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Viva Sonora 3rd Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration: May 1, 2010



Viva Sonora held their 3rd Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Viva Sonora board members are Jo Ann Hernandez, Michelle Faz, and Juanita Gomez, Advisory Board Member Eddie Arteaga and Committee Board Member Lori Galindo. The 2010 sponsors were The Bank and Trust, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Ed die and Diana Arteaga and Amis Gift Shop. Approximately 1200 people attended the celebration, making 2010 the biggest Cinco de Mayo.

The festivities begin with a parade at 9:00, beginning from East Oak Street, onto North Crockett Ave continuing to the Sutton County Park. Several participants decorated their vehicles and dressed in the traditional Cinco de Mayo attire. At 10:00 Father Chris Roque, gave the invocation and the

2009 Cinco de Mayo Queen, Crystal Hidalgo, declared the food and vendors booths open.

For the 3rd consecutive year, Ninfa Gaytan and Family, Sam Mata and Family, Martha Gaytan and Family, have been a part of this celebration, cooking great food for all to enjoy. Joining them this year were the Faz Family, Tovar Family and La Elliott School Reunion Committee. Several arts and crafts were available both from local and out of town vendors.

During the day, Viva Sonora had several groups providing entertainment. The United Freestyle Stunt Team from Fort Worth, Texas with their professional BMX Bike Artists, Mariachi Angeles Dorados from San Angelo with the talented young group of mariachis and the United States Army Recruiting Station from San Angelo

with the climbing wall. Local entertainment was provided by folklorico dancers from the Sonora Academy of Arts headed by Lizzie Chavez.

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Bronco UIL Takes On Regionals

Sonora High School UIL teams and One Act Play competed last week at the Regional level in Odessa. Sonora took 34 kids total to compete. These outstanding students represented Sonora very well. On Friday the One Act took the stage to open the Regional competition. Sonora was the 4th show to perform and had an incredible performance. They were announced as alternate to State at the awards ceremony that afternoon. Several students were honored individually at the ceremony. Zachary Leonard was awarded honorable mention all star cast, Colyer Dermody earned All-Star cast honors, while Rose Karnes received the top honor of Best Actress. Saturday marked the beginning of Regional UIL competition. Sonora competed well and held our own against some very formidable schools. Senior Michael Stephens scored the first points of the day by receiving 6th place in number sense. He scored a personal best of a 106 on a challenging test. Next came results from LD debate. Junior

Rebecca Hudson competed in prelims of LD on Friday night. She went 3-0 in the prelims and was seated third going into quarter finals. Saturday morning she won the quarter final round, then lost a very close debate to finish 4th overall in the region. She also ended the year ranked in the top 16 out of over 300 debaters in the State. Senior Mario Oliden won the Regional competition in Computer Applications. He scored a perfect score on the test and was the only student across the State in 2A to score a perfect score. He will be making his second trip to Austin this week. The last points of the day came from Sophomore Zachary Leonard as he took home the gold in Poetry Interpretation. Zachary beat out two students that went to State in 2009 in that event. He will make his first appearance in Austin this week and try to maintain his winning ways.

Overall the Sonora UIL team finished in 6th out of 51 schools in our Region. We are very proud of these students and their hard work this year. Way to go BRONCOS!



Consuelo Ranch: Rope For The Cure



Submitted

Sonora Bronco Varsity Baseball: Bi-District Playoff Preview

By Nancy Glasscock

As always, the Broncos are heading north to meet a playoff foe. This time the 10-2 varsity baseball team from Sonora will face the District 3-2A Littlefield Wildcats of the High Plains area north of Lubbock. Littlefield's last playoff appearance was in May 2008 when the team made it three deep into the Regional Quarterfinal game. The Wildcats started strong this March, going 6-1 in district play. The team even beat the eventual district champs,

Abernathy, in their first meeting. However in the games between April 6 - 25, Littlefield went 2-5. The Wildcats lost the last two district games of this season by a combined 24-16.

The playoff games will be played in Snyder at Moffett Field located at 3308 Towle Park Rd N. The first of three games is this Friday at 7 P.M. Game two will be played at 11 A.M. on Saturday. If necessary, the third game will immediately follow.

The seventh annual Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure for Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping was held on Saturday, May 1st. The roping was dedicated in memory of Marvin Shurley and Jane Wallace Rushing. The event raised \$7,500, and the sponsors and Doug and Suzanne Huddleston matched that amount to make the donation for Relay for Life \$15,000.

The roping began with a prayer, America the Beautiful, and Amazing Grace. Cassie Marshall carried the American flag while riding horseback with the cowboys circling the arena.

The all day event included three ropings. The winners of the first two

ropings received money and prizes. The winners of the 3rd roping received money, with additional money donated by Circle Bar Truck Corral and Cody Cain in memory of his parents, Pat and Llonye Cain.

There were 72 teams in the first roping and paid four places. The winners of that roping were: 1st place-Mark Foley and Trey Wardlaw, 2nd place-Mario Marquez and Xavier Lozoya, Sr., 3rd place-Mark Foley and Francisca Solis, and 4th place-Alonzo Hernandez and Marc Simon. The high point buckle winners were Mark Foley and Xavier Lozoya, Sr. The fastest time was 7.160 seconds by Alonzo

Hernandez and Marc Simon.

There were 172 teams in the second roping and paid six places. The winners were: 1st place-Riley Totten and Eddie Rudasill, 2nd place-Mario Marquez and Ricardo Gonzalez, 3rd place-Charles Barber and Shorty Hernandez, 4th place-Tony Churchill and Mike Kellner, 5th place-Fidel Moreno, Jr. and Chavel Hernandez, and 6th place-Tony Churchill and Bryan Skehan. The high point buckle winners were Tony Churchill and Eddie Rudasill. The fastest time was 7.650 seconds by Alonzo Hernandez and Tony Churchill.

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Broncos at the Next Level

Submitted

John Duke Hudson-'09 out March 1 and 2. **Sonora graduate, College of Charleston, Fr., golf** -As the C of C golf team's season comes to an end the final stats for the year are posted. Wrapping up an impressive freshman year for the Cougars, John Duke finished with the 2nd low average on the team of 74.57 in 30 rounds of golf. His low round was a 69 and best finish on the year was 3rd place at the Charleston Shoot-

Meghan Krieg-'07 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Jr., softball -Meghan was named the WAC pitcher of the week for the 3rd time of the season. Meghan was 2-0 on the week contributing to the sweep of Nevada over the weekend. She finished the week with a 1.5 ERA giving up 9 hits on 6 walks and 17 strikeouts in 14 innings on the mound. In Tech's 9-3 win

on Friday, Meghan allowed 3 runs (2 earned) on 7 hits, 3 walks and 10 strikeouts. On Saturday, she allowed 1 run on 2 hits, 3 walks and 7 strikeouts, holding Nevada to a .180 batting average. Meghan now has 242 strikeouts on the season, 13 away from breaking the 24 year old record set by Stacey Johnson in 1986. The Techsters travel to Fresno, Ca this weekend to finish WAC regular season play against the 2nd place Bulldogs. Game 1 can be seen on ESPNU Friday at 10:00 CDT.

