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Liberty Park Rejuvinated: A Living Wall Stands For Our Feedom



Veterans stand and salute the Flag during the ceremony at Liberty Park.

By Ben D. Taylor

remember the sacrifice of our with music and food. veterans. The veterans wall at America.

birth of liberty park hit a major renovations we have planned. wall.

There is a new wall in milestone with the unveiling of Sonora. Like most walls its the Veterans wall. Ceremonies construction is made of simple started with the presentation of stone, but unlike most walls it our flags by local boyscouts. stands not to separate people Veterans from several conflicts but to unite them. This wall were in attendance to witness is life and stands for all that this event. Several speakis good in our country. This ers took the stage to recount wall's mortar is service, sac- their experiences in the armed rifice, and liberty. It stands services, and the event culmi- We hope to see everyone back because the names etched in nated with the unveiling of the stone hold it up, and it was veterans wall. The festivities built by those that choose to continued throughout the day

A representative of Viva Liberty Park marks the rebirth Sonora (the organization reof a city treasure and the con- sponsible for the park's renotinuation of the dream that is vation) commented that, "This event was an amazing success, women of our armed forces On November 7, 2009 the re- but it only marks a part of the are the ones holding up that



here on the first weekend of November 2010 for another Veterans Day celebration".

Liberty itself is a wall. It By Angie Kissire protects all of us from tyranny, allowing us to live in the shade of freedom. Always remember that the men and

Broncos Are in Playoffs!!

By Ray Glasscock

had no intentions of "backing the second quarter. into the playoffs." By making will travel to Sweetwater this stopping the Lions. Friday night to meet the Post

Championship. The outcome of the game against Ozona was never in doubt beginning with the opening kickoff. After Kris Aguero fielded a crazy, bouncing football, the Broncos used a mixture of runs and passes to march seventy yards using 6:56 minutes worth of game time for their first score. On the twelfth play of the drive, Ethan Morriss ran right to the wide

side of field for the

touchdown. After a Bronco than a minute left in the second offensive line. It is no doubt penalty moved the PAT kick quarter. Morriss completed a that this year's line is not comback five yards, Dustin Neff pass to Cadesman Pope for a posed of large, beastly behejust missed to the right. The nice gain. Tyler Creek caught moths, but with rather nor-Broncos led 6 to 0 with 5:04 the next pass and sped 61 yards mal sized young men. Dylan in left the first quarter.

the rest of the first quarter end of the first half. before giving the ball back on this drive. Two catches by Zach Badeaux gained six the playoffs with a 7 and 3 by Will Anderson moved the yards, a handoff to Anderson record. chains. Facing fourth down gained 20 plus yards. After near mid-field, Word Hudson a penalty moved the Broncos gating in the Mustang Bowl caught a pass over the middle backwards, Morriss threw to parking lot starting at 5:30 for a first down. Once inside Creek who looked like a man PM for the entire Bronco Nathe Red Zone, Morriss again among boys as he bowled over tion. Bronco fans are asked ran the ball on consecutive several Lions before finally be- to bring "finger food." Come plays before following his of- ing tackled. Anderson got the out and travel north to the Big fensive line into the end zone touchdown on a run through Country to cheer the Broncos on a quarterback sneak. The a large hole courtesy of the on in the football playoffs.

Before the kickoff in Ozona, Broncos tried a two-point con- PAT, Morriss lofted a pass into the Broncos led by 14 points as version, but Dustin Neff was the left corner of the end zone far as making the playoffs was stopped just short. The Bron- where only 6'5" Pope could concerned. But the Broncos cos led 12 to 0 with 7:31 left in catch it. The score stood 26

The Lions gamely tried to quarter. the playoffs, Coach Sine and stay in the game. With the the Broncos accomplished help of a face mask penalty, on three complete passes. their first goal for the season, the Lions were getting close to Gonzales caught the first and and now they must make new the Broncos' Red Zone. Jorge Hudson the last two. Hudgoals for the post season. With Gaytan blitzed and hit the Lion son got the score as he leaped the 32 to 6 victory over their ball carrier causing a fumble higher than the two Lion delongtime rivals, the Broncos that the Broncos recovered fenders and hauled in the

Antelopes for the Bi-District that ended in punts, the Bron- had scored their last points of cos got the ball back with less the regular season.

Bronco offensive line. For the

to 0 with 6:34 left in the third

The last Bronco score came completion. The PAT hex After each team had drives continued, and the Broncos

In the fourth quarter, Clayton Parks came in at quarterback. Manny Parades used his speed several for nice runs as the Broncos finished the regular season.

