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HighMount Continues Commitment to Rodeo Arena Improvement



By Curry Campbell

The statement has been made before that it takes a village to make a community out standing; this is proven over and over in our great town of Sonora. The final pledge made by HighMount is a testament to this fact. Four years

ago, HighMount E&P pledged \$100,000 to the Sutton County Arena improvement project. Their fulfillment of this promise completes phase two of the improvement project; restroom—concession stand facility. Thanks to their tremendous

support, along with many others, we are able to continue forward with improvements at the arena. Businesses like HighMount E&P help make a community, not only by their employment but also in their giving to Sonora.

From Eaton Hill Birdsong - Impressive Instrumentation



Loud and proud - a Bewick's wren advertising for a mate.

By Delyse Jaeger

Heralding the onset of Spring for the avian world, birds are bursting into song from treetop and brush twig. But what is really going on behind all those chirps, tweets and buzzes? Quite a lot it seems. Although nearly all birds are capable of making sounds, not all bird species actually sing. Passerines, or perching birds, give us the lovely melodies which have inspired poets and composers, and include some local favorites such as the cardinal and mockingbird. Bird sounds are divided into two basic categories: songs and calls. Calls are vocalizations used to communicate a variety of messages between birds and can even relate specific information such as the degree of danger posed by a predator. Calls are used to indicate aggression, defend a territory, sound an alarm, instigate flocking, or signal feeding, nesting and flight behaviors. Juveniles, of course, have their own calls to communicate "feed me!" and "help me!". Most calls are specific within a species with the exception of alarm calls which can be understood by

other species as well as other animals! Just this morning, my attention was drawn to a racket - a pair of sparrows atop a nearby outbuilding were apparently distressed by something just below them. Both were creating a ruckus and peering over the roofline at a hole in the side board. Visibly agitated, the birds squawked and gawked at the dark hole when suddenly there appeared a beak...followed by a much larger dark head. A European starling emerged, dwarfing the frustrated sparrows near him on the rooftop. He squawked in return and casually walked away. But what of the song, the lovely song? How do birds create such beautiful, pure notes? The secret is in the syrinx. And it is a double syrinx at that. The syrinx functions much like the human larynx, but is located at the bottom of the trachea. Both bronchial tubes feed into the syrinx and a membrane creates two chambers which allows a bird to express two separate notes simultaneously and provides for some incredibly creative musical productions. Birds can also alternate chambers, or create sound through one and breathe through the other. Male songbirds are the primary vocalists and sing to attract a mate and to defend or define territory. Scientists believe the strength and variation of song signals the health and maturity of a bird to his female prospects. De-

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Photo Courtesy of Sutton County Historical Society

Early businesses along a 1890 Sonora Main Street.

Chamber Chatter: "Step Back In Time"

By: Donna Garrett

Step Back in Time and join us for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The banquet will be held Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center. Come and enjoy a dinner with your fellow peers and support the outstanding citizens of Sonora.

Every year the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors selects a committee of at least 2 board members and 3 regular chamber members to come up with a slate of candidates to be on the ballot in each of the selected categories. The committee always has a tough job with so many wonderful citizens and organizations to choose from. Ballots are then mailed to all chamber members to vote. There is always a space for write in candidates as well. Members also receive a list of past award recipients. Votes are then tallied and the fun begins with keeping the winners a secret until the night of the banquet.

Also, the Sonora Economic Development Corporation will acknowledge all of the Customer Service Champions for each month from April 2010 - March 2011, and will announce the Customer Service Champion of the Year and award that individual with a \$250 gift card and a plaque. The Customer Service Champion of the Month is a program shared by the Sonora Economic Development Corporation and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce to acknowledge a good customer service employee. The secret shoppers are always around in search of the next month's winner. If you have someone you would like to nominate please call Robin Street at 325-387-6280 or the chamber at 325-387-2880 and we will add that person to the list.

Keep Sonora Beautiful will be there to present plaques to all the Business Landscape of the Month recipients for April 2010 - March 2011 and for the Business Landscape of the Year. If you would like to purchase a ticket to the banquet or reserve a table just call the office at 325-387-2880 or just stop by. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of 8. The chamber will have the tables decorated so just come and enjoy yourself. If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Nominees for 2011 are as follows:

Citizen of the Year:

Diana Condra, Rande Fawcett (posthumous), Stanley Mayfield, Mattie Nix, and Noemi Samaniego

Business Person of the Year:

Mary Lou Creek - The Cutting Edge Salon, Janice Grider-Caruthers - Grider Trucking, Carl & Terri Johnson - Sonora Air Cooled Engines/Buck N Bass, Betty Longoria - One Stop Gift Shop, Seco Mayfield - Sonora Woolhouse & Feed Supply, and Mallory Rousselot - The Mercantile on Main

Educator of the Year (church, school, day care, etc)

Dianne Benson - Math Remediation Teacher, Nancy Jimenez - Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Cy Scroggins - Drama, Speech & Debate Teacher & UIL Coordinator, Joleta Traylor - Special Education Teacher, June Williams - 3rd Grade Teacher

Employee of the Year:

