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City and School Board Elections: Possible Re-count For School



By Ben D. Taylor and Contributors

Over 850 voters cast their ballots for both the city and school board elections (a 20% voter turnout for each election) either through early voting or on May 9, 2009. While this year's voter turnout (especially for the school board election) is higher than what has been seen in recent years, it still indicates that about

80% of registered voters did not cast a ballot in this year's election.

Jed Davenport has been elected Mayor, defeating Lemuel Lopez 229 to 121. Colonel Pete Bradley was elected to City Council Ward 1, defeating Butch Campbell 131 votes to 65. Ward 2 also saw a new council member elected

as Sam David Hernandez unseated Thomas Adkins, 125 to 29. Smith Neal was unopposed and will continue to serve as the second representative from Ward 1. Jana Dover makes up the final member of the council as she was not up for re-election this voting season.

The preliminary results of

the school board election are votes on May 20 (no board serving as a poignant reminder of the old high school civics lesson "every vote counts" as a recount is expected to be scheduled to determine the final results of this election. Dawn Cahill received 304 votes, Jerry Jimenez 249, Tammy Favila 173, Carol Pope 172, DeVoe Smith 172, Jock Dutton 156, and Justin Matthews 43. Immediately after informing all the school board candidates of the vote count, the Sonora Administration contacted the Secretary of State for guidance. SISD (Sonora Independent School District) was advised that any candidate can file a petition requesting a recount of votes if there is a 10% or less difference in the number of votes received between candidates. It is expected that such a petition will be filed as early as May 13; if so then the school board will meet to canvass the

members, new or old, will be seated in this board meeting with the official vote recount on May 21. School Board President Tryon Fields is currently building a "recount committee" that will be the acting force behind the actual recount. The re-count process will be a closed session allowing only the candidates, their representatives, School Board President, and SISD Superintendent (Custodian of Election Records) to be present. There can only be one recount of votes and that recount will serve to act as the final vote tally. The School Board will meet in a special session on May 25th to canvass the recount vote and seat board members at that time. In the event of a tie, school board members will then meet on the 25th to discuss/call a second election.

2009 Relay For Life Takes a Step In the Right Direction



By Stacy Fisher

Photo By Dani Dillard

I am still in amazement at our wonderful community. Last year I set an ambitious goal for the 2009 Relay For Life committee to raise \$60,000. Although the media kept reporting on this recession plaguing the United States, Sonora was still doing wonderful. We thought this was highly possible and have worked hard to try to achieve this number. After sleep deprivation patted and the dust settled at Bronco Stadium, the Sutton County Unit of Relay For Life was able to raise a gross donation of \$47,133.85. What is even better is we still have money trickling in each day and we have until August 2009 to reach our goal which is still possible.

Planning this event takes many months and I need to take the time to thank the committee who was selfless in dedicating their time....Mariah Castro, Wendy Robertson, Roman Rodriguez, Dani Dillard, Beverly Brown, MARRISA FAZ, Senida Martinez, Myrna Galindo and Jody Luttrell. If it had not been for these wonderful people our annual event would not have been such a success.

During this economic recession, it shows true optimism in America's future when a business or community member decides to sponsor an event such as Relay For Life. We would like to thank Smith Ranch, Multi-Chem, Alco, HighMount, Red Horse Feed, Cleve T and Lolabeth Jones, Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell, Sonora Chemical and Supply, Liquid Sales, Guley and Son, and American Sales & Service for helping us out with a combined sponsorship of \$5000.

I can proudly say we had 14 teams participating in 2009 to raise money and 9 teams set up camp at Relay For Life on May 8 & 9 at Bronco Stadium.

The evening began with an opening ceremony at 7:00 p.m. with a short talk from myself, opening prayer from Ray Wells, raising of the American flag by our local Boy Scouts, Lizzie Chavez sang the National Anthem and then several Sonora Middle School students volunteered their time to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

The time honored Survivor/Caregiver Ceremony was led by Dani Dillard with as-

sistance from Myrna Galindo and MARRISA FAZ; where they released yellow balloons as a sign of hope and walked the opening lap to the beautiful music of "Hope Endures."

The first walkers took to the track at 7:45 p.m. and the evening began with a bang. The 9 teams served up some good food and even better times. Throughout the evening they participated in many events which included the Miss Relay contest won by Lewis Baker of the State Farm team. I hear he makes a very pretty lady and one heck of a sport. The 277 South band kept the evening going with their great music and we appreciate them donating their services this year. We hope to see you back next year.

To keep things fun and lighthearted we do awards each year for food, campsite, theme and prizes for winning games. We ask cancer survivors and participants to help us select the winners of these awards. This year there were many certificates given away to the teams but the top honor was given to Mission Possible

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Photo By Ben D. Taylor

Sonora Police Officer Chris Roque speaks at Sonora's first Peace Officer Memorial Day ceremony.

National Peace Officer Memorial Day 2009

By Ben D. Taylor

It is the ironic nature of life that those men and women tasked with the job of keeping the peace have to put themselves directly in front of violence. They do not volunteer for this task for money or fame, they do it simply to keep the rest of us safe, and sometimes (while standing in that cold lonely line of duty) they fall. To ensure that their sacrifice is not forgotten, it's important that the rest of us stand and remember.

Mayor Jed Davenport, along with the Sonora, Sutton County law enforcement, and community members, gathered on the courthouse lawn to proclaim May 4th as National Peace Officer Memorial Day. Judge Carla Garner opened the ceremony with a welcome message, followed by an invocation by Cindy Allen. After the proclamation by Mayor Davenport, Police Chief, Tim Jarratt spoke about the meaning of Peace Officer Memorial Day. Several of the officers present raised the flag at half mast, while Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher softly called the roll of fallen peace officers throughout Texas. The ceremony closed with a moving version of Amazing Grace (sung by the Joint Sonora Church Choir) and closing prayer by Father Chris Roque.

Before the ceremony I found myself asking, "How do we adequately honor those that have fallen in the protection of our homes and families?" It wasn't until early afternoon on Monday, May 4, 2009 that I found my answer as members of Sonora/Sutton County law enforcement, and the community said through their actions, "To those that have fallen, we will stand, call your name, and remember".

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Sunday
May, 17

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4:00 p.m.
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Seniors

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form and get it
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Football Scholarship



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Lighthouse Community Church

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Senior Center Activities

- Thur. May 14-** Sugar/Blood Pressure checks w/Concho Valley Home Health Care @ noon.
- Fri. May 15-** Cooking w/Kelly Nutritional Ed. @ noon.
- Mon. May 18-** Bingo
- Tues. May 19-** City Council @ 4:00 p.m.
- Wed. May 20-** Van to San Angelo. Call Lilia 387-3941

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. May 14-** Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk
- Fri. May 15-** Roast beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, milk brussels sprouts, rolls, brownie w/nuts
- Mon. May 18-** Polish sausage, sweet potato, steamed cabbage, cornbread, pears, and milk
- Tues. May 19-** BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, bread, apricot/banana medley
- Wed. May 20-** Chopped steak w/gravy/onions, parslid potatoes, cooked carrots, wheat bread pudding, cuke/tomato salad

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



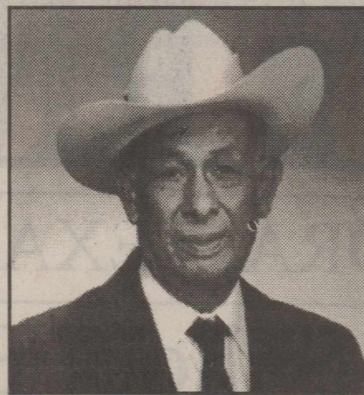
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Obituaries

Jose Guadalupe Espinosa Sr.



