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Bringing Our Arena To The Next Level



Submitted:

Big things are happening at the Sutton County Arena. New concession stand and restroom facilities will be in place, just in time for the 2010 Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo and Sutton County Days festivities! Join

your community improvement minded friends and become a part of the upgrade and expansion of YOUR arena.

Phase 2 of the Sutton County Arena improvements is

finally underway! For the past five years, the Sutton County Days Association has been actively seeking to improve the Sutton County Arena. The association created an Arena Improvement

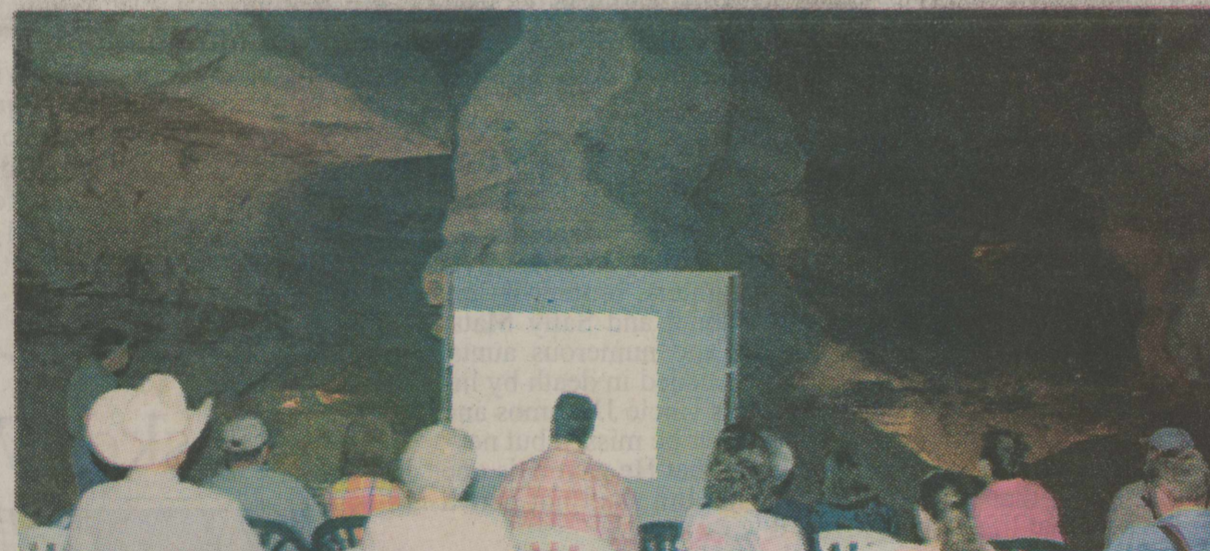
Committee (AIC) that employed H. Schmidt Architecture to develop a master plan for the Arena Park Complex. The proposed improvements included: new lighting and sound system (completed in phase 1), new concession and rest room facilities, additional bleachers and new covered grandstand seating, all of which will be handicap accessible and meet ADA standards. According to the architect, cost estimates for the proposed improvements were expected to cost over \$800,000. Due to the difficulties of fund raising, made considerably worse by the economic downturn, the AIC has had to take a phased approach in implementing the improvements. Phase 2 involves the construction of the concession and rest room facilities.

The total cost of this phase is approximately \$259,000 and will be built by JM Lowe & Company of Kerrville. This company is already involved locally with the hospital construction in Sonora, and met the AIC bid requirements. Expected completion date for this phase is August 1st, just in time for this year's Sonora Outlaw Pro Rodeo!

AIC currently has approximately \$199,000 in funds available or committed and is seeking donations to complete the second phase of improvements. These improvements will improve the economic vitality of Sonora by attracting additional activities and enhancing the quantity, quality and types of events that can

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Underground Water Conservation Districts Fund Study To Plan the Future of Our Groundwater



By Ben D. Taylor

A consortium of underground conservation districts held a meeting on June 8 to listen to

a presentation by Dr. Ronald Green. This meeting (held in the underground auditorium of

the Cavern's of Sonora) could not be in a more appropriate location as the groundwater

Dr. Green's presentation focused on dripped on many of those in attendance.

This meeting represents the culmination of a research project initiated by underground water conservation districts in Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, and Val Verde Counties. The study was conducted by the Geosciences and Engineering Division of the Southwest Research Institute. The project's main objective was to "provide independent determination of desired future conditions for the western Edwards-Trinity Aquifer" as

mandated by Texas House Bill 1763.

In 2005, the Texas Legislature relegated any decisions on groundwater availability through the aforementioned house bill. The intent was to address any conflicts that exist between district and regional level water planning groups by directing districts within a "groundwater management area" to work together. The mandates from the government include that all the districts meet at least once annually for joint planning, and develop a common goal of how they want the aquifers in their respective areas to look like in the future.

The formation of a plan begins with deciding on what "groundwater management model" or GAM to use. GAM's are a mathematical formula used to estimate the levels of aquifers based on several different factors (ranging from precipitation to soil types).

Previous models used to estimate future levels of the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer were considered to be supported by "very limited information" along many different factors. This prompted the Sutton County Groundwater Conservation District to work towards finding a newer model that better reflects the behavior of the Edwards Trinity-Aquifer.

This study (the final version to be concluded by this week's end) will be used to set a benchmark for the future levels of the Edwards Trinity Aquifer.

Next Weeks Edition of The Devil's River News will include an In-depth Description of this study's findings.

City Starts Cleanup Month June 7, 2010



Submitted

Beginning Monday, June 7, 2010, the City of Sonora will conduct the Spring Cleanup Campaign. This Cleanup will be conducted during the month of June, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will be for residential only inside the city limits.

The quadrats relate to the week the city will be coming through your neighborhood to collect any household trash you may wish to dispose of-this is not to include the normal household week trash you now dispose of in the dumpster or trash recep-

tacle provided by Trashaway.

The city asks that you place the cleanup items to be picked up **only at the curb or street side - NOT the alley** and in accordance with the schedule. Week 1 (June 7-11) will be in

Quadrat 1 (see above map).

The city will only pick up household items such as limbs, leaves, wood, and small pieces of furniture. They will not pick up any appliances, tires, batteries, or cars. If you have any vehicle(s) in need of disposal please contact city hall.

