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School Board Meeting: Trustees Approve Improvements to Football Field

By Ben D. Taylor

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sonora ISD school board of trustees on April 12th addressed several topics, but the meeting focused on ongoing (and proposed) improvement projects. Those projects included the re-surfacing of the football field, renovations to the Highschool and Jr. High School Science labs, and the purchase of new weight room equipment.

At the request of the School board, School Superintendent Don Gibson and Athletic Director David Sine received bids from artificial and natural grass companies to re-surface the field. Gibson reported to the board that an artificial turf field would cost around \$800,000 (depending on the company and type of turf), and resurfacing the field in natural sod would result in an approximate cost of \$130,000. Gibson then stated, "From a financial standpoint, my recommendation to the board would be to go with the natu-

ral grass".

Representatives from synthetic (FieldTurf and AstroTurf) and natural (Texas Multichem) turf companies then made presentations before the board. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided through a unanimous vote to re-surface the football field in natural sod. This vote was made due to the financial constraints of installing the artificial turf. Prior to his vote, board member Tommy Van Winkle commented that while he was voting against synthetic turf he didn't "want the idea of artificial turf to die". Gibson later commented in an interview, "Due to ongoing renovations to our education facilities, synthetic turf was not a viable option, but if water becomes a problem in the future, this issue will be addressed.

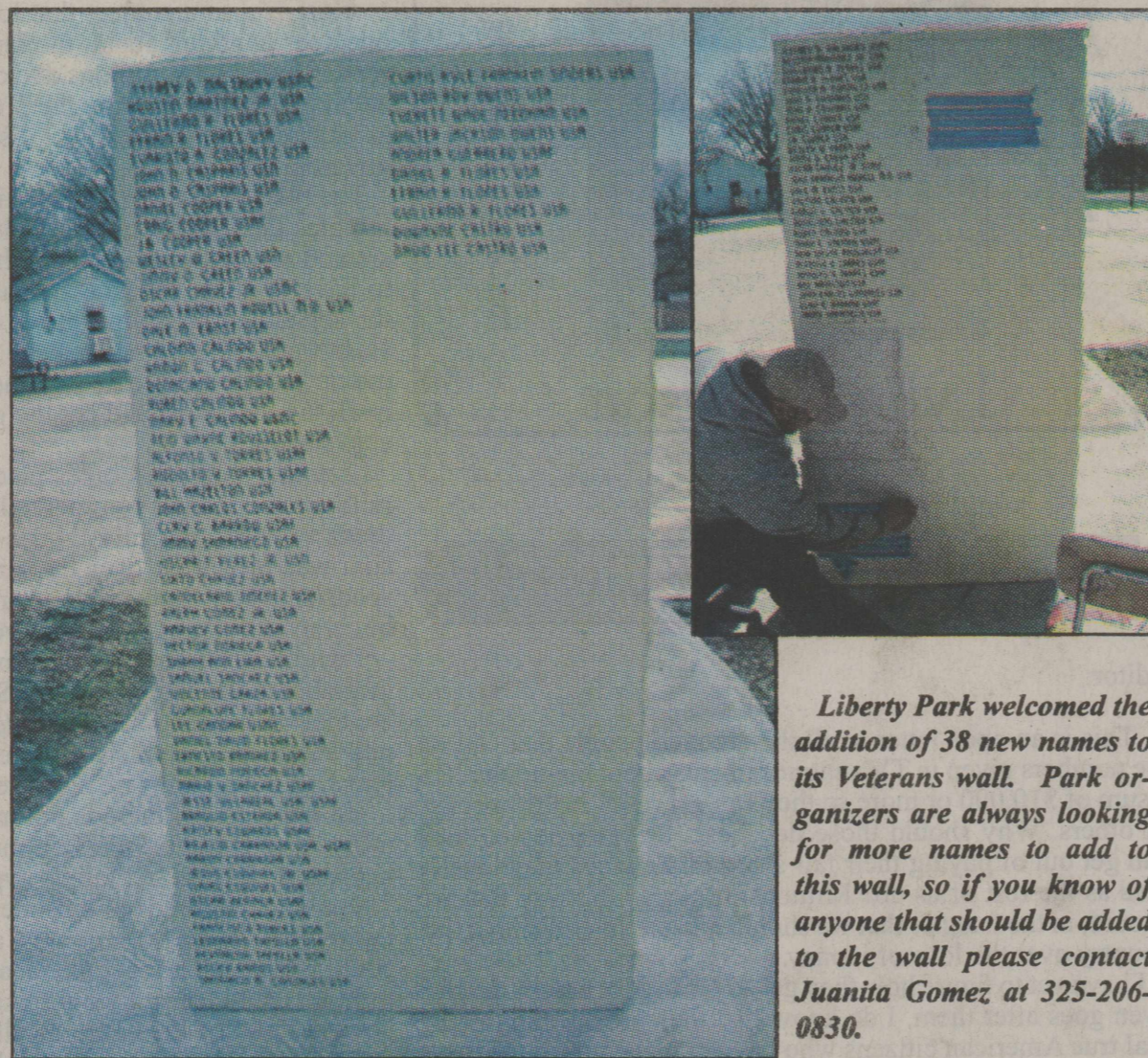
The board then moved to discuss proposed improvements to the High School and Jr. High science labs. After a briefing from the architect, the board decided to go forward

with getting the plans to a point where they can evaluate the cost of these projects.

The board also approved a request by Athletic Director David Sine for the purchase of new weight room equipment. According to Sine, the equipment (\$96,000) will increase the usable space of the new facility. "This new equipment will allow us to have over 100 athletes (60 with the current system) working out at the same time. We are building a team of Broncos, and no matter what sporting event it is-working out together helps facilitate team building".

The old equipment will be moved closer to the Jr. High campus, eliminating the need to bus students to the High School for athletics. Gibson added, "In addition to increasing the efficiency of our coaches time by not having to transport their athletes across town, there are plans to open the second weight room up to the public".

More Names Added to the Veterans Wall at Liberty Park



Liberty Park welcomed the addition of 38 new names to its Veterans wall. Park organizers are always looking for more names to add to this wall, so if you know of anyone that should be added to the wall please contact Juanita Gomez at 325-206-0830.

City Softball Field Gets A New Concession Stand



By Ben D. Taylor

The city Softball field's renovations took a big step on April 9th with the arrival of a new concession stand donated

by Rustic Cedar Cabins of Texas. Additionally the City of Sonora has also contributed to the facility improvements

by committing to provide portable bathrooms at the field as well.



Matthew Perdie is walking from New York to California to bring attention to what he sees as irresponsible government spending. See his progress at: <http://www.perdie.com/>

Walking from New York To California

By Ben D. Taylor

A lot of attention has been given to the idea of legacy in recent years. Questions about the kind of legacy we are leaving behind for the next generation. Those questions find themselves expressed through the debate over climate change, government spending, and the nature of freedom. As a society we see our legacy as something we leave behind. It can be seen as an inheritance of great worth or as a burden of exceptional weight. That legacy remains as footprints in the sand until the next generation comes along and covers them up with their own tracks. Those tracks can act as a guide-they show the direction of the previous traveler, but give no instruction to their meaning. It is that nature of those depressions left in the sands of time that prompted two young men to make a journey of their own.

Matthew Perdie is a Pennsylvania native currently living in New York City working as a freelance video editor. He had become increasingly worried about the direction of the federal government and finally decided to walk from Long Island, NY to Santa Monica, CA to "expedite the awareness of the dangers of massive government spending, while also pushing for the need of personal and fiscal responsibility in the United States". When I asked him why he decided to walk he commented, "I get to see the country with my own eyes this way and not through the filter of the media. People need to see how important this is and if it takes me walking across the country, then so be it".

Perdie has traveled through over 10 states so far and has

seen, "a lot of fiscal conservatives in this country", and he hopes to engage the younger generation in his travels. "The younger generation is very capable of taking back America. They just need to be educated before it's too late". He met up with his friend, Mike Jacob, in Louisiana and while the two walk the same road, they do so for different reasons.

"Matt is more political savvy than I am. I am doing this more for a life journey and adventure. This is an opportunity for me to learn about politics". When I asked Mike his particular political views he said, "It's a tough call. Along this trip I am mainly seeing one side of this issue-we talk mostly with conservatives-but the more I listen the more it seems to make sense. This is a great experience, and we will be better for it".

It was my conversation with Matthew and Mike that showed me that our legacy is not found behind us, but in front of us. The formation of a legacy begins with a single step in any direction. That step grows into a walk, and that walk carries you down the path of a journey. Those that walk along that path find that there is a point in any journey where the destination becomes less important, and the path seems to be less clear. It is then that the traveler is defined not by the direction of his next step, but by his focus on the horizon. That is the secret to legacy. It is created in the present, carried into the future, and cherished in our past. I do not know what these two men will find along their travels, but I do wish them fair winds and a following sea.