Kimble Luna-'08 Sonora graduate, Howard Payne, So., softball -Kimble and the Lady Jackets ended their season last week against the University of Dallas. Kimble was named the season's Defensive MVP for the Lady Jackets with 38 put outs and 0 errors. She was also recognized by the NCAA for having a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Sonora Represented at State Science Fair

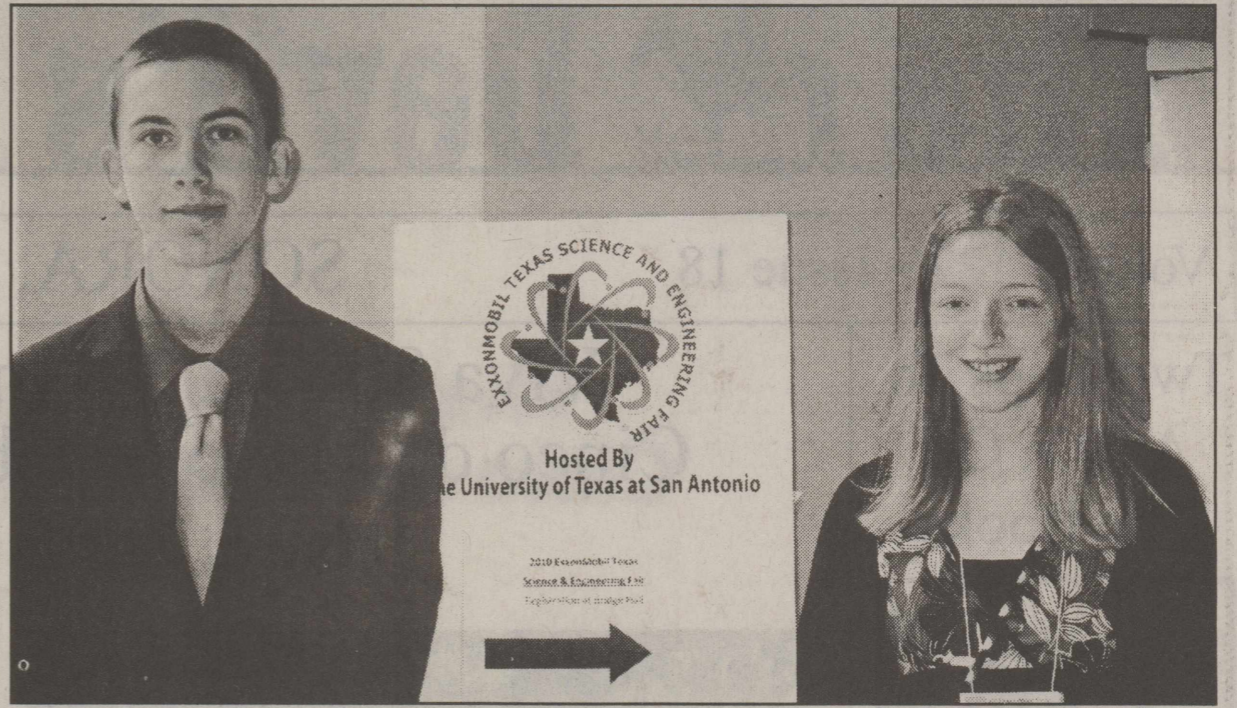


Photo By Shelly Shannon

By Susan McAlpine

On April 10-12, Lillian Kent and Sterling Hall participated in the 2010 Exx-onMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio where they competed against students from schools of all sizes across Texas. Lillian's animal science experiment, "Scary Swim" compared how closely prey fish swim in a school in the presence and absence of a predator (and no little fishies were eaten in the process). Sterling's project in environmental management looked at the atmospheric conditions and fuel loads needed to burn prickly pear at the Texas A&M Experiment Station. He received an Outstanding Achievement award from the American Meteorological Society for his use of weather data in the study. Both students

were invited to the state fair because of their placing in the top three in their division at the regional competition in San Angelo in February. Lillian is in seventh grade and competed in the middle school division, and Sterling, a junior, was in the high school competition. They wish to thank the teachers, parents and folks of Sonora who helped them with their projects and especially, Mrs. Shelly Shannon, who took a working weekend to assist them in San Antonio.

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Candace Chandler~bride elect~Landry Matthies
Lauren Smith~bride elect~Colby Bates

2010 Senior Selections

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| Angel Aguayo | Cassie Krieg |
| William Anderson | Sterling Love |
| Hillary Borrego | Alicia Lowe |
| Ashley Brown | Chacho Mesa |
| Juan Capuchina | Dustin Neff |
| Hugo Cardona | Elizabeth Newton |
| Dillan Castillo | Mario Oliden |
| Victoria Castillo | Cody Pena |
| Tyler Creek | Sean Pennington |
| Edna Dominguez | Pedro Ramirez |
| Brittani Dover | Antonio Rodriguez |
| Alyssa Favila | Cody Solis |
| Paul Faz | Monica Sanchez |
| Manuel Flores | Michael Stephens |
| Alexis Galindo | Keeli Taylor |
| Caleb Gonzales | Rodolfo Torres |
| Amy Hernandez | Bianca Trevino |
| Brittany Hernandez | Alyssa Vela |
| Elizabeth Hernandez | Amber West |
| Cash Jennings | Shane Powers |
| Shainah Johnson | Meredith Earwood |
| Bianca Trevino | Edna Dominguez |
| Sara Gillit | Monica Sanchez |
- ~ Quinceañera ~
Adriana Faz

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

-Abraham Lincoln

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2010 Senior Selections

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Hillary Borrego | Alicia Lowe |
| Tyler Creek | Liz Newton |
| Edna Dominguez | Cody Pena |
| Brittani Dover | Michael Stephens |
| Maraya Dunn | Keeli Taylor |
| Kasey Gutierrez | RJ Torres |
| Cash Jennings | Amber West |
| Sterling Love | Gina Valdez |
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Brittani Dover
Liz Newton
Keeli Taylor

Seniors! Please come by, call, or email and make your selections! If you are not able to come during the hours listed, please call and we'll make an appointment with you at your convenience.

Schleicher County Medical Center Welcomes Monica Kessler, PA-C

Schleicher County Medical Center staff welcomes Monica Kessler, Physicians Assistant. Monica has been a resident of Eldorado since 2006. She is married to Chris Kessler, and a daughter-in-law to Billy and Beverlee Williams. They have a son, Garret age 12.

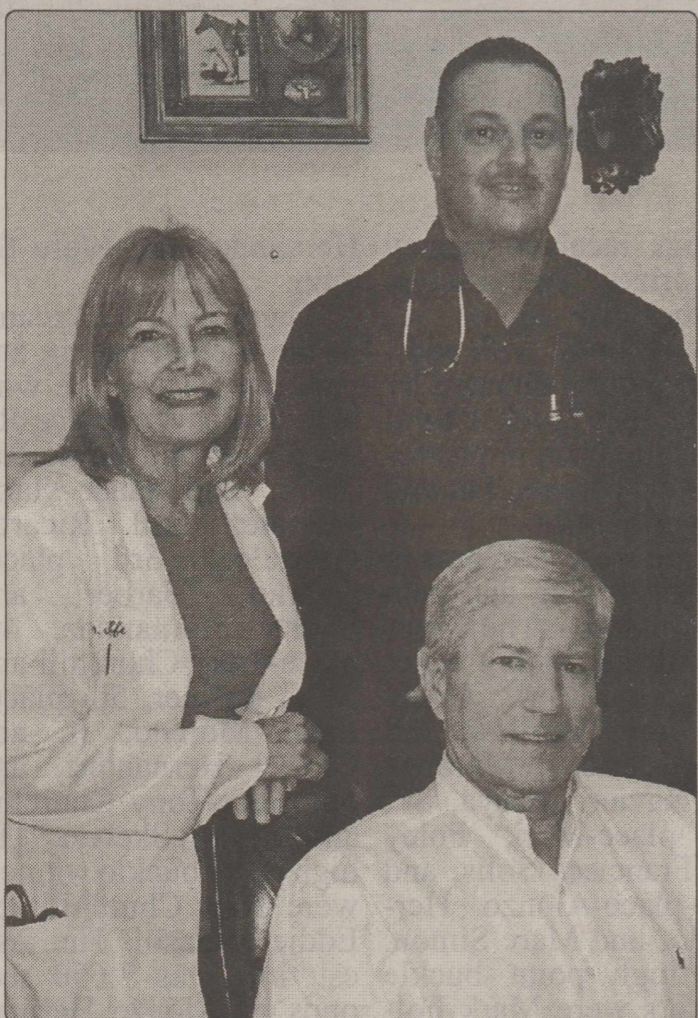
Monica was raised in Hawaii, where her parents still live. Her parents were both Registered Nurses. She finally got smart and came to Texas to graduate from University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio with bachelor degrees of Science and Healthcare Sciences and her masters of Physicians Assistant Studies. She comes to SCMC with several years experience in Primary Care (women's health, children's health care, diabetic teaching and disease management) and Emergency Room.