The city will also have large roll-off containers located at the Citizen Collection Site located at the northeast corner of First and Menard Streets. If you have items you wish to bring to the collection site, please bring a recent utility bill for verification that you are a resident of the City of Sonora and an attendant at the site will be there to help you.

Any questions regarding the Cleanup Month may be directed to City Hall, 325-387-2558, ext 0 or 315 (City Manager).



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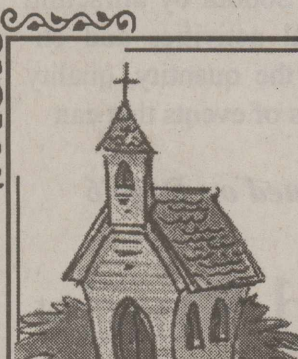
Senior Center Activities

- Thurs. June 10 - Start on Summer crafts
- Fri. June 11 - Decorate for Flag day
- Mon. June 14 - Bingo, Flag Day
- Tues. June 15 - CEAP Asst. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed. June 16 - Van to San Angelo
Call Lilia 325-387-3941

Senior Center Menu

- Thur. June 10 - Catfish, corn/tomato casserole, spinach, cornbread, Jell-O w/fruit, milk
- Fri. June 11 - Roast beef w/gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, brownies w/nuts, milk
- Mon. June 14 - Ham & cheese sandwich, tomato soup, milk potato chips, carrots & celery sticks, cookies
- Tues. June 15 - Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced tomato, biscuit, cake and milk
- Wed. June 16 - Roasted chicken, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk

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



Sonora Church Directory

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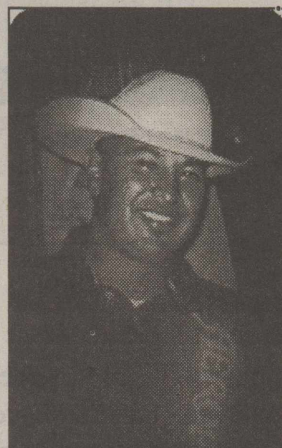
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Obituaries

"Whiskey" Hill

Wesley Howard "Whiskey" Hill, 72, of Sonora passed away peacefully on June 6, 2010. Services were held Wednesday, June 9 at The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. A life long resident of Sonora, he was born in January 1938. In November 1959, he married Anna Lou Morris. He served in the US Army at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. and Germany. He spent his early years working as a truck driver, ranch hand and gas station owner. The largest part of his career was spent working in the gas fields of Sutton and Crockett counties. He was fortunate to have an early retirement, during which he enjoyed traveling and spending time with friends and family. He especially enjoyed his friends at the Sutton County Steakhouse and Sonora Golf Club. He loved spending his time at the Devils River and was able to host many friends and relatives at his place on the river. He was an avid sportsman hunting in Texas and Colorado and fishing on the Devils River. He is survived by his son Wayne Hill and wife Judy; grandchildren Wes and Veronica; sister Janie Faye McCoy and husband Jerry; nieces Debra Knox, Shelly Wright, Vickie Bundrick, Reba Prichard, Beth Snapp, Pam King and Gwinna Pedigo; nephew Jerry McCoy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Lou; sisters Sadie Lee, Lois B., Doris Jane, and June Ann; nephew Marshall King and niece Linda Kenagy. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to a charity of choice.

Fernando Mata Ramos, Jr.



Fernando Mata Ramos, Jr. passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2010 in San Angelo, Texas. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Graveside services followed at Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. Fernie was born on September 9, 1981 in Sonora, Texas. He took pride in providing for his family by working in the oil field. During his time off, he enjoyed riding horses, feeding "Deddy's" goats, riding his motorcycle, and most of all, he lived for the time he spent with his wife and daughters. While enjoying a usual ride with Bella, both were tragically thrown from the horse. In a selfless act of fatherhood, he protected his daughter's well-being over his own. Fernie was the oldest of 3 sons, born to his parents, Fernando Ramos and Anna Mata Agüero. He graduated from Sonora High School and was employed by Aquilla Drilling Company. He is survived by his wife Summer of 5 years, his 3 beautiful daughters, Valencia, Izabella and Mileena, parents Fernando Ramos and Anna Mata Agüero and husband Ernest, brothers Shaun Ramos and Derek Ramos, nephew Dakota, niece Heaven, in-laws Lavina and Richard Medinas, sister-in-law Ricci Flamont and husband Sonny, brother-in-law Travis Smith and wife Salina and their 3 daughters, brother-in-law Wes Smith, maternal grandparents Manuel and Sally Mata, paternal grandmother Amelia Ramos, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Rodolfo Ramos, his Uncle JJ Ramos and cousin Amanda Castilleja. He will forever be missed but never forgotten. "For God loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

Thank You Note

Dear Friends and Community:
Most of us know or have experienced the emotional pain caused by losing a loved one due to illness, an accident or natural death. The death of our dad, Victor San Miguel, was a tremendous loss to our family. He was a father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend. We want to address the two things that eased our pain during this sorrowful time.
The first being, our religious belief that God called our dad to His heavenly kingdom. This gave us the spiritual comfort we needed to sustain us during this sad time.
Secondly, the constant support given to us by our friends, relatives, and community. This helped us endure the heart-felt pain of our dad's unexpected death. It was an enormous comfort knowing that they would be with us without having to ask for support.
At this time we want to express our sincere thanks for your prayers, beautiful plants/flowers, soothing cards of condolences, delicious food, phone calls, and presence. We thank you for the many kind words you shared regarding our dad. We truly appreciate you being with us either physically or in spirit throughout the days of our mournful period.
We want to thank the EMS staff, Dr. Kristy Edwards and Dr. Becky Sullivan and the staff at LMH Memorial Hospital for the professional care given to our dad. Also we appreciate the sensitive manner in which you addressed our dad's condition. The circle of prayer eased our mind and helped us drive to San Angelo to be with our dad.
We also want to extend our gratitude to the Kerbow Funeral Home staff for being attentive to our family and friends' needs.
Also we want to express our thanks to Reverend Lionel Fernando and the St. Ann's Catholic Choir for the beautiful service. The delicious meal organized, prepared, and served after the funeral by the Guadalupanas for our family, friends, and relatives was wonderful. It gave us an opportunity to visit and say good-bye to out-of-town friends and relatives. We are grateful to Mrs. Amanda Garza for leading the rosary and the friends that accompanied at home for their time.
In closing, we give thanks to God for the gift of thoughtful and sympathetic friends, relatives, and community members.