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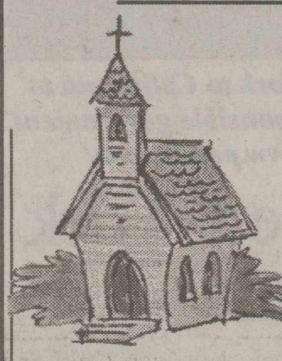
Senior Center Activities

Thur. April 15 - Happy Birthday *Milton Cavaness*
 Fri. April 16 - Happy Birthday *Oscar Galindo*
 Mon. April 19 - Happy Birthday Tita Leyva Bingo
 Tues. April 20 - Exercise w/video
 Wed. April 21 - Happy Birthday *Aurora Cardenas Mickey Chavez*, Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

Thur. April 15 - Chicken strips w/gravy, potato wedges, milk green beans, bread, peaches w/topping
 Fri. April 16- Fried catfish, corn/tomato casserole, milk spinach, hush puppies, Jell-O w/fruit
 Mon. April 19 - Pork chop w/gravy, diced potatoes, yellow squash, tossed salad, wheat rolls, peach cobbler and milk
 Tues. April 20 - Chili dogs w/cheese, potato chips, milk pineapple waldorf salad, brownies
 Wed. April 21 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, wheat rolls, lime rice swirl

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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Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St 387-5713
Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St 387-5658/387-5518	Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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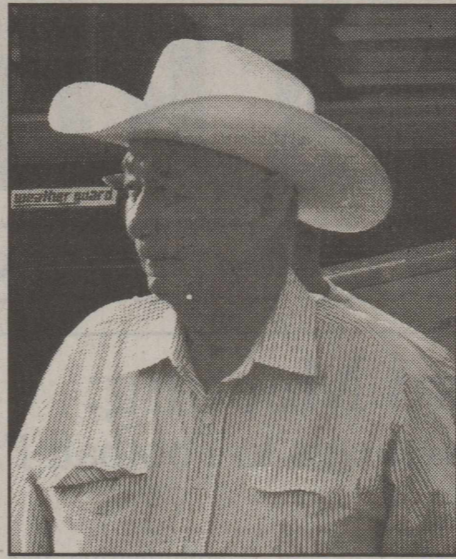


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Obituary

Fidencio Hernández Vásquez



Fidencio Hernández Vásquez, 79, was born in Musquiz Coah. Mexico, to Juan and Natalia Hernandez Vásquez on May 7, 1931. He passed away Saturday, April 10, 2010 at his home.

Survivors include wife Teresa Vasquez of Sonora, Texas. Sisters, Lupe Hernandez from San Antonio, Texas and Olivia Carrillo from Eagle Pass, Texas. Brothers Armando Vasquez and wife Teresa from Lockney, Texas and Rodolfo Vasquez and wife Lucia from Laredo, Texas. Daughters Hilda and husband Henry Mata from Sonora, Texas; Elsa and husband Fred Tijerina from Eldorado, Texas, Elva Vasquez from Sonora, Texas and Thelma and husband John Rivas from Ozona, Texas. Also, 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the St. Ann's Catholic Church. Pallbearers were grandson Kirk Garcia from Hereford, Texas, nephews Armando Vásquez Jr. and Ricky Vásquez from Lockney, Texas, Dwayne Garza from San Antonio, Joe Luis Vara and Danny Vara from San Angelo, Jessie Hernandez from Dallas, and Epifanio Hernandez from San Antonio.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Ms. Coronado,
 Are you kidding me!! First you say you "decided too late" then you say, "the committee decided". Sounds to me like you missed the deadline. I know I saw the ad in the newspaper that the contest was opening up the competition to the freshman girls and extending the deadline. How can you say one freshman was presented the opportunity, when it was in the paper? I know my niece received a letter about the competition, if anything, letters to the freshman were not sent out. Are you saying only one freshman read the ad and understood it? I believe I also attended a fundraiser at the baseball field the other day for the candidate running for Miss Cinco de Mayo. Looks like she is raising money and working for the title. All the organizations in Sonora work really hard for the money they raise, and all the young people work harder for their scholarships. I am disappointed in YOU. YOU missed the deadline, YOU did not follow up on the phone call, and YOU missed the opportunity to represent a great town that does so much for their youth. I don't know who the "other people that agree with you are," but there are more people that don't agree with you. Hats off to Viva Sonora and all the organizations that raise money for our town and especially for our youth. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!!!

Janet Hernandez

Dear Editor,

Crystal,
 If you would have signed up in time for this contest, the deadline would not have been extended and the contest would not have been opened up to freshman. Then, you would have been the only one running for queen. Would this mean the title would have been handed to you? Would you be complaining?

Rachel Delgado

Dear Editor,

In regards to last weeks letter to the editor:
 Viva Sonora is a non-profit organization. Our board privately manages Viva Sonora. Therefore, we reserve the right to change our rules in the best interest of Viva Sonora. We were forced to change the rules of the Cinco De Mayo Queen Contest, because no applications were received at the first deadline. If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any board member.

Sincerely,
 Viva Sonora

Editor,

Here is a sore subject that lots of people talk about but no one does anything about, the lousy television broadcasting by money hungry TV stations. Do others feel they are being taken advantage of not only by the TV broadcasters but by the FCC as well, or am I the only one disgusted with television and my government?

The rules used to be that commercials could only run for five minutes three times in each half hour but now they go on for six and seven taking up more than the allotted time they used to have to abide by. I have actually counted the minutes and the scheduled program ran for only 13 minutes out of thirty. Hasn't anyone else noticed the announcements that state this movie has been cut to fit the time slot allotted. Then they leave in all the junk stuff and cut the good stuff up into unrecognizable stories.

Another thing that takes place is they charge the sponsors millions to run their commercials then charge the viewers hundreds to watch the silly things. I can remember when television was broadcast over the air for free and paid for by the sponsors. Now they collect from both ends and give nothing but crap and reruns over and over and over.

I wonder, is it possible that only this junk and crappy reruns available to the same stations? Speaking of commercials, why are they all made by stupid idiots for stupid advertisers for stupid watchers? Commercials used to be real inventive and interesting but all they are now are comedies and ignorant spots.

To top it all off there is not much but violence, sex, immorality, sex, and evil things on most of the channels. Whatever happened to good old family type movies and programming? There were hundreds of episodes of cute, clean and honorable family type sitcoms, programs, and movies that young people could watch and not get the idea that sex and murder were the right things to learn. I would like to know what the governing powers think of the cause of all the kids that kill, steal, rape and fight against the law learned all those junky type things.

If you feel anything like I do, then I plead with you to write to the station, your country's leaders and them to straighten up or you'll not buy any of the products advertised on their channels. Also, send this message to the sponsors so they will notify the stations that they quit sponsoring as their products are not selling anymore. If you hit them in the pocketbook, they will listen up and change their ways.

Ray Spendley
 Brady, TX

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Lynn Burleson

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

This is an open letter to all the crooked people that call on the numbers given in TV announcements about owing the IRS a sum of \$10,000 or more so they can get relief at the expense of others. Why should those deadbeats be rewarded so they can get out of paying their fair share of the taxes they legally owe as the rest of us do? Millions of us pay the way that we should, in the manner that we should and on time. We love this country over the love of money.

I have yet to figure how they get so far in debt before the IRS even goes after them. I do know that they are cheating many real true American citizens who have to make up for the taxes that they sneak out of paying; people such as their neighbors, relatives, and friends and in a lot of cases their own family members.

Knowing this, how can they face these people and not feel down-right ashamed? The country is nearing 7.12 trillion dollars in debt to itself in the form of the private enterprise company called the Federal Reserve Bank. This is followed by Japan, China, Portugal, Russia and other foreign countries.

Yes, I said Private Enterprise Company, as the Federal Reserve Bank is not part of the Federal Government. Since the Federal Reserve Bank is not a part of the Federal Treasury Department, and it prints all the paper money, according to the Constitution on the Treasury has the right to print such; therefore, it makes all Federal Reserve Notes- Counterfeit.

I truly believe that everyone that has any kind of income, and no matter where it comes from, should pay income taxes on it. I mean no way of not counting collected interest, dividends, royalties or any type of income. If everyone was made to pay their fair share then the National debt could be reduced until it no longer existed. The only way to accomplish this would be a straight tax with each living person getting the same personal deduction and then having a tax levied on all the rest of their income, no matter what, at one standard rate for all. A rate of say 15% straight across the board and the government would double or triple its annual revenue. Then all persons would be paying equally on all things.

Ray Spendley
 Brady, TX

Relay For Life to Rock Sonora

Relay For Life this year will provide a full day (and night) of events in Sonora on April 17th, 2010.

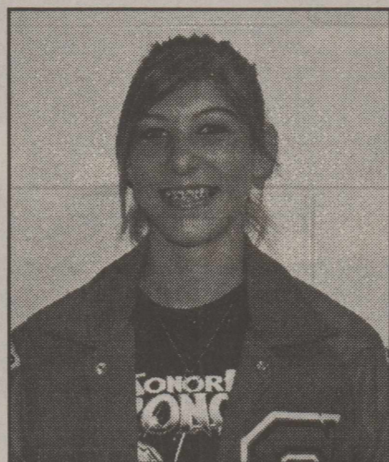
Start your day off at Consuelo Ranch's Rope For A Cure at 9 a.m. Enjoy roping, riding, good food and great entertainment. For More Information call (325) 387-3244.