At the "Meet The Broncos" August, Coach Sine said that he was going to coach the

for a Bronco touchdown. The Castillo, Cash Jennings, Kyle The scrappy Lions respond- PAT woes continued, and the Patlan, Martin Campa, Jorge ed with a drive that consumed score stood at 18 to 0 at the Gaytan, Cacho Mesa, Hugo Cardona, Osbauldo Castane-The Broncos kicked off to da, Ryan Garmon, Christian to the Broncos on downs. start the second half. The Lion Lujan, Colyer Dermody, Josh The next Bronco drive was drive didn't last long as Caleb Salazar, and RJ Torres have another long, time-consum- Gonzales intercepted, and the outplayed their opponents all ing one. Morriss used his Broncos started their drive in year and are primarily responarm and his gifted receivers Lion territory. After a reverse sible for the Broncos entering

There will be Bronco Tail-

The History Makers: Bronco Boys Cross Country - Statebound



Esteban Garcia, Jesus Vasquez, Bailey Joe Pennington, Cody Pena, Robert Chavez, Mario Oliden, Angel Aguayo, Tiffany Weston and Eddie Favila. For results and pictures for both boys and girls see page 7.

All Treats-No Tricks For National Honor Society

Seventeen members of the National Honor Society at SHS gathered more than 55 pairs of eyeglasses and 63 old cell phones during their Trick-or-Treating with a Twist.

NHS members went door-to-door on Halloween evening, not asking for candy, but for unused prescription eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones.

The items collected will be given to the Downtown Lions Club, who will then send them to be cleaned, restored, and distributed to needy people worldwide.

Trick-or-Treating with a Twist is an annual event for the Sonora Chapter of NHS, and serves as just one of the group community service projects in which members are required to

For more information, call Sonora High School at 387-

Butler Honored With THA Pioneer Award



Keith Butler, CEO of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora, will receive the Texas Hospital Association's Pioneer Award at a luncheon tomorrow in Austin. This is THA's highest honor for a rural hospital executive.

AUSTIN (Nov. 9, 2009) Keith Butler, chief executive officer of Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora, has been honored with the Texas Hospital Associations Pioneer Award, an annual award that recognizes excellence in rural hospital management. Butler received the award at a luncheon during the Texas Rural Health Forum, Nov. 10 in Austin. The award is sponsored by THA?s Rural Hospital Constituency Section.

Butler was selected for the honor by the constituency section?s governing council, which is comprised of fellow rural hospital administrators from around the state.

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital is a 12-bed public hospital operated by the Sutton County Hospital District. During Butler's eight-year tenure there, the hospital has grown from a struggling rural facility to a thriving and progressive health and wellness center for the community.

"What's amazing is that Keith has accomplished this growth through good management, with no tax increases and no bond issue, a truly amazing feat", said Sutton County Judge Carla

Construction of a replacement hospital and wellness center was completed in 2005, and a second major building program currently is underway. The hospitals services include state-ofthe-art diagnostics, physical therapy, wound care, and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. LMH also has embraced the use of advanced technology, including wireless telemetry for patient monitoring and a complete electronic health records

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Senior Center Activities

Thur. Nov. 12- SCP to Angelo Caregiver Seminar @ ASU

Fri. Nov. 13- Happy Birthday Carmen Escobar Safe Holiday Lighting Program w/ PEC @ noon

Mon. Nov. 16-Bingo

Tues. Nov. 17- CEAP energy asst. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wed. Nov. 18- Happy Birthday Alfredo Virgen, SR. Van to San Angelo Medicals

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Nov. 12- Meatloaf w/sauce, mashed potatoes, milk wheat rolls, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie

Fri. Nov. 13- Beef tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, cake, and milk

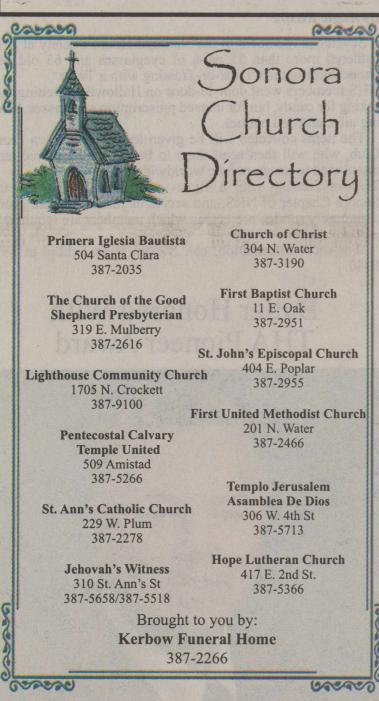
Mon. Nov. 16- Steak fingers w/gravy, baked potato, mixed veggies, orange cake, and milk

Tues. Nov. 17- Polish sausage, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, blushing pears, and milk

Wed. Nov. 18- Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, rolls, mixed fruit 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 \$2.00; \$5.00 for under 60

and all other meals-to-go).



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Obituaries

RONALD EARL (RON) MUNNS

SAN ANGELO - Ronald Earl (Ron) Munns went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The family had private graveside services in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Ron was born on January 9, 1965 in Edgewood, Van Zandt County, Texas to his parents, Robert Leegene Munns Sr. and Jacqueline Ann Cook Munns. He was the fourth son born of this union. Ron was a loving father and brother and will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. Ron was a member of The Heights Baptist Church. He placed his faith, hope, and trust in Jesus Christ.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Robert, on April 1, 2006; mother, Jacqueline, on December 14, 1979; and his brother, Ricky, on July 14, 1985.

