanksgiving. Could it really be his fault that there were so many

ladies willing to fall for his advances? Didn't the psychologists label him as a "dangerous alpha male?" That label didn't bother him, but the "do nothing dad" broke his heart. Perhaps his critics saw the world in black and white, but he definitely saw the world in shades of gray.

Suddenly, the darkness disappeared and he was surrounded by the brightest light he had ever seen. Confused, he turned to his right, but he was still blinded. He knew

he shouldn't have been walking on a ranch road at night, but he was proud of his great peripheral vision. At the last second, he could finally see



the headlights of a F150 pickup. As he tried to run, he was struck by the chrome bumper of the truck. He was knocked off his feet, and the left front wheel rolled over his back. As he crawled to the side of the road, he knew he was in trouble as he could not feel his legs. He coughed twice. Then he realized that he could not breathe, and he felt his life spirit leaving his body.

As I came around the corner, I saw him walking in the middle of the road with his back

to me. I literally stood on the brake pedal with both feet. The anti-skid system kicked in, and I could feel the wheels skidding and releasing, skidding and releasing, over and over. I thought that I was going to be able to stop in time. Of course, he didn't help himself as it looked like he just froze up. I doubt if I was going more than 5 mph when the bumper knocked him to the ground. I cringed when I felt the left front tire roll over him. After I stopped, I backed up and

shone the lights onto him. He was trying to crawl, but I could tell his back was broken. I ran to him and saw his eyes glaze over as he breathed his last. I couldn't stand to see his tongue slipping out of his mouth. Even after watching CSI, I knew not to change the crime scene. Yet, I pushed his tongue back into his mouth and closed it firmly.

I walked back to truck to call the authorities. After I called, I got my tape measure and took some measurements. After some calculations, I walked to him and said, "In case, you can hear me, you graded out to 135 on the Boone and Crocket."

The Devil is in the Details

Submitted

There's a guy who owns a parrot which never talks. So he goes to the pet shop to get some advice. The pet shop owner says he knows exactly what the problem is.

"Your parrot has too much hook in it's beak, what you have to do is file it's beak back and it will be able to talk just fine. You've got to be careful not to file it too far though, because if you take too much off the bird will drown the first time it has a drink."

The parrot owner asks how much the pet shop guy charges to do this beak modification and he says \$100. So the parrot fancier decides he'll do it himself.

A week or so later they bump into one another in the street. The pet shop guy enquires how the parrot is and whether it is talking yet? The parrot owner says "the parrots dead". Pet shop guy says "I told you not to file the beak back too far, did he drown when he had a drink?"

Ex-parrot owner says "Heck no, he was dead before I got him out of the vice!!"



A.S.I. Association's 20th Annual Convention

By Darlette Bloodworth

The American Sheep Industry Association Convention was held on January 21st-24th in San Diego, California. Glen Fisher was elected President of this organization. Congratulations Glen! A.S.I. is a national organization consisting of over 70,000 sheep producers which assists the sheep industry in international marketing, identifies new markets and products for consumers and production practices that are necessary for the sheep industry to remain profitable. The United States sheep industry dates back to the second voyage of Columbus in 1493 so this industry is deeply rooted in history. What an honor it is for Glen to represent this organization from our Great State of Texas.

Others that were in attendance from Sonora were Glen's wife Linda, Dr. Joe David Ross, Lee Bloodworth, President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and his wife Darlette. Texas was also represented by Lee Puckitt, Second Vice President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, wife Sandy, Gary McGehee, Pat Jackson, Lynn Glass, wife Helen, Dr. Tim Turner, wife Judy, and Chico Denis, wife Gienie. All of these men are Past Presidents of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

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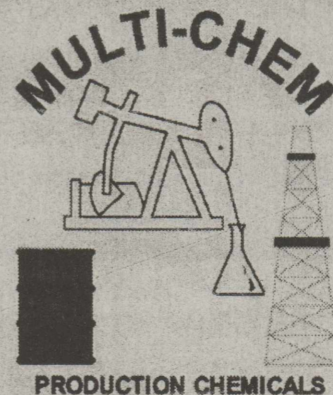
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Keeping Records - Why, What, Where and How Long?

Think of your household as a mini-business, performing the tasks of planning, buying, saving and investing, only on a smaller scale. Some records are required to assist in tax preparation. Others are needed in case of a crisis, such as death, fire or theft. Proof of payment(s) and ownership of property require records. They provide a useful summary of financial situation, medical, employment and lifestyle history. It is critical that family records be maintained to insure easy access to necessary information.