Sheba Castillo - SISD Middle School PIEMS Operator, Danny Hardin - SISD Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Deedie McIntire - Sutton County Tax Assessor, Patti Rainer - Nabors Well Services (former Sutton County Abstract Company, and Johnny Solis - Sutton County

Organization of the Year:

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, Sutton County Arena Improvement Committee, Sutton County EMS, Sutton County Friends of NRA, and Sutton County Senior Center/Meals on Wheels

Senior Center Activities

Thurs. February 24 - Exercise Video
Fri. February 24 - Happy Birthday *Angie Gaytan*
Mon. February 28 - Happy Birthday *Mary Ellen Lane*
Tues. March 1 - AAA Reports Due
Wed. March 2 - Crafts for St. Patrick's Day

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. February 24 - Steak fingers w/gravy, broccoli, roll scalloped potatoes, peach cobbler, milk
Fri. February 25 - Fried catfish, fiesta corn, peas & carrots, wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce, milk
Mon. February 28 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, noodles, milk zucchini squash, garlic bread, cake
Tues. March 1 - Chicken fried steak w/gravy, potatoes, roll, Italian vegetables, vanilla pudding w/fruit
Wed. March 2 - BBQ beef on a bun, onions, pickles, cookie, oven French fries, sliced pears, 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).

West Texas AHEC Recognized by 82nd Legislative Session

Austin, Texas- House Resolution 418, recognizing the West Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will be read on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives February 22, 2011. Individuals representing West Texas AHEC in a number of roles will also be visiting with members of the legislature that day to discuss issues related to West Texas AHEC and how these issues may affect the future of health care in West Texas. West Texas AHEC, a program of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, facilitates health care workforce development and supports existing rural health providers in the Western half of Texas. These services are carried out in five regional centers located in Canyon, Plainview, Midland, Abilene and El Paso. Each center implements programming to inform, engage and prepare rural and other underserved youth to pursue health professions education; encourage and engage current health professions students to gain exposure to rural and underserved populations; impact community development through health needs assessments and provide community health education to assist communities in addressing priority health needs.

Contd. From Front Page: Bird song

process either. Unlike Elvis Presley, birds don't just hatch out with a flute in their beaks ready to rock. Of course Elvis hatched with a guitar in hand...everybody already knows that. While some species have instinctual sound, most learn at least in part through exposure to adult birdsong. Often young males are memorizing and storing information through the first breeding season and do not even attempt to sing until they are almost or over one year old. Initial vocalizations from young males are a far cry (chirp) from the final version that is so proudly performed from the treetops. Some species are tremendous mimics, imitating all sorts of sounds including machinery, sheep, camera noises and the songs of other species. A few years back a mockingbird up on Eaton Hill was making camera shutter noises...confusing my co-worker until she identified the source - turning confusion to delight. And if all this is not enough to expand appreciation of bird songs... here are a few final facts to consider. Birds actually produce more variation in note sequence than we are able to discern, up to 30 per second. While we cannot hear the variation, birds are able to via an advanced "time resolution" ability. Birds actually hear the sound separation better than humans. We hear sound in bytes at 1/20 of a second in length and birds hear in 1/200 of a second. We are missing it! No, no we are not...just step outside and listen. Hit the trails!




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Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E. Poplar 387-2955
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St 387-5713
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!!!Community Meeting!!!
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 Open Discussion About
 School Bond Issue

Top Tax Time Tips

(SPM Wire) It's time to gather your financial documents and receipts to figure out if you owe Uncle Sam or he owes you. Getting a jump on your taxes can help avoid mistakes. Here are some tips from the IRS:
 Gather documents: receipts, canceled checks and others that support income or deductions.
 Let Free File do the hard work. It's available at www.irs.gov. Everyone can find an option to prepare a tax return and e-file it for free. If you made \$58,000 or less, you qualify for free tax software. If you made more or are comfortable preparing your own return, use Free File Fillable Forms.
 Consider direct deposit for refunds. You'll receive them faster than paper checks.

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6:00 Jr. High Youth - St. John's Sunday House	
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THE NEW AMERICAN DISEASE

PUNCH DRUNK SYNDROME

An Editorial

By Ben D. Taylor

If I think about the past few years, I can't help but to feel like we all have been living in a boxing ring. The first round bell rang in 2009 and immediately we took a hard blow to the chin with the complete meltdown of our financial system. While our ears were still ringing we were hammered by a hard right hook when the prices for natural gas hit rock bottom. We staggered back on our heels trying to regain a bit of stability by dumping huge amounts of money into a dying economy, but our opponent pressed the advantage when many European economies failed. Eyes swelling closed from the head blows we were not able to see China slowly buying huge amounts of our debt, nor the implications from it. Right before our country relented to the looming embrace of unconsciousness the bell rings in November, giving us a rest and hope that a change of strategy in the next round will go better.

The more I consider what has happened since 2009 the more I realize that we are all punch drunk, gun shy, and tired. Many of the talking heads on TV translate the usual political rhetoric for us, "things are improving...economic indicators are favorable to a recovery...unemployment rates are decreasing", but for the vast majority of real people it's nothing more than white noise.