Monica's personal interest includes traveling in the family fifth wheel, participating in events with Garret and enjoying friends and family. The family raises Boer and meat goats.

Welcome Monica! We're happy to have you on the team at Schleicher County Medical Center!



Monica Kessler, PA-C



Clockwise from left, Dr. Jacqueline Jeffery, Bobby Romatowski, PA-C, Dr. Gordy Day

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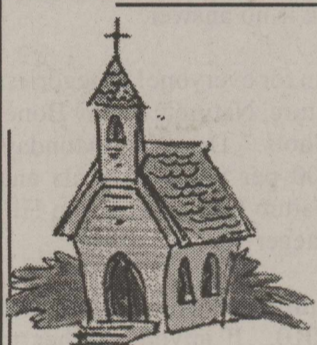
Senior Center Activities

- Thur. May 6-** 23rd Annual Senior Spring Fling @ San Angelo Coliseum
- Fri. May 7-** Matt w/PEC Electric @ noon
- Mon. May 10-** Bingo
- Tues. May 11-** CEAP Asst. Program @ 11AM-3PM
- Wed. May 12-** Work on Puzzle

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. May 6-** Fried chicken, potato salad, zucchini squash, wheat bread, peach cobbler and milk
- Fri. May 7-** Roast beef w/gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, brownie w/nuts and milk
- Mon. May 10-**
- Tues. May 4-**
- Wed. May 5-**

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).

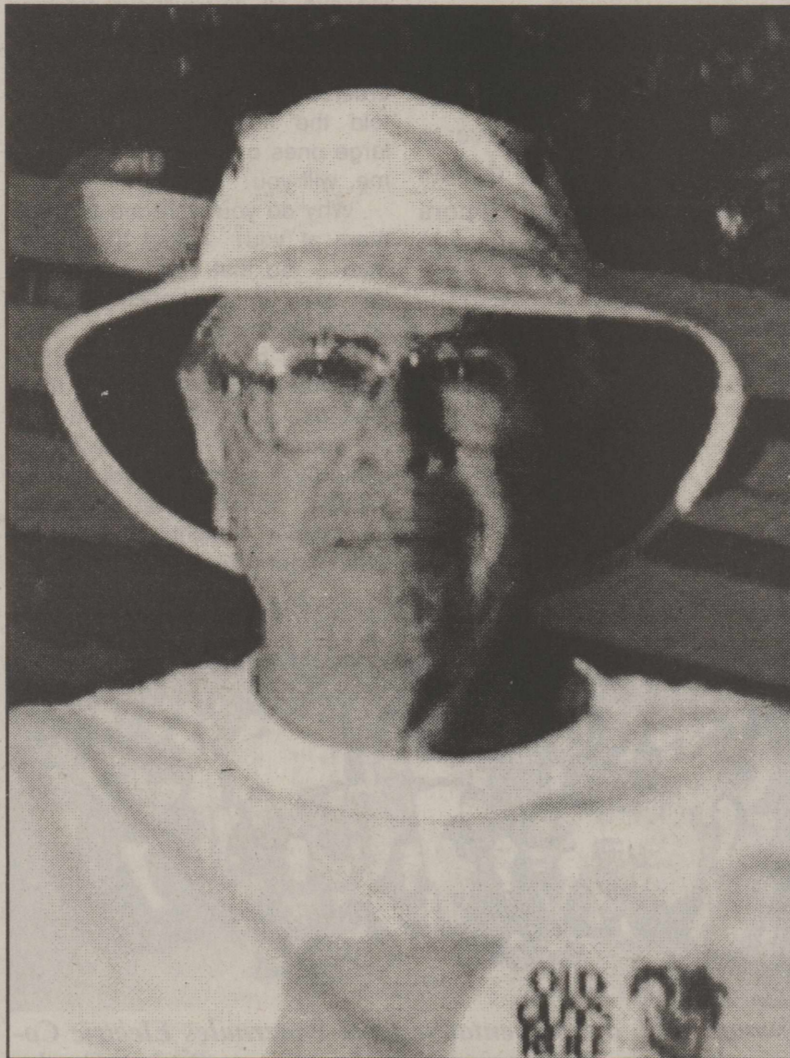


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Obituary



George Lampke

George Lampke, 76, passed away suddenly April 26, 2010 at his home in Fort Collins.

George was born September 9, 1933 in Dorchester, Massachusetts to Frances and Fred Lampke. George graduated from Brookline High School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduation George married his first wife Diane Kleinberg, and served in the U.S. Army. After an honorable discharge George lived in the Greater Boston area where he was employed by Raytheon for many years, followed by Xyvision.

George traveled both nationally and internationally with the Appalachian Mountain Club, and enjoyed white water canoeing and skiing. He was a computer engineer who proudly sported his pocket protector while commuting on his motorcycle or in his sports car. George enjoyed contra dancing which is where he met and courted his current wife of 21 years, Karen Lampke, as they spun across the dance floor.

Upon retirement George and Karen moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where they travelled on many special camping trips to Dowdy Lake and enjoyed attending local music festivals. George cherished trips back east to see his children, and the hours he spent camping, building garden railroads and doing lego robotics with his grandchildren. In recent years George and Karen travelled annually to Maui, Hawaii where they could be found on the patio at Napili Shores watching the whales breach offshore.

George is survived by his wife Karen, his sister Carole La-Roche and twin brother Sydney Lampke, children Barbara Conte and Barry Lampke (Jenny Holliday), his step children Sonya Whitesell (Justin), Erika Campbell (Cam), and his grandchildren Graham, Jill, Ben, Sarah, Willa and Dylan. He is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings Herbert and Rhona.

Private memorial gatherings will be held in Fort Collins and Massachusetts. Memorial contributions may be made to Engineers Without Borders-USA, or the Pacific Whale Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Goes Funeral Care 3665 Canal Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In reference to Paul Williams' letter to the editor a couple of weeks ago: did Mr. or Mrs. Williams bother with fact checking anything before writing the letter?

I for one am really tired of people from the President of the United States all the way down to local politics, tearing down what hard working people have built.

Why don't you write to a soldier somewhere in the world today and ask what he or she thinks about your so called cheap easter egg prizes? Do you think that would be a priority for them?

The priorities of some have really gone astray. It reminds me of the hard working kids in the school yard who create an amazing structure out of legos and the bully who does nothing to help but kicks it down with one stroke. Here is a novel idea for you, Williams, build something for a change!

Sincerely,

Julia Hines
 Sonora, Texas

Thank You Note

As appointed committee chair for the fund raising of La Elliott Historical Commemorative Committee here in Sonora, Texas I would like to thank Viva Sonora for providing a booth for our first fund raiser. I would like to thank our cook Armando Robles for his excellent cooking skills; I don't know how we would have pulled it off! Thank you Mando! To T Chavez for his excellent hamburger bun warming technique! To Gabriel Espinosa for wearing all his hats; he went from go-for to cook. To Brenda Sanchez from La Mexicana for donating all the hamburger patties, to Annette Castro, Manager from Sonic for donating all the hamburger buns, to Johnny Acuff, Manager from T&C Food and Market for donating all the vegetables, to TC and Maria Galindo for donating drinks, chips and other supplies; to Carmen Sanchez for donating drinks, to John Lopez, Jr. from Location Builders for donating ice, to John David and Jonathan Martinez for providing ice and for helping out, to Lilia and Frank Gallegos for all their help, to Maura Weingart and Chela Pena for helping with the preparing of the vegetables, and of course to all who purchased our delicious hamburgers! If you helped and I missed naming you THANK YOU!

Sandi Espinosa

Caitlyn Carlene Harris

A wonderful gift, so precious and sweet. Our hearts and lives are finally complete



Caitlyn arrived on April 10, 2010 at 12:20 a.m., in Del Rio, Texas. She is the beautiful daughter of TJ and Ashley Harris and the little sister of Laison Jade, Shailyn Annessa & Paityn Janice. Caitie was 8 pounds 8.5 ounces and was 20 inches long! Her proud grandparents are Don and Becki Harris of Sonora, TX and Wes & Tressa Henson of Water Valley, TX.