Jose Guadalupe Espinosa, Sr. went to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the age of 80. "Lupe", as he was known to all his family and friends, was well known for his exceptional carpentry work in and around the San Angelo, Texas area. Lupe was born Jan. 3, 1929, in Ft. McKavett, Texas, to Juan Espinosa, Sr. and Dolores Frias Espinosa. Lupe preceded in death by his parents; brother Juan Espinosa Jr.; a sister, Felicitas Barajas; and infant daughter, Maria Patricia Espinosa. Lupe worked 17 years for Foxworth Galbraith Company, which was founded in 1901 in Sonora, Texas. He was the only remaining employee of the original Historic Lumber Company. Lupe was our cherished husband, Dad, brother, Tio, Tata, Pepo, Grandpa, and friend. He was a very special person that touched so many lives. He was a member of the Lions Club of Sonora and was also very generous to numerous charities including: The March of Dimes, several law enforcement agencies and the fire department. He will be missed dearly by those who were blessed to have known him, but our comfort comes from knowing that he has gone to build us all a new home. Lupe is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Conchita Espinosa; a brother, Arturo Espinosa and partner Amanda Espinosa of Seminole, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Anita Gruel and husband Raymond of Phoenix, Az.; 10 children, Mrs. Marie Barrera and husband Ernest of Eldorado, Mr. Jose G. Espinosa, Jr. and wife Rosemary of San Angelo, Mrs. Betty E. Lopez and husband John, Jr. of Sonora, Mr. Gabriel Espinosa and wife Sandi of Sonora, Mrs. Vivian Rodriguez and husband Johnny of San Angelo, Mr. Robert L. Espinosa and fiancée Annette Siller of San Angelo, Ms. Delia A. Espinosa and fiancée Danny Ramirez of San Angelo, Mr. Ynes L Espinosa and wife Rachael of San Angelo, Mrs. Patricia G. Gray and husband Robert of San Angelo, and Ms. Nora A. Espinosa and fiancée Jaime Trevino of San Angelo Texas. Lupe was blessed with 30 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado, Texas. Pallbearers will be grandsons: Gerardo Barrera, Michael Espinosa, John Lopez III, Eric Espinosa, Marc Anthony Rodriguez, and Greg Arredondo. Honorary Pallbearers are grandsons Diego Barrera, Mathew Espinosa, and Fernando San Miguel III. Lupe you have not gone, for you live within us all until we meet again. The family requests in lieu of flowers, please make donation to ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) Foundation on behalf of our dearly departed, Jose Guadalupe Espinosa, Sr. "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Thank You Notes

To my friends and family of Sonora,

I thank you. I thank you for your support throughout this campaign and election. I thank you for your confidence, and your votes. I thank everyone who supported me by displaying my signs in their yards. Thank you to Mom & Dad, Ama Lupe, Dorothy, Larry & Myrna, Ray & Rosie, Sheriff Fincher, Sam David & Betty and Mr. Ross. Thanks to all my friends who encouraged me to run. I am extremely proud to have been included on a ballot among such worthy candidates. I will work hard to serve this community and our schools' youth to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
Jerry Jimenez

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our sincere appreciation to some of the folks who support our community and the FH Sonora Main Street Program. I would like to thank Jodie Finklea, John & Dell Tedford, Rex Ann Friess, Patti Rainer, Russell & Tami Adkins, Donna Garrett, Jackie Thomas, Delyse Jaeger, Jennifer Esparza, Katie Harrell, Susan Mason, Jett Mason, and Jimmy Cahill all from Sonora.

Jimmy Cahill is one of the strongest supporters of our program and Sonora. He made us some deer jerky and sausage sticks for TTIA (Texas Travel Industry Association) and Texas Pecos Trail. They were a favorite item at TTIC- Texas Travel Industry Association Conference in San Angelo and at the Texas Pecos Trail Brochure Launching in Midland, Texas. It was a wonderful way of giving our guests a taste of West Texas. Thanks to the Fort McKavett Ranch for all their help in this project.

I would like to thank Lesa Whitehead and Celia Smith for helping us build a wonderful Booth at the TTIA Conference. The booth was very West Texas. A special thanks to Ed Mayfield for speaking to TTIA and working the booth at TTIA in San Angelo. Ed told the story of the Caverns of Sonora and all the beauty that we are so lucky to have in our community. Also Eaton Hill was highlighted at the TTIA Conference along with our beautiful historical downtown, and the Sonora Golf Course. Donna Garrett from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Delyse Jaeger from Eaton Hill also worked the booth and told the story of Sonora.

Sutton County Steak House sent some wonderful dip, Mexican cookies, and steak bits and we appreciate their support and all they do for our community. Rex Ann Friess made another dip with some sauce from Old Sonora Trading Company and it was wonderful and another taste of West Texas was added to our table. Rex Ann represented the Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum. Many of the folks from Austin wanted the recipe to take home!

I would like to include in my thank you note Junction's Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Visitors Center, and Plumley's Pecans. Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau, Texas Pecos Trail Directors, Big Lake Peanut Candy, McCamey Mexican dip & chips, Pecos Cantaloupe jelly beans, Cantaloupe Candle, and Pistachios, Del Rio Main Street Sweets, Sibley Nature Center seeds, Monahans Main Street Association Sand Center Piece & Blue Grass Band, Texas Historical Commission, Texas Heritage Trails, Virginia Shahan & Family, Mark Wolfe THC, Deputy Executive Directors, THC Marketing Dept., Odessa Chamber of Commerce & Visiting Bureau, Brenda Kissko & Midland Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau Center & Staff, Dewayne & Betty Cash, Fort Stockton Wine, Fort Stockton re-enactors, Fort Lancaster, Food vendors from Midland & Odessa, and the American Airpower Heritage Museum & staff. Great people make great things happen.

Kathleen J. Brisbin

Kathleen J. Brisbin, 45, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 8, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas. Kathleen was born September 24, 1963 in Needles, California to Cletus J. and Virginia Hicks Brisbin. She worked for the Department of Energy in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Kathleen was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Brisbin, aunt Martha Walker, maternal grandfather, Ben Hicks, paternal grandparents, Leo and Lena Brisbin. Kathleen is survived by her father C.J. "Jim" Brisbin and wife Brigitte of Sonora, sisters Phyllis Brisbin of Pecos, TX, Cherry Knobloch and husband Kurt of Chesapeake, VA, Dory Batchelder and husband Terry of Carlsbad, NM, Heidi Rogers Towery and husband Ken of Dallas, TX, brother Patrick Rogers and wife Robin of Dallas, TX, maternal grandmother, Phyllis Hicks of Lockhart, TX and her aunt Margie Tiemann of Lockhart, TX, nieces Jene and Meagan Knobloch and Catherine Batchelder, and nephews Tyler Rogers, Jimmy Knobloch, and Ben Batchelder, and many friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or your favorite charity in Kathleen's memory.