Come join the 2010 Relay For Life event in Downtown Sonora for the official kick-off at 7 p.m. Come eat lots of yummy food cooked by the wonderful people of Sonora and enjoy all the festivities. This year will feature a live band, Blind Nello, 8 p.m. to midnight. Other activities will include the Survivor Lap, Luminaria Ceremony, Bingo, Seed Spittin' Contest, Ms. Relay contest and much, much more.

Come out and enjoy what Sonora has to offer!!!!

In the event of bad weather, the Relay For Life will be moved to the Civic Center.

High School Student of the Week



Nicole Lipham

Junior, Nicole Lipham, was announced as Sonora High School's Student of the Week for April 12.

Nicole is the daughter of Michelle and Clifton Lipham. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Kissire, and her favorite class is history. She likes to spend time with her friends, Kallie and Dulce. Nicole is in Varsity Track, Woodshop, and Youth Group. She has lived in Sonora all of her life and her favorite thing about Sonora High is football season. Nicole plans to attend Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas and major in Astronomy.

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SUTTON COUNTY PREDATOR MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING Texas AgriLife Extension Service is hosting the spring meeting of the SCPMA. This meeting will be held April 21, 2010 at the Sutton County Civic Center beginning at 1:00 PM. All members and anyone interested in membership are asked to attend. All membership information was lost in the fire that destroyed the Sonora Wool & Mohair Offices. Current memberships expire in April. If you wish to continue your participation and be eligible for bounty payments, please make plans to attend this meeting or submit you payment and acreage information to: SCPMA, P.O. Box 588, Sonora, Texas 76950.

SONORA TRASH OFF Saturday, April 24th from 9 AM till Noon. Please help Keep Sonora Beautiful, Sutton County 4-H, and Missions in Motion pick up litter along the streets in and around Sonora. Meet at the United Methodist Church parking lot at Water and Oak Street at 9 AM. Wear gloves and sturdy footwear. Lunch provided courtesy of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club. Call Sam Kent at 387-5181 or Susan Hall at 387-5553 for more information.

Keep Sonora Beautiful Tree Sale: Red and White Crape Myrtle-\$50, Live Oak, Red Oak, Burr Oak, Mexican Oak, and Red Bud-\$65. KSB is selling an assortment of summer and perennials bulbs. Contact the Chamber of Commerce 325-387-2880 or Juanita Gomez 325-206-0830 to place an order or for more information.

Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonorax.net or by calling 325-206-0830. Everyone is encouraged to submit names. A committee is being put together to organize LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION and also to place a historical marker where the school stood. If you have any information or questions please contact us.

MICHAEL RAMIREZ, PETER DURAN, ROWDY LEE BUELL HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING ON THE CITY SOFTBALL FIELD by the swimming pool! They are in need of helpers willing to come join them!! They are removing stickers and attempting to reseed the field!! All for the sake of our GIRLS!!! Please lend a hand!! ALL HELP IS MUCH APPRECIATED!! ANY QUESTIONS, please contact Michael Ramirez 325.650.1454 or just stop by the field!!

The 2009 Sonora Bronco Football Season Highlight DVD is now available at the high school office! For more information contact Coach Sine at 325-387-6940 x3304. The cost is \$20!!!

Relay For Life asks that you e-mail photos of those who have battled cancer to relayforlife@sonorax.net to be added to our slideshow that is displayed during the Luminaria Ceremony at Relay For Life.

Book Sale to be held: The Sutton County Library is getting ready for their Book Sale. The book sale will run March 22 thru April 16.

Viva Sonora Cinco de Mayo - May 1, 2010 Featuring: United Freestyle Stunt Team-3 performances, www.unitedfreestyle.com

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 Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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The First National Bank Popcorn Contribution for March 2010 was given to Project Graduation. Lynzi Trainer presented the check to Mary Humphrey and Bonnie Lou Campbell, Finace Committee Members.

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I would like to express my appreciation to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children and grandchildren to the Easter Bunny Breakfast and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event was a huge success thanks to your participation.

This event would not have been possible without the help of numerous volunteers who devoted their time, resources, and services. Sonora is a blessed town to have so many caring citizens. I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work.

Coming out early to hide the eggs at the Prayer Garden and Sutton County Court House was: Mayor Jed Davenport, Linda Johnson, Iris Bradley, Cecilia Sanchez, Terry Surrridge, Charline Terry, Sam & Susan Kent, Patti Rainer, Dee Martinez, Delyse Jaeger, Jacquie Thomas, Tony & Tami Adkins, Myrna Galindo, Tabby Abrego, Gloria Lopez, and Lizzie Chavez.

Jimmy Cahill and his helpers made the Eaton Hill Treasure Hunt more challenging this year with the eggs being hidden in three areas on the hill. Jimmy also helped with organizing the event (along with Alisha Lowe and David Adkins) and advertised on the radio. Delyse Jaeger and Jacquie Thomas, who manage Eaton Hill, also had some special eggs that were stuffed and hidden by Mother Nature.

The First Baptist Church shared the Prayer Garden to allow the babies to hunt their Easter eggs without being trampled by the bigger children.

The First National Bank of Sonora and The Bank & Trust once again donated the gold dollar coins that were placed in the golden eggs. The children are always so excited when they find money in their eggs!

The wonderful folks at Dairy Queen supplied us with 90 pancake plates that were sold for the breakfast! They also donated ice cream coupons and candy eggs for the drawing.

Renee & Tabby Abrego and Brenda Sanchez of La Mexicana donated meals and treats for the drawing.

Chelsea Martinez took the children's pictures with the Easter bunny (Rowdy Lee Buell), Superman (Peter Duran), and Snow White (Thia McKissack); all three of these characters where a hit with the kids as they entertained them throughout the morning.


Petal Pushers donated balloon Easter egg baskets for the drawing. The baskets were filled with sweet goodies for the winners, and the big Easter bunnies were donated by Sonora Answering Service.

I would also like to thank Eddy Smith with KHOS Radio along with Jimmy Cahill and Linda Love and KLDE Radio in Eldorado who advertised and informed their listeners about the event and Ben Taylor and Lynn Wipff of The Devil's River News for their ad in the newspaper.

Sutton County and the City of Sonora also deserve recognition for their assistance with this event and the beautiful, well kept lawn of the court house where our children were allowed to hunt their Easter eggs. Easter is always a special time of year, and it is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community.

"I learned from Yesterday, I love today and I look forward to tomorrow." May God bless you and your family. It takes a village to raise a child and a lot of help from our neighbors. Thank You!

From Eaton Hill



By Delyse Jaeger

The black-capped vireos are back! Our resident endangered species, the black-capped vireo can be difficult to see, but Jacqui Thomas caught this handsome bird bathing at the rock bird bath right beside the Eaton House. April 2nd marked the first of season sighting for this species on Eaton Hill. The area around and including the water feature is a productive spot for bird watching. Hummingbirds and orioles are visiting the nectar feeders, and we're putting out seed on the nearby flat rocks. Great photo opportunities for anyone wanting to enter the nature photo contest - deadline May 3rd.

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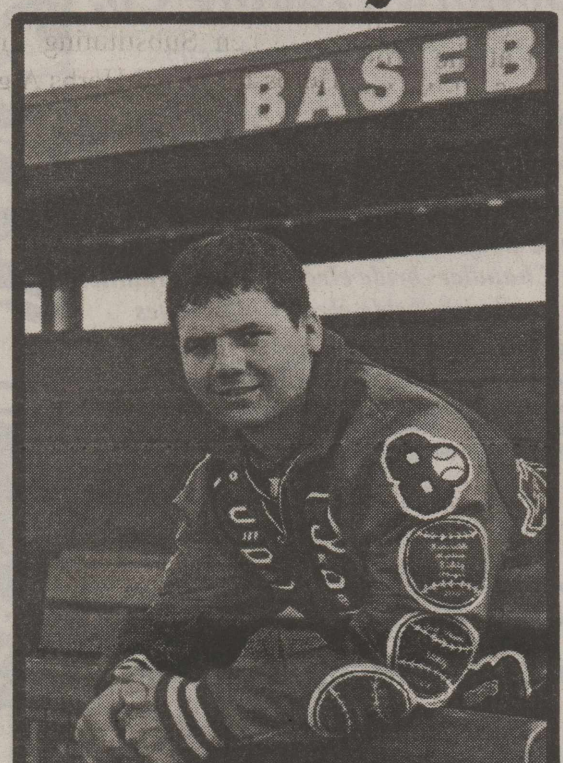
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~ Chance, Cody and Wes

