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Election Results

School Board

Chris Berry 39
Devoe Smith 37

City Council

Harold Martinez 42
Jana Dover 8
Frank Wamble 53
Kendra Vyvlecka 51

Mayor

Jed Davenport

Street Maintenance
Sales Tax Proposal
passed 126 to 116

Congratulations!

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.

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Sonora Broncos Are Bi-District Baseball Champions



By Nancy Glasscock

It took three games, but the Bronco baseball team was successful and defeated 3-2A Littlefield to win the first Bi-District championship since 2004. Sonora's players hit the long ball in the first game and then played the "get on base by making contact or walking" game in the second and third games.

The Wildcats' head coach

made an interesting decision and did not start his number one pitcher, junior Josh Merfield, in the first game. Instead Odie Gray started for Littlefield. The first game lasted five innings and was like watching batting practice. Gray gave up eleven runs on eleven hits in two full innings. The Wildcats made four errors while he was pitching and Gray balked

once. He had a BAD night. The next Wildcat to face the Broncos was senior Armando Silvas. He gave up seven runs on six hits. He hit Cadesman Pope and Cash Jennings. His supporting cast made four more errors. He also had a bad night. The Wildcat coach then brought in freshman Ryan Rogers, but the Broncos had already put the Wildcats away.

Caleb "Bones" Gonzales pitched a complete game. He struck out twelve Wildcats gave up four hits and one run. Bronco throwing errors gave the Wildcats their last two runs of the game in the top of the fifth. The final score was 18-3.

Scoring: Gonzales 2/4 - triple, double; Rodriguez 1/3 - double; Castillo 2/4 - two singles; Neff 4/4 - two singles, double and home run; Creek 2/4 - two singles; Anderson 1/4 - home run; Morriss 2/4 - two triples; Jennings 2/2 -

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Lady Bronco Track Finishing Strong at Regionals

By Tiffany Weston

Our girls competed at the Regional Track Meet in Odesa earlier this week. The girls competed hard, posted several season best marks and even came out with a school record in the sprint relay. On Monday night, Dulce Acosta earned the team their first points by placing 5th in the 2 mile. Also competing in the 2 mile was Jalen Falcon.

During the prelims of the running, the girls sprint relay consisting of Nolen, Lipham, Smith and Campbell, broke the school record with a new time of 50.53. This was a goal that the girls had set at the very first track meet, and they were finally able to conquer it. It was a special accomplishment especially for Morgan Smith, because her older sister was on

the sprint relay that had the record before us, even running the same 3rd leg position. These girls came back in the finals to finish 5th, in a very competitive field of relays. The girls also had a personal best time of 1:48 in the prelims of the 800 m relay

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Law Enforcement Addresses Acuña Violence

From Staff Reports
Del Rio News-Herald
Published May 8, 2010

Local, state and federal law enforcement officers say they are aware of recent violence in Ciudad Acuña, Coah., Mexico, and are prepared should it cross over.

Del Rio Police Department Chief Arnaldo Ramos stressed that very little of the information about the violence in Mexico can be confirmed directly by law enforcement officials on this side of the Rio Grande.

"What we know - and, again, it hasn't been confirmed - is that the drug wars between the cartels and the military and the group called the Los Zetas in Mexico have been (going on) all along the border, and now, from what I understand, it's hitting in Acuña. It's here," Ramos said in an interview with the Del Rio News-Herald Friday.

Ramos said the violence remains confined to Mexico.

"As of right now, the violence is not 'spilling over.' Most of everything that's taking place is taking place in Mexico," Ramos said.

The police chief, though, said Del Rioans should stay out of Mexico.

"I would not recommend citizens to go to Mexico at this time. Like I said, there's a lot of rumors that haven't been confirmed, but we do know . . . that there's a lot of problems between the military and the

drug cartels. They're fighting for the turf, the land. There's been a lot of murders, abductions, so I wouldn't recommend anybody from Del Rio or Texas to travel to Mexico unless it's necessary, and if they do go, to use precaution," Ramos said.

Ramos added, though, that the DRPD and other law enforcement agencies on this side of the Texas-Mexico border are keeping a close eye on the situation in Mexico, both in Ciudad Acuña and elsewhere.

"We are all aware of the situation. The federal government has enhanced its efforts, as far as patrol. Officer safety-wise, they have advised all the agents and officers to wear their (bulletproof) vests, of course, and to be cautious of any activity along the border," Ramos said.

Val Verde County Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez said he, too, is aware of the unfolding situation in Del Rio's sister city.

"I understand that they're having problems in Ciudad Acuña, and although none of those have been confirmed, there is apparently some turmoil," Martinez said.

As for his recommendations for U.S. citizens traveling to Mexico, Martinez said, "It is my opinion that our citizens need to be advised of the situation in Acuña, and if they have to travel to Acuña, to exercise caution."

Martinez added, "All local law enforcement agencies have a contingency plan in

place to deal with any spill-over violence."

Texas Department of Public Safety and Department of Homeland Security officials said Friday both agencies are ready to assist the local officers.

DPS spokesman Trooper Jose Chavarria said officers have stepped up patrols in known "areas of interest", but did not say where those areas might be.

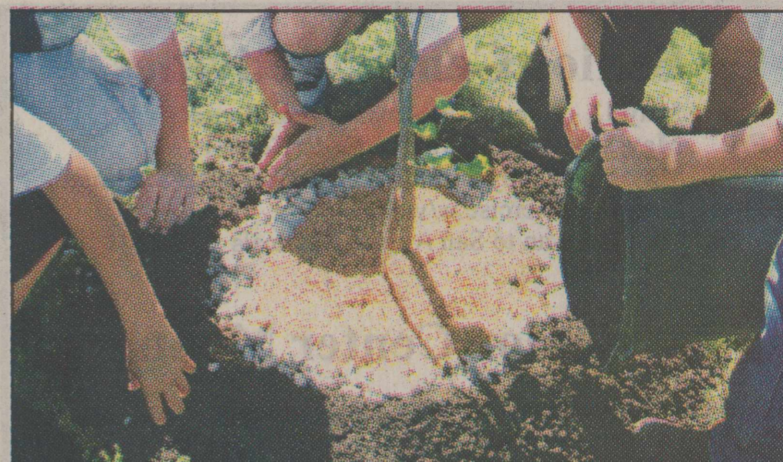
"Our department is trying to be more vigilant," said Chavarria, noting that troopers are also ready to step in and help local law enforcement when called upon. "We are assisting local agencies with any resources we have, such as air support and additional manpower."

The DPS has a helicopter stationed in Del Rio to provide air support, said Chavarria, adding that to date, he has heard of no requests for additional troopers in the Del Rio area.