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May 14

Austin Wagoner, Eddie Sawyer, Chene Villanueva, Darlette Bloodworth, Larry Word, Sam Romo, Rose Samaniego, Azuneth Villanueva

May 15

Rigo Arispe, Faye Gamez, Linda Arrendondo, Monica Galfo

May 16

Alison Casal, Shane Patlan, Cody Slaugh, Juanita Gandar, Kristian Leathers, Seth Matchus

May 17

Rosa DeHoyas, Billie Ann Harrell, JT Downing, Ivory Luna, Eloidia Flores, Evelyn Zook, Ryan Martinez, Alma Antunez

May 18

Lino Villanueva IV, Tommy Van Winkle, Karina Gamez, Pamela Perez, Alex Noriega, Linda Hernandez, Felix Solis, Synde Robles, Jenny Kneuper

May 19

Ernestina Perez, Sophia Gutierrez, Kevin Ramos, James Blackman, Vicki Bermea, Brent Archer, Toni Charo, Brittney Cook

May 20

Caitlynn Moss, Ramiro Perez, Brandy Calentine, Kelly Jones, Raquel Vela, Irma Ramirez

For Our Female Readers

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews, and testing were done there were three finalists. Two men and a woman. For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside this room, you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill Her!!!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow, and said, "This gun is loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair."

First National Bank Popcorn Proceeds



Stacy Fisher and LaDonna Alaman
Stacy Fisher representing the Sutton County Relay for Life receives the popcorn donation from LaDonna Alaman representing First National Bank of Sonora.

Prom Red Carpet Introductions May 16, 2009

Attention all family, friends, school and community supporters of our Sonora High School students: The Jr. Class would like to invite everyone to join us for the Junior-Senior Prom Red Carpet Introductions. Be at the Sonora Depot on May 16th, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Dress casually, bring your cameras, and be ready to enjoy an hour of outdoor fanfare greetings to our students as they arrive "dressed in their best" for the Prom.

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Andy Galindo	Steven Pacheco
Reynaldo Gaytan	Victoria Robles
Kimberly Gonzales	Ricardo Rodriguez
Amilkar Hernandez	Michel Sanchez
John Duke Hudson	Samantha Tidwell
Savannah Leonard	Alberto Tovar
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The Sutton County Historical Society Ranch Museum is looking for a pair of handmade boots, made by Ramirez Boot Shop in Sonora, Texas to display in the museum.

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.

Sutton County Friends of NRA will be holding their 2nd Annual Auction/Banquet event on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Donations and auction items are being sought for this event. If you would like to be an active participant or would like to donate, please contact Tonya Brown @ 325-387-3861 or 325-387-5929. A pre-event raffle will begin April 2009. A gun safe and 5 firearms will be raffled with one winner taking all!

Susan Combs w/Texas Comptroller will be at Sr. Center on May 22nd. from 11am-1pm FMI, Call Center 387-5657 or 387-3941!

Wednesday, May 27, 2009- Baccalaureate-6:00 p.m. HS Auditorium

Friday, May 29, 2009- Graduation-7:30 p.m. HS Gym

If you haven't picked up your pictures from the Daddy Daughter Date Nite or the Mother Son Date Nite you can pick them up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce M-F 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The **USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service** is taking applications for the 2009 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). For more information, please contact the NRCS at 325/387-2730 or come by 301 Crockett, Sonora, Tex.

Sonora Clean-Up Day- Saturday, June 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm for more information call City Hall!

Vehicle Clean-Up Day- Saturday, June 13, 2009 call 325-387-5746 to make arrangements!

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.

Lions Club Youth Camps. The Lions Camp for Disabled (July 26-August 1) and Children with diabetes (July 19-25) is now taking applications for their summer camp to be held in Kerrville, these camps are free of charge for those that qualify. Anybody interested in these camps can contact Col. Pete Bradley at 325-387-6282.

Make sure your graduation invitations, wedding invitations,, thank you notes and other letters are sent to the right address. The 2008 Sonora Mailing Address book, \$10.00 is available at teh Sutton County Library. All proceeds benefit the Sutton County Library.

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Dora Araujo	Michael Luttrell
Sulema Castilleja	Senida Martinez
Rodolfo Charo	Jordan McGuffin
Jeffrey Crites	Stephani Morriss
Tyler Edmondson	Emily Newton
Liliana Fraire	Shelby Onofre
Andy Galindo	Christela Perez
Reynaldo Gaytan	Uvaldo Ramos
Andrea Guerrero	Victoria Robles
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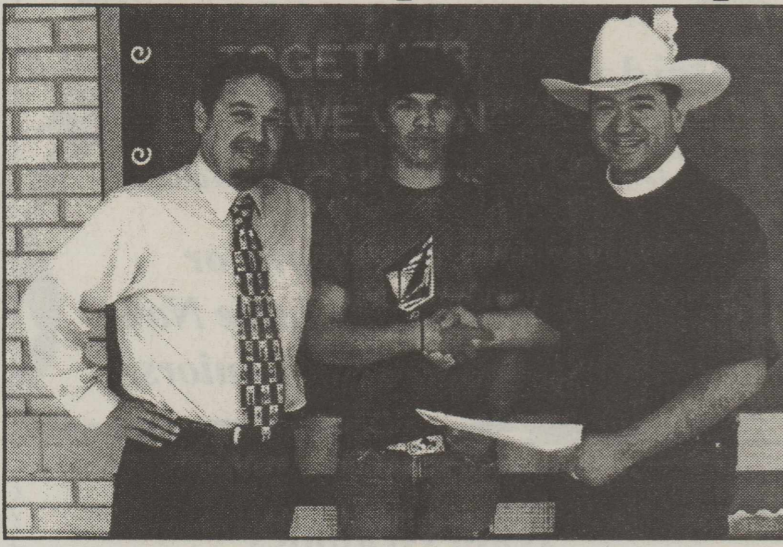
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Alfred Rodriguez Receives Football Camp Scholarship



Submitted

On April 27th, Alfred Rodriguez received a nice surprise. When most kids are called to the principal's office, it's usually not a good thing; but on this day he met Father Chris Roque, the priest of the Sonora Episcopalian Church, who stood up and shook Alfred's hand and informed him that his church was offering him a scholarship to attend this summer's Mack Brown Football Camp! Alfred Rodriguez, one of the leaders on this year's 8th grade football team who helped win a district championship, has dreams of earning the right to go to college and play football after high school. The scholarship is an example of how Father Roque and the church want to minister to youth who show tremendous talent and potential and help them achieve their goals. "I appreciate what the Episcopalian Church is doing for our middle school kids," principal Valdez stated, "there's nothing more powerful than a community and school working together to support kids and their dreams of becoming successful men and women. I can't say enough for how impressed I was by Father Roque." Alfred is set to go this summer and we congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition!