The new disease of the second decade in 2000 does not come from bacteria or virus. The symptoms demonstrate themselves through apathy, fatalism, and impatience. I call it the "Punch Drunk Syndrome" (PDS). Much like a boxer who has taken too many hard hits, we find ourselves anticipating punches that have not been thrown. It's very similar to the "Chicken Little Disease" with the exception that we actually have seen the sky fall. PDS has made us all skeptics, and has changed how we see the horizon of our future. We used to see the sun rising over the horizon and accept its beauty, but now I see its beauty and wonder when the storm cloud is going to show up. As is the nature of PDS I can only hope that I am the only person that feels this way, but know that I am not.

I have often thought about the things that form the identity of a generation. It seems one of two things work to name each generation, 1) a great triumph or 2) a legacy passed down. The Greatest Generation was named because of their triumph in war, while the Baby Boomers received their name as a legacy of that war. Instead of passing down a legacy of hope, to the next generation are we leaving them with a sense of fatalism? We have to ask ourselves if we are forming the generation of "What's Next", or are we molding the generation of "What Now"?

There are two successful treatments to PDS: 1) sell all of your possessions and move into a cave or 2) stay the course. While at times I have flirted with the idea of a hermit lifestyle, I don't think anyone could get past the lack of a shower, which leaves us with the second much more difficult option.

We need to be bold in our convictions, and not wait for the shadow to fall. Instead of waiting unguarded for a punch that might not come, we need to start throwing punches of our own.

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Landscape of the Month



The Comfort Inn of Sonora was chosen as February 2011 Landscape of the Month by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The Comfort Inn takes pride in maintaining the grounds year round to enhance the beauty of Sonora. Pictured above are: Paul Ramsdell, Maribel DeLuna, Guadalupe, Galvez, Rose Contreras, Rosemary Rodriguez, Vilma Herrera, and Imelda Acevedo. Congratulations Comfort Inn of Sonora!

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February Customer Service Champ



Submitted

Sonora Chamber of Commerce and Sonora Economic Development Corporation are pleased to award February's Customer Service Champion to David Sanchez, Customer Service Representative at Devil's River Auto Parts. David was born and raised in Sonora and graduated Sonora High School in 2003. He has worked at Devil's River Auto Parts for six years, always providing great customer service to all. When asked what he loves about his job, he replied, "getting to see and talk to a lot of different people everyday."

David's name goes in the pot for our Customer Service Champion of the Year, to be awarded at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held in March. Anyone may nominate their favorite customer service employee. Simply call the Chamber at 325-387-2880 or Sonora Economic Development Corp at 325-387-6280.

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F.Y.I.

2011 Little Mr. & Miss Cinco de Mayo: Viva Sonora is accepting registration for 2011 LITTLE MR. & MISS CINCO DE MAYO. To register or for more information, please contact Jo Ann Hernandez at The Bank & Trust.

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.

Lions Club Broom Sale Mar 29, City Hall & Sonora Post Office, Order early from any Lion. Info call 387.6282

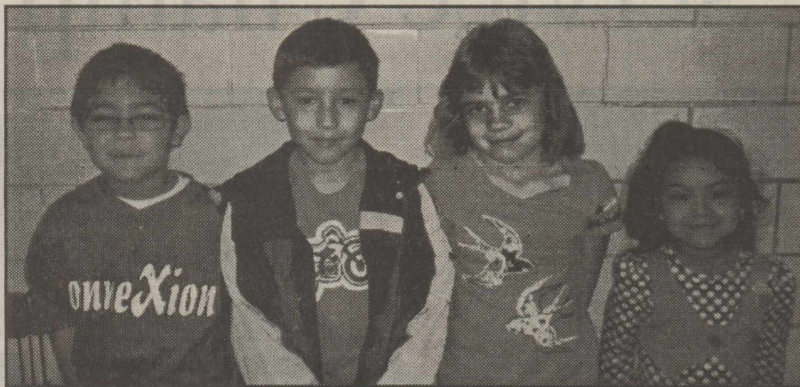
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Students of the Week

Elementary



L to R: Jonathan Galvan, Ricardo Ramirez, Carlynn Teaff, Alondra Medina

Intermediate



L to R: Jansen Morris, Savannah Castro, Fernanda Rojo

4 Overlooked Spots To Spring Clean

(StatePoint) Is your spring cleaning routine sufficient? Or do you suspect dirt may be lurking in places you've never even put on your to-do list?

If you're like most Americans, chances are you forgot some of these often overlooked spots while spring cleaning:

In the Kitchen

Most people hit the stove, fridge and the microwave. But there are more places in the kitchen needing your attention. All cupboards and pantries should be cleared and re-stocked at least once yearly to dispose of expired food and guard against insects and rodents.

Also make sure you clean your can opener! This often used, rarely cleaned tool can be a trap for bacteria and spores. Use Q-Tips and soapy water to wipe down every nook and cranny, including the gears.

In the Laundry Room

Have you noticed an unusual funk coming from your washing machine? This may be because the new, high-efficiency washers use less water than traditional ones, causing residue buildup from dirty clothes, detergent and hard water minerals. If so, it's time to clean your machine. Something as simple as Tide's Washing Machine Cleaner, which comes in a small packet you drop into a normal cycle without clothes, can keep your machine smelling fresh.