Mark Qualia, a spokesman with the United States Border Patrol in Washington D.C., said they, too, are ready to assist on the front lines when needed. Qualia said the inter-agency assistance is nothing new.

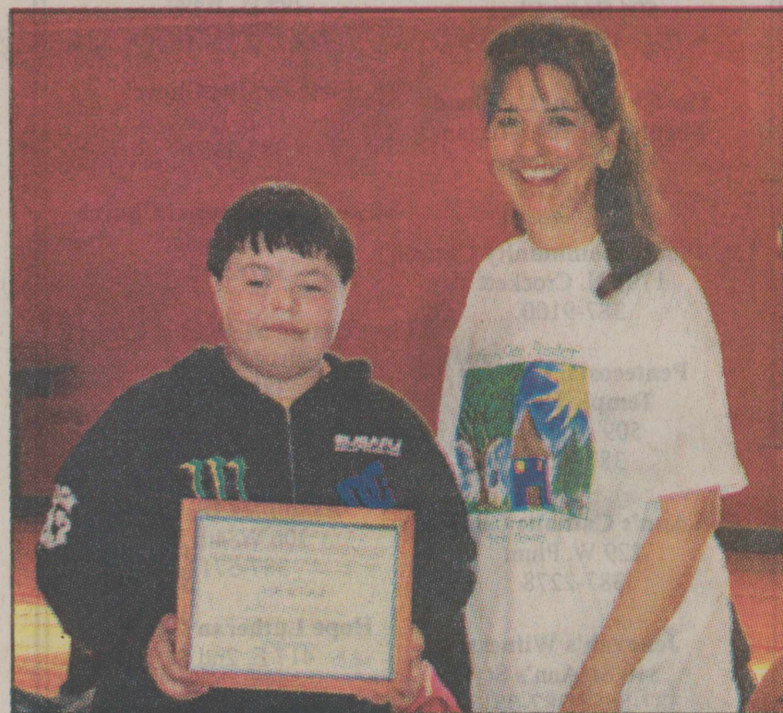
"If you look at the interagency cooperation that's been going on...we're already out

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Arbor Day Brings New Life: To An Old Park

Mayor Jed Davenport declared April 30, 2010, Arbor Day in Sonora. It was official and the day of activities began for 80 fifth grade students in Sonora. This was the largest class so far to date to participate in planting trees to help beautify Sonora. This year the girls' softball field, by the City swimming pool, was the recipient of ten Red Bud trees. After the Mayor made it official, this year's T-shirt winner was revealed. The honors went to Josh Galindo. This year's poster winner also placed at the state level with an Honorable Mention Award. He was presented with a certificate and goodie bag from the Texas Forest Service. All the students and teachers received a shirt with his picture silk-screened on the front thanks to the generosity of several donors including: MultiChem and Ben and Lenora Pool. After planting the trees, the students had the opportunity to go by First National Bank to view their posters that were on display in the bank for everyone's viewing pleasure. A big "Thanks" goes out to our County Agent Pascual Hernandez for all his help with the planting of these trees. Also thank you to the City for all your support of this worthwhile project. This softball field has come a long way and gets better and better every week. The students will be able to watch their trees grow as the past students have been able to do throughout Sonora. Keep Sonora Beautiful is very proud to sponsor this terrific event, helping to Keep Sonora Beautiful!




Susan Hall (right) presents Josh Galindo (left) with his award for winning the Poster Contest-his artwork was also featured on this year's Arbor Day T-Shirts.



Sutton County Extension Agent Pascual Hernandez teaches the students the proper way to plant the trees.





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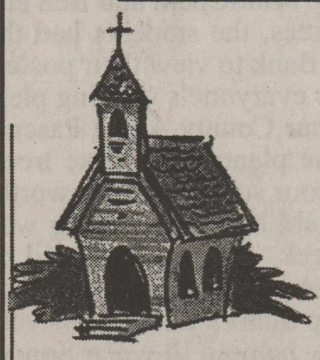
Senior Center Activities

Thur. May 13 - Happy Birthday *Maggie Bernal*
 Fri. May 14 - Happy Birthday *Eddie Sawyer*
 Mon. May 17 - Happy Birthday *Mage Samaniego* Bingo
 Tues. May 18 - Exercise w/video
 Wed. May 19 - Van to San Angelo Medicals 387-3941

Senior Center Menu

Thur. May 13 - Catfish, green beans, tator tots, hush puppies, apple pie, and milk
 Fri. May 14 - Chicken fajitas w/ onions & peppers, rice, beans, tossed salad, chocolate cake and milk
 Mon. May 17 - Chicken strips w/gravy, potato wedges, green beans, bread pudding, and milk
 Tues. May 18 - Beef lasagna, seasoned spinach, milk buttered corn, garlic sticks, orange wedges
 Wed. May 19 - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, macaroni salad, calif. mixed veggies, cornbread, Jell-O w/fruit

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
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Spiritual Corner

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "The ultimate word is God's, our word is always penultimate." For a minister to write something that would have an impact upon a diverse community of believers, seekers, skeptics and adamant unbelievers is a challenge. The only words that can have a lasting, transforming impact is the Word of God.

In the wake of our community's loss of Jane Rushing, I would like to dedicate this article to one of her favorite Biblical ideas, "Blessing." Blessing is not limited to the people who are set apart, whether in the Old Testament (OT) or the New Testament (NT), but is given to all: "Let us make mankind...and God blessed them" (Genesis 1:26-28); "And God blessed Noah and his sons...I establish my covenant with you and your descendants" (which is all of us! Genesis 9:1, 9-11). In the NT Jesus' blessings continue in the same way as the OT sense in the blessing of children (Mark 10:13-16), the blessing of bread (Luke 9:16, 22:19 and 2:30), the blessing at parting (Luke 24:50-51) which is a parting of the Hebrew concept of peace or "shalom."

The Genesis story of mankind in chapters 2 and 3 tells our story as well. We are continually caught in the tension between blessing and the curse. The way God is shown responding to the need of people lays the foundation for how we should care for each other in the midst of grief and pain. However, Adam's failure is our failure. Like him, we continually put ourselves in the center of the world, usurping the place of God. Adam acts for himself and the consequences affect others and experience the loss of blessing that we all have felt: shame, doubt, hiding, blaming and cursing others.