Kearney to Graduate



Kelly Megan Kearney

The President, Faculty, and Graduates of Abilene Christian University announce the awarding of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media to graduate, Kelly Megan Kearney, on Saturday May 9, 2009 at three o'clock in the afternoon at Moody Coliseum in Abilene, Texas. Kelly received three other outstanding awards before graduating. She received the "Top Student in Television Field Production in fall 2008", 3rd place in "Production from Texas Intercollegiate Press Association 2009" and "The Servant Leader" Award in spring 2009. Kelly will be employed by Livewater Corporation in Abilene, Texas. She will be assisting with promotions and marketing in the corporation. Also, she has established KMK Photography. Kelly was a 2004 Sonora graduate. She is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Kearney.

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Brady Johnson, Kate Jennings, Sharon Creek and Jo Ann Hernandez

The Bank & Trust proudly donated \$1,000 to Project Graduation. The donation was made in celebration of the 2009 Sonora High School graduating seniors.

"It is our honor to be a part of promoting the celebration of this milestone and achievement for the youth of Sutton County. We love these kids, therefore; safety is of utmost importance. Project Graduation represents the collective efforts of Sonora coming together to have a good time while making sure our students are safe. Our bank, The Bank & Trust, is proud to be a part of Project Graduation," said Brady Johnson, Regional President of The Bank & Trust.

Relay for Life

Continued from Front Page

of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. The trophy is given to a team that shows a combination of enthusiasm, fundraising and preparation for the event. Although each team does a fantastic job just one can walk away with this monster of a trophy. Thanks Katrina for a great job with your team.

A majority of the money raised by our teams and their totals are as follows; State Farm \$803, Church of the Good Shepherd \$2525.25, Teachers and Students for the Cure \$3056.87, First National Bank \$1449, Devil's River Divas \$5964.41, Days Inn/Comfort Inn \$300, Mission Possible \$5297.50, Consuelo Ranch \$15010, Rancho Guadalupe \$873.75, Samaniego Family \$2318.92, Hope Endures \$285, and The Motley Crew of HighMount, E & P \$2771.37.

Many teams work hard the months leading up to Relay For Life each year to reach their teams goals and many teams focused on raffles. State Farm gave away

a \$300 Wal-Mart gift card to Kim Guillen of Austin, HighMount had a bright red BBQ pit which Steve Hinshaw walked away with this year, Mission Possible offered a weekend in Fredricksburg and Jon Michael Parker won, First National Bank offered a chance to win a weekend at the Westin La Cantera in San Antonio and a \$300 gift card and Dorothy Perez was the lucky winner, and the Devil's River Divas gave away a weekend in Fort Worth at the George Strait concert and Lou Chavez was the lucky winner.

Although we may not have reached our goal just yet I am still very pleased with everyone's effort this year. The week before Relay For Life had much drama when I was unable to fulfill my duties because of a personal matter but each committee member stepped up to make sure it was a success. I owe a huge thank you to each person and the team captains for working so hard this year and helping us every step of the way. We hope to see you in 2010!!!!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to take a moment to inform the citizens of Sonora and the surrounding area of the reasons for my departure from Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Many of you are aware that I am resigning as the Director of Rehabilitation effective May 15. My departure comes from accepting a commission to the US Public Health Service as a member of the United States Uniformed Services.

My first duty station will be in Shiprock, New Mexico working at Northern Navajo Medical Center on the Navajo Reservation. My job duties will include providing quality physical therapy for the Navajo people and involvement in research to improve the quality of healthcare in the US. Further, I will become part of an emergency response team and provide healthcare during national states of emergency.

This decision comes after much research, discussion, and prayer. I assure you that it was not an easy decision or one that was made lightly. There are financial and professional incentives to this career move and also a great opportunity to serve my country.

I regret that my departure will leave a void in the community's healthcare. I hope, as many of you do, that a replacement will be found soon. I assure you the hospital administration is diligently searching for a new physical therapist and will continue to do so until a replacement is found.

I thank all of you for your kindness and hospitality toward my family. We have felt very welcome here and wish you all the best.

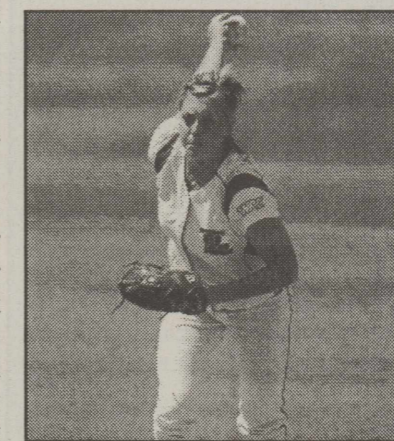
Sincerely,

Steven Spoonemore, Jr.
Physical Therapist

Editors Note

In last weeks edition of the Devil's River News we printed a story on the Cinco de Mayo celebration. That story had several errors throughout, and I would like to take the time to apologize to the readers for any oversight on my part. The Cinco de Mayo celebration is an excellent example of how our community works together to achieve great things, and I regret that any mistakes on my part would detract from the hard work (especially in the case if the Cinco de Mayo Queens) so many people have put towards making this a true "Sonora celebration". In an attempt to rectify the situation we are re-printing the Cinco de Mayo in its entirety on Page 10.

Sonora Alumni Makes Second Team all-WAC Honors in Softball



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Krieg earned her post-season honors after an impressive sophomore campaign in the circle that saw her record an 18-5 mark and a 1.84 earned run average. In 152.1 innings of work, Krieg surrendered only 106 hits and 40 earned runs while striking out 196 batters.

The Sonora, Texas native ranks No. 20 in the country in strikeouts per seven innings (9.0) and recorded four double digit strikeout performances this season, including a career-high 14 in an 8-1 win over Hawaii March 20. Her most current record is 20-7, 1.85 ERA, 170 innings, 125 hits, 45 Earned runs, 211 Strike outs

FRESNO -- Louisiana Tech junior Amberly Waits was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year and four of her Lady Techster teammates earned all-conference honors as the league announced the awards Wednesday.

Waits is the first LA Tech softball player to ever receive a conference player of the year award.

Joining Waits on the all-WAC first team were junior first baseman Kylie Bassett and senior outfielder Danielle Sheridan. Senior outfielder Emma Barnes and sopho-

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Sonora's Rancher's Round Up Program Focuses on Management Following Recent Rains

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual "Ranchers RoundUp" at 8:30 a.m. on May 20 in Sonora's Sutton County Civic Center. This year's program will revolve around alternatives for herd and pasture management. The multi-county workshop is designed for new landowners and veteran ranchers alike.

2008 was a dry year, and this winter didn't provide much in the way of moisture either. Now that we've had some rains, relief is countered with questions as to how to proceed. Some ranchers maintained herd numbers through heavy supplementation, and though it has rained, feel the uncertainty of a dry summer. Others de-stocked, but have that same hesitation.

Topics for the workshop in-

clude: interception water loss from brush; stocking scenarios and alternatives; using key plants to determine rotations; comparative forage quality; what can manure tell us; and an animal health update. The program is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties as well as the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District.

Individual registration is \$15 by May 15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee covers lunch and program materials. Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are being offered for those with a pesticide applicator's license. To register and for more information, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

OVERTON - Zombie fire ants may not sound like a cool thing, but wait a minute, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

On April 29, on the grounds of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton in East Texas, Dr. Scott Ludwig released fire ants infected with a new type of phorid fly, a minuscule parasite that only preys on red imported fire ants.