Sincerely,
Carmen/Jesse Vela, Margarita/Eddie Lopez,
Erma/Ronald Pincince, Lydia/Manuel Lopez,
Joe San Miguel, Janna/Zeke Martinez,
Edward/Adrianna San Miguel, and Deann/Oscar Trevino.

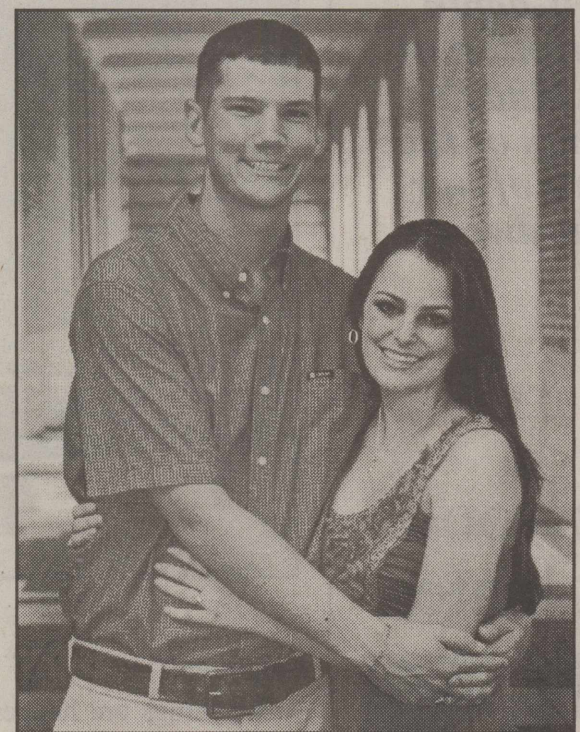
Thank You Note

The family of Fernie Ramos would like to thank everyone for your support during this difficult time. Your attendance, kindness, expression of sympathy, prayers, flowers, plants and food were all greatly appreciated. Also, we are so grateful to all those that prepared and served the meal for us after the service. Although this was one of the most heart wrenching moments we will ever have to endure, the love we have all received from family and friends is what has helped us get through each day when we have felt that we cannot go on.

With Love,
Summer, Valencia, Bella & Mileena
The Mata, Ramos & Medinas Families

Engagement Announcement

Watkins-Smith



Embre Jay Smith and McKenzie Lea Watkins

Bo Watkins of Lubbock, Texas, and Cindy Gilcrease of Sonora, Texas, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, McKenzie Lea Watkins, to Embre Jay Smith, son of Jack and Lauri Smith of Wall, Texas.

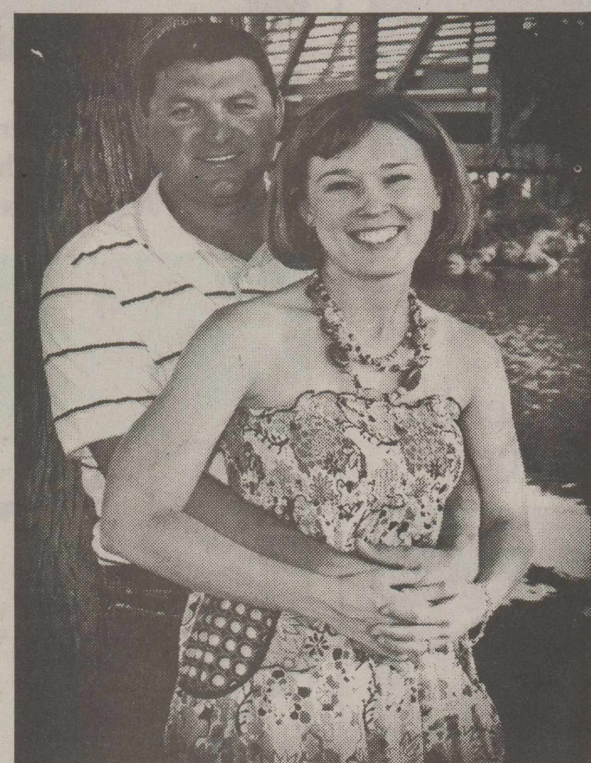
Embre is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Brady, Texas, of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor of Midland, Texas; and of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brock, also of Midland, Texas.

McKenzie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilcrease of Sonora, and of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watkins of Odessa, Texas.

Ms. Watkins is a 2007 graduate of Sonora High School and Mr. Smith is a 2006 graduate. Ms. Watkins attends Texas A&M University, and will graduate with a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications and journalism in December 2010.

Mr. Smith is a 2010 graduate of Rice University with a bachelor's degree in computational and applied mathematics and in history. Mr. Smith will attend Texas A&M University to earn his master's degree in industrial engineering. A wedding date has not been set.

Geske - Wiemers



Jason Wayne Geske and Lindsey Nevins Wiemers

Jim and Barbara Nevins of San Angelo, TX together with Ronnie and Debbie Geske of Sonora, TX are excited to announce the engagement of their children, Lindsey Nevins Wiemers and Jason Wayne Geske.

Lindsey is a 1998 graduate of Central High School in San Angelo and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University. She received her Masters of Library Science in 2004 from the University of North Texas. She is currently a 3rd grade teacher in Sonora.

Jason is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School and is self employed in the local oil and gas industry.

A June wedding is planned.