The word from God then, is a word for us today, "Adam, where are you?" (Genesis 3:9). God invites us out of isolation and back into relationship with Him. We are not allowed to remain in our brokenness alone. God encounters the lie that because we are sinners that we cannot come back into a relationship with Him. Even in the face of blaming God and Eve, the grace of God continues to invite him and us back to Him. God invites us who have found this grace to go out and invite others to respond to the question, "Where are you?" and to care for those who are not living in relationship to His blessings. This is the testimony of the Bible: "David, where are you?" is the question Nathan places within his parable to the king (2 Sam. 12). "Jesus said to her, 'Go call your husband' not in order to shame her but to invite her into blessings. Jesus says to the rich young man, 'Go, and sell all you have and give the money to the poor' (Matthew 19:21) and "Zacchaeus, come down" (Luke 19:5) as a way of saying, "Where are you? Come before me as you are—and by responding come back into the blessing."

So God says to me, "Don, where are you? I know you are hurt and confused by Jane's passing, but come to me and find blessing." Blessing is not the absence of pain, but God's grace in the face of it. Bad things do happen in this world, but it is not the final word. Grace is.

Don Longoria



Happy Birthday
 (Little Pretty)

Love,
 Mom & Zory

Thank You Notes

Once again La Elliott Historical Committee would like to express our deepest thanks to Johnny Acuff for allowing us to hold our first bake sale at T&C Food & Market; also thank you to the following people for their baked good donations: Cindy Colbath, Nelda & Ruben Yorba, Frank & Lilia Gallegos, Nadine Johnson, T Chavez & Maria Galindo, Carmen Sanchez, Josephina Hernandez, Juan & Amanda Garza, Maura Weingart, Rosemary & Ramiro Perez, Quirina Morales, Eva Perez, Lesa Gamez, Chela Pena, and Mage Duran. Also for the money donations from the following people: Harold Martinez, Maggie Mesa, and Kirk Joy. Thank you to all who bought from our bake sale! If you helped and I missed naming you **THANK YOU!**

Sandi Espinosa

I would like to say thank you to all the people who got out and cast their ballot in the City Council election. Although I did not win, I feel we made an excellent statement. It was truly an honor to represent the citizens of Sonora. Thank you again for all your support.

Kendra Vyvlecka

I would like to thank all that came out and voted for Pct. 2 school board. I have received many calls from parents and family members wanting to discuss my reasons for running, and I am hopeful that I will continue to receive those calls from anyone concerned. I am here to serve those in my precinct and to make the best judgments for our children and school. I would like to congratulate Mr. DeVoe Smith on a well run race. Please feel free to call me at any time with your concerns or questions. Again **THANK YOU!**

Christopher L. Berry
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Obituary

KATHLEEN S. MOORE



Kathleen S. Moore, 80, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2010 at Park Plaza Nursing Home of San Angelo.

Born in Sonora, Texas, March 21, 1930, she was the daughter of Alfred George Schwiening Sr. and Callie "Tot" Margaret Allison. As a child, she attended Sonora public schools. She worked as a switchboard operator for General Telephone Company for several years before completing her education to become an LVN with Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital.

On August 25, 1946, Noah Joseph "Hut" Moore III and Kathleen Schwiening were married in Lovington, New Mexico.

For over 40 years, Kathleen was engaged in the ranching industry. She was well-known for raising Rambouillet sheep and Angus cattle on her ranch located on the Ft. McKavett highway. As a rancher, Kathleen was a member of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and Sutton County Predator Management Association.

She also belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church, Sonora-Eldorado Chapter #575 Order of the Eastern Star, Sutton County Historical Society, Fling Ding Club, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the Ft. McKavett Fire Department.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Noah Joseph "Hut" Moore III; her parents, Alfred George Schwiening Sr. and Callie "Tot" Margaret Allison; four brothers, Harold, Curt, Alfred, and George; and two sisters, Mary and Margaret.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Noah Joseph Moore IV and Susie Moore of Sonora; daughter and son-in-law, Darla Sue McKissack and Tommy McKissack of Sonora; grandchildren, Frank Edward McKissack of Lake Jackson, Callie Allison Reily of Austin, and Thia Dawn McKissack of Sonora; great-grandchildren, Frank Edward McKissack II of Lake Jackson, and Brandon McKissack of Deer Park; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora, May 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Chris Roque. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be mailed to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902.

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Letter to the Editor

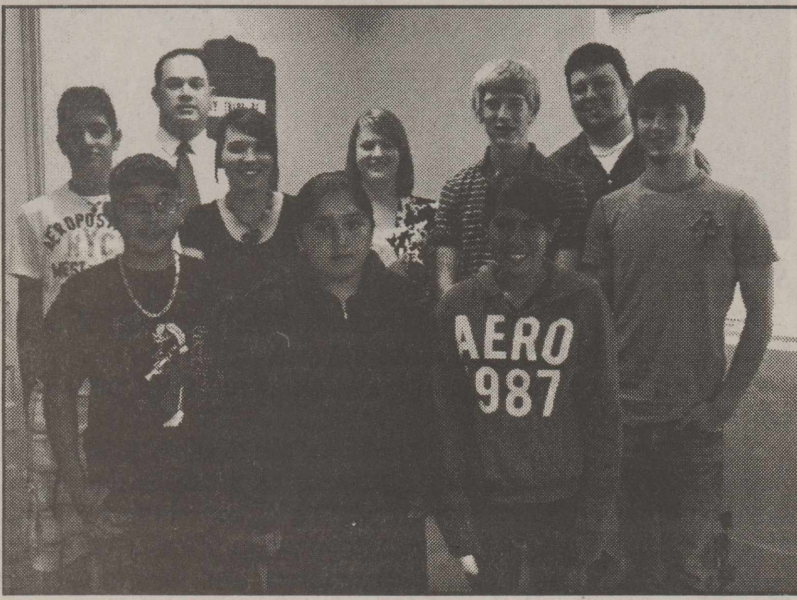
In the next few days, I will be leaving on an internship that will finalize all requirements for my Med. It has been almost a year since I set out to do this and it has required a lot of planning....and waiting. During this time I have had countless numbers of people that have shown support and kindness all along the way. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many people that have had a part in this journey. RT and Jody Driggers: Mom, thanks for everything, you made me who I am and I love you. RT, thanks for keeping Mom sane as she worries about this trip; it can be a group effort! Carl and Melissa Teaff: I can never express how much you both mean to me; we are blessed to have you in our life. My 8:30am water aerobics class: I have grown to love each of you and I will make sure that I check in often; its mandatory remember. Martha Rogers and Betty Lawlis: no matter where I end up I know I have made two wonderful friends, thank you for taking care of me. Chris and Erica Berry: your friendship and support mean the world to us. Every member at The Health and Wellness Center: no matter what you say-it is you all that inspire me. There have been many other people in this community that have expressed many words of encouragement, please know that it is appreciated. And finally to my husband, Robert and two extraordinary children: none of this would be worth it without you. I adore and love you. Robert, you have put up with my crazy schedule and have not complained once. You are my rock.