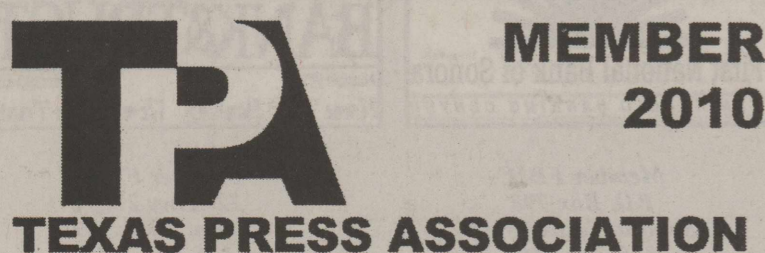
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-Maria Lumbreras

Main Street Traffic

By Ann Kay

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street would like to start off this week in the Main Street Traffic news by saying, we will miss Jane Rushing. She was a ray of sunshine. When she volunteered to worked on a project, you knew you were in for a treat. She worked on two of the community Downtown Christmas Programs and they were great! I would like to say to her family it was an honor to know her and work with her. Heaven is a greater place with her walking the streets and singing God's praises! She will be missed!

I was asked to speak to the Historical group in Midland at the Permian Basin Museum on May 8, 2010. I have asked Jimmy Cahill to also speak about the rich western outlaw stories of our community. Jimmy will share the outlaw stories about Will Carver and the Hole in the Wall Gang. Jimmy will also tell the outlaw story of Black Jack Ketchum and his brother Sam Ketchum and how they walked the streets of Sonora and robbed the trains.

I will share some of the great stories of the ranch women from the past and how they traveled from the east to settle and build great ranches many years ago. Some of those ranches are still owned by the

same families. When we collected the stories of the ranch women of this area I was surprised to hear where some of these ladies came from. How the ranch ladies and their families over came the changes in the weather and the Wild West to make Sutton County their home. We will also have a table display for them to see and meet a few of these ranch ladies through their photos.

We will be promoting our museums and our community. We hope to encourage them to take a drive to Sonora and visit this area of the Texas. I know you are wondering how this promotes our community. Tourists love to be a part of your heritage and experience the taste of the Wild West. I am a director on the Pecos Trail. Midland, Iran, Pecos, Fort Stockman, and Odessa are a part of the trail also. I have learned to network and share the wonders of our community and this is one way we grow in the tourist industry. We must make them a part of the story.

We want them to experience the western heritage. It is an honor to share these stories and make them want to drive to Sonora and visit the Veterans from All Wars and Ranch Women Museum, Old Ice House Ranch Museum,

Mier Home Museum, Sutton County Courthouse, St. Fe Train Depot, and Caverns of Sonora.

Now, if they visit all of these sites they will have to spend some tourism dollars in Sutton County and Sonora economic development will grow.

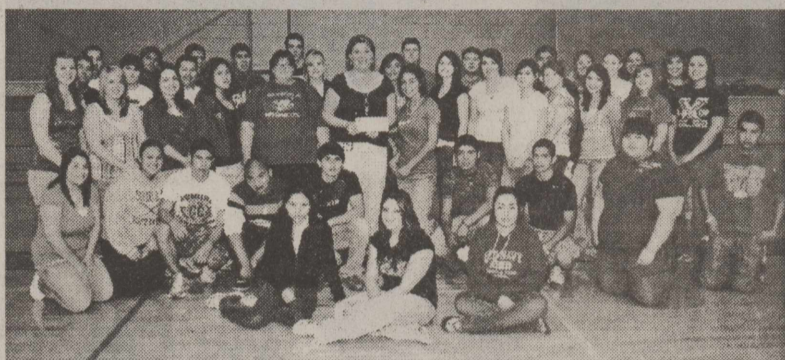
The Best Laid Plans of "Fishing Men"

Alex had a terrible day fishing on the lake, sitting in the blazing sun all day without catching a single one. On his way home, he stopped at the fishmonger and ordered four rainbow trout. He told the fishmonger, "Pick four large ones out and throw them at me, will you?"

"Why do you want me to throw them at you?" Asked the salesman? "So that I am able to tell my wife, in all honesty, that I caught them," said Alex.

"Okay, but I suggest that you take the salmon." Why's that? "Because your wife came in earlier today and said that if you came by, I should tell you to take salmon. That's what she'd like for supper tonight," replied the fishmonger with a grin.

PEC Gives to Project Graduation



Tamara Hill, a representative from Pedernales Electric Cooperative, Inc. made a generous donation to Project Graduation and the Senior Class of Sonora High School on Thursday, April 29.

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The Sonora High School Theater Department will perform their State-alternate One Act Play for the community on Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium.

The Sutton County Library will begin new operating hours on May 3, 2010. New Hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PROJECT GRADUATION is just around the corner. ANY donations to support our seniors and juniors during this safe graduation-night-event would be greatly appreciated. Please call Bonnie Lou Campbell @ 325-650-2062 for donations of items or mail checks to: Project Graduation, P. O. Box 993, Sonora, Texas 76950. Thanks from the planning committee!

Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure Relay for Life Team roping has been rescheduled to May 1st. For more information call 325-387-3244.

Miss Cinco de Mayo Candidate Adriana Faz is raffling cowhide belts, purses and all kind of goodies \$5 a ticket Raffle will take place on May 1st @ Cinco de Mayo Event @ Civic Center for more info call 387-3318 leave message if no answer.

Eaton Hill Nature Photo Contest - Fun for everyone! Categories: Patterns, Plants, Wildlife, People in Nature, Nature's Funny Bone, Macro, Landscape, and Eaton Hill Shots. Deadline: Monday, May 3rd by 5:00pm, Entry Fee: \$2.00 per photo. Awards and Open House: Thursday May 13th at Nature Center on Eaton Hill 5:00 - 7:30pm. FMI contact Delyse Jaeger 325-387-2615

Bake Sale for La Elliott Historical Commemorative Committee to take place on Saturday, May 8, 2010. If anyone wishes to donate any baked goods please call 325/206-2244 for more details.

St. Ann's Dance Committee will be serving Turkey & Dressing Plates for Mothers Day, Sunday, May 9, 2010 11:00 a.m. St. Ann's Parish Hall FMI Call Tabitha Abrego 325-226-2272.

Looking for L. W. Elliott School (La Elliott) Alumni. Register on facebook or by emailing guschavez2000@yahoo.com or juanita@sonoratlx.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.

La Elliott School Commemorative Poetry Contest- Open for all Sonora Middle and High School Students. Adults are also welcome to participate. No Entry Fee. Poetry should be your own and can be submitted in both English and Spanish. Submit one poem of no more than 20 lines with a maximum of 150 words, in any form on the personal experiences of former L.W. Elliott School Alumni, provided that the poem content is not vulgar/offensive. **Deadline is Friday, September 10, 2010.** Please include your name and grade level. Winners will be announced September 16. Please submit poems to **Delia Samaniego: the_twins@verizon.net** or FMI Call 325-226-0666.

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!!!

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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Plant News

Gov. Perry Speaks on Immigration and Border Security



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

With the hot weather upon us, here is an outdoor to-do list to keep you busy "in your spare time". We'd also like to recognize the youth competing in range science and skillathon contests through 4-H. Let's start with the chores:

PLANT: It's warm enough now to plant warm season grasses such as Bermuda and buffalo grass.

PRUNE: Thin fruit on peaches, apricots, and plums to 5-6 inches apart on the branches. The result will be larger, better quality fruit.

FERTILIZE: Fertilize warm season turf grasses, such as Bermuda or St. Augustine. Soil tests will accurately tell you the needs of your lawn. Most lawns in our area will need a high nitrogen fertilizer. Our alkaline soils will also need an application of iron.