Ron is survived by his two greatest gifts in life, sons Ronnie (19) and John (14) both of Spring, Texas; brothers Robert Munns of Odessa, Texas, Randy Munns of Maumelle, Arkansas, Russell Munns of Ward, Arkansas; and sister, Jeana Shumate of North Little, Arkansas. He is also survived by his god parents, Buddy and Kathy Payne and their children.

Marcie A. Lipham

SAN ANGELO-Marcie A. Lipham of San Angelo went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, after a long illness. Marcie was born in Baird, Texas, on Dec. 24, 1952, to Ted and Velma Barton Morrison. She graduated from Baird High School and then attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Marcie was a loving mother and wife and she lived for her family. She is survived by her husband, Fred Lipham of San Angelo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Erick and Erika Lipham of Spring, Texas, and T.J. and Laura Lipham of Big Spring, Texas; two grandchildren, Ian Frederick of Spring, Texas, and Andrew Ryan of Big Spring, Texas; two brothers, Larry Morrison of Sanger, Texas, and Ted Morrison of Abilene, Texas. Marcie was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Mike Biggs. Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at the First Baptist Church of Clyde, Texas. Burial followed in Truby Cemetery.

Gerald Ashburn

Sonora-Gerald Ashburn, 83, of Sonora died Tuesday Nov. 3, 2009 in a local hospital. He was born May 23, 1926 in Elisville, Texas. He was the only son of Artie and Amanda Ashburn, and attended school in Sundown where he met the love of his life, Ruth Colvert. They were married June 4, 1942 and were best friends for almost 48 years until her death in 1990. He is survived by 2 daughters, Linda Burkes and husband Don of Sonora and Patti Muller and husband Doug of Mandeville, La.; 4 grandchildren, Michael Todd of Austin: Michele, Holli and Cody McKinney of Mandeville, La., 6 great grandchildren, Ashburn and Burke Todd of Austin, Dacoda, Cameron Kane McKinney, Gabriella Gideon, and Isabella Gauthier all of Maneville, La.; 2 sisters, Doshia Jones and husband Arnold of DeSoto and Sandra Baron of Albuquerque; numerous nieces and nephews. Jerry retired in 1983 after a long career in the Oil and Gas Industry. He worked on the first nuclear drilling site in Tenopah, Nev. He was active in the Masonic bodies and the 1st Baptist Church until his health limited his activities. Jerry enjoyed his cabin at Vallecito Lake, Colo. and sharing it with his family and friends. He served as an infantryman in WW II on the Island of Luzon, where he was wounded and received a purple heart for his service. When he returned home, he never let his disabilities keep him from achieving milestones; course work at Texas Tech, Golden Gloves boxing, pilot license and the Masons. He initiated the Shrine Circus in Farmington, NM. and Gillette, Wyo. Jerry loved his God, his Country and his family. Services were held Friday, Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the 1st Baptist Church with Rev. T. Wayne Price officiating with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

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First United Methodist Church



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10:55

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> Wednesday 5:00 Choir Practice

12:00 Lion's Club

6:00 Beth Moore Study - Fellowship Hall 6:00 Jr. High Youth - St John's Sunday House Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House

Dixie Genini



Dixie Louise Carta Genini went to be with our heavenly father on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. She was born on November 6, 1935 in San Angelo, Texas. Her parents were La Dale Corder and Edward John Carta.

She was raised in the west Texas area. She was living in Llano when she met the love of her life. She and Duwane Genini were married May 10, 1952 in Burnett, Texas.

Together they had two daughters, Evelyn and Brenda. She enjoyed taking care of her husband and her girls. She loved decorating for the holidays, shopping, flowers and gardening. Everywhere she lived, even over seas, she always had a flower and vegetable garden.

After twenty years she retired as a military wife. In all of her travels, she never met a stranger. She has friends everywhere. One of her last moves was to Sonora, Texas in the fall of 1971. She was going to ranch, something she hadn't done since she

Anyone who knew her knows her favorite saying: I may not be doing it the right way, but it's going to be done my way.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, her father and her brother Clay Carta.

She is survived by her two daughters, four grandchilden, and seven great grandchildren, her sister-in-law, Linda Carta, and nieces and nephews. Her children are Evelyn and husband John Zook of Sonora and Brenda and husband Tommy Beck

She had a very big heart and will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Graveside services were Friday, November 6 at the Sonora Cemetery with Rev. Lewis Allen officiating. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Thank You Note

The SHS Cheerleaders want to thank so many people who made the Senior Tailgate Party successful. Scott Neff, Ruben Mesa, Frankie Gonzales, Victor Garcia, and all the other dads that helped cook fajitas. They were the best! Thanks also to all the SHS Seniors and their parents who contributed the fix'ins and money for meat. It was a huge success and without Mr. Chavarria's approval, it wouldn't have gotten off the ground.