Once you've got your washing machine clean, next focus on what you put in it. With spring and summer whites sure to be washed this time of year, consider switching to a detergent with both stain fighting and whitening power, such as Tide plus Bleach Powder. And look for a new concentrated version, which not only gives you the same cleaning with 1/3 less detergent, but helps save you space and helps save the planet by reducing packaging.

In the Bedroom

Spring cleaning usually involves a change of bedding, but how about those decorative pillows or stuffed animals in children's rooms? Because of their soft, uneven surfaces, they're prime locations for dust and allergens. Sticking them in plastic bags and then in the freezer for four hours will kill dust mites. Then use a vacuum to suck up dead carcasses.

You should also pay attention to ceiling fans, crown moldings and even the walls. It's best to use a damp cloth to wipe down all surfaces. Dry feather dusters tend to kick up dust and allergens, which settle back down in the same place.

In the Living Room

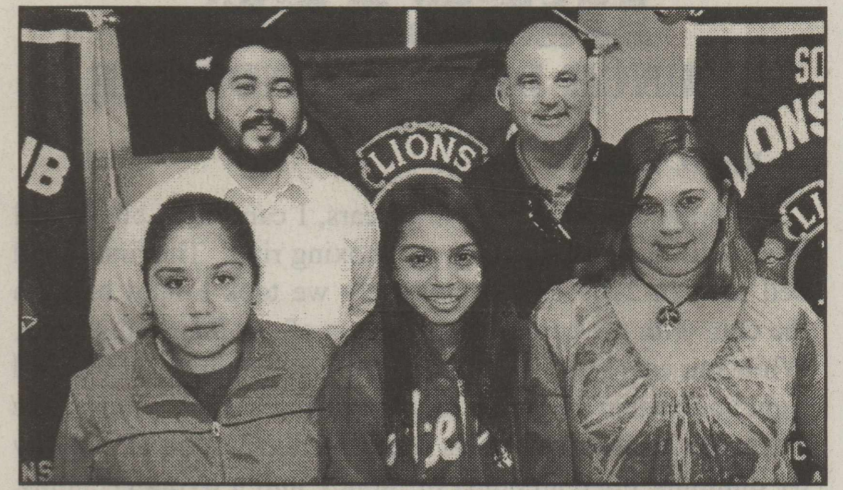
Window treatments and lampshades attract dust and germs as much as any other home surface, but are easily cleaned using removable vacuum attachments, such as a combo brush or crevice tool extension.

And don't skip floor vents, door jams, and window sills. These areas are often overlooked and can collect years of grime.

Of course, regular cleaning is the best way to minimize your spring cleaning. To find products that can help make cleaning less of a chore, visit www.tide.com.

Then get to it! After all, a clean home is a happy home.

Lions Roar



Front L to R: Adrianna Campa, Janelle Vasquez, Jessica West Back L to R: Matt Gonzales of Pedernales Electric and Coach David Sine

Submitted

Three delightful young ladies joined us this week at the Lions Club gathering. They were the "Middle School students of the week". Representing the 8th grade was Jessica West, the 7th grade representative was Janelle Vasquez, and the 6th grade was represented by Adriana Campa. Each of these students had an opportunity to address the membership. Janelle reported how much she enjoyed weight & conditioning training at 7am twice a week, at the new field house with the (50+) 7th & 8th grade female athletes.

Matt Gonzales representing Pedernales Electric provided the main program this week. He stressed the safety requirements for households members, as well as business and ranchers when dealing with electricity. His message was... "when in doubt about an electric problem call the experts or 911." In addition, his presentation included conservation for the purpose of keeping utility bills low. For example, raise and lower thermostats 2 degrees at a time to preclude overworking your air conditioner or heater.

Use ceiling fans to help cool rooms in summer, as well as help heat in winter. Use more efficient bulbs and turn off lights. Residential energy audits is a service provided by most electric companies to help save you utility dollars. The Lions appreciate the presentation provided by Mr. Matt Gonzalez.

Lion Janalyn Jones will lead this years Lion scholarship committee. Thanks for your service to this community Janalyn. Lion Fr. Chris Roque will be the Scout Master for Troop 19 here in Sonora assisted by Mr. Peter Duran. The Lion Club as sponsoring organization of the Boy Scouts, will be represented by Lion Scott Jordan on the governing committee.