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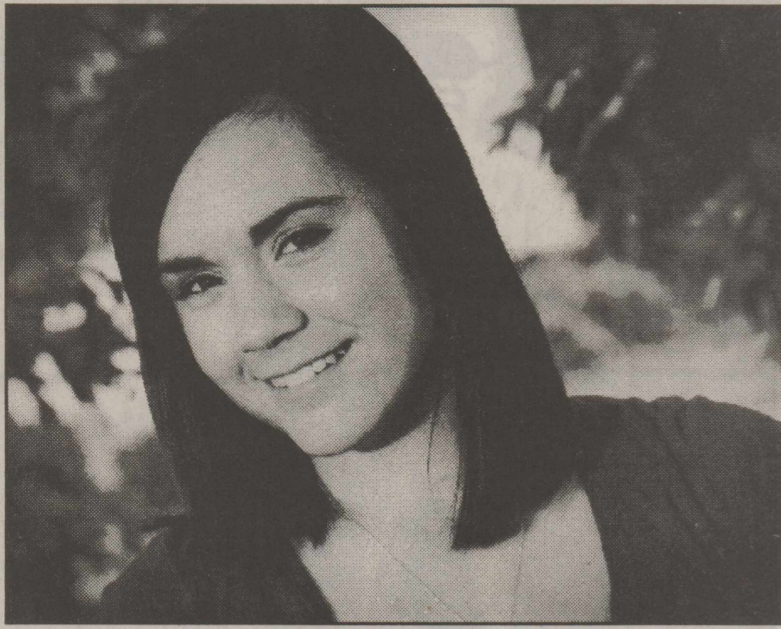
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Earwood Graduates Main Street Traffic



Meredith Earwood

Submitted

In Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 23, Meredith Earwood graduated from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

Meredith Earwood is the daughter of Edward Earwood of Sonora, Texas. A High Honors student, Meredith was involved with community service projects. She was very active in sports, playing basketball, volleyball, and cross-country and managing the Mountain Lion baseball team. Meredith had the opportunity to take private pilot lessons as a student and had her first solo flight during her senior year at the local airport. In the fall, she will attend Texas A&M where she intends to major in Agriculture.

Submitted by Ann Kay

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has invited Robert Johnson, an Economic Development Specialist, and Russell Gallahan, an M.P.A. from the Texas Comptrollers Office, to come and provide a workshop in Sonora an update and workshop.

The workshop will be on "Effective Economic Development and Historic Preservation", and the information they provide is great! I have seen the power point on this topic and feel it will be a great learning tool for our community. The workshop will be at Sutton County Steak House (Big Meeting Room), on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. They will be addressing the usage of Hotel/Motel Tax, Sales Tax A & B, Public Improvement District, Tax Increment Financing, Neighborhood Zones, Municipal Management Districts, and other avenues where you may find grant funds. For more information call The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Office at 325-387-2248 or e-mail: maryann.kay@verizon.net

In these hard economic times we need to work together and promote our community. Hope to see you there!

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has changed our meeting times and dates. They are now on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the Friends of

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Lighthouse Community Church- Antique Childrens Pictures, July 16-17, 2010, \$10.00 for an 8x10, FMI call Brooke Knight at 757-375-3241.

Sonora ISD is offering a FREE summer feeding program at the elementary cafeteria. It began on June 7 and will conclude on July 1st. It will be Monday thru Friday from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Any and all kids from ages 3-18 can eat FREE! They do not have to be Sonora students. Adults are \$4.

Sutton County Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Auction/Banquet will be Saturday, September 18, 2010. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person. Pre-event raffle tickets are \$10 each with one winner taking home five firearms and a 14 gun fire resistant safe. Tickets may be purchased at First National Bank, Sonora Air Cooled Engines or by contacting Tonya @ 387-3861 or 387-5929. Your support is appreciated!

PARADE FOR LA ELLIOTT SCHOOL REUNION-If you would like to be in the parade for La Elliott School Reunion, on Sept. 11, 2010, please contact Ernesto Barrera at 512-961-9709-cell or 325-387-5480-home.

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

L.W. Elliott (La Elliott) School Reunion will be Sept. 10-11, 2010. Registration will start Sept. 10, with a ceremony on Sept. 11, the unveiling of the Historical Marker and a parade. Please plan to attend these two days for this Historical Event in Sonora, TX.

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.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church is having Vacation Bible School June 7-11 from 9AM -Noon for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Call 325-387-2951 for more information.

Teachers' Workshop: Studies in Conversation of Natural Resources June 15-17, 2010! 16 Hours of Professional Continuing Education Units at a retreat at the Franklin Family Ranch near Blanco, Texas. The Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District in Sonora will pay all expenses (meals, lodging and workshop materials) for two local teachers. Call Iris or Tom at 387-2730 immediately to register or for more information.

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Lions Roar



Submitted by Frank Wamble

Good news and sad news punctuated your Lions Club meeting last week. Let's start with the sad news... Our Queen, Keeli Taylor (pictured above with her friends) has departed Sonora to begin her college life in Lubbock. We sure will miss her smiling face, but her dedication to this Club and Sonora was unsurpassed. Keeli never missed a Lions function or meeting during her rein. Our prayers go with you, Keeli.

Now for the good news... our support of Project Graduation was well received by the Class of 2010. We fed the Seniors and Juniors, as well as their great support staff, all they could consume at 3 AM. Thanks, Norm Rousselot, for leading this project. Planning is underway for the NATIONAL WOOL SHOW on June 17 at the Civic Center. We will provide lunch for the participants as well as the award ribbons. Rev. Jerry Jackson is the Project Manager. Let me use this forum to wish The Jackson's a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary and rejoice with Jeanne Davenport on what would have been her 63rd Anniversary of marriage to Hershel. More good news.... Miss football ??? Coach Cades Pope visited the Lions to talk about his team which looks and smells like our Bronco team of the future. Coach Pope and Coach Keith Hudson will lead our players in a campaign called 7 on 7 football. Practice games began last Tuesday and will continue each Tuesday evening in San Angelo through June. The goal is to qualify our team for the Texas A& M tourney in July. For more information contact any coach or student athlete. GO BRONCOS and SHOP SONORA !!!

Wool and Range Judgers Descend on Sonora June 17

SONORA - Hot temperatures and wool don't seem to go together, but they do in Sonora where the 73rd annual Wool and Mohair Show will take place from June 15-17.

The event, held in conjunction with the 50th annual National 4-H Wool Judging Contest and the 10th annual FFA Wool Judging Contest, takes place in the Sutton County 4-H Civic Center.

"Though wool sheep numbers continue to decline, the numbers of fleece entries has been stable for the last couple of years and we hope it continues so," said Pascual Hernandez, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Sutton County.

He said the fleece show features only youth entries. "The show and the accompanying contests educate young people about the importance of profitable livestock production, knowledge of rangeland vegetation, and proper wool and mohair preparation," Hernandez said. "We make a point to offer a fun learning experience that's geared to ranching practices common in our range production area."

Show activities will include an All-Texas Show and contests for 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the National FFA Wool Judging Contest and the featured event: the National 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

Wool and mohair fleece entries will be weighed and tagged starting at 10 a.m. on June 15, and all fleeces must be in by 3:30 p.m. that day.