The infected ants will soon exhibit some very bizarre behavior, he said.

"First they become zombies, their movements under the control of the parasite. Then their heads fall off and the parasite emerges," said Ludwig, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management specialist.

Previously released phorid flies only preyed on ants in disturbed mounds. In contrast, the species, *Pseudacteon obtusus*, that Ludwig released in April is attracted to foraging red imported fire ants and not disturbed mounds. Which is even better, he said, as attacks

of ants are not dependent upon the mounds being disturbed.

The "zombified," fire ant is made to wander about 55 yards away from the mound to die.

"The parasite does this so it can complete development without being detected and attacked by the fire ant colony," Ludwig said. "By making their hosts wander away, the parasite is insuring its survival."

As with the new species, the previously released phorid fly species in Texas only attacks red imported fire ants. They inject their eggs into their bodies. In response, fire ants withdraw to their underground nests and reduce their foraging range, he said.

Once established, it was hoped that earlier releases of phorid flies would spread beyond the original release sites, and there has been evidence that they have, Ludwig said.

"*Pseudacteon tricuspidis* was first released near Austin in 1995. From 2003 to 2006, it spread over 10,000 square miles," Ludwig said. "The second species, *P. curvatus*,

was established 2004 and is beginning its spread."

The parasite isn't attracted to native ant species, he emphasized.

"We're hoping the new parasite will reduce the foraging of fire ants, and thereby allow our native ants to regain some footing," he said.

The release was part of the Texas Imported Fire Ant Research and Management Project.

"The project was initiated in 1997 as a result of the Texas Legislature funding an exceptional item requested by Texas AgriLife Research," Ludwig said. "The project's goals are the management of imported fire ant to below economic levels on agricultural lands and to eliminate the imported fire ant as a nuisance or health threat in urban environments." The phorid flies infesting the fire ants Ludwig released were raised by Dr. Lawrence Gilbert, director of the Bracken-

ridge Field Laboratory at the University of Texas at Austin.

"UT researchers have taken the lead on phorid fly research in the state," Ludwig said.

More information on the project and fire ant research can be found at <http://web.biosci.utexas.edu/fireant/index.html> or <http://fireants.tamu.edu/>.

The new species was previously released in 2007 only in South Texas, where it was established but did not spread.

"It may not have spread because of the drought," he said.

Ludwig's release was the first in East Texas. In 2010, he plans to set out traps baited with live red imported fire ants to determine if and how rapidly the phorid fly has spread.

"Earlier data suggests they can spread 25 miles a year through wind-assisted dispersion," he said.

Head to Texas State Parks for Free Fishing

AUSTIN, Texas — Parents looking to save a few dollars by vacationing closer to home this summer might consider taking their youngsters to a nearby Texas state park, where they can try their luck at hooking a fish or two without worrying about needing a fishing license to do so. And, if you're looking for how-to instruction and structured activities for your young angler, or simply want to brush up on your own fishing skills, more than a dozen state parks this summer are hosting special family fishing events.

This year marks the sixth year of the Free Fishing in State Parks program that waives fishing license and stamp requirements within more than 50 Texas state parks. To capitalize on the program, which has been extended through Aug. 31, 2009, 13 state parks are hosting special family fishing events, where participants learn fishing skills, angling rules and regulations, have a chance to catch a fish and perhaps win door prizes.

One of this year's participating parks is Ray Roberts Lake State Park in north Texas, which has already held a couple of family fishing events and has two "Fish On!" events set for May 16 at the Isle Du Bois unit (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) and June 13 (8 a.m.-noon) at the Johnson Branch unit.

Park ranger Jerry Vaughan, who oversees the park's fishing events, expects at least 200 people to show up for the popular events that draw residents from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He says the program attempts to replicate the kind of fishing advice once commonly dispensed to youngsters by older family members.

"Lots of parents today don't know how to fish and are hesitant to take their kids fishing," Vaughan said. "We try to create an atmosphere that is like you're going fishing with grandpa. The key is getting kids outdoors so they'll know what's going on and respect the world around them."

At the Ray Roberts Lake fishing events, children learn the basics of fishing from park rangers and volunteers, and can try their luck at landing a fish, some for the very first time. Last year, Vaughan says, an 11-year-old partici-

pant caught a Junior Angler-record bluegill. The Ray Roberts Lake Rotary Club will serve free hot dogs and sponsor drawings for door prizes. Fishing tackle and bait will be provided or participants can bring their own.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department believes the special fishing events are increasing state park visitation and engaging new anglers, which will translate into future fishing license and equipment sales, and future conservationists. Statistics gathered last year by TPWD's Aquatic Education branch show that 53 special family fishing events reached more than 2,300 youth and 1,400 adults. Of that number, one in five youngsters had never fished before and 109 kids reported catching their first fish. Of adults surveyed, 47 percent said they had never been to the park before.

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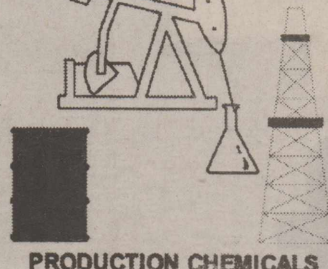


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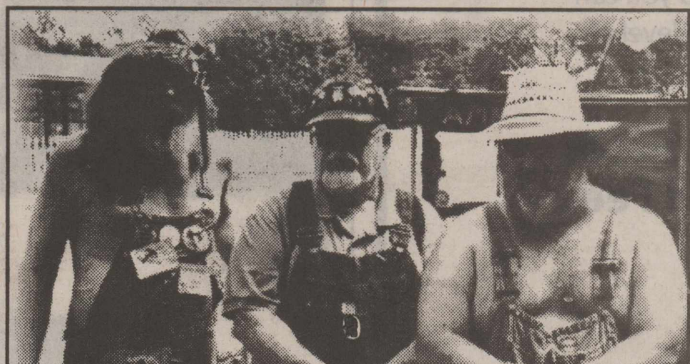
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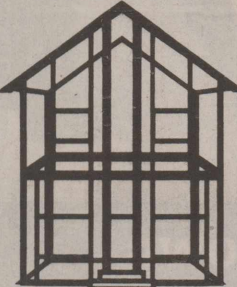
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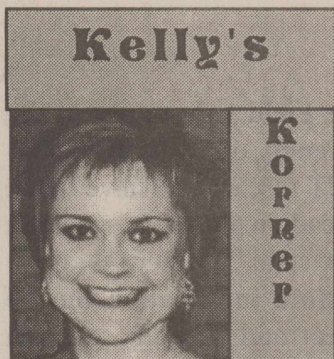
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If you are what you eat, then you may be turning yourself into too much of a good thing. That's because portions are often larger than they need to be, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert. "A serving is the recommended amount of food that should be eaten

Kelly L. Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas AgriLife Extension-Sutton County

at one time," said Dr. Sharon Robinson, Extension nutrition specialist. Recommended serving sizes can be found on foods' nutrition labels and usually are measured in cups, tablespoons, pieces or units such as four crackers.