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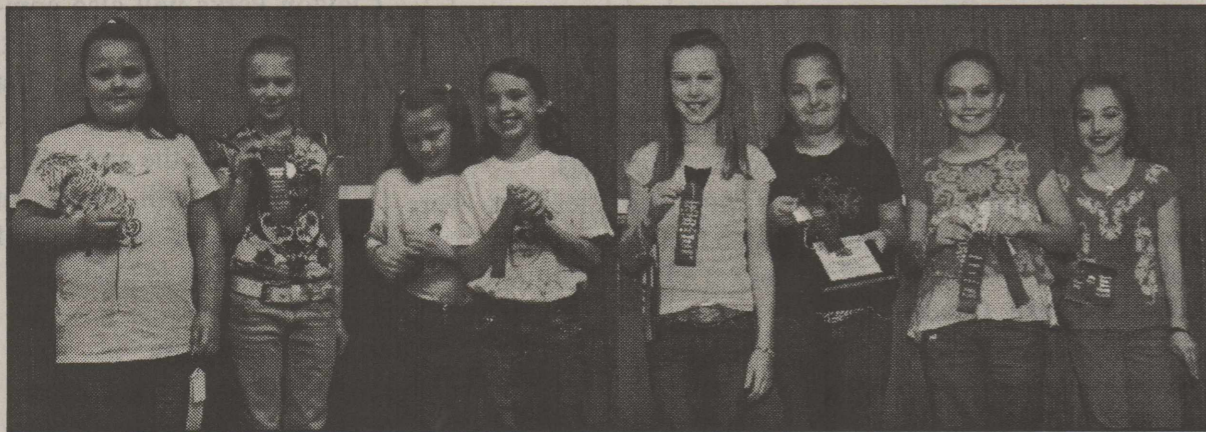
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By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

Sutton County Judging Teams Off To Great Start



Angler Cashes in on Big Fish



Spring 4-H judging contests are underway! Sutton County was well represented at Saturday's Invitational Contests in Ozona. In morning contests, Briana Palacios, Darby Ramsdell, Christina Hernandez, Delaney Ramsdell, and Cara Hernandez competed in Range Evaluation and Pasture Plant Identification. Youth identified plants, as well as their season of growth, origin, longevity, economic value, and importance. The project stresses appreciation for con-

servation of natural resources and implementing wise management practices.

Individually: Darby was 5th overall and 4th in Range Evaluation; Delaney was 3rd overall, 5th in Plant Id., and 3rd in Range Evaluation; Christina was 2nd overall, 4th in Plant Id. and 2nd in Range Evaluation. This helped the team to finish 2nd in Plant Id., 1st in Range Evaluation, and High Team overall!

Afternoon competition consisted of Wool and Mohair

judging. Participants placed 2 classes of 4 fleeces each and checked reasons; also 20 wool and mohair samples were evaluated for fineness. The project aims to further develop skills necessary in sheep and Angora goat production. Those competing included Zachary Leonard, Damon Evans, Stella Ingham, Lane Cahill, Mary Kyle Johnson, Sterling Smith, Stevie Smith, Kristen Garrett, Avery Leamon, Mat-tye Davenport, Kylie Reiner, Danny Pechacek, Briana Pa-

lacios, Delaney Ramsdell, Darby Ramsdell, The team is coached by Gary Leonard.

Individually: Lane Cahill was 5th high in junior wool judging, while in junior mohair judging, Sterling Smith finished 3rd and Mary Kyle Johnson was 2nd. Mary Kyle wound up 4th high in the overall results. Zachary Leonard was 5th high in senior mohair judging.

In team results, Sutton County Team 2, made up of Avery Leamon, Mat-tye Davenport,

Sterling Smith, and Kylie Reiner placed second in mohair judging. Team 1, consisting of Kristen Garrett, Mary Kyle Johnson, Lane Cahill, and Stevie Smith finished 1st in the junior wool as well as junior mohair contests. This group also finished as High Team overall!

Congratulations and good luck at other upcoming contests!

A Lawyer Joke

An engineer, a physicist, and a lawyer were being interviewed for a position as chief executive officer of a large corporation.

The engineer was interviewed first, and was asked a long list of questions, ending with "How much is two plus two?"

The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the board room and announcing, "Four."

The physicist was next interviewed, and was asked the same questions. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced "Four."

The lawyer was interviewed last, and was asked the same questions. At the end of his interview, before answering the last question, he drew all the shades in the room, looked outside the door to see if anyone was there, checked the telephone for listening devices, and asked "How much do you want it to be?"

ATHENS — So far this season O.H. Ivie Reservoir has produced nine largemouth bass weighing 13 pounds or more that have been entered into the Toyota ShareLunker program. All were special fish to the anglers who caught them, but the ninth was a little more special than the others: Sam Callaway of Corpus Christi will collect \$500 a pound for his catch, a total of \$6,670.

Callaway caught Toyota ShareLunker No. 500 at 9:20 a.m. April 9 using a Zoom Magnum eight-inch lizard in watermelon/red. The 13.34-pound fish was immediately taken to an official ShareLunker weigh and holding station, Concho Park Marina, where it was held for pickup by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) ShareLunker program manager David Campbell. The fish, which is 20.5 inches in girth and 26.25 inches long, now rests in the Lunker Bunker at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

Callaway caught his big bass on the first day of the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational, an annual event that raises money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The sixteen tournaments held to date have raised more than \$1.5 million for the cause.

All participants in the tournament are subject to a poly-graph test. Participation is limited to 250 two-person teams and is by invitation only. Callaway placed eighth in the tournament.

"Since the tournament is held to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the payouts are not huge," Callaway said. "Mine will amount to a couple of thousand dollars. Catching the fish was a huge piece of luck-a blessing. It's one of the greatest things that's ever happened to me as a fisherman, and I've been fishing for 29 years."

Callaway's \$500 per pound reward continues the practice of rewarding centennial catches of entries into the ShareLunker program that began with Jason Baird's catch of ShareLunker 400 from Lake Amistad on February 28, 2006. That fish paid the Gypsum, Kansas, angler \$400 a pound. Callaway will also receive a rod and reel package valued at \$650 from G. Loomis and Shimano.

Healthy Cooking with Fresh Herbs (Part 1 of 2)



Kelly's
Corner

Whether you plant them or pick them up at the grocery store, adding fresh herbs is a quick way to transform ORDINARY meals into EXTRAORDINARY meals. And if you've ever wondered whether or not to pronounce the "h" in "herb," the answer is: In Great Britain, the h is pronounced; in the United States, it's pronounced "erb".

Besides helping flavor foods when cutting back on salt, fat and sugar, herbs may offer additional benefits of their own. Researchers are finding many culinary herbs (both fresh and dried) have antioxidants that may help protect against such diseases as cancer and heart disease.

If you've always thought you'd like to plant an herb garden, now is a good time to start one. Horticulturists recommend planting herbs after the last day of frost in the spring to avoid losing plants to a late freeze.

If you are a beginner gardener and never planted herbs before, you may be more successful initially starting with transplants, rather than seeds. When you're selecting herbs, be sure they're meant for culinary uses, not just as an ornamental herb. Some of the ornamental herbs may have a less desirable flavor because they've been bred for appearance rather than taste appeal.

Popular fresh garden herbs include basil, chives (common chives and garlic chives),

cilantro, dill, mint and parsley. Herbs such as French tarragon (*Artemisia dracunculoides*), oregano, rosemary, thyme (*Thymus serpyllum* is a common culinary thyme), sage and winter savory are satisfactory in both fresh and dried forms.

When Substituting Fresh Herbs for Dried Herbs A general guideline when using fresh herbs in a recipe is to use 3 times as much as you would use of a dried herb. When substituting, you'll often be more successful substituting fresh herbs for dried herbs, rather than the other way around. For example, think potato salad with fresh vs. dried parsley!

When to Pick or Purchase Herbs

Purchase herbs close to the time you plan to use them. When growing herbs in your own garden the ideal time for picking is in the morning after the dew has dried but before the sun gets hot. This helps ensure the best flavor and storage quality.

How to Store Herbs

Fresh herbs can be stored in an open or a perforated plastic bag in your refrigerator crisper drawer for a few days. If you don't have access to commercial perforated bags, use a sharp object to make several small holes in a regular plastic bag.

To extend the freshness of herbs, snip off the ends of the stems on the diagonal. Place herbs in a tall glass with an inch of water, like cut flowers. Cover them loosely with a plastic bag to allow for air circulation. Place them in the refrigerator and change the water daily.

Herbs may last a week or more stored this way. NOTE:

The flavor of herbs may diminish the longer they're stored.

If you have more herbs than you can eat, enjoy herbal bouquets throughout your house. You can use either single herbs, combinations of herbs or you can use the herbs as greenery mixed in with other flowers.

To help preserve the aroma and color of your herb bouquets, place them out of direct sunlight.

How to Wash Herbs

Wash herbs when you are ready to use them. Wash smaller amounts of herbs thoroughly under running water. Shake off moisture or spin dry in a salad spinner. Pat off any remaining moisture with clean paper towels.

If you're washing a larger amount of herbs at one time, treat them as you would salad greens. Place in a clean sink or deep bowl filled with cold water and swish around. Lift from the water and transfer to another bowl so dirt and grit remain in the water. Pour out the water and repeat the washing process in clean water until dirt and grit are gone and the water is clear.

NOTE: If you plan to harvest a large amount of herbs from a home garden, consider washing them down with a hose the day before to help remove Annual herbs can be harvested down to about four

inches tall and they still will regrow for use later in the season. For perennial herbs, don't take off more than a third of the plant at any given time.

Three Internet resources that may be helpful in planning an herb garden include:

1. The Penn State Directory of Herbs
hortweb.cas.psu.edu/extension/veg crops/herb_directory.html

This site includes the following information about herbs:

- o Hardiness zones for successful planting in the United States

- o Plant type: annual, biennial or perennial. An ANNUAL completes its life cycle in one growing season and must be planted yearly. A BIENNIAL completes its life cycle in two growing seasons; biennials produce only foliage the first year and bloom the second year. Some people plant biennials, such as parsley, yearly for their foliage. A PERENNIAL lives for many growing seasons and comes back yearly.