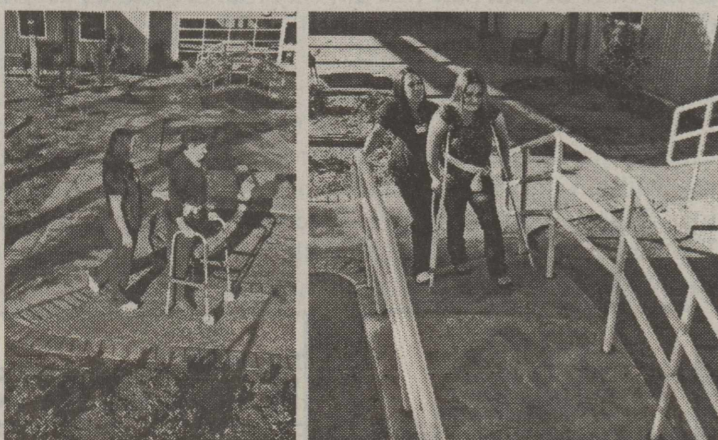
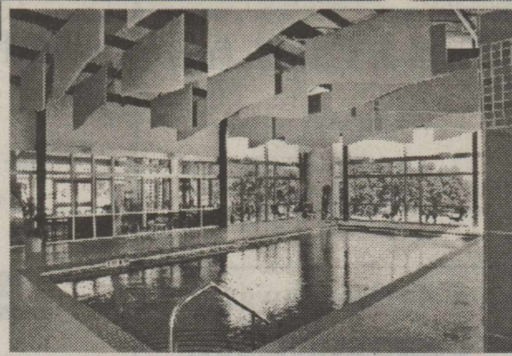
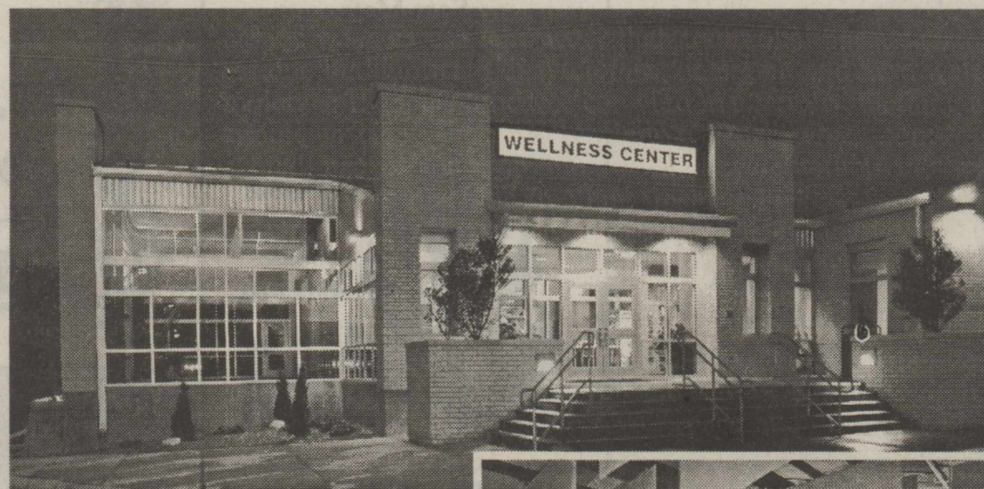
Sonora Lions will be a major donor for the Special Olympics sponsored by SISD to be held here in Sonora on April 15. Interested donors can contact Ms. Candy Davis at the Middle School or Stephanie Taylor at stephanie.taylor@sonoraisd.net. The Lions Club will sponsor eligible handicapped children (physically disabled, severe diabetics, or Down Syndrome) to a free 1 week Lions summer camp located in Kerrville. Interested parties contact Col Bradley @ 387.6282 or any Sonora Lion. Lions Broom sale March 29 @ City Hall and Post Office. Early Orders welcome.

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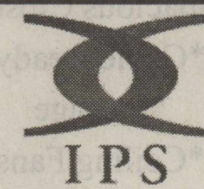
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Texas Hunting Accidents Drop to Record Low



AUSTIN – The number of Texas hunting accidents in 2010 declined to the lowest since statistical records began in 1966, according to a new report by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The number of people injured in hunting accidents in Texas fell from 29 in 2009 to 25 in 2010, although fatalities increased from three to four during the same period.

More important than the annual dips and peaks, however, is the long-term trend continues to track downward. "The statistics show hunting is safe and getting safer in Texas," said Terry Erwin, TPWD hunter education coordinator. "And we do believe that is directly related to hunter education."

The steady decline in the number of accidents tracks the growing number of people who take hunter education in Texas. In 1972, 2,119 people were certified in hunter education. In 2010, more than 3,000 volunteer hunter education instructors trained nearly 42,000 hunters across the state. The state's worst year on record for hunting accidents was 1968, when 105 accidents were reported, including 37 fatalities. In 1988, hunter education became mandatory in Texas for anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

According to Erwin, most accidents are preventable if hunters follow basic safety principles like those taught

in hunter education courses. "You know you're not going to stop accidents altogether," he said. "But you're going to help people build knowledge and skills to avoid accidents. It's things like the '10 Commandments of Shooting Safety,' the very basic safety principles that are promoted a whole lot more now than 30 or even 20 years ago."

Erwin said the significant factors behind most hunting accidents have not changed much in recent years. "Swinging on game outside a safe fire zone remains the number one cause of hunting accidents in Texas," he noted.

This happens when a person points a firearm at another hunter while following a moving target, such as a flying game bird. Hunter education teaches people to set up safe zones of fire where a gun can be safely pointed whether the target is moving or stationary.

Careless firearm handling remains another primary factor in many accidents.

"Careless handling incidents almost always involve three factors: pointing a loaded firearm muzzle at yourself or someone else with the safety off and with your finger inside the trigger guard," Erwin explained. Hunter education courses teach ways to safely handle firearms, including how to carry them in the field and pass them from one person to another.

Although hunter educa-

tion in Texas is not mandatory for those born before Sept. 1, 1971, it is encouraged for even the most seasoned shooters and hunters and is a requirement of anyone hunting in some states.