"In contrast, a portion is the amount of food that is actually eaten and often exceeds the

serving size," Robinson said. Serving sizes listed refer to specific amounts of food, but not necessarily the entire package, Robinson said. To help estimate these sizes, use these visual aids: a two-tablespoon serving will be about the same size as a golf ball; one teaspoon is about the same size as a dice; a half-cup is about the size of a light bulb; a cup is the size of a tennis ball; and a three-ounce serving of meat, poultry or fish is about the size of a deck of cards.

Calories measure the amount of energy provided by any

given food, she said. This energy fuels the body, but too many calories consumed may be stored as fat – and cause weight gain. And as portion size increases, so does the number of calories consumed.

Fat, protein and carbohydrates all contain calories, but fat provides twice as many calories per gram than do protein and carbohydrates. Roughly, one gram of fat contains nine calories, while one gram of either protein or carbohydrates contains four calories. "Controlling portion size

is key to maintaining a healthy weight," Robinson said.

One way to control portion size and keep calorie intake down to healthful levels is by using the plate method of serving, she said. Using a 9-inch plate, fill half the plate with fruits and vegetables, and one-quarter of the plate with starches such as bread, pastas and starchy vegetables including corn, peas or potatoes. The other quarter of the plate is for meat, fish or poultry.

More information on this and other dietary issues can be found at Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> Click on the link to Food and Nutrition. Writer: Linda Anderson, 979-862-1460, lw-anderson@tamu.edu Contact: Dr. Sharon Robinson, 979-845-6379, s-robinson@tamu.edu

A nursery school teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

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Ann Bailey is the Foster Home Developer for San Angelo area of Children's Protective Services. She recently did a program on our local radio station about this need. Prospective foster parents need to be 21 years of age, able to pass a criminal background check, and willing to take the 30 hour training. While that training is normally done in San Angelo, if a number of parents are interested in this area, the training could be done in Sonora,

Ozona, or Eldorado. Single parents are considered and foster parents are reimbursed for most expenses incurred for the children.

Also the State of Texas has set up a Faith Based Initiative which works out of Midland. They will go to the congregation and set up and train foster parents and support people within congregations. Again, they will come to the local congregation to train and set up the program. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent you can talk with Ann Bailey at 325-657-8977. If you want to contact a local foster parent with questions you can call Jerry Jackson, 206-0415. Jerry is an officer of Concho Valley Foster Parent Association and Region 9 Representative to the Texas Foster Family Association.

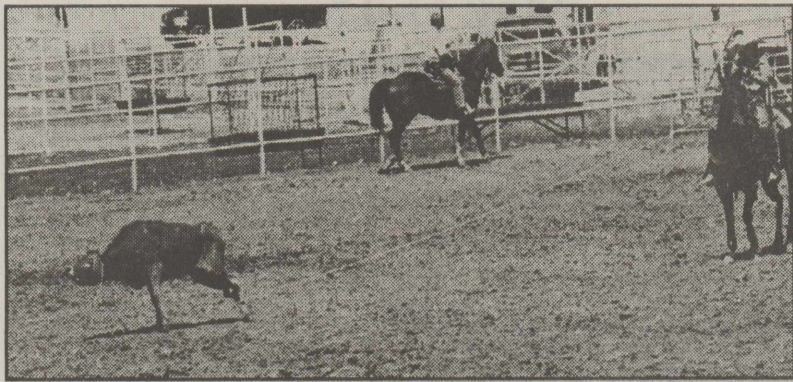
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6th Annual Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure



by Whitney Aimee Martin

The sixth annual Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure was held on April 18, 2009 and raised \$15,000 for Relay for Life. This year the roping was dedicated to the memory of Pat Cain, who lost her battle to cancer October 7, 2008. The event was hosted by Doug and Suzanne Huddleston on their ranch south of Sonora. Over 350 teams participated in the three ropings. The winners of the first roping included: first place, Fidel Acevedo, Jr. and Murphy Black, with a time of 42.26 on three steers; second place, Dayton Armke and Kiko Perez, with a time of 47.02; and third place, Donnie Wilson and Red Guzman, with a time of 54.96. The winners of the second roping included: first place, Fidel Acevedo, Sr. & Jorge Escamilla, with a time of 37.99 on three steers; second place, Terry Ford and Kelly Kothman; and third place, Chantz Green and Kelly Kothman. Winners of the third roping included: Casey Gattis and Heath Wyatt, with a time of 22.44 on three steers; second place, Casey Gattis and Clint Ramey; and third place, Casey Gattis and Heath Wyatt. Children participated in their own events such as dummy roping, stick horse barrel races, tow sack races, and rock pickin'. Prizes were awarded to the young cowboy and cowgirl winners.

The roping would not have been a success without the help of the sponsors and volunteers. In addition to the many locals, the Rope for the Cure also had volunteers who traveled from the Houston, Austin, and San Antonio areas, as well as Arkansas.

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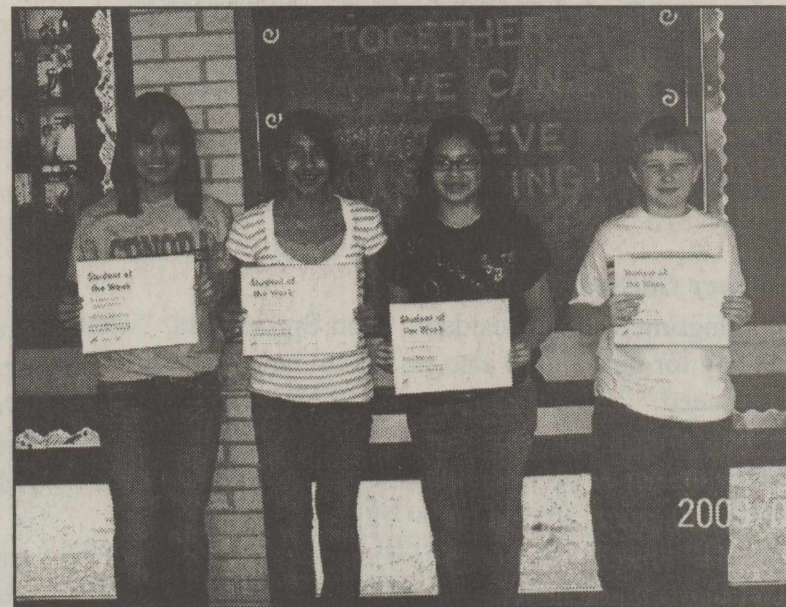


The Sonora Middle School Cheerleaders are gearing up for an exciting, spirit filled 2009-2010 football year. To get started, we are looking for anyone that owns a COLTS

cheer uniform that matches the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 cheer uniform. If anyone has one and is interested in selling or donating their uniform to a 2009-2010 cheerleader, we are asking you to call the Sonora Middle School office at 325-387-6940 ext. 3200. We are compiling a list of contacts so 2009-2010 cheerleaders can contact those interested in selling their uniforms.

Also, the cheerleaders are having a bake sale to help raise funds to help pay toward their uniforms. The sale is on Saturday, May 16 in front of the Village Market beginning at 7:30 a.m. and lasting until we sell out. So come early, and get some goodies, and help support your 2009-2010 SMS Colt cheerleaders.