Sincerely,
 Sarah Teaff

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6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House	
7:00 Sr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House	

Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

Great fellowship and fun friends characterized our lunch meeting on May 4, 2010. We were so busy we forgot to sing Happy Birthday to those celebrating in May, but rest assured, we ate our celebratory ice cream and cake. Someone remind me to sing Happy Birthday next week!

Our students of the week were back with us and they all spoke to the assembled membership and guests.

Mr. Sy Scroggins, our Speech and Debate Czar at the High School, was also a guest along with two of his star pupils, Zachary Leonard and Colyer Dermond. Zachary provided the entertainment with his State bound poetry masterpiece. What a moving performance! Zachary thanks for the memories. Break their hearts at State!

Melissa Teaff (the auction Bread Queen) was a guest of Carl's along with Sam Kent's Mom visiting from New York... she actually lives out in the country portion of New York state, not in the City. We welcomed Jeanne Davenport's two daughters from out of town... what a pleasure they were to visit us.

Our 2010 scholarships recipients have been selected. Let me say what a tough job it was to narrow the field to fit within the budget. We thank Kay Freiss for her beautiful work in support of your students and this Lions Club. All twenty seven applicants were deserving and we thank you for your wonderful effort over the past four years.

The winner of the George Dee Wallace Memorial Scholarship* of \$1,000 is Amy Hernandez.

The winner of the John Allen Ward Memorial Scholarship* of \$1,000 is Brittany Hernandez

The winner of the Virgil Ammon Poloczek Memorial Scholarship* of \$1,000 is Monica Sanchez

The Lions Presidential Scholarship* of \$1,000 is Pedro Ramirez

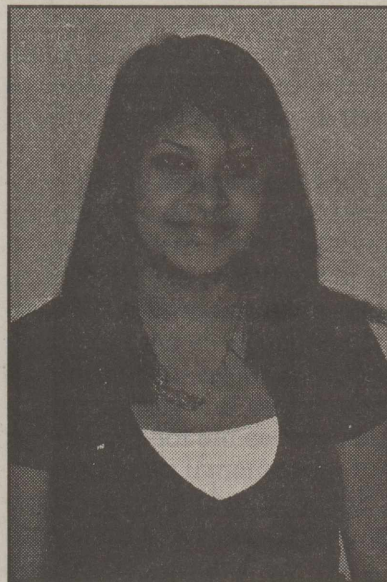
Lions Club \$500 scholarship winners were Alyssa Favila, Alyssa Vela, Sterling Love, Alicia Lowe, and Paul Faz.

Lion Club Queen Keeli Ann Taylor was awarded \$1000 for her dedication to excellence and service to this Lions Club for the past year.

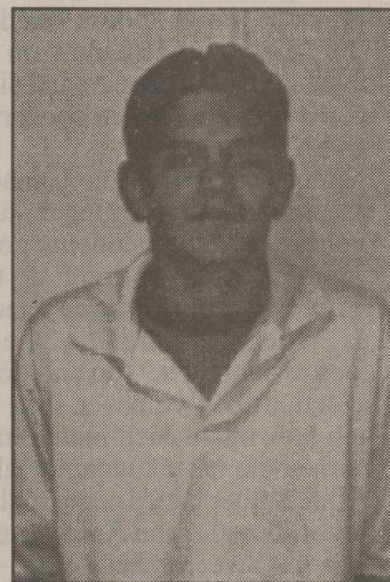
Sutton County Queen Shaniah Johnson was awarded \$500 for her support of the Sonora Lions this past year.

* Tax free Lions Memorial scholarship donations can be made at the 1st National Bank .

Sonora High School Students of the Week



Crystal Coronado



Juan Gutierrez

Freshman Juan Gutierrez and junior Crystal Coronado were announced as Sonora High School's Student of the Week for May 10th.

Juan likes Math, Basketball and Military Info. and his favorite teacher is Coach Kirkland. He moved to Sonora during the year from Eldorado. His favorite thing about Sonora High is athletics, and he plans to join the Army after graduation.

Crystal Coronado is the daughter of Sylvia Coronado. Her favorite teacher is Coach Gallegos, and her favorite class is Art. She likes to hang out with friends. Crystal is in the Spanish Club and on the Prom Committee. She has lived in Sonora all her life, and her favorite thing about Sonora High is sports. Crystal plans to attend college after graduation.

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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.

Attention: Junior & Senior Parents, project graduation t-shirts are available for you to order at One Stop Gift Shop.

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A Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 15th at Town & Country (Food Center), Family Dollar and Alco. Anyone wanting to donate baked goods or to make a monetary donation please call Lil Gallegos 206-1111, Mary Bustamante 226-0540 or Betty Hernandez 206-0573. All proceeds will go to Ram Perez for medical expenses. Please come by and purchase a baked item. Thank you and God Bless!

4-H Meeting May 19, 2010 at 4:15 @ the Civic Center Officer Elections Please come and vote for next years officers.

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

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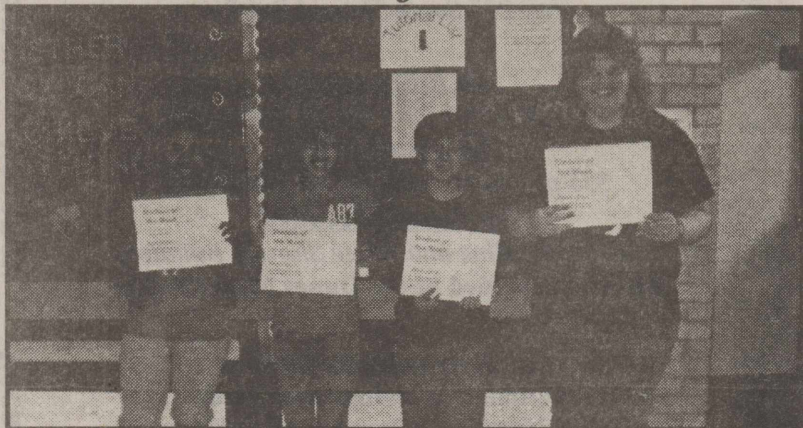
The Primary Purpose Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church, 404 NE Poplar. FMI call 325-387-9765 or 325-206-1311.