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November 12 J.C. Surber, Braden Casal, Bee Castaneda, Clay Friess, Callaway Hall, Charles Howard

November 13

Alex Galindo, Brant Myers, James Edmondson, Steve Thorp, Jessica Chavarria, Myra Trevino, Lynn Wipff, Janice Sadler, Larry Don Luckie, Erica Kerbow Berry, E.K. Hernandez, Ashley Doran

> November 14 Trevlin Strong, Karina Trevino, Cameron Cox, Armie Sanchez

November 15 Tyron Fields, Kim Marshall, Miguel Vaquera, Jim Kay, Pauline Thompson, Jimmie O'Brien, Jenna Jackson

November 16 Victor Garcia, Josh Payton, Susan Floyd,

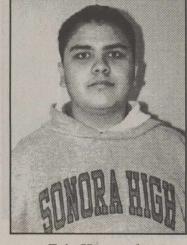
Lynn Barber, Lisa Heap, Trey Preston

November 17 Desirae Boldt, Jimmy Holman, Jenny Sue Trainer, Bailey Kinney, Alfredo Gonzalez, Cindy Brown, Diane Reiner, Mickey Jackson

November 18 Nikki Brown, Cadesman Pope, Kamrie Martinez, Ann Armstrong, Suzan Monk, Cody Perez, Curtis Howard, Lindsey Bowers, Michael Lira,

Jesse McGinnis, Alfredo Virgen, Sr.

Sonora High School Students of the Week



Eric Hernandez

Rebecca Hudson

Written by: Emilce Hernandez and Miles Sentena.

Sophomore Eric Hernandez and junior Rebecca Hudson were announced as Sonora High School's students of the week for November 2nd.

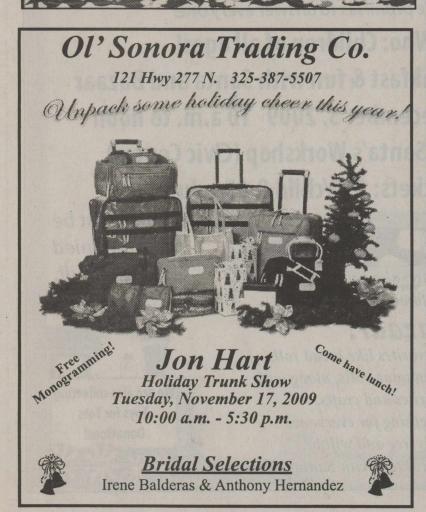
Rebecca is the daughter of Joe and Kavina Hudson. Her Submitted favorite teacher is Mr. Scroggins and her favorite class is debate. She likes chocolate and dislikes math class. Rebecca is in NHS, Student Council, and debate team. She also participates in Lions Club. Before moving to Sonora in 3rd grade, she lived in Grape Creek. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is the teachers. Rebecca plans to go to college when she graduates.

Eric Hernandez is the son of Juana and Luis Hernandez. His favorite subject is geometry and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Gallegos. He likes Dr. Pepper and dislikes cleaning. Eric is involved in Mathematics, Spelling, Science and Calculator U.I.L. events. He is a member of Youth Group at the Lighthouse. He used to live in North Carolina before moving to Sonora in the third grade. Eric's favorite thing about Sonora High is the open campus lunch. He plans to go to college after graduation.

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The Sonora Fireman's Lady Auxiliary recently presented a check in the amount of \$2100 to the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. This donation is earmarked for the Fire Department's land fund for the expansion for a much needed new dition, the Lady's Auxiliary would like to thank the people of Sonora who donated items for the Rummage Sale and bought goodies at our bake sale. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support of our Volunteer Fire Department.

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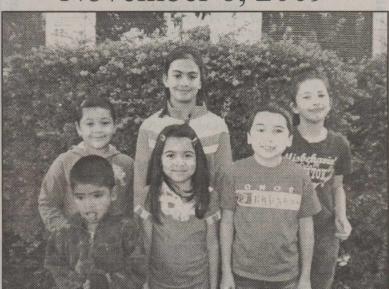


Sonora Elementary School students participated in Red Ribbon Week activities during National Red Ribbon Week, October 26 – 31, 2009. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention campaign that emerged when DEA agent "Kiki" Camarena was killed by a Mexican drug cartel while on duty in 1985. National Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed by the U.S. Congress and chaired by Nancy Reagan to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and encourage prevention, early intervention, and treatment ser-

Students at the elementary made Red Ribbon posters, brought canned goods to donate to the local food bank and facility. The Lady's Auxiliary raised the funds through the picked up trash on the playground as part of their participation, August Rummage Sale and the September Bake Sale. In ada as well as, had exciting dress-up themes each day. Pictured are the 2009 poster contest winners: Orion Guerra, Reagan O'Brien, Cara Hernandez, Summer Hall, Isabella Samaniego, Imanol Gaytan, Ignacio Coronado, Jordan Paredes, Priscilla Gutierrez, Abigail Hernandez, Jaci Dutton and Kaitlyn Dan-

We would like the thank the Sutton County Child Warefare Board for the DQ kids meals for all the winners.