What to keep?
 Basic records are valuable papers or documents that are used frequently. These include driver's license; health, life and car insurance; car registration; identification or citizenship information; and information on special health concerns such as allergies, disabling conditions and blood type. These are records that should be easily accessible and available for day-to-day use.

Personal records also include family health records; birth, marriage, death and divorce certificates or decrees; deeds; leases; contracts; wills; and military and social security papers.

Records for financial or equipment emergencies in-

clude a list of credit cards, card numbers and phone or contact numbers of companies. Guarantees, warranties and appliance manuals for household items should be kept in a safe place.

Records that are needed on a monthly basis are current family spending plans and budget, unpaid bills and loan payment books. Financial records prove income and expenses. The IRS does not require records kept in a particular way. Keep them in a manner that works for you.

Where?
 How often it is used and replacement difficulty should determine where the record is kept. The main places are:

1. bank safe deposit box or a fireproof home storage container
2. wallet or purse
3. home filing system

A good rule is to keep your records in a home filing system unless it is a legal document or one that will be difficult to replace or duplicate.

The best place for these is in a safe deposit box or in a fireproof, theft-proof storage at home. Home storage units should be able to withstand heat of 1700 degrees Fahrenheit for one hour.

Know the location of important papers. Have a current, up-to-date listing and their location. Make at least three copies of your valuable papers inventory. Keep one in your home

file, another in a location not in your home such as a bank safe deposit box, and give one to a relative, trusted friend, your attorney and/or the person designated to handle your affairs in case of disability or death.

If valuable papers cannot be located, replacements need to be obtained as quickly as possible. Most papers must be replaced by the issuing agency or organization. Birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates can usually be obtained from the office of vital statistics in the capital city of the state where the event occurred. In Colorado, contact the Vital Records Section of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. For information on obtaining records from other states, write the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Co. 81009 and ask for the leaflet, "Where to Write for Vital Papers." There is a small fee for this publication. For information via the web, access www.vitalrec.com United State Vital Records Information.

How long?
 Even the best record-keeping system will not fill your needs forever. At least once a year, plan to review files and do some housecleaning.

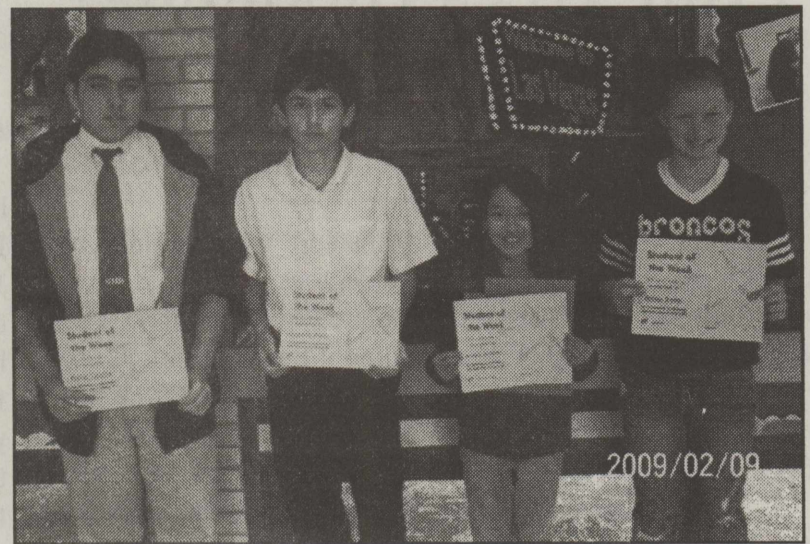
All records that might be used as proof of ownership should be retained. Keep records that might be

necessary for resale purposes, those that relate to income tax deductions and others, which might have value as reference for specific financial transactions such as verification of the original cost or value of property and major home improvement costs.

When in doubt, don't throw it out: permanent records: birth certificates, citizenship papers, marriage and/or divorce certificates, military records, wills, current insurance policies, employment and education records, credit card information and information on pension records and family health records.

Before making the decision to discard records, especially tax related records, check current IRS regulations at www.irs.gov or ask an accountant. The following are examples of items you might discard: bank statements and receipts of transactions for accounts that are closed; cancelled checks that are not needed as receipts for proof of purchase or income tax purposes; records of appliances that have been replaced; warranties which have expired and care instructions for garments that have been discarded. Source: Jane K. Frobese, Colorado State University Extension, Family and Consumer Education

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#54 Leandra Castaneda sinks a free throw in the JV Lady Broncos vs. Ozona Lady Lions game. #20 Chelsey Lou Campbell and #12 Hunter Jennings block out for the red!