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Sonora Middle School Students of the Week



5th-Misae Smith, 6th-Alexis Garza, 7th-Alison Perez, 8th-Chasady Braly

Sonora Elementary School Students of the Week



PK-Miguel Meza, K-Abby Mendoza, 1-Madalyn Fisher, 2-Richard Espinoza, 3-Kaylee Fiveash, 4-Iris McAfee

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- Candace Chandler-*bride elect*-Landry Matthies
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2010 Senior Selections

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| Angel Aguayo | Sara Gillit |
| William Anderson | Cassie Krieg |
| Rayonna Blackman | 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 |
| Stephanie Coronado | Sean Pennington |
| Tyler Creek | Pedro Ramirez |
| Edna Dominguez | Antonio Rodriguez |
| Brittani Dover | Miguel Sanchez |
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| Manuel Flores | Michael Stephens |
| Alexis Galindo | Keeli Taylor |
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~ Quinceañera ~
Adriana Faz

Sonora Middle School Band: 7th and 8th Grade Win Sweepstakes

Submitted

Congratulations to the Middle School Bands for their performance at the Sonora Band Festival on Tuesday, May 4th. The 7th-8th grade band won Sweepstakes by winning a first division in both concert and sight reading. The 6th grade band won a first division in concert and a second division in sight reading.

Band Director Eddie Chance said the purpose of the contest was to let the younger students learn and understand the process the older students go through when participating in a contest. After warming up the instruments, the bands then play concert or two/three selections prepared in daily rehearsals. When that portion of the contest is completed, the band goes to another set-up and does sight reading - performing a selection they've never seen before. This is a strong indication how much each individual, as well as the total band, has learned the basic fundamentals of instrumental playing.

Three other bands came to the Sonora Band Festival - Junction, Eldorado, and Rocksprings. Junction and Eldorado both won the Sweepstakes Award - a first division in concert and another in sight reading. The Rocksprings band won a first division in concert and a second division (or a II) in sight reading.

These bands will both play again in the spring concert on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

Middle School Band (7-8)

- Solos - Division I**
- Maria Mata - flute
 - Adrianna Velez - flute
 - Tanner Esparza - clarinet
 - Julissa Esquivel - clarinet
 - Kali Mendez - clarinet
 - Cassandra Medina - clarinet
 - Kassie Monroe - clarinet
 - Lionel DeLeon - tenor sax
 - Aishah Castruita - trumpet
 - Isaac Fraire - trumpet
 - Abby Garcia - trumpet
 - Cody Barber - French horn
 - Kaitlyn Gibbens - French horn
 - James Braly - trombone
 - Hunter Hughes - trombone

Sixth Graders

- Solos - Division I**
- Brianna Palacios - flute
 - Victoria Reyna - clarinet
 - Cip Tobias - clarinet
 - Janel Vasquez - clarinet
 - Alyssa Zamora - clarinet
 - Daniel Castro - alto saxophone
 - Lisa Garza - trumpet
 - Edgar Hernandez - trumpet
 - Brianna Jarratt - French horn
 - Joseph Hudson - trombone
 - JD Garza - percussion

Solos - Division II

- Middle School Band (7-8)
- Kelsey Velez - flute
 - Chanel Cauthern - French horn

Sixth Graders

- Victoria Acosta - alto saxophone
- Juan Gamez - alto saxophone
- Stratton Rushing - alto saxophone
- Sky McGuffin - trumpet
- Mckenzie Murphy - trumpet
- Jonathan Hazelton - trombone
- Trent Harris - tuba

Mother's Day Tea Party



Submitted

Senior Mothers were honored on Tuesday, May 4 at the Sonora Senior Center with a party!

We had sandwiches, chips, dip, cookies, cake, punch and other "goodies"!

We had entertainment provided by the Sonora Academy of Arts Adult Ballet Folklorico. Everyone enjoyed the dances and music performed by these very pretty ladies: Delia Longoria, Tish Roque, Mirna Galindo, Letty Garcia, Nubia Gutierrez, Lizzie Chavez, Jesse West. Letty Garcia also sang traditional "Las Mananitas" and played the guitar for everyone!

We also had door prizes. The winners were: Becky Perez, Charlotte Wilson, Elida Castro, Dorothy Jungk, Elfida Martinez, Aurora Cardenas, Olivia Longoria, Nelda Hernandez, Julia Reynoso, Bobbie Smith, Jean Redman, Josie Gonzales, Ofilia Torres, & Shala Cavaness!

I would like to say "Thanks" to everyone who helped especially the staff (Hilda, Lisa, Lilia) Ada Castilleja and her girls, (Leanna & Amber) Senior Center Support Group: Olivia, Mary Lou, Vicenta, Tina, Noemi, Jean H., and my sister Ebot! Hope I didn't forget anyone!

We had a good turn out and everyone had a great time! Now we need to plan something for Father's Day for our "Senior" Fathers, or they will be mad at us!

Again-Thanks to everyone! Juanita Mesa

Sonora Academy of Arts

Sonora Academy of Arts is holding open registration for the 2010-2011 school year on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. At 216. E. Main (Downtown Dance Studio) Children must be 3yrs. of age by September 15 in order to be eligible for enrollment.

Classes Offered: Ballet, Tap/Jazz, Ballet Folklorico, Adult Ballet, Adult Ballet Folklorico, Salsa/ Merenge

Registration fee is \$25.

If you have any questions please contact Lizzie Chavez at 325-387-4796 or email elizabethchavez7@gmail.com

Eaton Hill Open House & Photo Contest Results: Extended Hours For Viewing



By Delyse Jaeger

To accommodate the wealth of community arts presentations available this week, Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is expanding its Photo Contest Open House and Awards this Thursday, May 13th to begin at 12:00 noon and end at 7:00 p.m.

The Sonora High School One Act Play performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the High School. Eaton Hill will have refreshments and light fare available, or visitors can bring a picnic supper - so plan your evening to include taking in the outstanding photography showcased on Eaton Hill. Awards will be presented at 5:30p.m. Contestants who are unable to attend may pick up prizes at their convenience, and photographs will remain on display for several weeks.

In addition to the nearly 200 photos, local 6th-8th graders have been working on an art and nature project up on Eaton Hill. Students have combined several art mediums, found objects, and items collected from the grand master - the great outdoors - to create interesting and unique collage pieces on canvas. Their ongoing work will also be on display.

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2010 Senior Selections

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Edna Dominguez	Liz Newton
Brittani Dover	Cody Pena
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Tyler Creek	Krystianna Mendez
Brittani Dover	Liz Newton
Jalen Falcon	Joshua Salazar
Alyssa Favila	Keeli Taylor
Caleb Gonzales	Bianca Trevino
Cash Jennings	

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.

Oil & Agribusiness

May 25 Sonora Ranchers' Roundup Program Targets Resource Planning

Submitted By
Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

By Steve Byrns

SONORA – Carbon markets, cap and trade and “green” energy will all be addressed during this year’s Ranchers’ Roundup set for 8:30 a.m. May 25 in Sonora’s Sutton County Civic Center.