Sonora Elementary School Students of the Week, November 6, 2009



PK - Edgar DeLuna, K - Fernanda Lozano, 1st - Vicki Salazar, 2nd - Brennen Hooks, 3rd - Rivers Martinez, 4th - Christina Hernandez

F.Y.I.

Sonora ISD will dismiss at 1 PM on Friday, November 13 for the playoff game in Sweetwater. Buses will run at that time.

43rd Annual Sutton County Game Dinner, Saturday, November 16;00069m. at the Civic Center.

ATTENTION PEPPERMINT CLUB MEMBERS AND PAR-EPNappaing meeting will be on SUN. NOV. 15 at 6:00 p.m at the home of Tammy & Eddie Favila. Please pass the news along and please join us for this important meeting. FMI 387-3661

Sonora Elementary will be selling red, pink and white poinsettias for \$12.00 a piece or \$10.00 each for 10 or more. Sales will run from October 26th - November 20th. If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias or have any questions, please call Sonora Elementary at 387-6951 or come by the office.

Sutton County Historical Society is looking for a stereoscope for children to be able to view the chest full of pictures. Please call Rex Ann at 325-387-2425 and 325-226-2122

Need a Dunking Booth for a party or fundraiser? Sonora Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has a dunking booth for rent. Call Tommie Sanchez at 226-8271 for availability and rates.

The 144th Narcotics Anonymous Group meets every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. in the Reception Hall of The Church of the Good ShepherH. Mulberry. FMI, call 387-4941 or 450-8922.

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Sonora High School Students of the Week







Christina Rodriguez

Submitted by Emilce Hernandez and Miles Sentena

Freshman Paige Sykes and junior Christina Rodriguez were selected as Sonora High School's Students of the Week, for the week of November 9th.

Paige is the daughter of Amy and Blaze Sykes. Her favorite class is Biology, and she likes all her teachers. Paige likes chocolate. She is involved in FCS, cross country, basketball and is a JV cheerleader. Paige is also in Youth Group. She has lived all her life in Sonora. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is the people. Her plans after graduation are to go to col-

Christina is the daughter of Jose and Maria Rodriguez. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Morriss, and her favorite class is band. She likes to eat food and hates doing homework. She is in the Spanish club and National Honor Society. She also contributes Submitted in the Sonora High School band. Christina has lived in Sonora all of her life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is that it is a fun place to learn. Christina plans to go to Angelo State University when she graduates.

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Crain - Martin Wedding



John and Robin Downing would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kellie DeAnn Crain, to Judd Hoyt Martin on October 10, 2009 in Delhi, Louisiana. Kellie is a 1998 graduate of Sonora High, a 2003 graduate of Angelo State University, and is currently a substitute teacher. Judd, son of Tammy and Tommy Edwards and Greg Martin, is a 1999 graduate of Downsville High in Downsville, Louisiana, and is currently the Safety and Maintenance Coordinator for CDF Healthcare of Louisiana, LLC. The couple resides in the groom's hometown of Delhi, Louisiana.

Christmas for Our Troops 2009 West Texas Style

It's that time of year again. Christmas for Our Troops is a non-profit all-volunteer group comprised of West Texans from all walks of life, whose purpose is to support our local military members serving overseas during Christmas by sending them Christmas gift boxes. In 2008, we were able to send over 750 boxes. This year the goal is 1000.

If you have a friend or family member that will be serving in Iraq or Afghanistan during the holidays, please send me their name and APO address by November 20th, and we will include them on the gift box list and forward the address to our committee.

If you are interested in the project and would like more information, you can check out the website at www.christmas-

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for patient monitoring and a THA subsidiary company, and complete electronic health re- he is a past board member of cords system.

Keith is one of those rare ral & Community Hospitals. individuals gifted at seeing around corners. He has anticipated opportunities and threats to LMH long before they manifested, and he has shown flexibility and dexterity in seizing the opportunities and minimizing the threats, said Lewis Allen, president of the LMH Hospital Board of

Directors. When Butler realized that a lack of acceptable housing was hindering the hospital's efforts to recruit professional staff, he decided to do something about it. Over the past three years, Butler has overseen the construction of three new residences, available for rent to hospital employees, as well as the purchase of an eight-unit apartment com-

Butler, an emergency medical technician-licensed paramedic who volunteers numerous hours responding to emergency calls and training local EMS responders, holds a degree in business from Angelo State University. He is active in a number of professional and civic organizations. He currently serves on the board of HealthSHARE, a

Setting Our Roots in Sutton County



Celebrating 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mayer

Taken from the San Angelo Standard Times Sun. November

DEL RIO (SC) --- New York City and Washington, D.C., are honeymoon settings for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillip Mayer, who were married at the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Whitehead, Nov. 14.