By Coach Wendy Robertson

The 2008-2009 JV Lady Bronco Basketball season has come to an end with a record of 19-4 overall and 10-2 in District. The girls did an excellent job this season and worked very hard to have such a successful year. Thank you to everyone for your support and coming to watch the girls play, even on such long trips. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you for making this a great first basketball season for me, and I am looking forward to the future!!!!

Sonora 42 vs Ozona 16

Hunter Jennings 4 pts
Chelsey Lou Campbell 11 pts
Sarah Carrillo 5 pts
Joell McGuffin 3 pts
Kash McGee 2 pts
Leandra Castaneda 17 pts

Sonora 37 vs Presidio 39

Liz Chavarria 2 pts
Hunter Jennings 13 pts
Chelsey Lou Campbell 6 pts
Evelyn Solis 4 pts
Sarah Carrillo 6 pts
Sandra Hernandez 4 pts
Gaby Ibanez 2 pts

Lady Colts Basketball

By Coach Abby

The Lady Colts hosted Reagan County in Sonora on Jan. 26th. The White team started out with a 10-6 victory. Kory Humphrey and Bethani Trevino led all scorers with 4 each. The Red team followed with a victory of their own by a score of 24-10. Jaron Falcon led all scorers with 8. Michaela Moore and Kelsy Favila both added 4 each. Emilce Hernandez and Abby Creek added two each. Paige Sykes, Rebekah Infante, and Jacinda Sanchez chipped in with several key defensive plays. Taylor Hampton was a key rebounder. Team Defense was key as the Lady Owls were held to 3 points in the 1st half.

On Monday Feb. 9th The Sonora 8th Grade Lady Colts traveled to Crane to finish their basketball campaign with a pair of wins. The White team took the floor first and played their best game thus far minimizing turnovers and fouls. It came down to an exciting ending where both teams were knotted up 16-16. With seconds left on the clock the Lady Colts hit the game winner, and came away with an 18-16 victory. Bethani Trevino had 10 points. Stella Ingham had 4 points. Clarissa Hernandez and Kory Humphrey had 2 each. Melissa Freeman, Cassandra Garza, and Julietta Hernandez chipped in with good all around play. It was an inspiring victory and a tough act to follow.

The Lady Colts Red team took the floor in the second game versus the Crane Lady Birds A team. It was a game of fouls and rough play. The Lady Birds shot over 30 free throws. Several Lady Colts lost time to fouls, and turn-

overs were a problem in the 1st half. The Team Defense rose up and held the Lady Birds to 6 in the 1st half. Rebekah Infante and Kelsy Favila kept the defensive pressure on. Jacinda Sanchez held their leading scorer to 0 1st half points. Paige Sykes was a force as a shot blocker. Adriana Faz, Abby Creek, and Taylor Hampton secured rebounds with determination versus a taller team. Emilce Hernandez led all scorers with 9. Jacinda Sanchez scored 8, and Paige Sykes had 5. Kelsy Favila scored 4, and Adriana Faz had a crucial free throw. Jaron Falcon and Michaela Moore each had 2. The game was close in the 4th and the Lady Colts lost players to fouls. Emilce Hernandez and Michaela Moore controlled the ball with minimal turnovers and good possessions. The Team came together when they needed to with good hard passing, great defense, and improved teamwork.

The Lady Colts Red Team got their 10th win and ended their season 10-4. Along the way they have won a District Tournament Championship. The girls also rose as District Champs with the best record in the district regular season at 9-1. The 8th Grade Lady Colts White Team ended their season with a 6-4 record with one district loss. I am very proud of how hard they have worked and how much they have accomplished. They are a special group, and I was happy to have them in basketball. Their future looks great if they stay committed as a team and start working on skills year round. Thanks to all the people who have been supportive!

Lady Bronco District Champs

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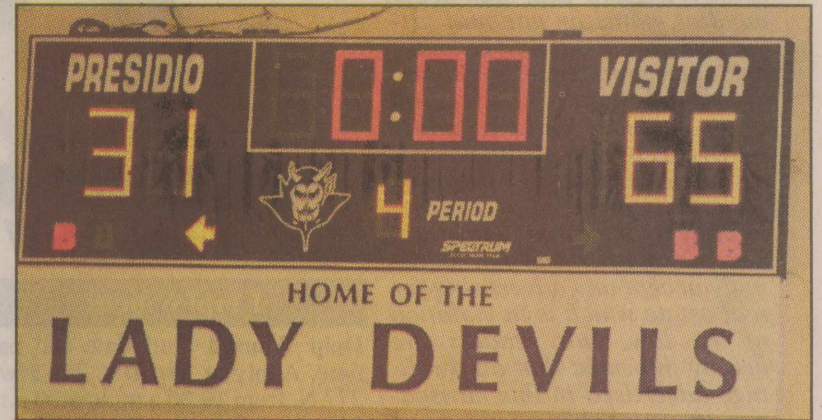


Photo by: Louise Dermody



Steeley Ingham #50 drives hard past the Lady Devils.

Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	JV	Varsity
2/13	*Kermit	Away	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
2/17	*Crane	Home	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

*District

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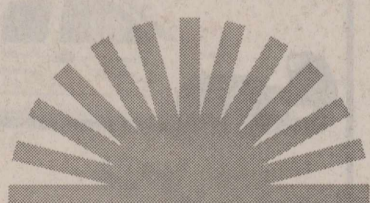
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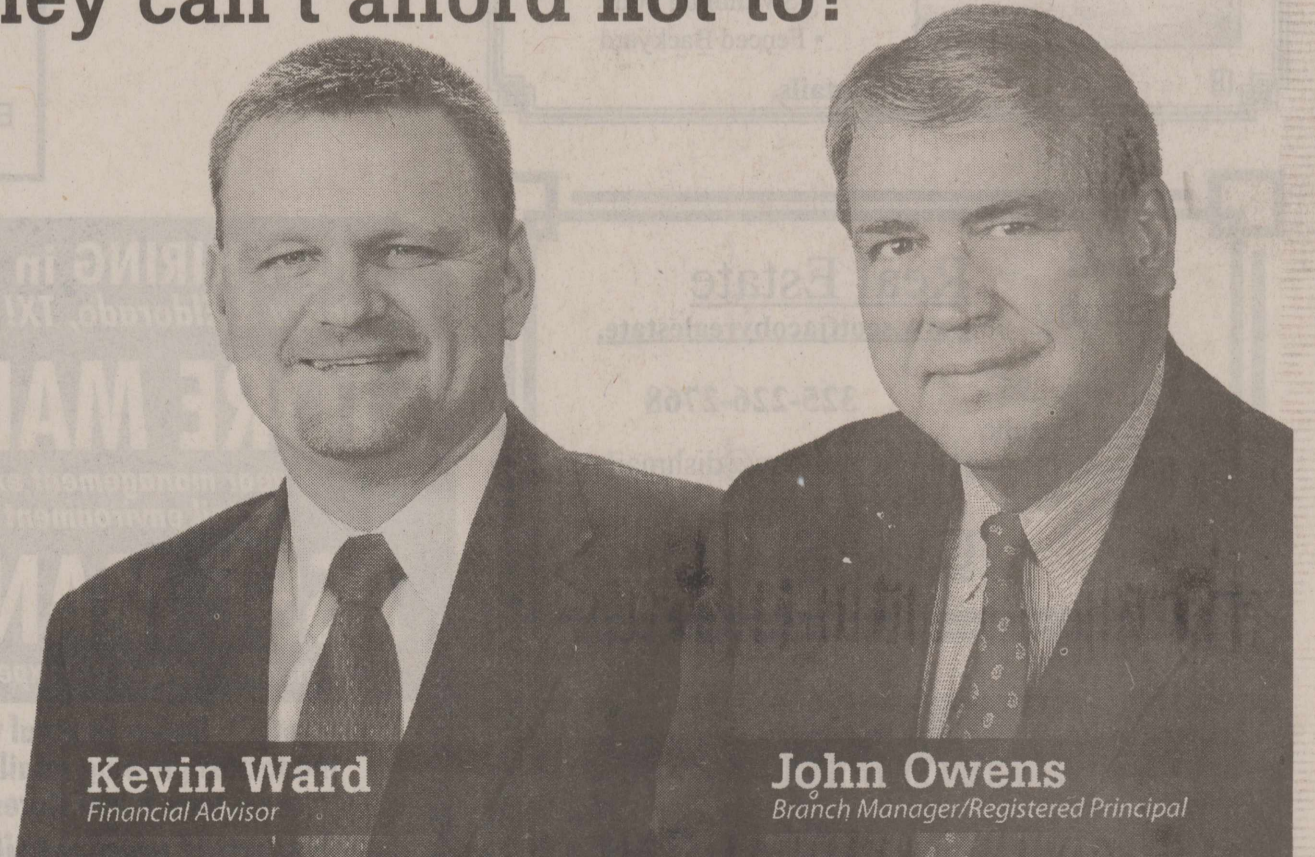


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