Middle School Students of the Week



8th Grade: Jay Sanchez, 7th Grade: Valeria Ortiz, 6th Grade: Kali Mendez, 5th Grade: Straton Rushing

The Story of Texas

By Tumbleweed Smith

When you pay your admission into the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, you are given a little orange sticker to wear on your shirt. It has the words THE STORY OF TEXAS on it. That's exactly what's inside the museum

The current exhibit is about immigrants coming to the United States through

Galveston. It is an elaborate display featuring photos and short interviews with family members whose ancestors got to Texas in the 1800's and early 1900's. There are stories of stormy seas, illnesses, and the difficulties immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe faced. Many of the immigrants settled in northern states, but the majority stayed

in Texas. From 1860 until 1920 Texas grew more than any other state, mostly due to immigration. Galveston became an important point of entry into the US until the hurricane of 1900 heavily damaged the town. Then it began to decline as a port of entry.

We spent a good deal of time with the immigration exhibit because we had visited

with Suzanne Seriff, creator of the display last year about this time when she was working on it. She should be extremely pleased.

We moved on to the permanent exhibits, which cover three floors. I really think a person could get up to speed on Texas by making a few trips to the museum. I wouldn't recommend trying to do everything in one visit. It's overkill because there's so much to see. So much to learn or re-learn about the state and its people.

The museum, which opened in 2001 and named for a former Lt. Governor, has a replica of the way the Alamo entrance looked after the March 6, 1836 battle. A movie inside tells about the war that gave Texas its independence from Mexico.

The Goddess of Liberty was beginning to look weathered, so it was removed from the top of the capital building and given a permanent home in the museum. A second Goddess of Liberty now graces the capital dome.

Using the very latest electronic technology, the histories of Texas oil, cotton, cattle and citrus are presented in fun, understandable ways. In the oil theater, visitors watch the story of petroleum while seated on cushioned oil barrels. The museum covers everything Texan, from Spanish explorers to space travel. Significant events in Texas since 1945 are projected onto a curved stone wall. One of the exhibits shows the Texas centennial celebration in 1936, when the state celebrated its 100th birthday. An IMAX theater attracts large crowds. The Texas Spirit Theater is a multi media experience focusing on the determination, perseverance and triumph that created the Texas spirit. The museum has a café and gift shop. Texas has three outstanding shrines that every Texan should visit: The Alamo, Goliad and the San Jacinto Monument. After visiting those, go to the newest Texas shrine: the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Mayor Proclaims May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month



Mayor Jed Davenport, Rev. Ray Wells (Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and National Chaplain for the Vietnam Veterans In Country Motorcycle Club), and Chief of Police Tim Jarratt

Submitted

Jed Davenport, Mayor of the City of Sonora, Texas proclaimed the month of May 2009 as "Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" in Sonora and urge all motor vehicle operators to join in this effort to keep our highways safe.

With more than 300,000 motorcycles, scooters and mopeds registered in Texas and that number grows each year, more and more of our friends, relatives and neighbors are riding motorcycles for recreation and transportation on the Texas roads.

Motorcyclists are virtually unprotected by the motorcycle when considering vehicle

crashworthiness that directly contributes to rider safety and suffer significantly more injuries or death than other motorists. It is especially important that the citizens of Sonora be aware of motorcyclists on the streets and highways and recognize that more than 30 percent of motorcycle crashes occur because the motorist in a car or truck hits a motorcyclist because they didn't see the motorcyclist or didn't respond in time.

The importance of motorcycle safety training is for riders to avoid crashes. Riders with specialized motorcycle safety training are taught to use the motorcycles' agility, maneu-

Photo By Ben D. Taylor

verability and ability to stop and swerve quickly to avoid potential crashes. Riders with the specialized motorcycle safety training avoid crashes more often and survive more often (when they do crash) than untrained riders.

All motorcyclists, organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, law enforcement agencies and highway officials should join together to actively promote safe operation, increased rider training and motorist awareness. During this month, all riders and drivers should unite to promote the safe sharing of roadways throughout Sonora, Sutton County and Texas.

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First Baptist Church Drives Long for Ministerial Alliance

By: Nancy Glasscock

Longtime Sonora resident, Don Spiller said, "what a perfect day for golf and to also be able to help people in their times of need," last Saturday at the Sonora Municipal Golf Course. The First Baptist Church held its 6th annual FBC Ministerial Alliance Golf Tournament. Fifty-five golfers participated in order to 'give back' to Sonora.

The tournament, part of FBC's Outreach Task Force, raised \$4,229 as of late Saturday. \$850 in additional donations has been pledged this year. Since the tournament's inception in 2002, Sonora First Baptist has raised over \$30,000 for the Ministerial Alliance. Since the church annually budgets to cover the tournament's expenses, every cent that is donated goes directly to help Sonora's needy citizens.

We are also very fortunate to have received donations from local companies and from individuals who don't play golf but want to help their fellow man. If you want to participate in First Baptist Church's annual golf tournament, plan on it for a Saturday in April or May 2010.

Sonora PD Dispatch Report

Arrest(s):
March 17, 2009

- Albert Ray Sanchez, 32, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County warrant for Bond Violation.

Incidents:

March 16, 2009

- 7:59 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 8:04 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 8:06 AM: Caller reported an animal in animal trap. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 8:59 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 9:45 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 10:31 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 10:54 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 11:05 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 3:24 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

March 17, 2009

- 12:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 12:42 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:21 PM: Caller requested

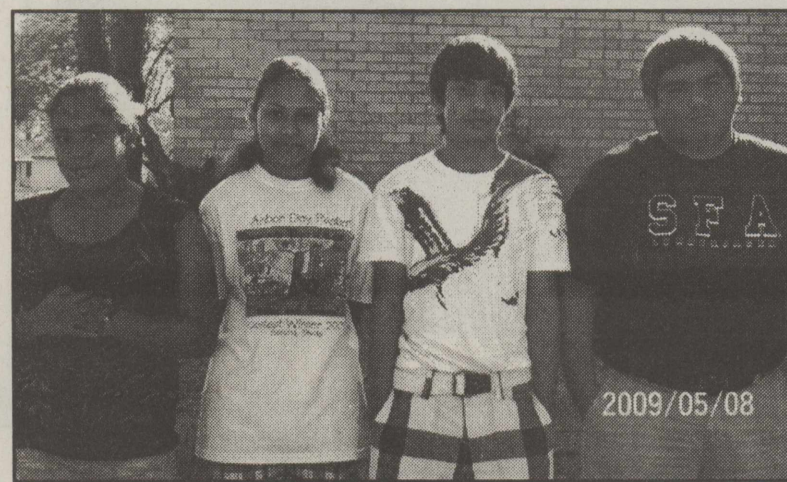
assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

- 10:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

March 18, 2009

- 7:51 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 2:49 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

Sonora Middle School Students of the Week May 11-15



Kelisha Alvarado, Leslie Levario, Scott Gonzalez, Stephen Dominguez

Greater Tuna Showing in Junction



L to R- Jeff Gentry and Jimmy Kistler star in the Backstreet Production of Greater Tuna.

By Debbie Cooper Kistler

You folks in Sutton County are invited to enjoy Junction's BackStreet Players' production of the outrageous, wacky

comedy Greater Tuna. It is a hoot! For an evening of pure pleasure, gather your friends and drive over to Junction on Saturday, May 16.