- o Plant height and width
- o Sun and soil requirements

2. Growing, Harvesting, and Using Culinary Herbs in the Home Garden ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1612.html

3. USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map
www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/ushzmap.html

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Broncos at the Next Level

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John Duke Hudson-'09
Sonora graduate, College of
Charleston, Fr., golf-

John Duke's 77-72-74-223 contributed to the Cougars 16th finish at the Wolfpack Intercollegiate in Raleigh, N.C. April 9-10. After shooting a 299 in the 3rd round the Cougars finished with a 908. 48 strokes behind the winner, North Carolina.

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora
graduate, Louisiana Tech,
Jr., softball-

For the 2nd straight week, Meghan is the WAC pitcher of the Week. She went 3-0 with wins against UT Arlington and twice against New Mexico State. She finished the week with 1.33 ERA holding batters to a .187 batting average. She allowed 14 hits with 25 strikeouts and 10 walks in 21. 0 innings of action. She recorded her 500th career strikeout becoming only the 6th Lady Techster to ever do so in the 1st game against NMSU on Friday. She also recorded her 200th strikeout of the season being only 1 of 2

Lady Techsters to ever have back to back 200 + strikeout seasons. New Mexico State entered the weekend leading the WAC with a .340 team batting average. Meghan held them to just 9 hits and 2 runs in 14 innings. The Techsters travel to Honolulu, HI on Wednesday with a conference 3 game series against the Hawaii Wahine's.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora
graduate, Howard Payne,
So., softball-

Kimble and the Lady Jackets had a long weekend against Hardin Simmons going 0-4 in the conference matchup. The Lady Jackets were only able to score one run in the 4 game series. Kimble was 3/13 for the weekend hitting 2 doubles and a single. The Lady Jackets travel to Austin on Friday for a double header against Concordia University.

JV Track Team Places third at Cotton Patch Relays

The team placed third to a tough Greenwood and Bands team. The JV squad has had a great track season so far. They continue to improve and come together as a team. The team has a well balance of scoring from field events and running events. They will have their entire team this week in Crane for the first time in two weeks.

The field events were led by Edward Garza in the long jump; Edward jumped 18'06" to win his event. Ryan San Miguel jumped 17'11" to place second and Jorge Pena jumped 15'09" to finish fourteenth. High jumper, AJ Ozuna, cleared 5'02 to place in third place. In the triple jump, Edward Garza once again skipped 35'07 to place fifth. Bryce Smith shot putted 35'11" to place third. Michael Sanchez and Lino Villanueva also competed in the event. Damon Evans led the discus throwers with a throw of 100'03" to place third. Michael and Lino also competed in this event.

In the running events Ryan San Miguel ran 12.3 to place second in the 100 meters and Edward Garza ran 12.6 to place in sixth. Jorge Pena was the lone Sonora runner and he ran 25.4 to place in seventh place. Jansen McBride sprinted his way to first place in the 400 meters as he ran a 56.0. Also running the 400 meters

was AJ Ozuna and James Bean. AJ ran 59.3 to place sixth and James ran a 59.6 to place seventh. Ricardo Regino the most improved runner of the program ran 2:14.9 in the 800 meters to place second. Ricardo also ran 5:29.0 to place second in the 1600 meter run. In the 1600 meter run Stephan Ortiz ran 5:47.0 to place fourth. Candy Tobias also ran the 1600 meter run. In the 3200 meter run Stephan Ortiz ran 12:53.9 to place third, teammate Zachary Leonard ran 12:54.5 to place fourth and Candy Tobias also ran the race. In the 300 meter hurdles, Mathew Martinez ran 49.1 to place third and Damon Evans ran 51.3 to place fifth. Mathew Martinez also placed fourth in the 110 Hurdles with a time of 18.7 and Damon Evans ran 21.2 to place seventh. The 800 meter relay team of Edward Garza, Ryan San Miguel, Jorge Pena, and Mathew Martinez ran 1:40 to place third.

Overall the team has had great success and has continued to improve. They will also be in Crane for the district meet on Thursday. With the whole squad being there, they hope to defend their district championship from a year ago. Please come and support them.

Bronco Boys Golf Team Wins District

By Coach Hanson

Sonora High School Golf boys and girls competed in Ft. Stockton for their district meet. Sonora Boy's team won the District title and will advance to regionals.

The team members were Caleb Gonzales, Manny Paredes, Dylan Castillo, Word

Hudson, and Jansen McBride. Clayton Parks will also compete as an individual medalist. Liz Chavarria was the 1st place medalist in the girl's division winning the girl's title.

The team will represent Sonora in the Regional Golf meet next week in Odessa.

Tentative Track and Field Schedule

4-AA District Track Meet April 15, 2010

9:00	Scratch meeting (Field House)
10:00	3200 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
10:00	Field Events:
	High Jump: (JVB, VB, VG)
	Triple Jump: (VB, VG, JVB)
	Long Jump: (VG, JVB, VB)
	Pole Vault: (VB, VG, JVB)
	Shot Put: (VB, VG, JVB)
	Discus: (VG, JVB, VB)

***Running prelims will start 45 minutes after the last field event.

1:30	100 LH (VG)
	110 HH (JVB, VB)
	100 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
	400 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
	300 hurdles (VG, JVB, VB)
	200 meters (VG, JVB, VB)

***Running finals will start 1 1/2 hours after the prelims.

4:30	400 meter relay (VG, JVB, VB)
4:45	800 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
5:00	100 LH (VG)
5:10	110 HH (JVB, VB)
5:20	100 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
5:40	800 meter relay (VG, JVB, VB)
5:55	400 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
6:10	300 hurdles (VG, JVB, VB)
6:30	200 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
6:45	1600 meters (VG, JVB, VB)
7:10	1600 meter relay (VG, JVB, VB)

Public Notice

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS-R2-ES-2010-N017; 20124-1112-0000-F2]

Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation; Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair of Competitive Renewable Energy Zone Transmission Lines and Related Facilities

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and draft habitat conservation plan; announcement of meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), advise the public that we intend to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an Endangered Species Act permit to the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC; applicant) for incidental take of six federally listed or candidate species from activities associated with LCRA TSC's construction, maintenance, operation, and repair of four Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) "priority" transmission lines and related facilities (i.e., substations, substation upgrades, and access roads) required to be constructed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) (collectively, the LCRA TSC CREZ transmission lines). We also announce plans for a series of public scoping meetings and a public comment period.

DATES: If you wish to submit written comments on alternatives and issues for us to address in the draft EIS, we must receive them by close of business on June 17, 2010. We will hold five public scoping meetings at locations throughout LCRA's proposed 14-county permit area. The scoping meetings will be noticed in local newspapers at least two weeks before each scoping meeting and on the following website: <http://www.LCRA.org>. The dates and locations for the meetings are as follows:

Monday, April 19, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
San Angelo
La Quinta Inn and Suites - San Angelo Room
2307 Loop 306
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Comfort

Comfort Park Pavilion
427 Main Street
Comfort, Texas 78013

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)

Junction
Coke R. Stevenson Memorial Center
440 North US Hwy 83
Junction, Texas 76849

Monday, April 26, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)

Lampasas
Holiday House
908 East Fourth Street
Lampasas, Texas 76755

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)

Fredericksburg
Pioneer Pavilion
432 Lady Bird Drive
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

ADDRESSES: For further information or to send written comments by mail:

Field Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnett Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; 512/490-0057 (phone); 512/490-0974 (fax); or Luella.Roberts@fws.gov (e-mail). Note that your information request or comments concern the LCRA TSC draft EIS/HCP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We publish this notice in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6), and section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We intend to gather the information necessary to determine impacts and alternatives to support a decision regarding the potential issuance of an incidental take permit to the applicant, and the implementation of the supporting draft HCP. We intend to prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit under the Act. The applicant proposes to apply for an incidental take permit through development and implementation of an HCP. The proposed HCP will cover take of certain species that is incidental to activities associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and related facilities and will include measures necessary to minimize and mitigate impacts to covered species and their habitats to the maximum extent

practicable.

Background
Section 9 of the Act prohibits "taking" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered under section 4 of the Act. The Act's implementing regulations extend, under certain circumstances, the prohibition of take to threatened species. Under section 3 of the Act, the term "take" means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." The term "harm" is defined by regulation as "an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). The term "harass" is defined in the regulations as "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3).

Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act requires an applicant for an incidental take permit to prepare an HCP that describes:

(1) The impact that will result from such taking; (2) the steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate that take to the maximum extent practicable, and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) the alternative actions to such taking that the applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) the other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan. The Act requires us to issue an incidental take permit to an applicant when we determine that:
(1) The taking will be incidental to otherwise lawful activities; (2) the applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking; (3) the applicant has ensured that adequate funding for the plan will be provided; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (5) the measures, if any, we require as necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan will be met. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32. We

expect that the Applicant will request permit coverage for a period of 30 years.