Registration on June 16 will start at 7 a.m. Livestock judging competition will begin at 8:15 a.m. Judging of the junior wool and mohair entries will also be at 8:15 a.m.

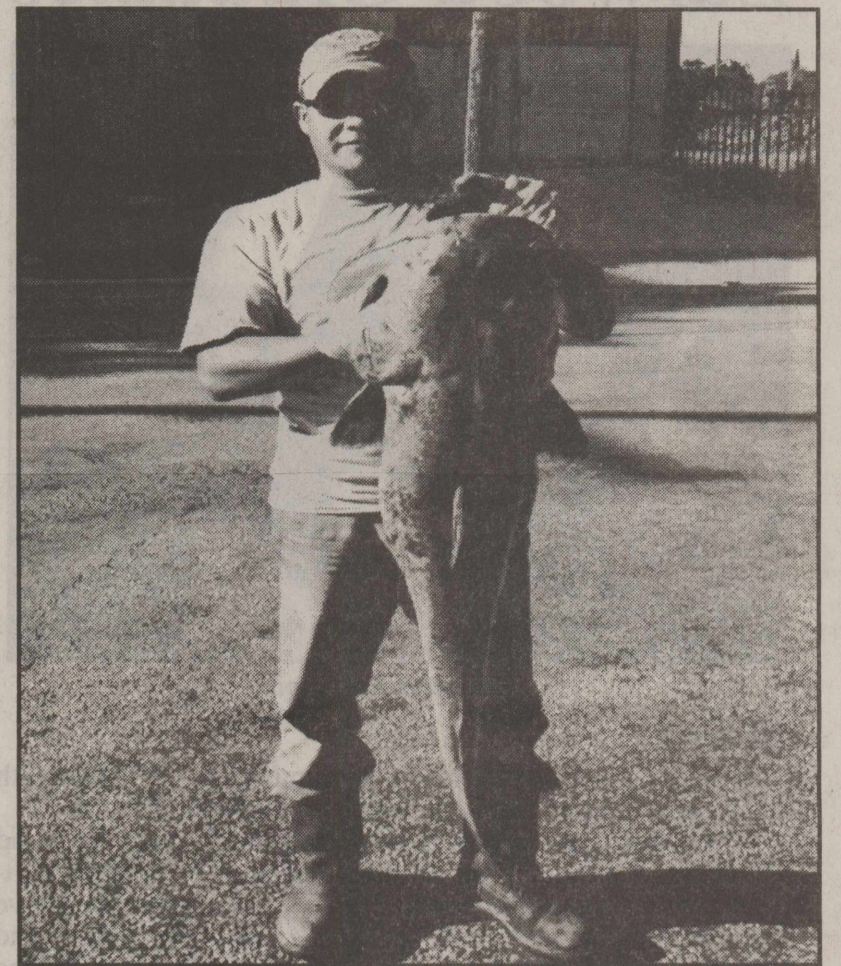
Range judging participants will depart from the 4-H center at 10 a.m. All other contests and all registrations for all the contests will take place at the center.

The wool and mohair judging contest will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Teams may register for the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests until 5 p.m. June 16.

On June 17, activities will begin at 8 a.m. with the national 4-H and FFA wool judging contests. The day will conclude with an 11:30 a.m. awards luncheon sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Fish Tales



Eddie Fuentes caught this beautiful yellowcat early Friday morning on the 4th around 1:00 a.m. The cat weighed in at 34 pounds and was 64 1/2 inches long. Eddie was fishing with a couple different catfishing poles using small perch as bait, and had really decided to give it up because he had not been having the best of luck. When he started to reel in one of the other poles and call it a night, WHAM, he was able to land this nice catfish. He was happy he didn't put this pole up first.

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Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Economic Development Corporation have begun a new year for the Customer Service Champion awards program. Congratulations again to Tina Watkins for her award as Customer Service Champion of the year.

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Debra has been a resident of Sonora for 22 years and 12 years as an employee at Parker Lumber. When asked what she loved about her job, she replied, "working with the public."

Christina has called Sonora her home for 12 1/2 years and has been with Parker Lumber for a little over a year. Her job is rewarding in that she "loves the customers and loves to learn."

Our mystery shoppers are in full force and always on the look-out for the extra-special representative of our community. If you would like to nominate someone to be chosen as a Customer Service Champion, simply call the Chamber at 325-387-2880 or Sonora Economic Development Corp at 325-387-6280.

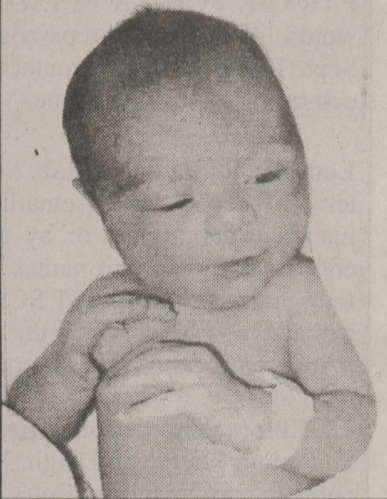
Congratulations Debra and Christina for jobs well done!

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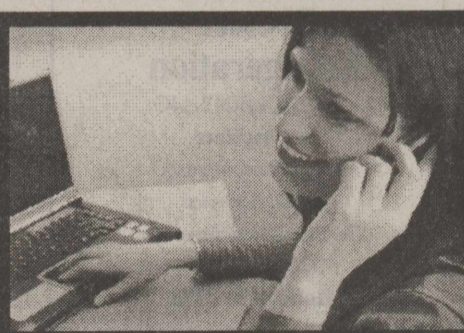
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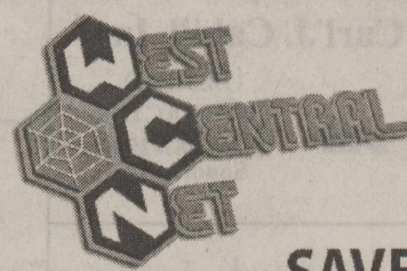
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4-H Kicking Off a Busy Summer

Submitted By
Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Well, school is out, but our 4-H youth will be busy. Some are starting off by attending County 4-H Camp where they will have recreation as well as learning experiences. The Sutton County 4-H mohair judging team will also be busy these few weeks. They are spending next week at Texas A&M for Texas 4-H RoundUp, which is state-level competition. Participants competed at area contests and district competition where they had to place in the top 3 teams to earn a trip to state competition.