Each ticket entitles the holder to a bountiful spread of delicious hors d'ouvers and other delicacies, prepared by Kimble County's best cooks. The eating and visiting starts, at 5:30 p.m. Then, at 6:45 p.m., you'll settle into your seats for plenty of good laughs.

The outrageous characters of Tuna, Texas (the third smallest town in Texas) will seem mighty familiar to anyone raised in a small town... like, say, Sonora. A few of these quaint, loud, ridiculous, dear people who make appearances are Didi Snavelly, a crusty broad who runs the used weapons store. She assures that her merchandise "is guaranteed to kill". Others are Elmer Watkins, local grand leader of a certain "sheeted society" and Phinas Blye, a perennial candidate for local office. Petey Fisk, the humane society spokesman, never saw an animal he didn't love, nor a cause he didn't champion.

You will also meet the long-suffering Bertha Bumiller and her extended family; the delinquent son Stanley; her frustrated, dying-to-be cheerleader daughter Charlene; and her

philandering husband Hank. The eccentric aunt Pearl is the maker of strychnine-laced "bitter pills" that she uses to "dispense" with more than a few neighborhood dogs.

A crowd favorite is the snooty Vera Carp, who oozes honey as she snipes. The very Reverend Spikes, who can't open his mouth that a cliché doesn't tumble out, leads his flock (the Smut Snatchers Club) to ban "dangerous books".

All are pulled together by circumstance, their shared history, and some additional characters who complete this parody of a small Texas town. They are our kith and kin. They are us.

The twenty characters of Tuna are played by only two actors (and the assistance of an army who try to keep all the costumes, high heels and wigs straight). Their performances are "farm fresh and chicken fried crisp".

Don't miss this opportunity to have a fun evening of good food and entertainment. Call 325-446-2610 for more information and to charge your tickets. All the proceeds go to Meals on Wheels/Senior Center and the BackStreet Play-

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-Oscar Wilde

2009 Cinco De Mayo

Photos By Juanita Gomez



L to R-1st Runner Up Hillary Borrego, Miss Cinco De Mayo 2009 Crystal Hidalgo, Miss Cinco De Mayo 2008 Krysti Mendez.



L to R-Little Princess Cinco de Mayo, Alexis Guerra, Miss 2008 Cinco de Mayo Krysti Mendez, and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Abby Gaytan.

By Ben D. Taylor

This year's Cinco de Mayo Celebration (held on May 2nd at the Sutton County Civic Center), saw over 1,500 people taking a vacation from current economic concerns facing our country, and celebrating Mexican Heritage. Representatives from Viva Sonora (the event organizer) attribute this years success to the hard work of the Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates, as Juanita Gomez and Jo Ann Hernandez commented "We feel that with the economy it let people forget about all the

negative stuff, that combined with all the hard work of our queen candidates ensured this years event was a success". Michelle Faz added that, "It was a good turnout and people were having a good time, the community supported us 100 percent". The turnout was only part of the total success as the Cinco de Mayo queen candidates (Crystal Hidalgo, Hillary Borrego, and Maraya Dunn) were able to raise \$13,500 in total ticket sales. Event organizers were quick

to claim this years success to the band selection, and hard work of everyone in the community, including their event sponsors: The Bank and Trust, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Sonora, Eddie and Diana Arteaga, La Mexicana, Days Inn-Comfort Inn, Charles Pajestka M.D., Diana Arteaga P.A., Monica Kessler-P.A., Ol'Sonora Trading Company-Mary Ann Pajestka, First National Bank, Amis Gifts, and Stirrup Trouble Salon. This

years celebration included the Crowning of the 2009 Miss Cinco de Mayo Queen Crystal Hidalgo (all crowns were donated by Amis Gifts), Little Miss Cinco de Mayo Abby Gaytan, Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo Ari De Luna, and Little Miss Princess Cinco de Mayo Alexis Guerra. Juanita Mesa was awarded with the Adult Protection Service award, and over 10 vendors were on hand providing food and drink to all the revelers. Viva Sonora is a group of concerned citizens who's

main goal is to promote tourism by historical restoration and preservation of the Hispanic culture in Sonora and Sutton County. This years event is a direct answer to their mission statement as the bulk of ticket and vendor sales goes to help with the restoration of Liberty Park. It's only appropriate that this event give directly back to Liberty Park, a community space allocated to celebrate the soldiers fighting for the freedom of our country. Most of the construction ef-

fort (Mata Fence and Dozer Services, Sanchez Construction), landscaping, (Sonora Middle School planting trees as part of the Arbor Day Celebration), and materials (the City of Sonora donating all material for construction of a new gazebo) has been donated. The opening of the park is planned to coordinate with Veterans Day, 2009 with the completion of a Veterans Wall.



Liberty Park: Constructed from our Past, And Built from our Future

By Ben D. Taylor

You can talk all day about history (both as a concept for education, and as a tool for some grand cause). The simple fact remains that history is nothing more than a trail of bread crumbs we leave along the way in order to find our way back to where we started. That trail is just as fragile as the one Hansel and Gretel laid in their well known fairy tale, and without leaving guardians along the way to protect it, that trail will be lost with time. Liberty Park acts as one of those trails to our past, and its current renovation by our community is nothing short of breathing life into history.

The construction of Liberty Park has begun in full force as members of the community (with help from the City) have started the first phase of renovations. The Gazebo has been torn down, but will soon be re-built by material donated by the City of Sonora and labor by Mata Fence and Dozer Services, and Sanchez Construction is currently working on new sidewalks around the park. The Sonora Middle School recently celebrated Arbor Day, and in conjunction with Keep Sonora Beautiful, planted over 10 trees donated from Home Depot. Garrett Jaeger won the local Arbor Day art contest and had his picture printed on tee shirts to celebrate his achievement (he will also get to represent Sonora in Austin, Texas for a larger Arbor Day art competition). It is only appropriate that the future of this park is being planted by the future of our community.

Miss Cinco de Mayo Queen Interviews

Photos by Juanita Gomez



2009 Miss Cinco de Mayo Crystal Hidalgo



2008 Miss Cinco de Mayo Krysti Mendez

By Ben D. Taylor

I had the opportunity to sit down with the 2008 Miss Cinco de Mayo Queen (Krysti Mendez) and the newly crowned 2009 Miss. Cinco de Mayo Queen Crystal Hidalgo for an interview to discuss what this process has meant to them.

Looking back on 2008 Miss Mendez commented that, "It has been an honor to serve as Miss Cinco de Mayo for the past year. I got to meet a lot of new people, and had fun, but I never forgot that I was representing everyone that got me here". Miss Hidalgo looks forward to her year as queen, "So far this whole year for me has been fun. I look forward to meeting new people and attending a lot of different functions. I just want to have a good year and have a lot of fun." When I asked her the most difficult part of her attaining the crown she said, "The hardest part definately was the fundraising. I was under a lot of pressure to sell as many tickets as I could". Her plans are not singularly based on fun however, as she also understands the role that she has placed herself in. "I want to learn more about our history, its something Miss Cinco de Mayo should know."

At the close of the interview Miss Hidalgo gave the current queen a bit of advice on her upcoming year, "Always keep your head up, no matter what people say. Whether your crown is on or off always remembers that you represent Miss Cinco de Mayo."