Granddaughter of R.L. Miers, pioneer ranchman of Val Verde, the bride is the former Miss Bobby Lou Whitehead. She is a graduate of Principia Junior College and the University of Texas. Her husband, a Texas A&M College graduate, ranches in Sutton County near Rocksprings.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Mayer of Sonora and San Angelo.

Ceremony was read at high noon by the Rev. Patrick W. Armstrong, pastor of First Methodist Church.

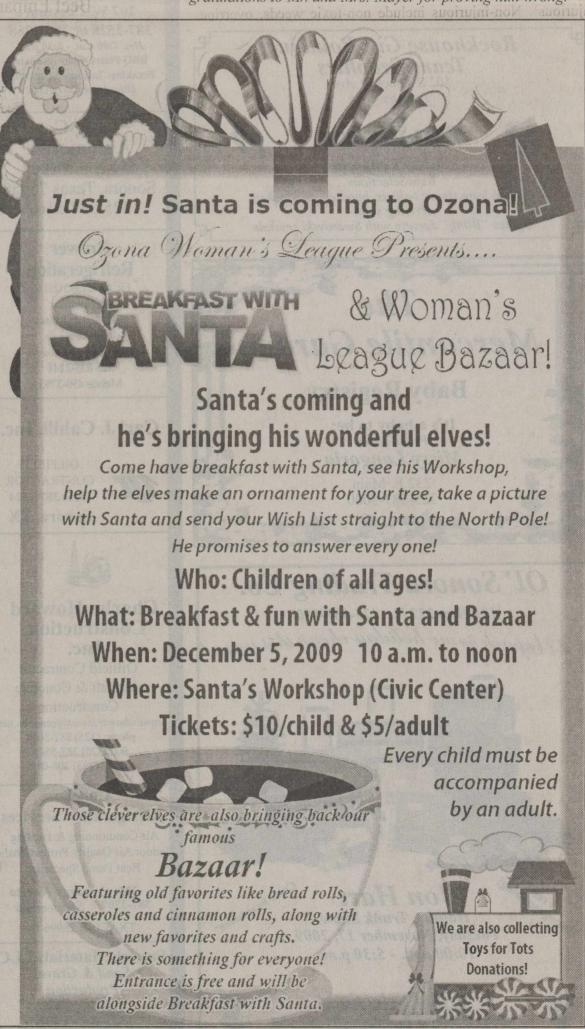
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore and heirloom diamond drop given to her mother at her graduation from high school by her father, grandfather of the bride. Talisman roses were like those used at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead. The roses in her bouquet surrounded talisman-toned or-

The bride's waltz-length gown of blue silk chiffon was designed with a soft skirt given fullness by unpressed pleats. The fitted bodice featured a bateau neckline and bracelet-length sleeves. She wore a French blue chiffon hat caught at the side with miniature talisman roses.

Miss Lourene Jarrett attended her cousin as maid of honor. Ed Mayer of Barnhart served his brother as best man. Guests were seated by the bride's brother, F.H. Whitehead Jr.; her cousin, T.J. Jarrett, and Dave McCrea, son of Joel McCrea of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead entertained with a reception at their home for the family and close friends.

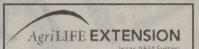
Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have been married for 50 years, a feat in itself but even more so, once you take into account that Ralph is an Aggie and Bobby Lou a Longhorn. Abraham Lincoln once said that "A house divided against itself cannot stand", congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mayer for proving him wrong.



Oil & Agribusiness

What Makes Good Hay

By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural **Extension Agent**



Though we don't typically feed much hay in our part of the world, small-herd producers and horse owners do make use of it. It is important to select hay for quality. This can be either chemically analyzed or visual inspection. Today we'll focus on visual inspection and on those characteristics that affect its value as feed. Factors known to affect hay quality and animal performance include stage of maturity, leafiness, color, odor and condition, and the presence of foreign material in the hay.

Stage of maturity refers to the growth stage of a plant at the time of harvest. For alfalfa hay, stage of maturity can be determined by observing the state of reproductive parts and the texture and woodiness of the stems. Alfalfa cut in the bud stage can be recognized by the size of buds at the tips of the stems and by the absence of purple flower petals. Bud-stage alfalfa is usually very leafy, and stems are relatively fine and pliable. Early-bloom stage alfalfa has some purple flower petals and stems that are larger than bud-stage alfalfa. Alfalfa cut after the full-bloom stage is usually indicated by the large stems, by the presence of seed pods, and by a deficiency of leaves.

Leafiness is an important factor in determining hay quality, but is most critical with legumes and first-cut grass hays (two-thirds of the protein is found in the leaves). As plants This year's cooking school theme was the Eco Kitchen and fomature, stems increase in diameter, lower leaves yellow and are shed, and the relative proportion of leaves decreases. The highest quality hay is that cut in the late-bud to early-bloom stage when plants have a high proportion of leaves. Leaf proportion can vary from 65 to 70 percent in very leafy alfalfa hay and even growing foods in your own kitchen. Other area exto only 10 or 15-percent in stemmy hay.