Texans have several options available for fulfilling hunter education requirements, including the traditional two-day, 10-hour classroom environment, two free online courses or two optional fee-associated online courses. For more information and to find a hunter education course near you, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us> or call 512-389-4999.

The hunter education course is a minimum 10-hour class over two days that teaches hunting safety, modern and primitive sporting arms, wildlife conservation, management, game laws, outdoor skills and responsibility. When the course is completed, the certification card is good for life and is honored by all states, Mexico, and all Canadian provinces that require hunter education. Proof of certification, which includes the card or the hunter education certification number printed on the hunting license, must be carried at all times while hunting.

Hunters ages 9-16 must either pass the course or be accompanied by a person who is at least 17 or older licensed to hunt in Texas who has had hunter education or is exempt. Hunters younger than age 9 may take the course but they will not be certified and must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who is at least age 17 or older who has had hunter education or is exempt. Accompanied means within normal voice control and preferably within arm's length.



Middle East Crisis Will Affect U.S. Agriculture Industry

COLLEGE STATION – Fall-out from the crisis in Libya and the Middle East could put pressure on U.S. agricultural production due to escalating fuel costs, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"Libya has the largest crude oil reserves in Africa, and it's a flash point," said Dr. Parr Rosson, AgriLife Extension economist and director of the Center for North American Studies at Texas A&M University. "The concerning thing is what it's going to do at a time when we've gone through a couple of years where (crude) prices have been relatively stable. This could put some real economic pressure on costs in agriculture."

If sustained, higher petroleum prices would result in higher agricultural commodity prices as well, Rosson said. That would be passed on to the consumer resulting in higher food prices.

"The whole overarching issue of instability in that region is interesting and amazing at the same time," Rosson said.

"This all started with a small country (Tunisia) and because of instant communications, that being social media, it's now spread throughout a large portion of the Middle East and even evidence of some unrest in China.

"That's very important as well. All of this comes on the heels of one of the worst recessions we've experienced in decades. We are extremely vulnerable as a manufacturing industry, and the agricultural industry in particular because of energy costs."

Rosson said this strengthens

the discussions of utilizing natural gas as an alternative energy source.

"Our saving grace in Texas is natural gas prices," he said. "Converting to natural gas over the longer term is a real plus for Texas because of our reserves and the ability to produce natural gas. There's a lot of incentive there to effectively produce and utilize that very important resource."

Farmers already regularly use natural gas to power irrigation systems, Rosson noted.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING US 190 / I-10 Feasibility Study



TxDOT will conduct the first series of eight public meetings throughout the study corridor for the US 190 / I-10 Feasibility Study during February and March 2011. For more information and a complete list of all eight meetings, visit the Project website, www.txdot.gov, enter "US 190" in the search field, or call the Project information line at 1-866-721-7868.

DATE	CITY	LOCATION
Monday, February 28, 2011	Fort Stockton	Pecos County Civic Center 1674 Airport Drive, Fort Stockton
Tuesday, March 1, 2011	Eldorado	Schleicher County Civic Center 427 S US Highway 277, Eldorado
Wednesday, March 2, 2011	San Saba	San Saba Civic Center Mill Pond Park, San Saba
Thursday, March 3, 2011	Killeen	Killeen Civic & Conference Center 3601 South W. S. Young Drive, Killeen

All meetings will include an open house beginning at 6:00 pm with a short presentation at 6:30 pm, followed by a continuation of the open house until 8:00 pm. The public is invited to provide comments and input on the corridor. Similar information will be available at all meetings.

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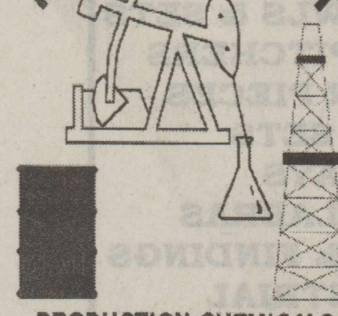
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Southwest Estate Buyers

By: Kirk Kern, editor of the Coolidge Examiner in Arizona

A few months ago, Gene Nowell and Jerry Bolen decided to take a drive through Coolidge on their way from Apache Junction to Tucson.

They noticed it was an agricultural community and made a mental note that Coolidge would be a good place to bring their Southwest Estate Buyers event in the future.

"I like farming communities," said Nowell, who has been in the coin buying business for 38 years. "Farmers seem to have more collections. When we drove through here, I knew we would come back."

The Southwest Estate Buyers event took place last week at the Grande Vista Motel. On the first morning, a customer came by to sell some silverware. Nowell weighed it all out and offered him a price.

"He actually told me I don't have to pay that kind of price here," Nowell said. "But we try to pay a fair price because we like to get repeat business."

Another customer came by with 10 silver dollars dated from the 1920s. Nowell offered between \$18 and \$20 apiece, but told the customer that if one of the coins had a "c" imprint, it would have been worth hundreds of dollars. Other similar coins have been valued at nearly \$500,000.

"I have a buyer for every coin I buy," he said. "I'd love to pay someone for one of those rare coins because I have people who will buy it immediately."