Trees, shrubs, vines and

ground-covers should be fertilized at this time. The fertilizer you use on your lawn can also be applied to trees and shrubs. Do NOT use "Weed and Feed" type fertilizers around desirable plant material. Always be sure to water thoroughly after fertilizing.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT: Broadleaf weedkillers can be used to control non-grassy weeds in turf. Read the label carefully before applying. St. Augustine is susceptible to damage by many types of weedkillers.

ONLY if you applied pre-emergent for grassburrs and crabgrass in March is it time to put down the second application.

Look for early blight on tomatoes which will cause lower leaves to develop large yellow blotches. Treat with a registered fungicide.

IN OTHER NEWS: the



Sutton County 4-H range science teams did well in district competition. Sterling Hall was 4th high individual while Paul Faz was 5th high in the senior division of Range Evaluation. In the intermediate-age division, Darby Ramsdell was 2nd in Range Evaluation and 3rd in Pasture Grass Id., while Briana Palacios was 3rd and 5th in those respective contests. The junior-age team composed of Christina Hernandez, Delaney Ramsdell, and Cara Hernandez took first place in both Range Evaluation and Pasture Grass Id.

Darby and Delaney also competed in the district Swine Skillathon which tests knowledge in animal production and skills in animal husbandry. Darby finished 2nd while Delaney placed 4th in the intermediate division. Congratulations to all!

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement regarding border security, the recent debate over immigration policy in Washington and what has been implemented in Arizona:

"Texas has a rich history with Mexico, our largest trading partner, and we share more than 1,200 miles of border, more than any other state. As the debate on immigration reform intensifies, the focus must remain on border security and the federal government's failure to adequately protect our borders. Securing our border is a federal responsibility, but it is a Texas problem, and it must be addressed before comprehensive immigration reform is discussed.

"Recently, there has been much debate over immigration policy in Washington and what has been implemented in Arizona. I fully recognize and support a state's right and obligation to protect its citizens, but I have concerns with portions of the law passed in Arizona and believe it would not be the right direction for Texas.

"For example, some aspects of the law turn law enforcement officers into immigration officials by requiring them to determine immigration status during any lawful contact with a suspected alien, taking them away from their existing law enforcement duties, which are critical to keeping citizens safe. Our focus must continue to be on the criminal elements involved with conducting criminal acts against Texans and their property. I will continue to work with the legislative leadership to develop strategies that are appropriate for Texas.

"Securing the border has to be a top priority, which is why I have a standing request with the federal government for 1,000 Title 32 National Guardsmen who can support civilian law enforcement efforts to enhance border security in Texas. I have also requested predator drones be based in and oper-

ate over the Texas-Mexico border to provide essential information about criminal activity to law enforcement on the ground.

"Until the federal government brings the necessary resources to bear, we will

continue to commit state funding and resources for additional border security efforts in order to protect our communities and legitimate cross border trade and travel, while enforcing the laws already on the books."

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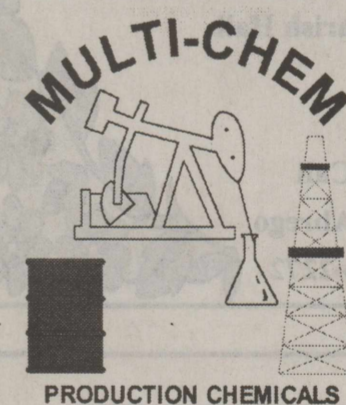
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Texas Organic Food Production

COLLEGE STATION – Economists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service have noted growing trends related to organic food production across the Lone Star State as sales in 2008 totaled \$149 million, according to an initial survey from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics Service.

In Texas there are 342 farms that produce organic commodities on 314,000 acres, a majority on pasture or rangeland (242,000 acres), according to the statistics service.

Organic foods coming from Texas include milk, peanuts, vegetables, potatoes, melons and cotton, said Dr. Dean McCorkle, AgriLife Extension economist.

"Of the \$149 million in cash sales, 90 percent of the sales or \$134 million are generated by 10 percent of the farms," he said. "Nearly half of the organic farms have annual cash sales of \$5,000 or less."

"Organic food products are sold in more than 20,000 natural food stores and nearly three-quarters of traditional grocery stores nationwide," said Dr. Marco Palma, AgriLife Extension economist.

Direct marketing outlets such as farmers markets provide an ideal setup for buying organic products because of the interaction with customers. Farmers markets have grown substantially in the last few years, currently there are more than 100 farmers markets in Texas alone and more than 5200 nationwide.

Organic producers in Texas spent \$121 million in organic production expenses, with the largest expense item being livestock feed at \$51 million. Texas organic farms had average operating expenses of \$330,157 per farm compared to \$171,198 nationally.

The most common market outlet for organic produc-

ers was wholesale markets with 91.7 percent of sales. The largest wholesale outlets were conventional supermarket chain buyers, accounting for 36.1 percent of purchases, followed by wholesale grower cooperatives (28.3 percent) and distributors, wholesalers, brokers and re-packers (12.7 percent).

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Sonora JH District Tennis Results

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Thirty-six Colt tennis players started the day early on Saturday with a 6:30am bus drive to Big Lake in order to compete in the district tennis tournament. The tournament was delayed a short while, as all the contestants assisted in squeegeeing the rain from the courts due to the thunderstorms.

In the eighth grade boys division Younger Northcott won consolation in singles. The team of Anastacio Munoz and James Braly won third in boys doubles. In eighth grade mix doubles Jaelyn Abbey and Omar Salazar played a tough semifinal match but fell short. They played a Big Lake team and beat them soundly, winning third place. In the seventh grade boys division Tanner Esparza played a very competitive tournament and won second place. In boys doubles the team of Andres Acevedo and Leonel Deleon won consolation.

In the seventh grade girls division, Halle Saminego played well and won third. The team of Miranda Perez and Alexa Sykes competed very well and were district champions at the end of the day. The mix doubles team of Sid Anderson and Kaci Lewis won second place. The eighth grade girls won district runner up as a team.

Others participating were, Santi Garza, Michael Gonzalez, Dub Latham, Josh Acosta, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Julissa Esquivel, Kallie Mendez, Katy Braly, Jesi Telles, Abby Garcia, Valeria Ramirez, Ligo Rodriguez, Isak Jacobs, Keanu Gamez, Maria Mata, Megan Yourgalite, Kelsey Velez, Channell Martinez, Harley Johnson, and Odette Barrientos. We are very proud of this young team. Throughout our season, they have represented our community well.

2010 Miss Cinco De Mayo: Adriana Faz



I, Adriana Faz would like to greatly thank the community of Sonora for their help in my run for the 2010 Viva Sonora Miss Cinco De Mayo. I would especially like to thank my sponsors, Taco Grill, Sutton County Steakhouse and La Mexicana for their various contributions. As well as for the numerous donations that were given to me. With the communities help I was able to raise approximately 3 thousand dollars. Some of the fundraisers included the selling of menudo, fruit cups, hamburgers, snow cones and much more. I would like to say that I feel honored in being able to represent the community of Sonora. I was honored to receive a beautiful necklace from Amis Gift Shop. Thank You for your gift. I look forward to fulfilling my duties and serving my community. Being raised in Sonora I feel that I can be a great role model for the Community of Sonora. I would like to thank all of my family. Last but not least, I would also like to thank my parents for supporting me in my decision for running for Miss Cinco De Mayo. It was their hard work and dedication that everything was a great success. Once again, Thank You! And congratulations to Little Miss Cinco de Mayo, Annika Galindo and Little Mr Cinco de Mayo, Christopher Martinez. I would also like to wish Crystal Hidalgo good luck in her future.