Color can be a definitive characteristic of hay. The ideal color is one that most closely approaches the bright green color of an immature grass or legume crop. This hay was most likely cut at an early, desirable stage of maturity and well and rapidly cured. However, even timely cut hay can lose its bright green color due to the bleaching action of the sun; rain during curing; or fermentation. Sun bleaching reduces hay palatability while rain leaches away a large portion of plant nutrients or causes molding and fermentation. Hay that has a characteristic dark brown or black discolored appearance has been exposed to rain or to heavy fog and dew. Brown-colored hay is usually indicative of hay that has either been through a heat and/or fermentation.

Foreign matter comes in two types (non-injurious and injurious). Non-injurious include non-toxic weeds, overripe grain hay, grain straw, stubble, chaff, sticks, and other objectionable matter. Weeds are the most common non-injurious foreign matter found in hay. Injurious matter is material that is poisonous or will harm the animal when eaten. These include sandburs; needlegrasses with needles attached; 3-awn grass, and poisonous plants such as pig weeds.

Off-odors, such as mildew, mustiness or rotten odors, indicate lowered quality and acceptance by livestock. These smells are caused when hay is stored at too high moisture or has been weather damaged. Hay condition is important. Hay should be free from must and mold and from insect and disease damage. It should also be free of dust.

Hay can vary in quality, so spend a little time evaluating before making your purchase.

AgriLife Extension to conduct Schleicher County training Nov. 19

By: Steve Byrns

ELDORADO – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices of Schleicher and Sutton counties will conduct a public continuing education unit training beginning at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19 in the Schleicher County Civic Center, located just south of Eldorado at 427 U.S. Highway 277 South.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered, four in the general category and one in the laws and regulations category.

Cody Bundick, AgriLife Extension agent for Schleicher County, said the speakers are top-notch and the topics timely.

"Prescribed burning will be one of the main topics of the day," Bundick said. "Nick Garza, Texas AgriLife Research senior associate at Sonora, will give a presentation on building a cost-effective skid sprayer which should be of interest to those planning a burn in the coming months."

Other topics and speakers will include:

-- Performance Comparison of Wheat, Oats and Triticale, Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo.

-- Incorporating Burning into Brush Control Plans, Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

-- Efficient Affordable Herbicide Application Equipment: Calibrations and Upkeep, Dr. Allan McGinty, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

Individual pre-registration is \$5 by Nov. 17 and \$10 thereafter. The fee includes a hamburger lunch.

For more information and to pre-register call the AgriLife Extension office in Schleicher County at 325-853-2132.

4-H Cooking School Food Show Results



Bottom Row (L to R) Summer Hall, Mercedes Lee, Audrey Nolen, Levi Garrett, Reagan O'Brien Top Row (L to R) Kelly Thorp (CEA-FCS), Hazel Kent, Holly Sparks, Katelyn Lipham, Felicia Farley, Kristen Garrett

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

For the past six weeks thirty 4-H youth have participated in weekly cooking class held at the Sutton County Civic Center. cused on "going green". Students learned about organic cooking and preparing natural foods on a budget, local seasonable and sustainable agriculture, recycling, energy efficient appliances, smart equipment with heat sensors, automated cooking plored was the value of developing healthy eating habits and regular exercise. These are the keys to living a long, fit life. The highlight of the project is the county food show which was held on November 9, 2009. Participants were interviewed by a team of judges to determine their knowledge of food and nutrition and were judged on the food they have prepared. The following are the results:

Clover Kid: Nutritious Snacks Levi Garrett Philadelphia Fruit Dip-1st place Junior: Main Dish Holly Sparks Jack in a Pumpkin-1st place - Best of Show Hazel Kent Beef Empanada w/mango salsa Junior: Breads and Cereals Summer Hall Zucchini and Pineapple Bread-1st place Junior: Fruit and Veggie Katelyn Lipham Pumpkin Risotto-3rd place Mercedes Lee Fruit Salad Dip-2nd place Audrey Nolen Smoked Turkey Asparagus Wrap -1st place

Junior: Nutritious Snack Kristen Garrett Wild Side Sundae-3rd place Felicia Farley Peanut Butter Smoothie-2nd place Reagan O'Brien Lemon Fruit Dream -1st place

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Main Street Traffic

By Ann Kay

Wow! What a great time we had downtown with all the bright shining faces as they Trick or Treated. I would like to say a big thank you to all the downtown businesses, City of Sonora, Sonora Police Dept., Sutton County Sheriff Dept., Sutton County Offices, Exxon Station, 1st National Bank of Sonora, Bank & Trust of Sonora, DQ of Sonora, Sonic Drive Inn, Chamber of Commerce, Sonora Elementary Staff, Busy Bee Day Care, Sutton County Library, Head Start, Ms. Tammy Favila Day Care, Sutton County Historical Society, SEDC, KHOS Radio, Devil's River News, and all the parents participated in the downtown Trick or Treat.

I have been at the Texas Downtown Conference in Tyler, Texas, where I learned a lot about the new programs coming soon in the future of downtowns.