Scoping Meetings
A primary purpose of the scoping process is to receive suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to consider when drafting the EIS, and to identify, rather than debate, significant issues related to the proposed action. In order to ensure that we identify a range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed action, we invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties.

We will conduct a review of this project according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its regulations, other relevant Federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidance, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact us at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section no later than 1 week before the relevant public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request. We will accept oral and written comments at the meetings. You may also submit comments to persons listed in the ADDRESSES section. Once the draft EIS and draft HCP are completed and available for review, there will be further opportunities for public comment on the content of these documents through additional public meetings and comment period.

Alternatives
The proposed action presented in the draft EIS will be compared to the No-Action alternative. The No-Action alternative represents estimated future conditions to which the proposed action's estimated future conditions can be compared.

No-Action Alternative
Under the no-action alternative, LCRA TSC would comply with the Act by avoiding impacts to listed species where practicable, by receiving coverage under a Section 7 consultation where other Federal next exist, and/or by applying for individual incidental take permits where federal nexus does not exist. This approach is likely to be more time-consuming and less efficient, and could result in an isolated independent mitigation approach. In addition, under this piecemeal approach, it is unlikely that LCRA TSC would be able to construct the LCRA TSC CREZ transmission lines within

the timeline mandated by the Texas Legislature and the PUC.

Proposed Alternative

The proposed action is issuance of an incidental take permit for the covered species during construction, operation, and/or maintenance of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines. The proposed HCP, which must meet the requirements in section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Act, would be developed and implemented by the applicant. This alternative could allow for a comprehensive mitigation approach for authorized impacts and reduce the permit processing effort for the Service. Actions covered under the requested incidental take permit may include possible take of covered species associated with activities including, but not limited to, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and all related infrastructure and facilities such as substations and access roads.

The applicant expects to apply for an incidental take permit for six species listed as endangered or threatened or considered to be a candidate for listing within the proposed permit area. It is anticipated that the impacts to listed species associated with the Service's possible approval of the HCP also will be considered pursuant to the interagency consultation procedures of section 7 of the Act and that future consultation on such impacts occurring in accordance with the approved HCP will not be necessary and will not require additional measures of the Applicant. Species proposed to be covered under the requested incidental take permit include: The golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, least tern, whooping crane, and black-tailed prairie dog. Counties included in the proposed permit area include portions of Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton, Mason, Menard, Kimble, Kerr, Kendall, Irion, Gillespie, Llano, Burnet, San Saba, and Lampasas Counties.

Species not covered by the proposed incidental take permit will also be addressed in the draft HCP as evaluation or additional species. These species include the ocelot, Concho water snake, Clear Creek gambusia, sharpnose shiner, small-eye shiner, Bee Creek Cave harvestman, Texas hornshell, Tobusch fishhook cactus, and Texas snowbells.

The applicant does not anticipate that covered activities will result in take of the evaluation species. The purpose of addressing these

species is to analyze and explain why the applicant believes these species will not be taken by the covered activities. Other alternatives considered will also be addressed in the draft EIS, including impacts associated with each alternative evaluated.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Environmental Review

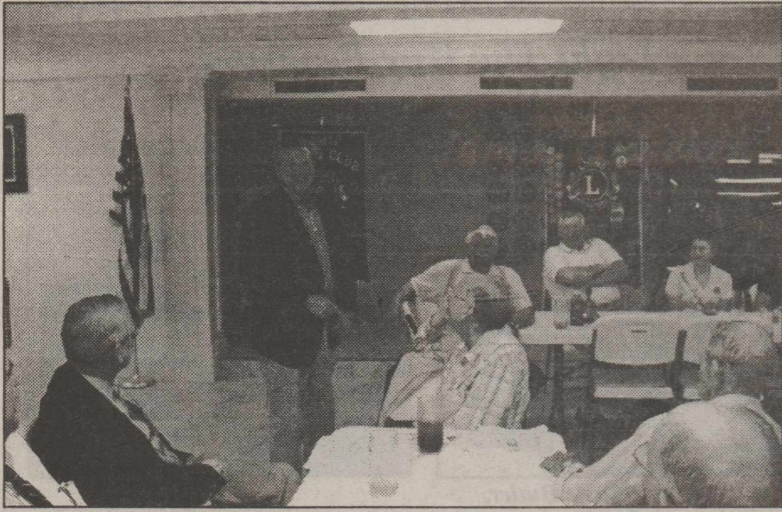
The Service will conduct an environmental review to analyze the proposed action, as well as other alternatives evaluated and the associated impacts of each. The draft EIS will be the basis for the impact evaluation for each species covered and the range of alternatives to be addressed.

The draft EIS is expected to provide biological descriptions of the affected species and habitats, as well as the effects of the alternatives on other resources such as vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, geology and soils, air quality, water resources, water quality, cultural resources, land use, recreation, water use, local economy, climate change, and environmental justice. Following completion of the environmental review, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comments on the draft EIS and the Applicant's permit application, which will include the draft HCP. The draft EIS and draft HCP are expected to be completed and available to the public in early to mid-2010.

Thomas L. Bauer,
Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico. [FR Doc. 2010-5944 Filed 3-18-10; 8:45 am]

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Lions Roar

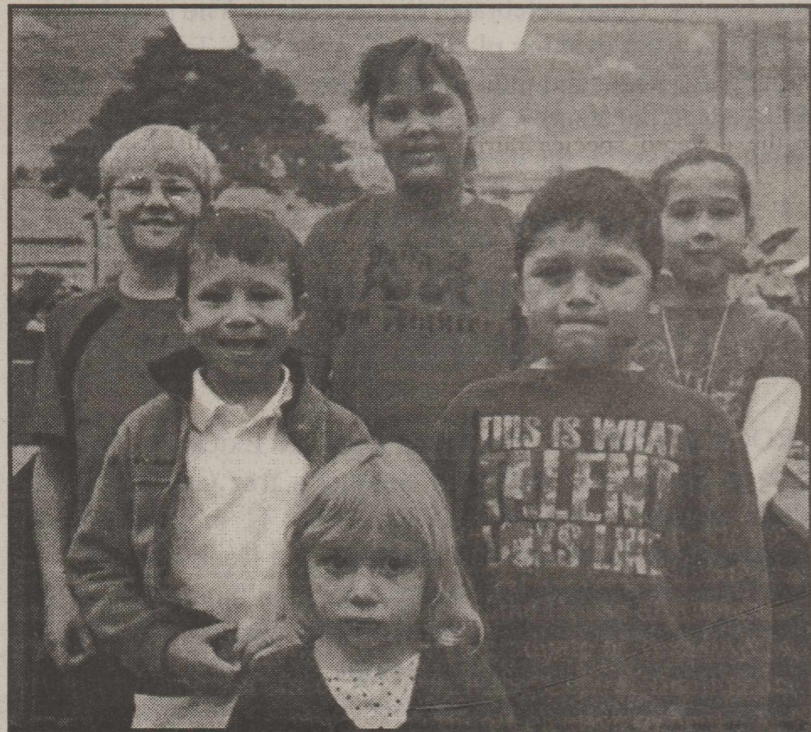


Submitted by Frank Wamble

Our Lions Club had two distinguished speakers at our luncheon program. Making a cameo appearance was Will Hurd, a candidate for the U.S. 23rd District to the House of Representatives in the U. S. Congress. Will, a graduate of Texas A&M, served at home and in combat with the Central Intelligence Agency. He hopes to prevail in a runoff election to be the Republican nominee to oppose Ciro Rodriguez in the 23 District. Lion, Bob Malone, currently the President of the 1st National Bank, was our other distinguished speaker. As many know, Bob had a brilliant career as President and CEO of British Petroleum of America. He is a recognized expert throughout the globe on energy. Lion Malone is a degreed engineer, graduating from University of Texas at El Paso with a graduate degree from MIT. Bob's presentation encompassed all aspects of renewable energy and fossil fuels. His message was that this nation requires a National Energy Policy which needs to support all forms of energy (nuclear, oil, natural gas, Bio mass, wind and solar.) The Policy needs to get this nation on the road to energy independence NOW!!! Bob's command of the subject coupled with a smooth and captivating delivery made this presentation "the best of the year."

Sam Kent was presented the Recruiting New Member Award by Lions Club International. Well done Sam! Seniors scholarship applications are due to the Counselor's office by 15 April. Support the Relay For Life on Saturday evening. Shop Sonora and Go Broncos!

Sonora Elemenatary Students of the Week



PK-Jazlyn Maresch Streicher, K- Aaron Perez Friess, 1-Bill Johnson Perez, 2-Slade Dermody Simon, 3-Dalylah Lopez Williams, 4-Mercedes Lee Fisher

He dares to be a fool, and that is the first step in the direction of wisdom.

James Huneker

Sutton County Youth Participates in Heritage Days



4-H member, Hunter Wheeler spent Friday and Saturday at West Texas Heritage Days at Ft. McKavett. He spent his time talking with students and visitors about what life was like in the 1850's He worked with his cow and calf and horse. He also helped with the two camels the Texas Camel Corps brought.

Job Security

One day an out of work mime is visiting the zoo and attempts to earn some money as a street performer. As soon as he starts to draw a crowd, a zoo keeper grabs him and drags him into his office. The zoo keeper explains to the mime that the zoo's most popular attraction, a gorilla, has died suddenly and the keeper fears that attendance at the zoo will fall off.