Nowell is originally from northern Illinois, but moved to Arizona last year to help his brother with a different business. He says buying and selling coins is his "No. 1 passion."

Bolen said he would like to attract between 25 and 30 clients a day.

Besides Coolidge, the two have had events in Fountain Hills, Sun City, Benson and Sierra Vista. They offer a competitive price for coins, along with buying jewelry and all kind of sterling silver products, because most customers don't sell everything at once.

"We want them to continue to sell to us in the future, so we make sure we treat everybody fairly," Bolen said.

Southwest Estate Buyers also purchases specialty items such as 45 record "picture sleeves," vintage post cards, historical documents and signatures, civil war items, old sporting goods, Tiffany & Co. collectibles items and more.

Those interested can call Southwest Estate Buyers at 480-273-3041 or e-mail swbuyers@yahoo.com. The company's website is www.swbuyers.com.

Lady Bronco Softball Season Starts with Harper Tournament

Tuesday night the Lady Broncos Softball team traveled to Harper for their first softball game of the year. Due to mother nature and the freezing temperatures in the past couple of weeks the ladies had limited practice time and Tuesday night was there first time to see live pitching. The ladies responded very well! As a team the Lady Broncos hit .461 and had a .548 on base percentage.

Three Lady Broncos had three hits apiece. Senior LeAndra Castaneda went 3 for 4 with 2 singles and a double and had 2 RBI's, Junior Sarah Carrillo also went 3 for 4 with 2 singles and a double she as well had 2 RBI's and Freshmen Kylie Love went 3 for 4 with 3 triples and had 3 RBI's. Hunter Jennings added to the RBI's with a double and 2 RBI's of her own. Paige Sykes and Jacinda Sanchez added to all the hits by getting a hit a piece. The Lady Broncos also stole 10 bases Tuesday night, half of those stolen bases came from the speedy Jacinda Sanchez who had 5 stolen bases on the night.

The pitching duo of Senior LeAndra Castaneda and Freshmen Kylie Love threw a combined 5 innings and only allowed one hit and had 8 strike outs. LeAndra Castaneda started the game and threw 3 innings with 4 strike-

outs and she did not give up a hit. Freshmen Kylie Love's first pitch of her Varsity career hit a young lady from Harper right in the leg but then she settled down and pitched in with 4 strikeouts of her own and she only allowed one hit.

The Lady Broncos won the first game of the year 14-2 and have started things the right way. These young ladies have listened and done everything asked of them so far this year. They have been thrown in positions that they have never played before and the young ladies have responded very well.

The Lady Broncos will be traveling to Crane tomorrow for a tournament. TTe ladies will play 4 games.

11:00- Presidio
1:00- Denver City
3:00- Wall
5:00- Tahoka

The game against Menard next Tuesday has been moved to Saturday Feb. 26th.

"When we played softball, I'd steal second base, feel guilty and go back".

Woody Allen

Sonora Bronco Golf Ft. Stockton Tournament

After starting with fog in the mornings, the skies cleared and the days became very hot. The Sonora Bronco golfers competed against many 3A, 4A, and 5A golfers in the Ft. Stockton invitational. Sonora's Jansen McBride shot 76-76 - 152 to tie for 4th place among the 70+ participants. Jansen played very well over the two days. Also competing for the Broncos were Daniel Lankford and Jason Alaman.

JV Softball Broncos Swing Past Harper

The Lady Bronco softball team traveled to Harper to take on the Lady Horns in their brand new softball facility. The JV game was the first game to be held on Harper's new field and the Sonora girls were determined to make sure we had the first ever win on that field. Just before the JV game, our pitcher, Marilee Reyna, was stung by a bee on her pitching arm...and as luck would have it, Marilee is allergic to bees!

She was unable to pitch so Micaela Moore was called to action at the last minute. Micaela has pitched before but that wasn't the original game plan. However, Micaela took the challenge and did an amazing job. She had 2 strikeouts and was a huge help to the JV. Veterans Taylor Hampton and Ali Castro were leaders to the team and greatly helped by guiding the younger players and by their many RBI's.

The Lady Broncos started the game strong at the plate and put up 8 runs against Harper in the first inning alone. We struggled defensively and gave Harper some runs they didn't deserve in the bottom of the 1st. This was the first

softball game EVER for 2 members of the JV: Morgan Badgett and Cassandra Medina. They did everything I asked of them and went to bat with confidence every time. All the Lady Broncos were smart at the plate, had aggressive base running, and hit the ball well. In the final inning, the game was getting close and Harper was slowly making a comeback. We were down to the final out we needed to beat Harper and one of their best hitters was up to bat. Micaela threw 2 strikes by her and all we needed to shut it down was one final strike. Micaela pitched, the girl connected and hit a grounder straight to first baseman, Shea Holmes. Shea fielded the ball perfectly and got the final out to win the game 16-15. I'm very proud of the JV's performance last night. For their first game, they did some very good things. I look forward to teaching these girls more about the game and seeing them grow as softball players.

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Sutton County Youth Compete at San Antonio Stock Show



By Pascual Hernandez,
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Our youth made the trek to San Antonio to compete at the annual stock show with their gilts, goats, lambs, and barrows. Lots of work goes into preparing for exhibition. The following are a few results from the show.