God Bless, Your 2010 Miss Cinco De Mayo
Adriana Faz

Elizabeth Chavarria: Regional Champion and State Qualifier

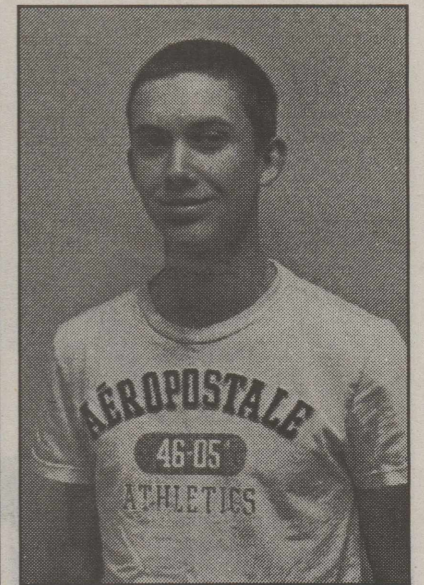


Elizabeth Chavarria (left) pictured with her Coach Thomas Hanson (right) will be going to the state golf tournament for her second time in just as many years.

Sonora High School Students of the Week



Ashley Guerra



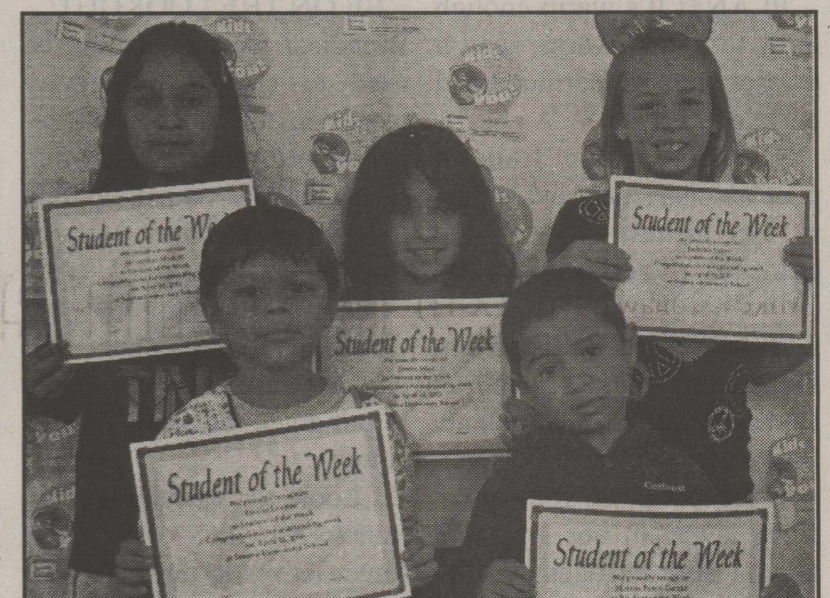
Sterling Hall

Sophomore Sterling Hall and junior Ashley Guerra were announced as Sonora High School's Students of the Week for April 19th.

Sterling is the son of Susan and Stephen Hall. His favorite teacher is Coach Immel and his favorite class is Ag. He likes open campus lunch and dislikes homework. Sterling is in 4H, FFA, Youth Group, Texas Brigades and NXLF. He moved to Sonora from Houston in the Fourth grade and his favorite thing about Sonora High is driving. Sterling plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy after graduation.

Ashley Guerra is the daughter of Regina and Jessie Guerra. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Kissire and her favorite class is Spanish 3. She likes the color purple and dislikes small towns. Ashley is in the Spanish Club and NHS. She has lived in Sonora all of her life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is open campus lunch. Once she graduates she plans to go to San Angelo and be a radiologic technician.

Sonora Elementary Students of the Week



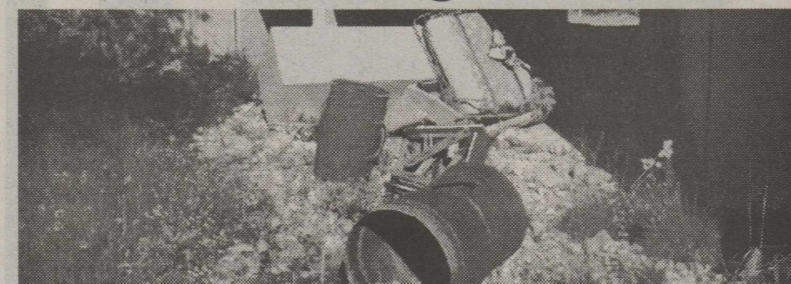
Pk-Marcos Perez-Garcia, K-Emilio Lozano,
1-Kaitlyn Daniels, 2-Janese Silva,
3-Jackilyn Sykes, 4-Alexandrea Maskill

Pennies for Patients



Sonora Elementary School participated in the Pennies for Patients Campaign 2010 and collected \$2652.19. The top money raisers this year were Mrs. Foley's 3rd grade class who brought in \$251.88, and Mrs. Wallace's 4th grade class who collected \$210.28. All of the money raised will be sent to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to support local lifesaving blood cancer research and patient aid programs. Congratulations Sonora Elementary School students on a job well done!

Keep Sonora Beautiful Cleaning Sonora One Piece of Trash at a Time



After Saturday's Trash-Off here in Sonora it is of the opinion of this writer that the drink of choice for this community is Coors Light and Bud Light comes in a strong second. It may actually be that if that if this is your drink of choice that your personality and this drink results in the littering of this bottle. Sad to report, that over ninety per-

cent of the litter in 26 bags of trash was beer containers. That is truly SAD! It also was a good thing that only one student was at this Trash-Off event to witness this conclusion. With that being said, the Trash-Off was truly a success because our streets are cleaner because of it. We live in a beautiful City and clean streets make visitors feel welcome and want to see more of our town. It has been reported that one dollar spent at home by a tourist turns over seven times. So having a clean and inviting entrance into our town would benefit our City. The mattresses and box springs, refrigerator, futon, tractor tire, recliner, and oil field drums and bucket that were found on the stretch of road leading into our beautiful town were not a pleasant site. Those items along with all the beverage containers and red straws became quite frustrating to this group of volunteers. We are lucky to have these wonderful volunteers that have made the Trash-Off their mission: Mike McGuffin, Fred & Mary Perez, Sam Kent, Susan McAlpine, and Juanita Gomez. We need to extend a big thanks for their efforts this weekend. It was an action packed weekend with all the activities occurring at this time of year, but that is always the case when it comes to Sonora. Thanks also to the Lions Club for offering to have lunch for us and to KHOS for allowing Keep Sonora Beautiful to have a public service announcement for this event. It is nice to have such a supporting community of Keep Sonora Beautiful!

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The 3rd roping was an open jackpot roping. There were 64 teams and paid four places. The winners were: 1st place-Mark Foley and Sterling Price, 2nd place-Hayes Worthington and Clay Hale, 3rd place-Trey Hale and Clay Hale, and 4th place-Ladd Hughes and Ed Hale. The fastest time was 6.370 seconds by Hayes Worthington and Charley Cavazos.

The festivities also included kid's events and music. The events for the kids included a dummy roping, stick horse barrel race and tow sack race. The music was provided by DJ's Wylie Wagoner, Joel Ortiz, and Evan Rousselot with Cavemen Bucking Bulls.

The Consuelo Ranch Rope for the Cure Committee, which includes Doug and Suzanne Huddleston, Lisa Mitchell, Cody Cain, Bubba Crain, Freddie Walker, and Cody and Cassie Mar-

Conaway Comments on Agriculture Hearing on Future of Ag Policy

Today, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack testified before the House Committee on Agriculture to review policy in advance of the 2012 Farm Bill. Congressman Mike Conaway (R-TX-11) made these comments following the hearing:

"Agriculture policy, consisting of farm safety net funding, represents less than one quarter of one percent of the total Federal budget, and less than 17% of the total USDA budget. To propose massive cuts to programs of vital importance to our producers, such as crop insurance, under the guise of fiscal responsibility is misleading at best. Currently, roughly three-quarters of USDA's budget expenditures involve nutrition program funding, yet reform and potential savings in this realm have gone largely, if not completely, unmentioned to date.

"Moving forward it is my hope that Secretary Vilsack and the Administration will reconsider a continued advocacy of proposals that would dismantle the safety net for the American producer and the Federal Government and engage the Committee in a meaningful debate with respect to deficit reduction and farm policy. Continued, efficient farm policies serve not only the interests of the American producer, but the American consumer and taxpayer as well. There is a broad, bipartisan commitment in Congress to affordable food and fiber, and I will continue to work to ensure that those voices, on behalf of the American producer are heard in Washington."