He offers the mime a job to dress up as the gorilla until they can get another one. The mime accepts. So the next morning the mime puts on the gorilla suit and enters the cage before the crowd comes. He discovers that it's a great job. He can sleep all he wants, play and make fun of people and he draws bigger crowds than he ever did as a mime. However, eventually the crowds tire of him and he tires of just swinging on tires. He begins to notice that the people are paying more attention to the lion in the cage next to his. Not wanting to lose the attention of his audience, he climbs to the top of his cage, crawls across a partition, and dangles from the top to the lion's cage. Of course, this makes the lion furious, but the crowd loves it. At the end of the day the zoo keeper comes and gives the mime a raise for being such a good attraction. Well, this

goes on for some time, the mime keeps taunting the lion, the crowds grow larger, and his salary keeps going up. Then one terrible day when he is dangling over the furious lion he slips and falls. The mime is terrified. The lion gathers itself and prepares to pounce. The mime is so scared that he begins to run round and round the cage with the lion close behind. Finally, the mime starts screaming and yelling, "Help me, help me!", but the lion is quick and pounces. The mime soon finds himself flat on his back looking up at the angry lion and the lion says, "Shut up you idiot! Do you want to get us both fired!"

Correction

On the front page of last weeks edition we published a list of the students participating in the District Academic UIL Meet. We inadvertently printed an incomplete list of the award winners (and error we are correcting here). Congratulations to all UIL Participants and Good Luck at Regionals!

First place advancing to Regional is Mario Oliden
Second place advancing to Regional is Cody Pena
Fifth place – Alyssa Vela

Relay For Life to Rock Sonora

Relay For Life this year will provide a full day (and night) of events in Sonora on April 17th, 2010. Start your day off at Consuelo Ranch's Rope For A Cure at 9 a.m. Enjoy roping, riding, good food and great entertainment. For More Information call (325) 387-3244.

Come join the 2010 Relay For Life event in Downtown Sonora for the official kick-off at 7 p.m. Come eat lots of yummy food cooked by the wonderful people of Sonora and enjoy all the festivities. This year will feature a live band, Blind Nello, 8 p.m. to midnight. Other activities will include the Survivor Lap, Luminaria Ceremony, Bingo, Seed Spittin' Contest, Ms. Relay contest and much, much more.

Come out and enjoy what Sonora has to offer!!!!

In the event of bad weather, the Relay For Life will be moved to the Civic Center.

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REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURE OF SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 - MARCH 31, 2010

BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFER IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERRED OUT	BALANCE
\$ 3,676,708.08	\$ 2,881,613.92		\$ 993,729.27		\$ 5,564,592.73
\$ 582,348.24	\$ 641,579.66		\$ 220,273.33		\$ 1,003,654.57
\$ 18,910.29					\$ 18,910.29
\$ (9,525.62)			\$ 680.46		\$ (10,206.08)
\$ 12,197.75					\$ 12,197.75
\$ 412.84					\$ 412.84
\$ 360.00	\$ 705.00		\$ 360.00		\$ 705.00
\$ 119,301.02	\$ 2,480.58		\$ 2,514.12		\$ 119,267.48
\$ 6,660.80	\$ 9.28				\$ 6,670.08
\$ 105.00	\$ 240.00				\$ 345.00
\$ 438,249.43	\$ 2,449.61		\$ 3,033.00		\$ 437,666.04
				TOTAL	\$ 7,154,215.70
\$ 164,867.33	General-1st Natl'	\$ 3,724.45	FMFC	\$ 67,411.50	
\$ 345.00	Sutton County 911	\$ 6,670.08	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 18,199.10	
\$ 412.84					\$ 261,630.30
General	\$ 685,383.88	FMFC	\$ 434,102.66		\$ 1,119,486.54
General	\$ 4,851,491.51	FMFC	\$ 502,140.41		\$ 5,773,098.86
Seizure Fund	\$ 419,466.94				\$ 419,466.94
				TOTAL	\$ 7,154,215.70

FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS EXCEPT COUNTIES

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
 (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Sutton County, Texas
 (A los votantes registrados en el Condado de Sutton, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2010, for voters to a general election to elect 1 Councilman from Precinct 2 and 1 Trustee from Precinct 4 to the SISD Board of Trustees for 3 year terms.

Notificación por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 8 de mayo de 2010, para votar en la Elección General para elegir a un fideicomisario del recinto 2 y a un fideicomisario del recinto 4 al consejo de fideicomisarios de SISD para un plazo de 3 años.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct unless otherwise notified.

El día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto a menos que se les notifique de lo contrario.

Location of Election Day Polling Place	Precinct Number(s)
Includes Name of Building and Address	(Número de la casilla electoral y Dirección)
Sonora ISD Administration	Precinct 2 and 4
807 S. Concho	
Sonora, TX 76950	
Administración de Sonora ISD	Recinto 2 y 4
807 S. Concho	
Sonora, TX 76950	

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
 Para votar adelantado, los votantes podrán votar en cualquier de las ubicaciones mencionadas abajo:

Locations for Early Voting Polling Place	Days and Hours of Operation
Includes Name of Building and Address	Días y Horas de Operación
(Incluye el nombre del edificio y dirección)	
Sonora ISD Administration	8 AM - 4 PM Weekdays
807 S. Concho	
Sonora, TX 76950	
Administración de Sonora ISD	De 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. de lunes a viernes
807 S. Concho	
Sonora, TX 76950	

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010.
 (Las solicitudes para boletines por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de abril de 2010)

Issued this the 2nd day of February, 2010.
 (Emitida este día 2 de Febrero, 2010)

 Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

AW15-2
 Prescribed by Secretary of State
 Section 2.051 - 2.051, Texas Election Code
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ORDER OF CANCELLATION
 ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The SISD Board of Trustees hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 8, 2010 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: Tommy Van Winkle, Precinct 4 Trustee

El fideicomisario de SISD por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 8 de mayo 2010 de conformidad con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidate (Candidato) Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
 Tommy Van Winkle Trustee, Precinct 4
 Fideicomisario del recinto 4

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

 Signature (Firma)
 Barbara Jennings
 Secretary (Secretaria)

(seal) (sello)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
 CITY OF SONORA

To the Registered Voters of Sonora, Texas
 (A los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Sonora, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2010. The purpose of the election is for:

Notificación por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de Mayo de 2010. El propósito de la elección es por:

Election of Councilmember from Ward 1
 Elección de Councilmember de Pajillo 1

Election of Councilmember from Ward 2
 Elección de Councilmember de Pajillo 2

Proposition: The reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Sonora at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets

La proposición: El reautorización del impuesto local de ventas y uso en la Ciudad de Sonora a razón de la cuarta parte de un por ciento para continuar proporcionando renta para el mantenimiento y la reparación de calles municipales

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACE
 (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Ward 1 and Ward 2 SISD Administration Building 807 S. Concho
 De Pajillo 1 y De Pajillo 2 Edificio de Administración de SISD

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 201 E. Main, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 26, 2010 and ending on May 4, 2010. Early voting from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on April 27 and May 4, 2010.
 (Las votaciones adelantadas en persona se llevarán a cabo de lunes a viernes en Corredor de la ciudad, 201 E. Main entre las 8:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 26 de Abril, 2010 y terminando el 4 de Mayo, 2010. Votaciones adelantadas entre de las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. 27 de Abril y el 4 de Mayo, 2010.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
 (Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Pauli Fraher
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk)
 (Nombre del Secretario (a) de la Votación Adelantada)
 201 E. Main
 (Address) (Dirección)
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010.
 (Las solicitudes para boletines que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 30 de Abril, 2010.)

Issued this the 16th day of February, 2010.
 (Emitida este día 16 de Febrero, 2010.)

 Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

34-inch High Fencing Keeps Feral Hogs out of Feeders: While Letting Deer In

OVERTON - - The second phase of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service study confirmed that it is possible to exclude feral hogs from wildlife feeding stations without limiting access by white-tailed deer. The study found 20-inch-high fencing did not entirely exclude feral hogs, but that 28-inch- or 34-inch-high fences were equally effective in completely excluding the invasive species without limiting access by adult white-tailed deer, according to Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension fisheries and wildlife specialist.

The second phase of the study was conducted Nov. 5 through Dec. 3 of 2009, and it largely confirmed the results of earlier tests conducted June 29 through July 28 of 2009, he said. Higginbotham conducted both phases of the study at the Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton. He worked with Dr. Tyler Campbell, wildlife biologist and station leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services-National Wildlife Research Center near Kingsville, and Duane Campion, AgriLife Extension agent for San Patricio County.

Higginbotham and Campbell enclosed deer-feeder sites with fences of three heights: 20 inches, 28 inches and 34 inches. All fences used six 16-foot-long panels, staked with steel T-posts and arranged in a circle around the feeders. During July and August, remote-sensing cameras, which were tripped by detect-

ing motion, were used to record deer and feral hog traffic. The cameras recorded traffic before the fencing was erected and then for two weeks after through late July and early August. The fencing was mounted steel T-posts in 28-foot diameter circles around tripod-style deer feeders. They constructed the fencing of crisscrossed galvanized steel wire, which are commonly called "livestock panels" and used by cattlemen to build corrals and working pens. For the high fencing, they used 34-inch by 16-foot panels. For the medium-high fence, they cut 5-foot by 16-foot utility panels in half lengthwise, which yielded the 28-inch high strips. And for the low-height fence, they ripped the same size panels in thirds to get 20-inch high strips.