In the gilt show, Darby Ramsdell had a 3rd place with a Spot gilt while Delaney Ramsdell placed 6th with a gilt of the same breed. The girls also competed in the Swine Skillathon which tests knowledge and skills of swine management. Darby finished 2nd in the intermediate-age division, while Delaney was 3rd in the junior-age division.

In the meat goat show, Bailey Joe Pennington hit a home run. He won his class and then his class-winning goat was also selected as light-weight division champion!

Meanwhile, in the Lamb barn, Chance Campbell placed 5th with his light-weight fine wool lamb and qualified for the auction.

Back in the swine barn, Rhett Guerra competed with his Hampshire barrow and was able to place it 8th.

We are proud of all of our exhibitors. Congratulations, and good luck for the rest of the season.

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

Louisiana Tech traveled to Baton Rouge to play in the LSU Tiger Classic to open their season February 11-13. It was the beginning of the end for Senior Meghan as she began her last season with the LSU Techsters. In Meghan's tough first outing of opening weekend she took the mound in game 2 on Friday against #19 LSU. LSU's speed was troublesome for the young La Tech team as they committed 2 errors in the loss. Meghan gave up 6 hits, 4 walks and 3

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strikeouts in the game. Saturday afternoon Meghan took to the mound against Bowling Green. Meghan picked up the 5-4 win, allowing four runs - three earned - on eight hits and two walks while striking out five. The Techsters traveled to Starkville, Ms. on February 18-20 to participate in the Mississippi State Bulldog Round Robin. Techsters fell to tournament host Mississippi State on Friday 3-2. Miss. State landed a couple of unlucky bloop singles that made the difference in the game. Meghan gave up 3 earned runs on 6 hits and 3 strike outs. Meghan took to the mound again on Sunday against Butler Univ. Despite striking out 12, Meghan's bad luck continued with bloop hits landing for hits, a couple errors committed by the Techsters and the lady's not getting the timely hit to score runs resulted in a 5-3 loss to Butler. The Techsters will travel to Texas twice in the month of March. Their Texas appearances begin March 4-6 in the University of North Texas Courtyard Class and then March 11-13 for the Texas A&M Invitational. Check out live action at latechsports.com.

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

The Lady Jackets of Howard Payne opened their season Saturday in San Antonio with a double header against Trinity University. Trinity proved to be too much for the Lady Jackets as they lost both games of the double header. Kimble finished the day with a perfect fielding percentage.

The Lady Jackets traveled back to San Antonio on February 17 to play Lady of the Lake. Jackets won game one 3-1 and lost game two 5-6. Kimble was 2-5 on the day with a single to right and one to short scoring twice on the day and had 1 base on balls. The Lady Jackets next travel to California from February 24-26 to play University of La Verne, Whittier College, and Chapman University.

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

The College of Charleston men's golf team opened their spring golf season February 14 and 15th in St. George, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada for the Pat Hicks Thunderbird Invitational. After day one the Cougars sat in 3rd place with John Duke turning in a 1-over 73. The Cougars moved up a spot on Tuesday to finish in 2nd place. John Duke shot a 78 finishing 151 for the 2 day event.

Tyler Creek-'10 Sonora graduate, Hill College, Fr., baseball
Information on Tyler will be available next week.

Cassie Krieg-'10 Sonora graduate, Louisiana Tech, Fr., softball

The Techsters traveled to Baton Rouge to play in the LSU Tiger Classic to open their season February 11-13. The Techsters went 2-3 for the weekend beating Bowling Green twice and losing to Purdue and #19 LSU twice. Cassie was 1/4 for the tournament. She singled her 1st collegiate at bat, had 2 walks, a ground out, a fly out and a strike out on the weekend. Cassie plays left field for the Techsters. The Techsters competed in the Miss. State

tournament Feb. 18-20 in which they went 1-4 losing 2 out of 3 games by 1 run and the other by 2. Cassie was 4/13 on the weekend with 2 RBI's. Cassie put the ball in play every at bat against Miss. State on Friday but couldn't get anything to land for a hit. Saturday against Southern Illinois Cassie was 0/3 with a couple ground outs and struck out for the only time during the tournament. Game 2 on Saturday vs. Butler, Cassie was 1/3 hitting in the winning run in the top of the 7th. Sunday, Cassie's bat got hot hitting 3/4 on the day. The Techsters will travel to Texas twice in the month of March. Their Texas appearances begin March 4-6 in the University of North Texas Courtyard Classic and then March 11-13 for the Texas A&M Invitational. Check out live action at latechsports.com.

Caleb Gonzales-'10 Sonora graduate, McMurry, Fr., baseball

Caleb took the mound when McMurry scrimmaged North Central Texas College on February 8th. McMurry had a rough start committing 5 errors early in the game going on to lose 14-5. Caleb had 4 strike outs and 1 HBP in his first appearance. On February 11, McMurry opened their season at home beating Arlington Baptist 6-2. They have a single game against Hardin Simmons on February 15 and on February 18 and 19th McMurry will host Chapman University. McMurrysports.com offers live video of most games.

Lady Broncos Bring Home Second Place at Crane Tournament



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