Zachary Leonard, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Stella Ingham, and Damon Evans will compete in Mohair Judging & Evaluation. They will place 2 classes of 4 fleeces each and check reasons; also 20 mohair samples will be evaluated for fineness. The project aims to further develop skills necessary in sheep production. The team is coached by Gary Leonard.

The following week, range science as well as wool and mohair judging teams will be competing in the Sonora Invitational Contests (June 16-17). They will take part in wool & mohair evaluation, range evaluation, and judging livestock. This event also hosts the National Wool Judging Contest and has a fleece show.

As a reminder, any youth with fleeces for competition will be turning them in at the 4-H Barn rather than the Sonora Wool & Mohair Warehouse as in years past. Fleeces are due to the 4-H Barn by 3:30 p.m. on June 15. Call the Extension Office for more information.

As if that wasn't enough, we have several youth entered to compete at the district horse show in Gonzales, Texas. This includes Serena Allison as well as Chelsey Lou and Chance Campbell. They will be taking part in events such as barrels, poles, and stake race as well as halter events.

In closing, thanks are in order for all the parents and coaches who serve as leaders for competitive events. We appreciate your dedication. Wish us luck!

Prescribed Burn School Scheduled in Sonora

COLLEGE-STATION - A prescribed burn school is scheduled Aug. 5-7 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station at Sonora.

The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55.

Recent changes by the Prescribed Burning Board and Texas Department of Agriculture have created a private and commercial prescribed burn manager certification, said Ray Hinnant, an AgriLife Research senior research associate and one of the lead instructors.

"The private certification will allow a ranch owner or manager to be certified using the ranch insurance," he said.

Certified prescribed burn managers are exempt under the county burn ban rules, Hinnant said.

"A private and commercial certified prescribed burn manager must have a burning board-approved course taught by a Prescribed Burning Board lead instructor," he said.

Dr. Charles A. Taylor, Sonora research station superintendent, will be another course instructor. The course is the prerequisite to the Advanced Prescribed Burn Workshop, which will be held March 3-5 in 2011.

"The course will include information on history of prescribed fire, weather, fuels and fuel moisture, planning a prescribed burn, equipment, and fire and vegetation effects," Hinnant said. "A prescribed burn will be conducted, weather permitting. The Sonora AgriLife Research Station has a long history of prescribed burning and the participants will tour the ranch to see the effects of winter burns, summer burns and no burns on the cedar, prickly pear and other brush species."

The course provides the basics for the advanced class, "but can be attended by persons interested in prescribed burning even if they are not interested in becoming certified," Hinnant said.

Workshop course fee is \$395, including lodging and meals during the workshop. Contact Hinnant at 979-820-1778 or register online at <http://www.ranchmanagement.org>.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Graduates Lifetime Leaders: Eldorado and Sonora Represented

COLLEGE STATION - Lawyers, farmers, bankers, government officials, ranchers and agriculture-related industry representatives banded together for two years with one aim: learn to be leaders. Their intensive study of agriculture worldwide culminated this month when the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership class of 2010 graduated at a ceremony in College Station.

"The experience gained in all vast aspects of the agriculture industry shapes each class member to be a more well-rounded agriculture advocate," said class member Alicia Howard Burton of Chapman Ranch. "We are each involved in different entities, but must have a unified

voice to speak to and educate our country and the world about agriculture. That is our responsibility."

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service leads the program, known as TALL, which focuses on international communications, ecology, government, policy, economics, social problems and education opportunities, according to Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, coordinator of the leadership program.

This class, the 11th since the program started, traveled to Russia, Poland and Mexico to learn about the impact of agriculture worldwide.

"The TALL Program has opened channels of information exchange that reach well beyond the Texas borders," said class member Koby Reed of Wichita Falls. "I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved in this program, which has intuitively enhanced my knowledge of American agriculture."

For most of the graduates, the hands-on experiences in Texas and abroad are what led to the greatest learning.

"On-location visits with the owners and operators provided operational appreciation and understanding that is not possible in a classroom environment," said Grady Martin of Lubbock.

Sarah Riggins of San Marcos agreed.

"I have always had strong ties to agriculture," she said. "During the course work of TALL, I gained a better perspective of the need and importance of agriculture not only in the Lone Star State, but around the nation and world."

The graduates, (23 in all) included: Joe Will Ross, attorney, San Angelo.

Mason Vaughan, First National Bank of Eldorado senior vice president, Eldorado.

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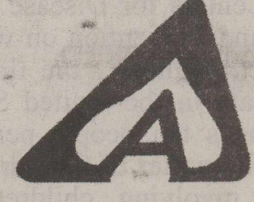
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be held at the arena. For example, 4-H & FFA activities, arts and craft events, amateur and professional rodeo events, circus, professional bull riding, monster truck rallies, and BMX bike competitions are just a few of the activities that could be scheduled at the Sutton County Arena once renovations are completed.

Based on an assessment of the estimated number of visitors who would attend a wider venue of events at the Arena year-round and who would lodge, eat, and shop in Sonora, the Sonora Economic Development Corp. and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce have determined that the annual economic impact could be greater than one half million dollars for the City of Sonora and Sutton County. In addition to the economic benefits, the refurbished and better-utilized arena complex would be a source of entertainment and

fun for all Sonora and Sutton County residents. Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Sutton County Community Trust c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, TX 76950, with designation for the Sutton County Arena Improvements. Please become a part of this community improvement project today!

Always end the name of your child with a vowel, so that when you yell the name will carry.

Bill Cosby

Rain Water Harvesting Training Camp In Junction

JUNCTION - A new statewide Rainwater Harvesting Training Camp has been set for Aug. 16-20 on the Texas Tech University campus in Junction.

The course is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Tech University in Junction.

"This camp is a five-day intensive educational course for those interested in expanding their knowledge of rainwater harvesting and rain catchment systems while getting lots of practical, real-life experience with the construction and installation of these systems," said Billy Kniffen, AgriLife Extension water resource specialist and the lead instructor for the camp.

The course will include tours of rainwater harvesting systems ranging in size from 50 to 250,000 gallons, 12 hours of hands-on construction experience and 20 hours of 300-level American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association classes.