The program will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett counties.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available

for those with a pesticide applicator’s license.

“There has been much recent attention across the nation on carbon credit markets, cap and trade and green energy,” said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County. “The agricultural sector has been and is very interested in what that means to them. West Texas producers are no exception, so this program is meant to provide our producers with

knowledge they need to see if there is a place for any of these topics in the future of their operations.”

Topics will include: Carbon Markets/Cap and Trade Update; Wind Energy and Lease Agreements; Landowner’s Lease Perspective; Energy Crops and Biofuels and Planning Ranch Resources for the Long-term.

Speakers will be Dr. Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, San Angelo;

Judon Fambrough, Texas A&M Real Estate Center, College Station; Pat Jackson, Tom Green County Rancher; and Dr. David Drake, AgriLife agronomist, San Angelo.

Individual registration is \$15 by May 19 and \$25 thereafter. The fee covers a meal, refreshments and educational materials.

To pre-register or for more information call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101.



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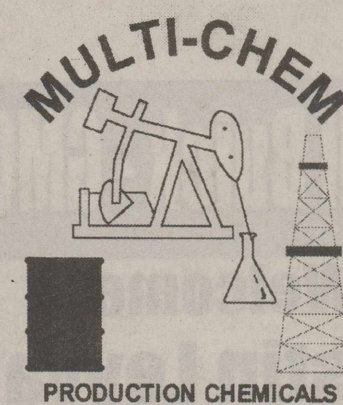
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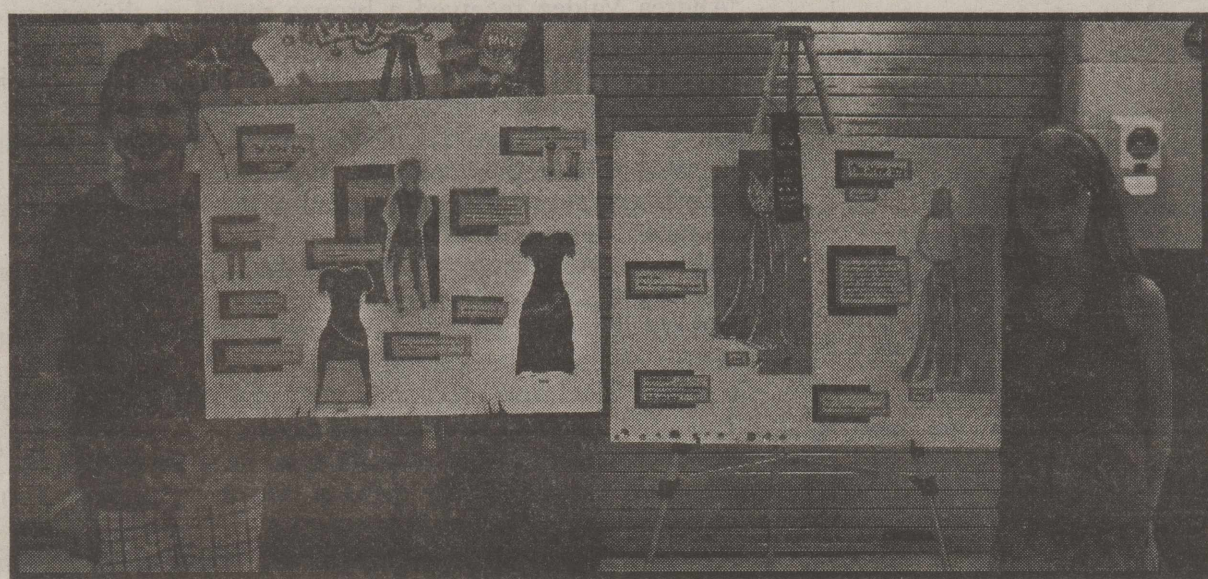
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Sonora 4-H Students Show Off Fashion Talents In Fredricksburg



On Saturday, April 17, seven Sutton County 4-H students competed in the District 10 4-H Fashion Show in Fredricksburg. These young ladies have spent the past several months learning about fashion lingo, trends, styles, comparison shopping, and techniques for developing and displaying original designs. There were four main areas

in the competition and Sonora was well represented in each of them. Fashion Storyboards “tell the story” of the designer’s ideas and are a new program in the district this year. Fabric and Fashion Design involves designing apparel, a textile, or an accessory. In the Fashion Show, students model clothes they either sewed or purchased and answer ques-

tions from the judges. Items in the Textile Show are handmade using fabrics or textiles and range widely from quilts and necklaces to crocheted scarves.

The students would like to say a big Thank You to Lorie Powers who helped with the instruction and to Kelley Thorp who kept things organized and running smoothly.

We couldn’t have done it without your help.

The prizes awarded are: Fashion Storyboard

Junior Wearable – Hazel Kent -2nd, Katelyn Lipham -3rd Fabric & Fashion Design, Junior Apparel–Hazel Kent-1st, Katelyn Lipham-2nd, Bianca Fey-3rd, Felicia Farley-5th, Junior Textile - Hazel Kent -1st Fashion Show Construction – Separates-Hazel Kent-2nd Buying – Dresses-Summer Hall-2nd Separates Mercedes Lee-3rd Textile Show Jewelry - Felicia Farley-Blue Award Bailey Gonzales Red Award Hazel Kent -Blue Award Household Item – Mercedes Lee-White Award Kitchen Item – Felicia Farley -Blue Award Chantel Ramirez-Red Award Accessory – Summer Hall-Red Award Katlyn Lipham-Red Award, Embellished Item - Bailey Gonzalez-Red Award, Chantel Ramirez-Red Award

Acuna Violence : Continued from Front Page

there backing up local officers,” said Qualia.

DHS has also provided funding opportunities to help local agencies cover overtime pay and equipment for officers.

“We are very much in tune with what’s going on and we are using every asset available to make our communities safer,” said Qualia.

Qualia declined to say whether more agents would be coming to Del Rio because of the recent violence, noting that decision is made based on gathered intelligence and typically is not released to the public.

He also said it would be difficult to gauge if there would be spillover violence.

“When looking at the border as a whole, there really hasn’t been any spillover violence with regards to what the cartels are doing,” said Qualia. “What’s going on in Mexico is nothing new.”

Del Rio Police Department Chief Arnaldo Ramos stressed that very little of the information about the violence in Mexico can be confirmed directly by law enforcement officials on this side of the Rio Grande.

“What we know – and,

again, it hasn’t been confirmed - is that the drug wars between the cartels and the military and the group called the Los Zetas in Mexico have been (going on) all along the border, and now, from what I understand, it’s hitting in Acuña. It’s here,” Ramos said in an interview with the Del Rio News-Herald Friday.