Congressman Conaway has served as a Member of the House Committee on Agriculture since being elected to office in 2004 and is currently the Ranking Republican Member on the Rural Development Subcommittee.

shall, would like to thank all the volunteers that put in countless time and the sponsors for their donations to make the fundraiser a success.

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The neighbor was concerned, "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?"

As Little Johnny patted down the last heap of earth he then replied, "That's because he's inside your cat."



My name is Christopher Berry. I am married to Erica Kerbow Berry, and we have three children, two attending Sonora ISD. I am currently employed with Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital as Dietary Director. I am also a volunteer with the Sutton County EMS and a member of the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department. I believe

strong community involvement plays a major part in securing our children's futures in academics, athletics, and leadership. My goal for the school system would be to meet the educational needs of all our students. Those who excel should be accommodated and those who are falling behind should be assisted to reach their full potential. If you have any questions, at any time, please feel free to contact me. I would appreciate your support in the up and coming school board election.

Thank you,
Christopher Berry
Cell 325-226-0955



My name is Kendra Vyvleka. My husband, Chris, and I have three children: Morgan, Brady, and Conner. I am a

lifelong resident of Sonora, leaving only to attend college.

I am a member of the 1st Baptist Church, an active member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Board of Directors, and involved in my children's many activities. I have been in the insurance business for the past 10 years.

I look forward to being a voice for the citizens of my community as a member of the City Council.

DeVoe Smith

For
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Home Grown - Kids are 4th generation to graduate from Sonora High School

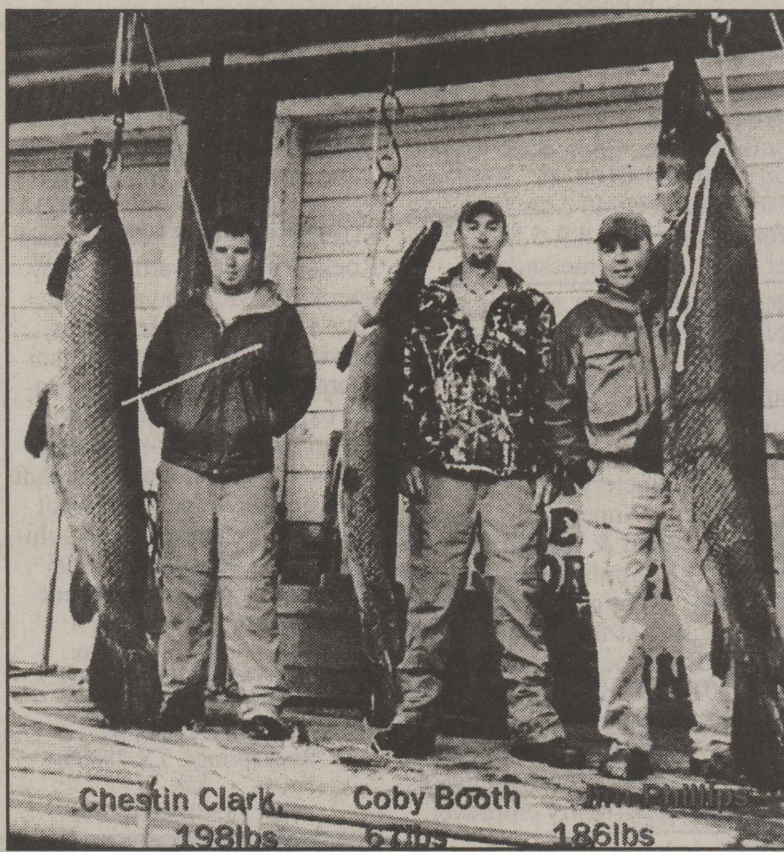
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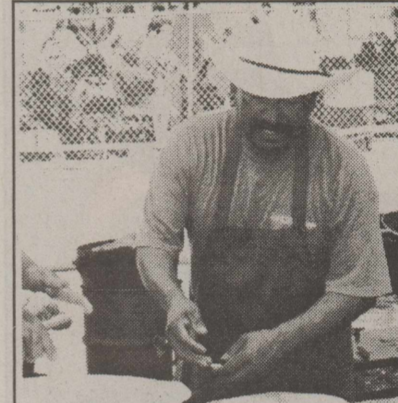
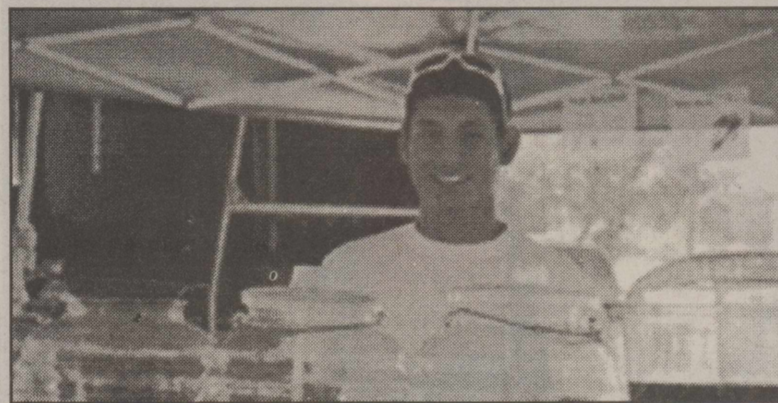
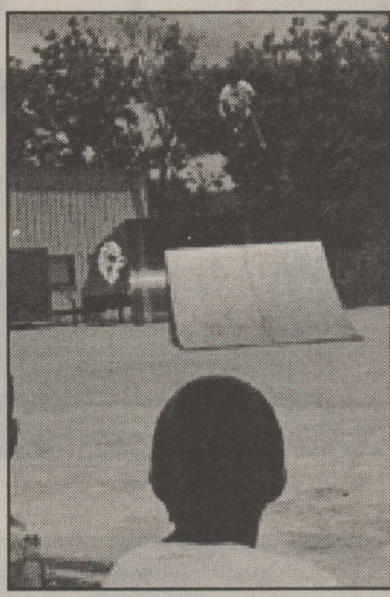
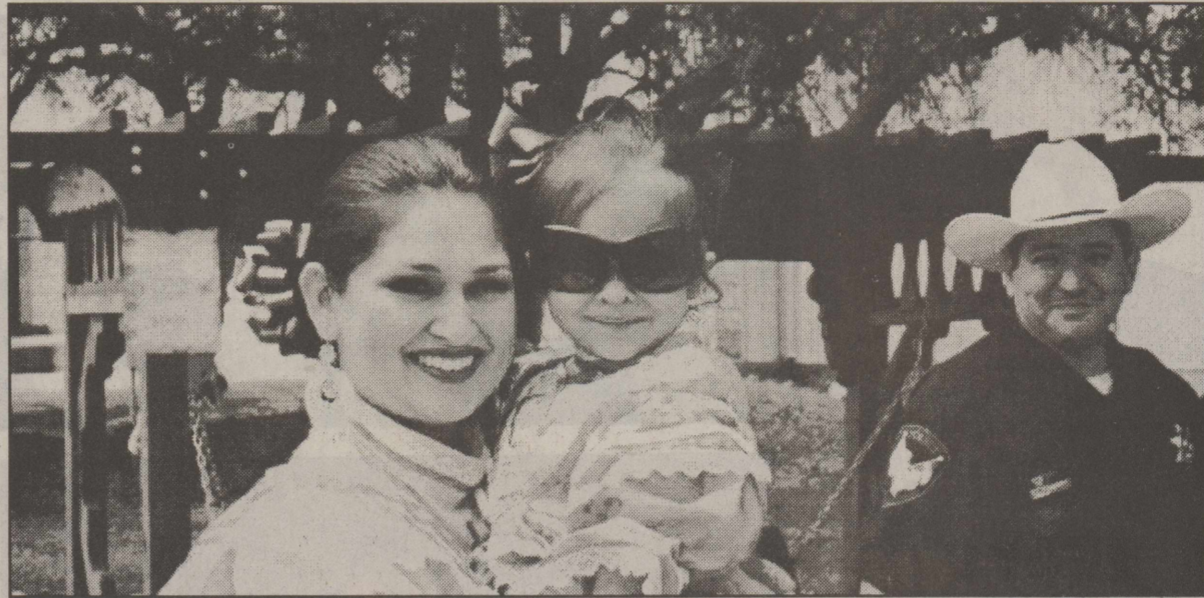
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Cinco de Mayo were announced after Kayla Garcia interviewed the children and judges: Father Chris Roque, 2008 Cinco de Mayo Queen Krysti Mendez and 2009 Cinco de Mayo Queen Crystal Hidalgo made their final decision. 2010 Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo is Christopher Martinez and 2010 Little Miss Cinco de Mayo is Annika Alissa Galindo. Other participants were Montserrat Citlaly De la Fuente and Jayla Da'Shae Williams. The crown was donated by Amis Gift Shop. The belt buckle was donated by Viva Sonora. The evening commenced with the crowning of our 2010 Cinco de Mayo Queen, Adriana Ysenia Faz. Her sponsors were the Sutton County Steak-House, La Mexicana Restaurant and Taco Grill.