"This is the first time we have offered such an intensive

and extensive rainwater harvesting program," said Brent Clayton, an AgriLife Extension assistant in the biological and agricultural engineering department at Texas A&M University in College Station. "We consider this a truly statewide program that will attract people from throughout Texas and possibly beyond. We've selected some extremely knowledgeable people to provide instruction and give the benefit of their expertise."

Clayton, who helped develop and coordinate the camp, said those who would benefit most from attending the camp would be people who are "serious about rainwater harvesting" or plan to provide instruction on rainwater harvesting to others.

Training instruction will be provided primarily by AgriLife Extension experts, including Kniffen, Justin Mechell, Dr. Fouad Jaber, Dr. Doty Woodson, Dr. Bruce Lesikar and John Smith. Other experts providing instruction will include Tim Pope, Northwest Rainwater Company; Gary

Bryant, Texas Water Resources Institute; Dan Pope, American Society of Irrigation Consultants; Dr. Megan Dominguez, Texas Tech University; and Jack Shultz of Shultz Engineering.

Program instruction begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 16. The final day's sessions from 8-11 a.m. will be on rainwater system maintenance and troubleshooting, followed by a review, evaluations and the program wrap-up. The program ends at noon on Aug. 20.

The course cost is \$790 and includes meals and training materials. Dorm-style on-campus lodging is available at an additional cost of \$60, which covers all nights Monday through Thursday.

To register for Rainwater Harvesting Training Camp, go to <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu> and enter "Rainwater Harvesting" into the search field.

American Red Cross Offers Lifesaving Skills for Families Planning Water-Related Activities

A 2009 survey conducted by the American Red Cross shows the importance of water safety skills, with half of those surveyed saying they have had a near-drowning experience in their lifetime.

The survey found that 48 percent reported a near-drowning experience, and nearly 1 in 3 said they had a near-drowning scare between the ages of 5 and 15. The national survey of 1,002 adults was conducted in late March 2009 to assess the water activity plans of families and their water safety knowledge and training.

The Red Cross survey found more than 90 percent of people planned to participate in water-related activities that summer. Nearly half of parents—with children between the ages of 3 and 17—planned

to engage in water-related activities where no lifeguard would be on duty.

"As we've seen, so many families plan unsupervised water-related activities during summer, and the Red Cross urges families in the Texas Hill Country to learn to swim and learn water safety and lifesaving skills that can help save a life," says Kristy Vandenberg, Chapter Executive of the Hill Country Red Cross.

According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on water-related injuries, the drowning rate in the United States averages ten people per day with a quarter of fatal drownings involving children 14 and younger. This is why Red Cross recommends swimming in areas supervised by a lifeguard. If no lifeguard is

on duty, designate an adult as a "water watcher," someone who maintains constant supervision of children around any water no matter how well they can swim or how shallow the water.

"While we all looking forward to a summer of fun with our family and friends, it's important to remember that most water-related accidents can be avoided by knowing how to stay safe and following a few simple guidelines," says Vandenberg. "Everyone should know how to swim well. We can help families stay safe by teaching skills through our swimming and water safety program that teaches children and adults to learn how to swim skillfully and safely."

The 2009 Red Cross survey also found that nearly one in three parents (30 percent) believe that "floaties" are better than supervision. The Red Cross stresses that floaties cannot be used as a substitute for appropriate supervision.

Water safety is also important for pool owners as almost 10 percent of people surveyed had experiences where they nearly drowned in a private pool. Pool owners should know what equipment to have on hand and what to do in case of an emergency to make the home pool or hot tub environment as safe as possible.

Red Cross is urging your family safe to stay this summer with these few simple tips and by contacting the Hill Country Chapter to obtain additional information on water safety:

• Learn to swim well. Con-

tact the Hill Country Chapter for information on learning how to swim—nearly 2 million people learn to swim each year with Red Cross programs.

• Never leave children unattended near water—not even for a moment! Adults should practice "reach supervision," which means to always be within arm's length when a young child is near water. For older children—even adults—who are not strong swimmers, practice "active" or constant supervision and make sure they wear U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) whenever in or around the water.

• Know how to respond to an emergency. You should know how to tell if a swimmer is in distress or is drowning and how and when to call for emergency help. You should also learn how to help someone in trouble in water while keeping safe yourself. Do not create a situation where you become a victim as well! Enroll in Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR courses to learn what to do.

• Keep lifesaving gear handy. Always have on hand a ring buoy, life jacket, rope, pole or other object that can be used to help a person in trouble. Remember to have a first aid kit, cordless phone and emergency contact information by the pool.

• Know when it's too dangerous. If you, or someone you are swimming with, appear to be too cold, too far from safety, been exposed to too much sun, or had too much strenuous activity, it is time to head for shore or signal for help.

• Eliminate temptation. Backyard pools should have self-closing, self-latching gates that remain locked when the pool is not being used. Kiddie pools should be emptied and toys removed immediately after use. Empty water pails and buckets so small children cannot fall in and drown.

• Know what you're getting into. Check local tides, currents and other conditions which could be dangerous before entering open bodies of water.

For more information on Red Cross Learn to Swim, water safety, first aid, CPR and our new Wilderness First Aid classes near you contact Veronique Rochefer, Health & Safety Director for the Hill Country Chapter.

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This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)
The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)
The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Treatment Technique (TT)
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABBREVIATIONS

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
MFL - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Fluoride	0.37	0.34	0.42	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water treatment; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2009	Nitrates	1.59	1.54	1.68	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2009	Cross alpha	0.57	0	1.7	15	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organic Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
Systems must complete and submit disinfection data on the Disinfection Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQR). On the CCR report, the system must provide disinfectant type, minimum, maximum and average levels.

Year	Disinfectant used	Average level of CCR year's quarterly	Minimum result single sample	Maximum result single sample	MRDL, MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical	
2008					4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Disinfection Byproducts TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2005	Total Trihalomethanes	13.9	1.3	37.9	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts TESTING WAIVED OR NOT YET SAMPLED

Unregulated Contaminants TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

Year	Contaminant	The 95th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Lead	4.2	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2008	Copper	0.227	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Turbidity NOT REQUIRED

Total Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.
Fecal Coliform REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2008	Bicarbonates	242	239	245	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2008	Chloride	13	13	14	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008 2005	Hardness as Ca/Mg	260	258	263	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2008	pH	7.6	7.5	7.8	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2008	Sulfate	8	7	8	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	242	239	245	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2008	Total Dissolved Solids	295	289	304	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.