Ramos said the violence remains confined to Mexico.

“As of right now, the violence is not ‘spilling over.’ Most of everything that’s taking place is taking place in Mexico,” Ramos said.

The police chief, though,

said Del Rioans should stay out of Mexico.

“I would not recommend citizens to go to Mexico at this time. Like I said, there’s a lot of rumors that haven’t been confirmed, but we do know . . . that there’s a lot of problems between the military and the drug cartels. They’re fighting for the turf, the land. There’s been a lot of murders, abductions, so I wouldn’t recommend anybody from Del Rio or Texas to travel to Mexico unless it’s necessary, and if they do go, to use precaution,” Ramos said.

Ramos added, though, that the DRPD and other law enforcement agencies on this side of the Texas-Mexico border are keeping a close eye on the situation in Mexico, both in Ciudad Acuña and elsewhere.

“We are all aware of the situation. The federal government has enhanced its efforts, as far as patrol. Officer safety-wise, they have advised all the agents and officers to wear their (bulletproof) vests, of course, and to be cautious of any activity along the border,” Ramos said.

Val Verde County Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez said he, too, is aware of the unfolding situation in Del Rio’s sister city.

“I understand that they’re having problems in Ciudad Acuña, and although none of those have been confirmed, there is apparently some turmoil,” Martinez said.

As for his recommendations for U.S. citizens traveling to

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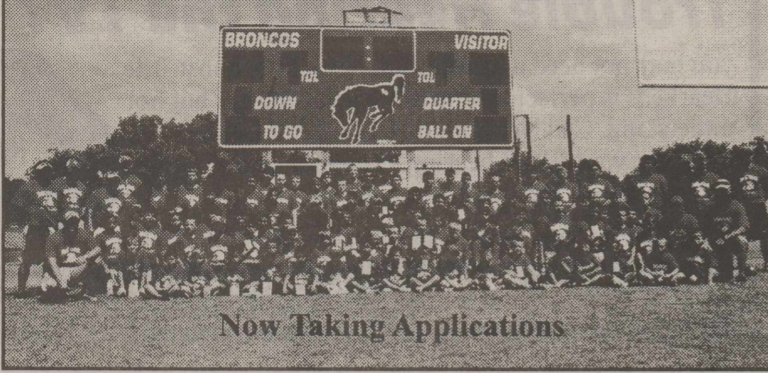
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Watch The Birdie

A man walks into the vet's office with a birdcage covered with a cloth. He places it on the table and carefully removes the cover.

"I'd like you to examine my parrot please," said the man, "he's been very inactive lately."

The parrot is stiff as a board and lying on the floor of the cage. It smells.

The vet opens the cage door and removes the parrot. He examines it closely, mainly to humor the man who has clearly not yet come to terms with the death of his pet.

"I'm sorry sir, your parrot is dead," says the vet.

"No, it can't be, we've been together for years," wails the man. "I demand a second opinion."

The vet shrugs, leaves the room and returns with a cat. He places it on the table where the parrot lies and then steps back. The cat circles the parrot, taking the occasional sniff and patting the corpse with it's paw. After about 30 seconds it turns to the vet and says, "Miaaooaw, meowmeiaaooow, mieowmew-ww meaw."

The mans asks the vet what the cat said. "The cat says your parrot is dead sir."

"No, nonono, I don't believe it!" cries the man, "I demand a third opinion."

The very shrugs, leaves the room and returns with a golden retriever which he places on the table before once again stepping back. The dog performs a similar examination of the parrot before turning to the vet and saying, "woof, woofbark-growlwoof woof, bark."

The man asks what the dog just said. "The dog says your parrot is dead sir."

The man is clearly upset but now seems calmer. He hangs his head in sadness and says, "Well, if you all say that my beloved parrot is dead, then I suppose he must be. What do I owe you?"

"\$100" says the vet.

"\$100!!!" shouts the man, "how do you work that out?"

"Well it's \$50 for me, \$25 for that cat scan and \$25 for the lab tests."

Main Street Traffic

Submitted by Ann Kay

I would like to express my congratulations to Harold Martinez and Frank Wamble for their win in the City Council election. I know you both will be a great asset to the City of Sonora. I would like to express my appreciation to the outgoing council members Pete Bradley and Jana Dover. I would also like to congratulate Mayor Jed Davenport for his re-election and to Chris Berry for winning the Precinct 2 seat on the SISD School Board.

I recently had the opportunity to share stories of Sonora's rich western heritage at the Permian Historical Society in Midland at the Permian Museum, where I was invited to speak. Jimmy Cahill came along with me, and he shared stories about the Outlaws of Sonora. There were people from Lubbock, Pecos, Midland, Odessa and many other West Texas communities. Other speakers who were in attendance include: Barbara Barton, Will Hoover, Chris Elliott, and Delmon Hodges.

I also displayed photos and stories of Sonora's Ranch Women, which is part of the Veterans from All Wars and Pioneer museum. The event was a great success! I would like to thank Jimmy Cahill and Linda Love for sharing their time and love of their community at the event.

I found the following information on one of the Texas Downtown internet flashes. I hope you find this information interesting and helpful.

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Sonora Special Olympians: Taking Bronco Nation To Fredricksburg



Bottom row: Andrea Valdez, Bryan Garcia and Candy Davis
Second row: Jesus Herrera, Sydney Robles, Tonya Bounds
Back row: Abby Lopez, Blake Weston, Sheba Castillo, Walker Lipham, Rayonna Blackman, Kathleen Nolen

Submitted by Candy Davis

April 9th, Sonora ISD took a group of students to participate in the Special Olympics meet held in Fredericksburg. Sonora was one of about 10 schools that competed (some of which were 4A schools). Our students did a fabulous job and represented the district in a manner befitting the Bronco Nation. Below is a list of participating students and the places they received:

Jesus Herrera received a gold medal for the softball throw for distance in his division.

Andrea Valdez received a bronze medal in the assisted wheelchair race.

Bryan Garcia received a silver medal in the assisted wheelchair race and a bronze medal in the tennis ball throw.

Tonya Bounds received a silver medal in the 50 meter run and a gold medal in the tennis ball throw.

Abby Lopez received a gold medal in the 50 meter run and a gold medal in the softball throw.

Sydney Robles received a gold medal in the 25 meter run and a silver medal in the tennis ball throw.

Walker Lipham received a silver medal in the 25 meter run and a gold medal in the softball throw.

Rayonna Blackman received a gold medal in the 50 meter run and a gold medal in the softball throw.