As cost is a concern for most hunters, landowners and deer-lease operators, Higginbotham and Campbell considered materials and labor involved in their construction. All things considered, the 28-inch- and 34-inch-high panels cost about the same, he said. There were no added labor costs to split the 34-inch panels as they come at that height, he said. But to get two 28-inch panels involved splitting a 60-inch panel, so using six 34-inch (hyphen) high panels arranged in a circle around the feeder and secured with 12 T-posts is the best management practice both in terms of effectiveness and cost.

"Including T-posts and T-post clips, our high-, medium-, and low-exclusion fence material costs were \$190, \$187 and \$142 per deer feeder, respectively," Campbell said. "If managers cut T-posts in half, then these costs would be reduced. Additionally, our three-person fence construction crews were able to build one exclusion fence in approximately 45 minutes and this was consistent among fence designs."

At each site, they set up digital cameras that were automatically tripped by motion of deer, hogs or other large animals. They recorded the data from nearly 112,000 images during the summer trial and more than 75,000

images from the winter trial. In both the summer and winter trials, all three fencing heights limited feral hog access, but the two highest fences excluded them completely. To a small degree, the 34-inch fencing and the 28-inch fencing limited some deer access as well, but the overall effect on deer traffic was minimal as they could easily jump the fences, Higginbotham said.

"From January through July, our study site received only 28 percent of its average normal precipitation for the period and available deer forage was reduced, which may have prompted deer to visit feeders at a greater rate," he said. "Nearly average normal monthly precipitation occurred from September through December on our study site, which increased available natural forage during our winter trial."

Studies of exclusion fencing by other researchers found that fawn visits to feeders were few and far between where there was fencing. During the summer phase of the trial, while the automatic cameras observed fawns with does, at no time did the fawns consume corn at the feeders, either before or after fencing was installed, they said. During the winter phase of the trial, the cameras again recorded fawns with does, though at reduced numbers, probably because of the drought, Higginbotham said. Again, no fawns were recorded consuming corn, but he added it was unlikely a lower fence height would result in fawn feeding.

Higginbotham and other wildlife experts have posited that the lack of fawns at corn feeders is more likely due to "social interactions" among the deer. "Even when fawns are plentiful, whenever bucks, does and fawns congregate around a deer feeder, the bucks are at the top of the pecking order, the does second and the fawns get pushed around by everyone else," he said. "Therefore the fawns present may be under-represented on camera due to the aforementioned social interactions."

Chamber Chatter

Light The Way Program



Sutton County EMS
Carla Garner, Rosie Butler, & Doug Haynes, District Coordinator



Sonora Fire Department
Don Reece & Ted Mason, District Manager



Sutton County Library
Florie Mesa & Doug Haynes, District Coordinator



Sonora Chamber of Commerce
Juanita Gomez, Donna Garrett, & Ted Mason, District Manager

Submitted By Donna Garrett

Light the Way! Pedernales Electric Cooperative presented checks to the following organizations on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in Junction as part of their Light The Way Program; The Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Sutton County EMS, Sonora Fire Department, Sutton County Library and Sonora Senior Center (Juanita Mesa was unable to attend). Sonora is very fortunate to receive these funds every year. On behalf of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the other organizations I would like to say thank you to Pedernales Electric Cooperative for their continued support.

The annual Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Come celebrate "Fiesta Style"! The board of directors has a fun evening planned for everyone. Tables are still available for \$120, and individual tickets are \$15 each. Call the office at 325-387-2880 and reserve your table today! Come out and congratulate all the nominees and winners. See you there!

Experts to speak May 11 at Edwards County Horticultural workshop

ROCKSPRINGS - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Edwards County will conduct a free General Horticulture Workshop from 5-7:25 p.m. May 11 in the Edwards County Annex, located at 400 West Main in Rocksprings. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered in the general and integrated pest management categories for participants completing the workshop.

"Common plant diseases and insect pests are big problems to homeowners across the Texas Hill Country," said Sam Silvers, AgriLife Extension agent in Edwards County. "We're offering this program to help better educate folks who are having, or will have, issues with their lawns and gardens."

Dr. Noel Troxclair, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Uvalde, will speak on the life cycles of common insect pests found in and around the home and the control methods available for them. Dr. Mark Black, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist at Uvalde, will discuss common lawn and garden plant diseases and their treatment procedures.

TPWD Makes Changes to Hunting and Fishing Regulations

AUSTIN - Expansion of mule deer hunting opportunities tops a short list of regulatory changes adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission as part of the 2010-2011 Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation.

The commission approved an open general hunting season for mule deer in Dawson and Wheeler counties, and added a day to the mule deer season across the Trans Pecos region. The change addresses a priority goal in Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Land and Water Resource Conservation and Recreation Plan to increase access to and participation in the outdoors.

The commission finalized a nine-day, buck-only season in Dawson County and a 16-day, buck-only firearm season in Wheeler County and a 35-day archery-only season to offer increased hunter opportunity without adversely impacting mule deer reproduction or distribution.

The extra day of hunting for mule deer in the Trans Pecos region is being tacked onto the front end where the season will now begin the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving and continue for 17 days. According to TPWD wildlife biologists, mule deer populations in these counties are limited, but are present in some areas having suitable habitat and implementation of a buck-only season will not have any measurable impact on herd productivity or expansion.

The Commission also adopted changes strengthening commercial fishing reporting requirements and administrative reorganization to split the commercial and recreational hunting and fishing regulations apart, as well as a clarification of rules regarding catching and possessing fish within protected length limits or in excess of bag limits. are sold and on the TPWD Web site <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>.

Customer Service Champion



Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Economic Development Corporation are pleased to award the March Customer Service Champion to Martha Fay, manager of Best Western-Sonora Inn. Martha began with Best Western 8 years ago working in housekeeping. She served as Housekeeping Supervisor before accepting the Manager position.

During a recent stay in Sonora, Katherine Sak, Executive Director for the Texas Downtown Association, commented on the wonderful staff accommodations and outstanding service she received during her visit to Sonora. "The rooms were great," she said.

Martha is our 12th recipient to be considered for Customer Service Champion of the Year, to be awarded at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet on April 22nd at the Civic Center. We will begin a new year in May; anyone may nominate their favorite customer service employee. Simply call the Chamber at 325-387-2880 or Sonora Economic Development Corp at 325-387-6280.

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2010 Sonora Chamber of Commerce Banquet

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April 22, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Sutton County Civic Center

Tickets: \$15 per person ~ \$120 per table of 8



For More Information
Contact the
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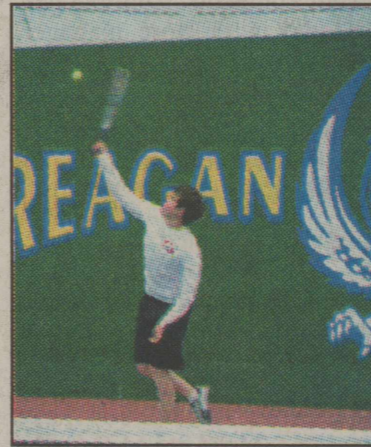


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“There is no room in your mind for negative thoughts. The busier you keep yourself with the particulars of shot assessment and execution, the less chance your mind has to dwell on the emotional. This is sheer intensity.”

-- Jack Nicklaus

Bronco Tennis Makes Regionals



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The Sonora Tennis Team competed in Reagan County on April 5 and 8. The mixed doubles team of Alyssa Vela and Cash Jennings advanced to regional by taking second place. Also advancing to regional by winning second is the girls' double team of Hillary Borrego and Hunter Jennings. The boys' doubles team of Pedro Ramirez and Davis Jimenez just missed on qualifying for regional as they lost a tough and exciting playback in three sets. They took third place. In boys' singles, Mario Oliden won

fourth, and in girls' singles, Alyssa Favila won consolation. Others competing in the varsity tournament were: Josh Salazar, Sterling Love, Alex Mejia, Lino Villanueva, Ashley Perez, Marissa Prieto, Rose Karnes, and Damian Lopez. The regional qualifiers will compete in Odessa April 21 and 22. In the JV division, Darian Lopez won boys' singles and the team of Kelsey Favila and Jasmine Daniels won girls' doubles. Also in girls' doubles, the team of Delilah Agüero and Anali Garcia defeated teammates Selina Mesa and

Aliana Castro to win 3rd and 4th, respectively. In mixed doubles, the team of Jorge Villanueva and Adriana Faz won 2nd place. The team of Christian Kenney and Philip Stephens won 3rd place. Others competing in the JV division were Emilce Hernandez, Micaela Moore, Soyla Rivera, Jacinda Sanchez, Luis Hernandez, Alonzo Hernandez, Steven Dominguez, Alex Solis, and Deatra Ortiz. All of these students did a great job and represented Sonora very well.

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