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House for Sale: 3 BR/2 BA, 2 car carport, swimming pool, privacy fence, 2 covered patios, poolhouse/game room, shop, on 5 lots, 609 Nance, Eldorado, TX. \$125,000. FMI call 450-4073.

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Garage Sales/Yard Sales

Garage Sale: Friday, June 11, No Early Birds, Open at 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 503 E. 2nd St.

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Public Notice

APPLICATION FOR A WINE ONLY PACKAGE STORE PERMIT AND BEER RETAIL DEALER'S OFF-PREMISE LICENSE
 In accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Code, Mass Marketing, Inc. is applying for a Wine Only Package Store Permit and a Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License for Super S Foods #319 600 N. Crockett Ave., Sonora, Texas 76950, Sutton County, Texas. Mass Marketing, Inc.: David Scott McBurnett-President, Marval Glenn Bailiff, Secretary, Treasurer

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Martha Jane Rushing, Deceased, were issued on May 11, 2010, in cause No. 1365, pending in the County Court of Sutton County Texas, to: Heather Cearley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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5098 US Hwy 277 (Scheicher Co. - 5 ac.)	\$169,500
1893 S. Service Rd. (17.569 acres)	\$279,500

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606 Crockett	\$89,500
226 E. Main	\$110,000
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308 11th St., Ozona, TX	\$135,000
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122.416 acres - Sutton County Estates - Hwy 864	\$244,832
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Sonora Senior League start season off with 2 wins



Pictured Front Row L to R: Scott Gonzalez, Davis Jimenez, Darien Lopez, Edward Garza, Ryan San Miguel, and Will Dutton.
Back Row L to R: Coach Edgar Gonzalez, Phillip Stephens, Cadesman Pope, Erik Santana, Blake Esparza, John Lopez IV, and Coach John Lopez III. *Not pictured Coach Jock Dutton and player Clayton Parks.*

The Sonora Senior League started off their season with a double header in Ozona. The first game Sonora played against Big Lake Owls. Starting pitcher for the Broncos was Cadesman Pope with 3 strike outs in 6 innings. The Broncos got a quick jump on the Owls scoring 7 runs the first inning. Coming in to close the game was John Lopez, IV with 2 strike outs in 1 inning. The final score was 12-4 Broncos. After a 30 minute break the Broncos took the field with Davis Jimenez on the mound. He pitched 4 innings giving up 1 run on a Bronco error. The Broncos Bats never cooled down from the first game having scored 6 runs in the second inning. Closing once again was John Lopez with 1 strike out in 1 inning. Broncos came out on top winning 20-1.

The Broncos will be selling Brisket sandwiches, chips and a drink for \$5.50 on Saturday June 12. Please come out and support the Sonora Senior League.

6-3-10	Sonora VS Western	6:00	Here
6-4-10	Sonora VS Big Lake	6:00	There
6-7-10	Sonora VS Ozona	6:00	Here
6-9-10	Sonora VS Eldorado	6:00	There
6-12-10	Sonora VS Eldorado	10:00	Here
	Big Lake VS Eldorado	1:00	Here
	Sonora VS Big Lake	4:00	Here
6-15-10	Sonora VS Eldorado	6:00	There
6-18-10	Sonora VS Western	6:00	Here
6-22-10	Sonora VS Ozona	6:00	There
6-25-10	Sonora VS Western	6:00	Here

Sonora Graduate Completes U.S. Navy Boot Camp

Navy Airman Victoria C. Vara, daughter of Antonia C. Vara, daughter of Antonia C. Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Vara completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Vara is a 2005 graduate of Sonora High School of Sonora, Texas.

*It's In Our Hands
By Alonzo Hernandez
Sonora High School*

*It's not in our reach,
It's within our grasp.*

*As we run so tired through a rugged path,
It's the heart, the sweat, and the years that pass
That helps us cross that line.*

From that what lies,

In our future and in our minds,

*As they put words into motion, they begin our devotion.
We can run and hide,*

Or show our Bronco Pride.

*As we make our way through the sands of time,
To create history, and make our mark.*

As we begin this

Path on which we embark,

We pass through the state and through the county lines.

As we hoist up the gold, as we had planned

And as the Texas flag waves behind our heads.

And as our coach so great lifts his hands,

And lifts his voice into the stands,

"TO THE NEXT LEVEL!"

He yells so grand,

As our legacy prevails through our prideful fans,

But this is still an image and nothing but a plan

But anything can happen,

It's in our hands!

Sonora Minor League All-Stars Win 1st in Eldorado Tournament



Pictured Back Row L to R: Coaches Blayze Sykes, Frankie Gonzalez, Tommy Van Winkle, John Lopez III, and Brady Johnson. **2nd Row L to R:** Brandon Martinez, Brian Van Winkle, Ty Perez, Evan Shannon, Dylan Taylor, and Blayze Sykes. **1st Row L to R:** Slade Dermody, Jalen Lopez, Wilson Johnson, and Daniel Gonzalez

Sonora Minor League All-Stars played in the Eldorado Tournament Saturday June 5, 2010. The boys played a total of 5 games throughout the tournament. After a very long and hot Saturday Sonora won the Championship vs Ozona with a score of 13 to 11. Congratulations to all the boys and coaches. A special congrates to Jalen Lopez, Ty Perez, and Slade Dermody for All Tournament and Brian Van Winkle for MVP.



This lightning strike (not associated with the fire) was captured by Lynn Wipff.

First Annual Basketball Camp: Nothing But Net!!



Photo By Sharon Evans

Over 65 boys and girls attended the First Annual Basketball Camp held during the week of May 31. Head Bronco Basketball Coach Lamar Evans would like thank everyone that helped to make this camp a success, and a special thanks to all the coaches present.

Lighting Strike Starts Fire



A surprise thunderstorm last week brought more than just rain as a lightning strike set fire to a Sonora Residents property. Sonora Volunteer Fire Department were quick on the scene and (other than damage to the property) no injuries were reported.

Men Stuff

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Suzanne, Debra and Rose.

If Mike, Charlie, Bob and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Scrappy.

EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Charlie, Bob and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller, and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he wants.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't want.

BATHROOMS

A man has five items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Holiday Inn.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.

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