The crown was donated by Amis Gift Shop. The Cinco de Mayo Celebration ended with music by Juan Ramos Y Puro Principe from San Antonio, Texas. A cash bar during the day and evening was provided by La Mexicana-Brenda Sanchez and Tabitha Sanchez Abrego. The 2010 Cinco de Mayo Celebration would not have been possible without the blessings Viva Sonora has received from our Lord, Jesus Christ throughout the year. Viva Sonora is extremely grateful for everything Sierra Gomez does for us. We want to thank Tommy Gomez and Joe Galindo for your help, Houston Powers for the trailer, Parker Lumber for the lumber, George Hernandez for tables and United Energy for the barrels.



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Property Taxpayer Remedies

Learn about property tax remedies available in the following:

- How to Protest Property Value
- What can be protested
- What is an ARB
- When are protests filed

- You'll learn what steps to take to prepare for a protest hearing, so you can decide if the appraisal district's value is reasonable. And if you decide it isn't, *Property Tax Remedies* will tell you how to prepare an appeal to the appraisal review board.
- You'll learn the kinds of protests the appraisal review board can hear—and what kind of evidence you need to bring to your hearing.
- Key dates are listed, so you'll know what you must do and when you're required to act.

Property Tax Remedies is free. A Spanish language version is also available. Ask for yours today at:

SUTTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
 300 EAST OAK STREET, SUITE 2
 SONORA, TEXAS 76950
 325-387-2809

or e-mail: ptad.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us

or write to:
 Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
 Property Tax Assistance Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, Texas 78711-3528

or call: (800) 252-9121, Ext. 1

or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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

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

Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

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

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(Insert address.)

300 EAST OAK STREET, SUITE 2
SONORA, TEXAS 76950

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

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

Tax Payment

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

More Information

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

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SONORA, TEXAS 76950 (325) 387-2809

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

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

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

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

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

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

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

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

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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



Dulce Acosta-
Female Cross Country



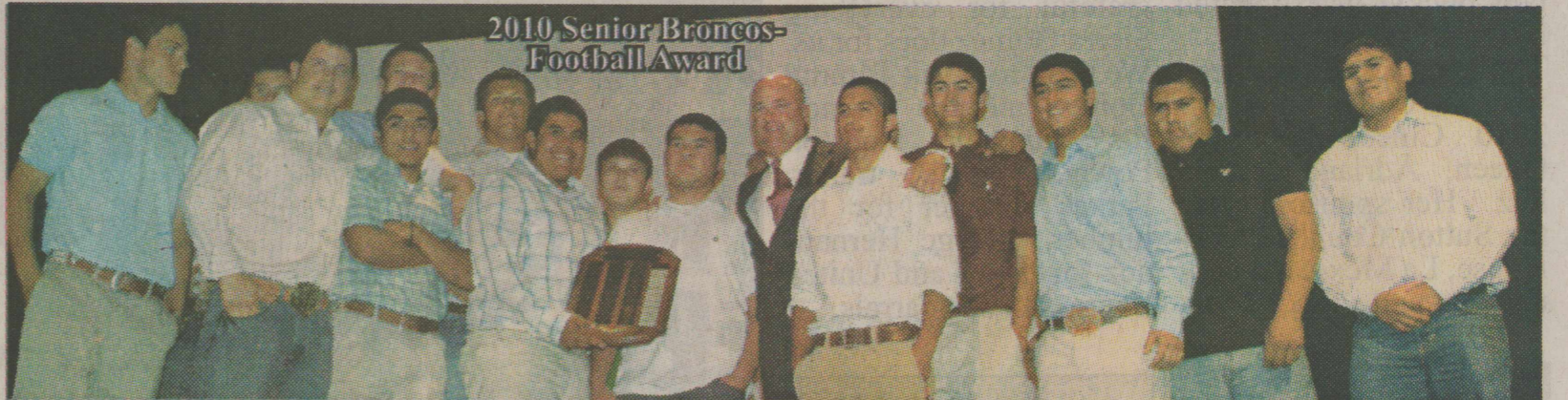
Robert Chavez-
Male Cross Country



Amy Hernandez-
Girls Basketball



Cash Jennings-
Male All-Around Athlete



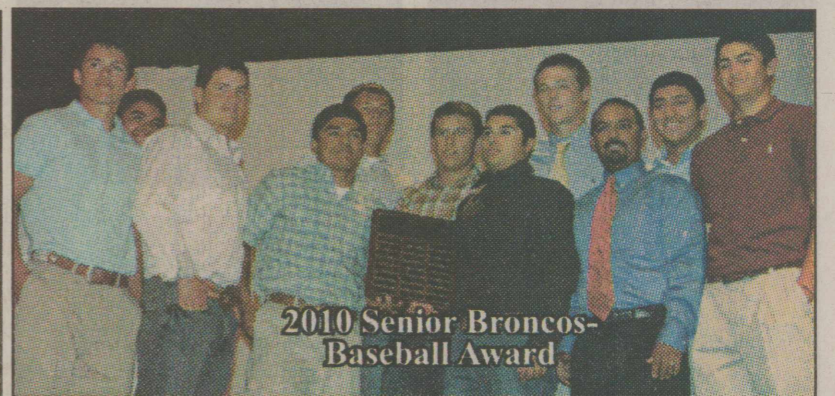
2010 Senior Broncos-
Football Award



Morgan Smith-
Female All-Around Athlete



Inaugural Ray-Ray Award-
Aryonna Blackman



2010 Senior Broncos-
Baseball Award



Cassio Krieg-
Softball Award



Tyler Creek-
Boys Basketball



Cash Jennings-
Tennis Award



Elizabeth Chavarria-
Girls Golf Award



Dulce Acosta-
Female Fighting Heart Award



Paul Fazz-
Male Fighting Heart Award

Not Available for Picture:
Joe Fincher-Fan Of The Year
Alyssa Vela-Tennis Award.
The Baseball, as well as Boys and Girls
Track awards will be determined after
Further Competition.

Public Notices

Notice of Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the LIVELY EXPLORATION COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 503975] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 13, Bk. EFD, SMITH, F J Survey, A-531, SAWYER (CANYON) Field, SUTTON County, being 15 miles SW direction from SONORA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST **MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY June 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SAWYER (CANYON)
Lease/Unit Name: ALDWELL RANCH FIELD
Lease/Unit Well No.: 139B
Lease/Unit Acres: 5700.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 941.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 923.0
Lease Lines: 3447.0 F South L
941.0 F West L
Survey Lines: 3447.0 F South L
941.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SAWYER (CANYON):
GAS Special Rules
500/1000, 320.0 acres.

GAS Optional Rules
500/1000, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Don Rhodes, at (512)4586351.

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