Students were allowed to participate in a maximum of 2 events, each of which were divided into divisions based on age and ability.

We would like to thank Candy Davis, who organized this year's event, as well as the special education teachers at each campus for their work in "coaching" the students to reach for their best. The following staff members attended the meet as sponsors: Candy Davis, Kathleen Nolen, Blake Weston, Sheba Castillo, Diane Marin, and Sean Leamon. I think everyone would agree that Friday was a special day for all of us in attendance.

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single, double. The second game was Saturday at 11 in weather that was 20 degrees colder with a wind blowing in from left field. The Wildcats started Merrfield in this game. Tyler Creek was on the mound for the Broncos.

This game immediately began differently with the Bronco top of the order striking out. The Wildcats got one run in the bottom of the first. Sonora took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second. With Dustin Neff and Creek on base, they moved into scoring position after a pass ball. Will Anderson hit the ball to the right side of the infield to score Neff. Ethan Morriss came to the plate and doubled to the right center wall to score Creek. Littlefield responded with two runs on a walk, two singles and a Wild Pitch.

There was no more scoring until the top of the fifth inning, when the Broncos tied the ball game up with a single by Jennings, a bunt single by Shane Patlan, and Pope got on after a throwing error by the Wildcat third baseman. Jennings scored. The Wildcats responded with another run in the bottom of the fifth and two runs in the sixth. Sonora made it close when they scored two runs in the top

of the seventh when Creek doubled in Gonzales and Dylan Castillo who were on base with singles. The final score was 6-5 in Littlefield's favor. The rubber game started thirty minutes later.

Senior Dylan Castillo was on the mound for the Broncos. The Wildcats were forced to use their Game One starting pitcher, Gray again. Sonora started off with a bang by scoring three runs in the bottom of the first. Gonzales, Morriss, and Anderson all singled. Neff, Creek, and Colyer Dermody drew walks. Castillo confused the Wildcat hitters with his sidearm motion and his array pitches. They only scored one run late in the game. Merrfield relieved Gray in the second inning, but he ran out of gas in the fifth allowing a single by Morriss, an RBI double by Castillo, an RBI single by Creek, and a single by Dermody.

The Broncos won the third game 6 - 1. They will play the Bushland Falcons in Andrews at 7 PM Friday, May 14th. Game two is scheduled for 11 AM on Saturday. If necessary the third game will be played thirty minutes after the second game.

Correction

**On the back page of the May 6, 2010 edition of the Devil's River News we printed a picture with the wrong name. We apologize to Jaylen and her family for any confusion, and hope this weeks edition makes amends.*

*"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one."
-Elbert Hubbard*



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They too came back in the finals to finish 5th. This relay consisted of A. Hernandez, Lipham, Dunn and Sanchez.

Avery Nolen qualified for finals in the 300 hurdles where she came out with a 5th place finish and a personal record of 47.84. Nicole Lipham made finals in the 200 m dash and finished 8th. Kallie Humphrey qualified for finals in the 800 m run, finishing 8th overall. For the field events, Morgan Smith was 5th after jumping a 34' 2.25 on her last jump. LeAndra Castaneda made finals in the discus and had a season best throw. She also competed in the shot put.

Freshman Kelsey Favila was a medalist in the pole vault with an outstanding performance and a season best 10 ft vault. She tied with the first two girls and the final decision came down to previous misses. She also competed in the prelims of the 100 m hurdles. Our mile relay came up short of making the finals but still ran a hard race. This relay consisted of Smith, Humphrey, Nolen and Campbell. Dulce Acosta and Jalen Fal-

con wrapped things up in the mile Tuesday afternoon with great performances.

Overall, the girls scored 20 points, which is double what they had scored last year and the most team points scored at regional since 2004. They made it to finals in almost every race that they competed in. Many of these girls have had to overcome injuries as well as juggle many activities on top of track. As a team, they are growing stronger and stronger and next year we will set our goals even higher. I'm so proud of these young ladies and all of their hard work this year. Thank you to everyone for all of the support all year long.

Devon Energy Gives to Sonora Volunteer Fire Department



Billy Barrick (right) from Devon Energy presents Kyle Donaldson (left) a check for \$750.

Sonora Bronco Varsity Baseball: Area Round Playoff Preview

By Nancy Glasscock

This week Sonora's Bi-District Champion varsity baseball team will face the District 1-2A Bushland Falcons. Bushland is in a three team district since both Spearman and Highland Park Amarillo do not play baseball. The Falcons have only been playing baseball for three years and have been district champs each season.

The Falcons will bring a 20-3 record when they meet the Broncos in Andrews on Friday. According to MaxPreps, Bushland has three pitchers: senior Rawley Gomez, and juniors Sterling Kiper and Monty McCasland. Gomez' record is 8-1. He throws a fast ball and a curve. There is video of him on www.texaspanhandlesports.com. There is also video of Kiper who has five wins and made eleven appearances. McCasland is a lefthander whose record is 6-2.

The playoff games will be played at Mustang Baseball Field located on Mustang Drive. 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 follow thirty minutes later.

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Mexico, Martinez said, "It is my opinion that our citizens need to be advised of the situation in Acuña, and if they have to travel to Acuña, to exercise caution."

Martinez added, "All local law enforcement agencies have a contingency plan in place to deal with any spill-over violence."

Texas Department of Public Safety and Department of Homeland Security officials said Friday both agencies are ready to assist the local officers.

DPS spokesman Trooper Jose Chavarria said officers have stepped up patrols in known "areas of interest", but did not say where those areas might be.

"Our department is trying to be more vigilant," said Chavarria, noting that troopers

are also ready to step in and help local law enforcement when called upon. "We are assisting local agencies with any resources we have, such as air support and additional manpower."

The DPS has a helicopter stationed in Del Rio to provide air support, said Chavarria, adding that to date, he has heard of no requests for additional troopers in the Del Rio area.

Mark Qualia, a spokesman with the United States Border Patrol in Washington D.C., said they, too, are ready to assist on the front lines when needed.

Qualia said the interagency assistance is nothing new. "If you look at the interagency cooperation that's been going on...we're already out there backing up local officers," said Qualia.

DHS has also provided fund-

ing opportunities to help local agencies cover overtime pay and equipment for officers.

"We are very much in tune with what's going on and we are using every asset available to make our communities safer," said Qualia.

Qualia declined to say whether more agents would be coming to Del Rio because of the recent violence, noting that decision is made based on gathered intelligence and typically is not released to the public.

He also said it would be difficult to gauge if there would be spillover violence.

"When looking at the border as a whole, there really hasn't been any spillover violence with regards to what the cartels are doing," said Qualia. "What's going on in Mexico is nothing new."

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