Sonora was recognized as an outstanding Texas Main Street Program and also by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. I invited them all to come to see us in West Texas. Some of the folks had come to Sonora when we had the Texas Main Street Managers Training, and they shared with the others how much fun they had in Sonora.

Soon there will be a new manager of Texas Pecos Trail Program moving to town. He is very happy to be moving to Sonora. The Texas Pecos Trail Office will not be moving out of the location they shared with the Sonora Economic Development Corp. on Concho Street. The SEDC has moved to the Sutton County Historical Society by the Miers Home Mu-

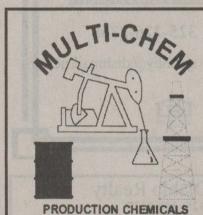
I came home with great new ideas for some of the promotions. We are going to try some of these promotions that have

been a great success in East Texas.

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street would like to invite you to shop on Ladies Night Out and if you are downtown come by the F.H. Sonora Main Street Office and Museum and receive a special treat. We would like to express our appreciation to the Sonora Chamber for promoting this event. Soon it will be time for Christmas and we are busy getting ready for the Christmas season. Johnny Solis and Carlos Gallegos are the angels who decorate our downtown area, Sutton County Courthouse, Bank Vault Park, and the entrance to town. We appreciate all that you all do to make our town beautiful for

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The address of record for John R. McCalmont is 225 Lavendar Lane, Longview, Texas 75605. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED on the 9th day of November, 2009.

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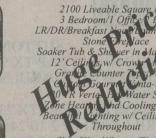
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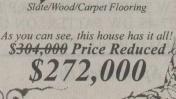
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By Coach Tiffany Weston

co cross country teams repre- qualifying for state. Our did an AMAZING job! The Ozona who had defeated us Ramos was our top runner, we blew Ozona away, beatplacing 16th and posting a ing them by over 100 points. personal record time of 12:37. As a team, it was the best I She was less than 10 seconds have ever seen them run!

The Bronco and Lady Bron- from being in the top 10 and sented Sonora this past week- goal as a team was to have 5 end in the Regional Cross girls under 13:30 and 7 girls Country Meet. Both teams under 14:00 and also to beat girls finished 7th out of the 24 at district by 11 points. All teams that competed. Chelby of the goals were met, and

> For the boys, Robert Chavez placed 10th, qualifying for state as an individual. The rest of our top 5 runners were all right behind, all placing in the top 40. The boys finished 2nd overall, qualifying for state as a team and also defeating Kermit (who won our district). The boys have a great shot at bringing back a team medal from the state meet!

These kids have worked so hard over the last couple of years and its finally starting to pay off! I am so proud of them and thankful that I get to be a part of it. The boys will run in Round Rock on Saturday, November 13th at 10:20 am at Old Settlers Park.

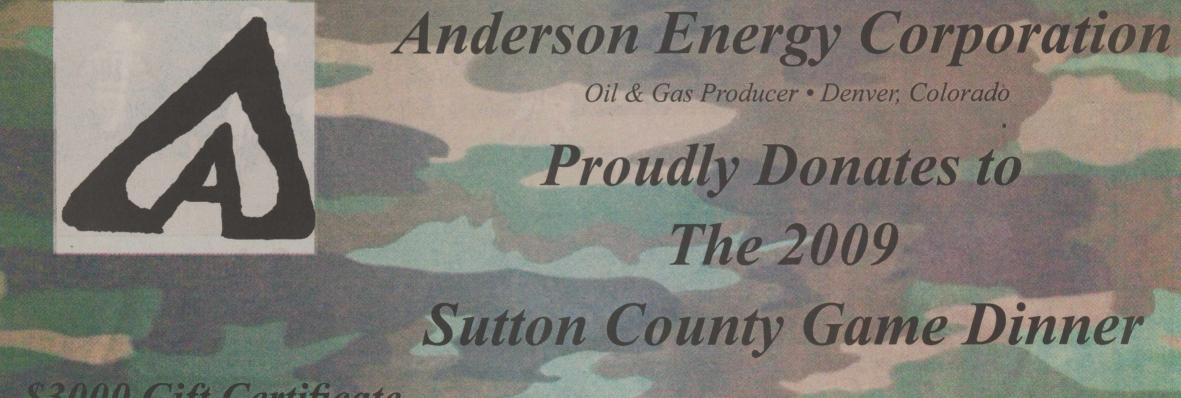


Girls: 16th Chelby Ramos 12:37 46th Dulce Acosta 13:10 56th Jalen Falcon 13:22 59th Avery Nolen 13:25 63rd Paige Sykes 13:28 90th Daniela Cano

13:49 104th Kelsey Favila 13:58 Team: 7th

Boys: 10th Robert Chavez 16:51 11th Jesus Vasquez 16:58 21st Cody Pena 17:30 24th Angel Aguayo 17:44 36th Esteban Garcia 18:04 56th Mario Oliden 18:42 71st Bailey Joe Pennington 19:06 Team: 2nd







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